Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th March, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors

The Mayor John Burtchaell and Mary McCamley.

The Mayor, Councillor Howard Mahony, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People,

Corporate & Digital); 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); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert Burns (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Annamie Pretorius, (Senior Executive Architect); Carmel Brennan, (Senior Architect).

F/79/23 (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/80/23 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

The Mayor, Councillor. H. Mahony, advised the Members that two emergency motions had been received prior to the meeting.

The motion from Councillor J. Guerin was ruled in order and would be heard during the meeting.

The motion from Councillors A. Graves, A. Donnelly, B. Hanaphy and N. Treacy was ruled out of order.

F/81/23 (Agenda Item No)

MINUTES SILENCE

It was agreed to hold a minute's silence for the former Mayor of Fingal, Gerry McGuire, who passed away on 12th March. The Members and Chief Executive expressed their condolences to his family.

F/82/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 13th February 2023 be **ADOPTED."**

b Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Fingal Development Plan Meetings held between Wednesday 15th February 2023 - Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Minutes of the Fingal Development Plan Meetings held between Wednesday 15th February 2023 and Wednesday 22nd February 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the be Fingal Development Plan Meetings held between Wednesday 15th February 2023 and Wednesday 22nd February 2023 be **ADOPTED."**

c Amendment to Minute FDP2/345/22 Fingal Development Plan held between Tuesday 20th September 2022 - Wednesday 19th October 2022

Amendment to Minute FDP2/345/22 Fingal Development Plan Meetings held between Tuesday 20th September 2022 and Wednesday 19th October 2022 which had been circulated was considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Power, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

"That the amendment to Minute FDP2/345/22 Fingal Development Plan Meetings held between Tuesday 20th September 2022 and Wednesday 19th October 2022 be ADOPTED."

F/83/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Nomination of Members to Town Centre First - Lusk Town Team

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

It is a matter for Members of the Full Council to make such nominations as are considered appropriate.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh that Councillor Robert O' Donoghue be nominated to Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team

It was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor B. Manton that Councillor Brian Dennehy be nominated to Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire that Councillor Cathal Boland be nominated to Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team

It was AGREED and declared by the Mayor that Councillors Robert O'Donoghue, Brian Dennehy and Cathal Boland be nominated to Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team.

b Nomination of Councillors to Fingal Biodiversity Forum

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

Following discussion, it was AGREED that, as the requirement was for 6 Councillors to sit on the Biodiversity Forum, the nominations would come from the following areas:

SPCs

1. Marine & Coastal Management SPC
2. Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC
3. Climate Action Biodiversity Environment SPC

Area Committees

1. Balbriggan Rush Lusk Swords
2. Blanchardstown Mulhuddart Castleknock Ongar
3. Howth Malahide

Marine & Coastal Management SPC Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Butler and seconded by Cllr. K. Power that:

"Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

It was proposed by Cllr. T. Murphy and seconded by Cllr. G. Maguire that:

"Councillor Cathal Boland be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. B. McDonagh and seconded by Cllr. T. O'Leary that:

"Councillor Punam Rane be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Graves and seconded by Cllr. B. Hanaphy that:

"Councillor Tania Doyle be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

Climate Action Biodiversity Environment SPC Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Healy and seconded by Cllr. P. Conroy that:

"Councillor Joe Newman be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

Balbriggan Rush Lusk Swords ACM Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. K. Power and seconded by Cllr. J. Humphreys that:

"Councillor Ian Carey be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Mulligan and seconded by Cllr. A. Donnelly that:

"Councillor Ann Graves be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

Blanchardstown Mulhuddart Castleknock Ongar ACM Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Conroy and seconded by Cllr. E. O'Brien that:

"Councillor John Walsh be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

Howth Malahide ACM Nominations

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Mulville and seconded by Cllr. B. McDonagh that:

"Councillor Joan Hopkins be nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum"

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the following nominations:

1. Marine & Coastal Management SPC
2. Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC
3. Balbriggan Rush Lusk Swords ACM

Vote 1

BOLAND 8
O'BRIEN 26
ABSTAIN 2

BOLAND: Councillors Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Murphy, Tony; Doyle, Tania; Boland, Cathal.

O'BRIEN: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ó'Rodaigh, Seána; Walsh, John; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Guerin, Jimmy; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK.; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian, Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Maguire, Grainne; Newman, Joe.

Vote 2

RANE: 22
DOYLE 12
ABSTAIN 2

RANE: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ó'Rodaigh, Seána; Walsh, John; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK.; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

DOYLE: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Murphy, Tony; Whooley, Daniel; Doyle, Tania; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Maguire, Grainne; Boland, Cathal.

Vote 3

CAREY 23
GRAVES 10
ABSTAIN 3

CAREY: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Whooley, Daniel; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ó'Rodaigh, Seána; Walsh, John; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK.; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

GRAVES: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Murphy, Tony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Maguire, Grainne; Newman, Joe; Boland, Cathal.

The Mayor then DECLARED the following six Councillors as nominated to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum:

Cllr. Eoghan O'Brien

Cllr. Punam Rane
Cllr. Joe Newman
Cllr. Ian Carey
Cllr. John Walsh
Cllr. Joan Hopkins

F/84/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh, seconded by Councillor A. Henchy and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 20, be ADOPTED."

F/85/23 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor A. Henchy - Active Travel Projects 2022 - 2023

F/86/23 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor C. Boland - Planning Department Staffing levels

F/87/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Fund for Communities - For people from Ukraine and other countries

F/88/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor K. Power - Compulsory Purchase Orders 2018-2022

F/89/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Forest of Fingal Policy Update

F/90/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Healy - Council signing up to Climate Perks Programme

F/91/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor D. Healy - Active Travel Analysis of Planning Applications

F/92/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor A. Tormey - Fingal Coastal Way and Coastal Erosion

F/93/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Progress on 'Space for Play'- A Play Policy for Fingal

F/94/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh - Update on the Safety Audit for Women and Girls

F/95/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Manton - Litter Collection at Weekends over busy Spring and Summer Seasons

F/96/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor B. Manton - Levels of Land available for Housing

F/97/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Play Officer for Fingal

F/98/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor D. Mulligan - Contracts with Top Security Limited

F/99/23 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor D. Butler - daa and new Standard Instrument Departure (SIDs)

F/100/23 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Funding to Assist Groups - St. Patrick's Day Parade

F/101/23 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Smart City Control Room and IoT Sensor Testbed for Traffic Congestion

F/102/23 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Homes Purchased by the Council

F/103/23 (Agenda Item No 21)
Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Organisation, Procedures and Finance meeting held on 13th February 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Howth/Malahide Service B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on 1st March 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on 2nd March 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 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 7th March 2023, are hereby ADOPTED."

e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2023

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, 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 9th March 2023, are hereby ADOPTED."

F/104/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Financial Matters

a Borrowing Approval for Swords Cultural Quarter

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED and the following resolution was ADOPTED

"It is hereby resolved that a loan in the sum of €40m be raised for the purpose of funding the delivery of the Swords Cultural Quarter building pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001."

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and RESOLVED:

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

F/105/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Rectification of boundary at 34 Hoar Rock, Skerries, Co. Dublin

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

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy and **RESOLVED:**

"That the boundary referred to in the attached report be rectified in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/106/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

PART XI/005/22 Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) for Proposed housing development at No. 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin

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

F/107/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

PART XI/006/22 Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) for Proposed demolition of 12 existing dwellings, and development of 36 new dwellings and associated site works to two sites at Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin

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

F/108/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Festival and Events Funding Scheme

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

F/109/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Partnership between Fingal County Council and the Irish Institute of Music and Song (IIMS), Balbriggan

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

F/110/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

A motion on the Chief Executive's Report was received from Cllr. Grainne Maguire. The motion was proposed by Cllr. G. Maguire and seconded by Cllr. T. Murphy:

"To change the Terms of Reference for the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group to include 3 Councillors from the Balbriggan Local Area."

It was **AGREED** to include this matter as a headed item at the April meeting of the County Council.

F/111/23 (Agenda Item No)

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

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

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

The Mayor then advised the members that the Mayor's Awards 2023 will be taking place on 1st June, to acknowledge Community Champions. He gave a brief overview of the plan. Mr. Robert Burns, Director of Services, advised members that further details would follow.

F/112/23 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

a AILG - Elected Members In person and Webinar Training Programmes 2023

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

F/113/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/114/23 (Agenda Item No 32)

Correspondence

a Letter dated 14th February 2023 from Wicklow County Council re-objection to Coillte decision to partner with a UK based Investment Fund, Gresham House

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

b Letter dated 22nd February 2023 from Sligo County Council re - Working Family Payment to avail of Fuel Allowance Payment Scheme

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

c Letter dated 22nd February 2023 from Sligo County Council re Inclusion of Sligo University Hospital as a Surgical Hub

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

d Letter dated 22nd February 2023 from Sligo County Council re - Amend terms of Housing Grants Schemes

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

e Letter dated 22nd February 2023 from Sligo County Council re - Legislation to protect Social Media Users

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

f Letter dated 22nd February 2023 from Sligo County Council re Funding for Regional roads - Introduction of Scheme

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

g Letter dated 23rd February 2023 from Kerry County Council re - Award Medals to the Veterans of Jadotville

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

h Letter dated 24th February 2023 from Cavan County Council re - review Relationship between Coillte and Gresham House Fund

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

i Email dated 27th February 2023 from Ms B. Sinnott Irish Heart Foundation - re Motion 36 - Cllr A. Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

j Letter dated 27th February 2023 from Cork County Council re - Planning and Development Bill

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

k Letter dated 3rd March 2023 from Westmeath County Council re - Regional Public Banking System

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

MOTIONS

F/115/23 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Subsidised Swimming Classes

The motion, in the name of Councillor JK. Onwumereh was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien.

Following discussion, the motion was AGREED.

F/116/23 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to deal with the emergency motion.

It was further AGREED that Motion Number 35 in the name of Councillor C. Boland would be taken in conjunction with the emergency motion received from Councillor J. Guerin.

F/117/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor C. Boland - All engagement with the daa

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

Following discussion, the report was NOTED.

F/118/23 (Agenda Item No)

Councillor J. Guerin - daa Planning

The following emergency motion in the name of Councillor J. Guerin was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor J. Newman:

"This Council calls on the Chief Executive to confirm the current position in relation to the DAA planning that was subject to recent enforcement measures and to state in the opinion of the Council if the DAA are still in breach of their current planning permission and that correspondence in this regard between FCC and the DAA is provided to Council members."

Following discussion, the motion was AGREED.

The Meeting concluded at 8:20pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 02a

NOMINATION OF ONE COUNCILLOR FROM BALBRIGGAN LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA TO OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan sets out an ambitious vison shaped by the town's people. The total investment in physical, infrastructural improvements between 2020-2027 is currently projected at €54 – €57 million. The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation programme is led by Fingal County Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department. A Leadership Group chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith is responsible for stewardship and progress on all aspects of the Rejuvenation Plan.

The purpose of the Leadership Group is to provide collaborative leadership, oversight and stewardship in the implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and to monitor progress, review and recommend adjustments where necessary across all aspects of the plan.

The nomination of one Councillor from Balbriggan Local Area for the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group is now sought. There will be approximately 4 meetings per year.

Terms of Reference

Balbriggan Leadership Group

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan

1.0 Background

1.1 The first meeting of the Leadership Group took place in May 2018, the group guided the process and development of the Our Balbriggan 2019-2025 Rejuvenation Plan launched in May 2019.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 To develop – in concert with the local community, businesses and stakeholders – a long-term socio-economic strategy for Balbriggan, under the direction of an external Leadership Group and with the senior-level buy in of all relevant statutory agencies.

2.2 Provide collaborative leadership, oversight and stewardship in the implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation plan.

2.3 To monitor progress, review and recommend adjustments where necessary, across all aspects of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation plan.

2.4 To ensure the Implementing Values and Principles in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan are consistently upheld.

2.5 Implementing Values & Principles:

ACCOUNTABILITY: Publish periodic updates on the implementation and delivery of the plan.

CREATIVITY: Be bold, be imaginative and have the courage and vision to see things through.

EMPOWERMENT: Enable meaningful opportunities for people to have their say, take initiative and bring forward solutions to make positive change in their communities.

SIMPLICITY: Create clear and simple solutions and communicate these in a way that resonates with community.

SUSTAINABILITY: Take positive steps to mitigate against the effects of Climate change, promote cleaner and greener initiatives, sustainable practices and living.

HEALTH & WELLBEING: Take positive steps to support people and communities to protect and improve their health.

INCLUSIVITY & DIVERSITY: Take positive steps to include the range of human differences, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, faith and disability.

2.6 When all other options have been exhausted at sub group level to deal with impediments to the implementation of the strategy, assist deal with delays and remove barriers with the appropriate authority and / or governmental departments where required.

3.0 Functions

3.1 To ensure the resources available, or likely to become available, to it and the need to secure the best use of those resources.

3.2 the need for cooperation and the coordination of its activities with those of other public authorities and other public-funded bodies.

3.3 The need to take account of best practice in relation to governance.

4.0 Membership

Function	Category	Rule
Chair	Leadership Group	Independent nominee by appointment, Chief Executive Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Community Affairs	Independent nominee by appointment, Chief Executive Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Education, Skills & Employment	Independent nominee by appointment, Chief Executive Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Grow the Local Economy	Independent nominee by appointment, Chief Executive Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	tbc	Independent nominee by appointment, Chief Executive Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Public Realm	County Architect, Fingal County Council
Elected Member (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council
Elected Member	Balbriggan Local Electoral	Nominated by Fingal County Council

(Cllr)	Area	
Elected Member (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council
Community	Black & Minority Ethnic Interest	Nominated by the Chair (in conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Community	Community groups and volunteer led interests.	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Public	An Garda Síochána	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Public	Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection / Or other nominated Public Body	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Local Authority Official	Fingal County Council	Director Economic, Enterprise & Tourism
Local Authority Official	Fingal County Council	Director Housing & Community

4.1 Chair & Pillar Chairs duration of office until the end of the published plan (2025) or by mutual agreement / nomination be the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council.

4.2 Elected Members (3) from Balbriggan Local Electoral Area to be nominated by Fingal County Council at Full Council Meeting.

4.3 Community members (2) nominated by the Chair and approved by Leadership Group members.

Community representatives should be able to demonstrate sufficient seniority / leadership, knowledge accountability and representative networks within the broader framework of the category they represent.

4.4 Public Bodies (2) nominated by the chair and approved by Leadership Group members.

4.5 Additional members may be required due to retirement or rotation of members, to include different sectoral interests as priorities change over time, members may need to be replaced due to a conflict of interest or where there is poor attendance, State agency representatives may change due to changing roles, local authority members will

change on election, and nominating processes for other sectors may bring forward new members at different times.

4.6 Terms of reference to be reviewed at least once at the mid-point stage (no later than October 2023) of the published Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2025, at a full Leadership Group at a date determined by agreement with the Chair and Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager.

4.7 Attendance at meetings outside of membership is by invitation by the responsible Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager in agreement with the Chair.

4.8 Members of the Leadership group will be: open & honest, promote high standards and working practices, respectful of other views, operate to high ethical standards and is fully transparent, work in an enabling capacity to support the established programme office to achieve the objectives and implementation of actions of the Plan.

5.0 Governance & Accountability

5.1 The Leadership Group Chair will liaise directly to the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council on an ongoing basis.

The Chairperson's responsibilities will be to—

- oversee corporate governance within the group,
- set an agenda for Leadership Group meetings which focuses on strategic matters, is forward looking, evaluates and oversees current business.
- Determine, in consultation with the Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager, schedules, dates, times and locations of meetings,
- Manage meetings efficiently and effectively, ensuring that meetings are held, and the groups functions are discharged, in accordance with its guiding principles,
- lead consideration and debate on policy matters,
- ensuring responsibilities are delegated to members, sub-committees and task-groups as appropriate.

5.2 Pillar Chairs are responsible for reporting to the Chairperson and Leadership Group members on the delivery and progress of actions in their category.

6.0 Meetings

6.1 A minimum of three Leadership meetings will be held per annum, additional meetings will be held in agreement with the responsible Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager in agreement with the Chair.

6.2 A minimum of three Pillar meetings will be held per annum, additional meetings will be held in agreement with the responsible Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager in agreement with the Pillar Chair.

6.3 The secretariat for the Chair and Pillar Chairs and all attendant meetings relevant to function will be provided by Fingal County Councils, Our Balbriggan Programme Office.

6.4 Where the Chair and Pillar Chairs are acting or attending meetings in their role as members of the Balbriggan Leadership Group the Programme Manager should be informed and be in attendance where practical.

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ITEM NO. 2b

NOMINATION OF ONE COUNCILLOR FROM BALBRIGGAN LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF THE IRISH INSTITUTE OF MUSIC & SING CLG

By resolution of the Members agreed at the Monthly Council meeting held on the 13th March 2023, Fingal County Council is entering a partnership with the Irish Institute of Music & Song CLG.

As part of the partnership, it has been agreed that Fingal County Council will hold a seat on the Board of the CLG company to be filled by way of nomination from the full Council of an elected Member from the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area.

The nomination of one Councillor from Balbriggan Local Electoral Area to the Board of the IIMS CLG is now sought.

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ITEM NO. 02c

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

The functional area of the Regional Health Forum Dublin and North East covers Dublin City Council north of the River Liffey and the administrative areas of the County Councils of Louth, Meath, Cavan and Monaghan.

Under Section 42 (3) of the Health Act 2004 and Section 11 (1-3) of Statutory Instrument No. 797 of 2005 and due to the resignation of Councillor Eoghan O'Brien from the Regional Health Forum Dublin and North East, a Member is required to be appointed.

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ITEM NO. 2d

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO HOWTH SPEICAL AMENITY AREA ORDRER (SAAO) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, nominations are now sought for the appointment of one Member to Howth SAAO Management Committee.

The Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) was confirmed by the Minister for Environment on the 16th May 2000 to recognise the exceptional character of the area of Howth. The Order protects many of the special qualities of the area and aims to preserve and enhance the character and special features of Howth. The Howth SAAO Management Committee oversees the implementation of the aims of the SAAO, and includes local Councillors, NGOs, Community Groups and other relevant stakeholders. Four Councillors from the Howth /Malahide Electoral Area are nominated as the members of the Committee.

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ITEM NO. 03

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive considering the slow progress in finalising cases of enforcement will she advise the Council what her intentions are to deal with the unreasonable delay in the process?"

Reply:

It is an objective of the Planning Authority to ensure that the decision on whether to issue an enforcement notice shall be taken within 12 weeks of the issue of a warning letter. Each enforcement complaint is dealt with on a case-by-case basis and some investigations are more protracted and involved due to their nature and complexity and can take a number of site inspections/requests for additional information, establishing ownership, and indeed establishing when works/use commenced, and the Planning Authority endeavours to make decisions under S153 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as expeditiously as possible.

Ultimately, legal proceedings may be necessary, and it is essential that due process is observed at all times. There is a statute of limitation in that action cannot be taken against an unauthorised development after a seven year period has passed. However, in the case of non-compliance with planning conditions the timeline is extended by a further five years to twelve years.

Additional staff resources have been appointed to the Planning Enforcement Section over the last six months together with the appropriate training being provided to assist staff in their new roles. In addition to new staff resources, a review of all existing processes has been completed to provide greater

efficiencies and enhance the effectiveness of the Planning Enforcement section in dealing with new and ongoing enforcement cases.

A review of all open enforcement files is underway and in 2023 to date a total of 294 inspections/re-inspections have taken place. To date in 2023 a total of 47 files have been closed and 28 S154 Enforcement notices issued. Four S160 notices have issued for legal action to be instigated.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

DELIVERY OF SOCIAL, AFFORDABLE AND OLDER PERSONS' HOUSING IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on any discussions between the Council, the Department of Housing and the Land Development Agency with regard to the delivery of Social, Affordable and Older Persons' housing, have any sites or areas been identified in Fingal for the delivery of such housing within the next two to three years?"

Reply:

There are ongoing discussions between the Department of Housing, the land Development Agency and the Council regarding the delivery of Social, Affordable and Older Persons housing. Two sites in public ownership have been identified in Castlelands, Balbriggan and in Hacketstown in Skerries. Between then it is intended that they will deliver 547 Affordable homes for sale and 439 Cost rental homes. These are programmed for delivery in 2025 and 2026.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 05

ROAD SWEEPING ON MAIN ROADS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive why the Operations Department have stated it would be impossible to require public roads be kept clear of private vehicles to carry out road sweeping at intervals decided by the Council, is there any legal impediment to this or is it an operational difficulty?"

Reply:

Throughout the County, the Council road sweepers clean the public roads. Daily sweeping is carried out in the major towns while schedules can range between 3 to 6 weeks across the other routes on the different locations across the County. Additional resources are applied during the leaf falling season.

Operational planned works are very often impacted by emergencies, breakdowns, weather, priority works etc. in the area at any given time, and this dictates what operational works will be done on any given day. During these times resources often have to be deployed to areas requiring urgent attention.

If private vehicles are legally parked adjacent to the kerb on the day that the sweepers are cleaning a road, then the Council does not have any legal powers to move the vehicles or request that be moved.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations and Water Services Department

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ITEM NO. 06

TENANT IN-SITU APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor N. Treacy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the number of tenant in-situ applications since the scheme reopened in April 2022, the number of properties purchased; the number currently with the Valuers' Office; the number currently with the Council's Law Department; the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord?"

Reply:

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. Of that 38 are currently with the valuer. The number currently with the Council's Law Department is 14. The Council has decided not to proceed with the purchase of 56 properties, for varying reasons. A number of this latter group of properties are being reviewed by the Council. 3 properties have been withdrawn for sale to the Council by the landlord.

In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Source of Reply:
Robert Burns, Director Of Services, Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 07

UPDATE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEDICATED DISABILITY LIAISON, ACCESS AND EQUALITY OFFICER

Question: Councillor P. Conroy

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the appointment of a dedicated Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer to provide cross departmental support and expertise in Fingal County Council"?

Reply:

The post of Disability/Access Officer has been advertised by the Council and a number of applications have been received. Interviews for the filling of this post have been placed in the interview schedule and it is anticipated that they will take place in the weeks ahead.

Source of Reply:
Joe O'Reilly, Senior Executive Officer, People, Corporate & Digital Services Department

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ITEM NO. 08

RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND – HOUSING POLICY

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there is any legislation, regulation, policy or similar which would prevent this Council purchasing residential zoned land in the administrative area of another local authority, and bringing forward a housing scheme to build on such lands there, and whether similar applies to any other local authority who may wish to purchase residential zoned lands in our administrative area, and build a housing scheme here?"

Reply:

There are provisions under section 85 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, where a local authority can enter into agreement with another local authority to carry out functions in that local authority's area and is a reserved function. This approach is typically used in the case of road or bridge construction and may have an application in local authority housing setting on lands at where local authorities share a boundary.

Source of Reply:
Robert Burns, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 09

BRIEFING ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BILL

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive what arrangements are in place to facilitate a preliminary briefing session for Councillors to consider the impacts the Planning and Development Bill will have on this Council and on the role of Councillors?"

Reply:

The Draft Planning and Development Bill 2022 was published in January of this year and making its way through the Houses of the Oireachtas.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure team will be happy to organise a briefing session when the Bill is passed.

Separately, the OPR and AILG are holding Elected Members Training on the 15th and 17th June on 'An Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation'.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

VACANT HOUSES

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive how many vacant houses are in the ownership of this Council and how many are currently ready to allocate?

Reply:

There are currently 75 vacant houses in the ownership of Fingal County Council, the status of which are outlined below:

Voids for Re-letting	28th March 2023
In the letting process	52
Undergoing re-let repairs	17
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	6
TOTAL	75

Source of Reply:
Anita Neville, Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Community Department

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ITEM NO. 11

FINGAL HOUSING LIST

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive how many people are on the Fingal Housing list?"

Reply:

The Council's Housing waiting list currently stands at 6426 applicants, this figure is excluding transfers and referrals from the other Dublin Local Authorities.

Source of Reply:
Helen Costello, Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

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ITEM NO. 12

TENANT IN-SITU

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what steps the Council is taking to expand its existing tenant-in-situ scheme to ensure that renters in receipt of HAP or RAS are not made homeless due to the sale of the property including what extra resources (e.g., manpower and budgetary) is the Council devoting to ensure this?"

Reply:

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The Council understands that the Government is examining options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a cost rental in-situ scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the

Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Local authorities will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home, local authorities can advise and support on the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. We are aware that the Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will await further details on the proposed schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centered approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

Fingal County Council has received an allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to allow for the acquisition of 125 tenant in situ properties in the Fingal area for 2023, which is part of a wider allocation of 1,500 across all local authorities. The DHLGH in their communication with local authorities on this matter has stressed that this is not a target, but rather to support planning and to allow local authorities to prioritise the acquisitions to be targeted and the DHLGH have indicated that they will keep this under review through 2023. Resources have been put in place and resource needs is a matter the Council will be keeping under constant review as time passes and the situation and guidance from Government evolves.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. 01 890 5090

Outside of Office Hours: Freephone 1800 707 707

Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie

Source of Reply:
Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 13

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 13a

QUARTERLY REPORTS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES' CHAIRPERSONS

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Jimmy Guerin, Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, Councillor Karen Power.	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan - Public Participation Network Paul Osbourne	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
8th March 2023	Online presentation of Active Travel Strategy for Fingal	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
	Online presentation of DRAFT Fingal Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
	Review of Pricing at the Councils Recycling Centres and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	This motion was **Deferred** to the next TSPC Agenda in Q2 2023.
	Safe & Appropriate Parking Practices	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
	Traffic Sensors to Pedestrian Crossings	Following discussion, the

		report was **Noted.**
	Electric Bikes & Scooters in Public Parks	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor B. Mc Donagh (Chair), Councillor B. Dennehy, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor D. Mulligan, Councillor T. Kitt Councillor P. Rane	
Non-Council Members	Mr Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
15th March 2023	SPC Work Programme 2023	A presentation report was given to the Members on the SPC Work Programme 2023. Following discussion, the report was **AGREED.**
	Development Plan 2023 - 2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023 - 2029 and a discussion around the next stage of process following the adoption of the Plan on 22nd February 2023 was given and **NOTED.**
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on LAP's and studies was given to the Members in relation to a priority list. Following a discussion, the update was **NOTED.**
	NTA – Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022 -2042	A presentation was given to the Members on Draft Transport Strategy for GDA

		2022-2042. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Major Capital Project Delivery	A detailed presentation was given to the Members on Capital Project Delivery and examples of capital project from inception to delivery. The presentation was **NOTED.**

QUARTERLY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Ted Leddy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin; Councillor Breda Hanaphy; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Anthony Lavin.	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
21st March 2023	Local Enterprise Office Fingal – outputs 2022 and plan for 2023	Presentation by Oisin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise Fingal. Report **Noted** and accepted by Councillors.
	Tourism Strategy Update	Presentation by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer. Improvement Plan to be finalised April 2023, draft Strategy & Marketing Plan and SPC review/feedback in May 2023 and SPC sign off in June. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
	Food Policy Update	Presentation by Declan

		Power. Development of draft policy due in April 2023, review and development of final policy in May 2023 and creation of final document for publishing in June 2023. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
	Fingal Festival Feasibility & TASCQ CLG Partnership Funding Update	Presentation by Declan Power. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors. Proposed to hold two live concerts simultaneously in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown July 2023.
	Shackleton Mills Update	Presentation by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect on Conservation Works at Shackleton Mills. It was agreed a tour of the site would be of benefit for the local council members to see the current condition of the site.
	Councillor D. Butler - Swords Castle Markets	Report provided by Declan Power. Motion proposed by Councillor Butler and **Accepted** by Councillor Mahony.
	Councillor H. Mahony - Stall Concessions in Fingal	Report provided by Declan Power. Motion proposed Councillor Mahony by and **Accepted** by Councillor Butler.

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MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Eoghan O'Brien (Chair), Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Ann Graves, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Adrian Henchy	
Non-Council Members	Maire O'Brien PPN, James Magrane IFA, Deborah Coleman SSE Renewables, Martin Sweeney SSE Renewables	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
22nd March 2023	Preservation of the Dunes – Velvet Strand Portmarnock	A presentation was given by Maire O'Brien and **Noted.**
	Setanta Windfarm Project	A presentation was given by Deborah Coleman and Martin Sweeney. This was followed by Q&A with the members. Presentation **Noted**
	Motion – Analysis of Coastal Erosion from Balbriggan to Howth	Report **Accepted**
	Motion - Policy for Management of Beaches and Dunes	Report **Accepted**
	Motion – Power generated by off-shore Turbine Farms	Report **Accepted**
	Motion – Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide & Baldoyle Estuaries	Report **Accepted**

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' QUARTERLY REPORT

HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. Natalie Tracey, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Kieran Dennison, Cllr. Adrian Henchy	
Non-Council Members	Ms. Adeline O'Brien, Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Mr. Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
March 27th March	Update on Housing Delivery	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Update on Fingal's Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026	Presentation on objectives/strategies and demands of housing disabled people.
	Update on Local Authority Home Loans	Presentation on changes to scheme and statistics to date.
	Notice to Quit and Preventing Homelessness including Tenant in-Situ Acquisitions	Report on advice and supports to tenants on available options.
	Motion – Cllr. J. Burtchaell Response to Lifting of Eviction Ban	Following discussion, a vote was taken. The result of the vote was 4 in favour and 2 against.
	Motion – Cllr. B. Manton Housing upgrades for RAS tenants	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

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CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor David Healy (Chair), Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Pamela Conroy, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Joe Newman,	
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath, Deborah Coleman SSE Renewables, Martin Sweeney SSE Renewables	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
28th March 2023	Setanta Wind Park Project	Presentation given by Deborah Coleman & Martin Sweeney from SSE Renewables giving an update on the project. **Noted**
	RMCEI Plan 2023	Presentation on the Environmental Inspection Plan for 2023 was given by Enda Hoey, Senior Executive Scientist, Environment Department. **Noted**
	Motion – Implementation of Bye-Laws	Following discussion, the report was **Accepted.**
	Motion – Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries	Following discussion, the report was **Accepted.**

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins, Councillor Cathal Boland Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor John Kingsley Onwumereh	
Non-Council Members	Abi Wise, PPN	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
29th March 2023	Draft Workplan 2023 **Naomi Weir**	**Noted** and **Agreed**
	Public Art Policy on Private Developments **Caroline Cowley**	Presentation Given
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 - 2023 – Implementation **Christine Baker**	Presentation Given
	Creative Ireland Strategy and Funding **Lilian Whelan**	Presentation Given
	Fingal's Play Street Pilot Project **A Playful City (External Company)**	Presentation Given
	Motion – Free/Subsidised Swimming Classes	Update Given – NGB recruitment underway re: Swim Officer
	Motion – Literary Festival	Item not reached – Quorum not met to discuss

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REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2023

Item No. 13b

2022 Annual Financial Statement

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a report to the group in relation to the 2022 Outturn, identifying areas of additional income and high-level underspends, the nett effect of which is surplus of €7m. Mr. Hunt recommended that this money be transferred to Capital account to fund various Capital projects. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Tom O'Leary and AGREED to RECOMMEND this proposal to Full Council.

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

Ms. Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, gave a presentation to the Members, advising that the Development Plan comes into effect on Wednesday, 5th April. Ms. Burke outlined the items raised by the Office of the Planning Regulator and the process and timelines for addressing same. It was AGREED to circulate the presentation to the Members.

STANDING ORDERS

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the members in relation to a review of existing Standing Orders to ensure they are fit for purpose. It was AGREED by the Corporate Policy Group that the review should commence and motions requesting amendments to standing orders will be considered as part of the review. It is anticipated that a first draft of the reviewed Standing Orders would be available in September 2023. Further details will issue to members regarding this process.

Signed: Councillor Howard Mahony
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 13c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING (ARTS)

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

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 Musical and Dramatic Society	€5,000	Production of "Curtains"	Y	2022 - €5,000 2020 - €5,000 2019 -	€5,000

				€5,000 2018 - €5,000 2017 - €5,000 **€25,000**	
Howth Writing Workshops	€7,080	Writing workshops entitled "Howth Rocks and Reels"	N	N/A	€2,000
Bayside Writers Group	€2,500	Book publication of Prose and Poetry	Y	2018 - €750 2017 - €1,000 2015 - €750 2014 - €750 **€3,250**	€1,000

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor D. Healy

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

Signed: Councillor D. Healy
Area Chairperson

APPLICATIONS 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 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
Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden	€ 3000	Lawnmowers (2) Planks replacement Maintenance (Tools, soil) Boules court maintenance Vandalism repair (Bottle shed fire)	N	N/A	€ 3000
Baldoyle and District Men's Shed	€ 765	Insurance	N	N/A	€ 765
Suttonians Rugby Football Club	€ 3000	Weighted Scrum Machine	N	N/A	€ 3000

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor D. Healy

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

Signed: Councillor D. Healy
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 13d

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2023

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
Variety Show Group	€ 3227	DJ for event and rehearsals Printing and Promotion Material, insurance Hall Rental, Hall Staging/ Decoration Insurance, Advertising Audio Visual Equipment	N	N/A	€ 3000

		Photographer Entertainment & Prize			
Genesis Psychotherapy & Family Service	€ 800	Room rental in Community Centre for 2023	Y-2019	€ 1792	€ 800
Mulhuddart football club	€ 2000	Boot scraper and brushes, Pitch marker and paints, Cones, Hurdles, Sports equipment and carrier bags, Sports nets, Training bibs, Training ladders	N	N/A	€ 2610
Viking Sub Aqua Club	€ 8057	Trailer (super roller coaster) 8056.50	Y-2022	€ 2980	€ 3000
St Margaret's GAA Club	€ 1691	Medical Supplies, Sports equipment	Y-2021	€ 2000	€ 2114
St Peregrines GAA Club	€ 2425	4 sets of Training ladders, 4 Cone stacks, 4 sets Slalom Poles, 3 Ball Rebound Nets, Goal Posts Carrying trolley, 4 sets training bibs, Camp materials whiteboards etc, Face painter & Magician, Lightweight pitch marker and white pa	N	N/A	€ 2666.23

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: _____

Councillor M. McCamley
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 14

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 14a

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022 & AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, I attach a copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2022. The Financial Statement will be considered at the County Council meeting on the 11th April 2023.

Total expenditure for the year 2022 on the revenue account including expenditure transfers amounted to €331.9m. This expenditure was funded primarily by a combination of Commercial Rates, income from Irish Water, Grants, Local Property Tax and income from goods/services. The final outturn on the revenue account was a surplus of €393. The credit amount has been brought forward to the 2022 accounts. At year-end, the Revenue Account had an accumulated surplus of €15.98m.

Total expenditure on Capital Account (net of transfers) for 2022 was €179.2m. This expenditure is funded primarily by grants, development levies and transfers from revenue. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2022 is €3.032bn.

The combined total expenditure for Fingal County Council between our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2022 is €455.3m (net of transfers).

Section 108 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires me to furnish, with the Annual Financial Statement, details of authorisations to additional expenditure. At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 8th November 2022 (minute F/333/22 refers) the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2022. On completion of the final accounts further movements have taken place.

In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor the Council's approval is now sought to the following areas of additional Revenue Account expenditure by Service. While the list below refers to additional expenditure, savings

in other Services and increased income resulted in the overall surplus referred to of €393 for 2022.

Service	Service description	Additional Expenditure
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	15,267
B08	Road Safety Promotion & Education	157,069
B09	Car Parking	25,696
C01	Water Supply	1,187,069
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	47,192
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	1,242,737
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	38,051
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	55,022
E11	Operation of Fire Service	325,877
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	251,843
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	533,407
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	2,872,148
H03	Administration of Rates	118,130
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	3,590
H11	Agency & Recoupable Services	11,379

There is an additional €7.03m to be allocated to capital projects. This arises primarily due to additional income received from the WTE facility, compensation from DHLGH arising from cumulative lost income arising out of valuation appeals from a number of global rate payers (IW &ESB) and additional LPT allocation for 2022. In addition, there were underspends in energy costs as well as some departmental underspends.

It is proposed that €7.03m is allocated to the projects identified below. These are primarily projects that are on site and have been identified previously to Members as requiring additional funding from the revenue account. At their meeting on 4th April the CPG recommended the approval of the capital transfers outlined below.

Additional Transfers to Capital

		€	Note
C6261024	Libraries - Development fund for new facilities.	500,000	1
C6462133	Community Centre - Development fund for new	1,500,000	2
C5180007	Climate Change Action Fund	250,000	3
C4841068	Balbriggan Economic Regeneration	2,000,000	4
C4841074	Management of Heritage Properties	2,780,500	5
	Total	**7,030,500**	

Note

1 Funding for Skerries Library
2 Funding for Meekstown and Baldoyle Community Centres
3 Funding for climate change projects
4 FCC Co Funding for Balbriggan Economic Regeneration
5 Funding for large works programme across all heritage properties.

The draft Annual Financial Statement has been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and also to the Director of Audit in the Department. On receipt of the Auditor's report, it will be forwarded to the Audit Committee for consideration. The Audit Committee shall report back to the Members on its consideration of the Annual Financial Statement and Auditor's report at the next practicable meeting of the Council.

UNAUDITED

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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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 2022. The Annual Financial Statement have 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

Overall Expenditure for 2022 on the revenue account amounted to €276m, while income on the account amounted to €319.2m. The revenue account outturn for 2022 is €393 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.98m.

Overall expenditure reflects the final round of rates waivers in Q1 relating to the COVID 19 supports. It also reflects the continued increase in services across the county as well as inflationary pressures, particularly energy costs, during 2022. The income and expenditure account also reflects capital transfer to fund elements of our ambitious capital programme. 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.

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 2022 is €3.032bn.

Capital expenditure amounted to €179.2m includes capital expenditure over a number of areas including housing, strategic infrastructure and active travel.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2022 was €288.8m. The corresponding figure for the 31st December 2021 was €310m, or a reduction of 6.9%. The reduction in borrowing relates principally to the redemption of mortgage and affordable loan redemptions.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2021 is €455.3m.

Debt Collection

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial Rates continue to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2022 was extremely strong at 98.3%. When the effect of the rates waiver is excluded an overall collection rate of 98.1% was achieved.

Financial Outlook

The Council's overall financial position remained relatively stable during 2022 as the country dealt with the remnants of the COVID 19 pandemic, international instability as well as increased inflationary pressure. As we move through 2023, 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 2023

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 2022, 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 & Heritage.

Chief Executive

Date 31st March 2023

Head of Finance

Date 31st March 2023

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 ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

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	Notes	Gross Expenditure 2022 €	Income 2022 €	Net Expenditure 2022 €	Net Expenditure 2021 €
Housing & Building		79,934,862	84,028,141	(4,093,280)	(1,598,021)
Roads Transportation & Safety		34,235,143	9,684,149	24,550,994	20,299,698
Water Services		17,261,184	19,353,548	(2,092,364)	(6,660,380)
Development Management		24,259,274	7,495,298	16,763,975	14,212,082
Environmental Services		45,289,429	10,187,381	35,102,047	36,567,150
Recreation & Amenity		49,984,433	4,191,423	45,793,011	37,743,912
Agriculture, Food and the Marine		1,245,320	478,311	767,008	655,751
Miscellaneous Services		23,828,175	23,816,379	11,796	(4,400,154)
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	**276,037,820**	**159,234,632**		
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates & Local Property Tax				**116,803,188**	96,820,037
Rates				151,293,793	149,291,077
Local Property Tax				8,698,895	7,503,957
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers				**43,189,500**	59,974,997
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(43,189,108)	(59,974,864)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			**393**	133
General Reserve @ 1st January 2022				15,979,812	15,979,679
General Reserve @ 31st December 2022				**15,980,204**	15,979,812

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,463,233,189	1,454,712,425
Infrastructural		1,159,631,876	1,163,673,065
Community		103,257,960	103,592,062
Non-Operational		305,980,160	267,218,825
		3,032,103,185	**2,989,196,377**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**113,260,149**	**80,761,249**
Long Term Debtors	3	**300,403,084**	**293,939,594**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	587,836	558,276
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	72,077,880	71,600,874
Bank Investments		396,214,369	368,990,180
Cash at Bank		13,543,266	23,149,014
Cash in Transit		2,091,845	312,300
		484,515,197	**464,610,643**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	157,647,528	148,411,602
Finance Leases		872,423	839,338
		158,519,951	**149,250,940**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**325,995,246**	**315,359,703**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	272,287,597	291,725,598
Finance Leases		1,389,771	1,119,009
Refundable Deposits	8	49,382,278	43,477,273
Other		103,121,793	88,027,397
		426,181,440	**424,349,276**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,345,580,224**	**3,254,907,647**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,032,103,185	2,989,196,377
Income WIP	2	106,031,705	68,319,658
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,204	15,979,812
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	191,465,130	181,411,800
Total Reserves		**3,345,580,224**	**3,254,907,647**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 €	2022 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**8,729,753**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		42,906,808	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		37,712,046	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	7,924,783	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**88,543,638**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(42,906,808)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(32,498,900)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	(9,532,767)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(84,938,475)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	(10,503,246)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	11,661,313	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**1,158,067**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**5,905,005**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	**22**		**19,397,988**

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	298,770,712	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
Additions - Purchased	37,054,695	-	9,880,708	4,882,551	1,650,051	105,155	-	-	-	53,573,159
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(2,576,611)	-	(2,172,246)	-	(830,977)	-	-	-	-	(5,579,833)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2022	**333,248,796**	**27,770,899**	**1,206,481,803**	**314,042,088**	**15,594,989**	**1,538,988**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**202,059,449**	**3,183,242,609**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	15,670,044	-	121,695	8,698,077	1,118,108	-	-	120,444,983	146,052,907
Provision for year	-	334,101	-	-	1,265,279	153,380	-	-	4,041,189	5,793,950
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(707,432)	-	-	-	-	(707,432)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2022	**-**	**16,004,145**	**-**	**121,695**	**9,255,925**	**1,271,488**	**-**	**-**	**124,486,172**	**151,139,424**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2022	**333,248,796**	**11,766,754**	**1,206,481,803**	**313,920,394**	**6,339,065**	**267,499**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**77,573,277**	**3,032,103,185**
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 by Category										
Operational	41,061,292	-	1,206,481,803	209,083,529	6,339,065	267,499	-	-	-	1,463,233,189
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,081,406,466	77,573,277	1,159,631,876
Community	-	11,766,754	-	90,509,276	-	-	981,930	-	-	103,257,960
Non-Operational	291,535,371	-	-	14,327,589	-	-	117,200	-	-	305,980,160
Net Book Value at 31/12/2022	**333,248,796**	**11,766,754**	**1,206,481,803**	**313,920,394**	**6,339,065**	**267,499**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**77,573,277**	**3,032,103,185**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

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

	Funded 2022 €	Unfunded 2022 €	Total 2022 €	Total 2021 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	37,831,901	67,576,658	105,408,559	73,527,900
Work in Progress	7,851,591	-	7,851,591	7,233,350
Total Expenditure	**45,683,491**	**67,576,658**	**113,260,149**	**80,761,249**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	42,393,611	56,072,860	98,466,472	61,385,410
Work in Progress	7,565,233	-	7,565,233	6,934,248
Total Income	**49,958,844**	**56,072,860**	**106,031,705**	**68,319,658**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	286,357	-	286,357	299,101
Preliminary Expenses	(4,561,710)	11,503,797	6,942,087	12,142,490
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**(4,275,353)**	**11,503,797**	**7,228,444**	**12,441,591**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2022 Balance @ 01/01/2022	2022 Loans Issued	2022 Instalments	2022 Early Redemptions	2022 Other Adjustments	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	138,775,398	11,820,950	(8,679,136)	(2,363,958)	(842,454)	138,710,800	138,775,398
Tenant Purchase Advances	96,764	-	(111,043)	(159,619)	259,413	85,515	96,764
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	2,911,895	-	-	11,877	(268,585)	2,655,187	2,911,895
	141,784,056	11,820,950	(8,790,179)	(2,511,700)	(851,626)	141,451,502	141,784,056
Recoupable Loan Advances						68,381,031	75,286,434
Capital Advance Leasing Facility						103,121,793	88,027,397
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	-
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						2	124,464
Other						-	-
						312,954,328	305,222,351
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(12,551,244)	(11,282,757)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**300,403,084**	**293,939,594**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Central Stores	60,582	60,582
Other Depots	527,254	497,694
Total	**587,836**	**558,276**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Government Debtors	16,440,634	22,216,776
Commercial Debtors	12,164,033	13,243,977
Non-Commercial Debtors	10,451,136	9,266,855
Development Contribution Debtors	60,273,226	61,242,962
Other Services	397,739	255,116
Other Local Authorities	5,775,140	4,291,073
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	12,551,244	11,282,757
Total Gross Debtors	**118,053,153**	**121,799,516**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(51,178,516)	(52,107,191)
Total Trade Debtors	**66,874,637**	**69,692,325**
Prepayments	5,203,242	1,908,548
Total	**72,077,880**	**71,600,874**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Trade Creditors	12,715,399	12,222,949
Grants	468,695	342,860
Revenue Commissioners	4,483,200	4,561,061
Other Local Authorities	231,234	56,984
Other Creditors	256,933	276,366
	18,155,461	**17,460,221**
Accruals	84,166,737	70,101,675
Deferred Income	38,833,446	42,526,333
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	16,491,884	18,323,373
Total	**157,647,528**	**148,411,602**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2022 HFA €	2022 OPW €	2022 Other €	2022 Total €	2021 Total €
Opening Balance	291,786,954	-	18,262,017	310,048,971	327,479,289
Borrowings	12,019,650	-	-	12,019,650	6,781,850
Repayment of Principal	(15,275,065)	-	(2,663,649)	(17,938,714)	(18,594,695)
Early Redemptions	(13,125,140)	-	(1,885,226)	(15,010,365)	(5,617,473)
Other Adjustments	(340,060)	-	-	(340,060)	-
	275,066,339	**-**	**13,713,143**	**288,779,481**	**310,048,971**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,491,884	18,323,373
Total amounts falling due after one year				**272,287,597**	**291,725,598**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	134,102,841	-	-	134,102,841	136,089,413
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	28,916,222	-	6,837,607	35,753,829	40,333,445
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	46,784,880	-	-	46,784,880	54,306,136
Recoupable	61,505,494	-	6,875,536	68,381,030	75,286,434
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,756,902	-	-	3,756,902	4,033,544
Balance at 31st December	**275,066,339**	**-**	**13,713,143**	**288,779,481**	**310,048,971**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,491,884	18,323,373
Total Amounts Due after one year				**272,287,597**	**291,725,598**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2022 €	2021 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	43,477,273	37,230,913
Deposits received	7,720,639	11,100,037
Deposits repaid	(1,815,634)	(4,853,677)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**49,382,278**	**43,477,273**

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:

	2022 Balance @ 01/01/2022 €	2022 Purchased €	2022 Transfers WIP €	2022 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2022 Revaluation €	2022 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021 €
Grants	619,637,703	15,208,664	-	-	-	(224,786)	634,621,581	619,637,703
Loans	163,091,058	-	-	-	-	-	163,091,058	163,091,058
Revenue Funded	14,904,037	116,471	-	(58,208)	-	-	14,962,301	14,904,037
Leases	11,127,065	1,364,866	-	(635,697)	-	-	11,856,234	11,127,065
Development Contributions	92,270,672	-	-	-	-	-	92,270,672	92,270,672
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	133,020,551	34,942,235	-	(2,271,611)	-	-	165,691,176	133,020,551
Historical	2,064,609,980	1,667,054	-	(334,000)	-	(1,947,460)	2,063,995,575	2,064,609,980
Other	36,588,216	273,869	-	(108,072)	-	-	36,754,013	36,588,216
Total Gross Funding	**3,135,249,283**	**53,573,159**	**-**	**(3,407,588)**	**-**	**(2,172,246)**	**3,183,242,609**	**3,135,249,283**
Less: Amortised							(151,139,424)	(146,052,907)
Total *							**3,032,103,185**	**2,989,196,377**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2022 Balance @ 01/01/2022 €	2022 * Capital Reclassification €	2022 Expenditure €	2022 Income €	2022 Net Transfers €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €	2021 Balance @ 31/12/2021 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	179,499,832	-	13,854,527	52,531,808	(33,609,422)	184,567,691	179,499,832
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(50,973,868)	(1,887,057)	102,501,771	49,767,562	45,148,871	(60,446,263)	(50,973,868)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(353,884)	-	5,228,589	5,186,533	1,600	(394,341)	(353,884)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(4,254,318)	-	19,916	-	-	(4,274,233)	(4,254,318)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	150,676,432	-	13,037,951	5,985,001	9,909,876	153,533,357	150,676,432
Net Capital Balances		**274,594,195**	**(1,887,057)**	**134,642,755**	**113,470,904**	**21,450,925**	**272,986,211**	**274,594,195**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(81,521,083)	(93,306,858)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						2	124,464
Total Other Balances							**191,465,130**	**181,411,800**

* 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:

	2022	2021
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	(7,228,444)	(12,441,591)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	272,986,211	274,594,195
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**265,757,767**	**262,152,604**

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

Opening Balance at 1st January	262,152,604	236,469,998
Expenditure	179,234,011	146,188,003
Income		
- Grants	88,972,976	62,785,655
- Loans	-	-
- Other	63,223,126	66,343,836
Total Income	152,196,103	129,129,491
Net Revenue Transfers	30,643,071	42,741,118
Closing Balance	**265,757,767**	**262,152,604**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

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

	2022 € Loan Annuity	2022 € Rented Equity	2022 € Total	2021 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	138,710,800	2,655,187	141,365,987	141,687,292
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(134,102,841)	(3,756,902)	(137,859,743)	(140,122,956)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**4,607,958**	**(1,101,715)**	**3,506,244**	**1,564,336**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	331,432

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

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

	Plant 2022 €	Materials 2022 €	Total 2022 €	Total 2021 €
Expenditure	(1,511,877)	29,560	(1,482,317)	(1,885,322)
Charged to Jobs	1,511,877	-	1,511,877	1,999,097
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**29,560**	**29,560**	**113,775**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**29,560**	**29,560**	**113,775**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

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

	2022 Transfer From Reserves €	2022 Transfer To Reserves €	2022 Net €	2021 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(3,566,405)	(3,566,405)	(4,174,801)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(7,918,614)	(7,918,614)	(12,039,389)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,061,018)	(1,061,018)	(1,019,555)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	12,718,929	(43,362,000)	(30,643,071)	(42,741,118)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**12,718,929**	**(55,908,037)**	**(43,189,108)**	**(59,974,864)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

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

	Appendix No	2022 €		2021 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	88,902,594	27.8%	134,766,643	37.8%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		4,493,314	1.4%	2,519,783	0.7%
Goods and Services	4	65,838,724	20.6%	62,353,320	17.5%
		159,234,632	**49.9%**	**199,639,747**	**56.0%**
Local Property Tax		8,698,895	2.7%	7,503,957	2.1%
Rates		151,293,793	47.4%	149,291,077	41.9%
Total Income		**319,227,320**	**100.0%**	**356,434,781**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn in 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
	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €	2022 €
Housing & Building	79,934,862	7,750,245	87,685,106	89,124,532	1,439,425	84,028,141	-	84,028,141	85,374,356	(1,346,214)	93,211
Roads Transportation & Safety	34,235,143	1,128,715	35,363,859	32,743,938	(2,619,921)	9,684,149	-	9,684,149	8,313,799	1,370,351	(1,249,570)
Water Services	17,261,184	3,637,894	20,899,078	19,384,972	(1,514,107)	19,353,548	-	19,353,548	18,043,828	1,309,720	(204,386)
Development Management	24,259,274	3,861,067	28,120,340	24,902,809	(3,217,532)	7,495,298	-	7,495,298	5,554,395	1,940,903	(1,276,629)
Environmental Services	45,289,429	4,363,026	49,652,454	49,434,949	(217,505)	10,187,381	-	10,187,381	7,274,442	2,912,939	2,695,435
Recreation & Amenity	49,984,433	12,299,086	62,283,519	52,295,344	(9,988,175)	4,191,423	(482,100)	3,709,323	2,675,599	1,033,724	(8,954,451)
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	1,245,320	72,257	1,317,577	1,524,993	207,417	478,311	-	478,311	307,667	170,644	378,061
Miscellaneous Services	23,828,175	22,795,748	46,623,923	30,375,071	(16,248,852)	23,816,379	13,201,029	37,017,408	12,488,912	24,528,496	8,279,644
Total Divisions	**276,037,820**	**55,908,037**	**331,945,857**	**299,786,608**	**(32,159,248)**	**159,234,632**	**12,718,929**	**171,953,561**	**140,032,997**	**31,920,564**	**(238,685)**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	8,698,895	-	8,698,895	7,514,600	1,184,295	1,184,295
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	151,293,793	-	151,293,793	152,239,000	(945,206)	(945,206)
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(Deficit)/Surplus for Year	**276,037,820**	**55,908,037**	**331,945,857**	**299,786,608**	**(32,159,248)**	**319,227,320**	**12,718,929**	**331,946,249**	**299,786,597**	**32,159,652**	**404**

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

	2022
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	393
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	(29,560)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	(477,006)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	9,235,926
	8,729,753

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	5,067,859
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	2,856,925
	7,924,783

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	(40,457)
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	(19,916)
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(9,472,395)
	(9,532,767)

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

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(6,463,490)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(1,986,571)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	(4,579,616)
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	(7,521,256)
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(6,905,404)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(276,642)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	303,848
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	1,831,489
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	15,094,396
	(10,503,246)

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2022 €
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	11,785,775
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	(124,462)
	11,661,313

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	27,224,190
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(9,605,747)
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	1,779,546
	19,397,988

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 a targeted commercial rates waiver to cover the hospitality, arts, leisure and entertainment sectors, travel agency and airports sector, for quarter 1 of 2022, at a cost of €62 million.

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 2022 appears in the Income and Expenditure Account as normal.

24. 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 2022

	2022	2021
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	79,321,464	72,975,754
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	19,173,323	17,056,048
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**98,494,786**	**90,031,802**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	2,095,053	1,017,133
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,075,119	2,155,684
- Contract Payments	28,440,300	22,421,837
- Agency Services	55,939,340	49,216,844
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	4,351,249	2,442,887
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,183,489	2,718,115
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	15,465,251	72,522,124
- Members Costs	412,998	345,296
- Travelling & Subsistence	712,664	502,868
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	5,314,843	4,616,364
- Energy Costs	5,905,295	4,558,968
- Other	22,629,286	19,949,951
Total	**146,524,888**	**182,468,071**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,266,511	1,161,934
- Training	1,003,834	815,227
- Printing & Stationery	433,133	421,221
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,748,585	2,080,993
- Other	6,298,806	5,089,769
Total	**11,750,870**	**9,569,144**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	1,843,755	1,790,572
- Other	1,018,368	1,061,085
Total	**2,862,124**	**2,851,656**
Financial Expenses	7,728,384	9,583,488
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,676,769	1,955,622
Total Expenditure	**276,037,820**	**296,459,784**

Appendix 2

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
Service	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	11,911,244	493,648	21,689,988	14,648	22,198,284
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	1,775,752	-	37,883	8,060	45,942
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,032,077	-	37,966	7,362	45,328
A04 Housing Community Development Support	2,151,034	-	43,320	9,216	52,536
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	3,420,196	-	22,870	365,711	388,581
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	9,288,524	6,463,478	71,486	15,209	6,550,173
A07 RAS Programme	46,255,333	42,558,302	4,648,710	4,126	47,211,138
A08 Housing Loans	4,882,569	99,724	4,085,587	5,488	4,190,799
A09 Housing Grants	3,327,419	2,231,244	13,988	2,976	2,248,208
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	2,007,623	897,085	9,236	1,965	908,285
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	633,334	170,719	14,965	3,184	188,868
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**87,685,106**	**52,914,200**	**30,675,998**	**437,943**	**84,028,141**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,750,245	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**79,934,862**	**52,914,200**	**30,675,998**	**437,943**	**84,028,141**

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	8,324,194	2,622,621	186,579	25,797	2,834,996
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	12,846,945	1,957,223	218,760	19,106	2,195,089
B05 Public Lighting	4,892,155	582,502	11,295	2,403	596,200
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	3,315,318	98,000	66,456	7,448	171,904
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	2,834,905	128,562	50,319	10,705	189,586
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	835,284	-	2,107,967	26	2,107,993
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,829,809	-	50,776	10,803	61,578
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	485,249	-	1,526,326	476	1,526,803
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**35,363,859**	**5,388,908**	**4,218,478**	**76,764**	**9,684,149**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,128,715	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**34,235,143**	**5,388,908**	**4,218,478**	**76,764**	**9,684,149**

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	12,473,587	3,425,274	9,066,918	-	12,492,192
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,976,933	-	5,979,076	-	5,979,076
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	711,262	-	25,959	1,575	27,534
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	2,761	2,254	-	-	2,254
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	586,001	-	586,001	-	586,001
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	1,148,533	30,542	136,080	99,870	266,492
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**20,899,078**	**3,458,070**	**15,794,034**	**101,444**	**19,353,548**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	3,637,894	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**17,261,184**	**3,458,070**	**15,794,034**	**101,444**	**19,353,548**

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	2,796,063	-	58,805	11,908	70,713
D02 Development Management	8,723,897	16,138	2,206,211	34,555	2,256,903
D03 Enforcement	826,862	12,500	136,230	2,888	151,618
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	707,342	-	20,394	2,185	22,579
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	1,406,793	9,000	77,089	386	86,475
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	2,237,417	773,830	40,707	6,533	821,070
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	1,991,165	-	268,882	7,912	276,794
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	6,907,204	2,179,563	78,160	102,052	2,359,776
D10 Property Management	1,492,369	-	593,828	3,838	597,666
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,031,229	848,112	2,962	630	851,704
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**28,120,340**	**3,839,143**	**3,483,267**	**172,888**	**7,495,298**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	3,861,067	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**24,259,274**	**3,839,143**	**3,483,267**	**172,888**	**7,495,298**

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	3,540,245	-	25,604	5,447	31,051
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	3,755,445	88,775	1,808,849	38,634	1,936,258
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	854,418	-	-	3,253,656	3,253,656
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,367,145	30,000	81,722	5,836	117,558
E06 Street Cleaning	8,326,898	-	153,680	32,696	186,376
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,111,840	331,870	143,737	3,157	478,764
E08 Waste Management Planning	273,782	81,050	4,329	1,228	86,607
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,324,099	-	1,598,878	9,933	1,608,811
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,093,897	-	20,708	4,406	25,114
E11 Operation of Fire Service	23,417,625	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	188,479	-	1,065,570	813	1,066,383
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,176,118	-	1,196,442	5,731	1,202,172
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	1,222,462	182,487	10,014	2,130	194,631
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**49,652,454**	**714,182**	**6,109,532**	**3,363,667**	**10,187,381**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	4,363,026	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**45,289,429**	**714,182**	**6,109,532**	**3,363,667**	**10,187,381**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	519,272	-	199,035	1,490	200,525
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	17,029,370	457,834	287,149	54,261	799,244
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	23,497,120	-	1,121,406	92,767	1,214,173
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	8,357,742	730,808	74,389	15,770	820,967
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	12,880,015	466,815	197,990	9,608	674,413
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**62,283,519**	**1,655,457**	**1,879,969**	**173,897**	**3,709,323**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	12,299,086	-	(482,100)	-	(482,100)
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**49,984,433**	**1,655,457**	**2,362,069**	**173,897**	**4,191,423**

SERVICE DIVISION G

AGRICULTURE, FOOD and THE MARINE

		EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	Service	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01	Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	**-**
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	266,035	-	4,260	906	**5,166**
G03	Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	**-**
G04	Veterinary Service	962,455	76,254	356,701	947	**433,902**
G05	Educational Support Services	89,086	39,021	183	39	**39,243**
G06	Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	**-**
	TOTAL INCLUDING TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES	**1,317,577**	**115,275**	**361,144**	**1,892**	**478,311**
	Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	72,257		-		**-**
	TOTAL EXCLUDING TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES	**1,245,320**		**361,144**		**478,311**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	377,125	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	42,313,815	11,648,586	10,684,548	7,598	22,340,732
H04 Franchise Costs	511,828	-	8,585	1,826	10,412
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	4,562	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	4,590	-	61,903	-	61,903
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,705,730	-	16,394	3,488	19,882
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	706,273	9,168,774	5,263,800	151,906	14,584,479
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**46,623,923**	**20,817,360**	**16,035,230**	**164,818**	**37,017,408**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	22,795,748	-	13,201,029	-	13,201,029
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**23,828,175**	**20,817,360**	**2,834,201**	**164,818**	**23,816,379**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**276,037,820**	**88,902,594**	**65,838,724**	**4,493,314**	**159,234,632**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2022	2021
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage		
Housing and Building	52,869,015	42,159,471
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446	3,914,446
Water Services	3,458,070	8,010,283
Development Management	826,286	602,859
Environmental Services	-	-
Recreation & Amenity	75,000	107,258
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	20,742,460	70,816,350
	81,885,277	**125,610,666**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	582,502	428,453
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media	-	437,130
National Transport Authority	891,960	994,330
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	-	-
Education	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	50,000	49,864
Transport	-	-
Justice	-	-
Agriculture & Marine	76,254	3,350
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	2,109,110	4,600,980
Rural & Community Development	654,748	201,172
Environment, Climate & Communications	625,407	545,720
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	2,027,337	1,894,979
	7,017,318	**9,155,977**
TOTAL	**88,902,594**	**134,766,643**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2022	2021
	€	€
Rents from Houses	26,233,337	25,754,458
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	3,211,678	3,131,819
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Irish Water	15,293,504	14,377,102
Domestic Refuse	986,842	1,120,556
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	2,223,461	1,636,426
Parking Fines/Charges	2,107,846	1,594,210
Recreation & Amenity Activities	590,200	112,115
Agency Services	130,907	-
Pension Contributions	2,105,936	2,126,862
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,395,514	1,367,987
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,061,749	1,170,629
NPPR	1,049,374	1,477,438
Miscellaneous	9,448,376	8,483,718 *
	65,838,724	**62,353,320**

*Includes Library Fees/Fines re-classified

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2022	2021
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	76,011,509	44,932,910
Purchase of Land	20,237,154	2,809,392
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	11,388,668	11,145,760
Professional & Consultancy Fees	13,219,015	10,443,722
Other	58,377,664	76,856,219
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**179,234,011**	**146,188,003**
Transfers to Revenue	12,718,929	5,291,793
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**191,952,940**	**151,479,796**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	88,972,976	62,785,655
Non-Mortgage Loans	-	-
Other Income		
Development Contributions	52,531,808	48,873,985
Property Disposals - Land	135,000	6,452,262
- LA Housing	1,751,902	549,609
- Other Property	234,015	187,461
Tenant Purchase Annuities	(3,562)	64,834
Car Parking	-	-
Other	8,573,963	10,215,684
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**152,196,103**	**129,129,491**
Transfers from Revenue	43,362,000	48,032,911
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**195,558,103**	**177,162,402**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**3,605,163**	**25,682,606**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	262,152,604	236,469,998
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2022	265,757,767	262,152,604

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

				INCOME				*TRANSFERS*			
		Balance at 01/01/2022	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2022*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	43,437,957	77,247,464	71,681,362	-	3,992,004	75,673,366	2,980,000	-	182,768	45,026,626
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(17,743,232)	30,018,389	12,723,896	-	1,983,423	14,707,319	765,000	-	20,255,829	(12,033,473)
03	WATER SERVICES	12,702,629	1,784,980	-	-	1,236,787	1,236,787	-	-	(1,343,015)	10,811,421
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	133,792,824	35,200,627	4,185,051	-	55,224,364	59,409,414	9,498,500	-	(33,196,188)	134,303,923
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	21,282,804	1,896,080	-	-	-	-	1,950,000	-	(33,419)	21,303,306
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	12,695,789	17,769,284	382,667	-	242,717	625,385	3,935,000	(482,100)	14,134,083	14,103,073
07	AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & THE MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	55,983,832	15,317,188	-	-	543,831	543,831	24,233,500	13,201,029	(57)	52,242,890
		262,152,604	**179,234,011**	**88,972,976**	**-**	**63,223,126**	**152,196,103**	**43,362,000**	**12,718,929**	**-**	**265,757,767**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

APPENDIX 7

Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2022

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	**Opening Arrears at 01/01/2022**	**Accrued**	**Vacant Property Adjustments**	**Write Offs**	**Waivers & Credits**	**Total for Collection**	**Amount Collected**	**Closing Arrears at 31/12/2022**	**Specific Doubtful Arrears***	**% Collected**
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		**.=(H)/(G-J)**
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	7,154,867	151,293,793	218,646	1,953,715	15,194,281	141,082,017	138,092,637	2,989,380	309,818	98.1
Rents & Annuities	7,188,806	25,810,742		-		32,999,548	25,118,248	7,881,300		76.1
Housing Loans	3,733	17,731,468		-		17,735,200	17,162,914	572,286		96.8

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

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

APPENDIX 8
INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

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

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classification: 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 Ltd*	38	Associate	149,108	- 54,584	-	-	94,523	N	31/12/2021
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG*	38	Associate	577,518	- 295,480	-	-	282,038	N	31/12/2021
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	20	Associate	556,954	- 228,090	191,845	200,723	- 7,524	N	31/12/2021
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	Associate	384,959	- 14,434	263,104	230,508	32,596	N	31/08/2022
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	Subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	N	31/05/2021
City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) Limited by Guarantee	20	Associate	809,090	- 522,485	1,574,394	1,598,536	- 24,142	N	31/12/2021
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	Subsidiary	64,728	- 9,549	20,261	11,781	8,480	N	31/12/2020
Draiocht CLG.	33	Associate	946,862	- 635,055	1,254,467	1,231,170	23,297	N	31/12/2021
Drinan Enterprise Centre CLG*	33	Associate	604,276	- 469,366	-	-	-	N	31/12/2021
Fingal Community & Recreation Services limited by guarantee*	75	Subsidiary	627,834	- 575,025			-	N	31/12/2021
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	67	Subsidiary	31,341	- 31,338	-	-	-	N	31/12/2021
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	13		89,101	- 63,119	-	-	-	N	31/12/2021
Georges Square Management Limited	50	Subsidiary	186,992	- 204,470	-	-	-	N	31/12/2021
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	14		420,524	- 141,476				N	31/12/2021
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	75	Subsidiary	156,096	- 8,927	42,900	49,769	- 6,869	N	31/12/2021
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	Subsidiary	140,299	- 10,392	176,220	171,629	4,591	N	31/12/2020
Ladyswell Management CLG	50	Subsidiary	4,902	- 1,530	17,452	43,805	- 26,353	N	31/12/2021
MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED*	73	Subsidiary	5,612,913	- 5,630,295	-	-	-	N	31/12/2021
Montini Property Management Company Ltd by guarantee	43	Associate	12,175	- 1,810	6,576	6,803	- 227	N	31/12/2021
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	33	Associate	293,172	- 26,375	522,975	- 444,801	78,174	N	31/12/2021
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	33	Associate	215,738	- 57,589	197,451	- 219,879	- 22,428	N	31/12/2021
Parslickstown House Management CLG	50	Subsidiary	237,397	- 70,925	615,120	- 655,788	- 40,668	N	31/12/2021
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	Subsidiary	17,067	- 4,546	34,359	34,621	- 262	N	31/12/2021
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	20	Associate	207,221	- 47,464	172,357	- 190,647	- 18,290	N	31/12/2021
Whitestown Property Management Company CLG	33	Associate	27,841	- 794	8,550	7,630	920	N	31/12/2021

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 14b

REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2022

In accordance with Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014, the Council's Rate Collectors have prepared Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31/12/2022 indicating thereon the reasons for non-collection of rates and detailing the measures taken to collect arrears of rates.

The Schedules have been examined and certified by the Administrative Officer, Rates Department and the Head of Finance.

The following summarises the Council's rate collection figure for 2022:

Arrears 01/01/2022	€7,154,866
Accrued	€151,294,775
Adjustments	(€2,172,361)
Total for Collection	€156,277,280
Collected	€138,093,618
Waivers	€15,194,281
Arrears @ 31/12/2022	€2,989,380
Percentage collection	98%

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 15

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES AND GRANT OF WAYLEAVE

No Report

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 16

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 16a

DECLARATION OF ROADS

CARRICK COURT CLOSE, PORTMARNOCK, CO DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

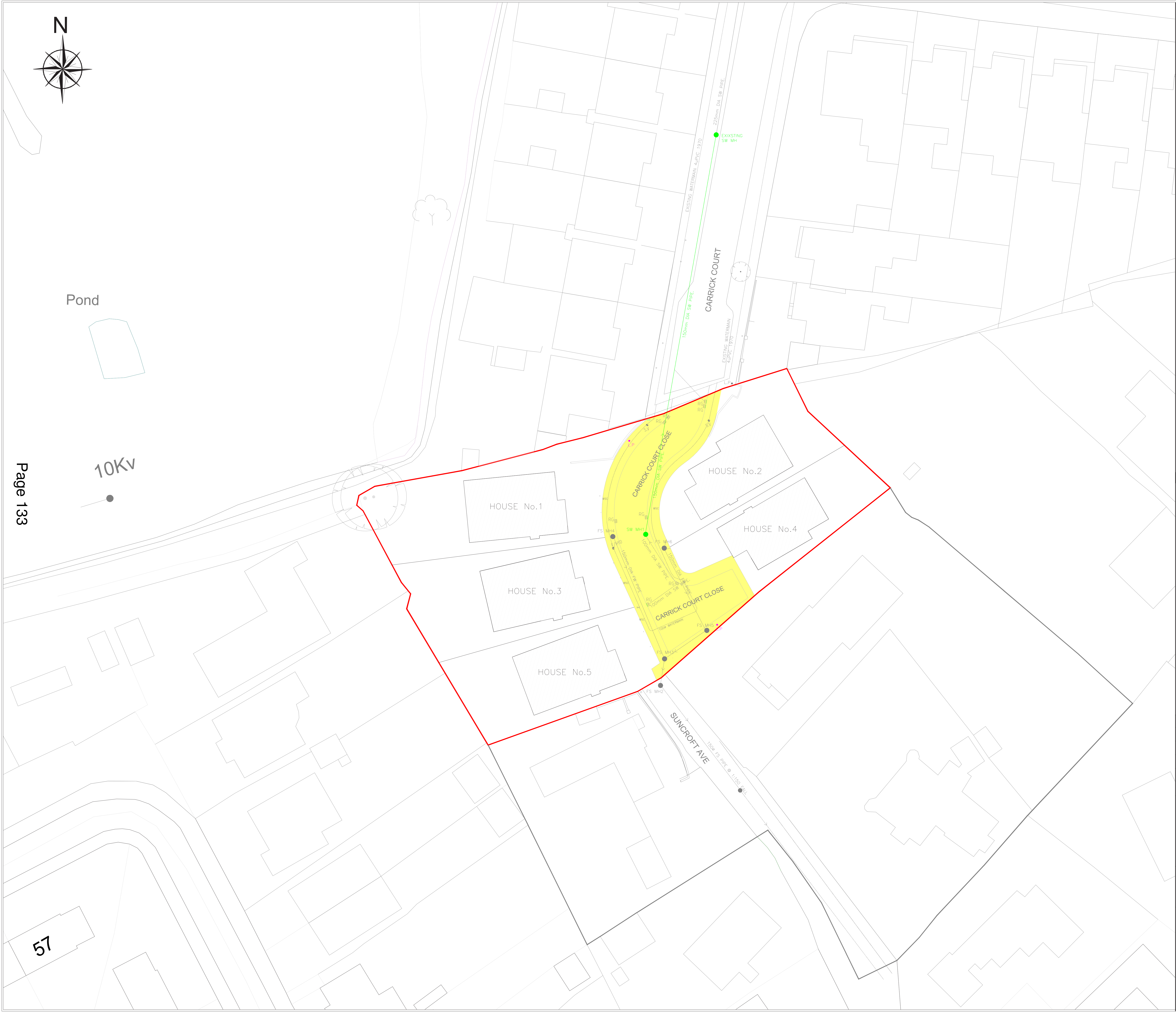
DED- Portmarnock Rural TL – Carrickhill / Burrow

Road Name	Length	Description
Carrick Court Close,	40m	From outside No.1 Carrick Court Close head South for 40m to outside No.5 Carrick Court Close to end of road and to include turning head.

Total Length of Road = 40m

No. of Units = 5

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FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
				EXIST. SW MH	2.86	1.97	
							150mm
				SW MH 01	3.30	2.50	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	Oct: 2022	SURVEYED BY:	
CHECKED BY:	Shane Harding	DRAWN BY:	F.McNeary
APPROVED BY:	Colin Gallagher.	BC .	1724
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV.	SCALE:	1:500
		OS Ref.	

ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.

SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.

LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.

WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Carrick Court Close, TL: Carrickhill/Burrow
DED: Portmarnock South

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

HYD Hydrant

Sluice Valve

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

MEETING OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday April 11th 2023

Agenda Item no. 17

PARTXI/004/22

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) for Proposed housing development of 121 dwellings, a crèche and associated site works at site in Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11

Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended):

INTRODUCTION

Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council of 121 no. dwellings, a creche, and associated site development works at Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin11.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Public Notice:
In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013, Public Notice of the Council's intention to construct these dwellings was published in the Irish Times and Irish Independent on Thursday 02nd February 2023. Three copies of the Site Notice were erected on site on the same date on site.

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

- Irish Water
- Irish Aviation Authority
- Dublin Airport Authority

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:
Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Thursday 02nd February 2023 to Friday 03rd March 2023 and submissions were accepted from Thursday 02nd February 2023 to Monday 20th March 2023, either online through the website: http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or in writing to: Director of Housing and Community, Housing Department, Fingal County Council, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are included in Appendix A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. A total of 6 submissions were received during the statutory timeframe. All submissions received have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT

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

Site location, size and zoning:
The proposed site for the development is located in the townland of Mayeston, Poppintree, Co Dublin. The site is bounded on the north by the M50, to the west by a large public landscaped space, to the south by Mayeston Downs houses and to the south and south-east by Mayeston Green and Mayeston Downs, and to the east by Silloge Green Lane.

In Fingal Development Plan 2023-29, the land has Zoning Objective: RS-Residential with the objective to "Provide for Residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" where the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".

The application site has an extent of 1.35ha, and falls approximately 2.2m from the north-west towards the south-east. The surrounding context is characterized by perimeter block apartment buildings and terraced 2-3 storey houses. There are no existing buildings on the site, apart from ground floor slabs and a road which were partially constructed circa 2008 (FCC Planning Ref: FCC 06A/1348 and F07A/1423), before the works were abandoned. Some soil heaps remain on the site as part of these works. The main part of the site to the west is fully fenced off and the eastern part of the site is overgrown with grass and scrub.

The site is accessed via the existing road network as part of the overall Mayeston estate. A carparking area is proposed to the north of the site, accessed via the existing road network from Mayeston Downs and Mayeston Green.

The development proposal:
The proposal includes;

- 121 no. apartment units comprising of 36 no. 1 beds, 73 no. 2 beds and 12 no. 3 bed units
- Five blocks proposed (A, B, C, D and E) ranging in height from 3 to 6 stories
- The provision of a creche in Block C (approx. 387 sq.m);

Mix of Dwelling Types:
The following mix of unit types is included in the proposal:

- Block A
    - 16no. 1-bedroom units,
    - 12no. 2-bedroom units,
    - 6 no. 3-bedroom units;
- Block B
    - 9 no. 1 bed units,
    - 30 no. 2 bed units;
- Block C
    - 6 no. 3 bed units,
    - creche;
- Block D
    - 8 no. 1 bed units,
    - 15 no. 2 bed units;
- Block E
    - 3 no. 1 bed units,
    - 16 no. 2 bed units,

This mix has been agreed with FCC Housing Department, based upon their assessment of housing need, the objective to achieve a balanced mix of dwelling types and size, and taking account of the location and nature of the proposed development.
5 no. of these apartments have been designed in line with guidance outlined in Universal Design Guidelines for Homes in Ireland.

The objectives of Fingal Housing Strategy 2023-2029 have also been considered in deciding upon the mix of dwellings. It is considered that the proposal will make a positive contribution to the existing dwelling mix in the locality by providing dwelling types which are not currently available.

Residential Density:
The site is currently an underutilised brownfield site in an intermediate urban location (Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments).

The area of the site available for the proposed development is 1.35ha, giving a net density of 89 units per hectare.

Public Open Space:

The subject site is located beside the public open space permitted in the parent

application for the Mayeston site (F04A/1127).

Provision for play space is included in the proposed development as per the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments - Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (December 2022), and objectives of the Fingal County Development Plan. A natural play area of minimum size of 200sq.m. is proposed which is considered acceptable. The remainder of the play space required as per the Development Plan objectives will be adequately catered for in the new playground facilities in Lanesborough Park which is within walking distance (800 metres approximately) of this residential development. These play facilities will be over 5,500 square metres in area and have Part 8 planning approval in place as part of the park improvement works for Lanesborough Park.

There is a minimum requirement of 799 sqm communal open space for the proposed development. The proposed communal amenity space is located in the large central courtyard and amounts to 1,864sq.m. which is significantly above the minimum required. This communal open space accommodates the play space referred to previously and seating areas in addition to landscaping. It is not proposed to close off the courtyard with gates and railings.

Private Amenity Space:
Areas of Private Amenity Space for each unit meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments; Guidelines for Planning Authorities; (DHPLG 2020).

Private Amenity Space is provided to the apartments in 4 different forms. At ground floor level the apartments generally have a hedged front garden with terrace. At the upper floor levels the apartments with the most exposure to the M50 have glazed winter gardens, those less exposed (Block D) have continuous balconies with some glazing to provide shelter and a degree of privacy, while those that are more sheltered facing the courtyard and the east have pop-out balconies.

Car Parking & Bicycle Storage:
A total of 90 car parking spaces are provided, based on the rates below:

1 bed apartment	0.5 per unit	18.5
2 bed apartment	0.8 per unit	57.6
3 bed apartment	1 per unit	12
Creche	0.5 per classroom	2
TOTAL		90

This achieves a balance between the differing requirements under the FDP 2017-2023 and the FDP 2023-2029, summarized below:

	FDP 2017-2023	FDP 2023-2029
1 bed apartment	1 per unit	0.5 per unit
2 bed apartment	1.5 per unit	0.5 per unit
3 bed apartment	2 per unit	1 per unit
TOTAL (EX CRECHE)	169.5	66.5

Access from parking spaces to the building entrance will comply with Part M Access and Use of the Building Regulations. 5no. disabled parking spaces have been provided close to building entrances, being 5% of the total number of bays. 10% of car spaces will have EV charging points upon completion. Provision by way of ducting will be made for electric charging points to all car spaces, to facilitate non-disruptive retro-fitting of EV charging points throughout. A drop-off bay has been provided in front of the creche. Motorbike parking spaces are also provided.

A total of 306 bike parking spaces are proposed, which significantly exceeds the requirement of 273 for residential use outlined in Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, calculated as follows:

1 bed apartment	1 per unit
2 bed apartment	2 per unit
3 bed apartment	3 per unit
Visitor	0.5 per unit

Creche staff and visitor parking is based on FDP 2023-2029 requirement of 1 long stay space per classroom and 5 visitor spaces per classroom. Short stay bike parking is located in convenient locations close to the entrance to each building. In all but one block the long-stay bike parking is located in secure internal rooms in a double-stacked arrangement. Storage rooms have been sized to accommodate this equipment. Bike stores are internal and adjacent the main entrance, apart from one external bike store adjacent Block B. Spaces for cargo bikes and bike lockers are provided in the external bike store, along with e-bike charging points.

Separation Distances:

Separation distances of minimum 22m between opposing first floor windows to neighbouring buildings is achieved between opposing faces within the development and to neighbouring properties, as per Objective DMS023. Within the development the gables of three blocks are just under 22m from the facades of the adjoining buildings. In all instances the glazing on gables is secondary and will be opal glazing to avoid overlooking.

Refuse Storage and Bins:

All apartment blocks are provided with communal bin storage areas within the footprint of the building. These rooms have been sized according to input from a local waste service

provider, and allow operation of a three-bin system of segregation i.e. black, brown & green bins, based on a once-weekly collection.

Design Standards:

The following documents have been consulted in the pre-planning design stage:

- Fingal Development Plan 2017-23 (FDP, 2017-23)
- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP, 2023-29)
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities; (DEHLG, 2007)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments; Guidelines for Planning Authorities; (DHPLG 2020)
- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas; Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DEHLG 2009)
- Recommendations for Site Development Works for Housing Areas; (DOELG 1998)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS 2019)
- Technical Guidance Documents Part A to M of the Building Regulations

It should be noted that the development went to public display under the Fingal Development Plan 2017-23, while the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 comes in to effect on Wednesday April 5th 2023.

In the interest of safeguarding standards, all units follow the minimum floor area standards and individual room space standards in Fingal Development Plan 2017-23, Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DEHLG, 2020). All units have a ground floor ceiling height of minimum 2.7m and the upper floors are in excess of 2.4m.

All units are designed to ensure that people can safely and conveniently approach and gain access to all the units in compliance with Part M.

Kitchens are located adjacent to dining and living areas. Sizes and layouts have been designed to provide adequate high- and low-level storage, worktop surface and space for appliances, optimum work sequence and efficient ducting for services.

All units meet the minimum internal storage requirement as per Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DEHLG, 2020). In units where the storage requirement is greater than 3.5sqm, it is divided into two or three locations so that none exceed 3.5sqm.
The storage provided is split between general storage accessible from circulation areas and storage provided within bedrooms.

To ensure compliance with Part E, Sound, of the Building Regulations, the form of construction will be in accordance with guidance in TGD Part E, 2014. Testing of the completed units will be carried out to demonstrate this compliance.

The site is adjacent the M50 and partially within Dublin Airport Noise Zone C. The Noise mitigation measures form an essential part of the brief for the new residential development and acoustic consultants have been appointed at the project inception. The measures outlined below address the acoustic issues on the site. A detailed acoustic assessment forms part of the planning documentation.

Detailed design of individual dwellings will ensure high levels of occupant comfort, and compliance with requirements expressed in current, relevant parts of the Building Regulations:

- Part F: Ventilation;
- Part J: Heat Producing Appliances;
- Part L: Conservation of Fuel and Energy.

The requirement for nearly zero energy buildings and renewable sources of energy will be addressed in the detailed design and construction stages.

The Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments; Guidelines for Planning Authorities; (DHPLG 2020) require that a minimum 50% of dwellings shall be dual aspect. 68% of dwellings have dual aspect. All apartments have living areas facing east, west or south to ensure adequate indoor light quality during the day.

- Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight: A Guide to Good Practice (B.R.209, 2011); and
- B.S. 8206 Lighting for Buildings, Part 2 2008: Code of Practice for Daylighting.

Landscape design:
The principal objectives of the landscape strategy are to make high quality communal amenity space for the residents and to contribute to the sustainability of the proposed development.

An overall landscape and planting proposal have been prepared and will be revised, developed and implemented at construction stage.

EIA and AA:
An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report has been prepared in order to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment.

The proposed development is below the stated thresholds requiring mandatory EIA and it has been concluded that the nature or characteristics of the proposed development there is no real likelihood of significant effects arising as a result of the proposed development; and, therefore, that environmental impact assessment and the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report is not required.

The AA screening concluded that the proposed development at the Mayeston site, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

The AA Screening and EIA Screening/Article 120 reports had regard to the policies and objectives of both the FDP 2017-2023 and FDP 2023-2029, and it remains the case that there will be no significant effects on the environment in general or on European sites specifically arising as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed development

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

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

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

Please refer to the **Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report PARTXI/004/22** in Appendix C, which concludes that:

The proposed development involves the development of an existing underutilised site, adjoining existing residential development and within the built up area of Dublin City suburbs. The development of the site would be in accordance with Objectives SS01b and PM44 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and deliver housing in proximity to existing services and facilities, would in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to place making, community infrastructure and development management standards in respect of the proposed creche and largely in respect of the apartment development. The development would provide for a good mix of residential units including universal design units.

There are strategic objectives in the FDP 2023-2029 which would be supportive of the development of the site e.g. Policy CSP2 (compact growth and regeneration), CSP14 (consolidation and re-intensification of infill/brownfield sits), CSP15 (compact growth and regeneration) and CSP18 (promotion of residential development) and CSP19 (compact, sequential and sustainable urban growth).

The Preliminary Planning Report noted a number of issues which were to be addressed at different stages; prior to public display, during detailed design and construction stage, or prior to commencement of the works on site. These issues have been addressed prior to public display, or will be addressed at the appropriate stage of the project development.

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

A total of 6no. submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

- Mayeston Green Residents Association
- Sinead Waldron
- Eamon Waldron
- Brenda Keane
- John Malone
- Laura Broscon

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

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

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

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

The draft CE report was brought before the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B - Strategic & General Matters) at their meeting on April 6th 2023.

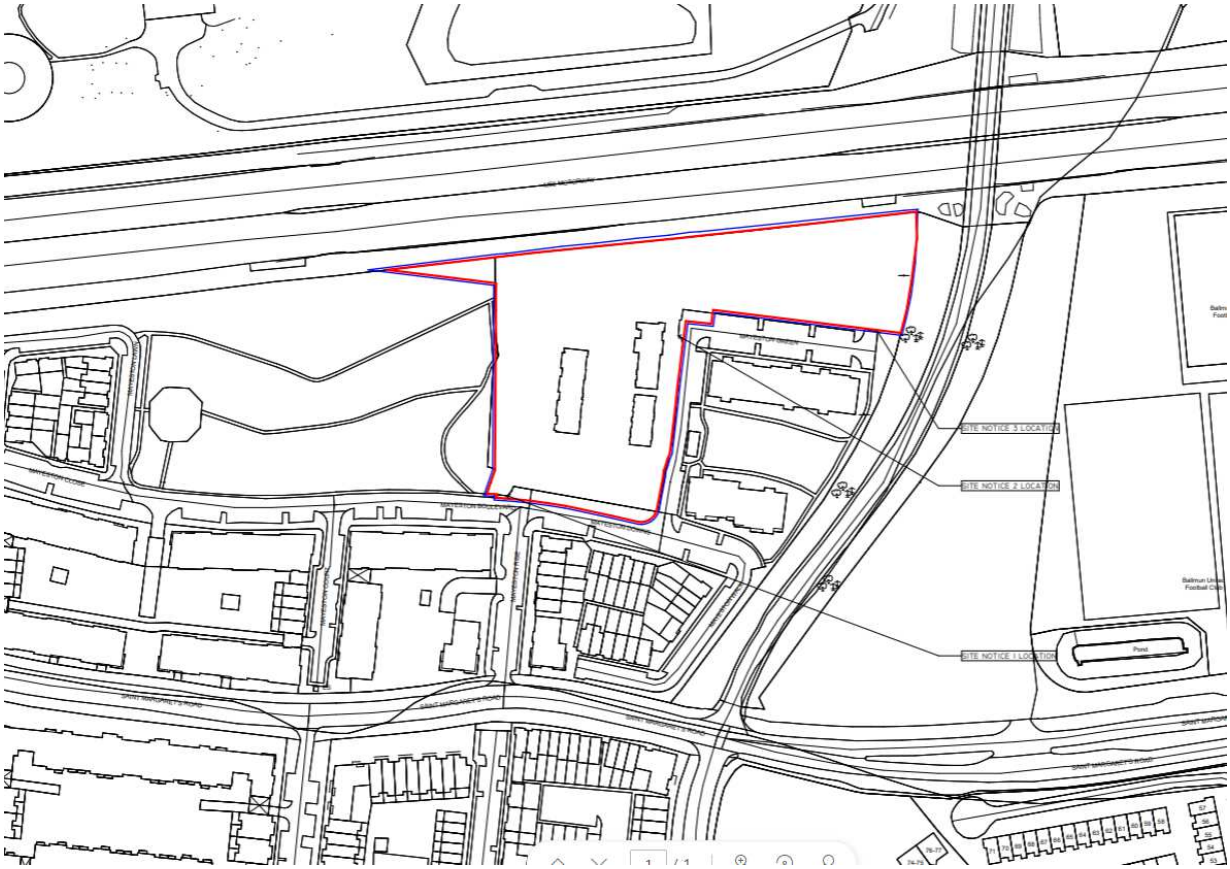
It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A and subject to the recommendations contained within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department Report included in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A:

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

No	Title	Contents
00	Notices	- Site Notice - Newspaper Notices
01	Architecture	- Architectural Report - Drawing Issue Sheet - Site Location Map - Architectural Drawing Package
02	Civil & Structural	- Civil Engineering Report - Document Issue Register - Civil Engineering Drawing Package - Swept Path Analysis Drawings
03	Mechanical & Electrical	- Sustainability Report - Courtyard Lighting Report - Public Lighting Report
04	Lifecycle Report	- Building Lifecycle Report
05	Landscape	- Landscape Report - Issue Sheet - Landscape Architecture Drawing Package
06	Ecology	- AA Screening Report - EIA Screening Report
07	Acoustics	- Noise Impact Assessment
08	Archaeology	- Archaeology Impact Assessment
09	Roaads & Traffic	- Road Safety Audit - Parking Assessment - Traffic Report
10	Air Quality	- Air Quality Report

Site Location Map



Site Layout Plan



APPENDIX B:

Summary of the issues raised in submissions and observations and the responses by the Chief Executive to same:

Issue	Response of the Chief Executive
Planning & General matters	
Concerns regarding the heights, density and daylight impacts of the proposed development.	The Sustainable Residential Density Guidelines 2009 notes the following in relation to density for public transport corridor development densities: "The State has committed very substantial investment in public transport under the Transport 21 capital programme. To maximise the return on this investment, it is important that land use planning underpins the efficiency of public transport services by sustainable settlement patterns – including higher densities – on lands within existing or planned transport corridors. The phasing of proposed major residential development in tandem with new public transport infrastructure / services (as in the case of the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone) should be considered. Walking distances from public transport nodes (e.g., stations / halts / bus stops) should be used in defining such corridors. It is recommended that increased densities should be promoted within 500 metres walking distance of a bus stop, or within 1km of a light rail stop or a rail station. The capacity of public transport (e.g., the number of train services during peak hours) should also be taken into consideration in considering appropriate densities. In general, minimum net densities of 50 dwellings per hectare, subject to appropriate design and amenity standards, should be applied within public transport corridors, with the highest densities being located at rail stations / bus stops, and decreasing with distance away from such nodes. Minimum densities should be specified in local area plans, and maximum (rather than minimum) parking standards should reflect proximity to public transport facilities." The site is within 360m of the bus stops on St. Margaret's Road and hence and thus is recommended for higher densities, in excess of the minimum 50/Ha, in the SRDUA guidelines. Densities in the area have increased of late in line with these SRDUA policies on maximizing the potential of appropriate located serviced lands. The two recent developments at Hampton Wood Square have densities of 220/Ha (completed) and 173/Ha (9 storey block nearing completion). The average density of the Mayeston estate, built in the 2000's, prior to SRDUA, is 50/Ha. The area of the proposed site is 13,468 sqm (1.35Ha), giving a net density of 90 units per hectare. The density is appropriate for the following reasons: • The increased density potential of the site with no adjacent buildings on two sides • Frontage of primarily blank/ secondary gables on the 3rd side. • The location in a public transport corridor • The scale of new and existing development in the area. • Proximity to public open space The proposal clearly demonstrates that this density can be accommodated on the site while meeting fully the design and quality criteria outlined in the SRDUA guidelines and the Fingal County Council Development Plan.

	The following guidance and standards have been considered in the design of the proposed development with regards to Daylight and Sunlight provision: • Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight: A Guide to Good Practice (B.R.209, 2011); and • B.S. 8206 Lighting for Buildings, Part 2 2008: Code of Practice for Daylighting. Building massing has been carefully considered to allow sunlight penetration to the courtyard communal amenity space, and sun studies show no significant overshadowing to neighbouring buildings. The lowest building is to the south of the site – this is 3 storey which responds to the height of nearby buildings and also allows sunlight to enter the courtyard. A 22m separation distance to existing buildings has been maintained throughout.
Concerns regarding the sustainability of the construction and operation of the proposed development.	The detailed approach to sustainability issues is included in the Building Life Cycle Report provided with the planning documentation. In particular the requirement for nearly zero energy buildings and renewable sources of energy will be addressed in the detailed design and construction stages. Detailed design of individual dwellings will ensure high levels of occupant comfort, and compliance with requirements expressed in current, relevant parts of the Building Regulations: • Part F: Ventilation; • Part J: Heat Producing Appliances; • Part L: Conservation of Fuel and Energy. An Air Quality Assessment has been carried out for the proposed development by AWN Consulting Ltd and included in the planning documentation. The assessment provided the following summary: Construction Stage When the dust mitigation measures detailed in Appendix I of this report are implemented, fugitive emissions of dust and particulate matter from the site will be negative, short-term and imperceptible in nature. There are no significant impacts on air quality predicted from construction traffic emissions. Operational Stage There are no significant impacts expected as a result of the operational phase of the proposed development
Concerns regarding provision of facilities in the area	The Architect's Report in the planning documentation included a section on sustainable community proofing: The site lies approximately 80mm from the R104 regional road (St Margarets Road), approximately 350m from convenience shops in Hampton Wood, 1.4km from Charlestown centre with its shopping and entertainment facilities and 1.7km from Ballymun with its community and shopping facilities. There are numerous recreational activities in the environs including Ballymun United soccer pitches (450m), Poppintree Community Sports centre (1.2km), Lanesborough Park (850m), Poppintree Park (1km) and Sillogue Park Golf Club (2.6km). The site lies within a mixed tenure, mixed income neighborhood. It is generally accepted that 400m (5-minute walk) to 800m (a ten minute

	walk) represents the 'pedshed' - a suitable distance from which residents should be able to access local services and convenience shopping. (Ref Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities pages 7, 31) Within 400m (5 minutes' walk) - Hampton Wood Spar - Ballymun Utd Football Pitch 400 to 800m (10 minutes' walk) - Poppintree Community Sports Centre - Poppintree Early Education Centre - PALS Preschool - Finglas Cricket Club - Poppintree Centra and Pharmacy - IKEA 800 to 1200m (20 minutes' walk) - Future Metro North Station (Northwood) - St Josephs National School - Poppintree Community Sports Centre - Meakstown Shopping Centre - Melville Medical Centre - Charlestown Centre The site has good public transport connectivity. The site is located 80m from R108 St Margarets Road which is served by Dublin Bus route 140 (15-minute intervals off-peak, on the F Spine of the Bus Connects Strategy) at a distance of 360m to the further stop. And by the 155 which terminates at IKEA 700m away (20-minute intervals off-peak using the E Spine) and the 13 bus at Balbutcher Lane 600m away. Given its proximity to retail, cultural, educational, recreational, healthcare facilities and public transport, along with its status as an established and planned residential neighbourhood the development of the site for housing would contribute to the creation of sustainable mixed communities in accordance with national and local statutory planning policy and raises no concerns as to sustainable community proofing. A creche is proposed and associated outdoor play area is proposed as part of the development, following an analysis of nearby facilities noted a shortage of available spaces, as per Objectives PM74, 75, 76 and DMS94 of the 2017-2023 Fingal Development Plan. The creche is located to the south of the site, away from the M50 noise, and with a south-facing sheltered play space. This location also facilitates the use of public transport and active mobility by being at the most accessible part of the site, with a drop-off area and bike parking immediately adjacent.
Concerns regarding anti-social behaviour	The safety, security and privacy of residents has been achieved in the building design, with reference to guidance outlined in the Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments, summarised below. These measures will discourage anti-social behaviour by creating a sense of an active, friendly, neighbourhood. The apartment design will provide occupants and their visitors with a sense of safety and security, by maximising natural surveillance of streets, open spaces, play areas and any surface bicycle or car parking. Accordingly, blocks and buildings will overlook the public realm. Entrance points will be clearly indicated, well lit, and overlooked by adjoining dwellings. Particular attention will be given to the security of ground floor apartments and access to internal and external communal areas.

	Where ground floor apartments are located adjoining the back of a public footpath or some other public area, consideration will be given to the provision of a 'privacy strip' of approximately 1.5m in depth. This will be influenced by the design, scale and orientation of the building and on the nature of the street or public area and if provided, subject to appropriate landscape design and boundary treatment.
Transport, Roads and Infrastructure matters	
Concerns regarding road safety issues and increased traffic associated with the proposed development.	A Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit, Parking Assessment and Traffic Report has been prepared by Roadplan Consulting and included in the planning documentation. The Road Safety Audit identified three recommendations to be developed at detailed design stage. This includes: • Ensure that adequate visibility splays are provided at the junction of Mayeston Green with Mayeston Downs. • Ensure that tactile paving and dropped kerbs are provided at all footpath/cycleway crossing points throughout the development and ensure that continuity of footpaths is preserved so that residents do not have to walk through parked cars to cross the roadways. • Provide measures to ensure clear priority at all internal junctions. The Parking Assessment notes that car parking provision is being provided in excess of the 2023-2029 Fingal Development Plan. The report concludes: "It is considered that proposed car and bicycle parking will be sufficient to accommodate the need of residents and creche occupants." The Traffic Report makes the following conclusions regarding the proposed development: • The development flows to and from the proposed residential development have been predicted using the TRICS database. • The TRICS database indicates that the residential development will generate an additional 167 trips during the AM peak hour and an additional 140 trips during the PM peak hour. • The proposed development will provide 90 parking spaces to cater for the parking demand. Facilities for pedestrians are included in the internal layout. • Sightlines at the existing Mayeston Rise / R104 St Margaret's Road priority junction are in compliance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads & Street. A large amount of secure bike parking spaces has been included, along with motorbike parking, EV charging points for cars and electric bikes/scooters. 5 no. Accessible parking spaces are included, along with set down areas closest to building entrances. Soft landscaping is proposed to the large carparking. These proposals aim to make a user-friendly, safe and secure environment for all residents in the area.
Parks and Landscape matters	
Concerns regarding the destruction of habitats and wildlife protection.	An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Report and Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA) Report has been prepared in order to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the environment. The AA screening concluded that the proposed development at the Mayeston site, individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. This conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account

	mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites The proposed development is below the stated thresholds requiring mandatory EIA and it has been concluded that the nature or characteristics of the proposed development there is no real likelihood of significant effects arising as a result of the proposed development; and, therefore, that environmental impact assessment and the preparation of an environmental impact assessment report is not required. The EIA Screening report specifically addresses biodiversity on the site: • The proposed development site is not under any wildlife or conservation designation. • No rare habitats or habitats of significant ecological value (i.e. International or National) are present at the site and no rare plants were recorded during the survey undertaken. • There are no features suitable for use by roosting bats within the site, even on an occasional basis and overall the site is of only very low suitability for foraging and commuting bats. No evidence of otter was recorded and the site is entirely unsuitable for the species. • Evidence of fox activity was noted, however no other evidence of large mammals, such as badger was recorded during the surveys carried out. • None of the habitats or features present on the site are Qualifying Interests/Special Conservation Interests in any European site within the Zone of Influence and none of these Qualifying Interests/Special Conservation Interests are present on the site. • Overall the site of the proposed development is of Local (lower Value) importance, as defined by the ecological resource valuations presented in the National Roads Authority/Transport Infrastructure Ireland Guidelines for Assessment of Ecological Impacts of National Road Schemes (NRA/TII, 2009 (Rev. 2)) • The proposed landscape design will increase the quantum of vegetation on the site. The landscaping plan allows for native species to be planted. • Vegetation clearance will be carried out outside of the bird nesting season (1 March – 31 August, • inclusive) unless where strictly necessary – in which case, a survey for nesting birds will be carried out to ensure no impacts on breeding birds. • A pre-construction survey for invasive alien plant species (IAPS) will be carried out prior to works. • The construction phase of the proposed development will result in typical construction phase effects such as elevated noise levels and lighting that could potentially result in disturbance of wildlife in the surrounding environment. However, considering the high urbanised and disturbed context at present, the proposed works are only expected to result in marginal change in this regard – with no significant ecological impacts likely to occur. The section of the report concludes: “No likely significant effects are predicted in relation to biodiversity, including to species and habitats protected under the Habitats and Birds Directive”

APPENDIX C:

Fingal County Council: Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report PARTXI/004/22

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference: Part XI/004/22

Proposed Development: Stage 1B for the proposed development of 121 no. apartments, creche and associated site works.

Location: Mayeston, Poppintree,

Proposing Department: Architects Department

Application Type: Part XI/ Part 8

Site Location

The subject site, of stated area 1.29 ha is located in the townland of Mayeston, Poppintree and is bound to the north by the M50, to the west by a large public landscaped area, to the south by Mayeston Downs dwellings and to the south and south-east by Mayeston Green and Mayeston Downs, and to the east by Sillogue Green Lane.

The site falls approximately from the north-west towards the south-east. The surrounding context is characterised by perimeter block apartment buildings and terraced 2-3 storey houses. There are no existing buildings on the site apart from ground floor slabs and a road which were partially constructed circa 2008 (FCC Planning Ref. F06A/1348 and F07A/1423.). Some soil heaps remain on the site as part of these works. The main part of the site to the west is fully fenced off and the eastern part of the site is overgrown grass and scrub.

The site is accessed via the existing road network as part of the overall Mayeston estate. A car parking area is proposed to the north of the site, accessed via the existing road network from Mayeston Downs and Mayeston Green.

Proposed Development

The proposal includes;

- 121 no. apartment units comprising of 36 no. 1 beds, 73 no. 2 beds and 12 no. 3 bed units.
- Five blocks proposed (A, B, C, D and E) ranging in height from 3 to 6 stories.
- The provision of a creche in Block C (approx. 387sq.m);

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Zoning Objective

The site is zoned 'RS' with the objective to "Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity" where the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".

Both residential and childcare are permitted in principle within this zoning objective.

Strategic

Objective SS01b

Consolidate within the existing urban footprint, by ensuring of 50% of all new homes within or contiguous to the built up area of Dublin City and Suburbs and 30% of all new homes are targeted within the existing built-up areas to achieve compact growth of urban settlements, as advocated by the RSES.

Objective PM44

Encourage and promote the development of underutilised infill, corner and backland sites in existing residential areas subject to the character of the area and environment being protected.

Dublin Airport Noise Zones

Part of the northern area of the site is contained within Noise Zone C, while the remainder of the site is located within Noise Zone D.

Apartment Development

Apartment developments should be of high-quality design and site layout having due regard to the character and amenities of the area. All apartment developments shall accord with or exceed all aspects of Government Guidelines in relation to residential development best practice, including 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' (2007 & 2015) and 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas' (2009) and provisions of Tables 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3 - Dwelling and Apartment Standards set out in Chapter 12 Development Management Standards.

Objective PM42

Implement the policies and objectives of the Minster in respect of 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines' (December 2018) and Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments (March, 2018) issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended.

Objective PM43

Have regard to 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments' (2007) (or any update or revision of these standards) when assessing apartment developments.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can best be defined as offering a 'total' solution to rainwater management and must be included in all new developments. Properly designed and located SuDS features can be incorporated within and can complement the amenity and aesthetic value of open spaces. SuDS areas do not form part of the public open space provision, except where they contribute in a significant way to the design and quality of open space as defined by the Planning Authority.

Objective DMS16

Promote and encourage the use of green walls and roofs for new developments that demonstrate benefits in terms of SuDS as part of an integrated approach to green infrastructure provision.

Objective SW04

Require the use of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) to minimise and limit the extent of hard surfacing and paving and require the use of sustainable drainage techniques where appropriate, for new development or for extensions to existing developments, in order to reduce the potential impact of existing and predicted flooding risks.

Objective SW06

Encourage the use of Green Roofs particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings.

Objective DMS16 Promote and encourage the use of green walls and roofs for new developments that demonstrate benefits in terms of SuDS as part of an integrated approach to green infrastructure provision.

DMS73 Ensure as far as practical that the design of SuDS enhances the quality of open spaces. SuDS do not form part of the public open space provision, except where it contributes in a significant and positive way to the design and quality of open space. In instances where the Council determines that SuDS make a significant and positive contribution to open space, a maximum 10% of open space provision shall be taken up by SuDS. The Council will give consideration to the provision of SuDS on existing open space, where appropriate.

Green Infrastructure – Chapter 8

The Council has identified a number of key Green Infrastructure (GI) themes. These are:

- Biodiversity,
- Parks, Open Space and Recreation,
- Sustainable Water Management, Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Archaeological and Architectural Heritage,
- Landscape

Objective GI26

Maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open space and recreational provision, both passive and active by integrating existing facilities with proposals for new development and by seeking to upgrade existing facilities where appropriate.

Community Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

As a general principle, the location and provision of community facilities is a prerequisite to the creation and enhancement of viable, sustainable and successful local communities.

Objective PM74

Encourage the provision of childcare facilities in appropriate locations, including residential areas, town and local centres, areas of employment and areas close to public transport nodes.

Objective PM75

Ensure that childcare facilities are accommodated in appropriate premises, suitably located and with sufficient open space in accordance with the *Childcare (Pre-School) Services) (No. 2) Regulations 2006*.

Objective PM76

Require as part of planning applications for new residential and commercial developments that provision be made for appropriate purpose built childcare facilities where such facilities are deemed necessary by the Planning Authority.

Objective DMS93

Any application for community facilities such as leisure facilities, sports grounds, playing fields, play areas, community halls, organisational meeting facilities, medical facilities, childcare facilities, new school provision and other community orientated developments, shall have regard to the following:

- Overall need in terms of necessity, deficiency, and opportunity to enhance or develop local or County facilities.
- Practicalities of site in terms of site location relating to uses, impact on local amenities, desirability, and accessibility.
- Conformity with the requirements of appropriate legislative guidelines.

Objective DMS94

Any application for childcare facilities shall have regard to the following:

- Suitability of the site for the type and size of facility proposed.
- Adequate sleeping/rest facilities.
- Adequate availability of indoor and outdoor play space.
- Convenience to public transport nodes.
- Safe access and convenient off-street car parking and/or suitable drop-off and collection points for customers and staff.
- Local traffic conditions.
- Intended hours of operation.

Applications for childcare facilities in existing residential areas will be treated on their own merits, having regard to the likely effect on the amenities of adjoining properties, and compliance with the above criteria. Detached houses or substantial semi-detached properties are most suitable for the provision of full day care facilities. For new residential developments, the most suitable facility for the provision of full day care should be a purpose built, ground floor, stand-alone property.

Development Management Standards

The development management standards considered to be of particular relevance to this proposal are as follows:

Objective DMS03

Submit a detailed design statement for developments in excess of 5 residential units in urban areas.

Objective DMS03a

Submit a detailed statement for developments on land zoned residential or mixed use, in excess of 100 residential units outlining:

- Compliance with the sequential approach in relation to development of the area, Potential for sustainable compact growth,
- The scale of employment provision and commuting flows,
- Extent of local services provision i.e. administration, education- particularly third level, health, retail and amenities,
- Transport accessibility,
- Environmental sensitivities, resources and assets and,
- Current and planned infrastructure capacity

Objective DMS18

Locate, where possible, new utility structures such as electricity substations and telecommunication equipment cabinets, not adjacent to or forward of the front building line of buildings or on areas of open space.

Objective DMS20

Require the provision of a minimum of 50% of apartments in any apartment scheme are dual aspect.

Objective DMS 21

Allow a reduced percentage of dual aspect apartments only in circumstances where it is necessary to ensure good street frontage and subject to high quality design. In no instance will the provision be less than 33% of the number of apartments in the scheme.

Objective DMS24

New residential units comply with or exceed minimum standards as set out by the CDP.

Objective DMS25
The majority of all apartments in schemes in excess of 100 units exceed minimum standards by a minimum of 10%.

Objective DMS28
A minimum separation distance of 22 metres between directly opposing rear first floor windows shall generally be observed. In developments over 3 storeys, minimum separation distances shall be increased in instances where overlooking or overshadowing occurs.

Objective DMS30
Ensure all new residential units comply with the recommendations of Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight: A Guide to Good Practice (B.R.209, 2011) and B.S. 8206 Lighting for Buildings, Part 2 2008: Code of Practice for Daylighting or other updated relevant documents.

Objective DMS33
Require properly constituted management companies in apartment type schemes are set up and necessary management structures are put in place for the benefit of the residents

Objective DMS34
Provide in high density apartment type schemes in excess of 100 units facilities for the communal use of residents as deemed appropriate by the Council.

Objective DMS35
Require the provision of communal laundry rooms and storage facilities in high density apartment type developments where deemed appropriate.

Objective DMS36
Ensure all new residential schemes include appropriate design measures for refuse storage areas, details of which should be clearly shown at pre-planning and planning application stage

Objective DMS57 Require a minimum public open space provision of 2.5 hectares per 1000 population.

Objective DMS57A
Require a minimum 10% of a proposed development site area be designated for use as public open space

Objective DMS72
Encourage the use of green roofs as amenity space.

Objective DMS75
Provide appropriately scaled children's playground facilities within residential development. Playground facilities shall be provided at a rate of 4 sq. m per residential unit. All residential schemes in excess of 50 units shall incorporate playground facilities.

Objective DMS79
Require the use of native planting where appropriate in new developments in consultation with the Council.

Objective DMS89
Require private balconies, roof terraces or winter gardens for all apartments and duplexes comply with or exceed the minimum standards set out in Table 12.6.

Objective DMS90
Require balconies, ground floor private open space, roof terraces or winter gardens be suitably screened in a manner complimenting the design of the building so as to provide an adequate level of privacy and shelter for residents.

Objective DMS91
Require communal amenity space within apartment developments, in the form of semiprivate zones such as secluded retreats and sitting out areas, complies with or exceeds the minimum standards set out in Table 12.6.

Objective DMS92
Permit in appropriate layouts (e.g. courtyard layouts) the provision of a combination of private and semi-private open spaces.

Planning History

There were a number of relevant planning applications as set out below for the subject site.

F04A/1127 Permission sought for 423 no. residential units, comprising 119 no. terraced houses ranging in height from 2 to 3 storeys in the following mix: 20 no. 2 beds, 73 no. 3 beds and 26 no. 4 beds and 304 no. Apartments located in 5 separate blocks within the scheme ranging in height from 3 to 6 storeys in the following mix: 86 no. 1 beds, 189 no. 2 beds, 29 no. 3 beds: 688 no. Car parking spaces (331 no. At basement and 357 no. at surface level): a crèche measuring 219 sq.m. and two stories in height: Site development works including the construction of 2 vehicular access points and traffic management improvement works on St. Margaret's Road and all associated infrastructure, internal circulation roads and landscaping works, including the provision of open space required to facilitate the development all on a site of approx. 7.84 Hectares. Permission Granted for 373 no. dwellings.

F06A/1348 - Construct a residential development of 136 no. units consisting of 42 no. 1 bed apartments, 89 no. 2 bed apartments and 5 no. 3 bed apartments within 2 no. 4 storey blocks and 1 no. 3 storey block and all site development works on a plot with a

nett area of 1.43 hectares excluding Class 1 public open space on an overall site area of 7.84 hectares. The overall site has the benefit of permission Reg. Ref. F04A/1127, and this current application is being submitted in response to Condition No. 18 of that permission relating to Cell 2 and 3 of the original application. The site is bounded to the north by the M50 motorway, to the south by Mayestown Downs, to the east by Silogue Lane and to the west by public open space. Access to the development will be provided from St. Margaret's Road through the existing Mayeston Hall development. Permission Granted. This permission authorised 88 no. apartments and 1 no. creche.

F06A/1348/E1 – An extension of duration was Granted which expired on the 16th May 2017.

F07A/1423 - Construct a 2 storey creche building with a floor area of 358.2 sq.m. located at No. 9 Mayestown Grove which forms part of the overall Mayestown Hall development. This proposed creche is a redesign that will replace the creche building as granted in the same location under Reg. Ref.: F06A/1348. Permission Granted.

Pre-Application Consultations

Pre-application discussions were undertaken with the Architects Department in June 2022.

Departmental reports

Water Services Department: A report was received from Water Services which addresses flood risk, surface water drainage, foul sewer and water services infrastructure within the site. There is no objection raised to the proposed development subject to a number of conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure Department: A report has been received which addresses play provision and landscaping and indicates that there is no objection to the proposed development.

Transportation Planning: Report received which covers a broad range of issues and it concludes with a number of revisions to the site layout prior to initiating the Part XI/8 procedure.

Community Archaeologist: no report at time of writing.

Environmental Health; no report at time of writing.

Assessment

The proposed scheme has been considered in the context of the following issues:

- Drawings Prepared;
- Zoning of Site and Principle of Development;
- Layout and Design;
- Integration with and impact on the amenity of area;

- Noise Assessment
- Transportation considerations;
- Water Services considerations;
- Archaeological considerations;
- Appropriate Assessment screening;
- Environmental Impact Assessment screening.

Drawings Prepared

It is recommended that for the next stage of the Part XI, elevations of all the blocks should be submitted, as well as a floor plan and elevations of the proposed external bicycle store to the south of Block B.

Zoning of Site and Principle of Development

The Part XI scheme is proposed on RS- Residential zoned land where the objective is to *"Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity"* and the vision is to "Ensure that any new development in existing areas would have a minimal impact on and enhance existing residential amenity".

The proposed scheme comprises apartments and a creche and associated infrastructure. The proposal relates to an infill site with existing 2 and 3 storey apartments and houses adjoining the site. The proposed scheme is consistent with the zoning objective and would support the achievement of the above objectives which relate to this area. It would also comply with Objective SS01b in terms of delivering additional residential development within the built up area of Dublin City and suburbs and Objective PM44 in respect of promoting the development of an underutilized infill site in an existing residential area.

Layout and Design

The site layout and design of the scheme have been developed having regard to the site context and constraints, including the proximity of the M50 to the north of the site and the need to ensure appropriate noise mitigation measures; adjoining existing development to the east of the site.

The main body of the scheme comprises of four blocks (Blocks A, B, C and D) which are arranged around a central courtyard and occupy the main part of the site between Mayeston Green and the park, while Block E is placed in the narrower part of the site to the north. A 30m setback distance is achieved to the existing trees on M50 lands, with the majority of the car parking to serve the scheme located along the northern part of the site. While this results in a large grouped area of car parking, it is noted that landscaping has been incorporated into the space. Furthermore, in light of the noise assessment carried out and noise levels observed on the site, the use of this area of the site where noise levels are high for parking is considered a satisfactory design response.

The blocks vary in height in relation to the context of the site – Block A is 6 stories and located to the north of the site which screens the M50 and causes no loss of sunlight to the central space. Block D is a 4 storey block which addresses the park in addition to Block

A. Block B is a 5 storey block and is considered appropriate at this location as the existing 3 storey block opposite has a gable end which contains 6 small opes comprising bathroom windows and secondary windows to the living space. Block C is a 3 storey block located to the south of the site which reflects the 2 and 3 storey houses opposite and the adjacent 3-storey apartments. Block E is a four storey block located in the northern part of the site.

A creche of c. 387 sq m is proposed at ground floor level of Block C located to the south of the site away from the M50 and incorporates a covered play area to the southern side onto which open the principal rooms. The location of the creche facilitates the use of public transport and active mobility at the most accessible part of the site, with a drop-off area and bicycle parking immediately adjacent.

Note: There appears to be a discrepancy on drawing no red 2214.02PIB block B regarding window elevations. This is minor and is captured correctly on other drawings. Nonetheless from clarity it should be corrected.

Mix of Units

The proposal comprises 121 apartment units comprising 36 no. 1 bed units, 73 no. 2 bed units and 12 no. 3 bed units, arranged as follows:

	No. of Storeys	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed/3bed duplex	Total Units
Block A	6	16	12	6	
Block B	5	9	30		
Block C	3			6	
Block D	4	8	15		
Block E	4	3	16		
Total		**36**	**73**	**12**	**121**

5 no. universal design apartments are included in the scheme. The mix of units proposed is considered acceptable.

The design statement outlines compliance with quantitative standards to ensure compliance with the apartment guidelines and the current Fingal Development Plan, in relation to floor areas and private open space provision. A total of eight unit types are proposed for the development. The internal circulation of the buildings has been well designed with access corridors generally served by windows.

All apartment blocks have communal bin storage areas within the footprint of the building, with a three bin system of segregation.

73% of units are dual aspect, and all apartments have living areas facing east, west or south to ensure adequate indoor light quality during the day. Ground floor units have a minimum ceiling height of 2.7 m and the upper floors are in excess of 2.4m. These criteria

comply with the standards set out in the 'Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities' and Fingal County Development Plan.

The mix of finishes comprises of mineral painted render in earthy colours, windows are of vertical proportion and will be aluminium with a bronze external colour to match the colour of the rainwater goods, balconies and acoustic screens. The proposed acoustic screens are of glazed finish. A Building Lifecycle Report has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the 'Design Standards for New Apartments Guidelines for Planning Authorities'.

Open Space and Play Provision

The subject site is located beside the public open space permitted in the parent application for the Mayeston site (F04A/1127).

Provision for play space is included in the proposed development as per the 'Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments - Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (December 2022), and objectives of the Fingal County Development Plan. A natural play area of minimum size of 200sq.m. is proposed which is considered acceptable. The remainder of the play space required as per the Development Plan objectives will be adequately catered for in the new playground facilities in Lanesborough Park which is within walking distance (800 metres approximately) of this residential development. These play facilities will be over 5,500 square metres in area and have Part 8 planning approval in place as part of the park improvement works for Lanesborough Park.

There is a minimum requirement of 799 sqm communal open space for the proposed development. The proposed communal amenity space is located in the large central courtyard and amounts to 1,864sq.m. which is significantly above the minimum required. This communal open space accommodates the play space referred to previously and seating areas in addition to landscaping. It is not proposed to close off the courtyard with gates and railings.

Landscaping and Boundary Treatment

The site is currently surrounded by palisade fencing which will be removed. To the northern boundary a new 2.4 m high acoustic fence is proposed to mitigate noise from the motorway. Existing planting on the M50 side of the boundary will be unaffected, with the retention of as much of the established perimeter planting on the site, with new planting to the car park area.

A revised landscape plan should be prepared prior to the commencement of works on site to address the following:

- The proposed entrances/links to the public open space adjacent to this development.
- Boundary treatment to be provided along the western boundary of the site in order to clearly separate the public open space from this apartment complex. This boundary shall include a native hedge as opposed to a Beech hedge.

- Full details of the natural play area in accordance with BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177.
- A street tree planting plan including a constructed tree pit details. These trees shall be planted in constructed tree pits of a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres. The street tree plan shall indicate underground services, lamp standards and other street furniture e.g. signage, to ensure that there is no conflict between street trees provision and other roads' infrastructure.
- Proposed tree planting shall comply with 'Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal' in particular in terms of planting distances from lamp standards and minimum widths for grass margins containing trees. (Lamp standards shall not be located within 7 metres of proposed street trees.)
- Tree species *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire' should be substituted with a lower maintenance tree such as *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon'.

A management and maintenance plan for the landscaped areas is required. In particular this plan should clearly state the maintenance and inspection requirements for the play facilities as well as the SuDS maintenance schedule (short-long term maintenance requirements).

Noise Assessment

The subject site is located to the south of the M50. In relation to Dublin Airport the northern part of the site is located within Noise Zone C, with the remainder of the site within Noise Zone D.

AWN Consulting were commissioned to carry out a study in relation to the potential inward noise impact on the proposed development. A noise survey and review of published noise maps was undertaken to determine baseline noise environment. The site has been classified as having a range of noise levels associated with a 'Medium to High Risk' of noise impacts based on the proximity to the M50 road. The report also refers to the airport noise zones which relate to the site.

Detailed mitigation measures for some facades have been specified for building elements where necessary to ensure that when windows are closed good internal noise levels will be achieved. For all other facades standard double glazed systems will provide sufficient attenuation to external noise. Proposed mitigation measures in the form of noise barriers will ensure that most of the outdoor amenity space will have acceptable noise levels. The noise barrier on the design plans will be required to screen road traffic noise levels from the M50 from amenity space located between Blocks A, B, C, and D. In addition to this mitigation measure, a minimum sound insulation specification on building elements have been provided for key facades to ensure that the internal noise levels will be within the recommended criteria with windows closed.

For most of the site the noise levels in external amenity areas will be within the threshold for desirably low noise levels as set out in the Noise Action Plan.

Energy

A Sustainability Report has been prepared for the proposed development which addresses, inter alia, renewable energy requirements. A number of technologies have been considered for the development. It is stated that these will be analysed in the detailed design phase to ensure that the required renewable energy targets can be achieved in the development. It is stated that a decentralised heat pump scheme with supplementary photovoltaic would be the most practical option for meeting the renewable energy requirements. The documentation prepared is acceptable in the context of Objective EN09 of the Fingal County Development Plan. Consultation should be held with the Irish Aviation Authority/Dublin Airport Authority during the detailed design stage if it is proposed to install photovoltaic panels.

Integration with and impact on the amenity of the area

A 3 storey block (Block C) and a 5 storey block (Block B) are proposed to face Mayeston Green. To the east of the proposed five storey block is an existing 3 storey apartment block with six windows located on the western elevation of this block. Balconies are proposed on the 1st-5th floors of the eastern elevation of Block B, with a separation distance of 22 metres achieved between existing and proposed blocks. Objective DMS28 requires a minimum of 22 metres separation distance between directly opposing windows which should be increased where blocks are over 3 storeys (unless alternative acceptable design measures are incorporated to protect privacy). The balconies to Block B which face Mayeston Green have a high opal glass screen on the northern side to provide privacy and noise abatement, and the balustrades are of opal glass to provide privacy. There is a separation distance of c.24m between Block D and the existing dwellings on Mayeston Downs, and c.29m from Block C to the opposing dwellings. A separation distance of c.16.8 m is achieved between Block C and the existing 3 storey development to the east. Reduced fenestration has been proposed on the eastern elevation of Block C with no windows serving living areas.

Internal overlooking

Opal windows are proposed to address overlooking between blocks, with separation distances as follows:
Block A to Block B – c.15m
Block A to Block D – 17.9 m
Block B to Block C – 22 m
Block C to Block D – 10m – no windows proposed on the western elevation of Block C.

The proposed opal windows are to serve living rooms and are north or east facing, however there are additional windows to serve these living rooms which are south or west facing.

Private amenity space

This is provided in four different forms. At ground floor level the apartments generally have a hedged front garden with terrace. At the upper floor levels the apartments with the most exposure to the M50 have glazed winter gardens, those less exposed (Block D) have continuous balconies with some glazing to provide shelter and a level of privacy,

and those that are more sheltered facing the courtyard and the east have pop-out balconies. Block C has large terraces to the front and rear of each unit, with large glazed privacy screens on the southern side.

Areas of private amenity space exceed the minimum requirements for each unit and are accessible from living areas.

The following guidance and standards have been considered in the design of the proposed development:
• Site Layout Planning for Daylight and Sunlight: A Guide to Good Practice (B.R.209, 2011); and
• B.S. 8206 Lighting for Buildings, Part 2 2008: Code of Practice for Daylighting.

Building massing has been considered to allow sunlight penetration to the courtyard communal amenity space. A Sun study drawing has been submitted for the months of December, March and June and these show no significant overshadowing to neighbouring buildings

The proposed site is located adjacent to a park on its western side with a 4 and 6 storey block overlooking this area. New connections are proposed directly from the courtyard and from the parking area to the park. New steps are proposed to the north of Block A to provide a pedestrian link, while a new paving area will provide level access for pedestrians into the park. These measures are welcomed.

As detailed in the noise assessment report, acoustic screens are proposed within the scheme – one to be located between Blocks A and B, one between Blocks A and D and new acoustic fencing to the M50 boundary.

It is considered given the infill urban context of the site in proximity to the M50 and having regard to existing adjoining residential development, the design and layout of the proposed scheme is considered to sufficiently address the site constraints. The site is zoned RS and the proposal as presented will accord with the zoning of same. The proposed development has been designed to address the residential amenity of existing and future residents. The site will utilise an existing derelict site and provide much needed residential development on a zoned and serviced site and provide a childcare facility to serve the community.

It is not considered that the proposal will impact negatively on the visual amenity of the area as it will assimilate into the existing environment.

Transportation Considerations

The proposed development is located in a 30/50km/hr speed limit. It would be accessed from St Margaret's Road via Mayeston Downs/Green.

The main car parking area is located to the north of the site (79 no. total) with a further 11 on-street parking spaces available on Mayeston Green. Landscaping has been

incorporated to break up the grouped parking areas. The main parking area is accessed with a new entrance off the existing roadway to Mayeston Green. A total of 90 no. car parking spaces are provided based on the rates below:

1 bed apartment – 0.5 per unit –	18.5
2 bed apartment – 0.8 per unit -	57.6
3 bed apartment – 1 per unit -	12
Creche – 0.5 per classroom -	2

306 no. cycle parking spaces are proposed with all located within the building footprint of each block apart from Block B which has an external building to the south of the block. No details have been provided of this building in terms of floor plan or elevations.

Traffic Assessment

The proposed development is below the threshold for a traffic assessment (TA) and a TA is not considered necessary, but a Transport Statement should be provided.

Internal road Layout

The overall parking layout is predominantly made up of surface parking. However, the parking areas are broken up with landscaping. There is scope to extend the landscaped areas as buildouts in the road to act as traffic calming measures reducing the road width down at theses build-out locations throughout the parking area and still accommodate the emergency service vehicles.

The internal road layout is generally in accordance with the principals of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

The set-down for the creche should be reserved for the exclusive use of the creche during the creches operating hours. Appropriate signage and lining should be implemented to ensure the availability of these spaces for the creche. A low-level kerb shall be utilised on the outside of the set-down area to ensure turning manoeuvres that utilise the vacated parking space cannot be carried out and that access to and from the set-down area is carried out in a forward gear.

The two disabled parking spaces provided near the junction of Mayestown Down and the green would obstruct visibility at this junction and should be relocated.

The junction of Mayeston Green and Mayeston Downs should be redesigned to include reducing the radii on both sides of the road if possible.

Parking

The development would have 90 car parking spaces, mainly on the north side of the site and the east of the site. The Transporting Planning Section has agreed the parking rates to be applied for this location as detailed in the Parking Assessment Report as the development is located between future Metro, Luas and Ballymun Bus Connects.

Motorcycle parking should be provided to meet the requirements of any development.

Creche

There are only 2 set-down spaces to facilitate drop-off. A creche this size would need between 4 and 6 if operating with an efficient turnaround time for drop-off. This could be facilitated by the proposed parallel parking being extended and should be extended to accommodate a minimum of 4 set-down spaces. These can be used as additional visitor parking outside of these times

Cycle Parking

306 cycle parking spaces are being provided in accordance with the regional and national standards in line with the Design Standards for New Apartments Dec 2020. This includes 60.5 visitor spaces for the apartments, 24 spaces for the creche (20 visitor spaces, 4 spaces), 217 residential parking spaces and 4 spaces for the creche, giving an overall figure of 301.5 spaces. However, a total of 306 spaces has been provided.

Residential parking appears to be all located with the building footprint of each block with the exception of Block B which has an external building in close proximity.

Cycle Storage

Design details and compartmentalisation of cycle parking spaces and lockers should be provided, including space for cargo bikes and the provision of e-bike facilities.

Visitor bicycle parking spaces have been provided on the drawings in the form of Sheffield stand loops and this is acceptable.

Design details of the storage building for residential cycle parking should be provided and the provision of individual lockable cages within it should be considered.

The operators of the apartment management should provide a cycle parking management plan and include a maintenance regime for the parking facilities to be maintained.

Pedestrian and Cycle Connectivity

The proposed layout provides for good permeability throughout the development and permeability to adjacent developments.

Swept Path Analysis for Service Vehicles & Emergency Services

A swept path analysis for service vehicles and refuse appear to be satisfactory.

Emergency access routes should be constructed to accommodate the weight of the vehicle and full access for the fire tender to all apartment blocks in accordance with the Technical Guidance Document B should be provided.

Electric Vehicle (EV) charging

A minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points from completion of the proposed development with all ducting and services provided as part of the proposed development to facilitate non-disruptive retro fitting of EV charging points for all of the remaining residential parking spaces.

Taking in Charge

The proposed development would be taken in charge. All finishes for taking in charge such as public spaces or areas fronting onto the public realm, should comply with the Council's Standard for Taking in Charge. Parking would not be designated to individual units as it forms part of the road carriageway.

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.

A stage 1 RSA has been provided. The recommendation and comments should be addressed or alternatives provided and signed off on by the design team.

Any works required on as a result of the RSA and for the provision of crossing points from the development should be included in the red line boundary.

Construction Management Plan

A final Construction Management Plan and a Construction Traffic Plan will need to be provided and agreed with both the Transportation Planning section and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to construction of the proposed development.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section would support the development and recommend that above comments are included.

<u>Water Services considerations</u>

Foul Sewer

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued by Irish Water for the works dated 25th March 2022 (ref number: CD21007943). The proposal is feasible without any network upgrades. There are no existing public sewers traversing the site.

Water Supply

A Confirmation of Feasibility was issued for 105 units by Irish Water for the works dated 25th March 2022 (ref number: CD21007943). The proposal is feasible without any network upgrades. There are no existing public sewers traversing the site.

Surface water

The overall existing site is an urban catchment with impermeable surfacing. There is an

existing surface water network serving the adjoining Mayestown site. There are two large existing underground surface water attenuation tanks (storage volume 1760 m3) located in the open space area to the west of the site. The proposed surface water drainage is split into two catchments which outfalls into the existing surface water sewer on Mayestown Downs.

Flood Risk

A commensurate flood risk assessment has been prepared by Downes Associates Consulting Engineers as part of the Civil Engineering report dated August 2022. In accordance with the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines for Planning Authorities, the proposed development is considered to be highly vulnerable development but located in its entirety within Flood Zone C (ie <0.1% AEP). The proposal incorporates a robust surface water drainage strategy to mitigate against pluvial / surface water flooding. The proposal is acceptable.

Archaeology

An Archaeological Impact Assessment was carried out by Archer Heritage Planning Ltd. The following factors were identified in the course of the desktop study:

- The subject site is moderate in scale, c. 1.3 hectares in extent.
- There are no RMP sites within or adjacent to the site.
- There are no new archaeological features or increased archaeological potential noted from cartographic sources.
- There are no new archaeological features or increased archaeological potential noted from aerial photographic sources. The site was part of an earlier construction development that was not completed.
- The site was previously subject to test excavations under licence 05E0504 that found no archaeological features or material.
- The site visit revealed extensive prior disturbance including the construction of access roads and building foundations.

Following the desktop study and site visit, the report concludes that there is a negligible potential for the survival of archaeological remains at this site and that consequently development may proceed without any further archaeological works. The conclusion reached is considered reasonable.

Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report has been submitted by Brady Shipman Martin with the subject planning application.

There are no designated sites – national or European at the site of the proposed development or in the immediate vicinity. The nearest European site within the potential Zone of Influence is the South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA, a c.6.5 km linear distance from the site – and at a much greater remove via any potential impact pathway. Considering the distance of the proposed development from the nearest European Sites in the potential Zone of Influence, and the absence of any associated Qis or SCIs, there is

no likelihood of direct effects on any European site arising as a result of the proposed development.

There are no rare habitats or habitats of significant ecological value present on the site. There are no features suitable for use by roosting bats within the site, even on an occasional basis and overall the site is only very low probability for foraging and commuting bats. No evidence of otter was recorded and the site is unsuitable for the species. Evidence of fox activity was noted, however no other evidence of large mammals such as badger was recorded during the surveys carried out.

The screening assessment concluded that the proposed development individually or in combination with another plan or project will not have a significant impact on any European sites. This conclusion was reached without considering or taking into account mitigation measures or measures intended to avoid or reduce any impact on European sites.

The conclusion reached is considered reasonable.

Environmental Impact Assessment

A Preliminary examination for the purposes of Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment is included with the submission, prepared by Brady Shipman Martin. The proposed development concerns the construction of 121 residential units, a creche and all associated car parking, bicycle parking and all ancillary site development works. The pre-screening exercise has determined that the proposed development is sub-threshold in respect of a class of development listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The Screening Report concludes that Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for the project.

The conclusions are considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the greenfield development site, nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area.

Conclusion

The proposed development involves the development of an existing underutilised site, adjoining existing residential development and within the built up area of Dublin City suburbs. The development of the site would be in accordance with Objectives SS01b and PM44 of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023 and deliver housing in proximity to existing services and facilities, would in accordance with the zoning objective applicable to these lands in the Fingal County Development Plan 2017-2023, and the objectives of the Development Plan as they relate to place making, community infrastructure and development management standards in respect of the proposed creche and largely in respect of the apartment development. The development would provide for a good mix of residential units including universal design units.

However, there are a number of issues which required to be addressed and the conclusion of the Planning Department is that proposed scheme and package of drawings/documents requires amendment prior to proceeding to public display. The following issues should be addressed:

1. Elevation drawings for all apartment blocks should be provided at a scale of not less than 1:100 and Drg No red 2214.02.pib checked for discrepancies.

2. The architectural report should be amended to include reference to the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and its conclusion and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report and its conclusion. This is required by Article 83 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, which requires that the document describing the nature and extent of the development on display include this information.

3. The proposed development is below the threshold for a Traffic Assessment and a Traffic Assessment is not considered necessary, but a Transport Statement should be provided.

4. The two disabled parking spaces provided near the junction of Mayeston Down and the green would obstruct visibility at this junction and should be relocated.

5. The junction of Mayeston Green and Mayeston Downs should be redesigned to include reducing the radii on both sides of the road if possible.

6. Motorcycle parking should be provided to meet the requirements of the development.

7. Design details and compartmentalisation of cycle parking spaces and lockers should be provided, including space for cargo bikes and the provision of e-bike facilities.

8. Design details of the storage building for residential cycle parking should be provided and the provision of individual lockable cages within it should be considered.

9. Any works required as a result of the Road Safety Audit and for the provision of crossing points from the development should be included in the red line boundary.

10. There are only 2 set-down spaces to facilitate drop-off to the creche. A creche this size would need between 4 and 6 set down spaces if operating with an efficient turnaround time for drop-off. This could be facilitated by the proposed parallel parking being extended. Therefore the site layout plan should be revised to show this with a minimum of 4 set down spaces.

11. The development description should confirm that a minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points from completion of the proposed development.

The following points should be taken into consideration in drafting of the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part XI and should be clearly set out on any revised drawings where appropriate.

- Extending the planted areas within the parking area should be considered as a method of additional traffic calming measures.

The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to the issues already highlighted in the report including:

- The proposed play facilities shall be inclusive and shall comply with BS EN 1176 and BS EN1177 in terms of play equipment and play surfacing.

- A post installation RoSPA certificate (or equivalent) shall be provided prior to taking into maintenance.

- A revised landscape plan to be submitted and agreed with the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division prior to the commencement of works on site. This plan shall clearly indicate the following:

    - The proposed entrances/links to the public open space adjacent to this development.

    - Boundary treatment to be provided along the western boundary of the site in order to clearly separate the public open space from this apartment complex. This boundary shall include a native hedge as opposed to a Beech hedge.

    - Full details of the natural play area in accordance with BS EN 1176 and BS EN 1177.

    - A street tree planting plan including a constructed tree pit details. These trees shall be planted in constructed tree pits of a minimum rooting volume of 16 cubic metres. The street tree plan shall indicate underground services, lamp standards and other street furniture e.g. signage, to ensure that there is no conflict between street trees provision and other roads infrastructure.

    - Proposed tree planting shall comply with 'Forest of Fingal – A Tree Strategy for Fingal' in particular in terms of planting distances from lamp standards and minimum widths for grass margins containing trees. (Lamp standards shall not be located within 7 metres of proposed street trees.)

    - Tree species *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire' should be substituted with a lower maintenance tree such as *Liquidambar styraciflua* 'Worplesdon'.

- A management and maintenance plan for the landscaped areas should be prepared. In particular this plan shall clearly state the maintenance and inspection requirements for the play facilities as well as the SuDS maintenance schedule (short-long term maintenance requirements).

- A minimum of 10% of the residential parking spaces should have EV charging points from completion of the proposed development with all ducting and services provided

as part of the proposed development to facilitate non-disruptive retro fitting of EV charging points for all of the remaining residential parking spaces.

- Provision of sound insulation mitigation measures and principles outlined in the Preliminary Inward Noise Impact Assessment by AWN Consulting.

- The set-down for the creche should be reserved for the exclusive use of the creche during the creches operating hours and the parallel parking should be extended to accommodate a minimum of 4 set-down spaces should be provided and these can be used as additional visitor parking outside of these times.

- Appropriate signage and lining should be implemented to ensure the availability of these spaces for the creche. A low-level kerb shall be utilised on the outside of the set-down area to ensure turning manoeuvres that utilise the vacated parking space cannot be carried out and that access to and from the set-down area is carried out in a forward gear.

- The operators of the apartment management should prepare and implement a cycle parking management plan and include a maintenance regime for the parking facilities to be maintained.

- Emergency access routes should be constructed to accommodate the weight of the vehicle and full access for the fire tender to all apartment blocks in accordance with the Technical Guidance Document B should be provided.

- All finishes for taking in charge such as public spaces or areas fronting onto the public realm, should comply with the Council's Standard for Taking in Charge. Parking would not be designated to individual units as it forms part of the road carriageway.

- 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.

- A final Construction Management Plan and a Construction Traffic Plan will need to be provided and agreed with both the Transportation Planning section and Operations Department to coordinate works and phasing and access to the site prior to construction of the proposed development.

- Consultation should be held with the Irish Aviation Authority/Dublin Airport Authority during the detailed design stage if it is proposed to install photovoltaic panels.

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Colm McCoy
Senior Planner

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 18

CHANGE TO THE OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP GROUP MEMBERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE TO ALLOW FOR THREE COUNCILLORS

The purpose of the Leadership Group is to provide collaborative leadership, oversight and stewardship in the implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and to monitor progress, review and recommend adjustments where necessary across all aspects of the plan. T

Arising from a motion at the last Council Meeting 13th March 2023, it was agreed by Members that a Headed Item be brought to the April monthly meeting and that the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group Terms of Reference would be changed to increase from 2 to 3, the number of Councillors from the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area on the Leadership Group. The Revised Terms of Reference have been circulated.

In line with the motion as agreed, it is now recommended that Section 4.2 of the Terms of Reference be changed to:

> *4.2 Elected Members (3) from Balbriggan Local Electoral Area to be nominated by Fingal County Council at Full Council Meeting.*

If the Revised Terms of Reference are **agreed,** it is then in order that a nomination be made to fill the new position.

Source of Report: Declan Ryan, Town Regeneration Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

To the Mayor and
Members of Fingal County Council

With reference to the proposal to hold a statutory public consultation on the proposed Draft Dublin Fire Brigade's Fire and Emergency Operations Plan as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003

Following the invitation and presentation by the Chief Fire Officer, Dennis Keeley to Fingal County Council members on the 22nd March 2023 concerning Section 26 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 & 2003, the following report formally seeks approval from members for the initiation of a public consultation process on the Draft Dublin Fire Brigade Fire (DFB) and Emergency Operations Plan.

Introduction:

Dublin Fire Brigade is preparing an updated Fire and Operations Plan to fulfil the City & County Councils Statutory obligation as a Fire Authority as outlined in Section 26 of the Fire Services Act, 1981 and 2003. This is a reserved function of the Councils and comprises the local authority areas of Dublin City Council, Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Councils (the Dublin Region).

Although the legislation only requires this plan to deal with arrangements made with regard to Fire and Emergency operations, this plan will also take into consideration the substantial volume of Fire Safety and Fire Prevention work carried out by the Brigade along with the contribution the Brigade makes to Major Emergency Management. The Plan will provide a comprehensive, balanced strategy to ensure the safety of the public in their homes and other locations, as well as fire fighter safety in providing emergency services. The Plan will be about managing risk, addressing public safety improvement, incident reduction, response standards and service delivery structures. It depicts the required organisation structure, personnel, equipment, fire stations, water supplies, training, procedures, all resources and other related matters.

The plan will detail current arrangements within the fire authority and will also set out strategic plans and targets for the fire authority for the next 5 years. The plan will be informed by national guidance and policies and statutory legislation.

Staff, the public and Local Authority Management will have an opportunity to see the planned strategic direction of their Fire Service and an opportunity to engage in its future planning. DFB management are committed to a fully inclusive consultation process that allows for all stakeholders influencing the shape and direction of their service into the future.

A copy of the Draft Dublin Fire Brigades Fire and Emergency Operations Plan is available on request.

Resolution

That Fingal County Council notes the contents of this report and hereby approves the initiation of a public consultation process on the Draft Dublin Fire Brigade Fire and Emergency Operations Plan.

Dennis Keeley
Chief Fire Officer
April 2023

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 20

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the preparation of an Annual Report.

In accordance with the Act, the Draft Annual Report is to be submitted to the Elected Members not later than 30th April each year. The Annual Report is to be Adopted by the Council, as a Reserved Function, not later than 30th June.

The Draft Annual Report is submitted to the Council at today's meeting for adoption, pending the finalisation of figures for the AFS and Appendix XII Performance Indicators 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022.

It is proposed that the Members adopt the Annual Report subject to the inclusion of these updates and that the following resolution be passed:

"In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Annual Report of Fingal County Council for the year 2022 is hereby ADOPTED."

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Fhine Gall
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Annual Report 2022

Our Mission

To be a vibrant, outward looking, well run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.

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Foreword

Howard Mahony
Mayor of Fingal

In June I was extremely honoured and humbled to be elected as the 17th Mayor of Fingal by my fellow Councillors, particularly having only joined their ranks back in 2016. My life has always been about public service, so it is an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to represent our beloved County and to get about to meet the many residents and businesses who call Fingal home.

As we come to the end of 2022, it is important to reflect on the progress we have made and to celebrate the successes we have had in making this a great place to live and work. At the core of this has been the desire to improve the quality of life for all of us here in Fingal, which has meant ensuring we have the right kind of infrastructure in place, supporting initiatives which will boost the local economy and drive economic growth, and implementing projects that can make a positive difference in the community.

To help deliver these initiatives, we recognise that we need to invest in the future which is why Councillors agreed that the 2023 budget should be set at €333 million, an 11 per cent increase on the previous year. This represents an expenditure of €1,013 per head of population and allows the Council to continue and expand on what services are delivered to the public. It will mean extra funding is available for works programmes, parks and open spaces, public conveniences, community facilities, housing and the environment.

We are constantly working to improve what is available for people across the County, which has meant expanding our green spaces and providing outdoor amenities. One such project close to my heart is the Liffey Valley Trail which highlights 29 places of interest that feature a rich diversity of historical sites, visitor attractions, shopping and recreational activities that can be enjoyed in Dublin 15.

Fingal has set itself ambitious targets around housing, and this remains a key priority for me. As such, I am encouraged by what is being built in the various LEAs that make up Fingal, and I was delighted to be able to see the likes of the Ladyswell social housing scheme in Mulhuddart come online. There is much still to be done around housing development, but Fingal has a strong pipeline that aims to deliver around 3,300 new build social homes before 2026, as well as a further 1,000 affordable purchase and cost rental homes over that same period.

Across this year we have also been heavily focused on finalising the delivery of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. There has been widespread interest in this, with public debate and input coming from our citizens, businesses, community groups and other interested parties. With over 1,900 submissions and observations received during the public consultation, this has been a very lengthy process and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous commitment Councillors have made as we have looked to examine what can be done to help Fingal grow in a sustainable manner.

I was especially pleased this year to welcome back the return of the County's flagship event, the Flavours of Fingal held at Newbridge House & Farm in the summer. The largest two-day County Show in Ireland celebrated its 10th year and it was great to see huge numbers of people from all areas of Fingal coming to enjoy the very best of what is on offer, particularly when it come showcasing our farmers and produce.

In Fingal we have an exceptionally vibrant and welcoming community for families and individuals alike, and the Council continues to champion the development of new recreational facilities and outlets, be it to support older people, members of ethnic minority communities, young people or children. The power of community partnership is vital to making this a success and I would like to express my ongoing gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the many local community groups of Fingal who work tirelessly for the betterment of society.

As 2022 comes to an end, I would like to express my thanks to my colleagues on the Council for their commitment to delivering for the people of Fingal and for continually championing the many causes that matter to them. Here too, my thanks go to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Boland, for the extensive experience he brings to the role.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly for her astute advice, steady leadership and vision, and also take the opportunity to recognise the efforts of all Council staff who work so hard to improve the lives of those around them.



Introduction

AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive

The return to normality in 2022, as the threat from the Covid pandemic receded. saw Fingal County Council get back on track with project delivery. By the end of 2022 we had 40 projects, worth €140m, on site and some of these are major housing developments which are nearing completion.

In November, the then Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, came to Mulhuddart to see for himself the innovative way we are delivering the first 67 family homes in the Church Fields project which will eventually yield 1,000 social, affordable and cost rental homes to meet the high demand for housing in Dublin 15.

Over the next 18 months, 58 projects, valued at €128m, will be completed and our pipeline includes 48 projects, valued at €234m, which will commence between now and June 2024. This will include the construction of a new civic and cultural centre as part of the Swords Cultural Quarter and the redevelopment of Quay Street and the Harbour Area as part of the Our Balbriggan Regeneration project.

Making Fingal a great place to live is part of our vision for the county but it doesn't just involve major infrastructure projects. One of the most successful projects we completed in 2022 was to work with other Dublin Local Authorities to establish a new dog pound and dog warden service for the region.

Having clean streets, parks and beaches is very important to our 329,000 residents so we have continued to increase our operations budget to allow for increased expenditure on our works programmes, road maintenance, parks and open spaces.

Our commitment to delivering the actions contained in our Climate Action Plan remains undiminished and is reflected in our policies and plans. We are on track to reduce our energy consumption by 50% by 2030 and have converted 95% of public lighting in Fingal to LED while the roll-out of Active Travel measures continues at pace. We have also embarked on a programme to improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock and exceeded our targets in 2022 as we began the journey to ensure our social housing stock has a minimum BER rating of B2 by 2030.

The Fingal Ukraine Response Forum, which comprises many of the stakeholders who were part of our COVID Community Response Forum, is working to deal with the influx of people displaced by the war in Ukraine.

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Howard Mahony, and his predecessor, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, for the guidance and vision they both brought to the role over the past 12 months.

Nothing that we do would be possible without the support of our 40 councillors. I would like to thank them for their work on our new Development Plan, which will be completed early in the New Year, and will ensure the sustainable growth of our county for the next six years.

I would also like to pay special tribute to the Council's 1,600 staff for adapting too new ways of working in a post-pandemic world as we look to deliver a better service to the people of Fingal. Our commitment to the county will never waiver and I hope you will once again see the results of that over the next 12 months.


Balbriggan
Rush - Lusk
Swords
Howth
- Malahide
Blanchardstown
– Mulhuddart
Ongar
Castleknock

Elected Members

2022

Mayors of Fingal

2022



Mayor
Seána Ó Rodaigh
January-June 2022



Mayor
Howard Mahony
June-December 2022



Deputy Mayor
Daniel Whooley
January-June 2022



Deputy Mayor
Cathal Boland
June-December 2022

Fingal Councillors 2022

Balbriggan



Grainne Maguire
Independent



Tony Murphy
Independent



Seána Ó Rodaigh
Labour Party



Tom O'Leary
Fine Gael



Karen Power
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas

Castleknock



Pamela Conroy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Ted Leddy
Fine Gael



Howard Mahony
Fianna Fáil



Siobhan Shovlin
Fine Gael



Natalie Treacy
Sinn Féin



John Walsh
Labour Party

Howth -Malahide



Jimmy Guerin
Independent



David Healy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats



Anthony Lavin
Fine Gael



Brian Mc Donagh
Labour Party



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Aoibhinn Tormey
Fine Gael

Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart



John Burtchaell
Solidarity



Breda Hanaphy
Sinn Féin



Mary McCamley
Labour Party



JK Onwumereh
Fianna Fáil



Punam Rane
Fine Gael

Swords



Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Ian Carey
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Ann Graves
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Key Achievements

2022

Highlights:

- €989m Capital Programme (2023-2025)
- Fingal New Public Art Commission for the Banks Balbriggan
- Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2022
- She Leads Fingal
- New Connected Hubs open
- Dublin Coastal Trail launched
- Women of Fingal Tapestry launched Swords Castle: Digging History
- Four LAMA Awards
- Launch of the Fingal Maker Space at Blanchardstown Library
- Successful Cruinniú na nÓg 2022
- Blue Flag Status at key beaches
- Fingal Cycling Without Age project Pop-up Swimming Pool initiative
- Fingal Thatch Project
- Fingal Connect App launched
- Fingal Festival of Children's Literature
- Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme
- Six Green Flag Awards
- JAM Card introduced to all libraries
- Nine awards at the Irish Landscape Institute Awards
- President's Award for the Howth Head Goat Grazing Project
- Great Banquet Hall in Malahide Castle reopens
- Return of Flavours of Fingal Festival
- St Patrick's Days Festivals

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Efforts to tackle climate change across the County
- Gender Pay Gap Report 2022
- Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy unveiled
- Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal (2022 to 2030)

Grants:

- Over €42,000 in grants to help design public spaces in Balbriggan
- Funding of local community cricket
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- Cultural Centre in Lusk awarded new funding of €48,600
- €3.9m for the Hayestown housing development under the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)
- €150,000 under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)
- €25.5m funding for Active Travel
- €300,000 Grant Community Centre Investment Fund (CCIF) for Community Centres
- Communities Monument Fund

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review



Theme 1:
Quality of Life



Theme 2:
Quality of Climate Resilient Environment



Theme 3:
Quality Business Environment



Theme 4:
Quality in our Work

Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal

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

The second and third rounds of public consultation were completed in May and December of this year. The Chief Executive's Report on Material Alterations is due to issue to members in January 2023, with a view to the Plan being adopted in February 2023. The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 is expected to come into effect in April 2023.

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

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

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

The Private Rented Inspection Section continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that the properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2022 over 2,798 inspections were carried out of which 2,183 were first inspections. In line with Rebuilding Ireland's Strategy for the Rental Sector, Fingal County Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

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

The Council appointed an Inclusion Officer and established an inclusion team during 2022 to support the integration work being undertaken. The inclusion team supports the work of the Migrant Integration Forum in promoting integration and inter-culturalism. An organisation wide approach to integration and equality was supported with 5 Strategic Pillars identified to deliver on the objectives of the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy. Fingal LCDC secured funding from DRCD for a pilot engagement project with the LGBT community on the new LECP.

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

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

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

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2022 with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

The actions resulting from the eight year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2022 on the two areas of agreement:
a) Research & Development
b) Building capacity
in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter, Our Balbriggan and the development of Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.

Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the community.

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2022. Work commenced on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. The Libraries Department worked with the Architect led integrated design team to develop detailed plans for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter. Baldoyle Library was opened as the first 'My Open Library' in Fingal. The 'My Open Library' service offers extended opening hours, providing access to the library from 8:00am to 10:00pm, 365 days per year. Staffed opening hours at Baldoyle, Rush and the temporary library in Skerries were increased during 2022.

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

The LCDC supported programmes of literacy, digital literacy, education and economic development through SICAP and the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme.
The Urbact Let's Play Rush Project supported creativity and play in the town of Rush for all ages.
The Libraries Department through programmes such as Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read, Work Matters and Europe Direct and through events such as the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, the Children's Literature Festival, the Cruinniú na nÓg Story Trail and the Frank Lawless exhibition engaged and informed citizens throughout 2022.

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

The Community Development and Sports Division works in partnership with voluntary community groups, agencies and service providers to strengthen and empower communities to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Fingal. These sustainable partnerships provide support to communities through the delivery of community, recreation and sports facilities, education programmes, grant funding schemes, support & advice services to develop strong, self-reliant, and sustainable vibrant communities. The LCDC supported programmes of healthy living and well-being through the Healthy Ireland Programme.

Ensure our Existing & New Communities are Safe, Inclusive & Sustainable

Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the county.

Ongoing residential developments:

- There were 67 active residential sites in December 2022 with 2,933 units under construction. 2,083 units have been constructed during the 12 months to end Q4 2022. There are 49 inactive sites with a potential to deliver a further 7,626 units.
- Construction continues to progress in Hansfield. There are seven planning applications currently on the SDZ lands, with five of these sites active. There is a total of 1,568 Occupied/ Completed units to date on the overall SDZ lands since the inception of the scheme. One new Planning Application was granted this quarter with a total of 174 Apartments.
- At Oldtown/Mooretown (MUHDS/LIHAF), there are six active sites on these lands. There are 254 units Under Construction in Q4 2022.
- In Donabate (MUHDS/LIHAF), construction activity increased between Q3 2022 and Q4 2022. There are ten planning applications in total in Donabate, six of these are active. Of the four planning applications yet to commence, one of these is an SHD Application.
- In Northwood, Santry, construction continues within four active sites, one of which is an SHD, one new Planning Application commenced in Q4 2022. There are six extant permissions with 294 units not yet started and a total of 381 units granted that have yet to commence across all ten permissions in this area.
- Rural Villages: There are 10 Granted Planning Applications, one of which is an SHD. Nine of the Applications are active in five Fingal Villages with one new Planning Application commencing in Q4. Project Talamh advanced development to increase housing supply at Ballymastone with the lodgement of a LRD application for 432 dwellings.

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

The focus of the Community Development Office (CDO) is to develop strong, engaged, integrated communities across Fingal where people are proud to live and where they can have access to a range of social, cultural and developmental opportunities and where they can input into the local decision-making processes. The work of the CDO is delivered under five pillars:

1. Inter-Agency Support
2. Community Development Support
3. Strategic Support
4. Facilities Support
5. Funding Support

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

The key priorities are promoting equality and inclusion, supporting and encouraging participation, working in collaboration with a wide range of groups and organisations and ensuring the delivery of national and local strategies that support civic engagement and social inclusion.

The Our Balbriggan team progressed public realm improvements in the town by completing key acquisitions, progressing the procurement of integrated design teams and progressing planning and design work on identified projects. Our Balbriggan ran a Place-making Grant Scheme to fund groups to make transformational improvements to the town and ran a series of hackathons with TY students in 3 schools in Balbriggan and 'The Changing Face of Balbriggan' Citizen Engagement Hackathon as part of the Smart Balbriggan Programme.
The Urbact Let's Play Rush Project built a strong sense of place in Rush and a playful identity for the town as well as promoting the wellbeing of residents of the town through playful activities.

Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods.

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

The LCDC supported the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods through various funding programmes run in 2022 i.e. CEP/Town & Village Renewal Scheme/Community Activities Fund/SICAP etc.

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

The Council continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. The value and importance of our parks and open spaces was highlighted during the Covid years as they provided an important outlet for residents and visitors to the County. Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high-quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of Our Play Strategy an audit was carried out of play facilities across the County and this will guide future development of play facilities for various age groups. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups. A significant emphasis has been placed on providing age friendly facilities across the County in the last number of years.

Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.

The Fingal SICAP Programme supported physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme community safety and integration.

The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and all available funding under that Programme was approved during 2022.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town & Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and community stakeholders, with an independent chair, leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan and in 2022 in response to feedback from the community the Programme added a fifth pillar to focus on community safety.

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

Fingal County Council (FCC) Sports Office is part of Sport Ireland's network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs). The aim of the LSP Network is to help people get active and remove barriers to sport and physical activity that may exist.
The Sports Office undertakes a wide range of actions with the aim of increasing sport and physical activity participation levels in their local communities.
Actions included:

- Working to develop clubs, coaches, volunteers and supporting partnerships between local sports clubs, community-based organisations and sector agencies.
- Creating greater opportunities for access to training and education in relation to sports and physical activity provision.
- Provision of targeted programmes, events, and initiatives to increase physical activity and sport participation.
- Providing information about sport and physical activity to create awareness and access.

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.
The Sports Office – Via FCC's Sports Development Officers and its 9 Co-Funded NGB Officers, delivered 1,195 programmes, attracting 65,583 participants.
Some 'targeted' highlights included:

- Safeguarding courses.
- Delivery of 'Her Outdoors Week' in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in a 'new' activity.

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

FCC Sport delivered a different daily 'session', including:

- Snorkeling / Orienteering / Cycling / 'Intro to Triathlon' / Rowing / 'Go All Out Week', a week targeting disabled participants to try a new activity. FCC Sport organised daily events including Orienteering / Kayaking / Cycling - Trishaw / Tried local gym equipment in Millennium Park.
- Energise & Exercise – in 12 schools, 480 teenage girls introduced to 'new' activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices.
- Introduction (and continuation of) Flemington Friday Night Basketball, which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Garda and a 'difficult to reach' target group.
- Sports successfully facilitated a 'first' Beach Volleyball 'elite' event on Balbriggan Beach - the legacy being a 'public' net will be in place for April through summer in 2023.
- 'Sociaball' was introduced in Q4 in Lutresllstown - aimed at encouraging females who played basketball previously, to 'get back', a fun environment which is gaining participants weekly.
- Promoting 'Olympic Handball' in schools - an introduction into a 'Minority Sport' which is also prevalent to many 'new' communities.

'Try Track & Field' - a further primary school intervention to encourage trying athletics and aiming to sustain concept with teachers, ergo schools.
Work with Consultants began on the FCC 'Sports Strategy' 2023-2027.
The Sports Section also embarked on a process to employ a Consultant for 'Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit' for FCC and 10km beyond it's boundaries.
In August, the Sports Office again facilitated an Outdoor Beach and Water Sports Activity Day in Balbriggan with over 1500 people turning out on the day to participate.
40 primary school kids took part in the 'MarathonKids' programme promoting sustained exercise in primary schools. Additionally, 42 primary schools enjoyed FCC's 'Athletics League' running events.
Sports Equipment, to the value of €102,942, was provided to over 44 groups to assist with purchasing equipment to upgrade and increase membership as well as enabling clubs to work with young people. Additionally, Youth Sports Grants were awarded to 24 clubs €950 euro each, totalling €22,800.

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

The Community Development Office (CDO) provide administrative and financial support to 35 Community Centres throughout 2022. The ongoing support continues to ensure that Council owned and supported facilities are operated and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community. The CDO also provided administrative and financial support to 35 Community Centres throughout 2022. The ongoing support continues to ensure that Council owned and supported facilities are operated and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community.

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The CDO supports and develops the growth of the Fingal Community Facilities Network which provides networking support structure for managers, staff and volunteers of community facilities across the county of Fingal. The Fingal Community Facilities Network promotes the work of the 31 Fingal County Council supported community facilities and community centres.

The Community Development Office, with support from the Architects department, continue to work through recommendations identified in conditioning surveys to maintain the upkeep of the older community facilities within Fingal.

Throughout 2022 Grant funding to the value of €71k was also processed to non-council owned facilities under the non-council owned facilities remedial works grant scheme to support capital renovation costs in those facilities.

Throughout 2022 grant funding was provided by the Community Development Office to support Summer and Halloween Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Period Poverty, intergenerational projects and funding support to Residents Associations. Funding was also provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.
The CDO provide ongoing support to the PPN by facilitating a number of Induction and PPN workshops and through the distribution of monthly newsletters to inform and engage members.

The Community Department support the Migrant Integration Forum to develop in its work to promote integration and inter-culturalism under the 5 Strategic Pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024.

The CDO Ongoing support Fingal Comhairle na nÓg to assist with the development of research on the groups chosen subject topics. The department also support the work of Age Friendly Fingal to the implementation of the Age Friendly Strategy 2019-2024.
The LCDC and its partner agencies supported local communities and residents and met the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies through SICAP.

Develop Engagement with Our Stakeholders

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

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

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

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

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

The Council supported economic and social development through collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce on a variety of initiatives in 2022 including wider collaboration with industry and education stakeholders on the implementation of the Fingal Skills Strategy. The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the county.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG approved 25 projects with a total value of €1,090,918, with 89% of the projects in Fingal.

The Council's three enterprise centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of remote working hubs through the ConnectedHubs programme.
The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the county. The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supports five work stream Pillars, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs.

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

The Fingal LCDC continues to work in partnership with the Fingal PPN Membership through the LCDC programmes.
The SICAP Programme continued to support and mentor the development of Social Enterprises in the County, many of which are PPN Members.

Action on Climate Change

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

Implementation of actions in the CCAP 2019-2024 is underway and good progress is being made. The third Annual Progress Report has been prepared, communicated and submitted to the Department of Environment Climate & Communications.

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society.

The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society by improving its energy efficiency by 41.8% by December 2022 and through the combined effect of delivering on the actions in the CCAP 2019-2024. These actions include the delivery of active travel and other infrastructure which will enable decarbonisation.

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

The new Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 was prepared and approved. Twenty-two smaller biodiversity plans were prepared for all tidy towns groups in Fingal. Wetland restoration works at St Itas in Donabate are ongoing. Clearing out of the former Turvey depot for a nature education facility is ongoing. Ongoing implementation of actions of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan and the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy including wildfire management, wetland restoration and the goat grazing project.

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

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer promote Climate Action awareness within the county.

Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses.

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative continued in 2022 to promote sustainable business measures in line with objectives under the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. The Initiative included the execution of an MoU with DCU and DAA to drive innovation in collaborative sustainable projects.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group established a sub-group to focus on the development of Green Skills.

Protect Our Environment & Heritage

Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the county.

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department and delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant. It also prepares Planning reports as an Internal consultee for the Planning Department, participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into Climate Change Initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Member queries and questions, responds to correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the County. The County Architect is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Architect and several members of the Department also have individual accreditation. The Department advises client departments in regard to the Councils property portfolio of historic and protected structure and provides architectural services for projects involving historic structures.

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

Broadmeadow Way - Advance works contracts underway.
Fingal Coastal Way - Emerging preferred route consultation completed.
Sutton-Malahide - Preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2023.
Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2023.
Ongar-Barnhill - Tender commenced with a view to appointing contractor in 2023.
Harry Reynolds Road - Tender commenced with a view to appointing contractor in 2023.
Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
Sustainable Swords Strategy published which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords.

Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language.

A budget of €319,215 was allocated in 2022 to 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative communities, Cruinniú na nÓg, and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

Promote the sustainable management of waste & the circular economy.

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programme (including through Green Schools programme); and also through the Sustainable Fingal initiative. The Council adopted the Circular Cities declaration in Jan 2023.

Promote the sustainable management of waste & the circular economy (continued).

Promoted sustainability through the Sustainable Fingal initiative. The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group established a sub-group to focus on the development of Green Skills.

Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities.

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 41.8% to December 2022. MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. EV charge points have been provided in staff carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.

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

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is managed and maintained by the Council. This includes the 3 large protected estuaries and 11 designated beaches. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids. The new Marine and Coastal Management SPC was set up in 2022.

Promote & Enable Sustainable Economic Growth

Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the county.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group launched a Skills webpage on the Council's website in collaboration with education stakeholders. Established sub-groups in Transport & Logistics and the Construction Sectors advanced work in skills provision in these sectors while 2 new sub-groups in Green Skills and Services were established and commenced work. There was a strong focus on school engagement with a Mentoring Programme for business leaders to assist local school students with future career choices and planning for a Student Skills Expo in 2023.

The Council was successful in securing Interreg funding for participation in future skills development Project SKYLA.

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

Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal.

The Council supported businesses through the Fingal In It Together initiative and collaborations with Fingal Chamber and through the Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group and the DBEC partnership.

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

The Sustainable Fingal Initiative continued to promote sustainable business measures.
The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor partnership continued and secured Shared Island Funding to carry out a Feasibility Study on Innovation Enterprise Hubs in the DBEC region.

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

Implement Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan. The demolition of O'Shea's at Balbriggan Harbour was completed in 2022, a precursor for Quay Street, Harbour & Environs, Part 8 planning approval by the Council, for this transformative, ambitious scheme, funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund & Fingal County Council, to create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic, pedestrianised environment.

Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives (continued).

Stage 2 design was completed for 2 – 4 Dublin Street to develop a Creative Hub with flexible (8) work spaces, courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise and multi-media spaces in line with SMART Balbriggan. The Draft Public Realm Strategy & Design Guide and Active Travel and Transportation plans for the town have been completed. An Integrated Action Plan was completed as part of Balbriggan's participation in the EU URBACT iPlace Project, focused on the towns creative entrepreneurial potential and strengthening its proposition as a destination for the Arts. Work programmes progressed across all work streams in the Town Strategy: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Training, Community Safety, Community Integration & Well Being & Public Realm & Placemaking.

Grow & Enable Sustainable Tourism

Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county.

Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic market and to the returning international visitor. A major new Dublin proposition was launched in March 2022, the Dublin Coastal Trail. This trail includes Howth, Malahide and Skerries. Fingal participated in Fáilte Ireland's promotional campaigns including the Keep Discovering and Winter in Dublin campaigns. Destination Town Skerries and the Food Tourism project, Dublin's Coast and Fields, all progressed during the year.

Support to local tourism development groups continued throughout 2022 with various initiatives around sustainable tourism, digital trails, social media campaigns, events and collaboration on clustering of products and experiences. The Council also ran and facilitated a number of digital, social media and print campaigns. The development of a new Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023 - 2029 commenced in 2022. The process has a detailed timeline for the delivery of the strategy of 10 months, with the final draft due in June 2023.

Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination.

The Council continued to work with food network consultant Marie Brouder and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network. The network committee worked though an action plan developed with the consultant throughout 2022 which included the further promotion of food through the digital, social media and print campaigns of the Dublin Coast and Fields brand, a series of networking events, familiarisation visits and workshops. The Fingal Food and Drink Network had its official launch, following the pandemic, on the 16th November 2022 in County Hall and shortly after agreed its action plan for 2023 which includes a Fingal food event at Flavours of Fingal County Show.

The development of a new Fingal Food Policy also commenced in 2022. The aim of this policy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy (also in development), including, the ongoing 'Dublin's Coast & Fields' development, implementation & promotion; creating & maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food & drink experiences; and continued investment in food and drink festivals and events.

Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties.

In 2022 Newbridge House launched two new tour options with Guided Parkland Tours and Guided Farm Tours. An educational programme was also created and rolled out to both primary and secondary schools focusing on the upstairs/downstairs aspect within the house and its connection with the workings on the Heritage Farm. A new event addition saw '21st Century Abba' performing in the walled garden to an audience of 600. A virtual tour of the Great Hall in Malahide Castle was developed highlighting the restored features including paintings and fully laid dining table.

Extensive marketing campaigns took place in 2022 using print, radio and social media to promote the Malahide Casino, Malahide Castle and Newbridge House.

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

There was continued capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2022 including the restoration of the Great Hall at Malahide Castle and the commencement of substantive roof and windows conservation works at Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House.

The Council engaged with its Operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences.

The Council began a collaboration with Irish Rail to provide a new interactive children's interpretative centre at the Malahide Casino Railway Museum. This is due to launch in Q2 of 2023.

Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2022 on several projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal.

Newbridge House – work commenced on the basement room to house the Betty Cobbe porcelain collection that will form part of the house tour and is due to open in Q1 2023. A new gallery space was developed in the basement of Ardgillan Castle that will launch in 2023 and allow local artists to showcase their art.

Provide & Maintain Strategic Infrastructure

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

- Lissenhall East Local Area Plan adopted.
- Work on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) commenced.

Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens.

- Church Fields Link Road construction ongoing.
- Snugborough Interchange construction ongoing.
- Turvey Avenue at main contract procurement.
- Harry Reynolds Road at construction procurement.
- Ongar-Barnhill at procurement.

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

- Advance works contracts and land acquisition well advanced for Broadmeadow Way.
- Large consultations took place for Fingal Coastal Way and Sutton-Malahide, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála for Sutton-Malahide.
- Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2023.
- Ongar-Barnhill and Harry Reynolds Road tender procurements commenced with a view to appointing contractors in 2023.
- Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
- Sustainable Swords strategy published which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords.
- 1st phase of non-statutory public consultation on the Ward River Regional Park Development Project took place in October 2022.
- Park Development project for the Racecourse Park in Baldoyle approved by An Bord Pleanála.

Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness & Transparency

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

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

Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council.

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

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

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

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc.
Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.
Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

Inform citizens through effective communications programmes.

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Deliver Quality Services

Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There Is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Strengthen Organisational & Staff Development

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

- Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accommodate on-line processes. Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.
- Extensive Training and Development Programmes.
- PMDS process informs succession plans.

Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff.

- Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.
- Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections & Safety Audits continued at worksites.
- Pro-active attendance management process in place.
- In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services.

Develop capacity and capability of the organisation.

- PMDS process ongoing annually.
- Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.
- Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

Manage the organisation effectively.

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

Strategic Policy Committee

Programme Reports 2022



Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy
Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Ian Carey (Until Feb 2022) Cllr Pamela Conroy (Feb 2022), Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson, Sean Barry (Resigned May 2022)

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/03/2022	End of Year 'Environment Inspection Plan Review RMCEI 2021	Presentation Given
	Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 – 2030	Presentation Given
	Investigation on Monitoring Strategies for Assessment of Water Quality Pressures in Balbriggan	Presentation Given
	Car Clubs/Car Sharing Scheme	Motion Noted
27/06/2022	The Weather Stations for Schools Project	Presentation Given
	Fingal County Council's Textile Recycling	Presentation Given
	Light Pollution	Motion Agreed
	Programme of Training	Motion Noted
	Fingal Draft Biodiversity Action Plan 2022 to 2030	Motion Agreed
25/10/2022	National Waste Management Plan	Presentation Given
	A Review of Pricing and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	Presentation Given
	Litter Management Plan	Presentation Given
	Data Centres	Motion Accepted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
25/10/2022	Micro Generation Scheme	Motion Accepted
	Analysis of heat pump and energy upgrades	Motion Accepted
20/12/2022	Circular Cities Declaration	Presentation Given
	Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan	Presentation Given
	Climate Action Plan - Annual Progress Report	Report Noted
	Fingal County Council Glyphosate Usage	Motion Accepted
	Segregation of Commercial Waste	Motion Accepted
	Biodiversity Action Plan	Motion Accepted



Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Chairperson: Cllr Joan Hopkins
Council Members: Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó Rodaigh, Cllr Cathal Boland
External Members: Liz Madden (until September 2022), Abbi Wise

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
03/03/2022	Provision of Early years Services in Fingal – Empower	Report Noted
	2022 SPC Workplan	Report Noted
	Public Art Policy on Private Developments	Presentation Given
	Support for Tidy Towns	Motion Agreed
	Report on the Costings for Community Project	Motion Noted
28/09/2022	Heritage Office Update	Presentation Given
	Creative Ireland Strategy	Presentation Given
	Subgroup - Funding Scheme for Non-Council Owned Community Facilities	Report Agreed
	Subgroup - Childcare in Fingal	Report Agreed
	Swimming lessons	Motion Agreed
13/12/2022	Update from Libraries	Presentation Given
	Fingal Sports Development Strategy 2022 – 2026	Presentation Given
	Update on Draft Creative Ireland/Fingal Strategy	Presentation Given
	Random Acts of Kindness Month February 2023	Motion Agreed



Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

Chairperson: Cllr Tony Murphy (until June 2022) Cllr Darragh Butler (from July 2022)
Council Members: Cllr. Pamela Conroy (until Feb 2022), Cllr Ian Carey (from Feb 2022), Cllr. Ted Leddy, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr. Howard Mahony, Cllr. Breda Hanaphy
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle (until June 2022), Kesava Gollapalli (until May 2022) Yetunde Joyce (from June 2022), Helen Keng Mobit (from June 2022)

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/03/2022	Preparation of Tourism Strategy 2023 -2029	Presentation Given
	Development of an Outdoor Dining Policy	Presentation Given
	Inclusion of Dublin 15 when advertising for Fingal Tourism	Motion Noted
	Christmas Market in Castleknock 2022	Motion Noted
22/06/2022	Fingal Tourism Strategy Update	Presentation Given
	Fingal Skills Strategy Update	Presentation Given
	Urbact Initiatives	Presentation Given
	Town & Village Funding	Presentation Given
13/09/2022	Fingal Skills Strategy Update	Presentation Given
	Sustainable Fingal Update	Presentation Given
	Fingal Food Policy	Motion Noted
14/12/2022	Regional Enterprise Plan Update	Presentation Given
	Enterprise Hubs in Dublin Research Report	Report Noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
14/12/2022	LECP Process	Presentation Given
	Tourism Strategy Update	Presentation Given
	Food Strategy Update	Presentation Given
	SPC Programme 2023	Report Agreed



Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian Dennehy (until June 2022) Cllr Brian MCDonagh (from July 2022)
Council Members: Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt
External Members: Kieran O'Neill (until May 2022), Paul Arnold (from Aug 2022)

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26/04/2022	SPC Works Programme 2022	Presentation Given
	Development Plan 2023-2029	Update Noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	Update Noted
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	Update Noted
	Biodiversity Action Plan	Presentation Given
	Large Scale Residential Development Legislation	Presentation Given
21/06/2022	Development Plan 2023 -2029	Update Noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	Update Noted
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	Update Noted
	Building Control Part B (Fire Safety) and Part M (Accessibility)	Presentation Given
	Vacant Site Register	Presentation Given
	Liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to confirm status of the recommendations into proposed link between N3 and N4 referred to as The Scoping Report	Motion Noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
06/09/2022	Planning Advisor/Marine Planning Policy of Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Presentation Given
	Fingal Development Plan 2023 -2029	Update Noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	Update Noted
	Fingal Greenways/Cycleways	Update Noted
	Flood Risk Assessment	Presentation Given
	Derelict Site Register	Presentation Given
28/11/2022	Development Plan 2023-2029	Update Noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	Update Noted
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	Update Noted
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	Presentation Given
	New Residential Zoned Land Tax	Motion Noted
	Derelict Sites	Motion Noted



Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien
Council Members: Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy
External Members: Máire O'Brien, James Magrane

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
23/03/2022	National Marine Planning Framework	Presentation Given
	Protection of Natura 2000 sites/SPCs/SACs	Report Noted
	Coastal Defence Proposals	Motion Noted
	Educational Signage	Motion Noted
	Open Sea Water Swimming	Motion Noted
30/06/2022	NISA Offshore Wind Farm a Statkraft Proposal	Presentation Given
	Rogerstown Outer Estuary Coastal Defence Project	Motion Noted
	Lifeguard services across all Fingal Beaches	Motion Noted
	Permanent coastal protection measure- Portrane and Rush	Motion Noted
15/09/2022	National Parks Wildlife Services	Presentation Given
	Rogerstown Outer Estuary Coastal Defence Project	Motion Noted
	Year-Round Swimmers Lifeguard Training	Motion Noted
	Encouragement to Clubs	Motion Noted
30/11/2022	Protected measures – Dunes – South Beach	Motion Noted
	Co-ordinated response to Coastal Erosion	Motion Noted



Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Tom O'Leary
Council Members: Cllr Angela Donnelly (from March 2022), Cllr Aaron O'Rourke (until Feb 2022), Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power
External Members: Raymond Ryan (until May 2022), Doreen Keaney (until May 2022), Michael Lenehan (from May 2022)

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
09/03/2022	Dublin Local Authority Electric Vehicle Charging Presentation given Infrastructure Implementation Plan	Presentation Given
	Fingal Active Travel Strategy	Presentation Given
	Status of Skerries Active Travel Plan	Motion Noted
	Removal of Kissing Gates	Motion Noted
	Parking of buses in Swords	Motion Noted
07/06/2022	Transportation & Infrastructure SPC update on Works Programme Presentation	Presentation Given
	Draft Fingal County Council Control of Stationless on-street Bike Hire bye-laws	Presentation Given
	Road Safety Authority Annual County Figures- Road Fatalities and serious Injuries	Presentation Given
	Update on Active travel work	Report Noted
	Issues with area's of frequent road crashes	Motion Noted
	Kerb Protected Cycle Paths in Hartstown and River Valley	Motion Noted
05/09/2022	Review of the Allocation Policy for Allotments	Presentation Given
	Coolmine and Estuary Recycling Centres- A review of Pricing and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	Presentation Given
	Active Travel Work Presentation	Motion Noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
06/12/2022	Review of Work Programme 2022 and Proposed Work Presentation given Programme 2023 Presentation	Presentation Given
	Western Distributor Road	Motion Noted
	Map Based format - Traffic Data for Councillors and the Public	Motion Noted



Housing Strategic Policy Committee

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

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
28/03/2022	Housing SPC Work Programme 2022	Presentation Given
	Ukrainian Refugee Crisis and Emergency Accommodation	Presentation Given
	Housing for All and Housing Delivery Plan Update	Presentation Given
	Housing First and Homelessness	Presentation Given
	Croí Cónaithe funding and Social Housing retrofit numbers	Motion Noted
	Housing Needs Report	Motion Noted
	Update on delivery of short-term housing	Motion Noted
	RAS contracts to have their status on the housing list reinstated	Motion Noted
27/06/2022	Strategy for Housing People with a Disability 2021-2026	Presentation Given
	Housing Delivery Action Plan	Presentation Given
	Draft DRHE Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024	Presentation Given
	Update on the HAP online portal	Presentation Given
	Housing update at Portrane Avenue, Portrane	Motion Noted
	Upsizing and Downsizing Mechanism as Tenants/Residents Housing Needs Change	Motion Noted
	Costings of retrofit and query around targets	Motion Noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/06/2022	Housing Support for Residents Marginally above the Housing Support Threshold	Motion Noted
27/09/2022	Housing for All	Presentation Given
	Draft Vacant Homes Plans 2022 – 2027	Presentation Given
	Rent assessment	Presentation Given
	Housing Evictions	Motion Noted
29/11/2022	Housing Delivery Update	Presentation Given
	Traveller Accommodation Programme	Presentation Given
	Right Sizing Concept	Presentation Given
	Vacant Homes Emergency Accommodation Information	Presentation Given
	Emergency Accommodation	Motion Noted

Joint Policing Committee

Membership & Activities

Membership:

15 Local Authority Members:
Cllr. Adrian Henchy (Chair – March 2022 Meeting), Cllr Ian Carey (Chair – from June 2022 Meeting), Cllr. Grainne Maguire, Cllr. John Walsh, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. Anthony Lavin, Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ann Graves, Cllr. Tania Doyle, Cllr. Dean Mulligan, Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. JohnKingley Onwumereh, Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Cllr. Ted Leddy.

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

PPN (Community) Representatives:
Jossy Akwuobi (to September 2022), Myles Caulfield (to September 2022), Ray Smyth (to September 2022), Aisling Kelly (to September 2022), Pat Doyle (to September 2022), Tom O'Brien (to September 2022), Angela Rogers, John Fox (from December 2022)
Currently 5 x vacancies for PPN Representatives on Fingal JPC.

An Garda Síochána:
Chief Superintendent Mark Curran (DMR-N) and Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy (DMR-W).

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

Activities:

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review –

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs)
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2022, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 11th March 2022 via Microsoft Teams
- 3rd June 2022 via Microsoft Teams
- 2nd September 2022 via Microsoft Teams
- 2nd December 2022 via Microsoft Teams

Public Meetings took place as follows, and were well attended:

Date/Day	Time	Area	Meeting Location	Attendance
Tuesday 27th September 2022	7pm–8.30pm	Balbriggan Area (Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Naul, Garristown, Balrothery etc.)	Bracken Court Hotel Balbriggan	56
Wednesday 28th September 2022	7pm–8.30pm	Dublin 15 Area (Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Mulhuddart, Ongar, Carpenterstown, Clonsilla, Coolmine, Tyrrelstown)	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown	70
Wednesday 5th October 2022	7pm–8.30pm	Swords/Malahide (Swords, Santry, Donabate, Portrane, Malahide/ Portmarnock)	The Grand Hotel, Malahide	81
Thursday 20th October 2022	7pm–8.30pm	Sutton/Howth/ Baldoyle	Marine Hotel, Sutton	44

Financial Position

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Expenditure	Draft 2022 €	2021 Audited €
Housing & Building	79,934,862	71,066,537
Roads Transportation & Safety	34,235,143	29,307,005
Water & Sewerage	17,261,184	16,248,409
Development Incentives & Controls	24,259,274	23,045,917
Environmental Protection	45,289,429	44,244,490
Recreation & Amenity	49,984,433	41,441,572
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	1,245,320	932,685
Miscellaneous	23,828,175	70,173,170
Total Gross Expenditure	**276,037,820**	**296,459,785**

Income	Draft 2022 €	2021 Audited €
Housing & Building	84,028,141	72,664,558
Roads Transportation & Safety	9,684,149	9,007,308
Water & Sewerage	19,353,548	22,908,789
Development Incentives & Controls	7,495,298	8,833,835
Environmental Protection	10,187,381	7,677,340

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Income	Draft 2022 €	2021 Audited €
Recreation & Amenity	4,191,423	3,697,660
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	478,311	276,934
Miscellaneous	23,816,379	74,573,324
Total Income	**159,234,630**	**199,639,748**
Net Expenditure	**116,803,190**	**96,820,037**
which is funded by:		
County Rates	151,293,793	149,291,077
Local Property Tax	8,698,895	7,503,957
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
Total	**159,992,688**	**156,795,034**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	43,189,498	59,974,997
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(43,189,108)	(59,974,864)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	390	133
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2022	15,979,812	15,979,679
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2022	**15,980,202**	**15,979,812**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2022 €	2021 Audited €
Housing & Building	77,247,464	40,983,325
Roads Transportation & Safety	30,018,389	19,925,552
Water & Sewerage	1,784,980	1,254,302
Development Incentives & Controls	35,200,627	20,908,076
Environmental Protection	1,896,080	1,368,078
Recreation & Amenity	17,769,284	9,967,318
Miscellaneous Services	15,317,188	51,781,352
	179,234,012	**146,188,003**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2022 €	2021 Audited €
Housing & Building	78,653,366	51,421,367
Roads Transportation & Safety	15,472,319	16,002,807
Water & Sewerage	1,236,787	996,826
Development Incentives & Controls	68,907,915	61,965,549
Environmental Protection	1,950,000	7,969,693
Recreation & Amenity	5,042,484	5,558,657
Miscellaneous Services	11,576,302	27,955,709
	182,839,173	**171,870,608**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**3,605,161**	**25,682,605**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2022	**262,152,603**	**236,469,998**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2022	**265,757,764**	**262,152,603**

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

Service Delivery Reports

Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified.	ANCA completed a full aircraft noise impact assessment for Dublin Airport during 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019. The process resulted in the establishment of a noise abatement objective for Dublin Airport that was supported by a regulatory decision.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.	ANCA completed an assessment of the aircraft noise implications of all planning applications for development at Dublin Airport during 2022. Nine planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2022 and a statutory report was issued to the Planning Authority on all applications within the four-week period prescribed by Section 34B(1)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.	The Airport Authority has a statutory obligation to prepare a report on compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions by airport users. The compliance report for the preceding year was audited by ANCA during 2022 and both the initial report and the additional information requested by was published on the ANCA website for public inspection. During 2022, ANCA carried out an effectiveness assessment of noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport for the preceding year against the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website.
Informing communities.	ANCA continued to work with the Airport Authority during 2022 on the delivery of an expanded network of community aircraft noise monitors. Four additional monitors were commissioned by the Airport Authority during 2022. The data from the monitors is available on a public web portal. Annual aircraft noise exposure contours for the full preceding year were added to the ANCA website to facilitate an examination of aircraft noise exposure or eligibility for home insulation grants down to the level of individual properties.

Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.	Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various council departments throughout 2022 across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types - housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.	The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county for the development plan review, input to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected members queries and questions, responding to correspondence/e-mails from the public and others.
To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.	The Architects Department have engaged with relevant government departments via our client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.	All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement and Retrofit programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the county. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the CPU.





Minnows Place, Minnows Green, Avondale Park Housing Development

Community & Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees.	The Community Development Office continued to provide administrative and financial support to 35 Community Centres throughout 2022. The ongoing support continues to ensure that Council owned and supported facilities are operated and managed to a high standard, are working towards sustainability and are accessible to the whole community. The Department supports and develops the growth of the Fingal Community Facilities Network which provides networking support structure for managers, staff and volunteers of community facilities across the county of Fingal. The Fingal Community Facilities Network promotes the work of the 31 Fingal County Council supported community facilities and community centres.
Continue to manage the upkeep and renovation of old facilities.	The Community Development Office, with support from the Architects Department, continued to work through recommendations identified in conditioning surveys to maintain the upkeep of the older community facilities within Fingal. Throughout 2022 Grant funding to the value of €71k was also processed to non-council owned facilities under the non-council owned facilities remedial works grant scheme to support capital renovation costs in those facilities.
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities.	Throughout 2022 grant funding to the value of €250K was provided by the Community Development Office to support Summer & Halloween Projects, Activity Funding and Special Funding Schemes such as Period Poverty and funding support to Residents associations. Funding was also provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.
Fingal Public Participation Network.	During 2022, 62 new members groups registered on the PPN network bringing the total membership to 667. Throughout the year the Community Development Office provided ongoing support to the PPN by facilitating a number of Induction and PPN workshops and through the distribution of monthly newsletters to inform and engage members.

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Fingal Public Participation Network.	In May the Community Development Office supported Fingal PPN in hosting the first in person Plenary since 2019. Over 75 PPN members attended this meeting where four new Secretariat members were elected.
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy.	In 2022, the Community Department continued to support the Migrant Integration Forum to develop in its work to promote integration and inter-culturalism under the 5 strategic Pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024. The Community Department supported projects such as Fun with Families from Afar – Migrant Literacy Project, Cultúr Migrant Support Service, Cambridge English Classes. SALAAM Project (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred Project) throughout 2022.
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.	Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na nÓg throughout 2022 to assist with the development of research on the groups chosen subject topic for 2022 'Improve the School Curriculum to educate students on racism, sexism and Misogyny'. A Funding Provision was made to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement. In November the Comhairle na nÓg AGM was held in Swords. There were over 90 young people in attendance on the day across 23 schools in Fingal.
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	10 in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Older Persons Council. In May, the Age Friendly team supported the hosting of the first Annual Conference of Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC), since 2019. 100 delegates attended the conference. 4 in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Age Friendly Alliance.

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Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	Fingal's Age friendly interdepartmental team with representatives from Operations, EETCD, Active Travel, Housing, Architects, Planning & Strategic, Comms and Community was established to align the Age Friendly Activities across the organisation to ensure the Fingal is a great place to enjoy and to age well in. 2 Information Events for Older People were supported in the Dublin 15 area. During Positive Aging week the Age Friendly team hosted "Give it a go day" with the aim of showcasing what is possible, presenting a positive image of growing older, and encouraging older people to participate in activities and to "reconnect" after covid.
Continued Implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, and began Process of delivering a new Strategy 2023-2027.	The Sports Office – Via FCC's Sports Development Officers and its 9 Co-Funded NGB Officers, delivered 1,195 programmes, attracting 65,583 participants. Some 'targeted' highlights included: • Safeguarding courses • Delivery of 'Her Outdoors Week' in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in a 'new' activity. FCC Sport delivered a different 'session' daily, including; Snorkeling / Orienteering / Cycling / 'Intro to Triathlon' / Rowing • 'Go All Out Week', a week targeting disabled participants to try a new activity. FCC Sport organised daily events including Orienteering / Kayaking / Cycling - Trishaw / Tried local gym equipment in Millennium Park • Energize & Exercise – in 12 schools, 480 teenage girls introduced to 'new' activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices • Introduction (and continuation of) Flemington Friday Night Basketball, which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Garda & a 'difficult to reach' target group • Sports successfully facilitated a 'first' Beach Volleyball 'elite' event on Balbriggan Beach - the legacy being a 'public' net will be in place for April through summer in 2023 • 'Sociaball' was introduced in Q4 in Lutresllstown - aimed at encouraging females who'd played basketball previously, to 'get back' - a fun environment which is gaining participants weekly • Promoting 'Olympic Handball' in schools - an intro into a 'Minority Sport' which is also prevalent to many 'new' communities

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Continued Implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, and began Process of delivering a new Strategy 2023-2027.	• 'Try Track & Field' - a further primary school intervention to encourage trying athletics and aiming to sustain concept with teachers, ergo schools Work with Consultants began on the FCC 'Sports Strategy' 2023-27. The Sports Section also embarked on process to employ a Consultant for 'Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit' for FCC and 10km beyond boundaries. In August, the Sports Office again facilitated an Outdoor Beach and Water Sports Activity Day in Balbriggan with over 1,500 people turning out on the day to participate. 40 primary school kids took part in the 'MarathonKids' programme promoting sustained exercise in primary schools. Additionally, 42 primary schools enjoyed FCC's 'Athletics League' running events. Sports Equipment, to the value of €102,942, was provided to over 44 groups to assist with purchasing equipment to upgrade and increase membership as well as enabling clubs to work with young people. Additionally, Youth Sports Grants were awarded to 24 clubs €950 euro each, totaling €22,800.



Former Ireland international Keith Andrews speaking to graduates of the TY Football and Fitness course 21/22







Snapshots from the Ukrainian Family Fun Day - 4th September 2022



Shine a Light for International Womens Day 2022



Snapshots from the Positive Ageing Sports Event - 27th September 2022



Westmanstown Bowling – Intergenerational event 2022



Africa Day 2022

Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the Organisation.	The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. Throughout the pandemic the Council remained open for business to the public and in 2022 our Agents dealt with: • 164,396 phone calls • 8,880 emails • 21,917 in-person queries
To uphold the citizen charter and good customer service.	In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2022.
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	The Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 was adopted by the Members for implementation across the Council.
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	The Buildings Facilities Team during 2022 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard. The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.





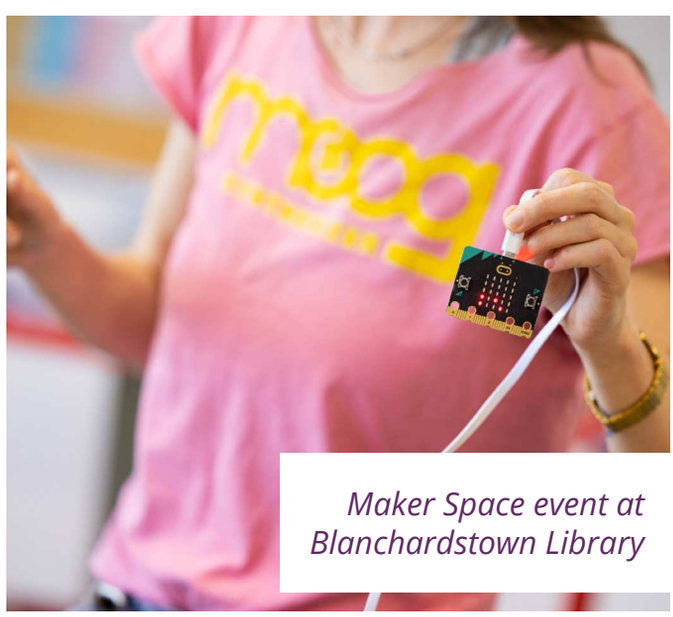
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Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management.	Continuous improvements and enhancements were made to the Development Plan workflow management system including higher quality mapping and user interface changes. A project to migrate CRM to Dynamics 365 was initiated. The project team will engage with Council staff and plan to introduce a new mobile interface, improved workflows and reporting features to the new system in 2023. The department delivered and supported a number of PowerBi Dashboards, Power Apps and Dataverse solutions across the organisation. Infrastructure, GIS, SQL and Enterprise Service Business platforms were upgraded.
To implement best practice in IT governance.	In 2022 Digital Services continued the programme of engagement with every Council Department to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.	The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed and upgraded to ensure that it performed reliably in 2022. Server availability for the year was 99.40% and network availability was 99.99%. Infrastructure upgrades included Network Switch Upgrades in Depots and Library Branches; Rollout of Teams Meeting Rooms in County Hall, Swords and the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown; Commissioning of a second 10GB Inter-site Link (County Hall – Civic Offices); Continued Rollout of WiFi.
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public.	The service desk dealt with 13,994 tickets from staff in 2022 and a New Service Catalogue was launched for staff. 112 calls were logged by Councillors. IT Support was provided to Councillors including during online Council and Development Plan meetings and on-site support was provided to Councillors for socially distanced Council meetings.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes.	Digital Services maintained and supported 70 applications, to facilitate business processes. The Agresso Financial Management System was upgraded to Milestone 7. Spydus was introduced as the new Library Management System. The Law Department's Case Management system (Keyhouse) was migrated to a supplier hosted solution. Progress was made on the NEC Housing project, due in 2023. The APAS planning system was upgraded to SR7 as part of the continuation of the ePlanning programme of works. Choice based letting functionality requests were implemented.

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Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals.	Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new and updated systems.
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digital world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council.	A department-wide governance body was established to manage the sustainment, continuous improvement and best practice for Corporate Document Management. This informed the development of a new SharePoint Corporate Document Management system for every Council department. A new Chief Executive Orders System was rolled-out across the Council in 2022. A project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 advanced from a Discovery and Requirements Phase, to an Implementation Phase, which will see the delivery of an updated Councillors' Portal and a standardisation of processes across Council services.
Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing.	Twenty six projects were completed in 2022. Phases three and four of the Development Plan were completed. Digital Services provided support for Council meetings. The support measures were provided for Webcasting, Electronic Voting, GIS , Meeting Management and reporting systems (RMAS).
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and programme to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected.	IT Security was a priority due to the increased threat from cybercriminals seeking to take advantage of the ongoing Covid disruptions and the crisis in Ukraine. Additional Security measures are improved on a continual basis.





Maker Space event at Blanchardstown Library

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	The Sustainable Fingal Initiative continued to encourage business sustainability. During 2022 the Council commenced work with DCU and DAA to drive innovation in collaborative sustainable projects.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start- ups and develop existing micro and small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	Small Business Assistance Scheme grants totalling €1.13m were paid to 214 businesses in the Fingal area. SBASC gave grants to businesses who were not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes. The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie and to support start-up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports and also secured Town & Village funding for remote working hub marketing. In 2022 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development plan. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. 2022 saw a return to normality for a lot of businesses and a renewed focus from Fingal LEO on helping businesses expand into export markets, increased collaboration and networking events. A total of €1,299,053 in financial aid was approved to 166 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes and Trading Online Vouchers. These businesses reported an increase of 206 jobs at the end of 2022 signalling the robustness of the Fingal economy. In total, 3055 places were booked by clients for Training/ Networking/ Events/ Webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 900 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1,264 clients. 111 Trading Online Vouchers were approved. 14 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 179 aspiring entrepreneurs.

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Implement and manage Local Community and Economic Development Programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.	The Fingal SICAP Programme performed strongly with a budget of €1.39 million and an additional budget secured for provision of assistance to Ukrainian Refugees. The LEADER Programme is overseen by the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) which comprises representation from South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and Fingal LCDC's. In 2022 25 LEADER projects to the value of €1,090,918 were approved, with 89% of the projects in Fingal.
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in Local Community and Economic Development.	Guidelines for the new Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) issued with the process to commence in 2023. The Council secured funding for a pilot engagement project for the new LECP. A New Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator was appointed. The Council was secured Shared Island Funding for a Feasibility Study on Innovation Hubs along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor. The Fingal Skills Strategy Group launched a Skills webpage. Existing sub-groups progressed work and two new sub-groups for Green Skills and Services were established. The Council was successful for Interreg funding for skills on the SKYLA Project. The Council also engaged with schools for a Careers Mentoring Programme and planning a Student Skills Expo for 2023.

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Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in Local Community and Economic Development.	Rush completed participation on the URBACT Playful Towns Initiative, opening streets for play and activating public open space around the town for successful play events throughout the year. The Council also secured funding for 2 EU CERV Projects, one on Green Skills and another on Inclusion for 2023.
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan.	The Council was awarded €24,438,875 in Urban Regeneration Development Funding (URDF) to implement the Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan. The demolition of O'Shea's at Balbriggan Harbour was completed in 2022. This was a precursor for the redevelopment of Quay Street, the Harbour and it's Environs. Part 8 Planning was approved by Fingal County Council for this transformative and ambitious scheme. This scheme will be funded by the URDF and Fingal County Council and will create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic pedestrianised environment. Stage 2 design phase was completed for 2 – 4 Dublin Street to develop a new Creative Hub with 8 flexible work-spaces. Also included will be a new courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise space, and multi-media spaces for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) in line with the ambitions of SMART Balbriggan. A Draft Public Realm Strategy & Design Guide, together with an Active Travel and Transportation plan for Balbriggan have been completed. An Integrated Action Plan was completed as part of Balbriggan's participation in the EU URBACT iPlace Project, which focused on the town's creative entrepreneurial potential and strengthening its proposition as a destination location for the Arts. Work Programmes progressed across all work streams in the Town Strategy namely Local Economy, Education, Skills & Training, Community Safety, Community Integration & Well Being and Public Realm & Placemaking.
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.	The EETCD continued to collaborate with Fáilte Ireland in the ongoing strengthening of the Fingal tourism proposition and in the marketing of the area. Key projects included the Dublin Coastal Trail, one of Fáilte Ireland's main propositions for Dublin launched in March 2022, Fingal Food Tourism / Food Trail Development, Destination Towns , the Outdoor Dining Scheme, developing sustainable tourism destinations, and facilitating Fingal familiarisation trips by overseas press and Fáilte Ireland's Meet in Ireland team.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.	Work also continued with the eight tourism development groups throughout the County on various initiatives aimed at furthering tourism in their individual destinations and working collaboratively through the development of the Dublin Coastal trail and its various stories and experiences. Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029 A tender for Consultancy services to develop a Tourism Strategy for Fingal County Council 2023-2029 was issued in May 2022. From the submissions received a Consultant was chosen to deliver a tourism strategy. This process commenced in September with a review and audit of the Fingal tourism landscape, establishing an economic baseline, growth targets and related KPIs and consultations with stakeholders. A Consultant completed 12 one to one Interviews, 6 focus Groups and an industry stakeholder survey. A key findings document of the consultation was presented to the in-house team at the beginning of December. There is a detailed timeline for the delivery of the Strategy of 10 months, with the final draft due in June 2023.



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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	The Council continued to work with a marketing and food network Consultant and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network. Though the network Committee worked through an action plan developed with a Consultant throughout 2021 and 2022, the network had it's official launch, following the pandemic, on the 16th November 2022 in County Hall. The event afforded businesses an opportunity to network, engage with the Committee, hear about the exciting plans for 2023 and the benefits for food business in joining the network. Fingal County Council continued to resource the various digital, social media and print campaigns promoting Fingal Food through the Dublin Coast and Fields brand. The development of a new Fingal Food Strategy also commenced in 2022. The aim of this strategy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy also in development, including: the ongoing 'Dublin's Coast & Fields' development, implementation, & promotion; creating & maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food & drink experiences; and continued investment in food and drink festivals and events. The strategy will develop 2 key overlapping strands; • Development of Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Offering • Growth of the Fingal Food and Drink sector The strategy is being developed by a consultant, marketing mentor and trainer for Fáilte Ireland and LEO's and also Fingal Food Network Facilitator, as provided by Fáilte Ireland per 'creating world class food networks' programme. December 2022 Project Initiation/Scoping/Stakeholder identification. Timeframe for delivery of the food policy is June 2023.
Promote Heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	In 2022 Newbridge House launched two new tour options with Guided Parkland Tours and Guided Farm Tours. An educational programme was also created and rolled out to both primary and secondary schools focusing on the upstairs/downstairs aspect within the house and it's connection with the workings on the Heritage Farm. A new additional event saw '21st Century Abba' performing in the walled garden to an audience of 600.

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Promote Heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	A virtual tour of the Great Hall in Malahide Castle was developed highlighting the restored features including paintings and fully laid dining table. Extensive marketing campaigns took place in 2022 using print, radio and social media to promote the Malahide Casino, Malahide Castle and Newbridge House.
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	There was continued Capital investment for maintenance and upgrading of our Heritage Property facilities during 2022 including the restoration of the Great Hall at Malahide Castle and the commencement of substantive roof and windows conservation works at Ardgillan Castle and Newbridge House. The Council engaged with its operators and Café providers to optimise visitor experiences. The Council began a collaboration with Irish Rail to provide a new interactive children's interpretative centre at the Malahide Casino Railway Museum. This is due to launch in Q2 of 2023. Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued during 2022 on several projects including the Coastal Development Plan, engagement with the Tourism Development Groups and marketing of Fingal. Newbridge House – work commenced on the basement room to house the Betty Cobbe porcelain collection that will form part of the house tour and is due to open in Q1 2023. A new gallery space was developed in the basement of Ardgillan Castle that will launch in 2023 and allow local artists to showcase their art.
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.	The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2022 with our public arts programme 'Infrastructure' and our grants, commissions and bursaries schemes, including supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter and the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation project.
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.	The actions of the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2022. The two areas of agreement are: **a) Research & Development** – the Arts Office continues to engage with the SCQ development team on the new public cultural facility and theatre model. **b) Building Capacity** - The Arts staff have developed a suite of research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in Arts and Culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth and education.

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To co-ordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal.	A budget of €319,215 was allocated in 2022 to 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg, and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration Programme. The Commemorations Programme focused on the funeral of Frank Lawless with specific emphasis on his role as an Irish Revolutionary and TD from Dublin North. An exhibition, short film and launch event was held. Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children took place on 11th June and included a new Storytrail in Rush, a street play day, events in libraries and arts projects including Makespace, Playscape and the Daily Cloud. The Creativity in older age funding provided 50 Covid Care concerts in care homes across Fingal throughout 2022.
Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.	During 2022 procurements and appointments for consultancies were completed to form the design team necessary to deliver the SCQ project. The full design team have been developing their design from initial concept in preparation for the planning process. During 2022, the Arts Officer signed off on the plans for the new 'Black Box' theatre and gallery with the Consultants. This work will continue into 2023 with the public consultation planning to take place and tendering of the project in 2023.



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Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Implement the Eastern - Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.	An evaluation of the current 5 year plan has been undertaken prior to the review of the plan. Available here.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	• Management of closed licensed landfills - Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt, Barnegeeragh– ongoing. • Capital Works Programme for Balleally progressing with some works commenced – upgrade of electrical works for leachate collection. • Progressed Design, Screening and foreshore agreements for protection wall for Brooks End legacy landfill.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2022 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licensing activities. This report together with the reports from other Local Authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine air/noise related inspections undertaken in 2022 was 558.
Enforce Waste Regulations.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2022 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licensing activities. This report together with the reports from other Local Authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2022 was 1,432 against a target of 1,208. End of Life Vehicle Project – 81 illegal sites were cleared and closed down by the end of 2022. Six remaining sites are in the process of removing ELV's with legal action ongoing for 2 of these sites.
Operate dog and horse control service.	The Dog Warden Service, in operation since September 2021, have been carrying out enforcement under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. In 2022, 455 fines were issued in relation to dog offences.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Operate dog and horse control service.	A pilot project of door-to-door dog licence checks were carried out at 12,500 homes in Fingal by the dog wardens where they issued 10 day notices to dog owners to produce licences within 10 days. In 2022, 10,417 dog licences were purchased and revenue from licence sales totalled €315,020. The Dog Wardens patrol parks and beaches and have been working alongside EETCD at some of Fingal's outdoor events. In 2022, 154 stray dogs entered the shelter and 51 were surrendered. 70 were reclaimed by their owners and 136 were rehomed either through rescue centres or to members of the public. An Animal Welfare project began on Dunsink Landfill in conjunction with DAFM and the DSPCA and two subsequent equine round-ups took place in May and August 2022. In total, 128 horses were identified with owners. Those not microchipped were microchipped and all horses received treatment for parasites. 11 stallions were castrated as part of the project in order to reduce indiscriminate breeding. In 2022, 11 horses were seized from the public realm. 9 of these were rehomed and 2 were PTS on welfare grounds.
Operate Litter Warden Service.	This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009. In 2022 there was an increased focus on illegal dumping and known blackspots were patrolled daily. The number of routine litter patrols/investigations undertaken in 2022 was 3387. The litter wardens continued their weekend patrols in 2022. They also carried out awareness campaigns on our coastal routes, to advise citizens of their responsibilities as dog owners to pick up after their dogs and their responsibility never to leave litter behind. The abandoned car pilot project continued in 2022 with a total number of 383 vehicles being reported as abandoned. Following investigation, a total of 13 were deemed abandoned and subsequently removed.

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Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2022 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licensing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine water/wastewater inspections undertaken in 2021 was 850.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	• Supported the 145 schools in the Green Schools Programme, with 23 New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2022. • Worked with the Dublin LA's, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools which introduces and subsidises composting and food waste in schools. The project won the REPAK prize in the sustainability category. • Rolled out litter programmes such as the Picker Pals in national schools and provided litter pickers through the 6 hub Community Centres. Picker Pals Litter initiative now in 40 new classes in primary schools, this is in addition to the already active 80 Picker Pals classes. • Worked with Dublin LA's, An Taisce and other groups to run the Dublin Community Clean-Up Week in September. • Funded 15 Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €20k. • In partnership with six Community Centres, litter kits were provided to Fingal individuals and communities. The Dublin Clean-Up Week was an event which mobilised several groups to carry out clean-ups. Litter kits were also provided directly to Community Groups and schools. • Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments are handed in at Recycling Centres, cleaned and repaired and redistributed back into communities. • The 'Fingal Keen to be Green' Project awards were held, and all 32 Fingal Community Centres received their first star for the Waste phase. This is a programme designed to assist the centre managers in becoming more sustainable in their delivery of services. • Ongoing promotional campaigns in co-operation with Comms to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environmental awareness. • Sustainable gardening workshops were delivered to the public.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	• Tree-planting workshops were held in 3 secondary and 5 primary schools in Fingal in December. Three Community planting days were organised in Castleknock, Malahide and Newbridge House Grounds. • The community leaf mould composting initiative was extremely-well received in communities all across Fingal. 26 communities participated in the programme. 136 leaf mould cages were set up in over 50 locations. Training was provided in 17 workshops. • As part of the ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre, a total 325 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2022 for use in public areas.
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	There are three flood schemes (Malahide, Portmarnock & Skerries) with the OPW. These are undergoing a Scheme Viability Review by the OPW currently.
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan.	• Governance and reporting structures are in place. Climate Action Co-ordinator works with Implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders to co-ordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report 2022 was delivered and communicated to SPC, CPG and Council.
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles.	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), a network of 60 Bring Banks for glass recycling throughout the County and a total of 29 Textile Bank locations. In 2022 a total of 5775. 16 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal Bring Banks. A total of 219 tonnes of textiles was collected from Textile Banks.

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Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design & construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	Approximately 30km of cycle facilities completed for the following schemes; • Hartstown/Huntstown • Rivervalley/Rathingle • Baldoyle/Howth • St. Cronans/Brackenstown Road
Towns & Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel.	Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages; • New Street Malahide • Balrothery • Skerries
Connectivity/Permeability – review & enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.	We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation 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.
Strategic planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy.	The Active Travel Strategy has been prepared and was presented to the SPC.
Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the school wardens.	Round 1 – Tranche 1 – The following projects are currently under construction: • Rush/Lusk Educate Together • Castaheany ETNS/St. Benedicts NS • Bayside Junior and Senior Schools Round 1 – Tranche 2 – the remaining schools are currently in the advanced designs stage with a view to construction during 2023. Round 2 schools were announced in late 2022. An Taisce is managing the preparation of a development plan, for delivery on the ground by Fingal County Council during 2023.
Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan.	Fingal's Road Safety Plan is currently under review following the release of the RSA Road Strategy 2021–2030 Vision Zero.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Mobility & Behavioural Change – rolling out various Active Travel Projects & Events to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	The Active Travel Team held numerous events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a modal shift: • Programmes & Initiatives • Learn to Cycle with a Disability Course • Walking Groups • Adult Cycling Courses • Cycling Without Age • Bike Share for E-Bikes launched in Fingal with Tier as the operator





Weather Station for Schools Project



Light Up Your Bike Campaign



ESB Bleeper eBikes in Fingal

Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR).	In 2022, 98.1% of Commercial Rates were collected (including rates waiver). The Property Entry Levy (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €0.904m. Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €1.05m in 2022.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €455.2m of payments during 2022. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regard to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2023-2025 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2022.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2023 Budget was presented to the Council on the 8th November 2022.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2021 Financial Statements were completed in March 2022 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2022.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2022. A total of 323 procurements with an estimated value of €253.26m commenced and 270 contracts with a value of €81.38m were awarded during the year. The CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.

Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Housing for All.	A total of 1,191 social housing units were delivered in 2022 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams. A target of delivering 404 units during 2022 through new builds and leasing of social housing units during 2022 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, the target was exceeded and a total of 525 units were delivered under these streams. The Council's Vacant Homes Action was launched in December 2022. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Vacant Property Grant Scheme was launched in July 2022. Eight applications were received in 2022, with works underway at 3 properties and 16 other property owners in dialogue with the Vacant Homes Section moving to formal application stage. Work commenced on-site on Phase 1 of the restoration of 14 vacant cottages at St. Ita's Portrane.
Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.	Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024. During 2022, the Homeless Team completed 748 homeless assessments, comprising 380 families and 368 single or couple households. A total of 364 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of: • 172 Social Housing Tenancies • 192 Homeless - HAP Tenancies There is ongoing engagement and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	HAP continued to be administered in 2022 through the new online application portal. Three hundred and eighty-two (382) tenancies were set up by Fingal County Council in 2022 and over 3,600 tenancies have been set up since HAP was introduced in 2017.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.	The Council continued to deliver an estate management and housing maintenance service provision to over 6,400 tenancies, incorporating a wide range of housing stock. There were 13,620 response maintenance requests received in 2022, a 9% reduction on the previous year. The Estate Management Section received 1,556 complaints pertaining to allegations of anti-social behaviour representing an increase of 14.7% on the previous year. The vacancy rate on council stock in 2022 was 1.7%.
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024 has progressed, with ongoing refurbishment works and the provision of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in the Fingal administrative area.
Facilitate Access to Good Quality Private Rented Accommodation through an Annual Inspections Programme.	In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2022 there were 20,824 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. An annual inspection target of 25% of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 6,113 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2022.
Deliver Sufficient and Appropriate Housing Solutions for Disabled Persons.	In 2022, 480 applications received from the private sector were approved for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability with grants over the value of €2.7m paid out. Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 71 new applications were received by the Council in 2022. Works concluded on 51 minor adaptation applications and works commenced on one extension application. Minor adaptations works included the provision of level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails. The Housing Department received approximately €240,000 funding from the DHLGH to support these works.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Support the Provision of Mixed Tenure, Quality and Affordable Housing.	The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the county in 2022. The proposed mixed tenure development at Churchfields, Mulhuddart comprises 1,000 social and affordable housing units. The Part 8 planning for the first phase of 300 dwellings and the Eastern Linear Park was approved in 2022. Works progressed on the Dun Emer development in Lusk where the Council are constructing 39 affordable and 12 social homes, which is one of the first social and affordable housing schemes developed under the Government's Housing for All policy. In 2022, the tender process was advanced for a mixed tenure scheme at Hayestown, Rush to build 52 affordable and 10 social homes.





From left to right: Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien TD, Chief Architectural Technologist at FCC Orla Harte, FCC Director of Housing Robert Burns and FCC Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly





Affordable Housing Scheme Development in Dun Emer, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.

Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2018 - 2023.	The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018 - 2023 continued to be implemented in 2022 by way of 42 actions.
Provide high quality, welcoming, accessible spaces which meet the needs of library users.	Site work commenced on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library in March 2022. A temporary library is open on Church Street for the duration of the works. The Libraries Department worked with the Architect led integrated design team to develop detailed plans for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter. In September, Baldoyle Library was opened as the first 'My Open Library' in Fingal. The 'My Open Library' service offers extended opening hours, providing access to the library from 8:00am to 10:00pm, 365 days per year. Staffed opening hours at Baldoyle, Rush and the temporary library in Skerries were increased during 2022.
Ensure that libraries are staffed with well trained, informed and customer focused staff.	Throughout 2022 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.
Recognise and meet the changing needs of library users, in accordance with our Collection Development Policy.	In March 2022 a new Library Management System, was selected for public libraries in Ireland. The Spydus consortium model allows for the sharing of bibliographic records, loans and reservations across each of the 30 library authorities, thereby ensuring that Fingal library patrons have easy and quick access to millions of books nationwide. The Digital Repository of Ireland published a photographic collection titled 'Fingal and the Fight for Irish Freedom' - the first Fingal County Libraries collection to be published by the DRI. This rich collection is made up of material that was gathered at Memorabilia Days across Fingal in 2015 and 2016. As part of a pilot project, a range of educational and developmental toys and resources were made available for borrowing at Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Garristown and Malahide Libraries.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Reinforce the position of libraries in the community as key points of access to information technology and digital services.	In April 2022, we launched the makerspace at Blanchardstown Library - a multi-use, creative and educational community facility which houses a range of equipment including laptops, a 3-D printer, a vinyl cutter and design software. In February, Fingal Libraries launched its newest e-service – LOTE (Languages Other than English). Offering over 1,500 digital picture books in over 50 languages, this is an entertaining, inclusive and educational platform. We also introduced Reader Pens which read words and full lines of text aloud for independent reading. Those with dyslexia, those who have difficulty with reading or pronunciation, those learning languages or those with vision problems find these pens extremely helpful pieces of technology. In 2022 we also started to offer free access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch. This popular web service has over 6 billion searchable names and 2 billion images of historical genealogical records.
Encourage the community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries.	Highlights in our events calendar in 2022 included the Writers Festival, Fingal Festival of History, and a Children's Literature Festival. We also ran events under the Healthy Ireland, Right to Read, Work Matters and Europe Direct programmes.



Fingal Libraries mobile van in Castleknock

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County.	Throughout 2022, our social media strategy involved scheduling daily messages, posts and content across our various platforms, in order to promote our online activities and programmes.
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the community through collaboration and partnerships.	In 2022, in partnership with other Council departments and outside organisations, we welcomed Ukrainians to our libraries and provided them with meet-up spaces, English classes and books in their native language. Blanchardstown Library also hosted a collaborative photographic exhibition between Irish and Ukrainian photographers. We also partnered up with the NOW Group, a social enterprise that supports people with learning difficulties and autism, to introduce the Jam Card and App service into all Fingal libraries. They are a discreet way of communicating to others that 'Just A Minute' (JAM) of time / assistance is required in certain situations.
Ensure Creative Ireland program is delivered across Fingal.	A budget of €319,215 was allocated in 2022 to 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative communities, Cruinniú na nÓg, and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme The Commemorations Programme focused on the funeral of Frank Lawless with specific emphasis on his role as an Irish revolutionary and TD from Dublin North. An exhibition, short film and launch event was held. Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children took place on 11th June and included a new Storytrail in Rush, a street play day, events in libraries and arts projects including Makespace, Playscape and the Daily Cloud. The Creativity in older age funding provided 50 Covid Care concerts in care home across Fingal throughout 2022.
Consult on a new Creative Ireland strategy to span the extended 5-year program 2023-2027.	Extensive consultation was carried out in 2022 with internal and external stakeholders to inform the 2023 - 2027 strategy.





Ukrainian Book Launch at Donabate Library



Fingal Libraries Launch of Storytrail

Operations Department

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<tr><th>Service Delivery Objective</th><th>Assessment Report 2022</th></tr>
<tr><td>Management & Maintenance of Regional & Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety.</td><td>There are 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the County. The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through the Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt and Swords. The Council continued to manage its stock 32,900 public lights with over 90% having been converted as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme.

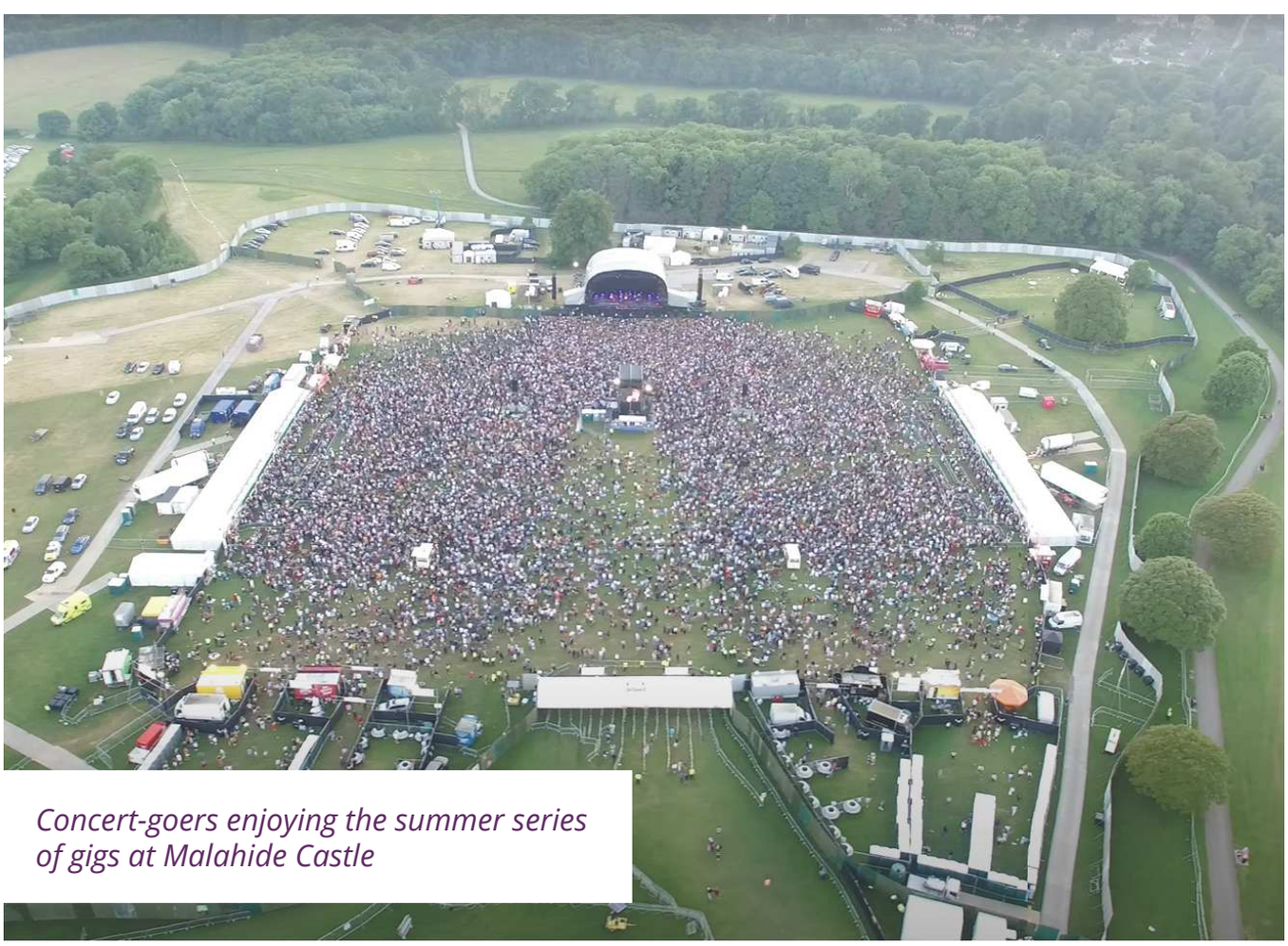
The following applications were processed during 2022:

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<tr><td>Wayleave/ Communication/ Road Opening Licence</td><td>2,400</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Management & Maintenance of Regional Parks,
Open Spaces, Pitches & Recreational Facilities.</td><td>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5000 acres (2000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotment. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide;
• 54 playgrounds
• 179 grass playing pitches
• 8 all-weather playing facilities
• 6 cricket pitches
• 19 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA’s)
• 4 skateparks
• 1 BMX track
• 8 public tennis courts
• 10 boules courts
• 33 separate locations for adult exercise equipment.</td></tr>
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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Management & maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences.	In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont and Howth. 35 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2022. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at Skerries Harbour. The Council also appointed a Harbour Master to ensure the 4 harbours are managed to the highest standard. Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes in the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.
To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate.	A significant number of events were held in in our regional parks and open spaces and in the public realm during 2022 following the restrictions as a result of Covid 19. While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2022 the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County: • Rush Harbour Festival • Malahide Concerts • Skerries Regatta • Cool Running Ice Skating Rink Millennium Park • Castleknock Village Festival • Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park • St. Patrick's Day Parades in towns across the county Management of commercial and sporting events and event licence applications when permitted involve the following: • Pre and post event meetings • Document validation and issuing of event permits • Temporary road closure application • Litter Management • Professional advice on traffic management • Advice on crowd safety management



150 new solar powered compactable smart bins installed across Fingal



Concert-goers enjoying the summer series of gigs at Malahide Castle

People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organization.	A Performance Management and Development System is being implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Programme as normal business process.
To implement a programme that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace.	Staff wellbeing activities are regularly promoted by the Council's newly appointed Staff Wellbeing Officer and through the Wellbeing Strategy, and by the staff forum – Network Fingal and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in the business process of the organization.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources.	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme was implemented on-line and in person. Proactive attendance management was also in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment.	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.



Jobs Expo 2022

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County.	Advance works contracts and land acquisition well advanced for Broadmeadow Way. Large consultations took place for Fingal Coastal Way and Sutton-Malahide, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála for Sutton-Malahide. Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2023. Ongar-Barnhill and Harry Reynolds Road tender procurements commenced with a view to appointing contractors in 2023. Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas. The Sustainable Swords Strategy was published, which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords. Church Fields Link Road construction ongoing. Snugborough Interchange construction ongoing. Work progressed on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility and work commenced on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub. Works were completed on the restoration of four heritage glasshouses at Ardgillan Demesne. Procurement was progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park, Naul Village Park, Garristown Public Space and Howth Harbour Playground. Work progressed on the preparation of the audit of public play facilities in Fingal in line with he adopted “Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal”. Work commenced on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project. Works progressed on the feature entrance Gatehouse at Bremore Castle. Planning approval was obtained from An Bord Pleanála for the Racecourse Park, Baldoyle Development Project. The preparation of plans for Rogerstown Park (Former Balleally Landfill) was advanced.
Promote & Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.	In 2022, a total of 2,935 new buildings submitted commencement notices through the BCMS system with over 50% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 275 Fire Safety Certificates and 189 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 400 on-site inspections. Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The Target product in 2022 was aggregated and Fingal staff, with the assistance of the National Building Control Authority inspected quarries in the Fingal area. Furthermore, enforcement action was taken against one supplier of fabricated steel for non-conformance with the Harmonized National Standard.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	On-going investigations and enforcement action. 228 warning letters and 29 enforcement notices issued. 3 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2022 bringing to 19 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements. 1,303 planning applications received, 1,210 decisions made. 20 SHD applications were made to An Bord Pleanála, 2 SHD's were granted, 1 was withdrawn and 1 was refused. 6 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were made to Fingal County Council and 2 LRD decisions were granted during 2022.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Taking in Charge policy was reviewed and the specifications contained within were updated. The Council has moved over to online submission of the as-constructed information and CCTV from the Developers through Sharepoint. A total of 12 estates were Taken in Charge in 2022.



Cycling and Walking Scheme - Sutton to Malahide

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Development Plan process has continued throughout 2022. The second and third round of public consultation was completed in May and December of this year. The Chief Executive's Report on Material Alterations is due to issue to members in January 2023, with the Plan being adopted in February 2023. The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 is expected to come into effect in April 2023.
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	Capital Plan 2023-2025 adopted which contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including: • Broadmeadow Way: advance works contracts underway; • Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed. • Sutton-Malahide: preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2023. • Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2023. • Ongar-Barnhill: tender commenced with a view to appointing contractor in 2023. • Harry Reynolds Road: tender commenced with a view to appointing contractor in 2023. • Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas. • Sustainable Swords strategy published which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords. • Church Fields Link Road construction ongoing. • Snugborough Interchange construction ongoing.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	Public consultation was completed on the new Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan and works were progressed in line with the Dublin Bay Biosphere Plan.
Support Rebuilding Ireland.	Ongoing residential development, at December 2022: • There are 67 active residential sites with 2,933 units under construction. 2,083 units have been constructed during the 12 months to end Q4 2022. There are 49 inactive sites with a potential to deliver a further 7,262 units. • Construction continues to progress in Hansfield. There are seven planning applications currently on the SDZ lands, with five of these sites active. There is a total of 1,568 Occupied/Completed units to date on the overall SDZ lands since the inception of the scheme. One new Planning Application was granted this quarter with a total of 174 Apartments. • At Oldtown/Mooretown (MUHDS/LIHAF), there are six active sites on these lands. There are 254 units Under Construction in Q4 2022. • In Donabate (MUHDS/LIHAF), construction activity increased between Q3 2022 and Q4 2022. There are ten planning applications in total in Donabate, six of these are active. Of the four planning applications yet to commence, one of these is an SHD Application. • In Northwood – Santry, construction continues within four active sites, one of which is an SHD, one new Planning Application commenced in Q4 2022. There are six extant permissions with 294 units not yet started and a total of 381 units granted that have yet to commence across all ten permissions in this area. • Rural Villages: There are 10 Granted Planning Applications, one of which is an SHD. Nine of the Applications are active in five Fingal Villages with one new Planning Application commencing in Q4.
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Fingal Pilot Project for Coastal Monitoring works were progressed in collaboration with the OPW and the preparation of plans for Coastal Protection Works in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary was advanced.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The Heritage Office continued to contribute to the Development Plan process. In relation to Planning Files, Consultee reports were prepared for: • 132 Planning Permissions • 6 LRDs • 18 SHDs • 27 Compliances Infrastructural Projects; Review of documentation, input, and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Swords Cultural Quarter, Ward River Regional Park, Our Balbriggan and Fingal Coastal Way. Naming of Developments; A total of 30 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2022. Process includes liaison with local historical societies, Placename Commission, research, and evaluation. Guidance on naming for developers was progressed. The Heritage Officer also administers the Community Monument Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Several projects received funding in 2022, at St Marnock's Church, Portmarnock , St Catherine's Church, Kenure, Rush Tower House, St Columba's Towers Swords, Moat Wood, Naul, Balrothery Tower House and St Mary's Clonmethan, Oldtown. Other projects undertaken in 2022 include: Fingal Thatch Project 2022, Digging Drumanagh 2022, Legacies of Conflict 1914-1945, Fingal Heritage X Climate. Work continued in the Heritage Network, the Heritage Forum and on a number of events for Heritage Week.





Construction of a new all-weather running track and 3G synthetic sports pitch at Porterstown Park, Castleknock

Water Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2022
Provision of Water Services/SLA/ ASP.	Úisce Éireann is the public utility with responsibility for Water Services, including; • Water production and distribution • Wastewater collection • Treatment & disposal continue to be delivered by the Council in accordance with the 2022 Service Level Agreement between Úisce Éireann and Fingal County Council.
Maintenance of the Fingal Surface Water Network.	Development, management and maintenance of the Fingal Surface Water Network is the responsibility of the Council with provision in the Fingal Revenue and Capital budgets for 2022. During 2022, the Council continued with new works, ongoing maintenance and repairs, including the jetting of County wide blackspots to assist with flooding prevention.





New Eco toilets installed at Shackleton Garden, D15

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Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/ Swords

Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Tony Murphy, was replaced by Councillor Gráinne Maguire July 2022

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar

Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Pamela Conroy, was replaced by Councillor Mary McCamley, July 2022

Howth-Malahide

Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, was replaced by Councillor David Healy, July 2022

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Seána ÓRodaigh - Jan - June 2022
Mayor: Councillor Howard Mahony - June 2022 – Dec 2022

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Joan Hopkins (Chairperson), John Walsh, Grainne Maguire, Seána Ó Rodaigh, JK Onwumereh, Cathal Boland

Non-Elected Nominees: Abbi Wise, Liz Madden (up to Sept 2022)

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Tom O'Leary (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien, Angela Donnelly (from March 2022)

Non-Elected Nominees: Sinead Kavanagh, Michael Lenehan, Doreen Keaney (until May 2022)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SPC

Councillors Tony Murphy (Chairperson until June 2022), Darragh Butler(Chairperson from July 2022), Ian Carey, Ted Leddy, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Siobhan Shovlin
Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, David Normoyle (until May 2022), Kesava Gollapalli (until May 2022), Yetunde Joyce (from June 2022), Helen Keng Mobit (from June 2022)

HOUSING SPC

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

John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, James Humphreys

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

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary Mc Camley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Pamela Conroy (from Feb 2022)

Non-Elected Nominees: Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath, Sean Barry (until May 22)

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian Dennehy (Chairperson until June 2022), Brian Mc Donagh (Chairperson from July 2022), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt

Non-Elected Nominees:
Kieran O'Neill(until May 2022), Paul Arnold (from Aug 2022)

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Gravely, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power, Cathal Boland, David Healy

Non-Elected Nominees:
Maire O'Brien (from May 2022)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane, Brigid Manton

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Gráinne Maguire, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley, Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ian Carey, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, James Humphreys, Pamela Conroy, Ted Leddy , JK Onwumereh

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)
Councillors Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD
Councillor Gráinne Maguire

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

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

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Mary McCamley(until May 22), Punam Rane, JK Onwumereh (from June 22)

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM
Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

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

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM
Councillors Cathal Boland, Seána Ó Rodaigh, Howard Mahony, Pamela Conroy, JK Onwumereh

DRAÍOCHT
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD
Councillors Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, John Walsh, Brigid Manton, Siobhan Shovlin

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE
Councillor Brian Mc Donagh

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

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

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

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED
Councillors Séana ÓRodaigh, Daniel Whooley (June 2022).
Councillors Howard Mahony, Cathal Boland (from July 22)

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

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

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

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED
Councillor Cathal Boland

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE JAN – JUN 2022
Mayor Séana ÓRodaigh
June – Dec 2022
Mayor Howard Mahony
Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

All Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION
Councillor Cathal Boland

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

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

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM
Councillors Brian McDonagh, David Healy

NORDUBCO
Councillor Brigid Manton

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

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)
Councillor David Healy

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

Meetings Held in 2022

Meeting	No. of Meetings held
Full Council	**11**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lush/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	**10**
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	**10**
Special Meeting	**7**
Annual Meeting	**1**
Budget Meeting	**1**
Corporate Policy Group	**7**
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee	**7**
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029	**19**
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Howth SAAO Management Committee	**4**
Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee	**4**
Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	**4**

Attendance at Meetings 2022

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2022
Cathal Boland	**65**
John Burtchaell	**34**
Darragh Butler	**64**
Ian Carey	**60**
Pamela Conroy	**48**
Brian Dennehy	**60**
Kieran Dennison	**56**
Angela Donnelly (from March 2022)	**49**
Tania Doyle	**66**
Ann Graves	**71**
Jimmy Guerin	**63**
Breda Hanaphy	**59**
David Healy	**68**
Adrian Henchy	**72**
Joan Hopkins	**60**
James Humphreys	**60**
Tom Kitt	**72**
Anthony Lavin	**63**
Ted Leddy	**60**
Grainne Maguire	**63**
Howard Mahony	**73**

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2022
Brigid Manton	**64**
Mary McCamley	**65**
Brian McDonagh	**67**
Dean Mulligan	**57**
Paul Mulville	**70**
Tony Murphy	**64**
Joe Newman	**71**
Eoghan O'Brien	**73**
Robert O'Donoghue	**75**
Tom O'Leary	**76**
JK Onwumereh	**62**
Séana Ó Rodaigh	**60**
Aaron O'Rourke (until Feb 2022)	**1**
Karen Power	**60**
Punam Rane	**60**
Siobhan Shovlin	**58**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**56**
Natalie Treacy	**64**
John Walsh	**68**
Daniel Whooley	**59**

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Aaron O'Rourke	0
Adrian Henchy	0
Angela Donnelly	0
Ann Graves	0
Anthony Lavin	0
Aoibhinn Tormey	0
Breda Hanaphy	0
Brian Dennehy	0
Brian McDonagh	0
Brigid Manton	0
Cathal Boland	0
Daniel Whooley	0
Darragh Butler	0
David Healy	0
Dean Mulligan	0
Eoghan O'Brien	0
Grainne Maguire	0
Howard Mahony	0
Ian Carey	0

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
James Humphreys	0
Jimmy Guerin	0
JK Onwumereh	0
Joan Hopkins	0
Joe Newman	0
John Burtchaell	0
John Walsh	0
Karen Power	0
Kieran Dennison	0
Mary McCamley	0
Natalie Treacy	0
Pamela Conroy	0
Paul Mulville	0
Punam Rane	0
Robert O'Donoghue	0
Seána Ó Rodaigh	0
Siobhan Shovlin	0
Tania Doyle	0
Ted Leddy	0
Tom Kitt	0
Tom O'Leary	0
Tony Murphy	0

Payments to Councillors in 2022

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	**383,330.13**
Total Representational Payments	**1,044,226.61**
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	**41,100.55**
Mayors Allowance (January – June 2022) Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2022)	**14,373.75** **15,523.65**
Deputy Mayors Allowance (January – June 2022) Deputy Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2022)	**2,874.74** **3,104.72**

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2022

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Travel & Subsistence	**8,659.55**	**0**	**8,659.55**
Fees	**3,660.00**	**0**	**3,660.00**

**For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*

Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2022

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG - Module 1 of the 2022 Elected Members Training Programme - Personal Safety and Risk Assessment (Eastern Region)	The Mullingar Park Hotel, Co. Westmeath	17th February 2022	Cathal Boland		210
AILG - Module 1 of the 2022 Elected Members Training Programme - Personal Safety and Risk Assessment (Southern Region)	Silver Springs Hotel, Co. Cork	19th February 2022	Kieran Dennison	416.02	210
			Tom O'Leary	383.42	
			Cathal Boland		
AILG Annual Training Conference	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal	23rd and 24th March 2022	Brigid Manton	449.44	
			Cathal Boland	272.56	
			Mary McCamley	435.21	
			Grainne Maguire	420.39	
			Tom O'Leary	411.22	
			Kieran Dennison	552.23	

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
Irish Planning Institute - Planning for Climate change	Ormond Hotel, Co. Kilkenny	7th and 8th April 2022	Kieran Dennison	414.39	720
			Tom O'Leary	362	
LAMA Spring Training Seminar Rural Development	Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Co. Kilkenny	11th and 12th April 2022	Tom O'Leary	341.71	540
			Kieran Dennison	415.43	
			Cathal Boland		
AILG Training Programme Module 2 Climate Action	Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan	14th May 2022	Tom O'Leary	227.99	
			Kieran Dennison	140.95	
AILG - (In-Person) Module 3 Training - "Finalising your Development Plan – Key steps and requirements from the Development Plan Guidelines	Hudson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	15th and 16th June 2022	Pamela Conroy		
			Kieran Dennison	127.47	
			David Healy		
			Tom O'Leary	288.54	
AILG - (In-Person) Module 3 Training - "Finalising your Development Plan – Key steps and requirements from the Development Plan Guidelines	Avalon House Hotel, Co. Kilkenny	Saturday 18th June 2022	Cathal Boland		
Patrick MacGill Summer School - "The destruction of Ukraine and its People - The Fallout for Mankind"	MacGill Summer School	21st to 24th July, 2022	Kieran Dennison	767.99	

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG - "Government Legislation Policy Programme 2022 - A briefing for Elected Members"	Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran, Donegal	23rd July 2022	Cathal Boland	354.88	
AILG - "Celebrating Local Government"	Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co. Meath	14th and 15th September 2022	Grainne Maguire	322.11	155
			Brigid Manton	340.57	155
			Mary McCamley	307.72	155
AILG Training Programme Module 1	The Tower Hotel and Leisure Centre Waterford	18th September 2022	Cathal Boland	166.35	
IPI Autumn Conference	Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin	7th October 2022	Tom O'Leary		425
AILG - Disability and Inclusion	Radisson Blue Hotel, Sligo	27th October 2022	Kieran Dennison	362.13	
			Cathal Boland	257.94	
LAMA - Autumn/ Winter Seminar	Four Seasons Hotel, Coolshannagh, Monaghan	9th to 11th November 2022	Kieran Dennison	437.94	160
Data Protection - "What Councillors need to know"	Newgrange Hotel, Navan, Co. Meath	26th November 2022	Cathal Boland	37.83	
				8,659.55	**3,075.88**

Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions of Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2022.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2022.

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

Applications Received/Processed	2022
Applications received	170
Decisions made	154
Applications on hand at 31st December	16
Nature of Information Sought	**2022**
Personal (to applicant)	41
Non-Personal	129
Mixed	0
Granted	35
Part-Granted	56
Refused	52
Transferred	1
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	10
Appeals	**2022**
Appeals to Information Commissioner	4
Ombudsman Complaints	**2022**
Complaints received	39
Complaints responded to	39

Subject of Complaints	2022
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	7
Operations	5
Housing	23
Finance	0
Environment & Water Services	1
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	2
Libraries	0
Citizen Charter Complaints	**2022**
Complaints received	
Complaints responded	
Subject of Complaints	**2022**
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	
Operations	
Housing	
Finance	
Environment & Water Services	
Community	
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	
Corporate Affairs & Governance	
Libraries	

Performance Indicators 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

** All Figures in Appendix XII are correct at time of printing*

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1	**A.** No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 1/1/2022	5,511	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the LA owned stock during 2022 (whether constructed or acquired)	184	
	C. No. of LA owned dwellings sold in 2022	13	
	D. No. of LA owned dwellings demolished in 2022	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the LA at 31/12/2022	5,682	
Housing: H2	**F.** No. of LA owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2022	0	
	A. The percentage of the total number of LA owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2022	1.74%	
Housing: H4	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2022	99	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H4	**A.** Expenditure during 2022 on the maintenance of LA housing compiled from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, divided by the no. of dwellings in the LA stock at 31/12/2022, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	€1,229.76	
	Expenditure on maintenance of LA stock compiled from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022, including planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, such as SEAI grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works or the Fabric Upgrade Programme but excluding expenditure on vacant properties and expenditure under approved major refurbishment schemes (i.e. approved Regeneration or under the Remedial Works Schemes)	€6,987,490.43	
Housing: H3	**A.** The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2022 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2022	32.87	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2022, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2022	€18,226.97	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2022 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	79	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	2,597	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	€1,439,930.33	
Housing: H5	**A.** Total number of registered tenancies in the LA area at end of June 2022	20,824	
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2022	6,113	
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2022 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations	93%	
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2022 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)	1,573	
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2022	7,681	
Housing: H6	**A.** Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2022		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2022 as recorded on the PASS system		This information is provided by the DRHE
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2022, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		This information is provided by the DRHE

Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
Roads: R1	The percentage of total Regional road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2022	100%			
	The percentage of total Local Primary road kilometres that received a PSCI condition rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2022	100%			
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2022	100%			
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road kilometres that received a PSCI rating between 1/1/2018 and 31/12/2022	100%			
Roads: R2	**Road type**	**1-4 Rating**	**5-6 Rating**	**7-8 Rating**	**9-10 Rating**
	(a) Regional	6.11%	14.37%	61.06%	16.44%
	(b) Local Primary	6.45%	18.15%	56.42%	15.24%
	(c) Local Secondary	16.13%	16.39%	46.14%	19.99%
	(d) Local Tertiary	6.15%	27.03%	51.45%	12.22%
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2022	4.77km			

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Roads: R2	**A2.** The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2022	€1,073,513	
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€34/32006.50 sqm	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2022	0	
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2022	0	
	B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	0	
	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2022	22.730	
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2022	€3,380,403	
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€26/ 127697.60sqm	
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2022	3.870	
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2022	€241,758	
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€13/18216.00 sqm	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Motor Tax: R3	**A.** The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2022		
Water: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2022	100%	
Water: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2022	4	
	Total number of registered schemes in 2022	4	
Waste: E1	**A.** The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2022		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	B. The percentage of households within the local authority that the number at A represents		This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
Environmental Pollution: E2	**A1.** Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2022	2,754	Fixyourstreet no longer in use from mid 2022
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	2,607	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2022	147	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2021	50	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Litter Pollution: E3	**A1.** The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2022 was unpolluted or litter free		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A2. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2022 was slightly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A3. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2022 was moderately polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A4. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2022 was significantly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A5. The percentage of the area within the LA that when surveyed in 2022 was grossly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
Green Flag Status: E4	**A.** The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2022	32%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2022	3	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2022	20	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2021 and therefore do not require renewal until 2022	21	
Energy Efficiency Performance: E5	**A.** The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2022 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the SEAI
Public Lighting: E6	**A.** Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Public Lighting: E6	**B.** Average wattage of each public light		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Climate Change: E7	Does the local authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the local authority have a climate action team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
Planning: P1	**A.** Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	37.3%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1	Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 by a builder or developer on the local authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	1150	
	Number of new buildings notified to the local authority in 2022 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2022 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	429	
Planning: P2	**A.** Number of LA planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2022	65	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the LA	70.77%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the LA's decision (either with or without variation)	46	
Planning: P3	**A.** Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 that were investigated	248	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2022	132	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	51.52%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P3	**D.** Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	2.27%	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	46.21%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2022	1,254	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	68	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the LA's satisfaction through negotiations	3	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings	61	
Planning: P4	**A.** The2022 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€37.50	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 - Forward Planning, D02 - Development Management, D03 - Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2022	€12,346,822	NOTE AFS Figures not finalised
Planning: P5	**A.** The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	25.66%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P5	**B.** The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	74.34%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	152	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	39	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2022 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	113	
Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2022 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports: AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2022:		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F2	**A.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F2	**D.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		N/A Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Library Service: L1	**A.** Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2016 Census	2.1	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	825,364	
	C. Library active members per head of population		The new LMS does not currently track active use, so for 2022 there is no active membership data available. NOAC are aware of this and are not expecting to receive this data from authorities.
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	48,795	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	688,214	
Library Service: L2	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2022 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2016 Census	€51.73	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022	€2.64	
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2022	€17,029,370	Figure taken from the draft unaudited 2022 AFS
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€870,604	
Youth and Community: Y1	**A.** Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	66	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Youth and Community: Y1	Total number of second level schools in the LA area at 31/12/2022	35	
Youth and Community: Y2	Number of second level schools in the LA area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2022	23	
	A. Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2022 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	667 113	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the local authority area as at 31/12/2022	667	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2022	18	Secretariat did not approve new registrations from May 2022 due to lack of staff resources required to process new memberships
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	8	
Corporate: C1	**A.** The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2022	1,479.17	
Corporate: C2	**A.** Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2022	3.1%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2022	0.3%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C2	**A.** Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2022	3.1%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2022	0.3%	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2022	11,605	
	Total Number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2022	1,223	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2022	2,445	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2022	6	
Corporate: C4	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	24	
Corporate: C5	**A.** All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022, divided by the WTE no.	€5,263.39	The AFS is not finalised, indicative figures only
	Total of ICT expenditure in 2022	€7,785,447.16	The AFS is not finalised, indicative figures only
	A. All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure		The AFS is not finalised and figures aren't available
	Total revenue expenditure from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 before transfers to or from reserves		The AFS is not finalised and figures aren't available

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C3	**A.** The per capita total page views of the local authority's websites in 2022	12.76	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2022 of the local authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.16	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the local authority for the period from 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	4,200,200	
	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2022, were following the local authority on any social media sites	329,218	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the local authority	80	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the local authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	
Finance: M1	**A.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2018 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	15,978,433	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019	15,979,356	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020	15,979,679	
	D. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021	15,979,812	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M1	**E.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022*	15,980,204	Un-Audited AFS
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2022 as a percentage of Total Income in 2022 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	5%	
	G. Revenue Expenditure per capita in 2022	838	Un Audited AFS (Population 329,218 - Census 2022)
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2022 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure	761	Un Audited AFS (Population 329,218 - Census 2022)
	Cumulative surplus/deficit balance denoting which net of transfers to or from reserves at 31/12/2022 in the Revenue Account from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	15,980,202	Un-Audited AFS
	The 2022 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS from which the percentage will be derived	356,434,782	Un-Audited AFS
Finance: M2	The 2022 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement (ie excluding transfers) of the AFS from which the per capita expenditure will be derived	276,037,820	Un-Audited AFS

Collection Levels by Year	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent & Annuities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
Individual percentage figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2018	95.80%	86%	101.7%

Topic	Indicator		Value	Comment
Finance: M2	**Collection Levels by Year**	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent & Annu-ities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
	Individual percentage figures for 2019	97.90%	84%	97.7%
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93.00%	79.6%	96.50%
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	93%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022*(AFS not finalised, draft numbers)	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
Finance: M3	**A.**1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2022		€2.98	Provisional Numbers
	Number of notified claims for 2022		161	Provisional Numbers
	Number of settled claims for 2022		90	Provisional Numbers
	Total cost of settled claims for 2022		€979,855.77	Provisional Numbers
Finance: M4	**A.** Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account		16.9%	Un-Audited AFS

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M4	**B.** Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	27.6%	Un-Audited AFS
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	46,731,599	Net CMC
	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2022 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	98,494,786	Un-Audited AFS
Economic Development: J1	**A.** The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 per 100,000 of population	62.576	
Economic Development: J2	**A.** The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2022 per 100,000 of population	33.718	
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2022 per 100,000 of population	13.062	
Economic Development: J3	A. The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022 per 100,000 of population	383.96	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	206	
Economic Development: J4	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2022	111	
Economic Development: J5	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2022	43	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Economic Development: J5	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2022	43	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2022 to 31/12/2022	1,264	
	A. Does the local authority have a current tourism strategy?		Yes
	B. Does the local authority have a designated Tourism Officer?		Yes
	The total spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022 per head of population: *Please refer to the detailed list of inclusions and exclusions contained on pages 40 to 45 of the NOAC Guidelines. The expenses to include and exclude are summarised below.* **Include the following expenses:** The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022: • D0101 – D0199 Forward Planning • D0401 – D0499 Industrial and Commercial • D0501 – D0599 Tourism Dev and Promo • D0601 – D0699 Community and Enterprise *Excluded D0602 and D0603 • D0901 – D0999 Economic Development Promotion • E0501 – E0599 Litter Management • E0601 – E0699 Street Cleaning • F0301 – F0399 Outdoor Leisure • F0502 – F0599 Other Bodies and Museum • G0201 – G0299 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours • H0701 -H0799 Operation Markets and Casual Trading H07 • C0401 – C0499 Public Conveniences C04 **Exclude the following expenses:** • Environmental Awareness • Car Parking • Leisure Facilities • Social Inclusion/RAPID		The 2022 Annual Financial Statements are not finalised and the figures are not available yet. -Per Finance Officer

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 21

FINGAL ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME 2023 FOR PROFESSIONAL FINGAL ARTISTS

Applications have been received from professional artists under the bursary entitled the '*Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2023'*. This bursary scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted by the Council in 2014. Now in its tenth year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 253 eligible applications received this year. The number of applications received this year has increased by over 50% compared to last year.

The funding allows professional artists in Fingal to avail of an award towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists.

The award was open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, film, dance, and literature. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. It is proposed to make funding available to the applicants in accordance with the conditions of the scheme.

A total of 253 eligible applications were received and assessed by independent advisors in each category. The total amount applied for across all applications was

€971,316. Having examined the applications, the advisors have recommended 148 awards amounting to a total sum of €250,000. 59% of applicants were awarded.

This year the budget for the scheme was increased from €200,000 in 2022 to €250,000. The Arts Office is now seeking the Council's approval to issue the successful candidates with the awards. The candidates are as follows:

Music (23)

Aaron Smyth	1,308
Anna Cashell	1,003
Aonghus McEvoy	1,780
Brendan Corcoran	2,725
Caitriona O'Leary	2,730
Charles Adejayan	2,453
Danny Carroll	2,730
Diarmuid O'Connor	2,671
Eadaoin Copeland	2,087
Eve Quigley	2,725
Ian Kinsella	2,725
Kaitlin Cullen-Verhauz	2,725
Kevin Bushell	1,450
Laoise Fitzgerald	2,725
Luke Howard	2,616
Mark McManus	1,059
Mary Louise O'Donnell	2,270
Michelle O'Rouke	2,730
Neill O'Connor	1,603
Rhona Clarke	1,420
Sean McElwain	2,725
Tadhg Kinsella	2,730
Teresa O'Donnell	2,210
TOTAL	51,200

Drama (17)

Anna Sheils McNamee	1,700
Aoife Fitzpatrick	1,500
Aonghus Og McAnally	2,000
April Bracken	1,500
Caoimhe O'Malley	1,500
Colette Cullen	1,800
Darren Yorke	1,200
Declan Gorman	2,000
Declan King	1,300
Elaine Murphy	1,800
Ella Skolimowski	1,500
Gary Keegan	2,000
Olakunle Animashaun	1,500
John King	1,500
Lauryn Gaffney	2,000
Simona Roveda	1,000
SP McArdle	1,200
TOTAL	27,000

Literature (22)

Alisha Byrne Keane	1,000
Bobby Aherne	1,000
Brian Gallagher	2,470
Carol McGill	1,000
Colette Ni Reamonn Ioannidou	200
Damien Donnelly	2,300
David O'Neill	1,300
Elizabeth Brennan	2,200
Joan Brady	850
Kevin Curran	2,000
Lauren Lawler	800
Lisa Walshe	1,200
Maria Angeles Manueco-Ramos	480
Megan Wynne	2,000
Melatu Uche Okorie	1,200
Michael Daly	900

Molly Hennigan	1,500
Niamh Sharkey	2,200
Owen Churcher	1,000
Patrick Bentley	1,000
Siobhan Bunni	1,300
Trudie Gorman	1,300
TOTAL	29,200

Dance (3)

Aoife Nyhan Kavanagh	2,300
Jessie Thompson	4,500
Annique Van Niekerk	2,600
TOTAL	9,400

Film (18)

Amy Boland	1,500
Andrew Lynch	1,500
Cathy Dunne	1,500
Chinedum Muotto	1,700
Cliona Noonan	1,300
Conor Dowling	1,500
Derek Ugochukwu	1,500
Emma Ray	1,400
Eric Fraad	1,600
Ged Murray	1,400
Graham Seely	1,400
Joe O'Byrne	1,700
Niamh Brannigan	1,500
Rob O'Shea	1,500
Robbie Walsh	1,500
Rouzbeh Rashidi	1,500
Sarah Ahern	1,500
Tania Notaro	1,500
TOTAL	27,000

Visual Art (65)

Adam Gibney	1,600
Aisling Dunne	800
Aisling Keavey	1,500
Alex de Roeck	2,000
Ann Ensor	1,250
Aoife Ward	2,000
Beata Piekarska Daly	2,000
Brian Hegarty	2,000
Catherine Ward	1,000
Ciara Maher	1,000
Deborah Hewson	2,000
Diarmuid Woodcock	1,000
Eleanor McCaughey	1,846
Ella de Burca	2,600
Ellen Duffy	2,500
Emma Scully	4,000
Fodhla Ward	1,800
Iqra Iqbal	1,200
Jack Pierce	715
Joanne Reid	3,500
Julie Ann Haines	2,500
Kerry Guinan	3,600
Kitty O'Brien	714
Kurt Opperman	1,500
Lana May Fleming	2,750
Liing Heaney	4,000
Maeve Brennan	2,000
Maree Hensey	925
Maria Atanackovic	2,000
Marie Hanlon	3,000
Matthew Coll	3,000
Michelle Hall	4,000
Michelle Hetherington	2,300
Mihai Mar	750
Miriam McConnon	1,000
Murielle Celis	750
Naomi Sex	2,250
Nina McGowan	1,250
Nuala Clarke	1,500
Nunce McAuley	500
Patricia Hennessy	750
Patrick Joe Rickard	500
Rachel Naughton	500

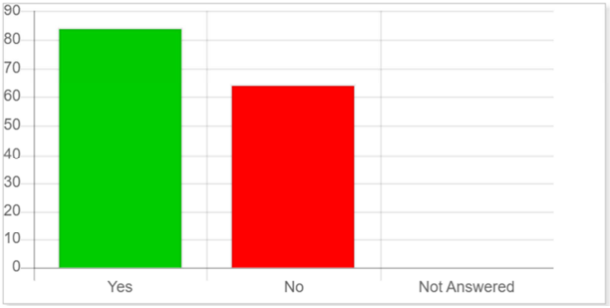
Richard Proffitt	1,250
Robert Shaw	500
Ronan McColl	750
Ruth Clinton	2,250
Sam Burton	750
Samuel Casey	750
Sara Muthi	2,500
Sean Molloy	3,000
Sharon Hogan	750
Siobhan Kelly	1,500
Sonia Caldwell	600
Sophia Tamburrini	500
Sophie Van Maltzan	1,000
Sorcha O' Farrell	750
Steven Maybury	1,500
Laura Skehan	2,000
Susan Early	1,000
Susan Buttner	1,500
Thomas Brezing	1,750
Tracy Hanna	1,000
Una Sealy	1,000
Ciara O'Connor	1,250
TOTAL	106,200

Fingal Artist's Support Scheme Statistics

Fingal Artist's Support Scheme Locations

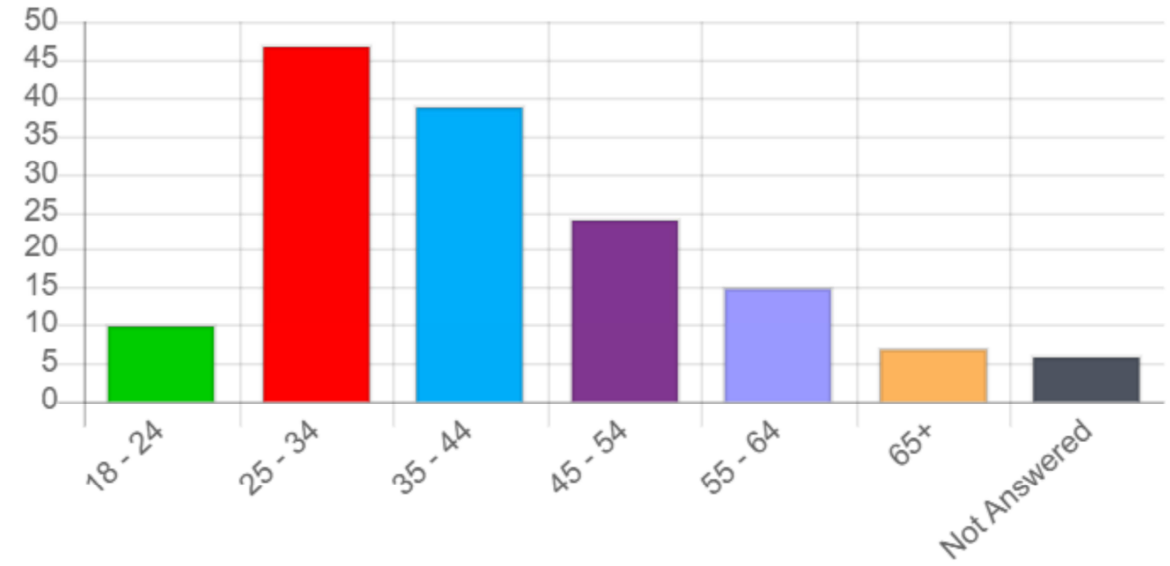
Applicants Based In Fingal:	**Number**
Swords	27
Skerries	21
Howth	19
Malahide	19
Balbriggan	18
Blanchardstown	17
Mulhuddart	9
Rush	8
Lusk	7
Portmarnock	7
Sutton	6
Donabate	4
Loughshinny	3
Total	**165**
Applicants outside Fingal with connection to Fingal	**Number**
Dublin City	43
Ireland Outside Dublin	12
Northern Ireland	3
London	1
Rotterdam	1
Cyprus	1
Total	**61**

Previous/First-time Awardees – Have you been awarded before?

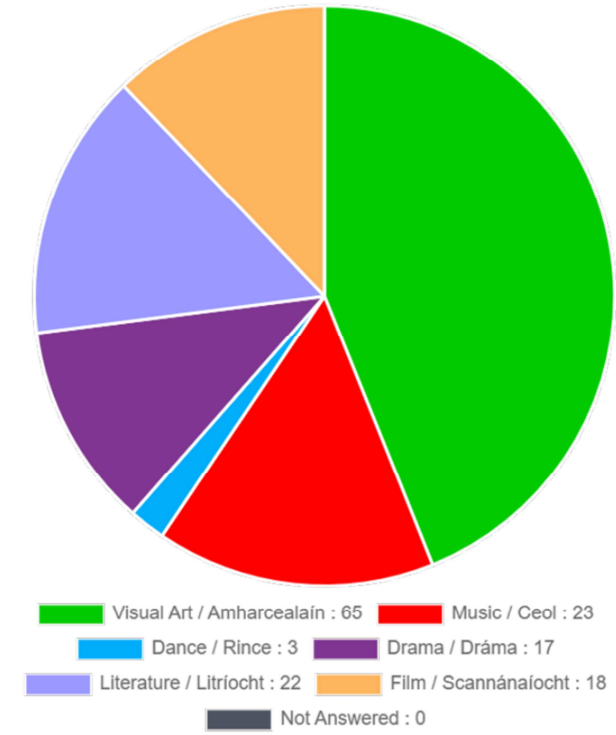


Option	Count
Yes	84
No	64
Not Answered	0

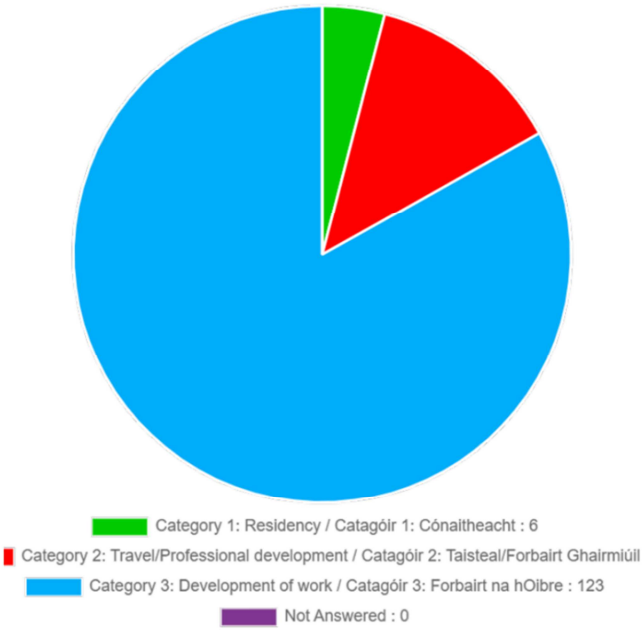
Age Breakdown – Successful Applicants



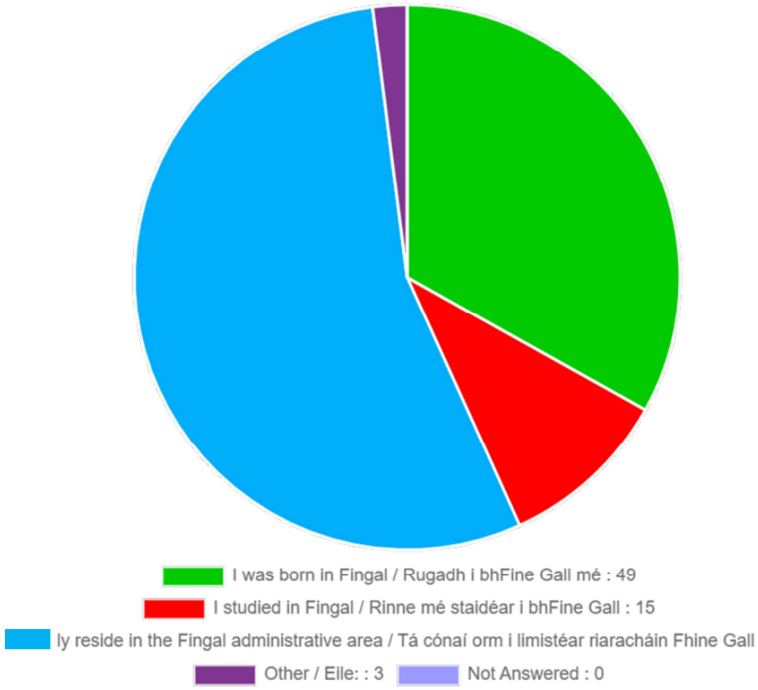
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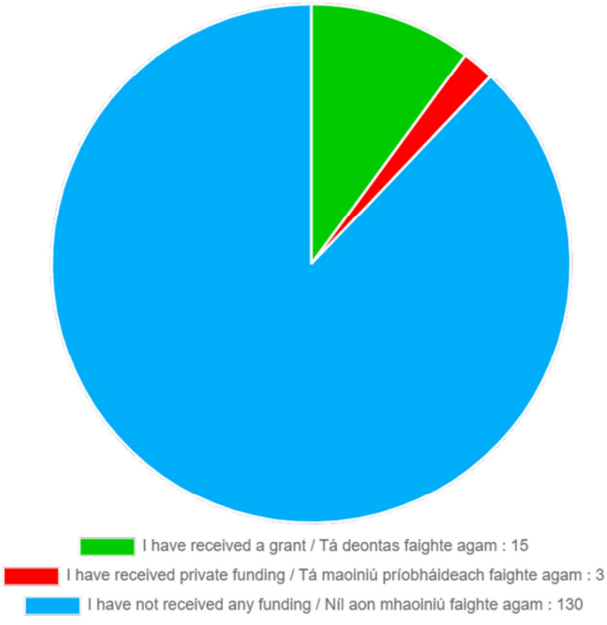
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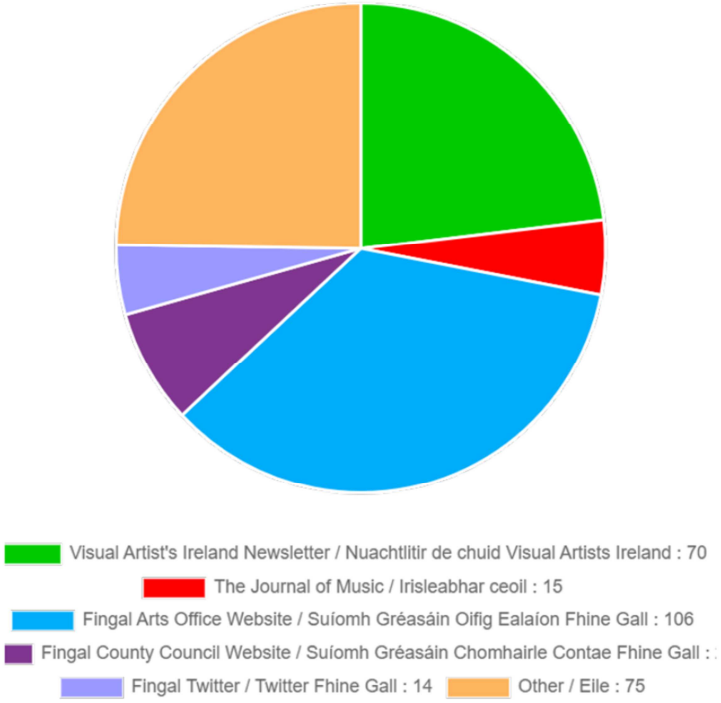
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How did you hear about the Fingal Artist's Support Scheme?



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Last month in Fingal we were treated to a myriad of colourful and exciting St. Patrick's Day parades. Despite the inclement weather, the atmosphere was jovial in towns and villages across the county as thousands of spectators braved the rain to cheer on their local sporting, community, historical, dancing and musical groups. Along with the Mayor, I was delighted to attend some of the parades on the day and was hugely impressed by the array and talent of the participants. Facilitating and supporting the staging of these parades is a specialised job and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's celebration particularly the Council's Events Unit and Operations Department as well as the emergency services who were on hand for the duration of the parades. I hope you had the opportunity to experience one of our seven parades this year, we are already looking forward to another fantastic spectacle next year.

During National Tree Week in March, Fingal County Council distributed 16,000 tree whips to members of the public in a bid to increase tree canopy cover and to promote biodiversity in the county. Fingal Parks and Green infrastructure are progressing the actions outlined in the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy including climate resilience and protection of native species by encouraging the public to plant trees in their own spaces. Following on from the success of previous years, community planting events and workshops were held during National Tree Week and trees were distributed for planting at 6 locations across Fingal. It has never been more important to focus on our climate responsibilities and judging by the huge demand from the community for the planting events and the free tree whips, the future of native tree species in Fingal is in safe hands.

In recent weeks, there has been much discussion and concern regarding households who will be affected by the end of the eviction ban and who may receive Notice to Quit a property. In Fingal County Council, we are working closely with agencies such as the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) and Threshold to provide advice and practical help to people who are concerned about their housing circumstances. In the first instance, we are asking those affected by current circumstances to contact the Council's Housing Department on 01 – 8905 090 or by Email: NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie to explore the options available to them. The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale. The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ. We will continue to liaise with tenants, landlords, central government and other agencies and stakeholders in respect of this situation.

Across Fingal, communities are made better by the people who work relentlessly to improving their areas and creating vibrant places to live and enjoy. Volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty for their neighbours, clubs and organisations are truly the backbone of our localities and we are delighted to be able to acknowledge their commitment and hard work through The Mayor's Awards on June 1st. We all know people who contribute positively to their environs be in through their volunteer work in the area of sports and community or those who promote good environmental practices or even help neighbours and those in need with everyday tasks. These Community Champions often go under the radar and selflessly devote their time and energies to others and thoroughly deserve our appreciation. To find out more about how you can nominate worthy recipients of award, see https://www.fingal.ie/mayors-awards-2023 and vote by April 20th at 5:00pm. I am very much looking forward to meeting the nominated community volunteers in June.

Finally, as we regularly welcome new starters to the organisation to start their careers with Fingal County Council, we must also bid farewell to good friends and colleagues as they retire from public service. Last month County Arts Officer Rory O'Byrne took leave of us to embark on retirement. Rory's contribution to the arts in Fingal has been immeasurable and throughout his 33 years in public service, he has fostered creativity and awareness as well as inspiring others with his extensive knowledge and love of the arts. On behalf of the Elected Members, the Executive Management Team and all of Rory's colleagues may I wish him health and happiness in the next chapter of his life.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

People Services' recruitment of staff continues in April 2023 with 45 active recruitment campaigns.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns	**45**
Campaigns Completed	10
Current Campaigns	27
Campaigns Pending	8
Applicants to date	**416**
Interviews Held to date	**418**
Number of Appointments	**83**
New Starters	42
Internal Promotions	41
Number of Leavers	**32**
Resignations	29
Number of Retirements	3
Number of Job Offers Year to date	**169**
Number of Offers Declined	**30**
Number of Current Job Offers	**56**
Job Offers Internal	**22**
Job Offers External	**36**

Wellbeing Update

Wellbeing Seminars

The theme for Quarter 2 2023 will have a focus on stress management. This is based on feedback from the committee/champion meetings and Spectrum life quarterly reports. Seminars being delivered are on April 19th and the topics include Coping Strategies for Life and Mindful or Mind Full? They will be streamed live in Watery Lane and Coolmine Depot for outdoor staff. These seminars provide tips on how to be more mindful and how to better our coping strategies and identify when they are not working.

Employee Assistance Service

Our next report from Spectrum life on the EAS is due in Mid-April. From this we will liaise with the wellbeing champions and committee members to discuss strategies for the next range of supports to be made available to staff. These reports include the number of calls made to the service, Number of cases opened, Main Method of Contact, Primary presenting problem, Secondary presenting problem, Age Range, Gender, Impacts and Severity.

Menopause in the workplace

Menopause specialists The Menopause Hub Ireland's First Dedicated Menopause Clinic. Will be helping us to roll out their e-learning hub in the coming weeks. This training will be available for all staff and managers and will help to increase awareness and understanding around menopause in the workplace. Key outcomes from the training are: Understanding menopause & symptoms | Impact at work | Menopause business case | Role of manager | Supporting your colleagues & team| Legislative Risk. It involves an interactive online course that will take approx. 45 to 60 mins. Staff can log in and out to complete at times that suit staff.

Review

As the wellbeing strategy and the roll, out of implementation is just over 6 months old. Them wellbeing team will hold a short review to assess what has been successful and what areas we need to improve on. This will involve issuing a feedback form for staff in the coming weeks along with a short update newsletter.

Fingal County Council
Wellbeing Programme

Learning & Development

In 2023 there will be continued high levels of training provided with new courses and opportunities being added all the time. We also have several Climate Action training programmes that must be rolled out as part of the local authority KPI's they include Climate Action training for Outdoor and Indoor staff. Green Public Procurement training stand 1 and strand 2. Empowering Change Climate Action training. These are provided from relevant Government departments and delivered through the LASNTG (Local Authority Service National Training Group)

The staff scheme of assistance programme is also available for staff who wish to further their education in related areas. The program provides funding for applications ranging from certificate up to doctorate level.

March was another busy month for training with the following courses completed: (as of March 28th) **71** courses delivered, with **600** attendees, totalling **430.4** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills

Ignite programme 6
Ignite programme 7
Time Management
Certificate in GDPR
Grade 3&4 personal development
Grade 5 development training
Grade 6 development training
Dignity and equality
Project management
A-Z Local Government
Council meetings Staff Induction
Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures
Pre-retirement Training
Interviewer Skills
Presentation Skills

Health and Safety

Managing Safely in Construction
Driver CPC
Driver CPC bus Driver
Safe Pass
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Outdoor staff
Manual Handling
Child protection training
First Aid Training
Tractor training
Forklift Driver
Safety at Roadworks

Wellbeing

Financials 101
Budgeting for Success
Financial Planning

IT

Advanced Word
Intermediate / Advanced Excel
Lean Six Sigma Green belt

Local Authority Training:

Raising Awareness Climate Action Outdoor Staff

Requested training:

Planning Law for Road Engineers.
Payroll IPASS

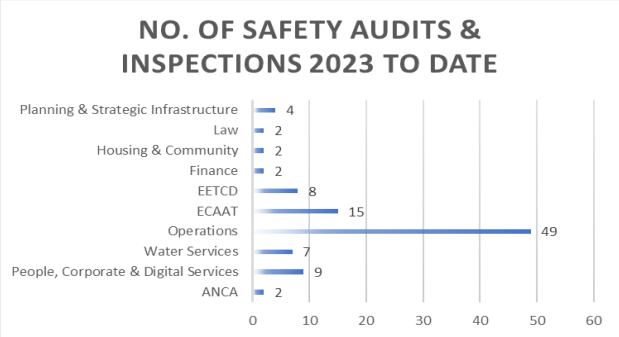
HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU utilizing proactive safety measures carried out 5 site safety audits along with 27 site safety inspections during the month of March. For the first three months of 2023 the Unit has completed 100 safety audits and inspections within the 10 directorates of Fingal County Council.

In tandem both remote work and office-based VDU assessments were undertaken for staff who use computers & laptops for their work more than 1 hour per day with a total of 135 assessments carried out during the first three months of 2023.

Investigation into incidents and dangerous occurrences continued during the month along with responding to staff queries, both of which generated new procedures and assessments.

The HSU assisted Uisce Eireann with support service agreements as part of the transition to a national water services authority.



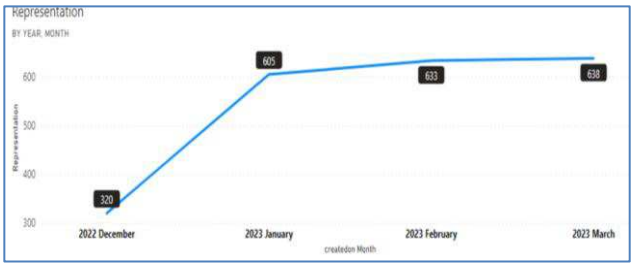
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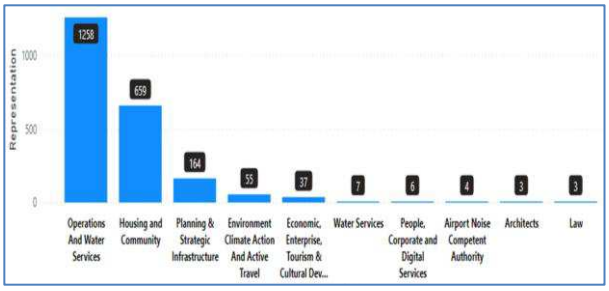
Calls	**15,065**
Emails	**826**
Footfall	**2,361**

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 March had a total of 638 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



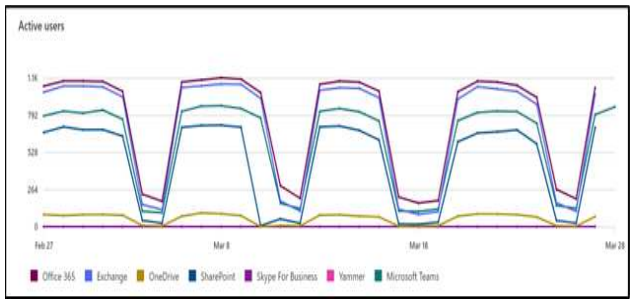
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- **National Broadband Plan Update**
- **Digital Fingal Team at Fingal Student Enterprise Awards**

Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

Digital Working

In March staff took part in 8,276 Teams meetings, 28,415 calls took place, and 931,138 emails were received or sent by the Council.



Digital Services Infrastructure & Support

1171 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 7 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.5% network availability was achieved in the month of March.

Business Applications

NETconsent

The corporate compliance application NETconsent was upgraded in March. This will enable the Digital Services & People Services departments, to deliver policy documents to employees across the organisation.



Policy manager allow us create a policy & procedure library, delivering the current version of a policy and a range of controls to ensure that it is read and understood.

Assessor, Training & Examiner functionality allow us deliver surveys, training material and test employees understanding of corporate content including policies, training and presentations.

National Broadband Plan Update

In February National Broadband Ireland (NBI), the company delivering the new future-proofed, high-speed Fibre-to-the-Home network under the National Broadband Plan (NBP) on behalf of the Government, announced that the first premises in the Skerries Deployment Area have been successfully connected.



Skerries Deployment Area includes; Balbriggan, Balscadden, Hollywood, Holmpatrick, Lusk, Rush & Skerries. Almost 2,400 homes, farms and businesses will be able to avail of National Broadband Ireland high speed fibre.

Digital Fingal Team at Fingal Student Enterprise Awards

The Digital Fingal team were at the Fingal Student Enterprise Awards showcasing the planned public realm projects 'Swords Cultural Quarter' and 'Balbriggan Quay St. Harbour Rejuvenation' using virtual reality headset. At the event the team also gathered feedback from the students to help guide the future Fingal Digital Strategy.





Communications

Digital Media

The fingal.ie website had 143,762 visitors in March and 323,690 page views which is an increase of 25%, or 29,213, in visitors compared to March 2022 and an increase of 21,033, or 7%, in the number of page views. The St Patrick's Day page which contained information on the seven parades being held across Fingal attracted 22,700

visitors and had 27,723 page views while an information page for tenants facing a notice of termination had 4,855 visitors and 5,291 page views in its first week after being published on March 24.



St Patrick's Day also generated the most daily impressions for the corporate Twitter account which had 63,359 impressions on March 17 from 29 posts. The best performing post during March was a post about Swords parade participants, St Finians GAA Club, which generated 16,254 impressions and had an engagement rate of 8%.

Our Facebook page achieved a major milestone when the number of followers passed through the 30,000 barrier to stand at 30,132 at the end of March with women making up 72% of followers. The majority of followers are aged between 35 and 44 years of age. Facebook reach during March was 412,011 while the reach on Instagram was 16,955. The number of followers on LinkedIn stands at 6,882. There were 770 views of our LinkedIn page in March.

Videos

The You Tube channel continued closing in on the 1,000 subscribers milestone with 970 currently receiving notifications when videos are posted. During March, 17 videos were published on the channel. These included St Patrick's Day parade videos as well videos marking the opening of Meakstown Community Centre, Swords Regional Park, Rathbeal Archaeological Park and Ward River Recreational Hub. There was also a video tutorial on the Local Authority Home Loan Application process.

Support

The Communications Unit continued to provide support to various departments across the Council. We assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department in the official opening of Swords Regional Park, Rathbeal Archaeological Park and Ward River Recreational Hub on March 3 and the Community Development Department in the turning of the first sod on Meakstown Community Centre on March 10. Communications support was also provided to the Events Unit for the St Patrick's Day parades and the Sports Office for the launch of the Girls Transition Year Football and Fitness course. The Unit is also assisting the Community Department with the Mayor's Awards and two videos produced to promote the event have already had 3,500 views on the Council's You Tube Channel. The Unit will be assisting the People Services Department with a Fingal County Council stand at Jobs Expo in Croke Park on Saturday, April 22.



Media

The Communications Unit issued 17 press releases during February. Among the topics covered was the Sine A Light event in Millennium Park, the Women's Leadership Photo Exhibition, National Tree Week and improved walking and cycling connections in Swords.

There were 32 queries from Media during March with the majority being about the noise issues around Dublin Airport and homelessness.

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St. Patrick's Day

Over 100,000 people viewed our 7 St. Patrick's Day Parades. Buildings across Fingal were also illuminated in Green to celebrate our Patron Saint.



Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade and Lusk Round Tower & Church illuminated for St. Patrick's Day



Shackleton Proms

This is an Explore the Classics at Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla. This is event is due to take place from Friday 12th – Sunday 14th May. The programme will consist of a launch concerts event on Friday. Saturday afternoon will have a Classical junior's concert with the Main Event Saturday evening, finally Sunday will be a bring your own instrument series of sessions and workshops.



TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
TOURISM

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

Q1 saw the completion of the Product Audit and Product and Experience Development Phase of this project, including:

- Key Stakeholder Workshop
- Resource/Asset Mapping
- Product Audit
- SCOT Analysis
- Draft Improvement Proposal

A draft Improvement Plan has been produced, and a presentation was made to the SPC in March to share preliminary strategic principles. Project team are on track to deliver the final strategy by June as originally scheduled.

- Apr '23: Improvement Plan Finalised
- May '23: Draft Strategy & Marketing Plan for SPC Review & Feedback.
- Jun '23: SPC Sign Off

Fingal Food & Drink Network

The network met on 28th March to continue work on its 2023 action plan. The group:

- Reviewed membership
- Agreed the updated 2023 action plan
- Planned Internal networking events and all members networking events, the next of which will be at Hope Beer and Howth School of Fish in April
- Agreed the Flavours of Fingal Event Plan
- Planned for a Food on the Edge participant familiarisation trip in October 2023*

* Food on the Edge International is a two-day symposium that takes place annually in Ireland. It is for chefs & food enthusiasts all around the world who want to create a better global network.

Fingal Food Policy

The consultant is currently concluding the Research & Discovery Phase of the policy development, this included desk research, meetings and onsite visits.

1. One to One Meetings: 35 meetings completed
2. Focus Group: 2 Tourism Focus Groups completed
3. Sustainability Workshop: completed with specialise consultant
4. Stakeholders Meetings
5. Research Visits Completed
   - Heritage Properties
   - Food Tourism Business
   - Enterprise Centres
   - Existing markets and potential Market sites
6. Survey (in progress)
7. Desk research on current strategies relevant to the new policy

Project team are on track to deliver the final policy by June as originally scheduled and aligned with Tourism Strategy delivery.

Balbriggan Tourism Development Plan

Balbriggan Tourism Group have identified the town's inclusion in any possible future Dublin Coastal Trail development phases (Phase 2) as a key local priority.

In working towards this goal, Fáilte Ireland and Fingal County Council identified the need to map the towns tourism development journey in order to be in a position for consideration if a Phase 2 is to be developed.

The start of this process resulted in a facilitated workshop to examine the local opportunities which was attended by representatives of local tourism businesses, the business community, community groups and agencies.

The outputs from the workshop were condensed into a Balbriggan Tourism Roadmap (by Rubecon resourced by Failte Ireland) which includes collective agreement on a visitor proposition for Balbriggan and ten priority areas for destination development. In achieving this ambition, a number of collaborative projects were identified to be delivered through the local tourism and business network and, where appropriate, in partnership with the relevant agencies.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle – Oak Room Window Conservation Works




The technical specification for conservation works on the Oak Room window at Malahide Castle is now complete.
Specialist consultants have been engaged to oversee the works and quotations for the works have been obtained and are being reviewed. It is envisaged that works will commence in Q2 2023.

Swords Castle



A specialist heritage contractor has been appointed to undertake conservation and upgrade works at Swords Castle. The works will include conservation works on the Knights and Squires Quarter and improvements to lighting and landscaping.

The works are due to begin in early May for a duration of 12 weeks.

Ardgillan Castle

Open day for Heritage Groups

Following consultation with the Heritage Officer, an Open Day for Fingal heritage groups and historical societies is to be held on Saturday 22nd April in Ardgillan Castle.

The aim of the day is to permit a number of surplus artefacts that are not currently on display to be loaned to the societies for conservation and display within their own collections.

Art & Exhibition Gallery



A new addition to Ardgillan Castle's cultural offering was launched on Thursday 23rd March with a soft opening of the new art and exhibition gallery in the basement.

This will allow artists from across Fingal to showcase their work and attract new visitors to the castle.

ARTS OFFICE

Rory O'Byrne's Retirement

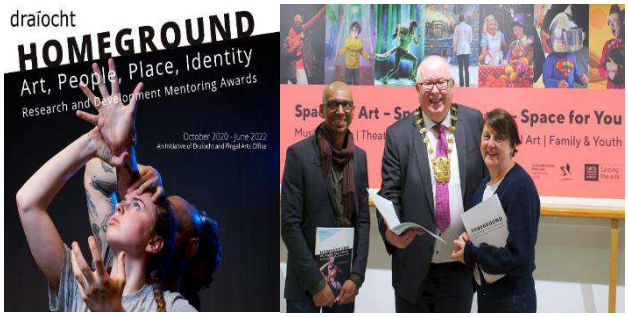





Staff past and present all gathered to wish the County Arts Officer, Rory O'Byrne all the best for his retirement. Rory has served as the Arts Officer since 1994 and expressed his pride in the work and

gratitude to those who have supported him along the way.

Public Art
Draíocht: Homeground Artist Mentorship Programme



Following on from the ground- breaking' PLAYGround Orchestra' Project (2021/2022) which saw Draíocht tour a 29 piece orchestra to every Dublin 15 Primary school, playing to 17,895 children, Draíocht is once again bringing high quality arts experiences right into the heart of our community. This time Draíocht are working with Theatre Artist, Paul Curley, enabling 6,000 Dublin 15 Primary school children see his shows in their school halls over March/April. Dublin 15 artist, Ellen Duffy, also has her first solo show in Draíocht's Ground Floor Gallery (ends on April 29th).

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony Launches the HOMEGROUND Report & Documentary Film following a successful 2 Year Artist Mentorship Programme by devised by Draíocht Blanchardstown & Fingal Arts Office. HOMEGROUND was a two-year Artist Mentoring Programme that ran during 2020-2022 and comprised of bespoke artist supports, both personal and professional, for artists from or with a connection to Draíocht, Dublin 15 or the wider Fingal County and whose work was socially engaged, collaborative or focused on children and young people. Four artists were chosen and over a 2-year period, including the challenging period during Covid 19 restrictions where keeping the artists supported at this time was a high priority, the artists met with 8 mentors; had 12 peer discussion group sessions; had 50one to one Coaching Sessions; and had 75 one to one Mentoring Sessions, both in person and online. The four participating artists of HOMEGROUND selected via open competition were:

Michelle Hall – an interdisciplinary visual artist from Dublin 15.
Thomas Johnston – a musician and theatre maker, dedicated to promoting high quality and meaningful
experiences of the traditional arts amongst children.
Monica Muñoz – a choreographer and dancer, and recent artist in residence in Balbriggan Educate Together National School.
Jijo Sebastian Palatty – a collaborative Film Maker, based in Dublin 15, with more than a decade of experience in participatory, collaborative and intercultural filmmaking.
The report and the documentary film featuring reflections from all involved will stand as a valuable resource and record of the benefits of this important project to the careers of these artists working in Fingal. Launching the HOMEGROUND Report & Documentary, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, said, *"Fingal County Council has been committed to Draíocht's Programme delivery for over 20 years. We have been proud to watch its importance grow not only as a recognisable asset to Dublin 15, but to the greater Fingal area and beyond with programmes like HOMEGROUND. We wish the artists and the team continued success in their professional journeys."*

The Hide Project – Rogerstown Park

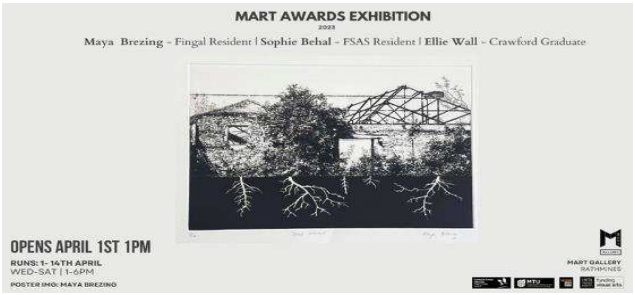


The participants from the RHA school lead by RHA member Colin Martin visited the Hide Sculpture

with artist Garrett Phelan as part of a programme series This Must be the Place and included a presentation on the work at the RHA by the artist.

All the guests commended the project and enjoyed the opportunity to visit and observe the bird life on the Rogerstown estuary.

MART Studio Graduate Award 2023



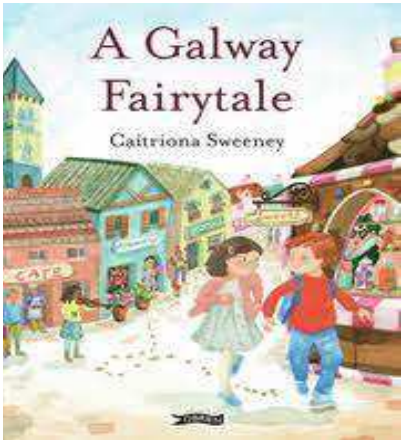
Artist Maya Brezing was selected for the Fingal Arts Office and MART Graduate Award and successfully received a one-year studio at MART Studios alongside curatorial and financial support towards an exhibition. She will feature in the MARTS Award Exhibition 2023 from 1st April – 14th April. This annual exhibition aims to provide a showcase and support opportunity to artists whose work is both engaging and experimental.

2023 Mentorship Training Award for Fingal Writers in Partnership with the Irish Writers Centre



The Arts Office is offering Mentorship Training Award to four professional Fingal writers. The award is a pairing of an emerging Fingal writer with suitable professional Fingal writer-mentor. Each mentee has their work read thoroughly in advance of four mentor meetings over the course of eight months. This year a minimum of four mentoring awards will be offered to Fingal writers of literary fiction, creative non-fiction, children's / YA fiction and poetry. The closing date for the award was 2nd March, the applications are now being processed.

Bursary Award for mid-career children's books artist in partnership with CBI



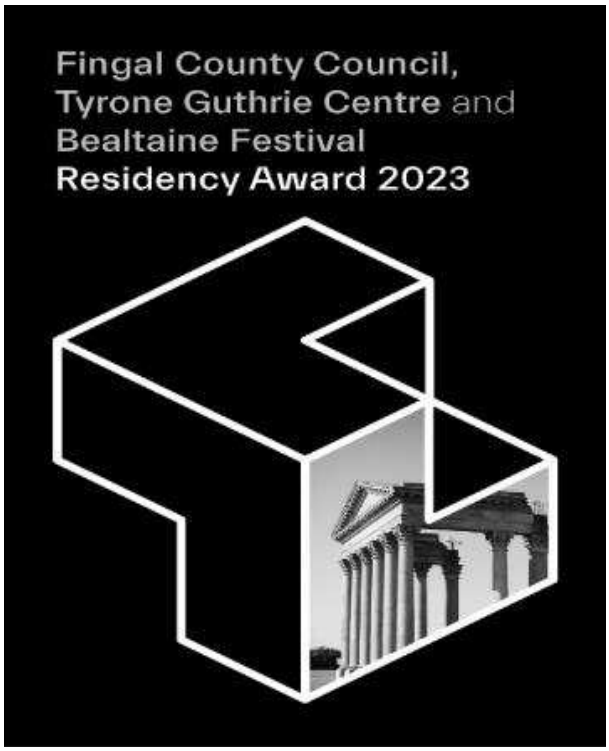
The Arts Office has partnered with Children's Books Ireland to support an award for mid-career writers and illustrators of children's books. This is an opportunity for a Fingal artist to avail of a week-long residency. The bursary is designed specifically for mid-career children's books authors or illustrators. This bursary was introduced to support more experienced, published authors and illustrators who require time and space to focus on their craft to the benefit of their continuing careers. Applicants must have at least two books for children published by a recognised publisher. The successful recipient of the 2023 award is Fingal illustrator Caitriona Sweeney from Castleknock. She has illustrated several books and written and illustrated a Galway Fairy tale with O'Brien Press.

'Around the World in Books and Scripts' in partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

Fingal Arts Office in partnership with The Irish Writers Centre have programmed a series of workshops entitled 'Around the World in Books and Scripts'. This initiative will support young Fingal writers between the age of 18-30 years from refugee and forced migration background. The programme has been designed in partnership with IWC and will be delivered by ReWrite in partnership

with Fingal County Council and IWC. As this is a pilot programme two young emerging Fingal writers with refugee backgrounds will be invited to act as shadow facilitators in the first year to build sustainability. The programme will run at the Irish Writers Centre over a 10-week period from Feb-June 2023.

Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival Residency Award 2023



Fingal County Council, in association with The Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Bealtaine Festival is offering two, month-long, residencies at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

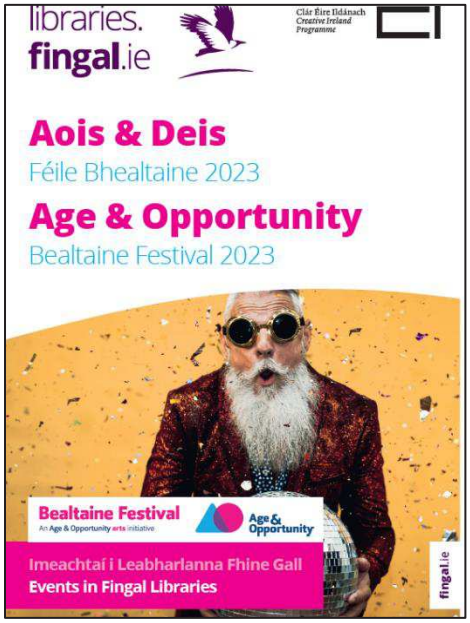
These residences aim to celebrate and support older Fingal artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts.

The residencies will offer a professional visual artist and a professional writer the opportunity to research or develop new work and, if desired, to present work during Bealtaine 2024.

The closing date for applications was Monday 24th March.

Libraries

Bealtaine 2023 Festival at Fingal Libraries



Fingal Libraries has unveiled its programme of events for the Bealtaine Festival 2023, Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity as we age. The festival programme will run for the whole month of May with over 30 events across our branches.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony, will launch the Bealtaine Festival in Rush Library on Tuesday, 2nd May at 11:30am with a performance from the Forget Me Nots choir, an inclusive community choir for older people.

This year's programme features everything from an inspiring talk with adventurer Eugene O'Leary to an empowering talk on the unlocked opportunities life offers older women.

There will be bridge and art classes, talks from Fingal Birdwatch, concerts from the musical ensemble the Mobile Music Machine and much, much more.

All events are free to attend and booking is essential.

You can view the Bealtaine brochure here: https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries

Launch of Fingal Community Gaming at Swords Castle: a CE innovation fund initiative

Fingal Community Gaming is one of four pilot projects that have been awarded funding through the Fingal County Council Chief Executive Innovation Fund. Led by Marc McCluskey, Esther Jordan and Megan Davidson from the Libraries Department, this pilot project will help promote tabletop role-playing games (TTRPGs) in public libraries, specifically the fantasy game called Dungeons and Dragons. The Dungeons and Dragons clubs which are currently running in Fingal Libraries help public libraries provide a space for children and adults to learn and develop in a fun and safe setting and provide cultural and educational outreach programmes that empower communities as well as facilitating community cohesion. Fingal Community Gaming will launch on Saturday 1st April in Swords Castle.

Decade of centenaries programme

2023 will bring the Decade of Centenaries Programme (2012-2023) which was and supported by the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, sport and media to a close. In Fingal, the following events will mark the final year of the decade:

An Exhibition highlighting elements of life in Fingal during the revolutionary years will cover cultural nationalism, local politics, World War I, women and the revolution, cycles of violence, and the return to peace. A booklet will be produced linking with the exhibition

A Publication with the title: Politics, War and Revolution: A timeline of Fingal history, 1884 - 1923 will combine both chronology and theme to show what life was like in Fingal during the revolutionary period. It will contain an abundance of images sourced within our own collections as well as those sourced nationally.

The Fingal Festival of History 2023 will run from 2nd – 11th October. Events have been organised throughout the branch libraries, with the History at the Castle Day as the centre piece on Saturday 7th October at Swords Castle. The themes of the talks are predominately linked to life in Ireland in 1923 and how it was reflected in Fingal.

Arts commission: The Arts Office will work with the commemorations team to creatively animate aspects of the historical timeline and will work with an illustrator and animator to explore a narrative which will look at the Decade of Centenaries in relation to key social and political changes.

The Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023

To celebrate World Book Day Ireland 2023, a variety of children's authors visited libraries and schools in Fingal between 27th February and 3rd March, delivering events for invited audiences of primary school children. These visits were carried out across the network of the ten Fingal Library branches, under the banner of The Fingal World Book Tour 2023. The events were held in-person in Garristown, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Blanchardstown, Donabate, Malahide and Swords Libraries, while Rush, Howth and Skerries Libraries facilitated author visits to local schools.

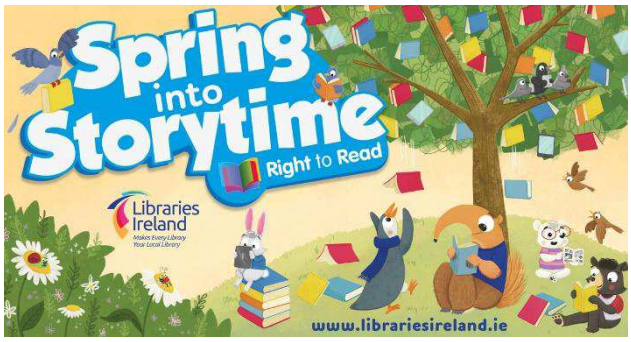
The Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 was curated and programmed by author and illustrator Alan Nolan. The authors who gave the workshops and talks as part of the Book Tour were Alan Nolan,

Erika McGann, Eve McDonnell, Patricia Forde and Peter Donnelly.

Prior to each author's visit, a printed biography sheet with a photo of the author, as well as a World Book Tour Activity Pack consisting of two fun worksheets, was sent to the participating school to share with the classes who would be attending the event. In addition to this, each child received a complimentary copy of the book that their author focused on in the event. The total number of children who participated in the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 was 454. 11 schools in the Fingal area participated in the project and approximately 454 books were gifted to pupils.

In his evaluation report on the project, Alan Nolan commented that he had an absolute ball both programming the Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2023 and doing his three events. He praised the team at Fingal Libraries, as well as all the librarians at all 10 branches, for their enthusiasm, positivity and helpfulness. He stressed the fact that 454 children got to meet authors in a live setting to hear about their books, to participate in workshops, and to receive a gift of the author's book. The authors, he concludes, all delivered bright, exciting workshops that were designed not just to entertain, but to inspire and create readers, and, who knows, maybe create future authors!

Events at your Library in April



The Spring 2023 programme of events has been running from January across Fingal Libraries and will continue till April. In April, the Spring programme includes Spring into Storytime, a national right to read programme which aims to promote literacy and reading development for all. Fingal Library staff will host a story time session at each branch throughout April. There will also be fun and interactive arts and crafts workshops to celebrate Easter. For adults, we have a very special event in Malahide Library on Saturday 22nd April at 11am. RTÉ's Sinead Crowley will join authors Andrew Hughes and Nicola Cassidy to talk about writing vivid and authentic female protagonists in historical crime novels. This event is organised as part of the One Dublin One Book reading initiative. Check out the full programme of events throughout Spring 2023 here.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Fingal Skills Strategy

Planning continues for Fingal's 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.

The Skills Strategy has been nominated for a LAMA Award in the category of Best CSR Project in a Community for the School Mentoring Programme in Balbriggan. The awards will be held on the 15th April 2023 in Clonmel.

The Council was successful under the Department of Foreign Affairs call for proposals to mark 50 years of Ireland's membership of the EU. The Council has been awarded €7,500 to run an event in Balbriggan during Europe Week (8-12 May 2023). The Economic Development Section will be engaging with secondary schools in Balbriggan to

organise and promote a school event around the topic of "*The positive impacts of 50 years of Eu membership for Ireland and what should the EU be focussing on for the future*."

The Council is applying to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development. The project will focus on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors and the project duration is 2.5 years. Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The application deadline is 31st March 2023 and a decision is anticipated in June 2023.

CITIZEN, 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 commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

The Green IT Your Work kick-off meeting took place in Sinaia, Romania on the 27th & 28th February. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland. The main objectives of Green IT Your Work are:

- Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition.
- Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities.

InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan in September 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal and Foroige to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. Starting in April, this collaborative project will see 20 young people from local secondary schools take part in leadership and sports education training over an 8-week period with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects.



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. KPMG have been appointed to carry

out the feasibility study and work has commenced with DBEC partners on stakeholder engagement and data collection.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LCDC
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 February.

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

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 – 2027

Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in Q2 2023. Tenders are under evaluation for consultants to assist with the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county, drafting the high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and drafting the LECP and initial 2-year Implementation Plan.

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. More 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is underway and groups will be notified of allocations shortly.

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 and submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on 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 has been carried out 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 SICAP 2022 end of year review and the 2023 SICAP Plan and 2023 Case Study were approved at February's LCDC Meeting.

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe
Our Rural Future

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.

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 for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.

The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG is moving to Stage 2 and has commenced work on drafting the new Leader Development Strategy and has held an initial consultation workshop with stakeholders.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Ardgillan while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The first walk took place last Friday and see 12 participants and we hope to see further growth over the next 11 weeks.

Pulmonary Rehab Class

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the HSE (Connolly Hub for Chronic Disease) are delivering a 10-week referral only pulmonary rehab class in Mulhuddart Community Centre. The class is designed for people with lung disease who experience symptoms of breathlessness with a focus on tailored physical exercise and information that helps people to better understand and manage their condition/s and symptoms. The programme will run twice weekly for 10 weeks and seeks to link participants into local physical activity options and provide information on alcohol consumption and smoking cessation also.



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 are 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

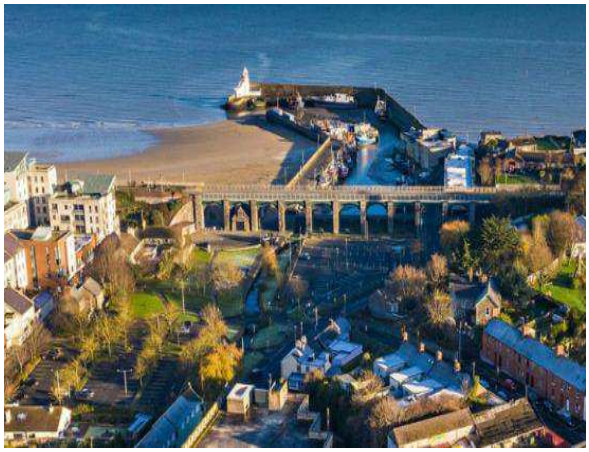


The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration,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

The Balbriggan Leadership group, chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, met on March 22nd to provide oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation, the group received updates also from all five pillars. The Balbriggan Loves Learning Festival 2023 took place between March 27th and April 1st, the Festival is an initiative of the Education, Skills and Training Pillar. The festival, now in its third year is led by the DDLEBT and includes a wide range of stakeholders, including schools, community groups, education services and business and includes 35+ events/learning opportunities.



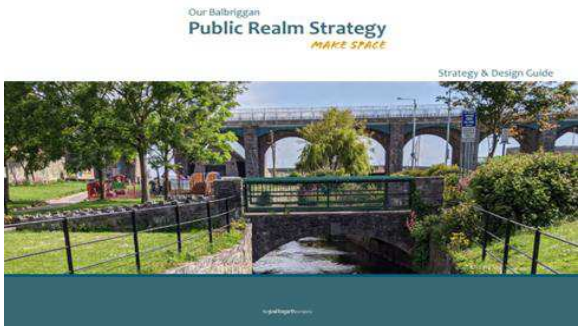
The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased based in 2025. Irish Water will be on-site in Quay Street on the 1st September to 31st December 2023 for the pumping station upgrade. Car parking resurfacing (Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle) is progressing in advance of the site works at Quay Street. The pre-planning process for 2 – 4 Dublin Street commenced in March prior to submitting to full council to redevelop the two properties into a new Creative Hub.





Site investigations to the rear of the group of derelict buildings on Bridge Street, known locally as De Bruns have been completed. Design brief documents are currently being prepared in advance of phase 1 of development in line with the town plan which will include a new park space in the 'Heart' of the town. The green space will follow the river Bracken, through Millpond Park to the rear with entrance onto Bridge Street, flowing down to a transformed Quay Street and Harbour.





A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are nearing completion with both expected to be published Q2 2023.

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have commenced a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour week commencing 27th March.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, with the Balbriggan St. Patrick's Day Parade receiving significant coverage on RTE.



TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK

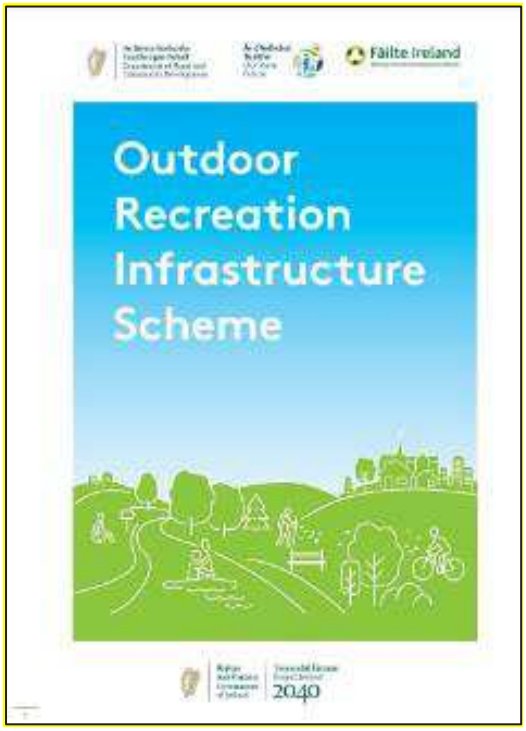
A structure and membership for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there will be three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The first meeting of the new Town Team will be held shortly.

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 has informed all successful applicants and is working with them in delivering the scheme.

A call under the Town and Village Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 was announced in late March. Under the initiative, each local authority can apply for funding of up to €500,000, which they can use to purchase up to three properties in eligible Towns and Villages to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities. The funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make our towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family

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.

The 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will be open for applications in May.

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 March 2023 are as follows:

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2023





A series of exciting business-focussed events were run both online and in-person between the 6th and 10th of March 2023 as part of Local Enterprise Week (LEW) this year. There were hundreds of physical and virtual events taking place across the country, run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices from March 6th to 10th, and huge numbers of Fingal business owner/managers used the opportunity to network and learn about new supports and opportunities for their businesses. Some events hosted over the course of the week included an in-person dynamic "Start-Up Bootcamp" in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown followed by "Stop Hesitating – Start Networking" event hosted by Balbriggan Chamber in association with LEO Fingal on Monday March 6th. Fingal Chamber hosted a panel of accomplished female entrepreneurs in an event called "Behind the Business" on March 8th while "9 Ways Social Media Can Generate Business Results in 2023" took place in the Marine Hotel, Sutton on March 9th. The week concluded on Friday 10th March with a networking lunch hosted by Fingal Enterprising Women's Network at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport.

FINGAL STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME



Local Enterprise Office Fingal have announced that teenage entrepreneurs from Coolmine Community School *and* Castleknock College will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals on Friday 5th May. The Finals make a return to Croke Park for the first time since 2019. The students all took part in the Fingal final which was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. Over 1,200 students from 27 Fingal Schools took part in this year's programme. The Fingal Student Enterprise County Final 2022/2023 was sponsored by Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (DDLETB), Blanchardstown Centre, SimTech Aviation and One4All.

FINGAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023



A Fingal food business from Ballycoolin, Dublin 15 is this year's winner of the Fingal Enterprise Award for 2023. Cream of the Crop Gelato took the top prize of €5,000 and will now represent Fingal at the 23rd National Enterprise Awards in the Mansion House in Dublin on the 1st of June. Cream of the Crop Ltd is a Fingal-based food-tech enterprise battling food waste by upcycling and using surplus ingredients to produce natural, delicious and

healthy artisanal gelatos, sorbets and snacks. The runner-up at the Fingal Enterprise Awards held in County Hall, Swords was Parenting Institute Ltd T/A Platform55, a digital company from Malahide who offer programmes to managers empowering them to support their employees through key life events which can impact the workplace.

MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT



LEO Fingal has launched a new Management Development Program entitled Leadership for Growth. An expression of interest link has been circulated and interested companies are applying. The programme is being run in conjunction with Dublin City LEO and will start on April 18th in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. There are 3 in person sessions with 6 virtual sessions. The programme is aimed at skills development for owner managers who are looking to move their company forward to the next level. LEO Fingal's other training programmes continue to be well attended.

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. So far in 2023 13 applications have been approved in the amount of €29,014. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on Friday 5th May in the RIASC Centre, Kinsealy. Applicants must attend the seminar before applying for a voucher.

FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK



On Friday March 10th, Fingal Enterprising Women Network hosted a special event as part of Local Enterprise Week 2023 at the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport with over 170 female entrepreneurs in attendance. Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) welcomed guest speaker and Businesswoman Sonya Lennon, who discussed a range of topics including "Challenging your own relationship with Fear and Action".

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The next Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 5th April. Year to date six applications have been approved to the value of €93,750 across Business Feasibility, Priming & Expansion grants.

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. To date 26 clinic days were held in 2023, offering advice and support to 269 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 74 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD.

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. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). 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 are eligible for a reduced interest rate of 4.5% APR.

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. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES

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- **Balbriggan/Swords Area**

National Tree Week 2023 – Free Tree Giveaway and Community Planting Events

To celebrate National Tree Week 2023 Fingal County Council continued with the success of the annual free tree giveaway countywide with the distribution 16,000 young trees into the local communities across Fingal. Several Community Planting Events were also supported with the provision of plants, preparation of the site and planting instruction and supervision.

This year the community planting events were held in Ward River Valley Park Swords, Newbridge Demesne, Lusk Recreational Hub, and Ardgillan Demesne. These planting events were organised by FCC Operations and Environmental Awareness teams in collaboration with local voluntary groups such as Swords Woodland Association, Lusk 2030 Group, Lusk Educate Together and Easy Treesie. Huge thanks to all involved, it was a great success.



Free Tree Giveaway Newbridge Demesne


Swords Woodland Association – Community Planting Event at Newbridge Demesne



Free Tree Giveaway - Ward River Valley Park


Lusk 2030 Environment Group – Community Planting Event at Lusk Recreational Hub



Free Tree Giveaway and Community Planting Event - Ardgillan Demesne Ardgillan Demesne



Works at Santry Demesne

- **New Calisthenics Area**

As part of the ongoing improvements being carried out at Santry Demesne a new Callisthenics Area is currently being installed.



- **Historic Walled Garden**

The invasive laurel plantation around the historic walled garden was also removed. This will allow assessment of the wall and ornamental planting, more in keeping with the perimeter of a historic walled garden, is being planned for Autumn 2023. Works being carried out by the Swords Area Crews.



Before Laurel Removal



After Laurel Removal

Newbridge Farm

Works are almost complete for a tiered seating area currently being installed within the Red Barn at Newbridge Farm. This seating area will provide a valuable resource for animal talks and demonstrations for educational groups and school tours. All works being carried out by the staff at Newbridge Demesne.



St Catherine's Estate Rush – New Path

Works have commenced around the Portico Open Space in St Catherine's Estate in Rush with the installation of a new perimeter Path and the inclusion of ducting for future lighting.



South Beach Rush

As part of the ongoing improvement works at South Beach Rush several new picnic benches have been installed



Ardgillan Demesne – New Bulb Planting

New areas of pollinator bulb planting starting to appear in Ardgillan Demesne. It will be worth the walk to the bottom of the Demesne to watch this area of planting change throughout the spring and summer months.



Howth/Malahide Area

Programme of Works

Work has commenced on the 2023 Programme of Works.

- **Footpath Works**

Malahide Howth operations crews continue to reinstate footpaths and roads in Georgian Helmet in Baldoyle.

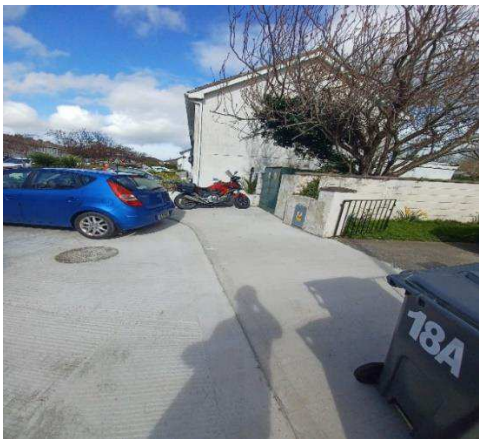


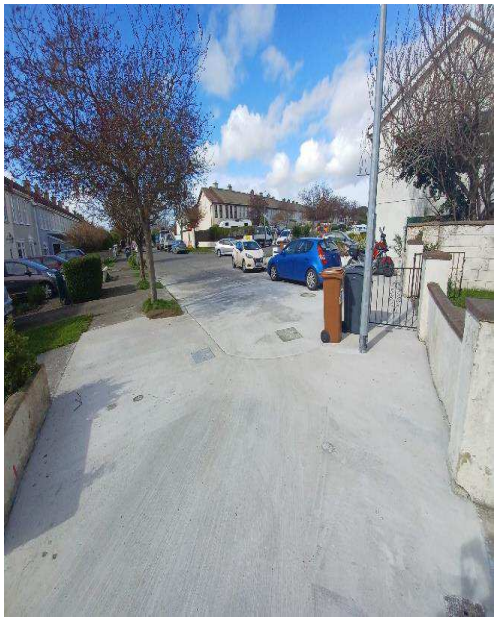


Before



After





- **Roads Works**

Patching ongoing at St Fintan's road in Sutton.





Tarstone with the only and first thermal patcher in Ireland repairing potholes in Baldoyle. The patcher reduces waste and noise. It also reduces the amount of bituminous material used by 99%.





➢ Drainage Works

The Howth Malahide Depot Team removed the culvert which was blocking the river along the R124 at Portmarnock trotting track.
This work will assist with the alleviation of the flooding issues on the R124 and Chapel Road Junction.



Drainage works are ongoing at the Chapel Road in Portmarnock. This work will help in reducing the chances of flooding in this area.





Malahide Demesne Update

A new mobility Roundabout was installed in the playground in the Demesne.



➢ Drainage & Footpath Works







➢ Talbot Botanic Gardens



Work has commenced on Pagoda for Japanese Garden, West Lawn



Correa 'Marian's Marvel' flowering in Australian Garden, Walled Garden



Bluebell walk in full bloom West Lawn Malahide Demesne

➢ National Tree Week



National Tree Week 2023 took place on the 19th to 26th of March and Fingal County Council was only delighted with promoting the event. Fingal promoted this by giving away and encouraging the

public to take part in planting a tree for future generations to enjoy.

The Howth Malahide team took delivery of 5,350 tree whips for the free tree giveaway and Malahide Demesne was the distribution point for the Howth/Malahide area.

Species that were given out this year include Cherry, Birch, Hazel and Alder. There was a limit of two trees per household.

Information signage about the tree species being given away was on display for members of the public to peruse and experienced staff were on hand to advise the public regarding their queries.



Cherry Tree Information Signage

The event was heavily promoted via social media and the public were encouraged to bring their own bag to reduce plastic wastage. Anyone who forgot to bring a bag were provided with a paper bag by the Operations staff.

The "Tree Giveaway" was very successful with only a small number of trees left over. There was great excitement on both giveaway days and lots of community groups like schools, scout groups and resident associations availed of the initiative.


Members of Staff assisting the public with their choice of trees


Member of the public discussing their tree choice with Operations staff



Alder Tree Information Signage



Tree Giveaway in Malahide Demesne

Burial Grounds Works

- **Balgriffin Cemetery**





Reinstatement of our burial plots in Balgriffin cemetery after the snow because of additional sinkage







Preparation works underway for the installation of Anti Climb Fencing



Mobile grass cutting machines ready for the summer season grass cutting within our burial grounds

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area





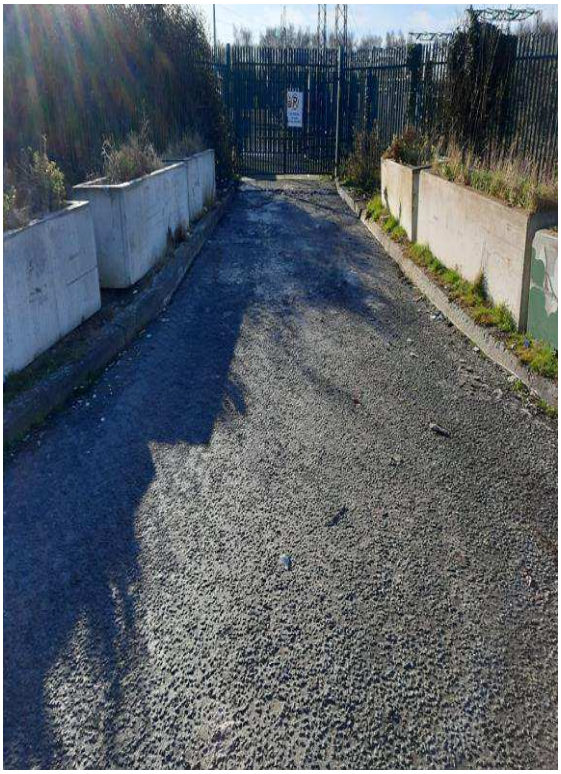
Depot staff preparing to grit roads during the recent cold snap

Cleansing

Fly tipping of litter at the entrance to ESB substation at Macetown in Damastown, which affects ESB access to the site. A fence and gate are being arranged to prevent this from reoccurring in the future.



Before



After

Compact tractor, mechanical brush and turbine blower to edge and clean footpaths. Capable of edging and cleaning approx. 400m of footpath per day. This is a one-person operation which frees two staff for other work making it much more efficient.







Photos of 2 new bins installed by Operations Crew in Mick Walsh Park in Mulhuddart D15

The Laneway at the side of Huntstown Community Centre cleared of brambles and old grass and debris by Operations team at side of Huntstown Community Centre



Before



After





Assisting community groups by delivering bark mulch – Daughters of charity in Mountview

Planting & Shrubbery Removal



Shrubbery removal at the Front and side of St Patrick's Church in Corduff





Perennial bed cleaned and barked at Entrance to Landsborough Estate in Meakstown Finglas

Tree Planting & National Tree Week



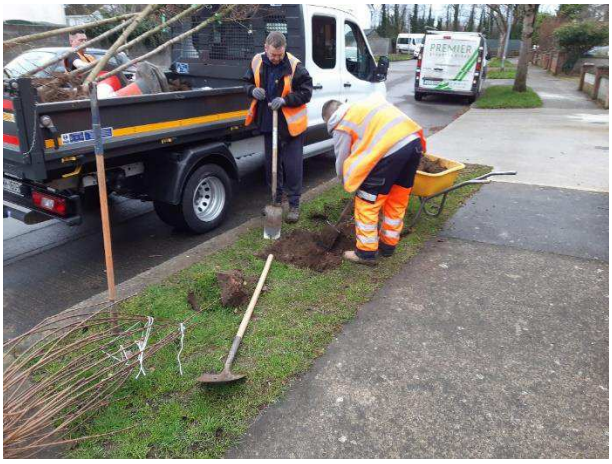


Tree Planting Opposite Ashleigh Estate, Castleknock



Community tree week planting in Littlepace, Dublin 15





New Trees in the Woodvale Estate on Blakestown Road



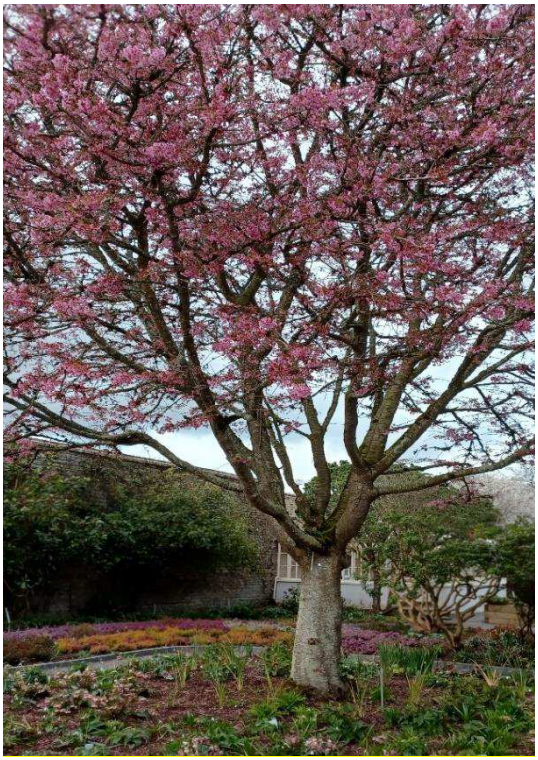
Tree planting on Blanchardstown Road. Restoring the Hazel tree avenue on the Blanchardstown Road



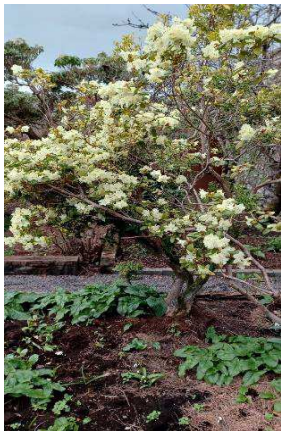
Planting of Fruit trees on the open space of Oaktree Green and Laverna Estate Entrance by the Laurel Lodge Group



National Tree week giveaway in Carpark of Millennium Park in D15







Memorex colour in Shackleton's Gardens

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Works are ongoing to deliver the Programme of Works across all three areas. Programme of Works 2023 for all 3 areas have been approved by the Area Committees and works will now begin.

- Relining of Robs Wall Carpark







- Relining of Balgriffin Cemetery Car Park and addition of one extra disabled space



- Flexible Bollard Installation along Burrow Road to control parking



- New traffic signs for Burrow Road, Sutton







- Installation of Yellow Box and Right Turn Box Coast Road/Station Road/Strand Road Junction



- Chapel Lane, Swords – 3 New Accessible Parking Bays



- New Speed Signs- Newbarn-Fieldstown–R122 Two New VAS signs on both approaches to the junction with R125/Rathbeale Road





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

80 hires were put in place from 01/03/2023–31/03/2023, engaging 19 suppliers.



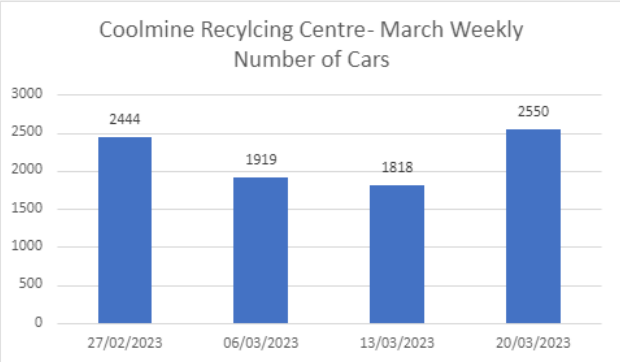
7 fully electric vehicles purchased for Operations.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 97.1% of all lights switched to LEDS.

Faults reduce to 0.32% of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme was approved by the Area Committee and works will now commence. Additional 180,000 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Recycling Centres Update

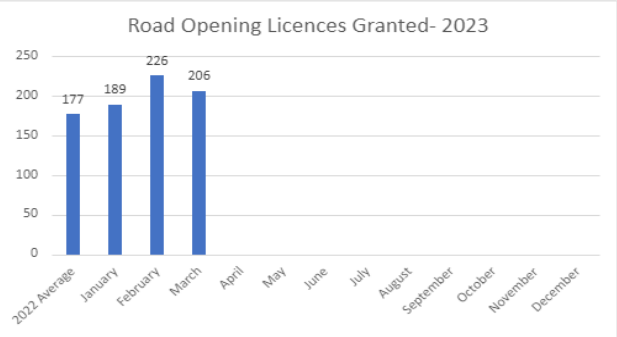


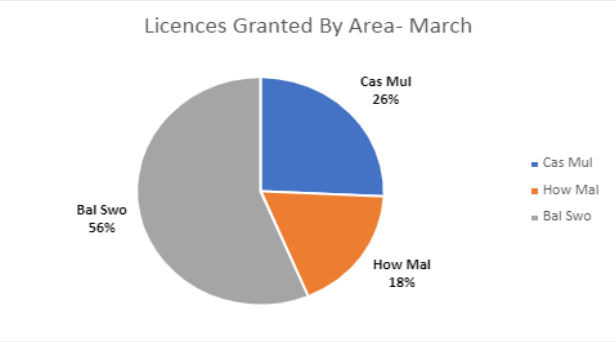
Licences

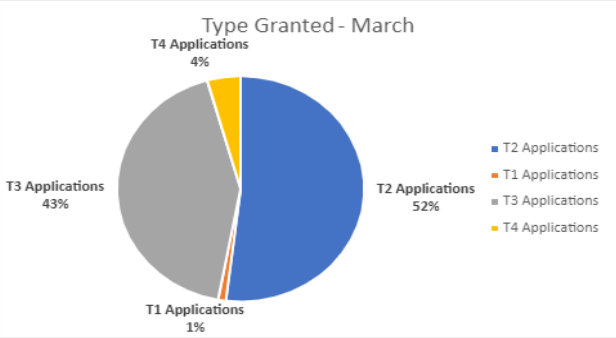
- Road Opening Licences

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

206 Licences were granted in the month of **March** with on average, **47%** of the which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carryout regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.







- Casual Trading License

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have carried out the allocation of Casual Trading Pitches for 2023 through a renewal/lottery system. The licences are valid from 01 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

Any further available pitches will be re-advertised & allocated depending on levels of interest in April. All details of available Casual Trading pitches will be updated on the Fingal County Council website in the coming days.

The closing date for new applications has been provisionally set for Friday the 21st of April 2023 at 4pm.

- Street Furniture

Street Furniture renewals are nearing completion for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance.





Water Services

- **Water Connections:**

Currently 15 new connection applications in progress with FCC as of from 27th March 2023. 24 new connection applications returned to Uisce Eireann during March 2023.

Storm Water

- **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 projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert:**

Tenders were issued for a Topographical Survey and a CCTV and Flow Monitoring Survey for the above scheme. The CCTV and Flow and Monitoring survey element is due to be awarded to the winning bidder in the coming days and submissions are due to be evaluated for the Topographical Survey Tender. 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 in Portmarnock are 95% complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network will have been replaced with a new 450mm in Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk. This involved new manholes and aadditional gullies in Wendell Avenue & Dewberry Park. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface.



- **Burrow Beach**

Scott Cawley Consultants working in Partnership with Brady Shipman Martin signed off on an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report for the Burrow Beach Project concluding that no further assessment was required. Since then, it was confirmed that a foreshore licence would be

required for the refurbishment works and a pre-application will be submitted in the coming days.

- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

In-house Design will commence a scheme involving the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localized flooding and allow for future capacity.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently being planned and costed. Two areas not previously mapped and surveyed have been identified with work due to start in Q2 2023. A contractor will be procured with a jet vac recycler truck and CCTV camera van. The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing – Covers and frames were replaced in Swords and Santry areas. As a result of flooding reports additional CCTV surveys were also carried out in Damastown & Parslickstown in D15. The network has now been mapped, jetted and a condition survey report is being prepared. To date a number of displaced joints and localised blockages have been found and these have since been removed.





Communication with Uisce Éireann 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 Uisce Éireann.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**
Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works – Uisce Éireann 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 Council is awaiting signoff of the new UISCE ÉIREANN /Local Authority Master Co-operation

agreement which will replace the existing Service Level Agreement arrangements.

The Council are working with UÉ in preparation for the Effective Date when UÉ will assume full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services in Ireland. Fingal County Council is scheduled within the first tranche of local authorities to transfer and are awaiting confirmation on the Effective Date.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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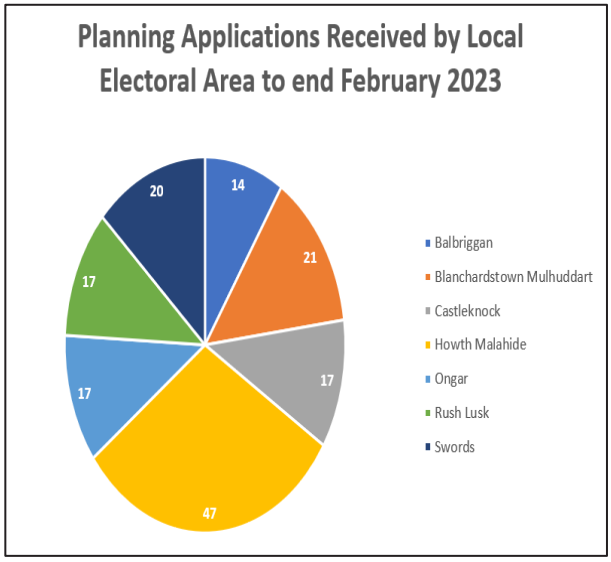
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Planning Applications

There have been 153 planning applications received to the end of February 2023. 21 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 132 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1st to Feb 28th 2023, 0 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were made to the Local Authority. 4 decisions were made up to end of February 2023. Of these, 4 applications were Granted (1,416 units).

There are a total of 20 SHD applications (13,038 units) currently in the formal application process with An Bord Pleanála. The Bord have not issued any decisions on SHD applications to the end of February 2023.

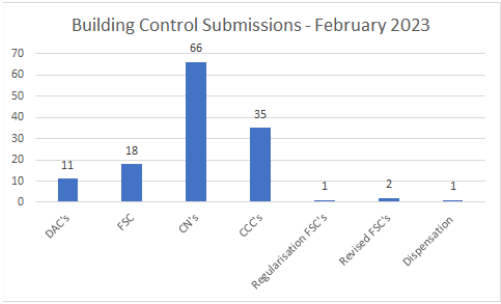


Planning Decisions

A total of 218 planning decisions have been made to the end of February 2023. There have been 183 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 35 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 17 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 87 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 23 commercial/retail grants of permission and 13 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 8 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 1 relates to 20 – 50 units, 0 relate to 50 -100 units and 4 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin

In February 2023, there were 134 building control submission made via BCMS. This was made up of 66 Commencement notices, 35 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 21 Fire Safety related Certificates and 12 Disability Access related Certificates. Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system. The Building Control Admin team processed 98 decisions in February 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 23 decisions to grant and 75 extensions of time.



Built Environment Division

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management February 2023

- 70 no. new planning files have been received.
- 12 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

Building Control

- There were 20 Building control site inspections in February 2023 with 40 separate buildings being inspected.

- There were no enforcement notices issued in March but there were 2 Section 11 requests for further information issued following site visits.

Taking in Charge

- There is one development Carrick Court Close due to be taken in charge in the April 2023 Council Meeting. A further 3 developments namely Miller Glen phase 4, Silverbanks, Baldoyle and Balgriffin Grove in Malahide have been advertised for Taking in Charge in the May 2023 Council Meeting. Ballygossan Park Phase 1 in Skerries advertised for the June 2023 meeting.

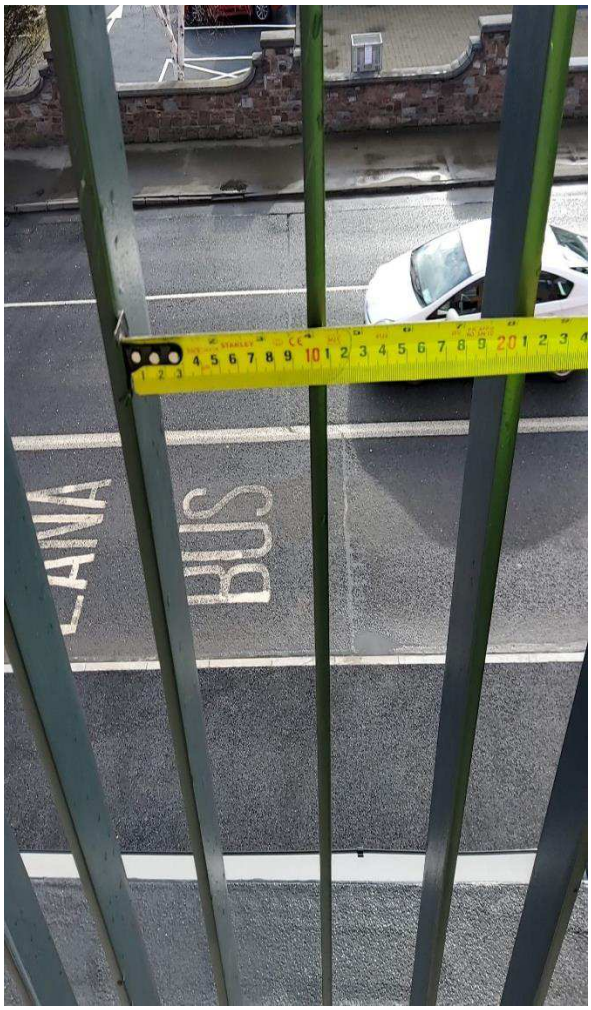
- The Ongar Remediation works contract has been awarded to the successful tenderer on the 24th of March. Works will then commence when the contractor is mobilised. The contractor had indicated previously that they were looking at a mid-April start date.

Dangerous Structures

- There were 5 dangerous structures notified in March 2023. There are a total of 61 dangerous structures active in our database. One dangerous structures file was closed in March.

References

- The number of reference requests received in March 2023 so far is 422.



Checking railings in a development in Blanchardstown for compliance with Part K of the Building Regulations



Checking Insulation in a Cavity wall in a development in Balbriggan.

Transportation Planning

R132 Connectivity Project

The tender assessment for Consultancy Services of a multidisciplinary design team for the Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation of this project has now been completed with the successful and unsuccessful letters issued to tenderers. The contract documents have now been prepared and following a standstill period the consultant will be appointed in April. A number of key meetings already been arranged including with TII's MetroLink project team and with adjacent landowners. It is expected detailed design and procurement will take 12-18 months and further updates will issue as the project progresses.

PSI -041 Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes

The tender assessment for Stage 1 Engineering Consultancy Services is now completed. The successful tenders have submitted the relevant information so the procurement process has now moved to the stage 2 process with the tender publication date programmed for 29th March which will allow the procurement process to progress in April and a consultant appointment target date in May/June.

Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The tender evaluation assessment for the Construction Phase of the Harry Reynolds Road, Pedestrian and Cyclist Route recently took place with the tender assessment report currently being finalised. On approval of the tender report, the successful/unsuccessful letters will be issued, and the required standstill period allowed to pass prior to progressing to appointing a contractor, likely in April. A commencement date on site for construction works will then be agreed with the contractor for Summer 2023. A pre-start briefing will be arranged with the local area members in advance of site works commencing.

Ongar Barnhill Link Road

This is a key transportation project that will provide a new bridge over the railway line and underpin the development of significant new residential development. Following the agreement of land access arrangements over a number of land folios, an advance site clearance contract was carried out earlier this year in advance of the nesting season. Fencing is being installed currently along the project boundaries. Tenders for stage 1 of the main contract have been assessed and the tender process for stage 2 will commence in April, with a view to appointing a contractor in summer, site works commencing in autumn with the project construction phase likely to take two years.

Project Updates for Elected Members

Two briefing meetings for the Blanchardstown–Mulhuddart–Castleknock–Ongar members have been scheduled to provide further updates and information on the Royal Canal Greenway, Ongar-Barnhill, Canal Loop project and Snugborough Interchange project. Similar project updates will be arranged on other projects across the wider works programme of transportation projects at key milestones as required.

PSI-042 Donabate Transportation Projects - Procurement

Stage 1 for the establishment of a Single Party Framework for Multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services is complete. Three Consultants were shortlisted and invited to tender for Stage 2 and these three tenders are currently being evaluated by the FCC project team with support from the Central Procurement Unit. Once appointed, the Engineering Consultant will commence working on:

- M1-Lissenhall Interchange Traffic Study,
- Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 (Donabate-Lissenhall)
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade
- Donabate Active Travel Routes

On appointment, a briefing update will be arranged for the elected members to discuss the project timelines and the proposed approach in more detail.

PSI-026 Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement

Tender documents for the procurement of a Contractor will issue to the market in April. Following appointment of the Contractor, works will commence with a target start date on site in the summer. Timelines are subject to a successful procurement competition.

PSI-026 Portrane Road Enhancement Project

The project team have completed CPO-related drawings for required lands for the project on the Portrane Road. Significant engagement with local landowners has taken place, which is a time-consuming but essential requirement for a successful scheme. CPO related documents are being finalised by FCC property section for submission to An Bord Pleanála. The exact timeline associated with the confirmation of the CPO for Portrane Road is subject to processes within An Bord Pleanála. Once the Council has the required lands to deliver the project, a Contractor for the works will be procured.

PSI-012 Broadmeadow

Over the last year the project team has worked closely with FCC property section and our legal team and this resulted in the recent securing of a licence agreement for access to a landlocked section of the project route. An advance works contractor has now been appointed and will commence the installation of fencing and an access track to the northern shore of Malahide Estuary within the coming weeks. The access track will facilitate access for a contractor to undertake ground investigation (GI) works on the estuary causeway in line with the current project timeline.

The GI Contract was tendered by Irish Rail recently on behalf of FCC. Unfortunately, no tender replies were received which was very disappointing and may affect project timelines. The tender has now been amended to address some of the issues raised by the market, such as difficulties for machinery access, safety of works beside rail, working time restrictions and environmental measures. An information meeting was also held on site with potential contractors to further engage with the market and re-tender the works. Whilst we are hopeful to still get the GI contract to site this summer, the lack of tender responses is indicative of the challenges of this particular site.

Sutton-Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The Project Team recently published the Preliminary Design Public Consultation Report. This report sets out the project description, data from submissions received during the 2022 non-statutory consultation process, and data from an online attitudes and behaviour survey. The report provides a summary of the main themes raised through submissions, identifies areas for further consideration, and provides some general responses to these themes. It does not make any final decision on the preliminary design, which is still being developed with a number of decisions yet to be made. Following this review process, and the recent successful approval by the National Transport Authority of the project to move to phase 3, the scheme documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in late 2023 or early 2024 (dependent on negotiations with landholders) and is likely to take the form of an Appropriate Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and associated land acquisition process.

Royal Canal Greenway

The project team from the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has recently completed its preliminary cost estimate for the scheme. The total cost estimate of €34m has received NTA Board Approval and the project will now proceed toward finalising the preliminary design. Following this process documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. The application is expected to be made in Q3/4 2023 and will take the form of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted for An Bord Pleanála.

HOUSING

Supply	**Tenancy Services**
Asset Management	**Housing Ukraine Response**
Support	**Vacant Homes**

Housing Supply

Development at Hayestown, Rush

Work commenced on site in early March 2023 on the Council's most recent affordable housing development at Hayestown in Rush. The development will consist of 62 new 2 and 3-bedroom homes, with 52 of the homes being made available to eligible purchasers in line with affordable purchase regulations and the Council's scheme of priorities. Details of the application process to submit an interest in purchasing the affordable homes will be available in the coming months and further details will be made available closer to the time. The remaining 10 homes in the scheme will be made available to people on the Council's social housing list.

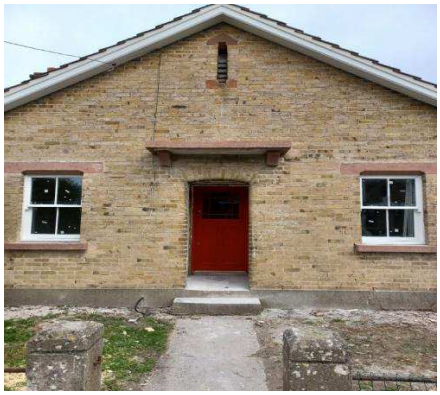


Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	units
Under Construction	308
Tender Stage	300
Planning and Design	1,048
Part V	124
TOTAL	1,780

Projects on site

Restoration works under way of 14 units at St Ita's Hospital Campus in Portrane













Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings

Fingal County Council construction scheme at Outlands, Swords – 11 dwellings







Fingal County Council infill scheme at Clonsilla Road, Dublin 15



Fingal County Council infill scheme at Sheepmoor, Dublin 15



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be a popular option for future home owners in Fingal. As at the 30th March there were 302 applications, of which 153 have been seen by the credit committee, after which 60% have gotten approvals in principle.

Circular 07/2023 was issued on the 28th February, and this confirms the Government decision to make changes to the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The circular announces the publication of new regulations - Housing Loans (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 76 of 2023), a new credit policy, and new guidelines for Local Authorities. The main differences are:

- Borrowers can apply for a max loan of €324,000
- The Loan can be used to purchase a property of a new maximum value of €360,000
- Single borrowers can earn up to €70,000 to qualify for the loan, couples can earn up to €85,000
- A new interest rate of 3.8% was applied to all existing loans and loan offers, effective from April 1st 2023

The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. On March 14th Fingal County Council will introduce the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all their documents in one place before submitting them. Over time, the portal will remove the need to produce paper copies of the application form and the supporting documents, reduce postal delays and speed up the process. The portal is active now on Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council

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 have commenced in Strandmill Road, Portmarnock and in Barnewall, Donabate. St. Catherine's Close, Rush and Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown are currently at survey stage.

Fingal County Council and the SEAI have entered 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 wall insulation at retrofitted property

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	28th March 2023
In the letting process	59
Undergoing re-let repairs	19
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	10
TOTAL	**88**

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 currently ongoing in St. Cronan's Estate and Boru Court, Swords and will soon commence in Woodview, Balrothery and Lower Main Street, Lusk.





St. Cronan's Court, Swords - before and after pictures

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 75 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,600 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

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 continues with a further 1000 Rent Assessment Forms issued to tenants this week. Tenants are required to return this form with the relevant documents in order to be correctly assessed.

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 will progress 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 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, with an expected issue date in early April.

The list position is available through the CBL portal on fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

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.

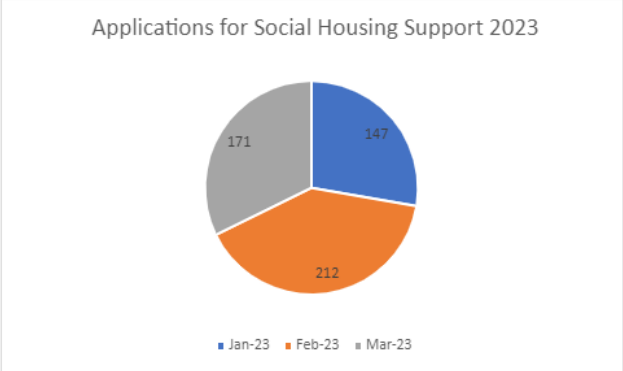
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€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	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Breakdown of 530 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 31st March 2023



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 March Advertised Properties



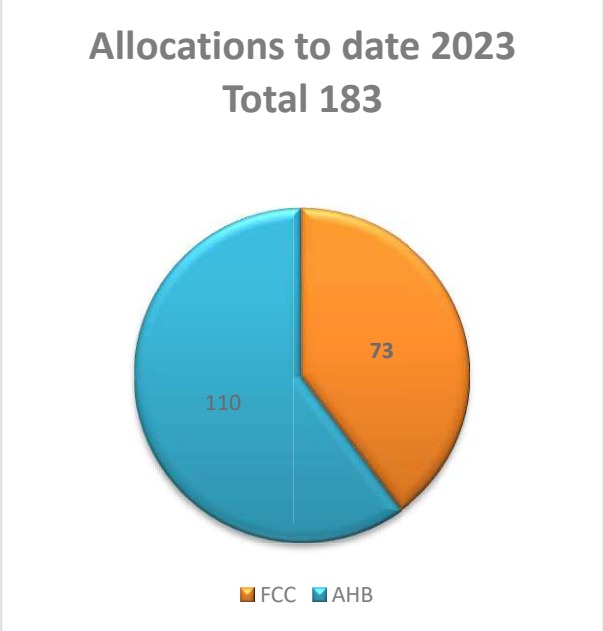


Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
1st – 7th March	Holywell Way, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Apt	741	124
1st – 7th March	Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1108	168
1st – 7th March	Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	1	Apt	751	103
8th -14th March	Archerswood, Clonee, Dublin 15	2	Terrace	1037	223
8th -14th March	Wellview Grove, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	Terrace	190	84
15th – 21st March	Clonmethan Green, Oldtown, Co Dublin	3	Semi - Detached	863	74
15th – 21st March	Golden Ridge Lodge, Rush, Co Dublin	2	Apt	927	151
22nd – 28th March	Corduff Green, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	Terrace	724	62
22nd – 28th March	Wellview Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	End Terrace	745	67
			Total	**7086**	**1056**

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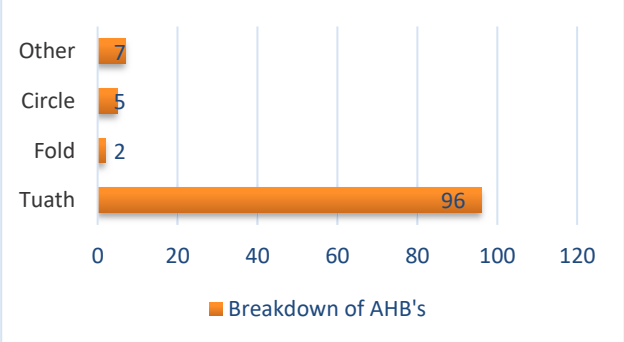
Approved Housing Bodies

Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 110 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of various Approved Housing bodies. The other 73 properties allocated were with Fingal County Councils own stock.

Approved Housing Bodies who received nominations from FCC



The chart above shows Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023 so far. Tuath are managing five new developments in the Fingal area, these are based in Swords, Donabate, Balbriggan, Dublin 15 and Santry. Nominations have been sent on behalf of applicants for a large proportion of these properties. There have been some delays with the allocations due to delays with the closing of the properties and a large number of signups/ allocations are still outstanding.

Breakdown of Tuath delivered properties

Tuath managed properties – newly delivered	Total properties delivered	Total nominations made by FCC
Castlelands Balbriggan	23	21
Berseford/Cobbes Court Donobate	48	34
Ravensmill, Swords	38	32
Blackwood Square, Santry	33	33
Hansfield Dublin 15	21	20

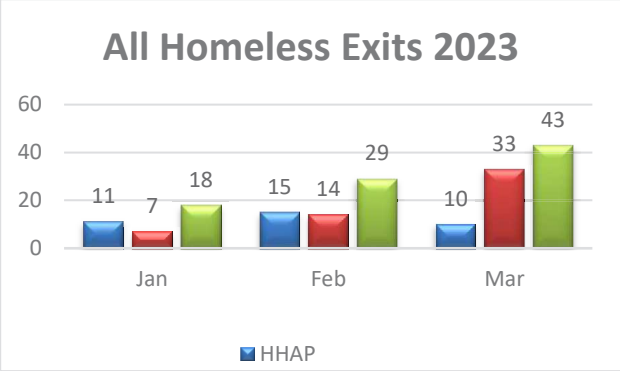
The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

Homeless Services

Homeless Exits 2023

As of the end of March 2023, 43 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 10 of these tenancies, comprising 6 homeless preventions, four who exited from emergency accommodation. Separately there were 33 households that exited Homelessness into social tenancies.

In total 9 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during March 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.

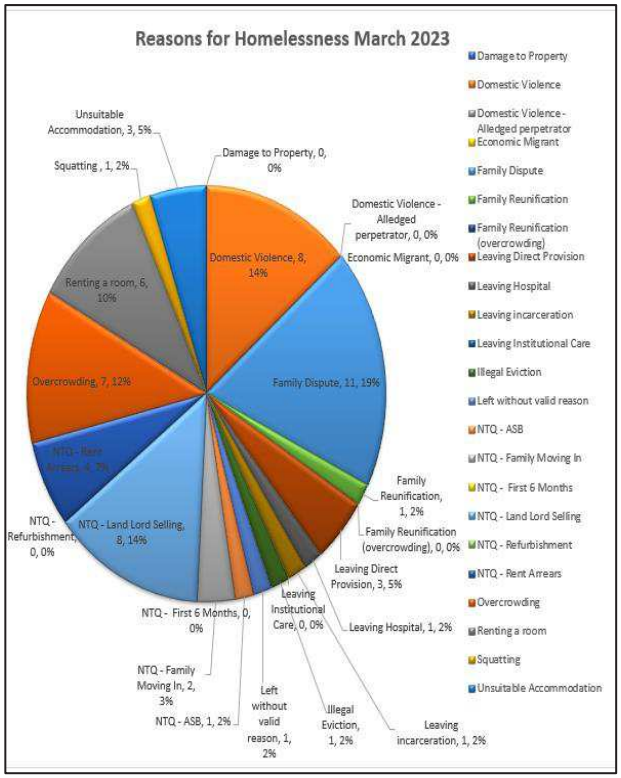
In March 2023 there were a total of 59 full homeless assessments completed – comprising **37** families and **22** singles/couples.



During March 2023, of the Homeless Assessments carried out, 15 cases resulted from a **Notice to**

Quit (NTQ) having been served. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not covered by the Winter Eviction Ban 2023 and accounted for 10% of assessments during March 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to **family breakdown** (19%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in **overcrowded conditions** (12%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining reasons are outlined on the chart below.



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.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances;

- We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.
- When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.
- The Council may refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.
- The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.
- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified. For households in emergency accommodation there will be support to assist them to access more permanent social housing supports in the shortest possible timeframe.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 14 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 47 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 41 applications from landlords requesting Fingal County Council to purchase the homes with the existing tenants remaining in-situ.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council will be liaising with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues on the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Council understands that the Government is examining options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a cost rental in-situ scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Local authorities will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home, local authorities can advise and support on the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. We are aware that the Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will await further details on the proposed schemes from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Work around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination and responding to tenant and landlord tenant in-situ queries is being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to deal with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions. The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

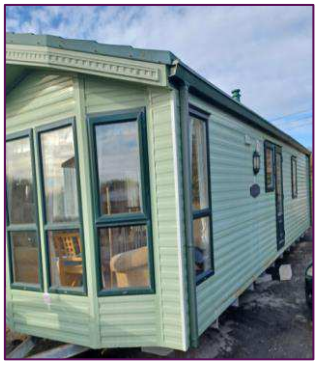
The key contact details are:
Fingal County Council Housing Department
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. **01 890 5090**
Outside of Office Hours: Freephone **1800 707 707**
Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

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. Below photos: Maintenance work at Traveller Specific Stock and Provision of mobile home in accordance with the nationwide Pilot Caravan Loan Scheme.





ESTATE MANAGEMENT
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.





Recent assistance provided which involved the removal of domestic waste and assistance provided to ensure a regular waste collection service is engaged by the Tenant.

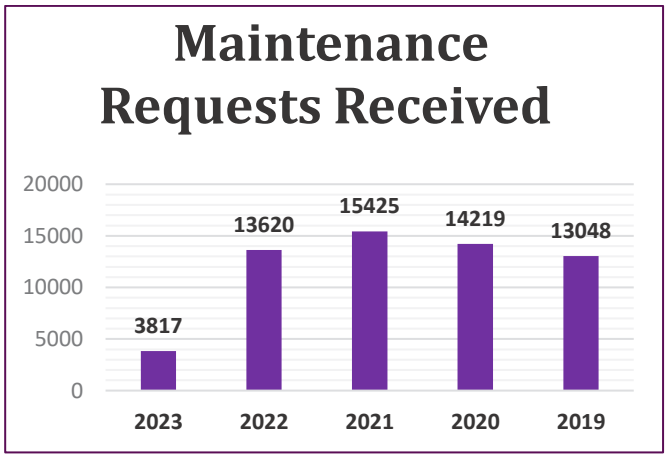
Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.



DPG extension works underway at a Council tenancy in Dublin 15

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. The 2023 programme of work has commenced, with Contractors working across the County in

areas such as Corduff Estate, Blackmills, Lambeecher, Glasmore, Cardy Rock and Ballygarra.

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.

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.

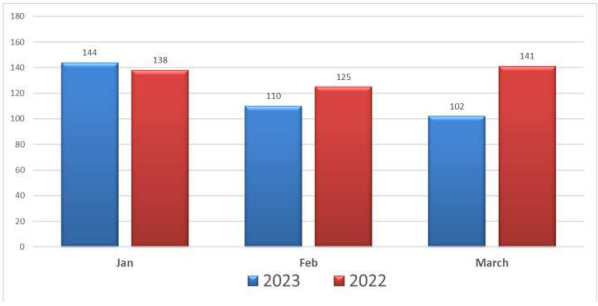
ASB Caseload Management

Feb 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	10	7	2	1
Rush / Lusk	6	5	0	1
Swords	8	5	2	1
Howth / Malahide	11	5	3	3
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	57	41	8	8
Ongar	2	0	0	2
Castleknock	8	6	1	1
Total	102			

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb) 2 (March)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023 Interviews Held 2022	**21** 101
Tenancy Alerts 2023 Tenancy Alerts 2022	**7** 39
Tenancy Warnings 2023 Tenancy Warnings 2022	**0** 6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023 Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	**410** 1673
Estate Inspections 2023 Estate Inspections 2022	**300** 1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023 Estate Management Inspections 2022	**491** 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 operating at full capacity 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), **110** persons have moved from the rest centre to pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2nd November 2022 with further moves to pledge accommodation to take place in the coming days.

OfferAhome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, **16** properties have been pledged to date. **6** of these properties are occupied with **1** other property due to be occupied in the coming days. **8** properties were withdrawn or deemed unsuitable following inspection with the remaining **1** property subject to inspection and dialogue with the owners. The Council is also engaging with 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. Work is underway at St Ita's Portrane to bring **14** dwellings back into use. **2** housing units are at the concluding stages of a CPO process that will make the units available for social housing. The CPO process has commenced with respect to another dwelling\associated derelict site and will commence shortly with respect to an additional unit. The Croi Connaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens get a home.

Croí Cónaithe



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 geographical areas in Fingal. The Vacant Homes Unit was recently advised by the DHLGH that further changes to the scheme are proposed which would make additional dwellings eligible and that increased grant amounts are also proposed. Further information is awaited on the detail of the new criteria. The present criteria is set out below.

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 at an increasing rate.

To date, **23** applications have been received. **5** have been approved with works underway in **4** of these dwellings. In addition, staff are engaging with **31** other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications. An information campaign by the DHLGH has recently concluded to raise more awareness of the scheme and to further promote the grant scheme. This has been supplemented by promotion of the scheme via the Council's social media and at the Council's stand at the Property Show held in the RDS on the 25th and 26th February 2023.

For enquiries on the above scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Office

Community Development

Comhairle na nÓg
LGBTQi Information Session
Donabate Bleeding Pig festival IWD event
Flemington, Balbriggan International Women's Day Celebration and Equity talk
Shine A Light for Women: International Women's Day
Parslickstown Property Marking Clinic
Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop
Dublin 15 Stay and Play Toy Library
One Town Singers Swords
Swords celebrates international Women's Day
Fingal She Lead's Womens Leadership Exhibition

Facilities
Fingal Community Facilities Network Masterclass
Hartstown Community Centre

Interagency
Foroige
PPN registrations update
PPN Policy Hub

Integration
Fingal Winter Pride – LGBTQ+ 40th Anniversary History of Pride

Ukraine Supports
Fingal Ukrainian Information Network
Art Therapy for Older Ukrainian Guests

Age Friendly Fingal
DDLETB Swords hosts Fingal Older People's Council

Showcase of Services & Activities for older people in Swords

Funding
Activity Funding
Sports Equipment Funding
External Funding Support
Online Activities Funding Information Session 29th March

Sports Office
Balbriggan Sports HUB
National LSP Newsletter
Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre
Women in Sport Week – 6th March to 12th March
Nutrition Roadshow Series
Sports Strategy Public Consultation

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 February/March the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of

community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The FCNN steering group had a very successful first in person meeting with new members of 2023. They discussed social media activity and are still working on their project title. The group now have one participant fully garda vetted. He is fully trained and working alongside the co-ordinator as a volunteer. One young person was nominated and chosen to be part of the HSE Youth Mental Health Fund Selection Committee.



LGBTQi Information Session, Swords

A presentation and information session on LGBTQi Rights including Employment Equality Legislation, Equal Status Act, The Gender Recognition Act and information on change of name by deed poll took place at St Colmcille's GAA Swords as part of the Community Department's Winter Pride initiatives.

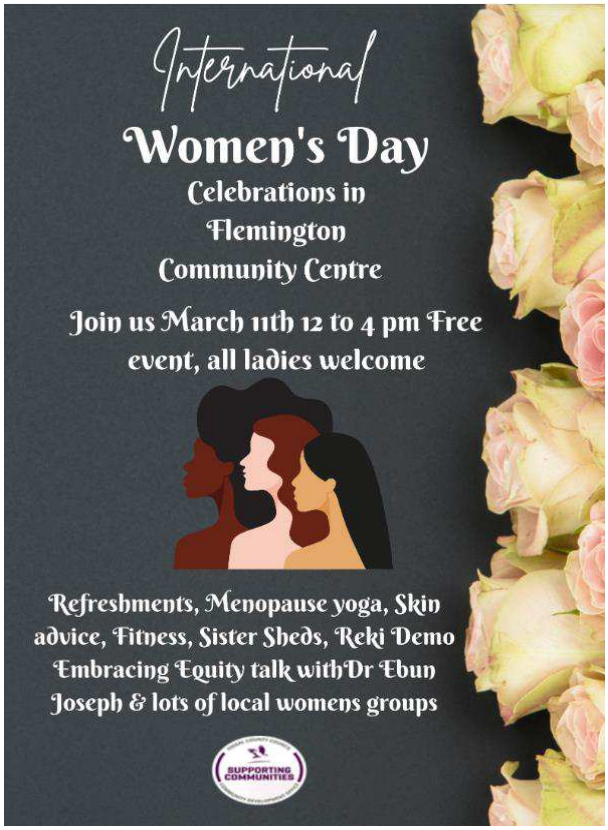
Donabate Bleeding Pig Festival International Women's Day Event

The Bleeding Pig Cultural Group on the Donabate/Portrane Peninsula organised a varied programme of events in celebration of International Women's Day, with funding and logistical support from the FCC Community Office. The events, on 5th & 8th March included a talk on the Pearse sisters, titled "Sisters of the revolution" by Teresa and Mary Louise O'Donnell as well as talks on female health and mental health issues. Music and songs were provided by, among others, Mná Ukulele. As part of the celebration a film from Saudi Arabia, titled "Wadjda" which was screened in Donabate Parish Centre focused on the barriers women face in that country. All events were free of charge and open to all members of the local community.



Flemington International Women's Day Event, Balbriggan

Flemington Community Centre in Balbriggan celebrated International Women's Day with a menu of activities aimed at the diverse community of north-west Balbriggan. Talks on women's health, demonstrations of menopause yoga by the FCC Sports Office, introduction to Reiki and many other activities took place. A talk by the Sister Sheds organisation with a keynote address by Dr Ebun Joseph also took place. Dr Ebun spoke out about Equity issues for communities living in an inter-cultural society, with particular emphasis on the barriers faced by women. The event was co-sponsored by the FCC community office and was attended by local councillors and representatives of many community groups, agencies and residents' groups active in the area.



Shine A Light for Women: International Women's Day

Fingal County Council are proud to bring Shine A Light for Women to Dublin 15 this International Women's Day, 8th March 2023. This is the second year of this initiative, which sees our Sports Office collaborating with the Community Office on delivering this important awareness event. The theme of this year's International Women's Day is '*Embracing Equity.'*

The Community and Sports Office are committed to supporting the social inclusion of women and encourage them to participate and raise awareness of issues that affect their lives. Being included, and belonging, feels good. When we embrace equity, we embrace diversity, and we embrace inclusion. Clonee Women's Shed is an example of inclusion in action at a local level. This event will officially launch this first women's shed in Dublin 15 which provides a space for women to meet and support each other through various ages and stages in life.



Parslickstown Property Marking Clinic

A Property Marking Clinic was held recently in Parslickstown House in collaboration with An Garda Síochána. The event saw items such as bikes, scooters, laptops and trade tools marked by a property marking machine with the owners Eircode. This will ensure that property is returned to its owner in a prompt manner if it becomes separated from its owner in the future. This is the first of a series of these clinics to be held in Parslickstown House with the support of the Community Development Office.

Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop

To mark Internet Safety Day, The Community Office, in partnership with Bank of Ireland held a 'Safeguarding your Digital Financial Wellbeing' workshop in Tyrrelstown Community Centre. The very informative workshop was hosted by a qualified financial advisor with over 15 years' experience in the field. The tips and pointers given on the day were very useful and all in attendance have a greater awareness of how to remain safe and know the red flags to look out for when online.



To mark Internet Safety Day
Tyrrelstown Communtiy Hub in association with Bank of Ireland will host a workshop on

Safeguarding Your Digital Financial Wellbeing



- What is Financial Wellbeing
- Understanding Cybercrime
- Common Tactics Used by Criminals
- Securing Your Home Network
- Guidance for Online Safety
- Top Tips and Q&A

The workshop will be presented by a Financial Wellbeing Coach with over 15 years experience

Where: Tyrrelstown Community Hub - Tyrrelstown Community Centre D15 PWY2
When: Tuesday 7th Feb at 12 - 1

Contact: Deirdre 087 182 3611 / deirdre.gaughran@fingal.ie

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Tyrrelstown community centre

Bank of Ireland

Dublin 15 Stay and Play Toy Library

Community officers have been out meeting new groups and supporting them in the predevelopment stages of their groups establishment, including the D15 Stay and Play Library coming soon to Mountview Community Centre. The group operates as a Stay and Play Toy Library parent and toddler group. The committee have been working closely with the community development office and have come together to formalise and launch this new initiative on the 1st April and will meet in Mountview Community Centre every Wednesday between 11-2pm thereafter.

The launch aims to attract over 70 participants including children and their families where they will be able to hear about the toy library, register and get involved in a range of craft and messy play activities including child's entertainer, face painting and make and play crafts using-everyday household items.



One Town Singers Swords

One Town Singers Swords is a multi-cultural community singing group piloted by the Community Department in collaboration with One Town One Voice in Swords. The group formed in November and have performed at the Christmas Craft Market in Swords Castle. The group have formed their own committee and are now registered with the PPN. They have several performances lined up including an event with Swords Women's Shed to celebrate International Women's Day and Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade. The group continue to grow with over 50 members living in Swords, many from around the world.



Swords Celebrates International Women's Day

Holywell Community Centre welcome women to a Finance Wellness Information Session, with Swords Citizens Advice. This practical session which focuses on how to save money, guidance on your tax credits, social welfare entitlements the session will take place Tuesday 7th March 2023 from 11am to 12pm

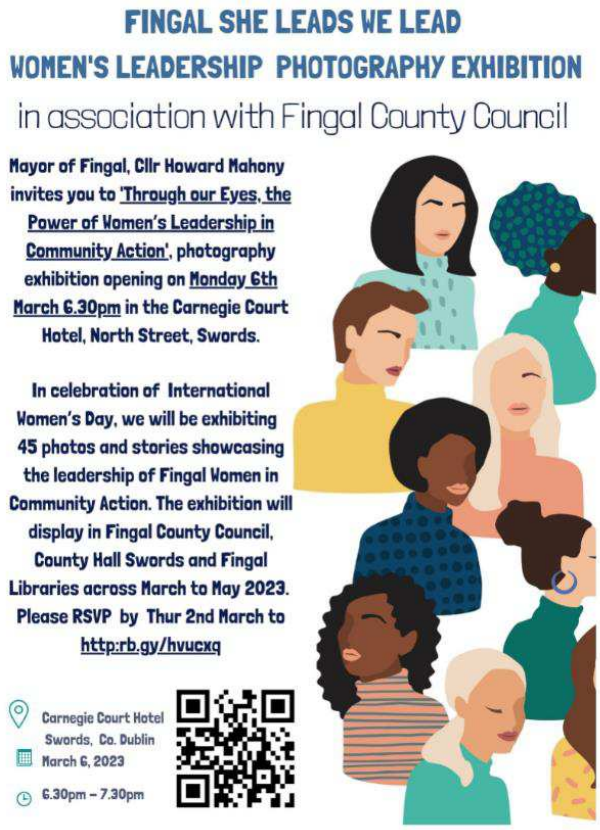
Holywell Community Centre
Ionad Pobail an Tobair Naofa

Swords Women's Shed not only celebrated their first birthday on the March 8th, they are also hosting an evening of invaluable talks and interactive sessions for women. Nurse Maureen O'Dwyer will discuss menopause, nutrition, skincare, personal safety, anti-bullying and women in politics. The evening will finish with One Voice Singers Swords singing from their songbook covering hits from the 60's, right up to date.



Fingal She Leads Womens Leadership Photo Exhibition

Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action, is an initiative of Fingal County Council's She Leads Women's Leaders programme. It recognises and celebrates the leadership of women in a visual way and serves to inspire others to take an active role in their own communities. The Exhibition involves 45 photos and stories showcasing the leadership of Fingal Women in Community Action as part of International Women's Day. The exhibition opening will take place on the 6th March in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords and will display in Fingal County Council, County Hall and Fingal Libraries from March to May 2023. The project was led by the Community Development Office and the She Leads Advisory Committee. All photos were taken by a volunteer photographer, Monica Manzzi, a member of the advisory committee.



FACILITIES

Network Masterclass



Supported by the Community Facility Management Support Unit (CFMSU), the Fingal Community Facility Network held a Masterclass on Wednesday 22nd February in the Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel. In attendance were management personnel representing 27 community facilities. Speakers on the day were Niall Edwards from EMS Health and Safety who gave an overview of the health and safety landscape and some of the requirements of the centres, Chloe Farrell, representing the FCC Sports office, gave an overview of the programmes the Sports Office are planning to roll out across the community centre network and gave ideas for collaboration between the FCC Sports Office and the centres. Rounding out the session, Donal Ryan from DR Accountants offered a comprehensive overview of the role of an auditor, and implementation of best financial practices that centres can adapt to ensure financial compliance. The CFMSU continues to work with the network to identify relevant training opportunities and speakers for our Network events.

Hartstown Community Centre

Following the transfer of ownership of Hartstown Community Centre from the Arch Diocese to the council, a planning application has been registered with Fingal CC for change of use and retention of childcare facility and other minor matters at the centre. Application has been validated (Reg. Ref. No.: FW23A/0021) and final date for the submission of observations is 14th March. Remedial works to address fire safety issues began on 23rd February 2023.

Interagency

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities
In February/March the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Foroige

Foroige has thanked Fingal's community office for funding support to allow them to make the dream of a dedicated youth space in Tyrrelstown a reality. The space in question was previously a solicitor's office. The funding received from Fingal County Council has allowed them to install a kitchen, knock walls, install new flooring as well adding storage. Over the coming weeks/months they will continue to make it as youth friendly as possible.

Fingal PPN registration

There are currently 680 groups registered with the PPN with 13 new groups signing up for membership in 2023. 534 groups are registered under the Community Pillar, 113 are under the Social Inclusion Pillar and 33 are under the Environment Pillar.

PPN Policy Hub

The PPN website continues to be a trusted source of information for the community and is updated regularly with relevant information. The Fingal PPN Policy Hub may be accessed through the PPN website https://fingalppn.ie/ . This policy hub aims to support and guide linkage groups and their reps in building capacity when engaging with relevant committees as well as assisting in contributing to the decision-making processes in Fingal. The Policy Hub comprises of policies in three areas: Fingal Wide Policies, Regional Policies and National & European Policies.

Integration

The Community Development Department work to provide leadership on the delivery of national and local directives that support the development of inclusive communities and civic engagement.

Fingal Winter Pride – LGBTQ+ 40th Anniversary

History of Pride:

A talk by Dublin Pride on the history of LGBTQ+ rights over the 40th year period of Pride took place in Blanchardstown Library on Thursday, 2nd Feb @ 6.30pm. Following the presentation, refreshments were provided along with the chance to chat and obtain information on the services available.



Ukraine Supports



Fingal Ukrainian Information Network

A Fingal Ukrainian Information Network has been established by FCC Community Development Office to enable the timely sharing of information to and from the Ukrainian community and FCC. Included on this Network are representatives from prominent Ukrainian Volunteer Groups, Ukrainian women residents in temporary rest centre accommodation, in host accommodations, and Ukrainian women residents in Fingal for many years. The network meets monthly and provides support, insight, and resources directly to our Ukrainian community in Fingal. It also provides invaluable feedback for Fingal County Council which ensures that we continue to focus our Community Integration support on the areas which are most in need.

Art Therapy for Older Ukrainian Guests

A comprehensive programme for elderly Ukrainians in socio-psychological support, using art therapy commenced this month.

Art therapy is a method that gently maintains an optimal psycho-emotional level in a creative way. For elderly people, forced to move because of war, this method it is hoped will assist them to continue with their daily lives, processing their individual realities. This 10-week programme facilitates 10 older Ukrainian residents and is delivered as a direct response to needs voiced at the Fingal Ukrainian Information Network.

AGE FRIENDLY

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, 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.

DDLETB Swords hosts Fingal Older People's Council



Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education & Training Board (DDLETB) Swords hosted the February meeting of Fingal's Older People's Council. The OPC were delighted with the invitation to use the facility.

DDLETB Swords are seeking recognition as an Age Friendly Business, and the OPC members provided valuable assistance by completing a walkability study of the premises on the day. The OPC's assessment and recommendations will contribute to the process of gaining recognition as an Age Friendly Business and any associated changes to the premises which this may entail. The OPC were particularly pleased with the meeting room as it met their needs, due to the space which allowed members to socially distance, the natural light and excellent acoustics.

Using the facilities was a great opportunity to collaborate and network. The OPC and DDLETB look forward to future collaborations.

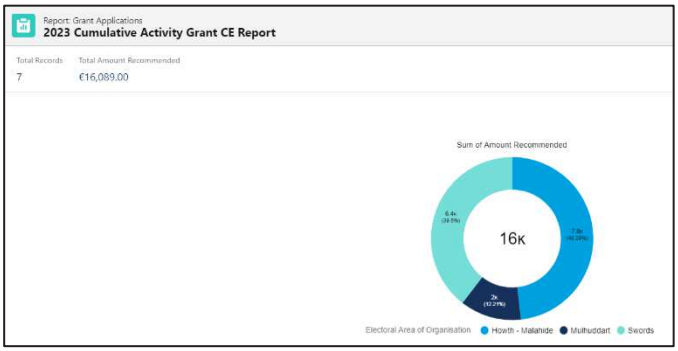
Information Event for older people in Swords

Following the success of the information events for over 55s in Dublin 15 in 2022, similar events will be held across the county in 2023.

The first showcase of 2023 will take place in Fingallians GAA Club on Thursday 30th March (2.00 p.m.- 4.00 p.m.) to highlight the services and activities/social clubs available for older people living in Swords. Approximately 25 services will be in attendance including An Garda Síochána, Care & Repair, HSE, Sage Advocacy, Libraries, Senior Alert, Fingal Age Friendly Homes, Swords Men's Shed, One Town Singers Swords and Alone.
The event will be advertised through social media and leaflet drops in local service providers in the area such as post offices, GPs, hairdressers, and local shops.

FUNDING

Activities Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



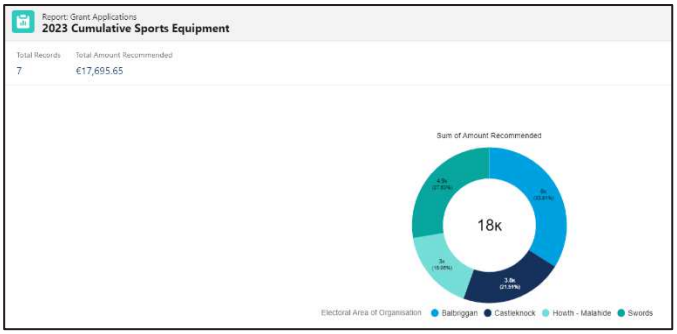
Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €16,089.

Howth Malahide – €7,770 – across 3 projects

Swords - €6,355- across 3 projects

Mulhuddart - €1,964 – across 1 project

Sports Equipment Funding (up to 27th February 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 7 projects to the amount of €17,695.65.

Howth Malahide – €3,000 – across 1 project

Swords - €4,889 - across 2 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €3,807 -across 2 projects

Balbriggan €6,000 – across 2 projects

External Funding

Since January 2023, the Community Development Office has supported 7 Community and Voluntary organisations in their applications for external (non-Fingal County Council) funding.

(please see appendix)

Online Activities Funding Information Session 29th March

The Community and Sports Office are hosting an online information evening on the Community and Sports Office Community Activities Funding Scheme on Wednesday 29th March, 7.00pm – 8.30pm.

This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for sports equipment, area enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc. Each group can apply for up to €3,000. Community groups are invited to join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share their ideas.

To book please click here

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening



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

Balbriggan Sports Hub

Fingal Sports Office identified a need for a new programme on Saturday mornings in Flemington Community Centre for children who may not have found their sport yet. The programme is targeting children aged 8-11 years who are currently taking part in the Fingal School sports programme and offering different sports and skills each Saturday to try out. The group are currently trying out Sports Con – an introduction to fundamental movements (jump, skip, throw, kick etc) and the group will also try out basketball, athletics and pickleball plus many more sports! The programme has been a great success 3 weeks in with over 30 children taking part each week and a waiting list of children looking to join!



National LSP Newsletter

Over the past 21 years, the network of Local Sport Partnerships has flourished on a journey that has seen the network grow from a pilot initiative in 8 counties, to a full network of 29 LSPs, one in every county, employing over 240 staff members and with 380 members sitting on their boards and management committees.

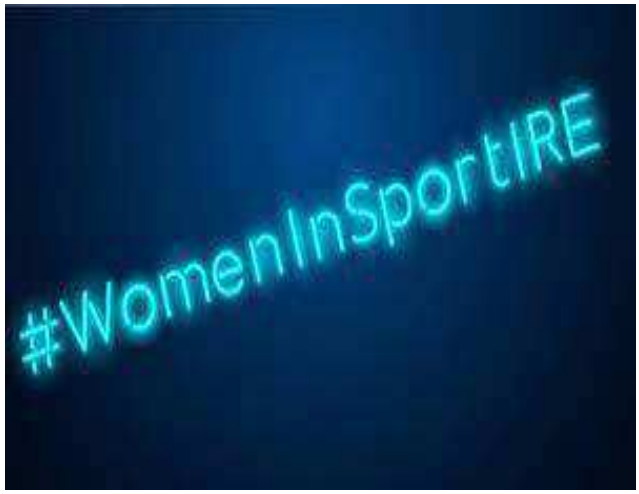
The ***Local Sports Partnerships 2022 Highlights*** eNewsletter below gives us a glimpse of the wide range of programmes, courses and events that are being run each year across Ireland. Further details are available at https://www.sportireland.ie/participation/local-sports-partnerships



Fingal Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics at the National Aquatic Centre

A new 10-week Older Adult Aqua-Aerobics programme has commenced in the National Aquatic Centre with seventy-eight participants registered to join. This programme is targeted at Older Adults in Dublin 15 who wish to improve their level of fitness. Due to the popularity of the programme the class is divided into two sessions, each one led by a trained instructor provided by the NAC. This water-based exercise is suited to this specific age group as it is gentle on participants' joints and improves aerobics fitness. The programme will continue into the summer months in response to the demand for places.

Women in Sport Week – 6th March to 12th March



This year's Women in Sport Week will be highlighting the International Women's day theme of "*embracing equality*" for Women in Sport. Fingal Sports Office along with National Sports Governing Bodies, Clubs and Schools will be hosting a series of events and courses throughout the week including collaborating with the Community Development Office on the "Shine a light" Event on International Women's Day by providing a fitness tutor for gentle exercise.

The events will be starting with the Olympic Handball Association facilitated workshops in Le Chéile Secondary School in Tyrrelstown for their female students to encourage them to try out a new sport.

Following on from the success of last year's online conversation sessions with Niamh Fahey and Diane Cauldwell, Swords native and member of the World Cup qualified Women's National Team will be the guest for an online Webinar with Fingal/FAI Development Officer, Sharon Boyle. The Fingal/FAI team will also be hosting an online Safeguarding Course and an in-person PDP 1 course for female coaches in the A.U.L complex on the 6th & 7th March respectively. Over that weekend the Cricket Development Officer will be hosting a training session for the Women's Cricket Squad in Castleknock highlighting excellence and achievement in the sport.

Our on-going Women in Sports programmes such as Socia Ball, an initiative to re-engage women in basketball using a recreation and non-competitive model and the teenage girls' Exercise: Energise Programme in fourteen secondary schools will continue for the week each designed to encourage women & girls to participate in physical activity in a fun and sociable environment.

Nutrition Roadshow Series

Fingal County Council Sports Office supported by Healthy Fingal launched the Nutrition Roadshow Series in February. Laura Kealy from Bridge Nutrition delivered 4 workshops on Sports Performance Nutrition. The events took place in 4 club venues throughout Fingal and the target audience comprised of those interested in quality nutrition for sports performance and good health. The series kicked off on 7th February with Workshop 1 in Lusk AFC on '*Nutrition For Endurance Activities'.* This was followed in week 2 by a workshop on Field-Sports Nutrition in Fingallians GAA. There was a great attendance at workshop 3 in Westmanstown RFC and this was followed by the last workshop in the series on '*Nutrition For the Young Athlete'* on 27th February with plenty of tips for parents on quality nutrition for youths.
Throughout the series Laura gave some powerful insights into the fundamentals of fuel and hydration for sports performance as well as some practical tips for making drinks and healthy snacks. The workshops received great feedback from attendees especially for the excellent videos and materials accompanying the series.



Sports Strategy Public Consultation

We are calling on the people of Fingal to take part in a community consultation exercise. This valuable information will help us understand the sporting needs of our community and guide us in the development of our Local Sports Plan for Fingal. More Info: https://bit.ly/3K8Vo8w
Complete the survey for a chance to win a €100 One4all voucher! https://bit.ly/3S499as
In addition to the public survey there will also be a series of online focus groups.
Register here: https://bit.ly/3EsbhDw





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Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

Following public consultation the revised Active Travel Strategy was presented to the Strategic Policy Comittee in March. This will be presented to all three ACMs in April and brought to council in May.

Protected Cycle Lanes

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by the Road Safety Consultant and works are ongoing to complete snag items. Small landscaping measures are planned to be introduced on Grange Road in the coming weeks.

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

Contractor anticipates the final outstanding works to commence in the coming weeks after Easter. These works include the cycle lane resurfacing, landscape planting and cycle lane segregation. We expect due to the longer daylight hours and dryer weather these outstanding works should be completed within a week or two of commencing.





Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

Pre-planning application submitted to FCC Planning Department.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Design brief has been uploaded to eTenders by CPU. Tender competition will run for 4 weeks.
Once completed, negotiation will proceed with consultant.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

The Active Travel project team are aiming to go to tender using the NTA Framework for the appointment of an Intergrated Design Team in early April. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief.

Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation 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. A number of projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution later this year.

Where other projects are 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) and 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

Contractor is currently on site in St. Catherine's PArk is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. has commenced with bike parking infrastructure in the Rush & Lusk areas. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in April 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.





Millennium Park Playground and Baldoyle Road

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

Outstanding works for this school project are the planting of the rain gardens and the installation of safety school zone signs. We expect due to the longer daylight hours and dryer weather the planting should be complete by end of April. We expect all works to be substantially complete in April 2023.





2. Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Rain gardens on approach to the school have been constructed and filled in with soil. Line marking scope has been completed. Planting of gardens will occur in the coming weeks. Minor works remaining on site are signage install and epoxy resin application. Please note that some of the works are weather dependant. Works to be substantially completed by April 2023.









3. Bayside Junior & Senior School

Civil works on rain gardens have been completed and planting to commence in coming weeks. Road resurfacing on Verbena Avenue from the junction with Verbena Avenue/Kilbarrack Road to the school is scheduled to commence during the Easter holidays (3rd April – 14th April). Traffic management will be in place for the duration of the works. After resurfacing has been completed, line marking and epoxy resin will be installed weather permitting.









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. Meetings have been held with each school to brief them on the proposed design.

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 are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop briefs to enable the tender process for designers and contractors to carry out the works.

Mobility & Behaviour Change School Visits

Our Walking and Cycling Officers have been busy meeting with schools and speaking with students on the benefits of Active Travel, The Safer Routes to School Treatments and Cycling Safety. These visits are an important element of awareness building

Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

We are now taking signups for our Q2 Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses. These will take place in Flemington Community Centre, Applewood Community Centre and Rivervalley Community Centre. These 6-week courses are an amazing opportunity for children with additional needs to gain the confidence and skills to cycle independently. Places can be booked by emailing active.travel@fingal.ie







Figure: Learn 2 Cycle Participants 2023

Men's Walk & Talk Groups

There are three Men's Walk & Talk Groups currently active in Fingal. These drop-in groups meet in Swords, Lusk and Rush and are open to men of all ages. No registration is needed, just turn up on the night in your area and get walking with the group. They cover between 5km – 10km a night and walks are generally on road.

Comfortable shoes and wet gear are all you'll need! We are happy to speak to anyone who is interested in setting up their own Walking Group.



Ready, Set, Cycle

In the run up to Bike week we are promoting the Ready, Set, Cycle Course amongst staff in Fingal County Council. This 10-week programme looks at creating awareness around on site Cycling Facilities, The Bike to Work Scheme and includes events such as Try a Bike Days, Staff Cycles and much more. Keep an eye on Staff Messages for more details each week

Ready,Set,Cycle

Staff Smarter Travel Survey

The Active Travel unit is leading the roll out of the NTA staff travel survey for all Fingal County Council staff, with the survey commencing from the start of March 2023.

On closing the survey had over 360 responses, this will give us a brilliant insight into the travel patterns of staff and help us make Fingal County Council a more Active Travel friendly employer.

TFI Smarter Travel
Behaviour Change Programme

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

The Cycling Without Age Trishaw in Santry has been live for bookings since Monday 20th February and has proved to be extremely popular. On Saturday 25th March we held an open day where we invited local nursing homes to attend and try out the Trishaw. This was a great success and a highly enjoyable day for everyone.



Skerries

The Skerries Trishaw is being launched on Wednesday 12th April on South Strand Street, with the first bookings being taken from Saturday 15th April at 10am. This will be the third Trishaw operational in Fingal. The route starts at the Red Island Car Park and continues along the coastline for what will be a beautiful trip.



Figure: Bike Bunker Skerries

Phoenix Park – Pop Up Event

We are holding a Cycling Without Age pop up event in conjunction with Dublin City Council and The OPW On Wednesday 5th February between 11am – 3pm at Acres Road in the Phoenix Park. Trips can be booked by following the link - https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal

Marchathon

17 teams from Fingal County Council have signed up to The Marchaton Challenge this year. At the halfway point, the leading team had done an average of 258,621 steps

Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16

Car Share

As part of our increased rollout of Car Share, we are seeking feedback from members of the public on where they would like to see an increase in Car Share in the Community. This can be done through our Public Consultation Portal through the link below;

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/electric-vehicle-car-share-expression-interest

Bike Share Schemes
Trips per month (previous 12 months)



	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
Tier				425	1,542	2,356	2,446	2,141	1,892	1358	1419	1482
Bleeper	599	597	1155	1021	1289	1642	841	635	454	609	559	618

Bleeper Bike February 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share

You can pick up a **Countywide:**

Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

618 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
650 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (16.9%) & Thursdays (15.8%)
Howth, Blanchardstown & Coolmine were the most popular starting points
Average number of 140.5 Bikes available in Fingal – (SLA for 120 bikes) for hire each day of the month

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.

TIER Mobility February 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	December
Active Vehicles	245
No of Customers	737
Trips / Customer	2
Distance Covered (KM)	5,386km
Average Trip Duration	16.3min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.6km

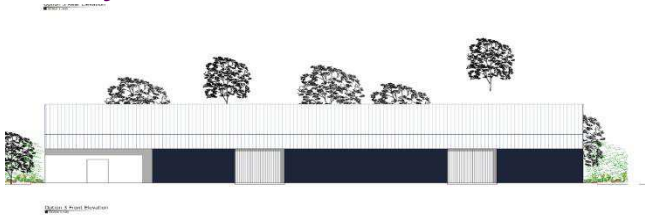
The two most popular areas for TIER eBikes in February were Skerries and Blanchardstown. Skerries saw a 19.66% month on month increase. Blanchardstown saw a 26.3% month on month increase. Overall, there was 4.4% increase in TIER usage in Fingal in February

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.

ENVIRONMENT

Landfill Aftercare Balleally

Balleally Maintenance Shed:



Works in relation to Balleally Landfill Aftercare Specific Engineering Works Package 9 (SEW WP9), the construction of a new maintenance building at Balleally commenced on the 27th of February 2023 which is scheduled to be completed within 18 weeks.
The maintenance building will have a total square area of 353 m2 and will be used to house existing plant and machinery required for the operation and maintenance of the site.

Climate Action

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLAs and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's and will be engaging with the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC and the Council in due course.
Green Week 2023 took place at the Technological University Dublin campuses between 6th and 10th March. The annual event is a celebration of innovation and partnerships in the area of environmental sustainability and a week of University-wide engagement aimed to raise

awareness of and encourage discussion around environmental and climate action. The wide range of events cross the Dublin campuses included: Bike Clinics for free bike repairs, Decarbonisation Energy in an Urban Environment and Shaping Ireland's Electricity Future events, vegan bake sales, a VOICE Ireland Recycling Workshop, clothes swaps, a food waste prevention talk, bee-keeping and sustainable eating workshops and a Climate Activism – be informed and take action event among many more.

The Climate Action section attended the TUD Blanchardstown campus during the week and showcased a Climate Action stand, engaging with the students and staff on their climate change concerns and encouraging them to take positive climate action. Advice on sustainable living and smart switches was available and Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2019-2024 was discussed to highlight the progress that the local authority is making in the area of climate action. Active Travel were also present providing students with information on Fingal's new and proposed cycling routes and also providing students with Hi-Vis cycling gear and bicycle lights to encourage safe active travel.





Janice Butler, Climate Action Section, Emma Court, Active Travel Section and special guest TUD Assistance Dog Yabba Dabba Doo - Green Week 2023 TUD Blanchardstown. The TUD Blanchardstown Nurse engages Yabba to help students deal with anxiety around college life and exam stress. Yabba paved the way for some interesting conversations around climate anxiety which is experienced by many young people today.

Environmental Awareness

Green Schools Assessments took place during March. Schools received guidance and advice about creating bin stations and segregation of wastes, how to save water and energy and how to eliminate waste from school lunches. Teachers received nature-book packs for the students to use as prizes or classroom resources.

The 2023 Composting for Schools Program has been offered to Fingal schools. This initiative offers a funded opportunity to schools to compost food waste and landscape cuttings.

The Transition Year students participating in the Council's TY program were given a presentation and tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre.

Schools and Community groups continue to be supported with litter pickers and doggie dispensers. There are ten hub community centres where these resources are available

Fingal County Council have partnered with Leave No Trace Ireland for the 2023 Love This Place National Campaign.

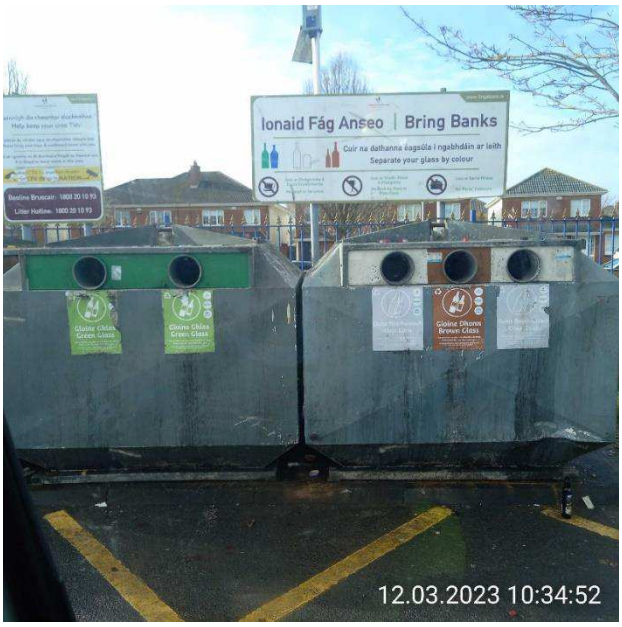
The Environment Department partnered with Parks Department to run the Community Tree planting event in Ardgillan during National Tree Week.



Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

New signage at Littlepace Shopping Centre, Clonee, Dublin 15. This site is on a schedule to be painted as part of a maintenance scheme at our Bottle Banks sites. Envirommment also have an audio device at this site that activates when the public arrive at site with a warning that nothing is to be left behind at the area or a fine or court appearance may result under the Litter Pollutions Act.



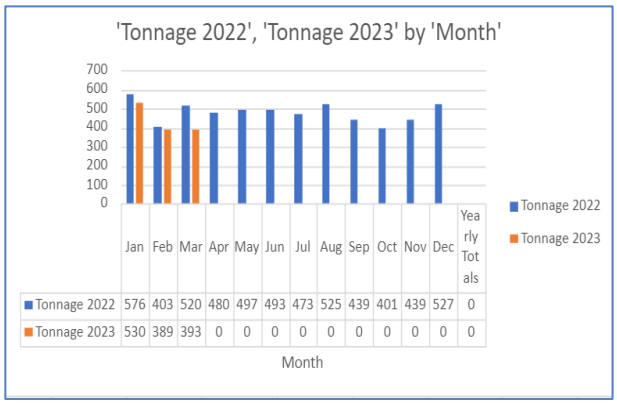
Millenium Park bottle bank on a snowy day in March this would be one of our busier sites with a total tonnage of 320 tons of glass recycled from this site in 2022. We hope to carry out an anti-graffiti Art Project at the site later in 2023. Environment also have an audio device at this site which helps deter littering.



The Environment Department, 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.

The Glass Tonnage Report for March 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected March 2022 is shown below. There were 393 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 28th of March 2023. This is compared to 520 tons which were collected in the month of March 2022.



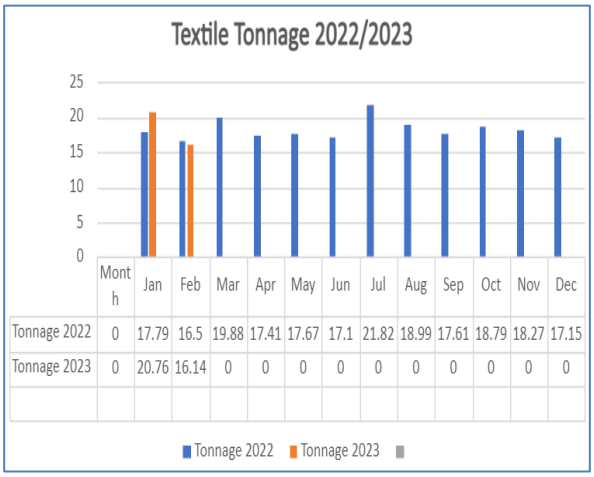
Textile Recycling Banks at Seatown Carpark

As there may be more staff using Seatown Carpark now please do your bit for the Environment and use these receptacles for recycling. There has been a total of 120 kg collected from this site in the months of January and February this year.





The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for February 2023 was 16.14 tons compared to 16.50 tons which was collected in February 2022.



Litter Management

In March, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots. The Litter warden followed up on any evidence found and liaised with the Operations division to arrange collection of dumping. Daily, they also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence is

found. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where requests were received.

A total of **170 planned route** inspections on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area 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 Acts. They carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. Local businesses were inspected, to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter.

In the district court, two case was successfully prosecuted, and cost were awarded. Two cases were paid in advance and were struck out.

2023	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
March	27	6

From 1st March 2023 to 28th March 2023, 66 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs created between 1st March 2023 to 28th 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	7
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	8
Env - General Litter Issue	11
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	8
Env – Abandoned cars	23
Env – Dog fouling signage	1
Env – Unauthorised Signage	1
Env - litter incident with witness	7

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 112 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 28th March 2023.

Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department. 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 County Council website:

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and can be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- **Vehicle Registration**
- **Colour / Make / Model**
- **Exact Location**
- **Period of time that vehicle has not been moved**
- **Name and Contact Number**

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 28th March 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 28th March 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
Total	**2**	**2**



Abandoned vehicle removed in March 2023

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. 18 on the spot fines were issued during March for such offences including 10 for restricted breed dogs not being muzzled in a public place and 8 for dogs not being under effectual control.

The dog wardens are also continuing door to door licence checks. In March, the dog wardens carried out licence checks in both Castleknock and Malahide. 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 Controlofdogs@Fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence. The fine per offence is €100.

97 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during March.

11 fines were issued in relation to dog licences offences.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
January	5	40	0	68	€0	€4,760
February	36	13	17	32	€0	€2,600
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in March, compared to February. 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 under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. Failing to hold a valid licence for a dog that you are own or are in responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
January	642	635	70	65	€22,640	€21,800
February	496	562	35	58	€14,820	€19,360
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900

On the 7th of March, two cases in relation to the Control of Dogs were successfully prosecuted. Fines and costs were awarded to Fingal County Council totalling €919.50.

On the 21st of March, three guilty pleas resulted in all costs being awarded to Fingal County Council with the District Court judge also requesting that donations be made by all parties to the Little Flower Penny Dinners charity. Four other cases were adjourned until the 25th of April.

Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm.

The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sunday's.

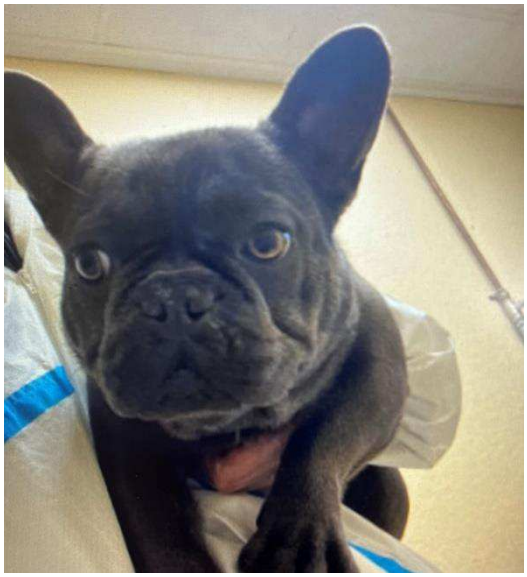


The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered

by their owners. At the beginning of the month there were 12 dogs in the shelter. During March 2023, 18 dogs were found straying/seized and 2 dogs were surrendered by their owners.

Of these 32 dogs, 15 have been reclaimed by their owners, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 2 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of March there were 8 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of **March 2022**	5	Dogs in Shelter at start of **March 2023**	12
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	6	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	18
Surrendered by owners	7	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	15
Rehomed to Rescue	3	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	6	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of March 2022	9	Dogs in shelter at the end of March 2023	8



One of four French Bulldogs found stray were reclaimed by their owner.



Sasha, the german shepherd cross breed was surrendered by her owner and rehomed to a dog rescue.

Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. Currently there are approximately 106 horses on the main landfill site. There are 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for horses on the landfill. One horse was removed from Dunsink landfill following serious welfare concerns. This horse has been brought to the horse shelter for veterinary treatment.

Bathing Water Quality

Efforts of the water pollution team are concentrating on the Balbriggan Beach and Bracken Stream which is the main pressure on the bathing water. Weekly monitoring of the Bracken River is being undertaken. Planning with the UCD Acclimatise team is taking place for possible hydrodynamic modelling and automatic sampling during storm events. liasion with Irish Water is continuing regarding the Drainage Area Plan and the integrity of sewers in the river. A

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Waste Enforcement & Regulation Complaints

A total of 16 waste complaints were recorded for the month of March. Waste complaints investigated related to backyard storage of waste, backyard burning of waste and unauthorised waste collectors.

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. A number of different awareness campaigns are being developed at present for roll out over the coming months including a bus shelter campaign, a cinema campaign and social/print media campaigns to highlight key issues and help improve waste segregation and management of waste.

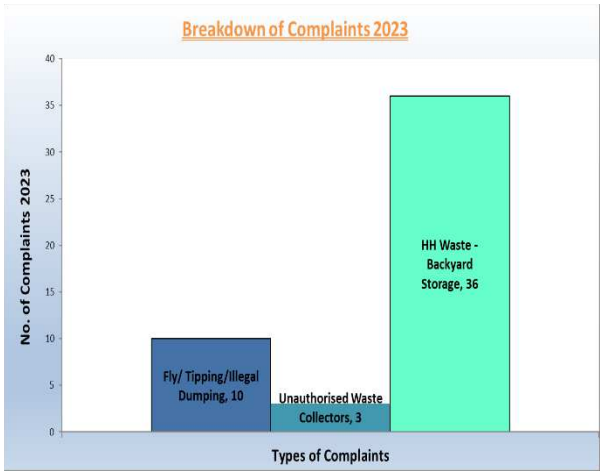
Unauthorised waste collectors do not dispose of your waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner; often waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean-up costs.

If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, or if you wish to verify that a particular waste collector has a valid permit, please contact the Environment Section at Email: environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 9806266.

You can also check if a particular waste collector has a valid waste collection permit on the NWCPO's website

- https://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx













Incentivised Waste Collection Charges to Increase Sustainability in Commercial Sector

The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan, has signed new legislation to introduce incentivised charging for waste collection in the commercial sector. The Waste Management (Collection Permit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 will come into effect on 1 July 2023.

A study published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2018 found that 70% of the contents of the average commercial waste bin could be diverted to recycling. This represents a massive loss of potentially recyclable material and an unnecessarily high cost to businesses, whose waste charges would be lowered through proper segregation.





Improved waste segregation in the commercial sector can also make a significant contribution to achieving our EU recycling targets. Ireland faces challenging targets under the EU Waste Framework Directive for recycling municipal solid waste (MSW) of 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035. The most recent figures from the EPA show that we achieved a rate of 41% in 2020.

The Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy, published by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in 2020, contains a commitment "to improve waste segregation in the commercial sector, including an awareness campaign and enforcement actions requiring segregated waste bins and incentivised charging to ensure waste minimisation and proper segregation". This change will bring the commercial sector in line with the residential sector, for whom incentivised pricing has been in place since 2017.





Measures in the new regulations for commercial waste include:

- All waste collection companies will be required to provide a residual, mixed dry recyclable and bio-waste bin to all their commercial customers
- All waste collected must be weighed, with details on the weights of the individual bins communicated to customers
- Waste collection companies must ensure that all commercial customers are placed onto a price plan that ensures that the cost to the customer for mixed dry recyclable or bio-waste is less than the cost of disposal for municipal waste. The introduction of this measure should not result in higher waste collection charges for commercial customers
- Waste collection companies will be required to at least collect the recyclable waste materials as specified on www.mywaste.ie
- Collection of recyclable waste and bio-waste must occur at least fortnightly





The regulations also require that waste collection companies update their customer charter for households, as well as introduce a customer charter for their commercial customers. This charter must be published on the collector's website and must give details such as the frequency of collections, methods of charging and details of the collection service for each type of waste.

The Anti-Dumping Initiative

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is again making funding of €3M available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) to support the 2023 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

The Waste Enforcement Section are currently considering a number of potential projects for submission under the Anti-Dumping Initiative. The deadline for submission of applications is 14th April 2023.





The ADI aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping nationally by providing funding for projects aimed at tackling the problem, using a collaborative approach involving local authorities, communities and other State Agencies. The focus of the ADI is on four key areas:

> (i) Prevention, (ii) Abatement, (iii) Education and (iv) Enforcement.

The Department continues to strongly encourage innovative projects, which recognise waste as a resource which can be re-purposed for use in a Circular Economy. Projects that help people to "do the right thing" for challenging waste streams such as bulky unusable furniture and mattresses will also remove opportunities for unscrupulous operators to dump these items illegally.

Abatement measures such as the clean-up and maintenance of known illegal dumping black spots will continue to be supported under the 2023 ADI as well as education and awareness measures in encouraging long-term behavioural change. CCTV projects will not be funded under the ADI.

Potential projects currently being consideration include:

- Cinema Awareness Campaigns
- Waste Clean Up Operations – blackspot areas
- Data Processing/Cleansing for Waste Presentation Project – Stage 2

Environmental Inspections (RMCEI Plan) 2023

In total 6,477 environmental inspections are planned for 2023 across the four key areas of 1/ Waste Enforcement, 2/ Water Pollution, 3/ Litter Management and 4/ Air & Noise Pollution involving 3,952 workdays and 25 officers (+ part time staff). Inspections are planned based on available resources whereby national priorities are addressed first then local enforcement priorities are tackled. Progress against agreed targets is assessed on a monthly basis to ensure successful outcomes are achieved as per the RMCEI Plan.

Category	No. of Planned Inspections 2023	Inspections Undertaken to Date
Waste Enforcement	1,432	210
Water Pollution	1,031	139
Litter Management	3,564	677
Air & Noise Pollution	360	101

A detailed progress report on all inspections and activities undertaken during 2022 across Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution, Litter Management and Air & Noise can be found on the FCC website under Council – Environment – Environmental Awareness at: https://www.fingal.ie/national-enforcement-priorities-progress-reports

The NEP Progress Reports provide an extensive summary of activities initiated and positive outcomes achieved by Fingal County Council under the Environmental Inspection Plan each year and tell the story behind the inspection statistics that are reported to the EPA under the key areas of Governance, Waste Enforcement, Water Pollution and Air & Noise.

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of February & March 2023.

Rates

Overall rates collection to the end of March 2023 is running at **17%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates Collected (m)	42.9m
Rates Collected (%)	27%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of February is €5.0m this is c. **12%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	5.0
Levies collected as % of 2022	12%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February was €12.9m which is c. **91%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	12.9
Percentage of budget to 28 Februar	91%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of March

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	46	
Value €m	17.9	
Procurements ongoing at end of March		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	15	(i)
Value €m	85.9	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	92.4	
No. of procurements at approved	10	(iii)
Value €m	4.9	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of March.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the March.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of March.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MARCH 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	21,136,558	90,151,700	23%	20,842,721	94,681,700	22%	293,837
Road Transport & Safety	7,445,840	32,392,400	23%	2,142,940	8,698,800	25%	5,302,900
Water Services	4,493,892	14,994,900	30%	4,593,682	18,028,400	25%	-99,790
Development Management	4,648,904	19,874,200	23%	1,645,144	5,480,800	30%	3,003,760
Environmental Services	11,358,190	48,361,500	23%	2,340,490	10,542,200	22%	9,017,700
Recreation & Amenity	11,671,674	49,953,500	23%	503,997	2,386,500	21%	11,167,677
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	350,954	1,380,600	25%	85,919	340,100	25%	265,035
Miscellaneous Services	5,853,604	22,836,300	26%	7,327,402	24,576,200	30%	-1,473,798
Central Management Charge	10,995,707	53,803,600	20%	877,280	3,904,000	22%	10,118,427
Local Property Tax / GPG				2,444,825	9,779,300	25%	-2,444,825
Rates				38,832,675	155,330,700	25%	-38,832,675
	77,955,323	**333,748,700**	**23%**	**81,637,075**	**333,748,700**	**24%**	**-3,681,752**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	18,719,278	-3,101,725	-29,409,073
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	4,832,575	-1,735,860	15,130,188
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	138,218	-146,140	-10,819,343
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	9,039,178	-10,759,056	-136,023,801
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	1,306,858	-455,364	-20,451,812
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	5,907,710	-711,201	-8,906,564
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	4,883,562	-4,394,335	-51,753,663
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**44,827,379**	**-21,303,681**	**-242,234,068**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/23				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 31/03/23 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	€3,146,920.61	€114,550,285.96	€111,408,476.80	€3,141,809.16
LOANS	€2,030,259.51	€2,057,972.51	€272,157.43	€1,785,815.08
RENTS	€9,426,987.00	€9,126,783.00	€4,004,508.00	€5,122,275.00

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	**31/03/2023**	Contract
Classical Production for Shakleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	25, Castlefield Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	**28/03/2023**	Contract
Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	Marlinstown Business Park, Marlinstown, Mullingar, Co.	€47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	**27/03/2023**	Contract
Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	60, Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	**24/03/2023**	Contract
Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**20/03/2023**	Contract
Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**13/03/2023**	Contract
Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	**13/03/2023**	Contract
Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	Ballyboughal Road, Naul, Co. Dublin	€50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**09/03/2023**	Contract
Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	Stokes Place, Dublin 2	€112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**07/03/2023**	Contract

Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	Unit 4, South City Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	**04/03/2023**	Call-Off Contract
Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	Breac Dearg, Kilheffernan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	€231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	**01/03/2023**	Contract
Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	Unit 2, Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 2	€275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	**28/02/2023**	Contract
Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	**28/02/2023**	Contract
Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	**27/02/2023**	Contract
Supply and Installation of Etrel Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	G11, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	**24/02/2023**	Contract
Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	Unit C1 Site 38 Heron Road, BT3 9LE, Belfast, UK	€27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	**23/02/2023**	Contract
Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	**22/02/2023**	Contract
Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	**21/02/2023**	Contract
Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	3rd Floor, The Highline, Bakers Point, Pottery	€965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	**21/02/2023**	Contract

		Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin						
Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	1st Floor Block T Eastpoint Business Park, Dublin 3	€198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	**21/02/2023**	Contract
Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	Melbourne Business Park, Model Farm Road, Cork T12 YH31	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	**20/02/2023**	Contract
Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	Block 1, Unit 4, Dunboyne Industrial Estate, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	**16/02/2023**	Contract
Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	Tankardstown, Clonalvy, Co. Meath A42 AR26	€27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	**16/02/2023**	Contract
Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	Ormond Building, 31/36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**16/02/2023**	Contract
Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	3, Nessan House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork	€49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	**16/02/2023**	Contract
Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 25j, UK	€56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	**16/02/2023**	Contract
Galbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	Spruce Cottage, Bennetstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€50,000	14/02/2023	03/03/2023	2 weeks	**14/02/2023**	Contract
10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	36, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2	€ 4,623,548	09/01/2023	12/01/2025	24	**14/02/2023**	Call-Off Contract

Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	Unit C4 South City Business Park, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	**10/02/2023**	Contract
Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8, Rosemount Business Park, Drinagh, Co. Wexford	€393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	**09/02/2023**	Contract
Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Co.Clare	€448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	**07/02/2023**	Contract
Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	**06/02/2023**	Call-Off Contract

Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Marie Brouder	5A, Humbert Street, Tobercurry, Co. Sligo	€31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**31/01/2023**	Contract
Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	Unit 6, Tashinny Court, Church View, Main Street, Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath	€29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	**23/01/2023**	Contract
Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	Sequoia House, Westown, Naul, Co. Dublin	€26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	**20/01/2023**	Contract
Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	Westland House, Westland Park, Willow Road, Dublin 12	€50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**18/01/2023**	Contract
Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	Ground Floor, 2 Custom House Plaza, Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1	€182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**16/01/2023**	Contract

Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	**12/01/2023**	Contract
Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	**12/01/2023**	Contract
Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	Old Railway Station, Ardee, Co. Louth	€285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**	Contract
Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	The Bush, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath	€78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**	Contract
Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	**09/01/2023**	Call-Off Contract
Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	Unit 4, Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**05/01/2023**	Contract
Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**	Contract
Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co Dublin	€78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	**01/01/2023**	Contract
Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	7 Beckett Way, Park West Bus Pk, Dublin, D12X884	€25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**	Contract
Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	Macken House, 39/40 Mayor Street Upper, D01 C9W8	€36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**01/01/2023**	Contract

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023**	**Comments**
FCC/19/0005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in parks and green spaces around Rush and Lusk that were previously postponed due to soft ground from wet weather conditions. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Portrane and Donabate. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work on the initial options report has commenced. Topographical and traffic surveys have been completed and consultant is now analysing data as part of initial junction design. Workshop to be held to review updated draft options report.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by the Road Safety Consultant and works are ongoing to complete snag items. Small landscaping measures are planned to be introduced on Grange Road in the coming weeks.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Work has commenced on options report and data is being collected for topography, traffic and speed which will feed into options stage.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work has commenced on the options report. Survey works have been completed and consultant working on creating a draft options report

FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	The phase 2b junction designs have been completed by the cycle design office (CDO). These designs are being reviewed by FCC before tendering for construction.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €1,387,711	We are currently awaiting availability of surfacing contractor and suitable weather conditions to apply final surfacing and line marking. Final landscape designs were issued by the contractor's landscape designer and are with Fingal's Parks Department for review and comment. Contractor is reinstating green areas and removing all fencing and barriers and starting to demobilise from site. Traffic consultant due on site to cable and connect new Zebra Crossings.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	ESB connections have been completed for toucan and pedestrian crossings. Minor line marking works required to complete scope at crossings. Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €100,000	Active Travel have been working closely with the Our Balbriggan Project Team. On completion of the concept design piece relating to the overall Our Balbriggan Active Travel Strategy we are developing a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this element of the project. This work is ongoing.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €465,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are preparing a tranche of works which includes removal of barriers that are currently impeding permeability and connectivity issues. A number of crossing points are also being considered and provided as part of these works.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €300,000	Detailed design nearing completion from Blake's Cross to Ministers Road. Briefing meeting with NTA arranged to discuss scheme and bus stops requirements along route and further north to Quickpenny Lane. Advanced works commenced along Kilhedge Lane with the cutting back of road edge hedging before the nesting season.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for widening footpaths, installing new crossings, public realm upgrade improving permeability to local amenities. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments.

		We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section with regard to acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €583,899	Pre-planning documents have been prepared and issued to the Planning Dept.
FCC/22/0018	**Data collection for Active Travel Projects** **€60,000**	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	**Skerries Active Travel Plan** €655,000	Currently waiting on new NTA Framework to go live to progress a tender competition for the appointment of an Intergrated Design Team. This will be the second tender competition for an Integrated Design Team as the previous competition was unsuccessful. The new tender brief will allow the project team to take findings from the public consultations and research undertaken by the ESRI and include this as part of the brief.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	The Balrothery Active Travel tender has been republished on eTenders for 4 no. weeks. Once tender competition has closed, tender assessment will commence.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	The site investigation works have been completed and work is ongoing on progressing a design with consultants. Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.

FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works are ongoing around existing car park through Operations.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 1 of the SAQ of the two-stage tender has closed with 10 no. Responses. Tender assessment to commence to allow FCC progress onto stage 2.
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Resurfacing works have been completed for cycle lane and footpath. Minor enabling works carried out footpath upgrade works towards Kinsealy.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/23/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Briefings and workshops were held with internal departments regarding the preliminary options for a new cycle lane, roundabout upgrade, pedestrian crossings for the project. Consultants to update preliminary designs following feedback from internal departments. We will then commence with consultation phase with stakeholders and public.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.

FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design with NTA to proceed to detailed design.

Appendix 4

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*	*Q2 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	Q2 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	Q2 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	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169	**2** 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023

			Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)				
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	**31** 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Former Leonards Garage, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 10x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q2 2024

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 March 2023.	Q3 2023	Q4 2024

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	FCC	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 in Q2 2023	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	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 -	**13**	Part 8 -public consultation period concluded on 10th Feb, 2023.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024

			Google Maps		CE report for consideration at March meeting.		
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 concluded on 14th Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at March meeting.	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 concluded on 10th Feb, 2023. CE report for consideration at April meeting.	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 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Status	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Dept Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society Fund	Linking Generations Northern Ireland	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€9,750	TBC
HSE Lottery Funding	Building Facilities	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	€12,500	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Rivervalley CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Liam Rogers CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Holywell CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC
Energy Scheme	Community & Voluntary Energy Support Scheme	Applewood CC	Submitted/Awaiting Decision	TBC	TBC

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 23

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR H. MAHONY

No Report

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 24

CONFERENCE REPORT

The Suck Valley Way
A truly tranquil walking experience

THE SUCK VALLEY WAY CONFERENCE 2023 (WITH THE SUPPORT OF AILG)

Gleeson's Townhouse, Market Square & The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon

5th and 6th April 2023

"Inspiring Rural Creativity"

Free car parking all day every day in Roscommon town

Registration: **FEE: 140 EURO : For bookings please email :** svwconference2022@gmail.com

Wednesday, 5th April, from 2pm. – 6pm, at Gleeson's Townhouse, Market Square, Co. Roscommon. F42WA22
Thursday, 6th April, from 9am, at the Abbey Hotel, Galway Road, Co. Roscommon. F42F992

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Day 1: Wednesday, 5th April.

2:00 pm: Registration at Gleeson's Roscommon, Market Square, Roscommon. F42WA22.

3:30 pm: Official launch of the Conference on the outdoor Plaza stage, Market Square, Roscommon. Music therapy launch by Senator Clonan, with musical entertainment by Comhaltas Ros Comáin and Rhythm2Recovery4Roscommon drumming.

MC Seamus Duke.

Speakers:

- Cllr. Anthony Waldron, chairperson suck valley way.
- Senator Tom Clonan, Independent Senator, Seanad Éireann – Launching music therapy.
- Mr. Shane Tiernan - Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council.
- Mr. Joe Healy, Volunteer with The Melting Pot, café, shop and charity. Therapeutic percussion advocate.

5pm: Gleeson's Roscommon - **MC Paul Healy.**

Speakers:

- Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, president of the AILG.
- Senator Tom Clonan
- Dolores Coyle
- Mary Ganley
- Paula Naughton– Join Our Boys Trust Roscommon.
- Fabian Joyce – Vice chair of IACAT, the government body of All Creative Arts Therapists in Ireland. Music Therapist and co-founder of Anam Music Therapy, a non-profit CLG that provides and promotes health and well-being through music.

Topic: The creative arts and the importance of music therapy in therapeutic practice. The need for national support to achieve statutory recognition.

- Senator Tom Clonan – academic, writer and journalist. He is a disability campaigner, equality and justice ground breaker and chairperson of 'Dogs for the Disabled' and many other committees.

Topic: Support for citizens with disabilities.
7pm: Conclusion of Day 1 with refreshments for registered attendees.

Day 2: Thursday, 6th April.

9am: Conference registration at the Abbey Hotel.

9:45am: Introduction by Ms. Tina O' Dwyer, Conference facilitator.

Speakers:

- Councillor Anthony Waldron - Chairperson of 'The Suck Valley Way'.
- Councillor Tom Crosby, Cathaoirleach, Roscommon County Council.
- Councillor Michael (Moegie) Maher – Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council
- Ms. Martina Earley – CEO, Roscommon LEADER Partnership.
- Councillor Emer Kelly - Independent Councillor, Athlone Municipal District.
- Ms. Sharon Johnson - European Project Specialist, Roscommon Leader Partnership. ACORN Project.
- Jordan Kelly & Lynice McHugh - Carpentry apprentices on the Access to Apprenticeship Scheme (Video presentation).

Interval (11:15 – 11:30am)

Speakers:

- Mr. Michael Harding - Irish playwright, novelist and columnist. Member of Aosdana.
- Ms. Jacinta Greene Beatty - Lecturer in Tourism Enterprise Development and Tourism Sustainability at South East Technological University, Waterford.
- Mr. Ronan Bilbow - Rural Recreation Officer for Longford and Roscommon.
- Ms. Sandra Coote - Secretary of the Roscommon Sheep Breeders Association. Founder of Crafts of Ireland; a heritage craft business that teaches traditional skills incorporating the use of Roscommon wool.

Topic: Opportunities for rural tourism.

Q&A followed by lunch (1pm to 2pm)

Speakers:

- Councillor Joe Behan – Independent Councillor, Wicklow County Council – the diminishing role of the County Councillor
- Mr. Declan Cooke – The National Habitat Development Manager at Inland Fisheries.
- Mr. Tom O' Callaghan – Lobbyist for the post office network and for the retention of post offices in communities.

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Michael Harding



Jacinta Greene Beatty



Ronan Bilbow



Tom O'Callaghan



Joe Behan



Sandra Coote



Declan Cooke



Martina Early



Paula Naughton



Tina O'Dwyer

The Irish Regions European Office (IREO), in conjunction with the three Regional Assemblies of Ireland and the Irish Delegation to the EU Committee of the Regions invites you to join us at our event **"Connecting, Communicating and Collaborating - Irish Regions Cooperating across the EU: How local authorities can engage in European Programmes" on Wednesday 19th April in the Radisson Blu Hotel in Athlone from 9.15 am to 4 pm.**

The one-day national conference aims to communicate the **opportunities for local government to participate in EU funding**, particularly in the European Territorial Cooperation programmes, the Horizon Europe Missions and the LIFE programme.

The conference will inform and guide potential participants **through the application process for the Northern Periphery and Artic Programme, the North West Europe Programme, the Atlantic Area programme, the URBACT, and the INTERREG Europe programmes**. It will also highlight the new **Horizon Europe Missions** on research and innovation and the **LIFE programme** for protecting the environment and combatting climate change.

The event will also showcase how local authorities and regional assemblies in Ireland have been participating in European Territorial Cooperation programmes to the benefit of local citizens and communities across Ireland during the last funding period and launch the interactive map developed by the IREO and the Regional Assemblies.

Spaces are limited and will be filled on a first-come first served basis.

Register here: https://form.jotform.com/230531888876369

Kind regards,
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Local Authority Elected Members Training

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- Rural public transport provision and current initiatives to expand rural public transport in Ireland - Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan



- Implementing new Connecting Ireland rural public transport services



- Rural town transport service planning and implementation

Friday, 28 April 10-11:30 am Register: info@ailg.ie

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Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark

Study Trip May 15-17, 2023



Day program

Monday, May 15, 2023

19.30 Meeting you at Kaffesalonen, Peblinge Dossering 7 / Hotel Kong Arthur, Nørre Søgade 11. We invite you for a drink.

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

08:00 Meet at the hotel, walk to Bike Rental Åboulevard 3. 1635 København V. We take some time to adjust the bikes.

09:00-10:00 **Bicycle trip 1** in central Copenhagen, passing Dronning Louises Bro (among Europe's busiest bicycle streets), visiting the "traffic island" of Nørrebro and other high-level bicycle facilities.

10:00-10:45 **Urban policies promoting cycling and quality of life**. Andreas Røhl, Associate at Gehl Architects, previous director of the Bicycle Programme at the City of Copenhagen. Gehl Architects, Vesterbrogade 24.



11:00 -12:00 **Bicycle trip 2** visiting a bicycle street, looking at bicycle parking at Fisketorvet shopping mall, passing the iconic Cykelslangen (The Bicycle Snake) and Bryggebroen.

12:15-13:00 **Lunch** at Beboerhuset, Islands Brygge 18 (covered by the study trip).

13:00-15:00 **Cycling in Denmark, bicycle superhighways and bicycle routes** in room IB Bryggen, Islands Brygge 37.

Thomas Krag, former CEO of Cyklistforbundet: A historical view on cycling in Denmark and the role of NGOs.

Ida Marie Nygaard Christensen, The Cycle Superhighway Secretariat: Cycle Superhighways in the Capital Region, challenges and results.

Jens Erik Larsen, expert in bicycle route planning and signposting: Cycle route planning and signposting in Denmark and abroad including the history of EuroVelo.

15:15 -17:30 **Bicycle trip 3** following parts of the signposted route Havneringen, Inderhavnsbroen and to The Little Mermaid, ending in the city center.

19.00 **Evening meal** in the city center (covered by the study trip).

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

08:15 Meet at the hotel ready to cycle.

8:15-10:00 **Bicycle trip 4** along cycle superhighway C95 to Værløse Station (19 km - maybe partly by train).

10:00-12:00 Examples of how active travel issues have been handled in a Copenhagen suburb, by **Lene W. Hartmann**, previous employee at Municipality of Furesø. We will see bicycle parking facilities, other bicycle superhighways and various examples of bicycle infrastructure. We will end **bicycle trip 5** in Farum, 4 km north of Værløse.

12:00-12:45 **Lunch** (covered by the study trip).

13:00-13:45 **Train** back to Copenhagen with bikes on train.

13:45-14:45 **Kenneth Øhrberg Krag**, CEO of Cyklistforbundet: Promoting cycling as an NGO.

14:45-15:45 **Bicycle trip 6** to Nyhavn. Stop for a drink and evaluation.

15:45-16:30 **Bicycle trip 7** back to Bike Rental Åboulevard 3 delivering the bikes back.

16:30 **End** of program

Price

The price is **620 €** per person with an early bird price of **540 €**. You can obtain the early-bird price if you sign up **before the 1st April, 2023** or enroll at least two participants at the same time. Prices are including VAT (Danish VAT is 25%).

The price includes all meals, bicycle rental and public transport during the study trip, but not accommodation (hotel and breakfast).

Cancellation fee is 20% until April 15, 2022. After this date cancellation is not possible. Full refund will be given if the organizers cancel the study trip.





Registration

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Thomas Krag mobile phone +45 27 11 86 24, mail tk@thomaskrag.com.

Accommodation Hints

Some fair priced, central options are Ibsens Hotel, Hotel Kong Arthur and Generator Hostel København. You can also check out current offers at hotels.com.

The Organizers

Jens Erik Larsen, M.Sc, has since the late 1970'ies worked as a consultant with bicycle route planning. He is co-founder of ForeningenFrie Fugle (company registration number DK29268843) and has been part of the Danish Road Directorate expert group on bicycle signpost standardization as well as the EuroVelo Council. Jens Erik has made several bicycle maps and bicycle route plans including signposting. He is also an experienced study trip organizer, and has guided numerous cycle trips in Denmark and abroad.

Thomas Krag, M.Sc., was director of Danish Cyclists' Federation 1986-2000 and started his campaigning career as a volunteer 10 years earlier. Since year 2000 Thomas Krag has been in charge of Thomas Krag Mobility Advice, a consultancy with expertise in mobility and transport behavior (company registration number DK25226631). Thomas Krag has been part of the organization of several national and international bicycle conferences and is also an experienced study trip organizer. Thomas Krag Mobility Advice is member of the Cycling Embassy of Denmark.

Cycling Embassy of Denmark

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Find potentially updated program at www.thomaskrag.com/studytrip.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 25

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 26

CORRESPONDENCE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

14th March, 2023.

Our Ref: March 23 - 29/AR/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

"In the context of the acknowledged desire, necessity and urgency to bring derelict and vacant properties back into use, I call on Clare County Council to write to the minister for Housing and Local Government requesting that the laudable Croi Conaithe scheme targeted to assist this objective is adjusted to allow owners of qualifying properties to access the scheme subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through sale or long term lease. If supported, I request this motion be circulated to all other local authorities".

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to all local authority for support.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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14th March, 2023

To/ All Local Authorities

Re: Motion of Tipperary County Council

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 13th March, 2023, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

"That Tipperary County Council explores the possibility of offering Apprentice Schemes within the Council and in addition looks at the possibility of including an apprenticeship clause for contractors tendering for large council led construction projects".

I would be grateful if you could bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator

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To/ All Local Authorities

Re: Motion of Tipperary County Council

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 13th March, 2023, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

"That Tipperary County Council request the Government to amend the Mother and Baby Homes redress scheme to include the 24,000 survivors who were excluded from the redress scheme".

I would be grateful if you could bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator

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Our Ref: 03/2023-29

16th March 2023

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 6th March 2023, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"This Council write to Minister for Health asking him to make the CF medication Kaftrio available to all patients who require it within the State."

It was further agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Burns
A/Meetings Administrator

c.c.: Minister for Health

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3rd April 2023

RE: Resolution from Offaly County Council

Dear Minister

At the March meeting of Offaly County Council, the Members passed a resolution that Offaly County Council calls on the Government to extend the Eviction Ban for all 'No Fault' tenants who face eviction until meaningful action is taken, to include measures that will ensure that thousands of children and their parents around the country aren't added to the growing Homeless List."

The members requested that all local authorities receive notice of this passed motion requesting support.

The members would welcome your comments on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Gerard Bruton
Meeting Administrator

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 27

RELOCATE BOTTLE BANKS WITHIN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That the Chief Executive provides a timeline as to when Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Departments will relocate the bottle banks in Fingal?"

Report:

The Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel Department continue to strive to expand the bottle bank network throughout the County, continuously investigates potential sites for suitability for the installation of bottle banks.
In the past 12 month, several locations including parks, shopping centres, community centres, public car parks etc. have been assessed for suitability as bottle bank sites. However, there had been a number of difficulties siting bottle banks due to accessibility for collection (collected by a HGV with crane which has a minimum operational footprint), specification for new sites (there may be civil works required i.e., a plinth, a road safety assessment including safe parking, pedestrian movements), proximity to residential areas (i.e., consideration is given to issues relating to noise and litter).

Recently, significant work has done in conjunction with our Operations Department to identify potential sites on our lands.

Below sets out the work that has be done by Area, with timelines as appropriate.

Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Mulhuddart & Dublin 15 Operational area.

1. St. Peregrine's GAA Club Blakestown Road Dublin 15.

This site has been assessed by both ECAAT Department and our contractor. It is suitable for a bring bank. The receptacles have been ordered. This site should be in operation in late first quarter or early second quarter of 2023.

2. Beech Park Clonsilla

This site has been assessed by both ECAAT Department and our contractor. It is suitable as a bottle bank site. The receptacles have been ordered. This site is subject to final approval from Operations Department as to the exact location within the carpark. It is expected to be operational in the second quarter of 2023.

3. Damestown Park Carpark, Damestown Road, Dublin 15

This site has been investigated by ECCAT Department. Further investigations are required by our contractor.

4. Mick Walsh Park Carpark

This site has been assessed by ECCAT Department and found to be unsuitable.

5. Churchfields, Mulhuddart

The ECCAT Department have been working with our Architects Department to include a Bring Bank Facility has in the plans for Churchfields residential development.
Other areas investigated include local supermarket in Tyrellstown, Ongar Park & Tyrellstown School/Community Centre.

Balbriggan, Rush, Lusk, Swords Operational area

1. River Valley Park

ECCAT Department will continue to work with Operations to relocate the bottle bank at Rivervalley Shopping to the new carpark at the Rivervalley Pitches.
A site investigation has been carried out by ECCAT Department and any information required passed on to the Parks team.

2. Ridgewood Pitches carpark, Holywell Pitches Carpark, Newbridge and Ardgillan Parks

ECCAT Department have completed an inspection at these locations and will continue to progress these locations with Operations and our contractor in the second quarter of 2023.

3 The Lusk Hub

This location is a possibility and has been investigated and Environment will continue to progress this in the second quarter.

4 Naul Road

Two sites on the Naul Road will be further investigated when the road is taken in charge.

Howth Malahide Operational Area

Having assessed the Howth Malahide area, it was found that it is quite well served with Bottle Banks. The ECCAT Department will continue to work with Operations and local retail to identify a suitable site in Bayside.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 28

DECIDATED NEURODIVERGENT PARKING SPACES

Motion: Councillor K. Power

"That this Council install dedicated Neurodivergent Parking spaces in our towns and villages in Fingal."

Report:

All parking must be in line with the legislation and the current adopted Parking Bye-laws. There is currently no specific provision for Neurodivergent Parking Spaces in the publicly administered car parking allocation in any of the Dublin Local Authorities nor is their provision for same in the current Fingal Car Parking Bye-laws 2020.

Blue Badge Disabled Persons' Parking Permits are available to people living in Ireland with certain disabilities and those who are registered blind, as passengers. These are the only permits currently recognized by the Fingal Parking Bye-laws. Those with hidden disabilities, such as ADHD/Autism etc., can apply for a Blue Badge which would entitle them to park in the disabled bays provided throughout the County.

Source of Report:
Karen A. Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 39

VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANTS

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That this Council welcomes the decision by Government to extend the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to those who wish to renovate a vacant or derelict property and rent it out, this measure will boost the supply of rental properties and will deliver on a key plank of Housing for All which is to reduce vacancy and dereliction in our cities, towns, villages and rural countryside, this Council further calls on Government to increase the vacant property Refurbishment Grant Rates from their current €30,000/€50,000 to €50,000/€70,000 respectively to reflect the significant costs involved in renovating a vacant or derelict property."

Report:

The Council's Vacant Homes Team is receiving an increasing number of enquires and applications with respect to the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Following a recent Government decision, the Council's Vacant Homes Team were advised on the 23rd March 2023 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) that changes are being proposed in respect of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant.

It is proposed that with effect from 1st May 2023, eligibility for the grant will be updated to include properties built prior to 2007. The present criteria limits grant funding to properties built prior to 1993.

In addition, properties which are made available for rent and not just owner occupied will be included and grant rates will also be reviewed.

Updated guidance on the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and a revised application form and FAQs is currently being prepared by the DHLGH and will issue to all local authorities in advance of proposed changes coming into effect at the start of May. Upon receipt of this updated guidance, the Council's Vacant Homes Team will examine and publicise the guidance and set about implementing the new criteria.

Source of Report:
Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing & Community

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023

ITEM NO. 40

COMPLIANCE BY MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL IN RELATION TO DISCHARGE LICENCES

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

"That the Chief Executive writes to Meath County Council requesting a report outlining the compliance of each of the three Meath County Councils' Section 4 Discharge Licenses (surface water) at Stedalt and Gormanston, in recent months there have been reports of pollution of our shared natural asset, the Delvin River, arising from effluent quality issues with Wastewater Treatment Plants licensed by Meath County Council, as the river is the boundary of both counties the effluent quality and discharge volume issues are having a negative environmental impact on Fingal."

Report:

If this motion is passed the Chief Executive will request a report on the matter from Meath County Council.

Source of Report:
John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment