Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 8th May, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John
Whooley, Daniel

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Ian Carey, Brigid Manton, Joe Newman.

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); Fionnuala May, (County Architect), Carmel Brennan, (Senior Architect), Colm McCoy, (Senior Planner), Deirdre Fallon, (Senior Executive Planner).

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/168/23 (Agenda Item No 1)
CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a <u>Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023</u>

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11th April 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor N. Tracey, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 11th April 2023 be ADOPTED."

b <u>Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023</u>

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th April 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor K. Power, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 11th April 2023 be **ADOPTED."**

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor, Councillor H. Mahony informed the members the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh was received and thanked her for her commitment during her time as an Elected Member.

The Mayor, Councillor H. Mahony expressed his congratulations to Councillor Siobhan Shovlin who recently got engaged.

F/169/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

NOMINATIONS

a Appointment of One Member to the Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

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

It was AGREED to DEFER this item to the June Council Meeting.

b Nominations to the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

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

It was AGREED to DEFER this item to the June Council Meeting.

F/170/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh seconded by Councillor P. Conroy and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 21, be ADOPTED."

F/171/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Introduction of Electric Vehicles to the Council Fleet

F/172/23 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor A. Henchy - Roll out of Close Circuit TV (CCTV)

F/173/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Planning Permission for Electric Vehicle Chargers for Apartment Buildings

F/174/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in-situ Acquisition Purchase Targets

F/175/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor K. Power - Tenant in-situ Scheme

F/176/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor J. Walsh - Fines issued by Dog Wardens under the Control of Dogs Act & Regulations 1986 and 1998

F/177/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Active Travel Measures in the Rural Villages of Fingal

F/178/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor T. Murphy - Tenant in-situ Purchase Scheme Circular

F/179/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor D. Healy - Access to results of consultations and decision-making processes on consult@fingal.ie

F/180/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on the Museum of World Artefacts

F/181/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor P. Mulville - Residential Units for which Planning Permission has been granted in this Council's Administrative Area

F/182/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor A. Tormey - Completion date for Playground Audit

F/183/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Choice Based Letting Scheme (CBL)

F/184/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor E. O'Brien - Parking Fines issued for 2021 and 2022

F/185/23 (Agenda Item No 17)
Councillor S. Shovlin - CCTV for Illegal Dumping

F/186/23 (Agenda Item No 18)
Councillor B. Manton - Charging Points for Electric Vehicles

F/187/23 (Agenda Item No 19)
Councillor B. Manton - Evaluation and Performance of the Customer Care Unit

F/188/23 (Agenda Item No 20)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Policy of adding new additions to this Council's Residential Tenancy Book

F/189/23 (Agenda Item No 21)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Insurance of Fingal County Councils' Buildings

F/190/23 (Agenda Item No 22)
Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2023 are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th April 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (B) meeting held on 13th April 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on 3rd May 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on 4th May 2023, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/191/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Financial Matters

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

F/192/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed granting of wayleave at Belgee, Naul, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

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

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

b Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Coolmine Road, Coolmine, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks

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

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

c Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/193/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Declaration of Roads

a Miller's Glen Phase 4

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

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

b Red Arches, Silverbanks, Baldoyle

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

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

c Balgriffin Grove, Malahide Road

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

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

F/194/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Strategic Infrastructure Development - Greenstar, Millennium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Dublin 11

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Deirdre Fallon, Senior Executive Planner.

The following motion was proposed by Cllr. D. Whooley and seconded by Cllr. K. Power-

"That this Council write to Panda Waste to undo these new charges on brown bin waste collection due to the policy incentivising improper waste management and increase of contamination of green bin waste."

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

The following motion was proposed by Cllr D. Whooley and seconded by Cllr. K. Power –

"That this Council recommends that the SID application by Greenstar be made subject to a condition that the operator (Greenstar/Panda Waste) not impose a charge for collection of household brown bin waste."

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

The report was **NOTED.**

F/195/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Summer Projects 2023

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED and AGREED -

"That the Summer Project Funding 2023 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby APPROVED."

F/196/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report update for PARTXI/004/22 proposed housing development of 121 dwellings, a crèche and associated site works at site in Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11. Approved at Council meeting April 2023

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

F/197/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Chief Executive's Report

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

During the course of the discussion the following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

"That this Chamber in response to the IPA report on waste collection that stated that "There is no indicating that other Local Authorities want to change waste collection arrangements."
That the Executive write to the Minister and Councils across the country stating that the Elected Members of this chamber are in favour of changes to the primary legislation that would allow the option to re-municipalise waste collection in Fingal County Council."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor called for a 3 minute break.

VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was AGREED to take Item No. 42 and Item No. 43 in conjunction with the motion submitted from the floor under the Chief Executive's Report.

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

FOR: 24 TWENTY-FOUR

AGAINST: 11 ELEVEN

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Whooley, Daniel; Power, Karen; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Mahony, Howard; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion PASSED.

The motion in the name of Councillor T. Doyle was proposed by Councillor T. Doyle and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

"That the Elected Members of this Council calls for the return of Domestic Bin collections to this Local Authority."

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

FOR: 15 FIFTEEN

AGAINST: 12 TWELVE

ABSTAIN: 8 EIGHT

FOR: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Whooley, Daniel; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Doyle, Tania; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennison, Kieran; Rane, Punam.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Power, Karen; O'Leary, Tom; Guerin, Jimmy; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Leddy, Ted.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion PASSED.

During the course of the meeting, an amended motion was received from Cllr. B. McDonagh. The amended motion was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

Amendment to Item 43:
Delete "by setting up a cross-party group similar to that established in Dublin City Council" and replace with "beginning by writing to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to request the necessary change in legislation to allow councils to effectively re municipalise Domestic waste services.

Amended motion to read:
"To call on this Council to take Domestic Waste collection back in to public ownership, the public deserves a 21st Century Waste Management Service that is fit for purpose and not a service simply driven by profit, beginning by writing to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to request the necessary change in legislation to allow Fingal Council to effectively re municipalise Domestic waste services."

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

FOR: 18 EIGHTEEN

AGAINST: 16 SIXTEEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Mahony, Howard; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Henchy, Adrian; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

AGAINST: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Whooley, Daniel; Power, Karen; Tormey, Aoibhinn; O'Leary, Tom; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Conroy, Pamela.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Healy, David.

The Mayor then DECLARED the amended motion to be on the floor for debate.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude the consideration of the amended motion.

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

FOR: 20 TWENTY

AGAINST: 11 ELEVEN

ABSTAIN: 2 TWO

FOR: Councillors Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Whooley, Daniel; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Doyle, Tania; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Mahony, Howard; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Guerin, Jimmy; Butler, Darragh; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

ABSTAIN: Councillor O'Leary, Tom; Henchy, Adrian.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amended Motion PASSED.

The Chief Executive's report was NOTED.

The Meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023

ITEM NO. 02

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR SEÁNA Ó RODAIGH

In accordance with Section 19 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, following the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh with effect from 8th May 2023, a causal vacancy now exists in Fingal County Council.

Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority to fill the vacancy whereby a Member resigns, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the casual vacancy.

Section 19(4) provides that the co-option shall be made, after due notice (issued on 8th May 2023), at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

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ITEM NO. 03

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE, CULTURE & CREATIVITY STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Nominations are now sought for one Member to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee.

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ITEM NO. 04

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUGS AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Following the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh a vacancy exists on the North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force. Nominations are now sought for the appointment of one Elected Member to the North Dublin Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

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ITEM NO. 05

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM

Nominations are sought for the appointment of one Member to the County Heritage Forum.

The Heritage Forum is an advisory group established by the Council to provide advice to the Heritage Officer on preparing and implementing the Heritage Plan. Representation is invited from Local and National Government and State Agencies, local Heritage Groups, local Business and Farming, Heritage professions, and NGOs.

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ITEM NO. 06

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO COMHAIRLE NA nÓg

Nominations are sought for the appointment of one Member to Comhairle na nÓg following the resignation of Councillor Seána Ó Rodaigh.

The Steering Committee for Comhairle na nÓg is made up of representation from Fingal elected council, CYPSC, ETB, Youth Work Ireland, Crosscare, Jigsaw, Fingal County Council and the PPN, as well as members of Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.

By having an Elected Member of the Council from each Area Committee on the Steering Committee, Comhairle na nÓg will have a greater opportunity for their voice and views to be heard on issues across the county which impact them. It will also give Elected Members further opportunity to interact with the young members of our county. This partnership could lead to great initiatives and give the members an opportunity to have their voice heard in relation to planning for their future. There are four meetings scheduled through the year and councillor participation will have a great impact.

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ITEM NO. 08

CCTV - ILLEGAL DUMPING OF LITTER AND WASTE

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to present a full report on what preparations she is making to deploy CCTV across the County to identify those who indulge in illegal dumping of litter and waste?"

Reply:

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

A draft CCTV Code of Practice, produced by the LGMA, is awaiting review by the CCMA's Climate Action, Waste Management, Transport and Networks Committee which are due to meet in early May. Once finalised the CCTV Code of Practice will be submitted to a number of public bodies and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications for approval as prescribed in Section 14C(4) of the 1996 Act as amended by the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. Approval of the CCTV Code of Practice is expected to take a number of months (Q4 2023).

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

Establish the need for CCTV – Offences under Litter Pollution Act 1997/Waste Management Act 1996

Conduct a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to ensure compliance with GDPR Regs and principles

Engage in appropriate levels of consultation with the public who will be impacted by CCTV

Produce a Business case for each CCTV installation for review/approval by the CCTV Oversight Board

Install appropriate CCTV signage prior to installing CCTV system

Ensure a Data Processing Agreement, Privacy Impact Assessment, Data Breach Policy are in place for any third-party data sharing/processing

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

A set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) have been produced by the FCC Information & Data Management Officer to assist Departments in the submission of CCTV applications for consideration as well as an Assessment Toolkit to assist the CCTV Oversight Board with reviewing applications. A CCTV Oversight Board is in the process of being set up within FCC in anticipation of approval of the CCTV Code of Practice. Applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to target key blackspot areas where illegal dumping continues to be a major issue.

Additionally, the Litter Wardens continue to record sites of illegal dumping on the litter app which will be used to identify locations for CCTV.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

WRAP AROUND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AVAILING OF SOCIAL HOUSING

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process involved whereby a complaint of anti-social behaviour is made against a person availing of social housing supports from the Council; what supports are given to both the families who are complainant and the defendant, to combat the anti-social behaviour?"

Reply:

The Council's policy and procedures for making an anti-social behaviour complaint are set out in the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. The strategy is available on the Council website: see link

https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-03/ASB%20Strategy%202%2010EnglishVersion.pdf

All complaints received are fully investigated by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit. The complaint will be examined and actioned based on the details of the complaint. As part of the investigation process the Council may liaise with other stakeholders. The Council will work with both parties to reach the best possible outcome. In some cases, the Council may offer vulnerable tenants the support of a Housing Welfare Officer or a Tenancy Sustainment Officer. In exceptional cases where a resolution cannot be achieved the Council may offer independent mediation if both parties are agreeable.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

COST RENTAL BACKSTOP

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive, what steps is the Council taking to ensure the implementation of the new "cost rental backstop" whereby the Council or an Approved Housing Body (AHB) will purchase the home of renters who are not in receipt of HAP or RAS., but who are facing homelessness due to the sale of the property including what extra resources (e.g., manpower and budgetary) is the Council devoting to ensure this?"

Reply:

As part the Government's recent policy response to allow tenants at risk of homelessness to remain in-situ, a number of options have been put forward to allow tenants whose income exceeds limits for social housing support - and who are therefore 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 or CRTiS, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage 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. Where cases arise, Fingal County Council carry out 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. The Housing Agency then make contact with the landlord regarding the purchase of the property. Local

authorities, including Fingal County Council, do not have a role in managing any properties that are acquired by the Housing Agency through the CRTiS.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

DIRECT CONTACT DETAILS FOR UTILITY COMPANIES AND PUBLIC BODIES

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide Councillors with any direct contact numbers they may have for utility companies and public bodies outside of the remit of this Council, such as rail, bus, waterways to allow Councillors to contact those entities directly in a timely fashion rather than ringing public numbers which necessitate long wait times?"

Reply:

Corporate Services have made enquiries regarding the availability of a directory with direct contact numbers for utility companies, but such a directory is not available. Roles and areas of responsibility are continuously changing within these companies and direct contact details become dated in a short space of time. It is not envisaged that a central directory is compiled at this time.

The details for Elected Members to contact Uisce Éireann are included in the Chief Executive report on a monthly basis as listed below -

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. Regular updates on the website at https://www.water.ie/water-supply-andservice-update/# publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

Source of Reply
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 12

BIKE SHARE SCHEMES

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she will outline plans for a Dublin wide subsidised bike sharing scheme in conjunction with the National Transport Authority?

Reply:

The National Transport Authority is currently reviewing options for an integrated Bike Share Scheme across the Greater Dublin Area. Further details will be provided when the results of this review are available.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

SOLAR PANELS

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive, to report on the process of assessing land and properties owned, occupied or managed by the Council with regard to suitability for installation of solar photovoltaic panels, including which properties have been found suitable, which have had panels installed or are in the process of having them installed, and which properties remain to be assessed?"

Reply:

Fingal has installed 11 KWp of PV Solar on both County Hall and Blanchardstown Civic Offices as part of our Energy Performance Contract on both facilities. The Energy Team is currently working on an expansion of the PV arrays in both facilities. The planned addition of the County Hall Swords system will increase the size from 11kWp to 115.36kWp, and the Civic Office system proposal will see an increase in the system's size from 11kWp to 151kWp. In addition, Blanchardstown Library and Draíocht have a planned 11kWp system as part of extensive energy works designed for a new energy performance contract. Other PV installations are currently being scoped for both Fingal Libraries and Depots as part of energy enhancement works. PV panels are being installed on the maintenance shed in Balleally which is under construction at the moment. There are 90 panels to be installed.

The possibility of using Council owned lands for such projects is also being examined.

The use of solar PV is one of a number of options considered in terms of constructing new and retrofitting existing Council housing, as part of suite of renewable energy measures, to ensure that the properties meet the relevant

energy performance standard. The design and assessment of Council housing in this regard is carried out on an ongoing basis.

Source of Replies
Mark Finan, Energy Manager, Building Facilities
John Daly, Senior Engineering Environment
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development
Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 14

ADDITIONAL DOG WARDENS

Question: Councillor T. Kitt

"To ask the Chief Executive, if Fingal will gain any additional Dog Wardens with the announcement of extra Dog Wardens being appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's dog warden service is currently provided by a third-party contractor. There are 6 dog wardens employed under the current contract providing a 7-day service. There are 2 dog wardens on patrol Monday to Friday with an additional 2 wardens on patrol from Wednesday to Friday. There are 4 wardens on patrol on Saturday/Sunday.

Additionally, there is a 24-hour, 365 days emergency call out service.

Fingal County Council's contractor provides 6 dog wardens over 7-days. They average number of dog wardens in a local authority nationally is 2 dog wardens.

The "Report of the Working Group on the Control of Dogs" has recommended an increase in the number of dogs wardens in the Local Authorities. As yet, there has been no further details on this recommendation or no additional funding identified.

Source of Reply:
Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Environment Department

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ITEM NO. 15

URBAN GULL COLONIES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive what provision is being considered in the next budget to inform/support and protect our communities from uncivilised dangerous conditions being caused by out-of-control high density urban gull colonies in our seaside towns across Fingal?"

Reply:

Provision for expenditure on the control of Urban Gulls for the 2024 Budget has not been considered.

Source of Reply
John Daly, Senior Engineer, Environment Department

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ITEM NO. 16

LICENCE APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF PHONE MASTS/COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide in tabular format a list of licence applications for approval of phone masts/telecommunications infrastructure under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act, which were 1) approved by this Council and 2) rejected by this Council, but approved by An Bord Pleanála between 2018 and 2023?"

Reply:

1. A total of 22 Section 254 licences have been approved by the Planning Authority in Fingal between 2021 and 2023 as follows:

2021	2022	2023
S254/03/21	S254/04/21	S254W/01/23
	S254W/05/21	S254/05/23
	S254W/06/21	S254W/05/23
	S254/01/22	S254W/10/22
	S254W/04/22	S254W/02/23
	S254W/05/22	S254W/03/23
	S254W/02/22	S254/08/23
	S254/09/22	S254/03/23
	S254/10/22	S254/04/23
	S254W/01/22	
	S254/08/22	
	S254W/08/22	
1	12	9

2. No licences have been rejected by the Planning Authority in Fingal and subsequently approved by An Bord Pleanála.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

BIODIVERSITY PLAN - RECRUITMENT OF TWO KEY POSTS

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, with regard to the commitments contained in our Biodiversity Plan, what stage is the Council at regarding the resources needed to implement this ambitious plan and can she provide an update on the recruitment of two key posts, 1. Executive Biodiversity Officer; 2. Marine Biodiversity Officer, have these posts been filled and if not what is the timeline for the recruitment of these two key positions which are critically important and an integral commitment within the Biodiversity Action Plan for Fingal?"

Reply:

The position of Senior Executive Biodiversity Officer has now been filled. The process to recruit an Ecologist to assist with the biodiversity related aspects of Development Management and an additional Executive Biodiversity Officer to join the Biodiversity team is progressing. It is intended that the Marine Biodiversity Officer position will be shared between the members of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Steering Group.

Source of Reply
Matthew McAleese, Director of Service, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 18

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (STREET FURNITURE FEES) - BUDGET 2023

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive how much the Council will financially lose in the waiving of fees by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the recent Planning and Development (Street Furniture Fees) Regulations 2023 and was this accounted for in the 2023 Budget?"

Reply:

A provision of €17,050 estimated income was provided for in the Budget for 2023 in relation to Street Furniture Licences.

Currently there are 24 valid street furniture licences in operation across the County, with two further businesses "pending payment"

The total income for 2023 for all 26 current licences (including the two "pending payment") comes to €23,125. In accordance with the recent regulations issued by the Minister these fees will now have to be refunded to the businesses who have paid the licence fee. This reduced income and expenditure reduction will be reflected in the Revised Budget for 2023.

The Operations Department is currently processing full refunds for the 24 licences paid, and any new applications received will be charged at a fee of €0 per table up to and including 31st December 2023 per the Regulations. Businesses are still required to apply for a Street Furniture Licence and ensure that they comply will all conditions of such licence. Any non-compliance will be

followed up and businesses run the risk of withdrawal of the licence in cases where there is continual non-compliance.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 19a

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Taylors Hill Residents Association	€ 3,000.00	Gazebo, Table and Chair Hire, Summer Gazebo, Table and Chair Hire XMAS, Face painter and Balloon Artist Summer, Face painter and Balloon	YES	2022- € 2,000.00	€ 3,000.00

		Artist Xmas, Magician SUMMER, Choir XMAS, Band AS, Generator Hire SUMMER and XMAS, Lawn Games			
Malayalee Indians (MIND Ireland)	€ 3,000.00	Venue rent, Stages and sound, Chairs, Light, Waste management, PR Security, Insurance	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Malahide Swords Canoe Group	€ 3,126.00	Airbags, Paddles, First Aid Kits	YES	2021 - € 2,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Skerries Sailing Club	€ 3,000.00	Optimist school sail, Optimist school spar set, Optimist school, daggerboard, Topper 5.3, Burgee for Topper, Topper bung, Cobra VHF HH359 radios, floating painter	YES	2022 - € 2,959.17	€ 3,000.00
38TH Rush Scout Group	€ 3,000.00	colouring pens x 20 packs, Tables (x10), Flags x 6 199, leather carrying strap x 6, dry erase pockets 3 packs, card / paper/ tissue paper, compasses for scouting activities x 50, axes (scouting activities) x 3 saws (scouting activities)	YES	2022 - € 1,490.00	€ 3,000.00

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor J. Newman. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Grainne Maguire
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19b

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2023

DRAFT ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY FOR FINGAL

Ms. Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer, Active Travel, gave a presentation to the Members, outlining the background, policy and strategy context and methodology. Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** the Active Travel Strategy for Fingal to Full Council.

Signed: Councillor Howard Mahony
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 19c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st JUNE 2023

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

Applications for Funding

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Tridents Basketball Club GA 002570	€ 3,499.00	IC 3 Shot Trainer (Dr Dish), Playing kit for 4 teams	NO	N/A	€ 2,907.12
Slí Dhála Comhaltas	€ 1,935	Outdoor sound equipment hire	NO	N/A	€ 1,077

Branch D 15, GA 002655		(2 days), Sticker sheets (480), 2 outdoor flags,1 steel flag base, Ground spike flag base, 2 Roller banners, Wrap ballpoint pens (100), Junior (kids) T Shirts (120), Adult T Shirts			
Sickle Cell Society Ireland GA 002544	€ 1,793	Laptop, Insurance, Office Space/ Receptionist Fee, Office Printer	NO	N/A	€ 1,593
Powerstown Allotment Association GA 002654	€ 1,352	Lawn Mower	NO	N/A	€ 1,351.77
Kirkpatrick, Rockfield, Coolmine RA, GA 002651	€ 2,113	Giant Garden Games, Children's Entertainer, Plants & Compost, Lawnmower (Battery Operated), Strimmer (Battery Operated), Hedge Strimmer (Battery Operated), Children's Hi vis Vests (logo)	NO	N/A	€ 2,113

The Application for Funding, which was received, was **AGREED**

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

Signed:

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Councillor M. McCamley
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19d

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE 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
Baldoyle Bridge Club GA 002639	€1,300.00	12 bridge club tables, delivery of tables	NO	N/A	€1,300.00
Kettles Heritage Society GA 002643	€1,669.00	Public liability insurance, Public address hire, Recording equipment , Generator Hire, Printing and	YES	2022 €1,411.99 2021 €605.79	€1,518.73

		copying, Tea and Coffee			
Baldoyle Family Resource Services GA 002626	€480	2 hours coaching session	NO	N/A	€480
The Links Residents Association GA 002648	€3000	Public Liability Insurance, Name Stone	NO	N/A	€3,000
Baldoyle Boxing Club GA 002605	€1800	2 punch bags,10 gloves, 10 headgear, 20 Skipping ropes	NO	N/A	€1,801.95
Sutton Dinghy Club GA 002629	€3000	Yamaha 40HP Outboard Engine, Yamaha 15 HP Outboard Engine, Yamaha 15 HP Outboard Engine	YES	2021- € 2,000	€3,000

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh. That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor D. Healy
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19e

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Applicatio n**	**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**
Balrothery Community Council GA 002642	€ 1,967.00	Portable projector screen, Portable power bank and Portable speaker	No	N/A	€ 1,967.00
Balbriggan Cricket Club GA 002558	€ 3,000.00	Replacement Netting, Mower	YES	2021 -€ 1,955.40	€ 3,000.00

		Accessory			
Garristown GFC GA 002572	€ 1,438.00	Slalom Poles, Saucer Cones x 2, Speed Ladders x 2, 15 x 7 Goal Post Set + 1 Additional, Nets x 4, Space Markers x 4	Yes	2022 -€ 1,937.00	
Malahide /Swords Canoe Club GA 002608	€ 3,126.00	Airbags, Paddles, First Aid Kits	Yes	2021 -€ 2,000.00	€3,000.00
Lusk Cleaning Group GA-002649	€ 3,000.00	Petrol Hedge Cutter x 2, lawnmower, chainsaw x 2, Brush cutter x 2, Gardening Equipment & Insurance	No	N/A	€2, 499.60
St Catherine's Residents' Association GA-002645	€ 3,000.00	Paint, Masking tape, Rollers, Paint brushes Steel shed, flowers/trees	Yes	2019 - €329.00	€3,000.00
Fingal Community Facilities Network GA-002640	€ 3,000.00	Mature Fruit Trees Wild Flower Seeds	Yes	2021 - €2,000.00	€3,000.00
Castleland Community Centre GA-002647	€ 3,000.00	Crazy kids train 9-hole crazy golf Photobooth 4 x Face painters 2 x Balloon makers	Yes	2022 - €1,426.00 2020 - €1,323.20	€3,000.00
Mourne Celtic	€ 2,554.00	Goals (4) Rebounder (1)	Yes	2021 - €2,000.00	€1,354.00

Football Club GA-002635		Slush Puppy, popcorn candy machine Medals Face painting Balloons and decoration Pack of footballs Inflatable football game			
Fancourt Residents Association GA-002633	€3,000	Printing posters leaflets etc Burka boilers Gazebo, table/chair hire Face painting, balloons artist Magician Choir/band for Christmas Generator hire Lawn games & bouncy castle hire Insurance Decorations/speakers x 2 events	NO	N/A	€2,260.00
Broadmeadow Community Garden GA-002660	€500.00	Insurance	Yes	2020 - €1,679.40	€500.00
The Hills Cricket Club GA-002638	€ 2,961.00	Classic Flat Sheet Covers	Yes	2021 - €2,000.00	€2,961.00

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor C. Boland. That this Committee recommends that the County Council APPROVE of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor Grainne Maguire

Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 20a

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 Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

Applications received from Approved Housing Bodies who are signed up to the Voluntary Regulation Code are considered by the Council. Applications have been received for the following projects in the Fingal area and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage is committed to provide funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme for these projects:

Approved Housing Body	***Location***	***Category of Need***	***No. of Housing Units of Accommodation***	***Approved Funding €***
Focus Ireland	Delhurst Terrace, Ongar, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€325,450
Focus Ireland	Mount Symon Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€423,632
Focus Ireland	The Mills, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€326,400
Peter McVerry Trust	Annaly Grove Ongar, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	€322, 203

The housing bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

These loans are subject to a mortgage agreement on the properties for a term of 30 years. Under the Capital Assistance Scheme, repayments on the loans will be waived by the Council for as long as the terms and conditions outlined in the mortgage agreements are complied with to the satisfaction of the Council. A capital grant for the full amount of the loans will be received from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

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ITEM NO. 21

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES AND GRANT OF WAYLEAVE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services,

Economic, Enterprise Tourism

& Cultural Development Dept,

County Hall,

Swords,

Fingal,

Co. Dublin.

File Ref: PA459 & LD1502

1st June 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

Proposed exchange of lands at Kellystown, Dublin 15 between Fingal County Council and Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company.

Agreement has been reached for an exchange of lands with Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company in order to facilitate the construction of a new burial ground at Kellystown, Dublin 15, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. That the Council shall transfer the freehold title of the plots shown hatched in blue on Drawing No. LA-132-22, comprising of 1,741 sq.m approximately.

2. That in exchange for the land set out in No. 1 above, the applicant will transfer the freehold title of the land outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-15-16, comprising an area of 9.162 acres approximately.

3. That both properties have a Market Value of €400,000.00 (four hundred thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional fees.

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

6. That all outstanding charges, levies, rates and taxes (if any) on the respective properties, for which each vendor is liable, shall be cleared prior to completion of the transaction.

7. That the parties have agreed to deliver a schedule of works relating to foul and surface water drainage, water connection and the boundary, the cost of which shall be borne by the Council, in order to satisfy the covenants and release the burdens associated with third-party lands adjoining the lands set out at clause 2 above. The schedule of works shall be incorporated into the contracts for sale.

8. That the above is subject to proof of satisfactory title.

9. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained by both parties.

10. That both parties will sign the contracts within 4 weeks of Section 183 approval of the Elected Members and close within 3 weeks thereafter.

11. Any other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993 on 22nd April 1996.

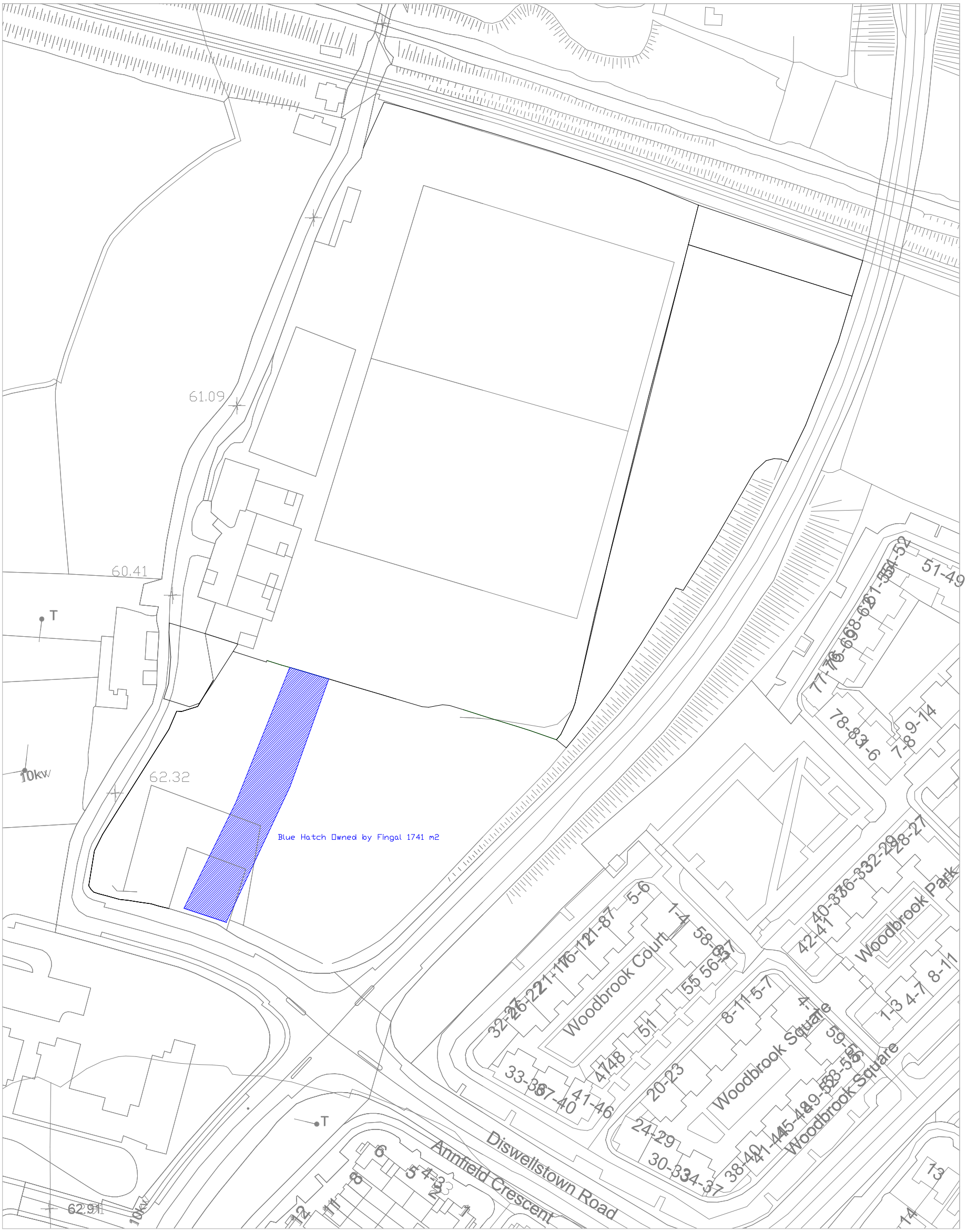
The proposed exchange of lands at Kellystown, Dublin 15 between Fingal County Council and Castlethorn Construction Unlimited Company was listed on the agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) held on 1st June 2023.

Aoife Scanlan

Senior Executive Officer,

Economic, Enterprise,

Tourism & Cultural Development



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Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project:
Land at Kellystown
Porterstown, County Dublin

Dwg No: LA-132-22		O.S.Ref:	
Date: 29 May 2023		Drawn By: LJM	
Scale: 1/1000		Checked:	
Dev. File No: L.D. xxx		Job No. SM/32/22	
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

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Area of Land Delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
3.706 Ha - 9.162 Acres

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57.8 CR 58.3 10kv 55.8 55.9 59.1 61.2 60.7 61.2 62.7 65.8 66.35 66.6 CR CR 67.03

10kv 10kv 10kv

DN152160F

1.83m FF 1.83m FF 1.83m FF

60.41 62.32 62.91 64.54 67.89

Lake

Club House

Car Park

Area under construction

Area under construction

School

Area under construction

School

Area under construction

Scout Hall

Amenity Crescent Amenity Drive Amenity View Amenity Lawn

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-15-16	O.S.Ref: 3195-A
		Date: 26 June 2019	Drawn By: UM
		Scale: 1/2500	Checked:
Project: Land at Kellystown		File Ref No:	Job No. SM/02/16
Land to be Acquired from Folio 152160F .		Gross Area : 9.162 Acres	3.707 Ha
		Road Area :	
		Nett Area : 9.162 Acres	3.707 Ha

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
26th May 2023
CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT
FLAVOURS OF FINGAL COUNTY SHOW

An application has been made by Fingal County Council in accordance with part 16 of the Planning and Development Act as amended for the 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, County Dublin.

The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2023. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The event will be held at Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin by Fingal County Council.

The publication of notice of intention to hold the Flavours of Fingal County Show dated the 16th March 2023 (Dublin Gazette) provided a three-week period within which to make submissions or observations. The proposal, including the draft plan for the management of the event was available for inspection at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie.

No objections/submissions were received during the statutory timeframe.

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The provision of Part XVI of the 2000 Planning and Development Act and Regulations as amended;
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by Flavours of Fingal County Show Organising Committee, on behalf of Fingal County Council, it is recommended that a decision to approve the event be made under the Planning & Development Act, 2000 (as amended) subject to the conditions set out in the report from the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

REPORT FOLLOWING CONSULTATION PERIOD

File Reference PEL/002/23

CB

Report of the Planning Officer Typed 24th May 2023

This is an application for **PERMISSION** for an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2023. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The event will be held at Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin by Fingal County Council.

The structure of the Chief Executive's report in accordance with Section 238 sub section (3) (b) shall:

(i) specify the proposed event,

(ii) specify the matters referred to in *section 231(4)* to which the holding of the proposed event will be subject,

(iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed event in accordance with the regulations made under *subsection (2)*,

(iv) summarise the issues raised in any such submissions or observations and state the response of the Chief Executive to them, and,

(v) recommend whether or not the proposed event should be held.

1. SITE LOCATION

The proposed event is to be hosted within Newbridge House Demesne, an historic and important regional parkland located c. 6km northeast of Swords. The Demesne forms an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and the ACA includes objectives to protect its natural and built heritage.

Newbridge House is a protected structure and recorded monument, consisting of a Georgian Villa built to the design of James Gibbs in 1747, with a square cobbled courtyard to the rear. A café also adjoins the house. Grounds closest to the main house also include: a working farm that includes stables and blacksmith workshop, walled

courtyard, duck pond, paddocks, aviary and animal /fowl pens. The main access to the demesne is via the R126, with additional access provisions along the eastern boundary (via Cobbe's Lane), northern boundary (via Turvey Avenue) and to the east (via Newbridge Avenue).

2. PROPOSED EVENT

The Flavours of Fingal County Show comprises a combination of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities.

The event will run with public admittance between 11.00 hours (11 am) to 18.00 hours on Saturday the Saturday 1st July and Sunday 2nd July 2023 with an anticipated attendance in the region of 30,000 persons per day (as stated in the public notices).

In summary, the key components of the proposed Flavours of Fingal include six operational zones:

Zone	Name
Zone 1	County Show
Zone 2	Paddocks
Zone 3	Walled Garden
Zone 4	Front of House
Zone 5	Living History
Zone 6	Equestrian

Each of these zones contain a variety of uses as part of the overall event ranging from family fun activities; entertainment; concession and picnic areas; animal/agricultural displays; equestrian, vintage vehicles and historical demonstrations; exhibitor stands.

3. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), introduced legislation to provide licensing of certain outdoor events. Section 238 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides for the making of regulations by the Minister for matters of procedure and administration in relation to the holding of an event by a local authority.

Part 16 (Articles 193 to 199) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) addresses the matter of holding of an event by a local authority. This application has been made in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

4. SUBMISSIONS

No submissions received within the statutory period.

5. CONSULTATION

The following reports have been requested / received by the Planning Authority:

Inter-Departmental Consultation

Transportation Section:

The Transportation Section state that car parking will be facilitated in the grounds of the Demesne and in the allotment car park off Turvey Avenue but that details with regards to bicycle parking quantity, location should be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event. The Transportation Section also indicate that a Traffic Management Plan has been prepared. The Transportation Section state no objection subject to conditions.

Water Services Planning Section:

No objection.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division:

No objection.

Conservation Officer:

The Conservation Officer has no objection in principle but requires that adequate management and protective measures be put in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event.

Heritage Officer

The Heritage Officer has no objection to the event. However, reference is made to 2 no. archaeological monuments located to the west of the main entrance to Newbridge Demesne. In order to avoid compaction or rutting in adverse adverse conditions, or damage to the landscape feature, it is preferable if car parking does not take place within the zones of archaeological potential of these monuments.

Biodiversity Officer

No report received.

Environmental Health Officer

No report received.

Environment Department

No objection subject to conditions.

Community, Culture and Sports Division

No report received.

Arts & Culture Department

No report received.

Prescribed Bodies
The following reports have been received:

Health and Safety Authority (HSA)
No comment.

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
The Department note potential disturbance caused by activities associated with the event on the Hordeum Secalinum (Meadow Barley) but state no objection subject to conditions.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
TII request that further detailed information be provided on traffic management to ensure the strategic function of the M1 and M50 is safeguarded for the period of the event. TII also includes conditions with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and signage issues before and during the event.

Iarnród Éireann
Iarnród Éireann note potential impacts on the safety of the operational railway but state no objection subject to conditions.

6. ASSESSMENT

6.1 Development Plan Considerations
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 is the statutory development plan for the area. The Development Plan sets out the local planning policy context including provisions for development throughout the administrative area.

Land-use zoning
The subject site is located within an area zoned 'OS' – Open Space in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 with an objective to *'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'.*

The vision of this zoning category is to '*Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority'.*

Newbridge House
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of Newbridge House and Demesne as a site of historical importance as per the conservation designations highlighted at section 1 of this report. The tourism opportunity of

Newbridge House and Demesne is also considered in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 and particular attention is given to the rarity of the 18th Century or earlier designed landscapes, which are highly significant and sensitive.

Chapter 14 Development Management Standards contains specific guidance for planning applications affecting historic designed landscapes which should be adhered to (see Objective DMS0189).

Objective DMSO189 – Designed Landscape Appraisal
A Designed Landscape Appraisal should accompany any development proposal for an historic demesne and/or designed landscape, to include:

- *Identification and description of the original development, history, structures, features and boundaries of the designed landscape.*
- *Ecological assessment, including identification of any protected habitats or species.*
- *Evaluation of the significance of the historical landscape, including the identification of significant built and landscape features within the site that must be retained.*
- *Determination of the carrying capacity of the lands which should not be exceeded, to be agreed with the Council.*
- *Assessment of the development proposal and its impact on the designed landscape.*
- *Recommendations for mitigation and management of the built and natural heritage.*

Flavours of Fingal Festival
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of the Flavours of Fingal Festival stating:

Objective EEO83 – Develop and Promote the Agri-food Sector
Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies, sectoral representatives and local communities to develop the agri-food sector in Fingal and the new Fingal Food Policy, to promote and showcase the agri-food sector, including supporting events such as the Flavours of Fingal, and to ensure that the potential of the sector is secured for the benefit of local communities, the environment, the local economy, and national economy.

Section 7.2.5 Growing Tourism Sector of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 relates to the Tourism Sector and also recognises the role of the Flavours of Fingal in promoting Fingal County:

Tourism is one of Fingal's most important economic drivers which is fully embraced by the Council. Through Dublin Airport, Fingal provides the national major link between Ireland and international tourists. Fingal's Tourism sector is characterised by large numbers of SMEs, with 800 businesses providing accommodation and catering services. Guest accommodation supports an estimated 3,000 full time job equivalents and the

catering sector provides a further 2000 jobs. The implementation of the Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 – 2022 including the marketing of Fingal as a visitor location and the engagement with local tourism groups continues across the County. Flavours of Fingal continues to grow and highlight the quality and depth of food and farming in Fingal.

In this regard, Flavours of Fingal has a successful track record of being hosted at Newbridge Demesne and this event has included engagement and collaboration with a range of stakeholders. It is considered that the proposed event would improve the quality of Fingal's tourism offer, will help promote Newbridge House & Demesne and is in keeping with the Development Plan provisions as outlined above.

The Planning Officer notes that given the siting of Newbridge Demesne, the proposed event areas are suitably detached from residential areas. Furthermore, given the event is temporary in nature (2 days) with limited operating times over a weekend, it is considered that the event will not negatively impact on residential amenity.

6.2 Event Management Plan

As part of the event licence procedure, an Event Management Plan, Site Layout Plan and other supporting information including a Traffic Management Plan has been submitted by Fingal County Council.

Key elements of the Event Management Plan include:

- Event Details;
- Event Management Team;
- Licenses, Codes of Practice, Legislation, Regulations & by-Laws;
- Safety & Operations;
- Crowd safety & Movement;
- Stewarding;
- Medical Provisions;
- Fire Safety;
- Equipment Standards;
- Traffic Management;
- Policies & Procedures;
- Event Health & Safety Documentation & Inspections;
- Accessibility.

The Event Management Plan, as proposed, complies with the requirements of Article 194 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) insofar as it relates to the availability of documents in relation to proposed events by a local authority.

6.3 Site Layout & Impact on Newbridge Demesne

The proposed event is taking place within the curtilage of a historic demesne with mature landscaping and structures of historical importance. The event will utilise existing amenities alongside the provision of temporary new structures to accommodate the event and activities on site for its duration. It is therefore important that suitable provision is made to ensure the integrity of the protected structures; mature trees and existing roads are suitably protected from damage during the construction and preparation stage, during the event itself and the site re-instated to pre-event condition afterwards. It is noted that Objective DMS0189 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 requests for a *Designed Landscape Appraisal* to be provided for any development proposal for an historic demesne and/or designed landscape, however, considering the temporary nature of the proposed event, a full appraisal is not required. However conditions should be attached to ensure the protection and of the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House and Demesne prior to the event, during and after the event.

It is also recommended that the event organisers ensure that no public or casual access is permitted to those parts of Newbridge Demesne (or property therein) that are not for public use during the event and provide any necessary protective measures in consultation with the management team of Newbridge House and Demesne.

Finally, it is noted that Newbridge House is currently undergoing extensive roof works and that scaffolding, and hoarding is currently erected around the House and will be as such on the date of the event. As such, it is considered that a condition should be attached for the provision of a Safety Management Plan relating to the ongoing works including adequate health and safety requirements.

6.4 Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department. This document has been updated on the basis of the last event held in 2022. The document is a live document and will continue to be improved as need dictates in consultation with the aforementioned bodies.

6.5 Public Transport

It is an objective of this event to encourage use of public transport to minimise congestion of the public road network. The Planning Authority note that details relating to public transport options should be provided prior to the event taking place, clearly indicating connectivity and the available location, frequency and capacity for public transport provision on both days of the event.

6.6 Car & Bicycle Parking

The Planning Authority note that details relating to car parking ticketing, opening hours, and capacity should be provided prior to the event taking place in consultation with the

Transportation Department. It is also considered that bicycle parking provision should clearly be included with convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle and also comprising dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking within the event site; the detail of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

6.7 Site Emergency Plan

The procedures in the event of an emergency are contained in the Appendices of the Event Management Plan submitted with this application. The procedures include roles and responsibilities, details of key personnel, procedures and emergency routes. It is proposed that all emergency services will be made aware of emergency routes in advance of the event. A map indicating Emergency Routes/Corridors shall be included in final documentation prior to the commencement of the event.

6.8 Safety Strategy

The Event Management Plan contains a safety strategy which informs that it is the promoter's objective to provide competent trained staff and recognised safety management systems including risk assessments, in order to ensure a safe event with minimum risks to health, safety and welfare of attendees at the Flavours of Fingal County Show.

6.9 Event Risk Assessment

Risk assessments have been undertaken in relation to this event and are contained in the Event Management Plan. The specific Event Risk Assessment is included as an appendix in the Event Management Plan and establish risks based on Impact/Severity and Probability.

6.10 Environmental Monitoring

Environmental monitoring will be undertaken by all personnel pre, during and post event. It is noted that no specific environmental monitoring statement has been included which would include details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property. It is stated in the Event Management Plan that noise will be limited and shall not cause unreasonable disturbance to any nearby noise sensitive premises and that no vibration exposure are anticipated.

It is recommended that conditions be attached, in the event of a grant, requiring the reinstatement of the venue subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up for the full clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event. Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site will also be conditioned to be detailed prior to the holding of the event.

Food safety is also important and may require facilities regarding storage handling etc. This can be addressed by way of conditions.

7. CONCLUSION

A licence has been applied for by Fingal County Council Events Unit, to hold an event in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Event Management Plan submitted has been assessed and due consideration given to the protection of Newbridge Demesne – in particular the landscape setting and historical setting including protected structures within Newbridge Demesne. The Event Licence application is considered acceptable, and permission is recommended, subject to conditions, as set out hereunder.

8. RECOMMENDATION:

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event; and,
- The provision of XVI of the 2000 Planning and Development Act and Part 16 of the 2001 Planning and Development Regulations as amended.

It is recommended that the event should be held subject to the following conditions:

Event Management Conditions

1. The event shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto. Unless otherwise stated, documentation indicating compliance with the attached conditions shall be submitted 7 days prior to the event. In the event of such documentation not being completed and submitted to the satisfaction of the planning authority within 7 days of the event commencing or where compliance with attached conditions cannot be achieved permission for the event or those elements of the event that are not compliant under the licence shall not be permitted and/or the event not permissible.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence and that effective control be maintained in particular as it may relate to health and safety and the protection of Newbridge House and Demesne.

2. The Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Event Management Plan, with particular emphasis being placed on health, safety & welfare issues, stewarding, crowd management and employee safety, and protection of the Newbridge Parkland/ Demesne.

REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

Safety & Security

3. (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that experienced security and safety staff are provided.

   (b) Only authorised security and safety staff and working personnel employed by Fingal County Council Events Unit and designated Council employees shall be permitted to enter the designated parts of the event site during the set up and removal process.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

4. In relation to all health and safety matters, Fingal County Council Events Unit shall adhere to the requirements of Fingal County Council, in addition to all legal requirements in relation to health and safety for the construction build, take down and event operation.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

5. In relation to the scaffolding currently in place around Newbridge House, a Safety Management Plan shall be prepared to be cognisant of any ongoing works around the House and adequate health and safety requirements shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

6. Medical provision shall be in accordance with a Medical Operational Plan which shall be prepared in advance of the event and include suitable parking and access provisions for ambulance service vehicles and equipment.

   REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

7. Briefing prior to the event, Fingal County Council Events Unit and/or the Event Management Team on behalf of Fingal County Council shall hold an event briefing meeting. This will include relevant emergency services and all other relevant bodies and prescribed agencies. The applicant shall also organise and attend a site meeting on the morning of the event with An Garda Síochána, the Emergency Services, and respective prescribed bodies.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

8. The Organisers shall undertake to ensure there is no breach of the licensing and liqueur laws and in particular those provisions relating to the sale of intoxicating liqueur to minors or parties who are under the influence of alcohol. Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that all staff members engaging in the sale of intoxicating liqueur at the event will be fully familiar with the licensing laws.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

9. All concession units which are serviced by gas supplies shall have certification certified by a competent person and in accordance with Fingal County Council 'Guide to Gas Usage at Events'.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

Insurance

10. Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council shall ensure that there is full insurance provided for this event. This shall include:
    (a) all relevant insurances including indemnity, Public Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance are in place prior to the event against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including necessary legal expenses) arising out of injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property whatsoever, resulting from or in any way connected with or arising out of the use of Newbridge Demesne. (Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €25m or any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €13m for any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance)
    (b) the insurance policies will extend to include the liability of all parties involved in any way with the holding of the event including but not limited to enabling works, catering, broadcasting and crowd control.

    REASON: In the interests of the proper planning of this event.

Debriefing

11. A debriefing session shall be held by the Fingal County Council Events Unit not later than 4 weeks after the event and shall be attended by the prescribed bodies.

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

Traffic Management

12. An updated Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Department a minimum of two weeks in advance of the event and shall include for the following provisions, unless otherwise agreed:

(a) Appropriate regard/reference to the Donabate Distributor Road (R126)

(b) Documentary evidence from relevant Transport Operators (Iarnród Éireann, Go-Ahead Ireland and Dublin Bus) indicating the available frequency and capacity for public transport provision on both days of the event. Any frequency/ capacity increase from the norm shall be clearly highlighted in such documentation.

(c) All emergency access points shall be clearly indicated on maps and relevant personal and emergency services briefed in advance of same, as well as on evacuation procedures. The emergency access roads, both on and off site shall be sign posted, clearly identifiable and kept clear at all times.

(d) Adequate stewarding shall be provided by the applicants at all entrances to the event site.

(e) The applicant shall provide lighting at all access/ egress locations during the hours of darkness and after the event terminates to ensure safety of members of the public and Garda personnel directing traffic at these locations.

(f) The applicant shall ensure that advanced warning signs, vehicular and pedestrian direction signs are in place to provide information to the public of the access routes, entrance points and parking facilities for the event. All signage and signage locations (including a contingency plan signing) shall be agreed in advance with the Garda Síochána and the Local Authority not later than one week prior to the event. Consultation should take place with motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor(s) via the road authority where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to MMaRC contract provisions, e.g., advance event signage, specific event traffic management proposals etc. All signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post the event.

(g) The applicant shall ensure that all works for the designated Public Bus and Shuttle Bus collection point and off-road queuing systems are in place for the entire duration of the event, with appropriate stewards and illumination. The routes and headways of additional public transport services (Go-Ahead Ireland, Dublin Bus, Irish Rail, shuttle bus to north Dublin) should also be included.

(h) All exhibitors will be issued with a detailed briefing document with exhibitor colour coded pass to access the designated areas.

(i) Price points for car parking and park and ride operations shall be agreed as part of the final Traffic Management Plan between the event organisers and suitably advertised, and online through the event website, to inform both the public and exhibitors.

(j) Appropriate accreditation and car parking to be provided for TII personnel in order to attend the meetings concerning traffic issues during the event if required.

(k) The event management team shall continue to liaise with the Health Service Executive, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade and the Fingal County Council Transportation Planning Section prior to the event to ensure the Traffic Management Plan (and any proposed revisions to the site layout) is fully implemented in the interest of the safety of road users in and around the event.

(l) The Traffic Management Plan will be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council.

(m) Include detailed information on traffic management to ensure the strategic function of the M1 and M50 is safeguarded during the event.

(n) Any proposed event signage, static and VMS, relating to national roads shall be agreed with the Road Authority, TII in this instance, no later than one month prior to the event. Only signs detailed in a traffic management plan sanctioned by the Gardai and Road Authority may be placed on the National Road/Motorways. VMS signs are to be used for traffic management purposes only and not for promotion of sponsors, etc. The TII Guidelines for the Use of Variable Message Signs on National Roads should be consulted. A signing plan should also include for contingency plan signing.

(o) Having regard to the above point relating to VMS, the applicant should also be aware that the M1 and M50, form part of the Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contract Network A. Consultation with the Motorway Maintenance and Renewals Contract Network A Contractor is required, via the relevant road authorities, in relation to any works proposed, including signage, that affect the motorway/national roads and associated junctions in terms of operational requirements, timetabling, etc.

(p) While a Road Safety Audit is not required for temporary traffic management plans, the local authority is requested to ensure full consideration of the safety requirements of all road users is included as part of the assessment of the Event Licence Application. Where a Road Safety Audit is required, it should be undertaken in accordance with TII Publications TII GE-STY-01024 for any works affecting National Roads and National Road Junctions.

(q) The sign faces and posts of existing road traffic signs shall not be used as backing / support for any signage.

(r) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with The Roads Authority and Fingal County Council, all signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post the event.

(s) A liaison person shall be appointed by the organiser to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event and such person shall be readily contactable by Gardaí, Fingal County Council and TII at all times before and during the event.

REASON: In the interest of traffic safety.

Car & Bicycle Parking

13. a) Details relating to car parking ticketing, opening hours, and capacity shall be provided prior to the event taking place in consultation with the Transportation Department.
    b) Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, shall be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle; the detail of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

14. Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking shall be provided within the event site; the detail of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

15. A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

Public Transport

16. a) The proposed events have the potential to impact the safety of the operational railway if not managed adequately. The Applicant must engage with Iarnród Éireann seeking advice on technical requirements for mitigating impacts on railway infrastructure and operations. Stakeholder meetings must be scheduled with operational staff in Iarnród Éireann prior to, and with adequate notice, in advance of the events. All decisions and agreements reached must be fully adhered to by the applicant.

b) In the interest of crowd management and safety the applicant must liaise and seek agreement with Iarnród Éireann, as early as possible with respect of any required augmented timetable arrangements, increased train frequencies, or passenger queuing arrangements on the days of the events.

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

Conservation

17. a) No heavy or load bearing structures should be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden.
    b) The provision of car parking areas and the siting of activities should be careful of vehicular movements and compacting of ground around the root systems of mature trees. An area of archaeological potential has been identified close to Lanestown Castle through an archaeological investigation. The Heritage Officer should be consulted in relation to establishing a buffer area to protect this from car parking or other elements.
    c) The comments of the Parks Superintendent should be sought in relation to any required protective measures for the mature trees or other designed landscape features during the course of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

18. a) A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor shall be submitted to the Environment Section for consideration in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan.
    b) All contractors/vendors should adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report after the event to highlight successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.
    c) A waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to the Environment Section after the event to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

19. a) The Organisers shall ensure that of the venue be reinstated subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up for the full clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event.
    b) Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site shall be provided prior to the event taking place.
    c) Full details on food safety storage facilities shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

    REASON: In the interest of public and environmental health.

Ecology

20. a) A qualified Plant Ecologist is employed to survey for the location of this plant and that the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the festival.
    b) The area identified is supervised for:
        - the extent of the Festival;
        - any preparations before; and
        - activities involving cleaning up the Festival afterwards.

    REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th JUNE 2023

ITEM NO. 24

DRAFT ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY FOR FINGAL

PRESENTATION TO BE GIVEN AT COUNCIL MEETING

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Chief Executive's Management Report

12th June, 2023
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With the current good weather we are experiencing, many of us will be visiting the beautiful coastal walks and beaches that Fingal has in abundance. Fingal has 88km of coastline and is home to some of the most beautiful beaches and coves on the east coast. Last month, An Taisce announced the Blue and Green Flag winners for the year and I was delighted that Fingal is now home to three Green Flag and one Green Coast Flag beaches. Velvet Strand in Portmarnock and South Beach in Rush retained their Green Flag status while Balcarrick Beach in Donabate was one of only 8 locations in Ireland to be honoured with both a Blue and Green flag. These popular locations are among 94 blue flags and 65 green coast awards sites around Ireland that have met the most stringent criteria. These awards are a testament to the work that goes into maintaining and managing these sensitive ecological gems and are the result of sucessful collaboration between the council and local communities. Our commitment to ensuring excellent quality bathing waters as well as clean and safe beaches is unwavering and we rely on visitors to these coastal retreats to leave only memories and to enjoy the waters safely and responsibly.

In further good news for Fingal in recent weeks, our concept garden 'A Breathing Space for Fingal' won Gold at this year's prestigeous Bord Bia Bloom festival in Phoenix Park. Designed by the talented Jane McCorkell, "A Breathing Space for Fingal" showcases the invaluable contribution of well-designed open spaces to the overall liveability of our villages, towns, and cities. This exceptional garden underscores the importance of incorporating nature into our everyday lives. Incredibly, nearly all the construction materials used for the garden were sourced from Fingal County Council yards and this practice perfectly demonstrates how upcycling and recycling can impact positively and sustainably to create something truly magical. Following the conclusion of the Bloom festival, 'A Breathing Space for Fingal' will find a permanent home as part of a Community Garden located in Lanesborough Park, Meakstown in Dublin 15. The garden will also serve as a lasting tribute the people who endured hardships during the challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic, reminding us of the importance of resilience and the healing power of nature. I offer my congratulations to all involved in the design, construction and maintenance of this beautiful space and hope it will be enjoyed for many years to come.

I am pleased to announce that this month, applications will open to allow interested parties to purchase homes in Hayestown, Rush under the Affordable Housing Scheme. 52 homes, ideally located in the bustling coastal community of Rush, will be available to buy with applications opening on Monday, June 12. Homes on offer under the scheme will be a mix of two and three-bedroom houses. Prices for eligible applicants will start at €228,000 for a 2-bedroom, mid-terrace house, with prices for a 3 bed mid-terrace house starting from €284,500 and prices for a 3 bed semi-detached house starting from €299,500. The provision of good quality, sustainable and attractive homes forms an essential part of our housing strategy and allows us to support emerging vibrant communities by building infrastructure and amenities to complement developments such as Hayestown.

Recently, the stunning setting of Shackleton Gardens in Clonsilla played host to Shackleton Gardens proms. This wonderful event was a celebration of the best in Classical music hosted by Fingal County Council and Festival Director Duo Chagall with the Fingal Ensemble and was a hugely anticipated and highly enjoyable event. Over three days, talented musicians and ensembles performed pieces from classical works to music from the movies, much to the delight of the hundreds of people who attended the event. I am certainly looking forward to next year's Proms!

Summer is a season that lends itself to the persuit of enjoyment and getting together as a community to plan local events. At the heart of each of our localities are community and resource centres who in collaboration with community volunteers provide exciting programmes for families and young people to enjoy over the holiday months. I

am delighted therefore, that funding has been allocated to projects and initiatives which will provide entertainment, education and fun for hundreds of children all across Fingal. The recently launched Summer Projects Programme provides for an overall allocation of €57,720 to over 30 Community Groups and Services through the Community & Sports Division's Summer Projects Funding Scheme. Participating projects will deliver a supervised programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period including environmental awareness, civic awareness and integration. I wish everyone involved in these programmes all the very best for a busy and creative summer!

I was delighted to attend The Mayor's Awards on June 1 at which unsung community volunteers were celebrated and recognised for their dedication and commitment to their localities. Nominees came from all walks of life from communities all across Fingal and it was an incredibly uplifting event to hear stories from those who give freely of their time to ensure their communities, local sporting clubs and groups not only survive, but thrive. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating all those who received their awards from Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Howard Mahony and wish them continued success in their endeavours.

The summer concert season in Malahide Castle is almost upon us with the first of seven concerts taking place on Wednesday June 14 with iconic band Depeche Mode taking to the stage. Musical stalwarts such as Paolo Nutini, Blur, Sam Fender, Florence + The Machine, Sting and Hozier will also play their greatest and much loved hits at this fantastic venue. The staging of these concerts is a mammoth task involving multiagency collaboration and several months of careful planning to ensure the safety of concertgoers and the minimum of inconvenience to locals. I would like to express my appreciation to those who have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure these hugely popular shows are a great success.
From one castle to another – Swords Castle is all set to open the gates and welcome back firm favourite Nathan Carter with support from Andy Coogan on July 28. Following on from a hugely successful show last year in the castle, this show is sure to be nothing short of outstanding. The following night, July 29 will see Spandau Ballet's Martin Kemp take to the stage for an 80's extravaganza. Guaranteed to take us all back to that musically exciting era, Martin will be joined by a Cher Tribute, Choons and MC Enya Martin.

Finally, If you are travelling to Malahide and Swords Castles to see your favourite acts live, I hope you enjoy the incredible experience.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Applicants to date	**2141**
Interviews Held to date	**1073**
Number of Appointments	**141**
New Starters	71
Internal Promotions	70
Number of Leavers	**63**
Resignations	42
Number of Retirements	21
Number of Job Offers Year to date	**218**
Number of Offers Declined	**37**
Number of Current Job Offers	**40**
Job Offers Internal	**12**
Job Offers External	**28**

Wellbeing Update:

Wellbeing Seminars:

The scheduled seminars for May were 'Beating Burnout' and 'How to be happy' these were aimed at the issue of managing stress. Upcoming seminars will take place in July and August with a focus on Anxiety and mental health. Titles to be announced in the coming weeks. So far this year we have delivered 23 seminars with a total attendance of 1042 staff.

Employee Assistance Service:

Our next report from Spectrum life was presented to the committee and champions at our quarterly meeting on June 1st.

The results from these reports and the meeting will steer our future supports and initiatives for staff. In Q3 and Q4 we will focus on Mental Health and Anxiety. We are hoping to announce mental health first aid training dates in Q4. There will also be scheduled visits in the depots to increase awareness of the EAS and a re-advertisement on Staff Messages. We also increase awareness off the EAS by giving presentations at all staff inductions and by handing out EAS cards at all in person training courses.

Menopause in the workplace:

The menopause in the workplace training is ongoing. The training section will issue reminders to all staff that have yet to register and complete. This training is for staff and managers and will help to increase awareness and understanding around menopause in the workplace. Key outcomes are: Understanding menopause & symptoms | Impacts at work | Menopause business case | Role of manager | Supporting your colleagues & team| Legislative Risk. We will receive quarterly reports from the menopause hub on uptake and continue to promote completion of the course.

LGMA Wellbeing Programme Funding:

We are in the process of completing our application to the LGMA for this fund and hope to secure the maximum amount of €12,000 towards our wellbeing programme.

Pets for Wellbeing competition:

We ran a competition for national workplace wellbeing day asking staff to send in pictures of their pets for a chance to win a one for all voucher, there was a great response to the competition with over 90 entries and the digital content manager Mark Broderick put together a slide show for staff to view all the wonderful pets.

Fingal 10K:
We have had a good response to the call for staff to take part in the Fingal 10K, 66 staff will take part this year. We have provided them with training programmes for all levels from beginners to advanced. These programmes are available to all our staff through SharePoint.

Fingal County Council
Wellbeing Programme

Learning & Development:
In 2023 there are continued high levels of training being provided to improve capacity and competency of our staff while ensuring health and safety compliance. New courses and opportunities are being added all the time.

Scheme of Assistance
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. We have currently approved 14 applications this year including: Msc in Energy Management, Msc in Information of Libraries Management, Horticulture, Project Management, Drinking Water Treatment Certificate and various levels of Local Government Studies courses.

Training delivered:
May was another busy month for training the following courses were be completed by May 31st

42 courses delivered, with approx. **479** attendees, totalling **422** training days.

Business & Interpersonal Skills
Ignite programme 7
Grievance and Disciplinary training
Dignity and Equality
Effective Writing
Minute Taking
Presentation Skills
Time Management
Grade 7 Training
Grade 6 Training
Grade 5 Training
Personal Effectiveness Grade 3&4

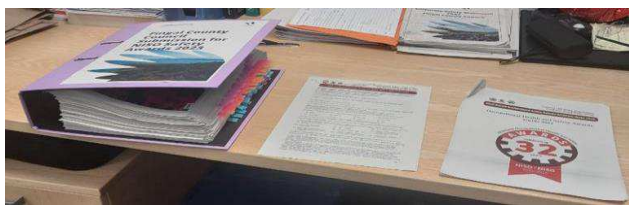
Health and Safety
Driver CPC Module
Safe Pass
Mini Digger New Entrant
Managing Aggressive Behaviour Outdoor staff
Evacuation Chair Training
Confined space Medium Risk
Manual Handling
Basic Road Opening and Reinstatement
Mini Digger Assessment
Site Dumper Assessment
MEWP
Ladder Training
First Aid
Fire Warden
Child Protection

Wellbeing
Beating Burnout
How to be Happy
Menopause in the Workplace Training

Local Authority Training:
Green Public Procurement Strand 1

Requested Training:
Practical Payroll
Housing practitioners conference

HSU – Health & Safety Unit
The HSU continued proactive safety measures during the month of May with 29 site safety inspections and audits. The HSU used the month of May to compile and submit Fingal County Council's application to the National Irish Safety Organisation's annual occupational safety awards scheme which is run in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Safety Group. This is an external audit of the local authority's safety management system. Responses to staff queries continued during May and the HSU assisted Uisce Eireann's Lead Safety Assurance Officer as part of the transition to a national water services authority.



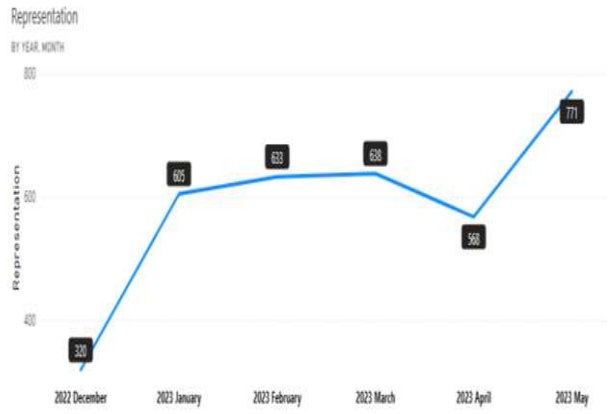
Customer Services

CCU stats for April 2023

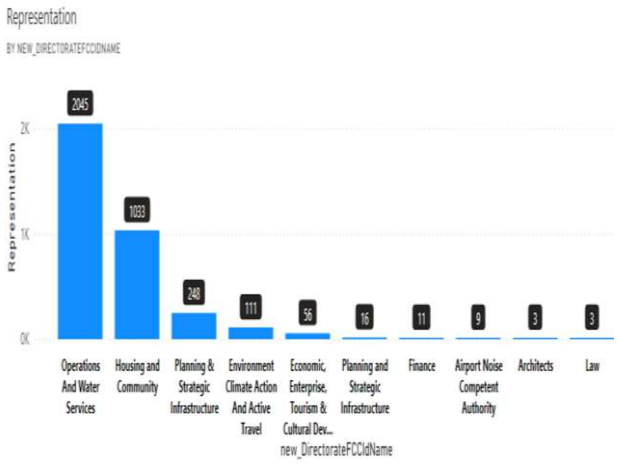
Calls	16,242
Footfall	2,663
Emails	512

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 May had a total of 771 Elected Members' representations.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2023.



Digital Services

Digital Working

In May, staff took part in 9,141 Teams meetings. 29,188 Teams calls were made, and 962,813 emails were received or sent by the Council.

1,209 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 5 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.9% network availability was achieved in the month of May.

Infrastructure & Support

The Infrastructure & Operations Team continued with the Switch Upgrade Project in the Civic Offices and Depots. Teams Meeting Rooms projects advanced in Skerries Library, Coolmine Operations Depot, County Hall and the Civic Offices, Blanchardstown. A substantial program of work was undertaken which included the expansion of the Councils vSAN to enhance Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity services.

Fingal Success at .IE Digital Town Awards

The Digital Fingal Team submitted two projects that embodied the ethos of the .IE Digital Town Awards, for judging panel consideration.
Both projects where shortlisted

- Digital Education category – Weather Stations for Scholls, project lead - Kevin Vallely
- Community Digital Category – Skerries Community Car, project lead - Stephen McGinn

We are delighted to announce that the Weather Stations for Schools won the top prize in the Digital Education category.



The Digital Services team were thrilled to be joined by Joe Quirke from GoCar, volunteer drivers and users from the Skerries Community Car. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate the recognition of a great project with them.



Both projects received positive feedback at the awards luncheon, which continued on social media, with congratulations flooding in!

Communications
Digital Media

Website
May saw us record 126.7k visitors to fingal.ie (up 11.6k), with 315k views in that period (also up, 26.8k). Access via phone was the most common method (86.6k), more than double that of desktop computer. Average time spent browsing our pages was just shy of two minutes. Planning applications was the most visited section (14.2k), while our jobs page had 6.4k visitors

Twitter
Currently FCC has 22.6k followers, representing. Our top tweet for the month revolved around the launch of the Church Fields Link Rd, with 39k impressions. All up, there were some 673k tweet impressions (**21.7K impressions per day)** making this the largest month of the year so far. Overall engagement for the month was 1.9%.



Impressions	39,088
Total engagements	3,234
Media engagements	2,128
Detail expands	723
Likes	214
Link clicks	76
Profile clicks	35
Replies	28
Retweets	22
Hashtag clicks	8

Facebook
Facebook had a reach of 249,363 in May, while the number of followers continues to rise to 30,618. A post on a housing information event to be held in D15 was the best performing one on Facebook where it recorded 51k impressions and had a reach of 31.7k. Instagram recorded a reach of 37,445 (up 57% from April) and gained 272 new followers (to 6,834).

YouTube/LinkedIn
May saw the Council's YouTube channel gaining 35 new subscribers and surpassing the 1,000 mark. People watched our videos 10.5k times, driven by the D15 cycle roundabout, the 3D visualisation of New St in Malahide and completion of the refurbishment of three vacant homes in Portrane. On LinkedIn, we are now at 7,368 followers.

Media
We issued 23 press releases in May. This included the competition to name a Howth goat, the Disability Housing Strategy, the Bealtaine Festival, the Playful Streets pilot, Blue Flag success, the opening of a new Children's Interpretive Centre at Casino Model Museum and €1.7m allocated via the CRF.

Alongside this, there were 27 reactive media requests across the month, focussed on issues surrounding housing (HAP; social housing; eviction ban), daa runway/noise & the Blanchardstown fire.

Building Facilities Management
The installation last year of 11kwp PV panels on County Hall, Swords has generated 3.181MWh so far in 2023. This is equivalent to 5.4 Trees, €1,591 in self-generated electricity.



ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

EVENTS

Unison Festival

The first Unison Festival, two days of outdoor food & music will take place on Sat 8th July in Bremore Castle, Balbriggan and Sun 9th July in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown.

Further details on the event website https://unisonfestival.ie , you can also follow on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/unisonfestivalfingal and Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/unison.festival/.





Concerts in Swords Castle

As part of the Swords Castle Summer Concerts a free family fun event takes place on Sunday 30th July. On Friday 28th July we have Nathan Carter plus support on Saturday 29th we have a Back to the 80s night with Martin Kemp, Cher Tribute & Choons, all hosted by Irish Comedian Enya Martin 'Giz a Laugh'.



Malahide Family Fun Day

Takes place on Sunday the 23rd of July on the Marina Green and New Street lots of free family fun based on the Green and New Street.



Flavours of Fingal



The programme for Flavours of Fingal 2023. New additions this year include the following:

- Kids Theatre Show
- Circus Tent & Acts
- Vintage Cars
- Dublin Coast & Fields Cookery Demo
- Fingal Wellness Area
- Dog Agility
- Irish Dancing

A website is now live www.flavoursoffingal.ie



Malahide Concerts



The hugely successful Malahide Concerts are back this year for 7 concerts over 2 weeks in June.

This demonstrates the popularity of the venue while economically supporting the local and regional economy. Overall, the Malahide Concerts have become a staple in the entertainment industry and have proven to be a significant source of economic growth and development for the local and regional economy.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

TOURISM

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

A draft Tourism strategy, draft implementation plan and a findings report with insights from the research and consultation phase were received in mid May. Following several meetings with our consultants a revised draft strategy was received

on 30th May based on those conversations. The strategy is on course to be presented to the June meeting of the EETCD SPC and if approved by the SPC to the full council meeting in early July.

Fingal Food & Drink Network

Dublin's Coast & Fields



The Fingal Food and Drink Network members participated in the launch of Flavours of Fingal County Show on the 30th May.

Plans for the Network's presentation at Flavours of Fingal County Show are very advanced. The network will present an interesting mix of cooking demonstrations, food pairing, a focus on sustainability, panel discussions and foraging walks. There will also be a showcase of local produce.

Excellence in Local Government Awards

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An application for the Excellence in Local Government Awards under the Supporting Tourism category was submitted in May. Based on the launch of the Fingal Food and Drink network in November 2022 and how this network is fostering collaboration among stakeholders, improving food promotion, supporting food talent in Fingal and establishing Fingal as a food and drink tourism destination. The Fingal Food Tourism project leverages the rise of mainstream interest in food to explore new consumer markets and drive business to a wider range of tourism suppliers working in the food sector.

Fingal Food Policy

The first draft of the food policy is due to be received on 31st May. Following review of this document further meetings will be held with the internal team and the consultant with the policy being on track to be finalised by the end of June 2023.

Digital Walking Trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan





It is envisaged that two digital walking trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan that will feature on the Dublin Discovery Trails App will be launched in June.

Our consultants are finalising the scripts, images and augmented reality features that will be on the app and will provide us with a draft of each trail shortly.

EETCD are exploring the possibility of launching the heritage trail app for Balbriggan in conjunction with Smart Balbriggan and the brochure they are planning on active walking and cycling trails.

Avea Members Forum





A tourism focused forum was held at Trinity College on 23rd May for all members of the Assoc of Visitor Experiences & Attractions. Fáilte Ireland

gave an outline of all the supports available to AVEA members, current and upcoming and Trinity College provided an update on their current and future tourism offerings.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Casino Model Railway Museum - Children's Interpretative Centre







The new Children's Interpretative Centre was officially launched on the 9th May at the Casino Model Railway Museum, Malahide in collaboration with Iarnród Éireann and Alstom.

The new attraction will give visitors a chance to see what it is like to drive a life-sized Iarnród Éireann train engine carriage. The train carriage maximizes technology, with layered sights, sounds and digital screens on the windows to help add to the experience. To enhance the interactive nature, tactile and interactive elements have been incorporated allowing guests to engage with the content as the journey unfolds. https://www.modelrailwaymuseum.ie

Newbridge House – Roof and Window Conservation Works







The roof and window conservation works on Newbridge House are progressing well. Insulation of the attic areas have been completed and the fall restraint systems have been installed. Repair works to the window sashes and frames are well underway and are being reinstated in batches as they are completed.

A site visit to appraise progress of the works took place on 24th May.

Shackleton's Mill





The conservation plan for Shackleton's Mill is due to be published in the coming months. A site visit took place on the 10th May for the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee and Castleknock-Mulhuddart Area Committee Members.

ARTS OFFICE

Youth and Education

Fingal Arts Office is currently working on the following programme of projects and events in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023.

Celestial Mechanics

Celestial Mechanics presents a learning experience for children through both visual art and science at Dunsink Observatory. This unique engagement with children aged 10-12years will involve curator Rayne Booth of Superprojects, artists Aileen Murphy, Mary Jo Gilligan and Julia McConville, alongside scientist Prof. Peter Gallagher and educator Sadhbh Leahy of DIAS. Following a tour of the observatory and a screening of telescopic imagery, the children will be guided to create a series of large paintings inspired by themes of astronomy. On Saturday 10th June the children paintings will be on display at Dunsink Observatory for Cruinniú Na nOg. We invite the public to come and see this wonderful art work, enjoy a picnic on the grounds and take a tour of the Observatory.

To reserve a place visit:
https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/celestial-mechanics-exhibition-dias-dunsink-self-guided-tour-tickets-641172041837



From the Earth

Children St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown, have been working with artist Edel Clarkson in an exploration of local biodiversity and ceramic making. An initial investigation and imagining of the local natural environment is informing the design of ceramic pieces which will be installed on school grounds during a celebration on Saturday 10th of June, Cruinniu na nOg. Over the course of four weeks the children will learn about the work of this artist, and how to engage with nature through art. Practical workshops will focus on observational drawing, clay modelling, construction and glazing techniques. Parents and the wider community will be invited to come together on Sat 10th to celebrate the installation of newly created ceramic artworks by the children and artist.



Baby Bop Orchestra

A series of interactive and lively classical music concerts for early years children and their families will be performed at Millennium Park, Dublin 15 on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg, Saturday 10th of June. Violinists Megan Churcher and Natalia Jaworek, clarinettist Margot Maurel, tubist Adam Buttimer and flautist Ciara Corrigan-Margetts, of the Royal Irish Academy, have a musical programme of classical waltzes, Finnish tangos and familiar Disney tunes for everyone to dance along to in a playful and friendly first introduction to brass, woodwind and strings.

To reserve a place visit:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/baby-bop-orchestra-cruinniu-na-nog-tickets-634152967597



A New Beat

A New Beat is providing a learning experience in bodhrán, contemporary dance and movement for young people aged 12 – 18 yrs. Through a series of workshops delivered by professional musician Robbie Walsh and choreographer Roisin Whelan, participants are coming together every Saturday to enjoy the playful experience of combining both artforms, which will culminate in a showcase performance on stage in The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre's Piper's Garden on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg, Saturday 10th of June.

Irish Mythology

Professional theatre makers Sean and Niall McDonagh of High Rock Productions are working with children of Scoil an Duinninigh and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe (Swords) to create unique theatre sketches based on old Irish legends. The children are exploring storytelling and performance through a series of creative workshops delivered through Irish during school hours.

A collective showcase of their work will be presented in Carneige Court Swords on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg, Sat 10th June.

Free Music Workshops for 7 – 15 year olds, Burdundy House, Swords.

Fingal Arts Office & Fingal Music Generation are offering free music workshops for young people at Burgundy House Swords on Saturday 10th of June in celebration of Cruinniu na nOg 2023, Creative Ireland Programme.

Vocal Workshop - Finding your Voice

Facilitated by professional vocalist and musician educator Mary Flynn, this workshop will take participants through some of the fundamentals of vocal practice, with a fun practical session that will benefit anyone who has an interest in singing. This workshop is aimed at 7–11-year-olds. No experience needed. 12-2pm

To reserve a place scan QR code or email musicgenerationfingal@ddletb.ie

Guitar Workshop

Learn about the many guitar styles, genres and technology used from acclaimed guitarist, musician educator and composer Shane Latimer. This workshop is aimed at 12–15-year-olds. No experience needed. 1pm-3pm

To reserve a place scan QR code or email musicgenerationfingal@ddletb.ie

Songwriting & Recording Workshop

Participants will be guided by producer, composer and musician educator Matt Winston in this creative space, utilising the endless possibilities of songwriting and recording technology. No experience needed. 12:30-3:30pm

To reserve a place scan QR code or email musicgenerationfingal@ddletb.ie

Public Art

St. Patrick's & Art Trail Skerries – Works of art by 5 artists, Bennie Reilly, Atsushi Kaga, Mary Conroy, Marie Farrington & Liliane Puthod have been installed as part of a programme of works for Skerries funded as part of Failte Ireland's Destination Town award. Each artwork was inspired by the artists visit to Skerries and their stature allows them to be quietly integrated into the beautiful environment.

The artists were selected from Fingal County Council's Public Art Panel and were considered to be "early career" in their potential public art practice. The Arts office partnered with Leitrim Sculpture Centre to develop a bespoke masterclass programme for the selected artists to experience working with traditional materials such as stone, bronze and metal delivered by experienced public artists such as Seamus Dunbarr and Jackie Mckenna.

This programme had a huge impact on the development of the work for Skerries. The works will be listed on newly commissioned Map Boards which include a QR code detailing information and they will form part of the suite of walking trails that visitors and communities in Skerries can engage with, they will also include their own signs located near each work.

We are working closely with the Skerries Autism Friendly Town to develop a sensory story trail for the works and a documentary film will live on the new promotional website for the town.











Infrastructure – Fingal County Council's Public Art Programme

Echo's Bones – A collaborative film co created with young people who identified on the autism spectrum with artist Sarah Browne, was showcased at the Middletown Centre of Autism's annual international research conference at the ICC Belfast. The programme included a screening of Echo's Bones followed by a Q& A with the participant young people. The project was commended as exemplary and contributing to a more positive representation of autism through the arts. A book on the project featuring an introduction by Blindboy Boatclub and published by Fingal County Council is due for release later this year.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

May sees the end of most of TSEAC's indoor events, as it ramps up for the Garden Party outdoor events taking place in the Piper's Garden from June to August. This season ended on a high with ticket sales 12% higher than May 2022, a very successful outreach event in Finglas to mark Séamus Ennis's birthday in his hometown, and a buzzing sunny Sunday in the Piper's Garden on May 21st; during which we held a food fair, had three International Drawing Day workshops and officially launched Josephine Geaney's striking art exhibition.

Music

My Father's Kind – featuring MacDara Yeates and work by Dermot Bolger

A Night of Music, in Tribute to Séamus Ennis – in collaboration with Dublin City Council at Erin's Isle in Finglas

Foghorn Stringband – sold out performance

Barry the Fish Melton

Traditional Slow Session online and inperson

Bealtaine evenings of Music – in collaboration with Naul Senior Citizens Club, free events Mondays throughout May

Film

Official Competition
Pray for our Sinners
Living (as part of the Bealtaine Festival)
A Bunch of Amateurs (As part of the Bealtaine Festival)

Theatre

Indigestion by Seamus O'Rourke

Children

International Drawing Day Workshops with illustrator Karen Peakin

Art

Josephine Geaney Art Exhibition Opening

Dave West International Drawing Day Workshop

Food Fair

A selection of local artisan producers held stalls on Sunday May 21st



DRAÍOCHT

Our landmark Toddler Take Over Event took place over two days in May, with over 440 children and their adults participating.

Two Fingal artists, Joanne Reid (Balbriggan) and Catherine Ward (Malahide) have been awarded Artist Studio Residencies over the June to August period. Fingal County Council and Draíocht are offering a paid Studio Residency for the period September to December. This joint pilot initiative will be awarded through an open call process targeted at D15/Fingal artists.

Draíocht will participate in Cruinniu na nÓg, programming a day of drop-in sessions for children enabling them to work with artists to transform our First Floor Gallery with their art.

Working with the Community Department, Draíocht has been nominated as Fingal County Council's nominee in the Creative Place category for the Pride of Place awards.



Churchfields/Liscappagh Per Cent for Art Consultation

Have circulated survey for residents in the Churchfields/Mulhuddart and Liscappagh areas to gather feedback for public art commissioning briefs for the area.

Libraries

Creative Ireland

Fingal celebrates Cruinniú na nÓg, a day of free creativity for children & young people.

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce an exciting and varied programme for Cruinniú na nÓg which takes place on Saturday, 10th June 2023. Cruinniú na nÓg, Creative Ireland's annual day of free creative activity for children and young people, has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2018. It is an event that is unique to Ireland and is the flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan which aims to enable the creative potential of children and young people.

This year Fingal are going big for Cruinniú na nÓg with an exciting and varied programme of events happening across Fingal.

All events are free to attend, and details about each event can be found in the Cruinniú na nÓg 2023 brochure available at your local Fingal Library or on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries



Here is a taster of what's in store across Fingal on Saturday, 10th June:

Mini Festival at Millennium Park, Blanchardstown:

- Interactive workshops with authors & illustrators Niamh Sharkey & Mary Murphy
- Classical Music for Kids from the Baby Bop Orchestra (commissioned by Fingal Arts Office)
- Sensory Storytime sessions with Childvision
- Graffiti Art workshops with Street Ark Ink & Lego workshops with Bricks4Kidz
- Circus performances from the heroes of Irish circus, the Fanzini Brothers

Events at your local Fingal Library:

- Interactive workshops with author's Shane Hegarty, Eve McDonnell, Alan Nolan & Erika McGann at Balbriggan, Skerries, Malahide, Howth & Blanchardstown Library
- Make a Movie on your mobile with Createschool at Balbriggan & Malahide Library
- Music workshops with the Mobile Music School at Rush & Baldoyle Library

- Weaving Workshop from Wicklow Willow at Swords Library

- STEAM workshops from the Fingal Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library

- Art workshops with illustrator Úna Woods & artists John Carpenter, Kim Jenkinson & international artist & designer Kriti Khatri

Fingal Arts office Events:

- Celestial Mechanics - an exhibition of paintings by the children of St. Philip's NS Dublin 15 with artists Aileen Murphy and Mary Jo Gilligan & guided tour at the Dunsink Observatory

- A New Beat: dance & music workshops for youth culminating in a performance at the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

- Music Generation Fingal: vocal, guitar, song writing & recording workshops for young people at Burgundy House, Swords

- From the Earth: an installation of newly created ceramic artworks by the children of St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown, and artist Edel Clarkson

- Irish Legends: a showcase of unique theatre sketches based on old Irish legends by the children of Scoil an Duinninigh and Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords, with professional theatre makers Sean and Niall McDonagh.

The Rewrite Music Programme supported by Creative Fingal

The Rewrite Music Programme supported young music artists (aged 18 - 25 years old) to develop their own music practice with input from industry professionals. An open call for young music artists was made by Rewrite from which 10 participants were shortlisted. Participants took part in a two-hour song writing session with musician, Colm Quearney. The next step in the programme was music recording sessions taking place over two days, with sound engineer Wes of Station Studios Balbriggan. This was followed by music video sessions, taking place over two days, with visual artist and filmmaker John Conway. Participants then took part in a rehearsal for the launch party in the Irish Institute of Music and Song, Balbriggan. The finished piece of work was showcased at a listening party/music launch in the Irish Institute of Music and Song, Balbriggan. This project was curated by Melatu Uche Okorie for Rewrite Arts.

Don't Despair, Repair!

Join us at Fingal Makerspace for our Repair Café, where you can breathe new life into your broken household items! Our passionate team of skilled volunteers will be on hand to help you fix everything from electronics and appliances to furniture and clothing, all while sharing valuable repair skills and promoting a sustainable lifestyle.

At our Repair Café , you can:

- Learn essential repair techniques from our expert makers and volunteers

- Discover the joy of fixing things and reducing waste in a collaborative, community-focused environment

- Connect with like-minded individuals who are passionate about sustainability and the maker movement

So grab your broken treasures and join us for a day of mending, learning, and connection at Fingal Makerspace Repair Café. Together, we can build a more sustainable future and celebrate the power of repair!



Viewpoints Exhibition on view at Blanchardstown Library

Fingal Libraries is delighted to host the Viewpoints exhibition at Blanchardstown Library until Friday 9th June. Viewpoints is a touring art exhibition, available through The Glucksman's Art Library, an innovative approach to sharing art and knowledge driven by the principles of creativity, inclusion and participation. Members of the public are invited to view the art exhibition as it tours Fingal Libraries. The touring exhibition will culminate with a day of fun and creativity on Saturday, 10th June at Cruinniú na nÓg when the exhibition moves to Millennium Park.

Summer 2023 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries

The unveiling of the Summer events programme for Fingal Libraries will be available shortly at your nearest library. Through its event programming, Fingal Libraries aims to meet a diverse spectrum of people's needs in the areas of information, learning, culture, literacy, life skills, enterprise and leisure activities. The Summer 2023 programme will include an exciting range of tailored events with a number of family and library led events planned to celebrate the Summer Stars national reading programme. There will be author visits from popular children's authors Aoife Dooley, Shane Hegarty and Freddie Alexander, a series of Dungeons and Dragons beginner workshops from the Fingal Community Gaming initiative, poetry and rapping workshops, a number of adult events for Heritage week which will be celebrated in August and much more. Look out for our brochure which will be released shortly across branches and on https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries.



My Little Library Bag 2023

The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative for 4 to 5 year olds starting school is returning this year to Fingal Libraries due to popular demand. The 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative is a collaboration between Libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy. The gifting of the book bags to children and their families is designed to help children navigate starting school and encourage families to join their local library. Each bag contains a number of free books, and the bags are available in English and Irish. Fingal Libraries can't wait to welcome all the 4 and 5 year old children in to collect their book bags and begin their library membership journey. The bags will be ready for collection from Tuesday 6th June.



Fingal Older Person Conference

Fingal Libraries was invited to attend the annual conference of the Fingal Older People's Council on Thursday, 25th May 2023. The theme of the Conference was 'Ageing Well in Fingal' and up to 150 people were in attendance. Opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony, the conference consisted of a number of speakers and included an interactive panel discussion. Fingal Libraries provided information during the event on the wide range of free services on offer from libraries. Our stand proved very popular and we received lots of queries about our services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2023, held in partnership with DCU, is taking place on 3rd October and will be a one-day event at The Helix, DCU. Registration is available online and notices have been sent to all secondary schools in Fingal. The target audience is TY students and over 1,700 students are already registered to attend.





The Fingal Skills Strategy Team attended the kick off meeting in Brussels on 16th & 17th May for 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 kick-off meeting focused on baseline and SWOT analysis of policy instruments in each country and on project management requirements. The Fingal team presented their policy instrument – Fingal Skills Strategy. The next meeting of the SKYLA Project partners is scheduled to be held in Fingal in November 2023 and planning for the city visit is underway



The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met in Newbridge House on the 24th May 2023 and reviewed progress on sectoral sub-groups and discussed plans for the Interreg Skyla Project, a review of the Strategy and plans for the Student Skills Expo in the Helix in October.





The EU50 event took place in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan to mark the 50 year anniversary of Ireland joining the European Union. The event was supported by the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs as part of a programme of events involving local communities, industry, academia, cultural institutions and civil society celebrating Ireland's membership in the European Union. Teams from schools in Balbriggan presented to a judging panel of local Elected Members on the subject of "The positive impacts of 50 years of EU membership for Ireland and what should the EU be focusing on for the future". There was great participation from the students and teachers from:

• Coláiste Ghlór na Mara

• Ardgillan Community College

• Balbriggan Community College

• Loreto Secondary School

Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Howard Mahony presented the awards, with the students from Coláiste Ghlór na Mara taking first prize following the deliberations of the Judging Panel which was comprised of Cllr. Tony Murphy, Cllr. Grainne Maguire, Cllr. Tom O'Leary & Cllr. Karen Power.

The Council's application to Urbact for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development has been successful. 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 project will kick-off 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 second Green IT Your Work meeting took place in Alicante on 10th & 11th May. Representatives were present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland who are continuing work on the objectives of Green IT Your Work.

The trip involved a visit to the Hogar Provincial composting centre which manages and maintains a community composting bio-waste pilot plant. A social centre managed by the Diputación de Alicante. The group also visited Casa Tápena (Onil) to learn about projects around environmental education and the use of the natural environment as a resource.

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 with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects. Leaders from Foroige Balbriggan attended the Hungarian event from May 18th -21st

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL

The Council has collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects:

1. DIFFER is a proposal for a Feasibility Study of District Heating in Fingal & an investigation of the feasibility of district heating from data centres in Fingal to supply Dublin Airport which has been submitted to the SEAI

2. ATLAS is a proposal to consider AI real-time connect on-demand mobility as a service which has been submitted to SFI for the Sustainable Communities Challenge.

The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is now commencing on an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal.

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 to date workshops have been held with 4 of the DBEC partners with further workshops scheduled. Engagement continues with the SME sector and is scheduled with the Chambers to inform the feasibility study. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will be complete in Q3 2023.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The last meeting of the Fingal LCDC was held in April 2023.

FINGAL LOCAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 – 2027

Following a procurement process consultants are being appointed 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. Consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders is planned to commence in June 2023.

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 was 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 has been completed and Minister Joe O'Brien TD announced the successful Fingal applicants for the 2022 Community Support Fund grant at an event in Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre on 19th May 2023.

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 submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15th March 2023.

Fingal County Council has welcomed the allocation of €1,748,912 under the Community Recognition Fund for 26 projects across Fingal.

There is an allocation of €850,512 for eight projects in Swords and €435,000 has been provided for four projects in Dublin 15. Three projects in the Howth Malahide Local Electoral Area have received a total of €92,000 while €96,600 will be spent on four projects in Skerries, Rush and Lusk. Three projects in Balbriggan will be funded by grants amounting to €44,000 while two projects in Baleskin will receive a total of €30,200 and one in Santry will receive €20,000.

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. Procurement for SICAP for the programme period 2024-2028 is anticipated to commence in Q3 2023 and the Department of Rural & Community Development has issued a Prior Information Notice on etenders in this regard.

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 has moved to Stage 2 and drafting of the new Leader Development Strategy is in progress for submission by the 14th July 2023. A series of public consultation workshops with stakeholders have been held across the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG area in May to inform the new Leader Development Strategy.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan to Ardgillan to interact with other service users and avail of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The occupational therapists are very happy with the impact on patients and the walks will continue until June 16th with the hope patients will continue to benefit both physically and mentally from the intervention.

Stroke Survivors Classes

Healthy Fingal in partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation and the Sports Office are supporting a stroke survivors' class in Dublin 15. The class, which started in May, will occur monthly (until December 2023) and is focused on older adults who have had cardiac issues in the past. The collaboration will see the addition of some low intensity exercise through the provision of a fitness instructor and used as an opportunity to provide participants with information and supports on quitting smoking and/or reducing their alcohol intake. The programme is open to anyone who has had cardiac issues, and anyone interested in attending can contact Katie ksoden@irishheart.ie for more details



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.







On the 29th May the Mayor Cllr. Howard Mahony and Minister Darragh O'Brien attended Drinan Enterprise Centre in Swords to launch the new creative media studio 'The Studio Drinan' and their remote working hubs and the 'Workwise at Drinan' brand. The Studio Drinan provides technical equipment to enable new enterprises, existing businesses, students and community groups to use the power of social media through podcasts, YouTube videos and other platforms. The facility was developed with funding from the Department of Rural & Community Development under the Connected Hubs Programme. The funding also provided for solar panels and e-vehicle charging at Drinan, addressing environmental challenges around energy independence.

The new facilities are open now and further information on the facilities is available at www.drinanenterprisecentre.ie.



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 Safe Balbriggan Pillar, Education Skills and Training Pillar and Local Economic Pillar Groups met in May. The Balbriggan Leadership Group, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. The Leadership group will receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at the next Leadership meeting scheduled for June.



The Quay Street & Environs scheme is in final detailed design phase with works anticipated to commence Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025, Tender documents to appoint a contractor are being prepared prior to being issued to E-tenders in July 2023. The Suitability Assessment Questionnaire is currently on e-tenders. Irish Water are due on-site in Quay Street on the 1st September. Car park 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. Planning documentation was presented to the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B - Strategic and General Matters) Area Committee in May prior to submitting to full council. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub. 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.



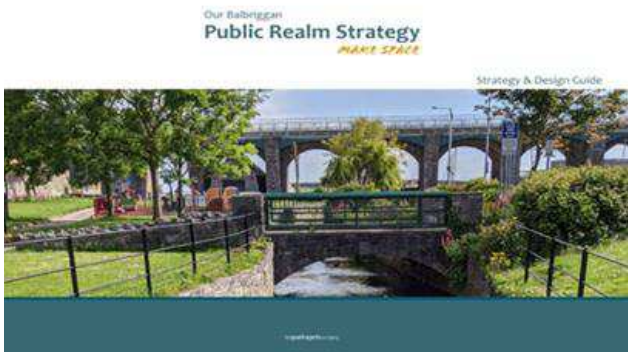


A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are nearing completion with both expected to be published shortly further to final internal review.

A Balbriggan Shopfront Scheme was launched in early May with over 20 applications received.

Successful applicants will be approved and informed in early June.





Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering are delivering a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour, as part of a wider package of improvements. Work is progressing on the provision of new lights and shoreside services on the West Pier. The Harbour upgrade works are scheduled to be completed end of June 2023.



The Dublin Fleadh took place in Balbriggan in May, hosted by North Fingal Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Eireann – Craobh Na Mara celebrated traditional Irish music, song and dance, with a week-long series of events cumulating in over 500 musicians competing in a competition.





The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 5.1k followers on Facebook.

TOWN CENTRE FIRST – LUSK

A structure, membership and Terms of Reference 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 second meeting of new Town Team was held on the 29th in Lusk Cultural Centre.

TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEMES

The Regeneration Office continues to oversee the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council has been approved for €100,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and 30 properties in the centre of Rush have approved for funding. Works will continue over the summer period and a number of premises have now been completed in the town.





A new Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme are currently being sought from properties in Donabate Town Centre. €36,000 in funding has also been approved from the Department of Rural and Community Development for this Scheme under the last Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022.

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. An Application to the Department was made under this scheme for St. Margarets.

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 May 2023 are as follows:

NATIONAL ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2023



Fingal achieved success at the National Enterprise Awards ceremony on 1st June, with finalist company Cream of the Crop scooping the "Sustainability Award". The Dublin 15 based business is a food-tech enterprise battling food waste by upcycling and using surplus ingredients to produce natural, delicious and healthy artisanal gelatos, sorbets and snacks.

FINGAL BUSINESS NETWORK LEARNS ABOUT CHATGPT

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal Business Network



Fingal business owners and entrepreneurs turned out en-masse on Friday 12th May to hear all about ChatGPT and how to leverage it for their business.

The interactive session was attended by over 90 business owners who participated in a learning and discussion session about the benefits of using ChatGPT for business. The session also discussed the concerns and pitfalls of AI and generated much discussion among participants which carried on well into lunchtime with people staying to chat and connect over a light lunch at the Riasc Centre. The next Fingal Business Network event will be in September 2023.

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING

30 people attended the May Fingal Business Briefing (FBB), bringing to 113 the total participants at 3 briefings year to date. The Fingal Business Briefing is a monthly event where owner/managers of Fingal-based small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs learn how they can access a vast array of services from the LEO and other state agencies. The next Briefing is scheduled for Friday 9th June 2023.

FINGAL STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME







Students from Castleknock College and Coolmine Community School represented Fingal at the National final of the Student Enterprise Programme in Croke Park on 5th May. Castleknock College scooped the Best Commercial Potential prize in Junior Category with their business "Dr. Ink", which designs and produces custom phone cases, with awards presented by Minister of State, Neal Richmond TD.

Meanwhile, the TY winners from Coolmine's business "Aura" attended an international enterprising exchange event as part of their senior category prize, presenting their project to counterparts in an EU-funded project in Barcelona. Over 1,200 students from 27 Fingal School's took part in the 2022/23 programme and plans are underway for the forthcoming year to commence in September.





MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



The inaugural LEO Fingal Leadership for Growth programme is continuing with circa 20 businesses from both Fingal and Dublin City. A second programme is planned for September 2023. This is a hybrid programme (in-person and online) and enables ambitious owner/managers to develop their management capabilities as well as providing a networking platform. Another programme will start in September 2023.

ENERGY EFFICIENT GRANT SCHEME

A new Energy Efficient Grant Scheme launched on 26th May, to be rolled out through the Local Enterprise Offices. The scheme will enable small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient. The grant will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum amount of €5,000. The scheme aims to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive.

FINGAL ENTERPRISING WOMEN NETWORK

Local Enterprise Office | Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) is continuing to welcome new members throughout 2023. Members have been contacted with a "Save the Date" to join Fingal Enterprising Women Network this Summer for a Networking Event on the 21st of June from 5pm – 6pm followed by a barbeque in Malahide Rugby Club. Further details on this event to follow.

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, a total of 28 applications have been approved in the amount of €59,844. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on Friday 7th July (online).

BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS AND MENTORING

Business Advice Clinics and mentoring services continue to be offered in-person and online. To date the Business Advice clinic has offered advice and support to 398 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 119 clients receiving one-to-one mentoring YTD. LEO Fingal has a panel of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. The panel of Mentors meet up on a regular basis facilitated by LEO Fingal. The next Mentor meeting will take place on 30th June where we are introducing "Mentor Information Sharing" sessions, where mentors will have an opportunity to learn from each other.

MICROFINANCE IRELAND LOANS

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with 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). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted five MFI loan applications YTD. LEO Fingal is currently organising an MFI Information Session in June 2023.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

The LEO Fingal team are busy planning the Q3 & Q4 Training schedule and adding new classes and programmes to the curriculum. The programme will be launched from end of June with the first courses available to book from early July. There have been 5 Start Your Own Business courses YTD with 57 attendees. The SYOB Bootcamp had 84 attendees during Local Enterprise Week with a further 113 Ukrainian nationals attending the U-Start programme in February. In Social Media and Digital Marketing, there have been 2 programmes run YTD, with 32 attendees.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MICROEXPORTERS

The Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters (TAME) grant enables clients to explore and develop new market opportunities. The TAME grant part-funds the costs that can be incurred investigating and researching export markets, e.g. exhibiting at Trade Fairs, preparing marketing material and developing websites specifically targeting overseas markets. There have been 4 TAME Grants approved YTD with a value of €2,500 each.

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.

DIGITAL START

The Digital Start Programme provides support to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services for eligible businesses. Digital consultants help to develop a unique digital strategy that transforms businesses by identifying they are on their digital business journey, developing a digital adaptation plan based on identified need and assisting to implement a digital plan. There have been 8 approvals in 2023 YTD.

FINGAL BUSINESS EXPO



Fingal Business Expo 2023 took place this year on the 31st of May in the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport. With over 40 exhibitors and hundreds of attendees, this was an opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services, generate leads, and make valuable connections.

The Business Expo featured a diverse audience of entrepreneurs, business owners, and professionals from a variety of industries with

keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and facilitated networking.

EVALUATIONS AND APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 1 June and approved €111,850 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €355,250 has been approved across nineteen applications by Fingal Businesses. A further 2 Agile Innovation grants to the value of €101,000 have also been approved in 2023. The next EVAC meeting is Wednesday 28th June.

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Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Floral Display Contract**

Summer Floral Displays Countywide

As part of the annual Floral Display Contract the Summer Displays are currently being installed countywide. For the 2023 summer displays each planter contains 40% pollinator plant content along with the usual fillers to achieve the required five-month display. For summer 2023 the grower has trialled some new experimental mixes with an aim to increase the pollinator percentage year on year.



- **Works at Ward River Valley Park**

Upgrade to existing Dog Off Leash Area

As part of the ongoing improvements being implemented in the Ward River Valley Park, the existing Dog Off Leash Area is being refurbished to include for improved boundary and entrance/exits areas, addition of new perimeter pathways, seating, signage and bins.



- **Balbriggan Beach**

Replacement Steps

Replacement Steps have been installed at the Kiosk building at Balbriggan Beachfront



➢ Newbridge Demesne

New Path Entrance

Works have commenced with the installation of a new pedestrian pathway along the Hearse Rd which will provide a pedestrian link from opposite Semple Woods into Newbridge Demesne using an existing locked pedestrian entrance.





Veteran Tree Protection

Natural chestnut fencing has been installed around the base of some of the Veteran trees in Newbridge Demesne. These trees are at end-of-life stage and are important to retain for as long as possible as they provide valuable habitats for a variety of insects and other wildlife.



➢ Sports Pitch Improvement Works

Millers Glen and Ridgewood

Sports Pitch surface improvement and drainage works currently ongoing on all Fingal managed sports pitches. Extensive surface improvements being carried out on some newly taken in charge sports pitches to ensure they are playable and available to allocate to clubs as soon as possible.





➢ Ardgillan Demesne

Wildflower Meadows

The numerous wildflower meadows in Ardgillan Demesne are reaching their peak appearance.



Brackenstown Road Works







Brackenstown Road Subsidence works. Gabion baskets being filled for road re- enforcement

Brackenstown Road Works
Footpath Works





Footpath works by Operations crews, Swords Oakland







3 Full bays replaced by Construction crew in Dun Emer Drive Lusk as part of Depot Works.





New Section of footpath outside 1-6 Flemington Park





New sections of footpath at Tara Court Balbriggan, part of the POW2023





New Planter boxes installed at junction of Main Street Balbriggan with Railway Street to prevent delivery vehicles parking on footpath.





Night works to carry out re-surfacing of Barnageeragh Road



Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works

Work is progressing on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. The work continues very well throughout all the work areas of roads & footpaths, traffic management and parks & open spaces. The overlay of Balscadden Rd Howth was carried out in May 2023.

- **Footpath Works**



Depot Works: Roads crew replacing tree damaged footpaths at Glencarraig, Offington





Portmarnock Walk – Roads Crew replaced 150 sq. metres of defective footpaths.







Balscadden Road Inlay now completed and line marked







Harbour Road footpaths completed.

➢ Other Footpath Works





Howth Malahide Operations designed and widened footpath the full length of Balscadden Road Howth. The crew poured approx. 250m length of concrete paths.

Malahide Demesne Update





Floral displays on Hogans Avenue looking great and stirring plenty of interest.

➢ New Signage in Malahide



Upgraded signage to for all main entrances. this new format is used within all the parks in Fingal to create continuity and familiarity.

➢ New water connections

Before



After



Two new fire hydrants and water connection at Malahide

- **Events**



Pieta House, Darkness into Light, 6th May in Malahide Demesne.

- **Talbot Botanic Gardens**



Caterpillar feeding on Strobilanthes in Butterfly House, Talbot Botanic Gardens



Repainted walls in Butterfly House following upgrade of heating system



Twin Dragon carving amongst the flowers in Asiatic Garden in Talbot Botanic Gardens.



Primulas in full flower in the Asiatic Garden, Talbot Botanic Gardens



Japanese garden with new Pagoda, Talbot Botanic Gardens



A beautiful drift of purple alliums at Malahide Demesne



Climbing Rose “Lady Hillington” at Malahide Demesne



Planting of new Melaleuca collection in Australian Garden, Talbot Botanical Gardens. This unique collection includes varieties never planted before in Ireland.



Arrival of Summer bedding plants for planting in Malahide Demesne and Open Spaces

- **Malahide Demesne Commemorative Oak Tree Grove Ceremony**

On 11th May 2023 Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard Mahony along with the Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly, Councillor Anthony Lavin and Howth Malahide Operations Department together with the applicants celebrated the planting of fifty commemorative trees in Malahide Demesne.



Burial Grounds Works



Flood relief cleaning and jetting the surface mains at St. Fintan’s burial grounds after the major down pours.







Staff addressing the marestail weed at our burial grounds Fingal/Balgriffin/St. Fintan's





Ongoing works and progress at our new columbarium walls.

Parks & Open Spaces



Photo of Wheelchair Users and their Helpers enjoying a coffee using the new Wheelchair Friendly table and ramp in Baldoyle Community Hall, organised by Howth Malahide staff





Bedding works

Cleansing



Our cleansing steam cleaning bins in Howth Malahide





All Solar Compactor Bins have been serviced and new vinal wraps have been applied ahead of the busy summer season.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area





Mayor Howard Mahony cutting the ribbon at the Millennium Park on 3rd May 2023. The Operations Department recently installed two new swings and a slide for children with disabilities in Millennium Park





Fortlawn Community Centre improvement works are now complete







The green open spaces in Hollywoodrath that have been cut by our operations team and high grass collected.



Hedgerow trimming at the entrance to Hollywoodwrath







Railings and kissing gates trimmed of weeds along Coolmine Wood opposite Coolmine fire station



Trimming works carried out by our operations team at Willowood Park







Branch trimming at IT Blanchardstown all branches woodchipped and area was left clean and safe for pedestrians.



New roadway laid leading from existing roadway in St Catherine's Park opposite new carpark







Before and after photos of road widening and new footpath in Shackelton's leading to gardens area Improvement works to widen at the bend in road for vehicles, also a new stone wall and railings on right hand side of road with designated footpath and bollards for pedestrian walkway



Lime tree removal following collision with a vehicle on Melville Road (Lanesborough)







Ongoing programme of works been carried out at Beechwood Downs and Barberstown Lane

Car Parking Services

April 2023

There was a total of 1280 parking tickets issued during April 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

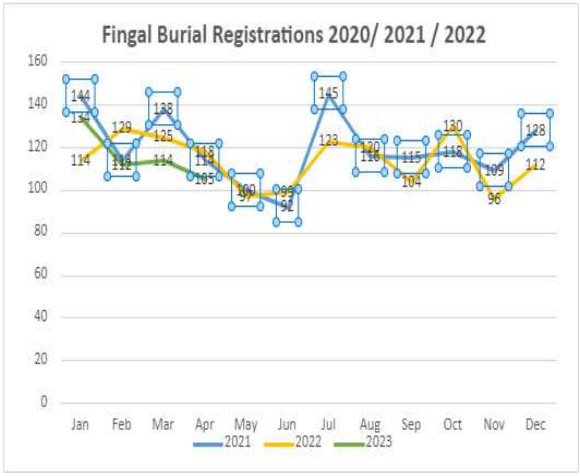
Breakdown of Parking Offences	Total	Percentage
Footpath/Grass Margin/Median Strip	139	10.86%
Prohibited Place (Loading bay/SYL/DYL)	239	18.67%
P&D/Permit Parking Area	805	62.89%
Disabled Parking Bay	17	1.33%
Other (Bus stop, Bus Lane, Cycle Track, School Entrance, Traffic signals and Clearway)	80	6.25%
Total	**1280**	**100%**

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations April 2023
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	84
North Street - Swords	80
Main Street - Swords	70
South Strand Skerries	63
The Green - Malahide	55
Strand Street - Skerries	52
Coast Road - Malahide	50
Church Road - Malahide	50
Harbour Road - Skerries	47
The Mall - Malahide	43

Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 105 Interments in April 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

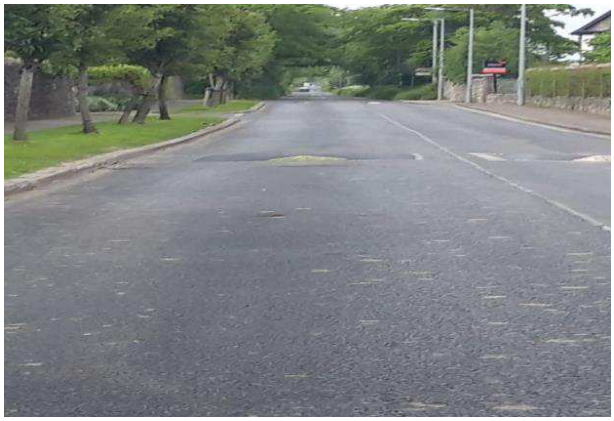
Countywide Traffic Signals Tender

The Traffic Section has issued the 2023 Traffic Signal's contract for tender. Tender submissions are due back mid-June. It is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in July and works will commence countywide in August 2023.

Countywide Traffic Calming Tender

The Traffic Section will be issuing a request for tender for the 2023 Traffic Calming Ramps contract in early June. Following the tender review of submissions, a contractor will be selected. Works are expected to commence countywide in August 2023.

Completed Traffic Works Castleknock Mulhuddart



Newly reinstated speed cushions in Hollystown installed in May 2023



Double yellow lines refreshed on the R135 outside Circle K

Completed Traffic Works Howth Malahide

Below: Additional Markings for the Cycleway/Pedestrian way adjacent to the Dublin Road



Below Replacement of four traffic damaged timber planters on the Malahide Road with metal bollards. The picture below also shows new double yellow lines extending from Old Yellow Walls Road junction as far as end of Bollards/Planters to reinforce the no park zone



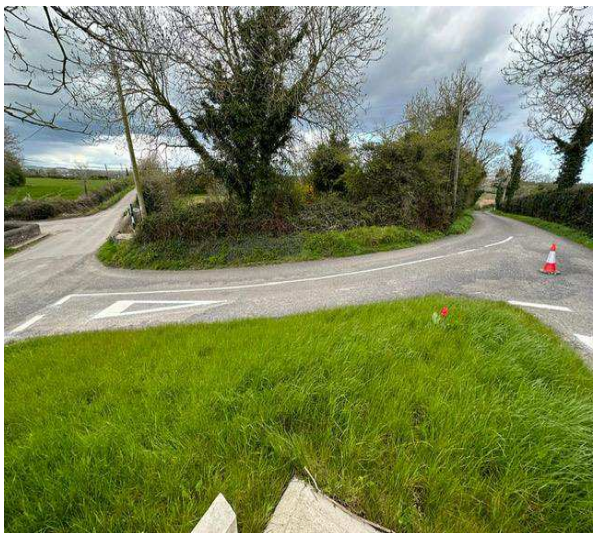


Below: Additional Double Yellow lines at junction of Portmarnock Crescent and Wendell Avenue



Completed Traffic Works Balbriggan Swords





Curragh East, Hollywood- Junction Lining Improvement Works





Ballymadun- New lining to improve road safety on the approach of the bend. New warning signage installation in progress.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

83 hires were put in place from 01/05/2023–29/05/2023, engaging 20 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 98% of all lights switched to LEDS.

70% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed county wide.





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. 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.

Beaches and Lifeguard Service

Blue and Green Flag Awards 2023



Minister Daragh O' Brien, Mayor of Fingal Howard Mahony and other attendees at the Blue and Green Flag Awards

The best-quality beaches along the Fingal coastline were announced by An Taisce at this year's National Blue Flag and Green Coast Awards held on 19th May.

Balcarrick Beach in Donabate, where the 2023 flag ceremony took place, has a 3.4km stretch of sand for beachgoers to enjoy along with great rockpools and a healthy bank of sand dunes to explore. This is the second year that the beach has been awarded both a Blue Flag and a Green Coast Flag, making it one of only eight locations in Ireland to get a double nod from An Taisce.

Across Fingal, there were three Blue Flags and one Green Coast Flags retained, with Velvet Strand in Portmarnock and South Beach in Rush being honoured alongside Balcarrick. They are among 94 blue flags and 65 green coast awards sites around Ireland that have met the most stringent criteria.

Preparations for Summer Season

Operations staff have been carrying out preparatory works for the commencement of the 2023 Bathing Season. Additional bins have already been deployed to all beaches to deal with the increased numbers of visitors expected. New Bin cages were also installed in Howth Malahide Beaches in preparation for the summer season. Additional cleansing crews will be operational from 5.30am on all beaches on Sunday and Monday mornings to undertake beach clean-ups prior to the arrival of the next day's visitors.

Lifeguard Huts were refurbished and have been deployed to all of the designated beaches. have A new lifeguard hut with observation tower has been installed at Burrow Beach in Sutton.



Arrival of our new lifeguard unit for deployment to Burrow Beach, Howth for our summer season.

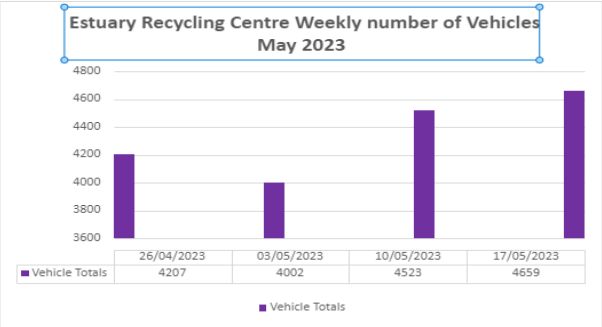
Lifeguard Service 2023

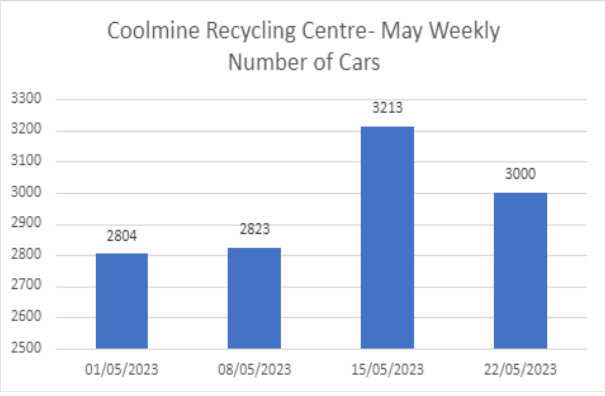
Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season an increase of 5 on last year. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, for which we received 40 applications this year, the Council have secured just 27 lifeguards for the season ahead. Last year we were successful in employing 35. The availability of qualified and interested candidates has gradually reduced over the past number of years.

Of the 27 employed, there is a further reduction in availability during the month of June due to State Exams, completion of college work placements etc. To provide a 7 Day service on all beaches during July and August, we require a minimum of 35 lifeguards. The reduced number of 27 lifeguards this year will see us having to close some Life Guard Stations at some of the designated bathing water beaches in order to provide a full service at the busier and more challenging locations.

The Council will publish on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms, notice of manned lifeguard stations, weekly in advance.

Recycling Centre's Update



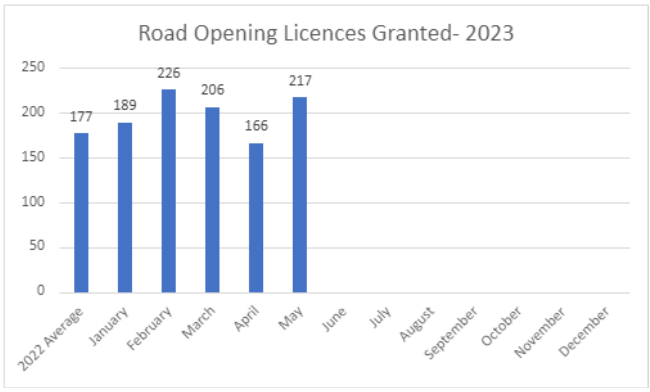


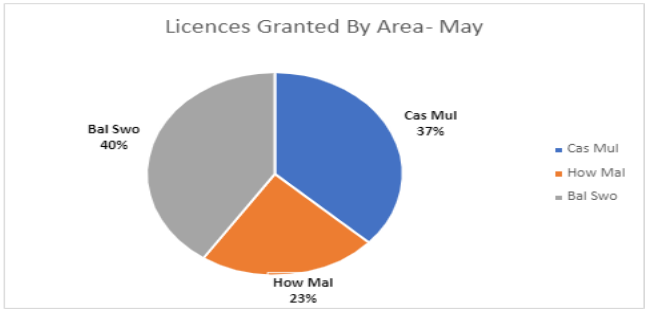
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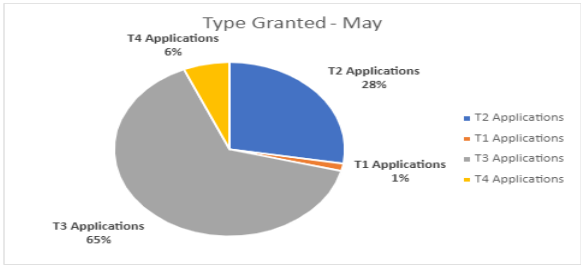
- Road Opening Licences

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

217 Licences were granted in the month of **May**, **71%** 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 advertised any available casual trading pitches in both February & April many of which have been taken up with a record number of Traders in 2023.
Any remaining available pitches can be found on the Fingal County Council website and applications will be taken on a case-by-case basis.

- **Street Furniture**

Street Furniture renewals are now up to date for 2023 & inspections continue to be carried out and will intensify throughout the summer months.
We will be issuing refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023. When preparing the budget for 2023 provision was made for income of €17,050.00 to date €23,625.00 has been received from Street Furniture Licences. This income will not now be realised and the consequential reduction in income and expenditure will be reflected in the Revised Budget for 2024.



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. A review is being taken of other projects on the programme.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

Topographical and Manhole Surveys are underway and will be followed by CCTV and Flow Monitoring Survey for the above scheme. The information from these surveys will inform the condition parameters of the existing sewer and will allow for a preliminary design to be developed. It is expected that the surveys will be complete by mid-June.

- **Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk:**

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are now complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network have been replaced in the Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk estates. The works will improve the overall drainage efficiency of Wendell Avenue and increase the half-life of the road surface. Final road reinstatement works are planned for Q3 2023.





- **Burrow Beach**

The status of this project is being reviewed with a view to progressing the execution of the work by Direct Labour. A likely start time is March 2024.



- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

An in-house Design has been drafted and is currently being evaluated with a view to being progressed to the next phase. Scantech Geoscience Ltd have been awarded the contract to conduct a GPR and pavement thickness survey. Survey works will begin on the 07/05/2023. Once complete a project timeline planning exercise can take place and a commencement date can be planned. This project 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.

- **Ongar Development StormWater Remedial Works**

Remediation works have commenced on the drainage network in Ongar following its Taking in charge. The works, are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers and have a duration of five months.

- **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 Q3 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.
A new galvanised outfall guardrail was installed at Greenfield Road in Sutton to replace an old asset and improve public safety.



As a result of a connection request for future development additional CCTV surveys are being carried out on the Ballycoolin Rd in D15. The network will be mapped, jetted and a condition survey report will be commissioned. To date a number of localised restrictions have been found and these will be removed. These surveys will determine the feasibility and capacity of this line to take the proposed increased volumes.
A precast headwall has been ordered for White's Road in Castleknock. This will be installed at an entry point to a local ditch.
An investigation is underway to determine the source of oil contamination of the Storm Water network at the Estuary in Swords. Fingal Environment section received complaints of oil in the inner Estuary. Water Services have since placed oil booms and soak mats. A Contractor is being procured to Map and CCTV the network to identify the source.
Works are ongoing on a Storm Water private drain under public restriction in Hamilton Avenue in Balbriggan. A new section of pipe will be laid to repair the collapsed section of pipe.
Assistance is being given by the Storm water Unit to *Baldoyle Tidy Towns* who have secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the Seagrange Park stream, Baldoyle.



Storm Water Connections:
Currently there is 1 connection application in progress with FCC as of the 26th May 2023. 5 new connection applications have been processed to date in 2023

Water Services
Update on the Framework for future of Water Services

A new framework for the future of water services was announced by the Minister on 24th June 2022.

- Master Co-Operation Agreement

The Úisce Éireann/Fingal County Council Master Co-operation agreement was signed by the Council on the 5th May, 2023. This Agreement replaces the existing Service Level Agreement.

- Effective Date

The Council are now awaiting an Effective Date. On that date UE will assume full responsibility for the delivery of all public water services. Fingal County Council is scheduled within the first tranche of local authorities to transfer and l is working with UÉ in preparation for the Effective Date.

- Industrial Relations

Notice Letter from the Unions was received by all local authorities on 15th May with regards to the withdrawal of labour by its members and the placing of pickets for 48 hrs from 0:00hrs on Wednesday 7th June until 24:00 hrs on Thursday 8th June. Industrial Action for 7th June was called off with all aspects of the Irish Water Framework to be honoured.

Water and Drainage Connections:
There are 16 applications in progress with FCC as of from 26/5/23 which consists of 4 Water Connection and 12 Drainage connections. FCC returned 20 applications to Uisce Eireann so far in May as per Maximo/d365.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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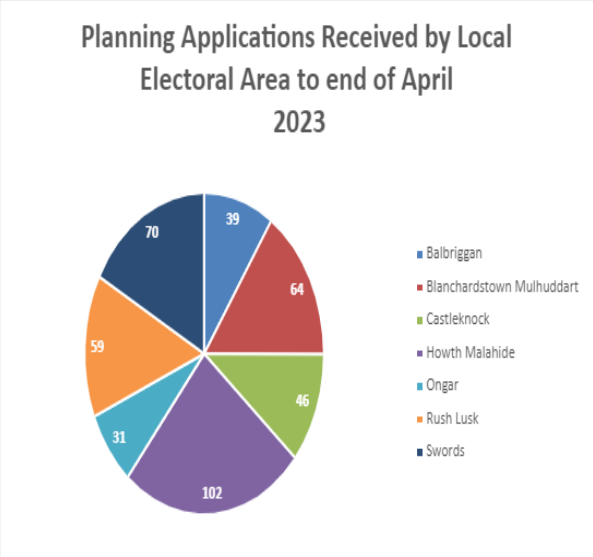
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Planning Applications

There have been 411 planning applications received to the end of April 2023. 61 of these applications were invalid leaving a total of 350 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From January 1st, 2023, to April 30th, 2023, two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From January 2023 to April 2023 four decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these four decisions all have been to grant Permission (1,416 Units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 11 decisions on SHD applications in the period from January 2023 to the end of April 2023. Two decisions have been made to grant (365 units) in April and no decisions have been made to refuse in April. 10 SHD's (7,406 units) remain with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 395 planning decisions have been made to the end of April 2023. There have been 330 decisions to grant permission (84%) and 65 refusals of permission (16%). There have been 26 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 177 grants of permission for domestic extensions, 38 commercial/retail grants of permission and 23 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 12 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 3 relates to 20 – 50 units, 4 relate to 50 -100 units and 4 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

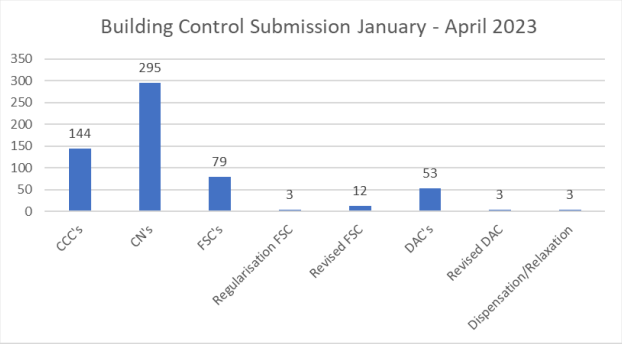
Building Control Admin

Year to date January to April, there were 592 building control submissions made via BCMS.

During this period, this was made up of 295 Commencement notices, 144 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 94 Fire Safety related Certificates and 59 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.

During this cycle (January-April) the Building Control Admin team processed 460 decisions relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 118 decisions to grant and 342 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Fingal Development Plan was adopted on 22nd February 2023. The new Plan will come into effect on 5th April 2023.

The adoption of the Plan marks the end of the 99 week process which included three rounds of public consultation, numerous webinars, meetings and over 2,600 submissions.

The Development Plan sets out the framework to guide future development within Fingal with the focus placed on the places we live, the places we work, and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. The aim is to progress to a more sustainable development pattern for Fingal County Council in the immediate and long-term future.



The Fingal Development Plan is subject to draft Ministerial Directions at present. Fingal County Council received notification from the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning of his intention to issue a Direction pursuant to Section 31 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). This draft Direction was on public display for two weeks, between 18th April and 2nd May. 172 submissions have been received. In accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Act (as amended), a Chief Executive's Report on submissions received has been prepared and circulated to the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR), the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly and Elected Members.

The OPR will now consider the Minister's draft Direction, the Chief Executive's report and any submissions received directly from elected members. The OPR can make a recommendation to the Minister to issue a Direction with or without minor amendments. And/or the OPR can appoint an inspector where there is a material amendment proposed to the Minister's draft Direction or further investigation is deemed necessary.

The OPR's recommendation to the Minister will be made within 3 weeks of the Chief Executive's Report.

Separately, the Council is aware of judicial review proceedings as follows: Daa v FCC, Reynolds and McDonough v FCC.

Sustainable Swords

The Sustainable Swords Strategy was agreed by the Members at the December meeting. this follows extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. The Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords. The agreed Strategy and all other supporting documents can be found here:
www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



In May, the Sustainable Swords project was entered into the IPI awards on Friday in 4 categories.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Government's 'Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland 'proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to Increasing New Housing Supply.

The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies is now underway and the tax will be payable from 2024.
The objective of the tax is to activate land that is serviced and zoned for residential use or mixed use, including residential use, in order to increase housing supply and to ensure regeneration of vacant and idle lands in urban locations. These locations have been identified within statutory land use plans as being appropriate locations for housing and they have benefitted from investment in the key services to support the delivery of housing.

Fingal County Council has prepared a draft map of the land considered to be in scope for the RZLT as of October 1, 2022.

The draft map is available to view:
https://fingalcoco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5871c1ac8daa40e081292b978e1ee83a.

121 Submissions have been received and reports issued to the applicants. A further 80 appeal submission were received and have been processed.

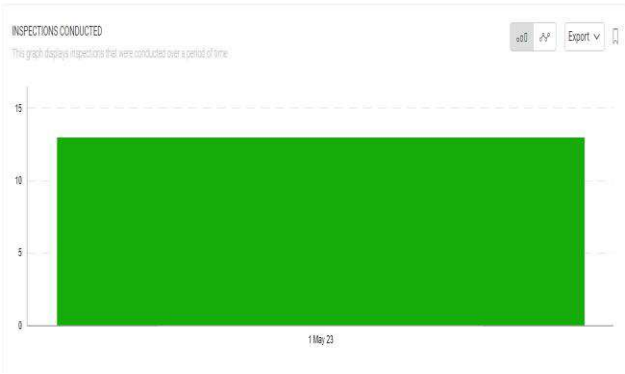
In Fingal a supplemental map has not been published as there was no additional land identified.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 30/05/2023

Building Control

- There were 13 Building control site inspections in May 2023 with 42 separate buildings being inspected.



- There was 1 enforcement notice issued in May relating to non-compliance with the Building Regulations. There was also a warning letter issued with regards to non-compliance with the Building Control Regulations. There were 2 formal Section 11 requests for further information issued following site visits, and responses from other section 11 requests were dealt with and closed out.

- There were 3 developments namely Miller Glen phase 4, Silverbanks, Baldoyle and Balgriffin Grove in Malahide Taken in Charge in the May 2023 Council Meeting. We have Ballygossan Park Phase 1 in Skerries and the "Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown" advertised for the June 2023 meeting. We also advertised Rahillion Phase 2 and Knightsgate Avenue for taking in charge later in the year.

- The Ongar Remediation works contract is underway and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in the Blackwood estate. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council.

Pictures



Checking foundation in a housing development in Balbriggan



Preparing the floor slab in a housing development in Carpenterstown.

Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Transportation Planning

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Following a number of months of careful design development and liaison by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team with the project consultants and with Irish Rail, the technical approval documentation for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate has been approved by Irish Rail and submitted to the Commission for Railway Regulation for final review and approval. The new bridge will facilitate a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route and will enhance connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Heads of terms have been agreed and necessary licence agreements are being finalised with the owners of adjacent lands to facilitate access to and construction of the bridge. Procurement for a main contractor for the

works has already commenced with a view to allowing construction to commence immediately the final approval from the Commission for Railway Regulation has been received.

PSI-042 Donabate Transportation Projects

A multi-disciplinary engineering consultant is currently being appointed to assist the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure project team to work on the initial phases of this project. The preferred tenderer has been identified and letters of intent are currently being issued. The initial commission under this framework will include concept feasibility, option assessment and initial design work for various transportation projects in Donabate including:

- M1-Lissenhall Interchange traffic study in collaboration with TII
- Provision of a new high quality link for all road users from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange to the western extent of the existing Donabate Distributor Road (DDR Phase 2)
- Blakes Cross Junction
- High quality walking and cycling infrastructure in and around Donabate Town Centre
- Coastal walking and cycling routes including the cliff walk.
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Subsequent phases of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate. Once the consultant is appointed, a more detailed briefing will be organised for the local area members.

PSI-034 Church Fields Link Road

The official opening of phase 1 of the Church Fields Link Road and ribbon cutting on a brand-new Safe Routes to School for Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School were celebrated on 29th May by Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony and local councillors, government Ministers and elected representatives. The new link road which includes Irelands first cycle friendly 'Dutch style' roundabout, high quality active transport infrastructure and upgraded crossing facilities on the Damastown Avenue roundabout will open to the public in the coming weeks. Works continue to progress on phase 2 of the project including the pedestrian and cycle infrastructure on the parklands, parallel with Church Road, with the works to Wellview Avenue to commence in the summer also.







PSI-012 Broadmeadow Way Greenway

This unique project represents the first time a greenway will be constructed on a live railway embankment. It is also running through an SAC and SPA and surrounded by water. As such, the planning, environmental and technical challenges that the project has presented have been considerable. Notwithstanding that, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team has been progressing works on a number of fronts, in order to advance the project in collaboration with the NTA and Irish Rail, our project partners. In the last two months, a land licence agreement has been concluded and construction of a temporary access track to facilitate access to landlocked lands north of Malahide Estuary has been completed. The contract for a civil and ground investigation contractor has been awarded and mobilisation of this works package which includes security fencing, new culvert and ramp will commence in June 2023 and will continue over the summer months under Fingal County Council and Irish Rail specialist supervision. This is an important milestone which will inform the detailed design of the northern causeway element of the project. The project team have appointed a specialist ecological and environmental consultant to advise, coordinate and oversee multi-annual ecological and

biodiversity surveys as required by our planning consent. A peer review of the causeway viaduct bridge detailed design by specialist technical advisors and been undertaken and comments are being reviewed by structural design engineers to finalise the design packages. There remain a number of project risks, these are being managed and will be communicated to the community via a comms strategy that is being developed at present.





PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Projects

A Project Consultant was recently appointed a Contract for Stages, Detailed Design and Procurement, Construction and Implementation, Close-out, and Review. A meeting took place with TII's MetroLink project team to coordinate both projects. The start-up meeting was held with the newly appointed consultants. The consultants are now drawing up a programme for the detailed design stage to undertake the project. There has also been ground investigation works carried to allow for informed decisions at the detailed design stage.

Ongar Barnhill Road

This project will underpin the development of the Barnhill LAP which will provide over 1,000 new homes in the Dublin 15 area. The tender process for the main contract is currently in train, with a tender submission date in mid-June. The tenders will be assessed over the following weeks and it is intended that a contractor will be appointed for construction in Q3 this year. Construction will last some two years. Further updates will be provided once the tender process has been finalised.

PSI-041 Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes. The tender assessment has now taken place and the successful and unsuccess letter to be issued in early with the standstill period following this. It is expected that a consultant will be appointed in July 2023. Swords projects will follow on directly including the Western Distributor Road. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage.

PSI-005 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 and the Letter of Acceptance issued to Jons Civil Engineering Ltd. It is expected that the formal contract signing will take place in mid-June and the contractor is currently mobilising, with a commencement date on site for construction works targeted for early July. A pre-start briefing will be arranged with the local area members in advance of site works commencing.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road

The consultancy framework is at stage 2 procurement for various Swords & Kinsealy projects. The Swords WDR will be one of the early projects to be appointed, target date for the commencement of consultancy services is Q3 2023.

Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

The Council is aware of proceedings as follows:

File Ref	CASE
Pla001/0546	Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris v An Board Pleanala and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council - High court Record Number 2023/581 JR
Pla001/0545	Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann - High Court No 2023/570 JR
Pla001/0544	Donabate Portrane Community Council -v- An Bord Pleanála, Ireland and the Attorney General, Fingal County Council and Glenveagh Living Limited (Notice Party) High court Record Number 2023/553 JR
Pla001/0538	MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373JR
Pla001/0532	daa plc -v- Fingal County Council - High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
PLA001/0531	Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council The High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
Pla001/0522	Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Pla001/0507	Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Pla001/0488	Sabrina Joyce-Kemper v. An Bord Pleanala, Ireland and the Attorney General, Fingal County Council and Quintain Developments Ireland Limited High Court Record Number: 2022/556JR
Pla001/0486	Kimpton Vale Limited V An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council Record no 2022/390JR

HOUSING

Supply	**Tenancy Services**
Asset Management	**Housing Ukraine Response**
Support	**Vacant Homes**

Housing Supply

Affordable Housing

Construction of 52 new affordable homes at Hayestown, Rush Co Dublin is underway with all of the houses expected to be completed in 2024. The online application portal for those seeking to purchase one of the homes will go live at 12pm on Tuesday 13th June, 2023.

A link to the online application portal and further information on this scheme, including the Scheme of Priority, guide to making an application and the documentation required to accompany the application is available at https://www.fingal.ie/AffordableHousing

Homes on offer under the scheme will be a mix of two and three-bedroom houses. Prices for eligible applicants will start at €228,000 for a 2-bedroom mid-terrace house, with prices for a 3 bed mid-terrace house starting from €284,500 and prices for a 3 bed semi-detached house starting from €299,500.

A briefing on the Hayestown scheme from the Affordable Housing team was held with the Councillors on Wednesday 31st May.

Housing Information Event at the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown 17th May 2023







The Housing Department hosted a housing information event on Wednesday, 17th May , at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown.

The event provided an opportunity for residents to register and speak to members of Fingal's Housing team regarding affordable housing schemes, vacant homes grants and local authority home loans. This event is the first of a series of Housing Information Events that Fingal County Council's Housing Department will be hosting. The next event will be held in Swords in September, and the Housing Department will also be attending Flavours of Fingal in July at the Fingal Village to provide more information to the public in a one-to-one setting. The housing information event will be an opportunity for residents looking to purchase or renovate a home to learn about the various housing schemes and grants available to them from the Council and receive guidance and support on the application process.

This series of events will be open to all members of the public and will provide an excellent opportunity for residents to speak directly with members of Fingal's Housing team in a one-on-one setting and get answers to any questions they may have.

PARTV

The Mayor of Fingal Howard Mahony and Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage Daragh O'Brien attending the official opening of 28 Part V units in Millers Glen, Swords. The units were delivered in partnership with The Iveagh Trust.



Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	Units
Under Construction	135
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	470
Planning and Design	449
Part V	158
TOTAL	1,212

Progress of Projects on Site

Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings







Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings





Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Clonsilla Road – 1 unit



Fingal County Council - infill scheme at Sheepmoor Avenue – 1 unit



Housing Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be in demand by prospective homeowners who cannot secure commercial lending to proceed with a house purchase. As of the 30th of May 2023, Fingal County Council have received 346 applications, of which 174 have been seen by the Credit Committee, after which 56% have secured approvals in principle.

The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal. As of the 14th March 2023 Fingal County Council introduced the portal to streamline the process and ensure applicants have all their documents in one place before submitting them. The portal is located at Local Authority Home Loan | Fingal County Council

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

The 2023 Retrofit programme is well underway with works ongoing in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock, Barnewall, Donabate and Rivermeade Park, St. Margaret's. The project features extensive improvements including electrical and heating upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple glazed windows and doors along with PV panels where required to reach a B2/Cost optimal standard.

Work will shortly be commencing in St. Catherine's Close, Rush and The Court, Glasmore Park, Swords, while Whitestown Gardens, Blanchardstown is currently at survey stage.

Pilot retrofit project for private homeowners

Fingal County Council and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) have agreed to undertake a pilot project to offer similar upgrades to privately owned homes, partially funded by SEAI grants. Carrying out energy efficiency upgrades to several houses in the same area can offer economies of scale and cost savings to homeowners. Strandmill Estate in Portmarnock has been selected as the pilot estate for this area-based approach and an information evening took place on May 23rd, at which presentations were made by the SEAI, Retrofit Energy Ireland Limited (REIL) and Fingal's Director of Housing & Community, Robert Burns.



Robert Burns, Director of Housing & Community, talking to Strandmill residents about the area-based approach to retrofitting.

EnergyCloud Pilot Project

Fingal County Council has become the first local authority in Ireland to partner with EnergyCloud to provide free hot water to homes using surplus renewable energy.

The pilot project with Fingal County Council's Housing Department is supported by SSE Airtricity and will see homes in Swords equipped to benefit from free hot water via EnergyCloud with the installation of an EnergyCloud smart device. Once installed, the devices will use surplus renewable energy, which would otherwise be wasted, to heat immersion tanks.

The installation programme has already commenced after being officially launched by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD on the 22nd May 2023. More information is available at https://www.energycloud.org/news/new-initiative-fingal-county-council/

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	29th May 2023
In the letting process	50
Undergoing re-let repairs	19
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	13
TOTAL	**82**

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 have recently commenced in Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Sheephill, Blanchardstown and Cnoc Dubh, Ballyboughal. Works are now complete in St. Cronan's Estate, Swords and Earnan's Wood, Portmarnock.




Before and after painting pictures taken in St. Cronan's Court, Swords

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 156 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,745 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 and tenants are required to return their Rent Assessment Form with the relevant documents so that an assessment can be carried out and the correct rent charge applied to the account.
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.

Private Rented Inspections

The private rented inspections team had another successful year in 2022, exceeding the target set by the DHLGH by inspections 6112 dwellings equalling 117% of the annual target, placing Fingal in the first quartile of local authorities nationally.
For 2023, following the roll out of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 is set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.
The team continue to work on meeting this target and improving compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.
The list position is also 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.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

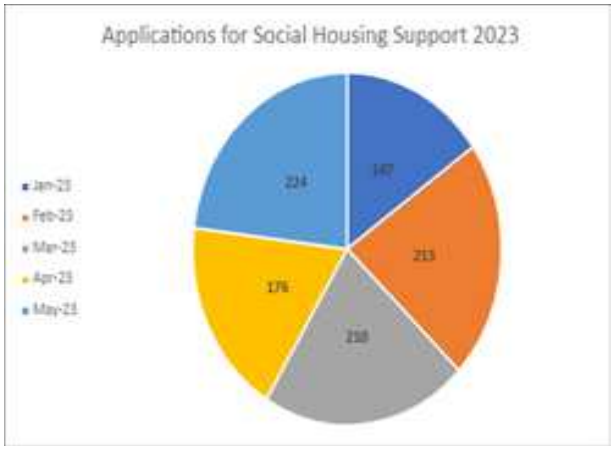
In accordance with Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands will increase with effect from 1st January 2023.
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

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 970 Housing Support Applications received 1st January to 31st May 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.

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

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Kilhedge Drive Allocations

10 of the 12 units have been allocated during May. 10 families received their keys following a tenant induction meeting at Fingal County Council.



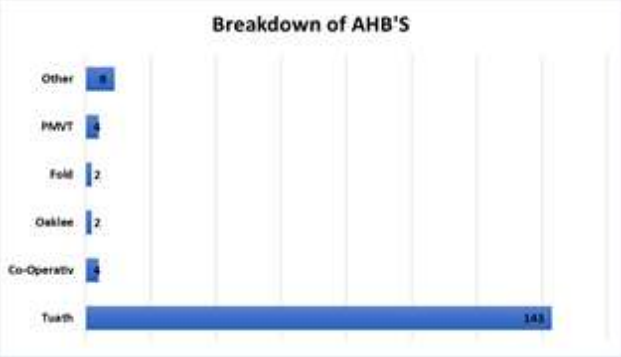
Total allocations for 2023 to date



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 169 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 142 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

AHB Allocations month by month in 2023





Cluid housing association will be managing two new housing developments. These properties will be available for allocation in the coming weeks. The developments are based in Clonross Dublin 15 and Saint Marnock's Bay, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin. A total 44 properties will be available for allocation to applicants on the Fingal County Council Social Housing List.

Clonross Dublin 15

Clonross is a new development providing a total of 26 units including both 1 and 2 bed properties. Fingal County Council advertised this development using the choice-based lettings system. A high volume of interest was recorded and applicants have been shortlisted for nomination.



Saint Marnock's Bay

18 units have been assigned to Cluid housing association in Saint Marnock's Bay, consisting of both 3 and 2 bed properties. The 2 bed properties were advertised via the choice-based lettings portal, also receiving a high volume of interest.



The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing,

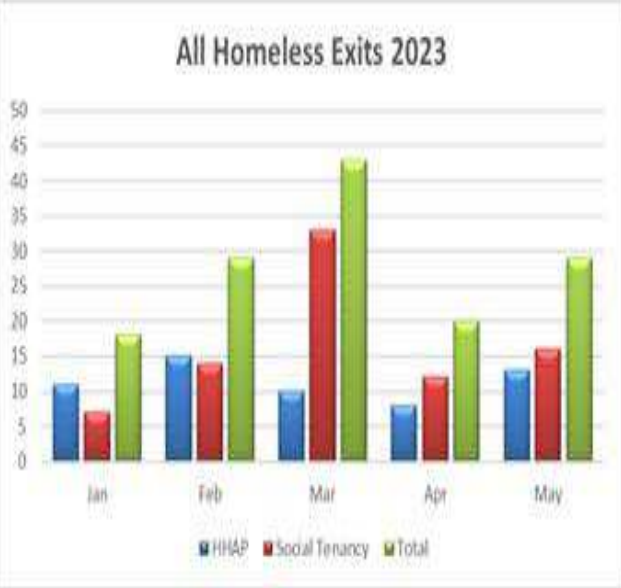
Homeless Services

Homeless Exits 2023

During the month of May 2023, 29 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 13 of these tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 4 who exited from emergency accommodation.
Separately there were 16 households that exited homelessness into social tenancies (5 of who exited emergency accommodation)

In total 9 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during May 2023.

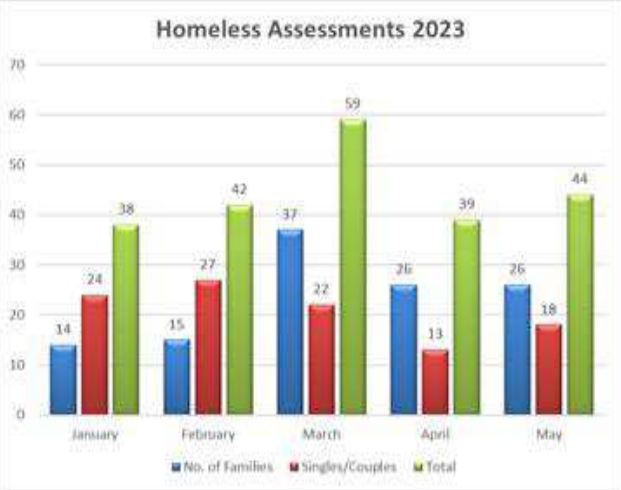


Homeless Presentations

Fingal's Homeless Team continue to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In May 2023, there were a total of 44 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 26 families and 18 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 222 full homeless assessments completed.



During May 2023, of the 44 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served, equating to 57%. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 1 of assessments during May 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (16%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (7%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 20% comprise various reasons are outlined on the chart below.

Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a 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.

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 advises the tenant to 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.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 7 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 23 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 62 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 35 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 continues to liaise 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 in 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 Government has out forward 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. Fingal County Council 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. The Housing Agency will then make contact with the landlord with regard to the purchase of property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. 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 be able to provide more information on these when available.

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 or homeless@fingal.ie**
Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**
Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone 1800 707 707

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.



Recent upgrade works to wastewater system, at a property in North County Dublin

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.

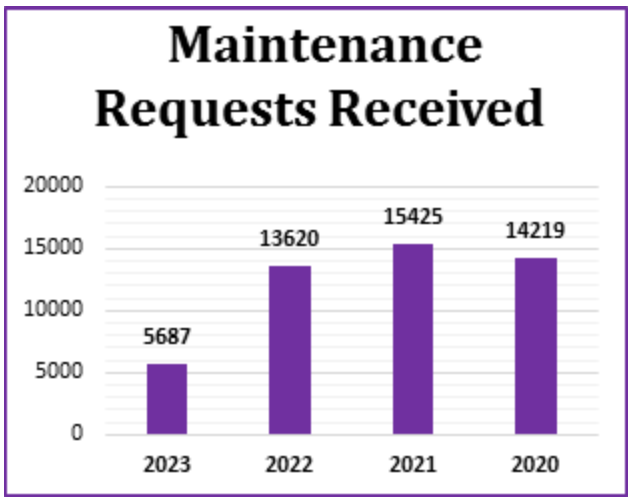
Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

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.



Installation of Level Access Shower and Grab Rail in Council property

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 continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Whitestown, Mary Brennan, Rossan, Bealing Avenue, Linn Dubh, Dun Saithne, Brega, Mooretown, Jugback and Castlegrange.

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.

The Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area has resumed, with the most recent meeting taking place in early May, with the next meeting date to be scheduled. The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management.

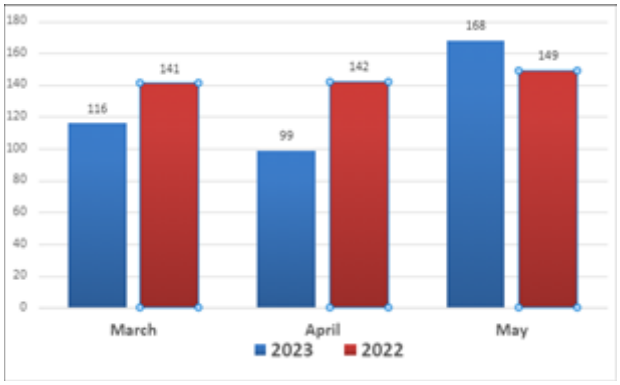
ASB Caseload Management

May 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	12	6	3	3
Rush / Lusk	29	24	5	0
Swords	43	39	2	2
Howth / Malahide	24	21	2	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	43	20	13	10
Ongar	5	3	1	1
Castleknock	12	9	1	2
Total	168	122	27	19

All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds
2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	**40**
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	**14**
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	**2**
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	**690**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	**480**
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	**791**
Estate Management Inspections 2022	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), **152 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.

Vacant Homes

OfferAhome Accommodation

National call for vacant unoccupied properties (OfferAHome) to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th of November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is €800 per month for vacant properties and €800 euro to host a Ukraine person in your home.

To pledge accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie. Note Helping Irish Hosts can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. See website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com for further information

In addition to the 9 vacant properties that came into the ownership of the Council via CPO in recent years, 2 additional dwellings are advancing through the CPO process, one which has a large associated site. It is expected CPO will commence with respect to a third property shortly. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment grant scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy, assist citizens get a home and is attracting increasing applications and enquiries.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

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 covers all parts of the country (urban and rural) and applications are accepted with respect to all geographical areas in Fingal. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties build pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict). The scheme now also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private-rented market when refurbishment is complete. Prior to the recent change, the grant approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant approved owner.

To date, **42 applications** have been received under the scheme, **11** which have been approved in principle with further applications moving to approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with **60** other expressions of interest which have potential to lead to further applications. 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

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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 April/May the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support the projects/Initiatives set out below

Launch of GLAS @ TU Dublin Community Garden

The opening ceremony of GLAS @ TU Dublin was held on 17th May on the campus of TU Dublin Blanchardstown. The event was led by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony, who delivered an opening address and planted a fruit tree to mark the occasion. Music was performed by the students at St. Patrick's Senior National School, as well as contributions from students at St. Patrick's Junior School. The event was attended by local TDs, Councillors and representatives from many local organisations and community groups, as well as staff and supporters from across the networks of the three project partners; Fingal County Council, Global Action Plan and TU Dublin. This initiative is now open and available to the wider community of Dublin 15, and we look forward to it becoming a hive of activity over the coming months and long into the future.



Balseskin Reception Centre Environmental Project

Balseskin Reception Centre have been awarded funding towards a 5-week gardening, biodiversity and recycling programme commencing in May. This partnership project with The Rediscovery Centre and JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service), will see the Rediscovery Centre run weekly on-site workshops, empowering and educating community members on permaculture and biodiversity in Ireland while engaging participants in Design Thinking. Participants will also explore recycling items that can be found in Balseskin for use in the garden; for example; food tins to create flowerpots and creating signage for the garden. This will be complimented by a concluding trip to the Global Action Plan Community Garden in Ballymun. The Operations Department also contributed to the project by delivering bark chippings, top-soil and a number of native trees which will be planted to act as a sound & wind barrier to the nearby M50.

Hartstown Community Centre Over 55s Event

Fingal County Council Community Office in partnership with Hartstown Community Centre and Hartstown Active Retirement Group hosted an information event for over 55s on Thursday 11th of May. This event is the fourth in a series of Over 55s events run across Fingal in the past 12 months. The event which was well attended by various organisations and provided an opportunity for older members of the community to meet representatives from local services and organisations, to ask questions and find out information that can support them, their families and the wider community. The feedback from all attendees was very positive and one service provider is quoted as saying "these events are imperative not only for community engagement but as a networking tool for organisations and agencies.'





Expansion of D15 Stay and Play Toy Library

The Community Office has been supporting the D15 Stay and Play Toy Library to expand the service to the Ongar community where they launched another Messy Play Day on the 14th of May. This project continues to grow due to an unprecedented demand for this service in the local area.



Newly established One Voice Singers Swords, Give Back to the Community



'One Voice Singers Swords' was established with the support of Fingal Community Development Department and One Town One Voice in November 2022. The aim was to build a community singing group with an emphasis on diversity and integration in Swords. The members of 40 plus adults, rehearse every Tuesday evening in Colmcille's GAA Club, Swords and have performed at local events such as the Swords Christmas Craft Fair and Swords St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The group recently performed for the residents of Care Choice Nursing Home, Swords. The sound of the music and songs, old and new, made for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment and a great sing-along event at the nursing home. It also provided an opportunity for residents to chat with members of the choir and connect to the wider community. This was particularly important as residents in nursing homes often feel forgotten by the wider community in which they live. The group looks forward to expanding their repertoire and performing at events and in nursing homes throughout the year.

Pride of Place Competition 2023

The three Fingal entries for the 2023 IPB Pride of Place Competition, which showcases the best in community development in Ireland, have been selected. This year the communities of Garristown, the Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords and the Draiocht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown will represent Fingal in the north-south competition, hosted by Co-operation Ireland. Last year Mountview was the outright winner for Fingal in the Urban Neighbourhood category. This year Garristown will compete in the Populations of 500 to 1500 category. The Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords will be represented in the new Climate Action and Bio-diversity Category. Finally, the Draoicht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown, D15 will represent the Council in the Creative Place Category. Judging will take place in September, with the finals scheduled for early November in Armagh.

Smart Villages Initiative, North Fingal

Six North Fingal communities are taking part in an innovative initiative supported by Fingal LEADER Partnership, KPMG Future Analytics and the Community Office. The Smart villages training programme for rural Dublin involves a cluster of north Fingal villages alongside Lusk and Balbriggan

participating in a series of online and in-person workshops. The objective of the initiative is to develop smart plans to strengthen the capacities of these local communities to develop innovative solutions to the sustainable growth and community development of each area. Ballyboughal, Oldtown, Garristown and the Naul are in the rural cluster group and are working on producing smart village action plans alongside Balbriggan and Lusk. The topics covered include digitalisation, social research techniques, the role of health and wellbeing and the role of sustainable tourism and the social economy. The workshops will continue throughout June.

Strategic Projects

Fingal Mayors Awards 2023 – Community Champions

On Thursday 1st June, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony presented 24 awards to Fingal's unsung heroes. The Mayor's Awards recognised Community Champions across Fingal by celebrating the amazing work undertaken by individuals who have volunteered their time to support their local communities over the last year. The gala event which took place in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown recognised, honoured and celebrated the achievements and endeavours undertaken by the unsung heroes in our community. These are the people who go under the radar by helping others selflessly and often don't receive the recognition they deserve for the work they do to make Fingal a great place to live.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
MAYOR'S AWARDS 2023
Community Champion

Summer Project Funding Award Launch



Fingal County Council's Summer Projects Programme was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Howard Mahony and Robert Burns, Director of Housing and Community Development on Wednesday 17th May 2023 in the County Hall, Swords. Attending the launch were young people alongside representatives from Donabate Community Centre, Blakestown Mountview Youth Project, Foroige Dublin North, Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative, Sophia Housing, Mulhuddart Community Centre and the Blanchardstown Travellers Development group. Over 30 community groups and services have received €57,720 in funding through the scheme. Participating projects will deliver a supervised programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period including environmental awareness, civic awareness and integration.

Fingal Managing Volunteer Award Launch



In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Fingal County Council Community Development Office

and the Fingal Volunteer Centre relaunched the Fingal Managing Volunteers Award. The Award focuses on promoting good volunteer management practice in community and voluntary organisations across Fingal. The award was first launched back in 2011 with over 25 groups successfully awarded. The Fingal Managing Volunteers Award ensures that groups who wish to, or already involve volunteers in their work, have good volunteer management systems in place and are a safe and positive place to volunteer.

For more information and interest in the award https://www.fingal.ie/news/relaunch-fingal-managing-volunteer-awards-part-national-volunteering-week

FACILITIES

Solar Panels at Fortlawn Community Facility

Mountview Community Youth & Sports Hub has secured funding under the Community Centre Investment Scheme, issued by the Department of Rural and Community Development, to install solar panels on the roof of Fortlawn Community Centre. This will further support Fortlawn's commitment to the 'Keen to be Green' project and will see a saving of €21,465 including installation over a six-year period. It is envisaged that 83% of the energy consumed during the year will be generated from the solar panels, 60% self-consumption and 40% will be exported to the grid. Installation will take place during May/June.

Second phase of Fingal Keen to be Green Facilities – water conservation



The Community Facilities Management Support Unit is continuing to support community centres to lead the way and drive forward the aims and objectives of the *Keen to be Green* facilities programme. In May the focus was on implementing and maintaining *Water Conservation* measures. The Community Officers, accompanied by the Environmental Awareness Officer Sinead Fox, completed a water audit on each centre. The results of which were reassuring. It is encouraging to see how some centres embrace water conservation and use cost-effective measures to minimise wastage, display signage and promote drinking points within the centres. Sinead will continue to work closely with the CFMSU to interpret the information collated, before feeding back to the Keen to be Green working group.

INTERAGENCY

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities
In May/June the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Fingal Public Participation Network EGM and AGM

The Community Department worked with the Fingal PPN Secretariat on the preparation and delivery of an EGM and AGM which took place on 29th May. All 681 member groups of Fingal PPN were invited to attend.

Fingal PPN membership

There are currently 535 community development organisations, 113 social inclusion organisations and 33 environmental organisations registered with the Fingal County Register/PPN Database.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg Consultation

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg members took part in an online consultation on 8th May with Fingal County Council's Heritage Officer Christine Baker and consultant Sinead Begley. Their feedback and information will be used in the preparation of the new Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030. An artwork installation made by the members of the Fingal Comhairle is currently being displayed in Fingal Libraries throughout May and June, including Malahide, Baldoyle, Donabate and

Blanchardstown Libraries. The art piece was created using a graphic harvester at the 2022 Fingal Comhairle na nÓg AGM.

Playstreets



The launch of Fingal Playstreets took place on Saturday 27th May in Taylors Hill, Balbriggan. The neighbourhood-led street gathering saw the creation of a safe and easily accessible option closer to home for playtime and local resident engagement. A programme of Playstreet pilot events will take place in locations across the county throughout the summer bringing people together in a relaxed and safe environment, creating a sense of unity, fostering greater community spirit and importantly helping reduce social isolation. Playful Streets is a collaborative initiative between Fingal County Council, A Playful City and residents of Fingal.

Integration:

Cultural Awareness Masterclass for Staff

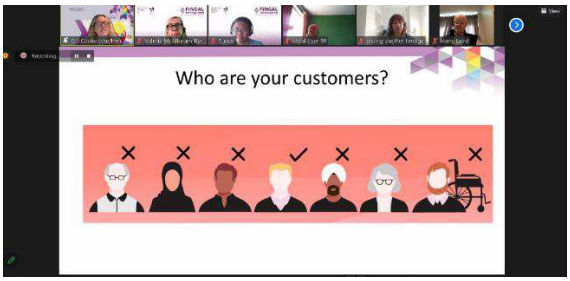
25 Staff across Housing, Community, Corporate and Libraries completed the Cultural Awareness Masterclass delivered by the Irish Centre for Diversity and funded by the Community Development Office Integration Team. The course explored one's own cultural identity and raised awareness of "blind spots" along with step-by-step guidelines to cross cultural communication.



Masterclass Series delivered to Community and Voluntary Groups across Fingal

A Diversity Equality and Inclusion, Inclusive Language and Bystander Masterclass Series was delivered to Community and Voluntary Groups across Fingal. The aim of the workshops was to create awareness of these important topics and provided insight and information on communication and legislative frameworks.





Fingal Africa Day Events

Fingal Africa Day was celebrated across the county in May with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs / Africa Aid. The groups and events that were funded for these celebrations were:

Lusk Community Council / Lusk Redeemed Church 25th May in Lusk Cultural Centre hosted a vibrant day of activities celebrating Africa culture and the theme was Shared Heritage.

Balbriggan African Community 27th May in Flemington Community Centre celebrated African food, music and countries.

African Advocacy Network Ireland 28th May Westmanstown Club, Dublin 15 showcased Africa as a continent, its colour and many flavours!

Ukrainian Supports

Art Therapy Pilot Programme for Senior Ukrainians Launches



This month saw the launch of the much-anticipated Art Therapy Pilot Programme for Senior Ukrainians. Provided by The Practical Languages School supported by the Fingal Community Dept, as part of the Healthy Living Programme for Ukrainians, Art therapy is a practice that allows participants to gently maintain an optimal psycho-emotional level in a creative way. For elderly people, displaced because of war, this is a method that allows them to find the resources to move forward with their lives. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with all 10 participants expressing excitement to continue their course. Plans are now being made to extend this programme to Dublin 15.

Malahide Ukrainian Irish Integrated Social



Great fun was had at the monthly Malahide Ukrainian Irish Integrated Social. Supported by the Malahide Lions Club and Fingal County Council Community Department, this month saw the largest number of Ukrainians from Carnegie Hotel participate in an afternoon of Bingo, story sharing and chats with the Malahide Senior Social Group. Firm friendships have been made with plans to replicate these monthly socials with the newly established Blanchardstown Older & Wiser Ukrainian group, hosted in Blanchardstown library, in the very near future.

Age Friendly

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018-2023, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to the delivery of Age Friendly services which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Fingal Older Persons Council (OPC) Annual Conference 2023: Ageing Well in Fingal



130 people registered to attend the Fingal OPC Annual Conference 2023 which took place in Kettles Country House Hotel, Swords on Thursday 25th May .

Opened by The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony, the theme of the Conference was 'Ageing Well in Fingal' and presentations given by expert speakers reflected this theme. Celine Clarke, Head of Advocacy, Age Action, spoke on the topic of 'Ageism' and how societal and self-directed ageism can inhibit older people's ability to age well. Tara Mills, Senior Physiotherapist from the HSE's Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP), presented on 'Fall Prevention' and gave useful tips and exercises on how to avoid falls. Louise Edmonds, Age Friendly Ireland Regional Manager provided information and a demonstration on technology to support wellbeing and ageing in place. The final presentation on the 'Rights of Older People' was given by Andrew McCann, Citizens Information.

Following round-table discussions, a lively interactive discussion/Q&A session took place with the panel of speakers and delegates. The morning session finished with a short reading by OPC member, Peig McManus, from her newly published book 'I will be Good – A Memoir of a Dublin Childhood and a Life Less Ordinary'.

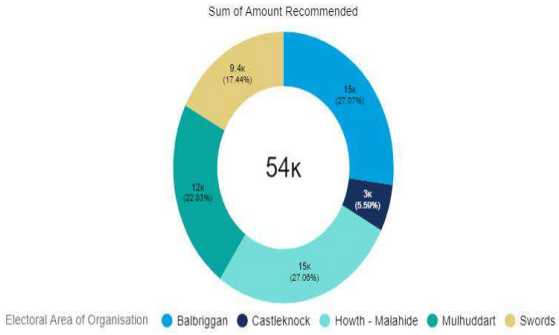
Following a thought-provoking morning, the afternoon provided mental relief but physical exertion as the delegates danced to the music of Stage 2.

FUNDING

Community Activities Funding Scheme is available to community and sports group in Fingal to apply for up to a max of €3,000 for sports equipment, area enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material. For more information click here

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-activities-funding-scheme

Activities Funding (up to 25th May 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 24 projects to the amount of €53,630 in 2023.

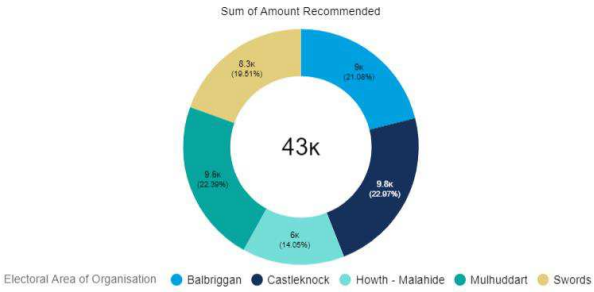
Howth Malahide – €14,513K – across 6 projects

Swords - €9,355- across 4 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €15,242 – across 7 projects

Balbriggan - €14,519 - across 7 projects

Sports Equipment Funding (up to 25th May 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 17 projects to the amount of €42,698.16 in 2023

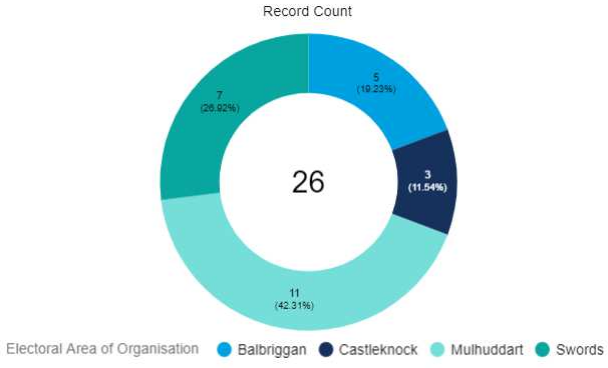
Howth Malahide – €6,000 – across 2 projects

Swords - €8,331 - across 4 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €19,368 – across 8 projects

Balbriggan €9,000 – across 3 projects

Summer Project Funding



Summer project Funding has been awarded to 34 projects to the amount of €57,720.

26 Community led Summer Projects were awarded €41,520

8 Foroige Dublin North projects received a contribution of €16,200 via SLA

Of the €41,520 awarded to community Lead Summer Project

Balbriggan €6,600- across 5 projects

Swords – €12,800 across 7 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart - €20,120 across 14 projects

Safe Halloween Funding



From the 5th June, community groups and centres are invited to express an interest in hosting a Safer Halloween event. Safer Halloween will be led by local voluntary community groups and centres on the lead up to and include Halloween eve. Suggested activities will range from diversionary activities including discos, pumpkin carving, mask making, parades etc and will include a 'Stay Safe and Awareness' element. The maximum funding available to groups will be €750. In 2023, thirty groups were funded to the tune of 16,000. To express an interest, click here and complete the form before the 14th July

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/2023-fingal-community-safer-halloween-programme-expression-interest-form

Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Funding

The Community Office worked with Parslickstown House Community Garden, Corduff Resource Centre and Corduff Clean Up Group to make applications through Fingal County Council's Environment Department for Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Funding. All applications were successful.

Corduff Resource Centre will paint the railings surrounding the Centre to create a warm & welcoming entrance to the Centre in addition to enhancement of the garden area.

Parslickstown House Community Garden have been awarded funding towards their community garden space. The funding will be used to purchase equipment and supplies needed to create the garden as per the design which was created with the support of the GLAS @ TU gardener, Lee Geoghegan.

Corduff Clean Up Group are collaborating with Fingal County Council Operations Department on the upkeep of a space previously used for anti-social behaviour. They have created a colourful, pollinator friendly space which has been welcomed by the community. The grant will enable the group to expand the planting and orchard, to replace worn timbers from the beds and purchase new equipment.



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.

Fingal Sport's Parent and Toddler Programme

Fingal Sport Office offers a free Parent and Toddler programme in Balbriggan and Mulhuddart every Thursday at 10am. The programme involves an instructor who takes local parents and childminders through fun activities and child yoga to develop fundamental movement skills for the child.

The programme has over 50 participants in the two locations – Mulhuddart Community Centre and Balbriggan Clubs Combined Centre and continues to be a great outlet for parents to socialise and meet up once a week while their child interacts with toddlers their own age.



Technological University Dublin Sports Event

Fingal Sports Office partnered with Technological University Dublin Sport Management and Coaching students to run sporting events as part of their final year assignment. Fingal Sports Office are supporting the students in running their events by assisting them with event planning for Fingal Operations as well as with linking the group with local sports clubs to support them on the day.

The first event was Paddle for Pieta, over 50 participants met at Portmarnock Beach to dip into the sea for charity. The event linked with Malahide Swords Canoe Club who came on board for water safety and had a boat and kayaks on the water if anyone got into difficulty.

The second event was TUD Tag Rugby, the group linked with Fingal's co-funded development rugby officer for equipment on the day. Fingal Sports Office provided contribution towards the running of the event.
Fingal Sports Office hopes to partner with Technological University Dublin more frequently and plans to collaborate on events that both parties can target key demographics.





Fingal Sports Teenfit Programme

Fingal Sports Office have partnered up with local gyms to provide gym instruction and programmes to TY students across the county for Teenfit. Throughout May 120 students from Ardgillan Community College attend a nearby gym, Platinum, to be coached through exercises and safe lifting skills to improve their confidence and knowledge in a gym setting. The programme will be rolled out in September in different areas in Fingal with local providers.





Fingal Athletics League Finals Day

Fingal County Council's Sports Office were delighted to host the Finals Day of the Fingal Athletics League in ALSAA Sports Complex on 26th April
2,200 primary school students from 60 schools across Fingal came to ALSAA for the climax of the Fingal Athletics League programme. This year's event was the first since 2019 and saw a record number of schools taking part. The programme kicked off in early March with two local race meets in Porterstown Park, Castleknock for schools based in Dublin 15 and in Newbridge House, Donabate for schools based in North County Fingal.
The Finals Day event included runs of 300m for 3rd class, 400m for 4th class, 500m for 5th class and 600m for 6th class. In addition to the races, we had coaches from Athletics Ireland as well as FCC co-funded development officers from Cricket Leinster and Leinster Rugby to deliver some activities for the students to try their hand at.



Exercise : Energise Programme 2022/2023

As the post-primary school year draws to a close Fingal Sports Office and Exercise: Energise co-ordinators have been evaluating and reviewing this year's programme. The Exercise: Energise programme targets teenage girls, from first to third year, who are in danger of moving away from sport or physical activity. This Fingal Sports Office supported programme aims to encourage this group to sample a sport or a physical activity that they may not have a chance to try in their main Physical Education classes. Fingal Sports Office and Sport Ireland Women in Sport have supported delivery of this programme in post-primary schools for over 10 years. This year the number of secondary schools participating grew to thirteen across the county.

The unique element of the Exercise:Energise programme is the involvement of the girls in choosing the sport or physical activity. Many schools facilitate the programme either during lunchtime hours or afterschool. The girls participate in eight to ten weeks of activities each term ranging from self-defence skills, table-tennis, dance, zumba, ultimate frisbee, yoga, pilates and other more traditional sports such as volleyball, basketball and football.

The programme would not be a success without the dedicated teachers who as co-ordinators helped the girls design the programme.

Le Chéile Tyrrelstown enjoying the Tug O'War below.



Moving for Life – Outdoors

The summer Moving for Life classes have re-commenced on the grounds of Lusk United in Rathmore Road. The classes will take place every Tuesday morning for seven weeks. The Moving for Life programme involves gentle movement and stretching to music. The group will undertake walks around the Lusk Hub as part of the programme and will get the benefit for their physical health and fitness during the warm summer months. The Lusk United football club provide full use of their facilities to the group. Over thirty participants have now registered for this programme and a second Moving for Life tutor is currently undertaking training and will be qualified in the autumn.



Focus - Co-Funded Officer - Leinster Rugby Stephen Costelloe

A busy month involving the Fingal County Council's Cup, a May programme designed to cater for U/15 boys and girls, interested in Rugby but who may never have played (no one can be an in-active member of a Rugby Club). Fun & skills are the main criteria.
20 boys and 30 girls took part – with 4 boys and 4 girls joining a local club
'Girls Only Blitz' Balbriggan – 15th April. 180+ primary school girls took part in a 'fun for all 'tag rugby day
Representative Honours; 2 local girls, one from Skerries, & one from Balbriggan represented Ireland in 6 Nations U/18s this Spring
7 Fingal U/18s boys have been selected for Leinster this Spring
'Girls Give it a Try' is currently running in 4 Fingal clubs; Skerries / Balbriggan / Suttonians / Coolmine – a local area outreach designed to have Fgirls join local clubs



Sports Conditioning Teacher Training

Fingal County Council's Sports Office were delighted to deliver 2 Teacher Training Workshops in St. Georges ETNS Balbriggan and Lusk JNS. The practical workshops focused on ideas to improve children's fundamental movement skills with resources and access to Fingal's Learning Portal as additional resources.

Additionally, the schools are promoting children to take part in Fingal's Balbriggan Sports Hubs on Saturday mornings to help improve activity levels among children outside of school hours.





Transition Year Soccer Graduation and New Programme

Fingal County Council has been working in partnership with the FAI on a Transition Year Course for young males based in Corduff Sports Centre Dublin 15 whereby selected participants follow a year long programme of soccer, health, fitness and education since 2016. The class of 2022/23 graduated on Thursday 25th May in Corduff Sports Centre in an event which was presided by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Howard Mahony and joined by Councillors and Officials from Fingal County Council, the FAI, Course leaders and coaches. Special guests on the day included Ireland U21 Manager Jim Crawford & Ex Student and current Millwall FC Striker Aidamo Emakhu.

In September, Fingal County Council is very pleased to be extending this course offering to high potential girls, again in partnership with the FAI. This new course will mirror the successful course for boys which has been running since 2016 in Corduff Sports Centre. The course gives TY students an opportunity to sample full-time football training while also fulfilling their educational requirements and obtaining qualifications in coaching and fitness training.

Over the course of the 2023-24 school year, the 25 Transition Year students participating in the programme will mix their academic subjects with a range of football coaching courses and modules in Fitness Instruction, Media Skills and Personal Development, as well as football training and strength and conditioning work.

In addition, the participants will undertake an ITEC Fitness Instructors Course delivered by Litton Lane Fitness Training. They will also return to their local primary school one day a week to work with teachers in the delivery of physical education and gain valuable work experience. The Sports Office, FCC looks forward to this inaugural course commencing in September and hopefully welcoming participants to their graduation ceremony in 2024.

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Visit of Louth County Council Officials and Staff to Fingal.

The Fingal Active Travel Team welcomed a deputation from Louth County Council which included elected members and staff to look at some of the projects that have been implemented throughout the county, in particular the Safe Routes to School projects within the county from inception to construction.

The visit took place on Thursday the 25th May 2023, where the group were greeted and addressed by Fingal Mayor Cllr Howard O'Mahony and Director of Service David Storey and received a presentation from Senior Engineer Sinéad Murphy.

The group were then taken on a cycling tour of Dublin 15 to view some of the new cycling/walking infrastructure and the SRTS project implemented successfully at St Philip the Apostles.

After a quick lunch the group were then taken to Malahide, Swords and Lusk to view some the projects in those areas before returning to the Wee County later that evening.



Mayor of Fingal Cllr Howard O Mahony & Mayor of Louth Cllr Conor Keelan



Louth County Council Councillors meet Fingal Councillors



LCC Mayor Conor Keelan address the deputation at their visit to Fingal Active Travel Department



Louth County Council officials view some of the Active Travel infrastructure in Dublin 15

Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

Following public consultation, the revised Draft Active Travel Strategy was presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC. Following further presentations to the 3 Area Committees in April/May the plan was brought to the Corporate Policy Group and will be brought to the full Council in June.

Protected Cycle Lanes:

BLRS Area:

St. Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

The laying of the new red cycle paths along Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is progressing well and will be completed in early June. The new roundabout layout with Zebra Crossings at Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Ave is now operational. Outstanding works of line marking, signage, bollards and landscaping will commence in June.









New red SMA cycle paths and new junction layout at St. Cronan's Ave/Brackenstown Road

R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

Construction contract is currently out to tender to appoint a main works contractor and the deadline for tender returns is 29th May 2023. An evaluation board will assess the tenders and aim to appoint a contractor to undertake the construction works by early July.

Seatown Road Swords:

Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued in June for review.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender documents are being prepared and are due to be published in June for the appointment of a design team to deliver the project.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Tree planting works have been completed on Grange Road. 18 no. trees were planted in collaboration with Park Operations section. Minor snag items remaining to be completed on the rest of the scheme.





Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA

Design brief being prepared for the connectivity project. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Small works are ongoing around the existing car park through Operations department.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders. A design proposal was presented to residents of Seapark Hill. These works are expected to go to tender for construction in Q3 of 2023.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Majority of works have been completed by contractor regarding footpath, cycle lane and resurfacing works. Awaiting ESB connection for the new pedestrian crossing on Station Road.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure
These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway
These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar
Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. A workshop was held with the NTA in May. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e., topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane
Work is continuing developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road
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.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh
Stage 1 of the SAQ has closed and tender assessment has been completed. We are now proceeding to Stage 2 of the tendering process.

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
The submission and observation period, as part of the statutory consultation process, closed on Friday, 2nd of June. A review of all submissions and observations is currently underway. It is expected to present the CE report for the project to the July Council meeting.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan
Tender competition is ongoing and we plan to appoint an integrated design team consultant to commence work on the active travel plan shortly.

Skerries Active Travel Plan
Second tender published on Etenders for the appointment of a design consultant as the previous tender competition was unsuccessful. Applicants interested in tendering for the design services for the Active Travel Town Plans are due to submit Suitability Assessment Questionnaire documentation by the 12th May 2023 for the evaluation board to assess.

Skerries Harbour Road
Engineering consultant is currently developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals are planned for June before progressing with public consultation phase.

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.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:

Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued in June for review.

Rush South Beach:

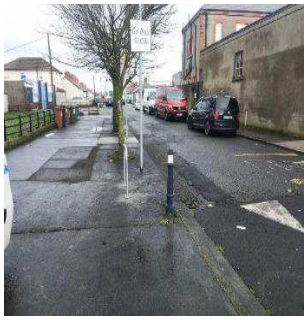
Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with Landowners will follow to get agreement on design options and for landtake required.

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 at various locations across the county and is progressing works to install a number of bike parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords and Dublin 15 areas in the coming weeks. 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 area and are now with the contractor with the intention to install May/June 2023



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.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

We are nearing the completion of this Safe Routes to School project with all construction works and main planting of rain gardens now complete. The project team will do a final snagging walk through with of the design consultants, Operations and the Active Travel engineer to catch any final elements that need to be addressed.






Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed at the school and the planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the school is closed.




Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are approaching substantial completion at the school. Advance warning signs have been installed. The planting of the rain gardens is complete. The remaining works to be completed on site is the provision of permanent parking signs and the epoxy resin application. This will take place over the summer when the school is closed and is weather dependent. Below is a photo of the junction of Alden Park/Verbena Avenue, before and after the planting of the raingardens.




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. An initial meeting has been held with the NTA regarding the preliminary designs of the project. Work is ongoing in relation to progressing the design to detailed stage.

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

Bike Week 2023

Bike Week took place from May 13th to May 21st this year and we had a packed schedule of Public and Internal Staff Events. The week-long celebration of cycling in Fingal was a massive success with great attendances across the week. Total cost was approximately €40,000, with approximately 50% recoupable from the NTA.
Some of the highlights are pictured below

Millennium Park Family Day





Inclusive Cycle – Phoenix Park

Our Inclusive Cycle in the Phoenix Park featured on Virgin Media News https://twitter.com/VirginMediaNews/status/1657823090129383424?s=20

Staff Bike Repairs



Free Public Bike Repair Units



Staff Cycles & Bike to Work Breakfast







Sunset Social Cycle – Phoenix Park








eCargo Demos – Swords, Mountview & Grove Road





Lucan BMX Come & Try



Community Cycles – Baldoyle and Skerries





Malahide Family Fun Day







Cycling Without Age

Baldoyle

The Baldoyle Trishaw will be launched in June 2023. This Trishaw has been donated by DCU Age Friendly University and will provide a brilliant service to the people of Howth – Malahide

All the Fingal Trishaws can be booked through the Fingal Website through the link below.
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal



Figure: Bike Bunker – Baldoyle

Dublin Airport Cycle Clinic

Our Walking and Cycling Officers attended a two-day Cycle Awareness Clinic in Dublin Airport on the 9th & 10th May. The event was a great opportunity to meet with Airport Staff and promote Active Travel in the area.



Public Share eCargo Bike Launch

On Wednesday 3rd May we launched Irelands first Public Share eCargo Bike. The Bike is located in Mountview Community Centre in Dublin 15 and can be booked through the Bleeper Bike App. The cost of the service is €3 for 120 minutes use and then €0.05c per minute from 121 minutes on.
The eCargo is stored in a Bike Bunker from Velo-Boxx and is equipped with an EVVA Smart Lock to allow for keyless entry. This is also the first of its kind in Ireland





Community Car

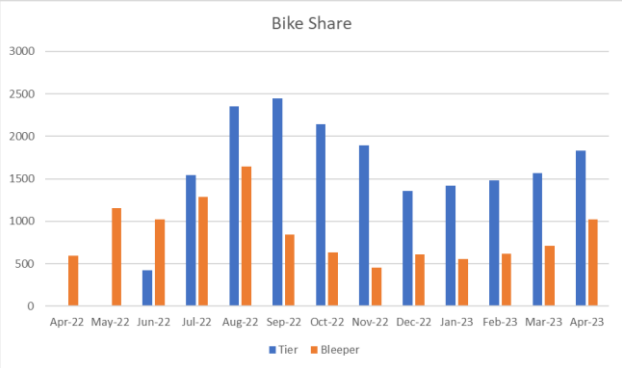
The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month 2023	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February	106	90	12	4
March	108	58	34	16
April	114	80	16	18
May	65	34	11	14

The Community Car Project has been nominated for a IE Digital Town award in the Community Category. The awards ceremony takes place on 24th May in Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone.

Bike Share Schemes

Trips per month (previous 12 months)



Bleeper Bike April 2023; Other Key Statistics – Bike Share Countywide:

You can pick up a Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you're on your way!

1,022 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
1,038 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in January
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (20.7%) and Saturdays (17.7%)
Donabate, Howth, and Blanchardstown 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

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 April 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	April
Active Vehicles	1,829
No of Customers	204
Trips / Customer	1.9
Distance Covered (KM)	8596 km
Average Trip Duration	21.69 min
Average Trip length (KM)	4.7 km

Localised Town data unavailable at time of report due to IT Issue on TIERs Dashboard, it can be supplied at a later date.

Other News

ENVIRONMENT

Landfill Aftercare Balleally

Construction of the new maintenance building for Ballealy Landfill/Rogerstown Park are progressing well following the recent completion of the raft foundation and steel frame. Works are scheduled to take 18 weeks ending in September 2023.



EPA Audits:

The EPA carried out Environmental Audits at both Ballleally and Dunsink Historical Landfills. The audits included an evaluation of existing work practices, abatement systems on site and aftercare plans for both sites. No major non compliances were identified by the agency.

Climate Action

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department is currently engaged with the DLA and the Climate Action Regional Office to plan for amending the existing CCAP's.
As part of this activity, the ECAAT Dept is coordinating input from across Departments, and

is engaging with internal teams on action review and development at present.
The Climate Action Regional Office is providing training and workshops for Local Authority teams relating to Sectoral Climate Action integration into the amended LACAP.

Environmental Awareness

The Green Schools Awards were held on 25th May in the City North Hotel. Congratulations to the 29 schools in Fingal that have been awarded new Green Flags - Details on our website https://www.fingal.ie/green-schools
The Environmental Awareness section provided support to the Balbriggan In Our Nature Festival and the Baldoyle Festival by supplying 200 food waste caddies and nature books for Eco-giveaways to the public. Eco-resource support was also given to Mount Sackville NS in Chapelizod. Scoil Choilm and St. Patricks in Castleknock and Donabate Portrane Educate Together National schools were awarded small funds for gardening and tools. Doggie Dispensers were sent to Lusk SNS for a local anti-dog fouling campaign. An Anti Litter Primary School Competition was launched- inviting schools in the Swords Balbriggan Area to design anti-litter poster for local parks signage.
Rush Tidy Towns were awarded funds for investing in a Sustainable Development Goals Outreach program and for painting for Harbour Lighthouse. Praxis-Care, a centre for disability, received a grant for tools and assistance to improve their allotment. Community Group Clean Up Corduff received a small grant for their community orchard.
The *Keen to Be Green* Water Use Assessments have been carried out in 22 community centres. This program seeks to improve the environmental performance of Fingal Community Centres in the areas of Waste, Water Energy, Biodiversity and Transport.
A group from Swords Prosper Fingal were given a tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre, the participants also availed of a few repaired musical instruments.
A cross-departmental cinema advertising campaign will begin in the 5 cinemas local to Fingal. Topics will include Biodiversity, Food Waste, Conscious Cup and Waste Enforcement.

Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Following an assessment of Bottle Bank facilities throughout Fingal at the start of the year Environment in conjunction with our contractor Glassco have identified sites for cleaning, painting and new or improved signage. Due to favourable weather in May a number of these sites have now been cleaned painted and signage improved this project will continue throughout the summer until complete. Pictures below of sites completed this month.



Lusk Skerries junction painted



Watery Lane Swords Painted

Signage improvements completed in May 2023





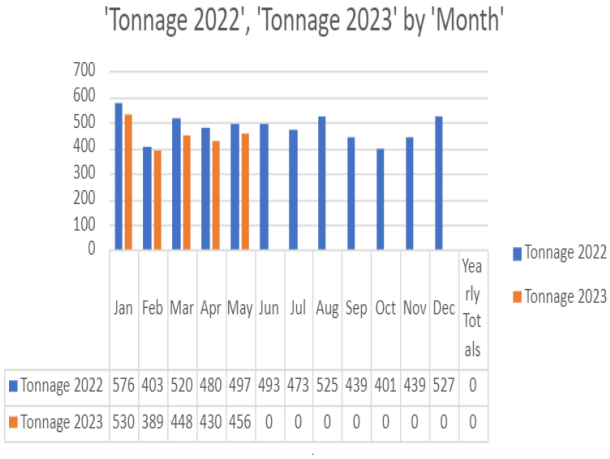
A much-improved site at Rush Tesco new receptacles and signage have helped clean up the site and it is monitored daily by our litter warden

Social Media

We continue in Environment to publicise our new sites through social media especially coming up to bank holiday weekends Beech Park Clonsilla



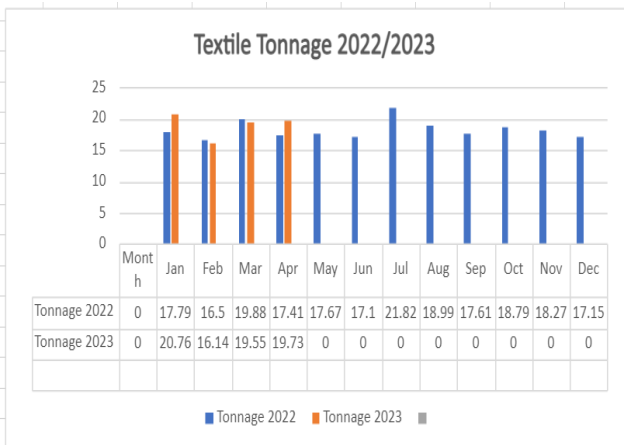
The Glass Tonnage Report for May 2023 year to date compared to tonnage collected May 2022 is shown below. There were 456 tons of glass collected for recycling to the 29th of May 2023. This is compared to 497 tons which were collected in the month of May 2022.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly Totals
Tonnage 2022	576	403	520	480	497	493	473	525	439	401	439	527	0
Tonnage 2023	530	389	448	430	456	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Textile Banks

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for April 2023 was 19.73 tons compared to 17.41 tons which was collected in April 2022.



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tonnage 2022	0	17.79	16.5	19.88	17.41	17.67	17.1	21.82	18.99	17.61	18.79	18.27	17.15
Tonnage 2023	0	20.76	16.14	19.55	19.73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0







Litter Management

During May, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots.

Extra patrols were carried out on Fingal beaches during the week and at weekends to engage with dog owners and dispense dog poo bags, to make the public aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

The Litter Warden also checked to see if any issues arose for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found. They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where requests were received.

A total of **276 planned** inspections were carried out on litter black spot all over the Fingal County Council area. All the bring banks in the Fingal were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with 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.

There were no cases before the district court in May. One case was paid in advance and was struck out.

2023	Fines/notices issued	
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
May	29	10

There was one fine issued for dog fouling.

93 cases were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation under the following heading from the CRM system.

CRMs May 2023	Amt
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	10
Env - General Litter Issue	28
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Env – Abandoned cars	46
Env – Muck on the road	1

In May Internal workshops have commenced in preparation of drafting the next Litter Management Plan.

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 191 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 29th May 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 Councilwebsite:
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 of person reporting the vehicle**

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as at 29th May 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as at 29th May 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
Total	**2**	**2**

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in the County's Parks & Beaches in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and Control of Dog Regulations 1998 and also educating the public on the responsibilities of dog ownership and to pick up after their pets when using the beaches/parks.

The dog wardens are also continuing with door-to-door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to 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. 232 x '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during May 2023. 98 fines were issued during May 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Feb	36	13	17	32	€0	€2,600
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556

The Animal Welfare Section received 67 complaints in relation to dogs in May 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased in February, March, April and May 2023 in comparison with the same months in 2022. An annual dog licence fee is €20 and a lifetime dog licence fee is €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 responsible for can incur a €100 fine.

Month	Annual Licences Purchased		Lifetime Licences Purchased		Income from Licences	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Feb	496	562	35	58	€14,850	€19,360
March	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
April	529	451	54	41	€18,140	€14,760
May	1217	918	132	64	€42,820	€27,320

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€16,556
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

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 either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of the month there were 9 dogs in the shelter. During May 2023, 23 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders, 4 dogs were surrendered by members of the public.
Of these 32 dogs, 3 have been reclaimed by their owners, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 6 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of May there are 16 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of May 2022	4	**Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2023**	9
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	19
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	11	Reclaimed	3
Rehomed to Rescue	6	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	2	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS at Request of AGS	0	PTS at Request of AGS	0
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of May 2022	2	Dogs in shelter at the end of May 2023	16





Molly, a Shepherd Cross and Larry, a lurcher who are both looking for new homes.

Horses

Weekly equine welfare inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the number of horses and any welfare concerns that the horses may have. Any horses with welfare concerns are removed from the landfill by our contractor to their shelter facility to receive veterinary treatment. The 10 hay feeders continue to be refilled weekly by the Operations Department to ensure adequate forage is available for the horses on the landfill until there is more grass growth on the site. Currently there are 82 horses on the landfill site.
There were 2 horses seized during May 2023, both found grazing (unauthorised) on public land/side of road. Neither of these horses were microchipped so notices were placed in local garda stations advising where the horses were taken from and requesting the owners to reclaim the horses within 5 working days. These horses were not reclaimed and are in the process of being rehomed.



Water Quality

On the 16th of May 2023 Fingal County Council held a public meeting in Balbriggan Library to discuss recent oil spills and water quality issues that arose in the Bracken River and Balbriggan Harbour.

In Q1 there were 3 oils spills which escaped into the River Bracken and a further oil spill which emanated from discharges within the Harbour. Fingal County Council has placed a number of oil adsorbent booms in the river as a protective measure while continuing to monitor surface water outfalls on a daily basis.



Fingal County Council are undertaking a pilot misconnection survey in the Bracken catchment with the assistance of staff from South Dublin County Council Life Project training on the 31st of May 2023.

Bathing Water Quality

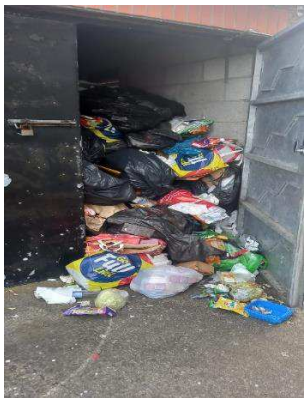
Fingal County Council have completed all preparations for the commencement of bathing water sampling for the 2023 Bathing Water season which commences on the 1st of June 2023. A preliminary round of pre-season bathing water sampling is scheduled for the 29th of May 2023.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Waste Complaints

A total of 21 waste complaints were recorded for the month of May. 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



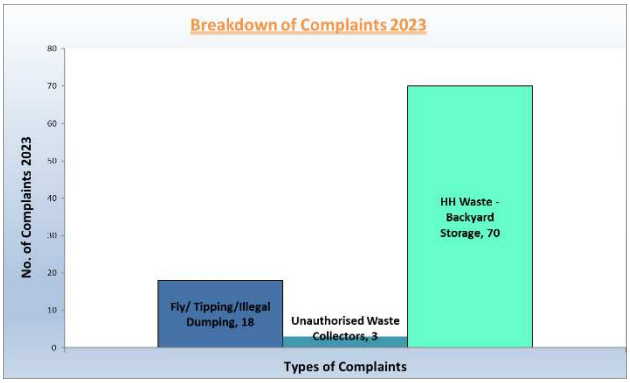


Unauthorised waste collectors do not dispose of your waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner; often waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean-up costs.

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





Anti-Dumping Initiative 2023

The Waste Enforcement Section recently secured ADI grant funding totalling **€94,900** for 2023. Education and awareness measures play a key role in encouraging long-term behavioural change and this was a key focus during the application process. The 2 projects submitted and approved by the Dept. of Environment, Climate and Communications were as follows:

Project 1/ Cinema Awareness Campaign

Development of 2 animated video clips to be shown across 5 cinemas at Charlestown, Santry, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Swords with 500,000 views guaranteed (July – Oct) Cost = €36,900.

A/ Illegal Waste Collectors and Illegal Dumping – unauthorised collectors offering a cheap waste collection service, they don't have a waste collection permit to collect waste, they dump waste instead of bringing it to a waste facility, significant clean up costs for local authorities. Court appearance and significant fines up to €5,000 and a criminal conviction if found guilty of illegal waste activities/illegal dumping.





B/ Waste Presentation Bye-Laws and Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project - Bye-Laws No. 2 – obligation to participate in a waste collection service. Establishing compliance with Bye-Law No. 2 is crucial, identifying those who currently don't have a bin collection service in place, clarifying how they dispose/manage their waste (illegal collectors, bin sharing agreement, brough to an authorised waste facility or civic amenity centre), increasing compliance with Bye-Laws No. 2 through education and awareness initiatives and enforcement action if necessary.





Project 2/ Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project

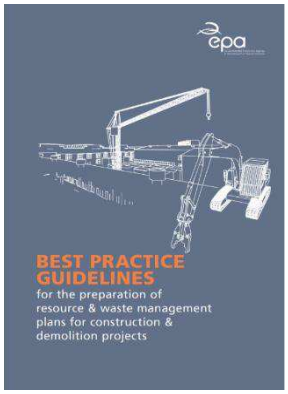
Phase 1 Data Processing & Cleansing. Waste data (addresses, Eircodes, No. of bins, frequency of collection, last lift) received from waste collectors operating within Fingal has to be processed and cleansed to allow Eircodes to be appended to establish a register of households who have a waste collection service in place as per S34(C) of WMA. Estimated 97,000 households with a bin service in Fingal. Once the data is cleansed and Eircodes appended it will facilitate the development of a reverse register and associated heat maps to identify households who don't have

a bin collection service in place for follow on investigations. Cost = €58,000.

Waste Enforcement – Planning Applications and Planning Compliance

The Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section review and comment on planning permission applications. To date for 2023 a total of 58 planning applications have been reviewed and reports issued. The proposed developments are assessed to gauge their potential to generate construction and demolition wastes and how these waste streams will be managed including by-product materials such as soil & stone and concrete. Typical conditions for sites of potential significance include:

Prior to the commencement of development, the applicant shall prepare a Construction and Demolition Resource Waste Management Plan (RWMP) as set out in the ***Best Practice Guidelines for the Preparation of Resource and Waste Management Plans for C&D Projects (2021****). The RWMP shall include details of the various waste streams and expected tonnages which will be generated during site clearance, demolition and construction phases and any proposed exportation or importation of soil and stone material including destination/source locations, quantities and if any material will be assessed under By-Product notification. The RWMP shall also include specific proposals as to how the RWMP will be measured and monitored for effectiveness. All records (including for waste and all resources) pursuant to the agreed RWMP shall be made available for inspection at the site office at all times.*





Once a development has been granted planning permission, compliance documents relating to construction and demolition waste and operational waste management are forwarded to the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section for review. The submissions are assessed for compliance with national legislation, guidance and best practice. To date in 2023 a total of 59 compliance submissions have been assessed by the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section and reports issued to the Planning Department.
It is vital to condition planning permissions and assess planning compliance submissions to avoid situations where unauthorised waste collectors are used and waste is illegally disposed of. Construction and demolition waste can include hazardous streams such as asbestos or contaminated soils therefore it is important waste management is considered from an early stage of a development and authorised waste management contractors are used to carry, treat or dispose of construction and demolition waste which is a valuable resource.





Draft National End-of-Waste Criteria for Recycled Aggregates

The Environmental Protection Agency have published a draft National End of Waste Decision for recycled aggregate. End-of-waste marks the point at which a material transitions from a waste to a secondary product. Regulation 28(1) of the European Commission (Waste Directive) Regulations 2011-2020 (the Regulations), requires that in order for a recycled/recovered material to be classified as a non-waste, it must meet criteria set out in an end-of-waste decision

The criteria will be available to any waste operator to utilise, provided they hold an appropriate waste authorisation for the recovery of recycled aggregates.





This is an important decision as it will divert C & D material from the waste sphere and release much needed capacity for other materials at waste disposal/treatment facilities and encourage the development of the circular economy. The decision was open to consultation until the end of February and is now under review.



(a) Natural aggregate (b) Recycled aggregate 1 (c) Recycled aggregate 2

Illegal Dumping Awareness Campaign

The Waste Enforcement Section has been carrying out a campaign over the last number of months to raise awareness around illegal dumping and unauthorised waste collectors. A bus shelter awareness campaign was initiated during March and April 2023 regarding illegal dumping and the impact it has on our environment. A second campaign has been scheduled for June 2023.
Unauthorised collectors who don't have a waste collection permit and are offering a cheap waste removal service should never be used for disposal of waste materials. Always ask to see a waste collection permit to confirm they are authorised which can be checked on www.nwcpo.ie.

The following posters from mywaste.ie are being used for the campaign:





The Waste Enforcement Section has been posting items on Fingal County Council social media sites such as Facebook and Instagram to highlight the issue of unauthorised waste collectors and illegal dumping and the negative impact this has on everyone. Below are some recent posts with more information to be issued on a regular basis to reach as wide an audience as possible:





These types of campaigns are key to raising awareness among the public regarding illegal or 'man in the van' waste collectors as well as fly-tipping around our county and will continue throughout the year alongside the development of a number of new cinema adverts funded by the Anti-Dumping Initiative.

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of April & May 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of May 2023 is running at **46%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	72.5
Rates Collection %	46%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is €8.1m this is c.**19%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	8.1
Levies collected as % of 2022	19%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of April is €26.7m which is c. **94%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	26.7
Percentage of budget YTD	94%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of May

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	107	
Value €m	39.5	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	22	(i)
Value €m	190.4	
No. of procurements under evaluation	35	(ii)
Value €m	50.5	
No. of procurements at approved	8	(iii)
Value €m	5.1	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the May.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 May 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	36,348,382	90,151,700	40%	36,786,619	94,681,700	39%	-438,238
Road Transport & Safety	12,488,782	32,392,400	39%	3,836,718	8,698,800	44%	8,652,064
Water Services	7,575,653	14,994,900	51%	7,305,176	18,028,400	41%	270,477
Development Management	8,320,513	19,874,200	42%	3,204,133	5,480,800	58%	5,116,380
Environmental Services	18,462,830	48,361,500	38%	3,960,048	10,542,200	38%	14,502,781
Recreation & Amenity	20,409,251	49,953,500	41%	975,388	2,386,500	41%	19,433,863
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	616,152	1,380,600	45%	136,495	340,100	40%	479,657
Miscellaneous Services	9,731,389	22,836,300	43%	12,307,798	24,576,200	50%	-2,576,410
Central Management Charge	19,264,980	53,803,600	36%	1,537,306	3,904,000	39%	17,727,675
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,074,708	9,779,300	42%	-4,074,708
Rates				64,721,125	155,330,700	42%	-64,721,125
	133,217,931	**333,748,700**	**40%**	**138,845,515**	**333,748,700**	**42%**	**-5,627,584**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	40,214,910	-14,696,977	-19,508,693
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	9,067,566	-3,583,722	17,517,317
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	370,076	-449,773	-10,891,118
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	13,117,984	-18,322,372	-139,508,311
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	2,961,733	-758,758	-19,100,331
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	14,774,464	-9,048,880	-8,377,489
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	7,556,716	-7,370,061	-52,056,235
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**88,063,449**	**-54,230,543**	**-231,924,860**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/05/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 31/05/2023 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	3,146,921	84,415,863	81,274,054	3,141,809
LOANS	2,030,260	2,053,390	273,198	1,780,192
RENTS	9,426,987	9,075,474	4,043,829	5,031,645

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 69,163	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repair 2 - 10 sq mts Phoenix Residential Estate, Castleknock, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 65,000	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Ecology/Biodiversity Advice, support, management and coordination of surveys - Broadmeadow Way	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	**23/05/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	**18/05/2023**
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 74,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**12/05/2023**
Operations	Supply only of Ready Mix Concrete for Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 50,600	18/05/2023	31/12/2023	7	**11/05/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 1 x 7.5 Tonne Tipper Truck	FUSO Ireland, MMC Commercials	€ 127,722	05/05/2023	04/05/2024	12	**05/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Edgewood Lawn, Corduff, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 109,787	15/05/2023	15/08/2023	3	**04/05/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Removal of Asbestos from a house on Parnell Square East Dublin 1	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 35,900	01/04/2023	01/06/2023	2	**04/05/2023**
Libraries	Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Library Building Automation solution (My Open Library) for Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 41,005	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**04/05/2023**
Operations	Road resurfacing & Ancillary Works, on the R122 Fieldstown Bridge 1 to Surgalstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 671,175	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 473,469	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
EETCD	Economic Consultancy Services for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 157,500	09/05/2023	08/11/2023	6	**03/05/2023**

Operations	Installation of new timber knee rail fencing in Swords	Fingal Farm Home and Garden	€ 45,687	08/05/2023	08/07/2023	2	**02/05/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Survey for the design stage of the N3 M50 to Clonee Road Scheme	IO Geomatics Ltd	€ 164,950	16/01/2023	15/07/2023	6	**28/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re-Instatement of Car Park Surface & Footpaths, ducting and 5 x light sockets and assoc. works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,850	24/04/2023	12/05/2023	1	**26/04/2023**
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€ 90,000	28/06/2023	07/07/2023	8 days	**25/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	John Civil Engineering Co. Ltd	€ 7,715,430	15/05/2023	15/06/2024	13	**24/04/2023**
Housing	Employers Representative Led Integrated Consultant Design team for proposed residential developments at Holywell & Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Henchion Reuter Architects	€ 2,449,510	01/04/2023	29/02/2028	58	**19/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of 2. No.Half MUGAS to Wellview and Parslickstown Residential Estates	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€ 75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**19/04/2023**
Operations	Supply & Installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	**17/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	€ 61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetary	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 30,092	25/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Supply and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Hub at Littlepace Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	**13/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 25,650	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	**12/04/2023**
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	€ 2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	**12/04/2023**

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Operations	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€ 79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10.5	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 53,295	24/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**09/04/2023**
Operations	Hire of 1 x 85 HP Plus 4 wheel Drive Tractor/with driver/operative 1 x Backhoe Excavator, 1 teleporter, 1 x John Deer Gater with cab	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 62,883	10/04/2023	30/09/2023	5	**06/04/2023**
Libraries	Creator - Makers In Residence Programme & Development of Maker Spaces	Make Create Innovate Limited	€ 117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	**06/04/2023**
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	€ 50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	**05/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**05/04/2023**
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€ 621,115	17/04/2023	11/07/2024	15	**04/04/2023**
EETCD	Enabling Works - initial contract for SCQ Enabling Works (€5m/€750k)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	**04/04/2023**
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€ 81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	**03/04/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Provision of a Water Hygiene Programme	Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd. T/A HBE	€ 71,892	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	24	**01/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works at Bun a Knock, Naul	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	€ 38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and L	Triangle Computer Services	€ 93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**31/03/2023**
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	€ 34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	**31/03/2023**
EETCD	Development of the Castleknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion of same in the Dublin Discovery Trails AR App	Peel Entertainment Group Ltd t/a Peel Interactive	€ 50,000	27/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**31/03/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 6 - 12 Sq Mts at Mainstreet, Howth, Co. Dublin	Formac Construction	€ 80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	€ 77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	€ 39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 110,000	01/01/2023	31/08/2023	8	**29/03/2023**

Digital Services	Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance Services	Irish Mapping & GIS Solution Ltd.,	€ 27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**28/03/2023**
EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	€ 41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	**28/03/2023**
Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	**27/03/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	**24/03/2023**
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	€ 56,063	01/03/2023	29/02/2024	12	22/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	County Hall Courtyard Upgrade Works	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€ 989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**22/03/2023**
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	**21/03/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock,	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**20/03/2023**
Operations	Supply of Macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for Road Repairs	Roadstone Ltd,	€ 95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	**15/03/2023**
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 27,504	02/04/2023	01/07/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€ 72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,998	06/03/2023	06/06/2023	3	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	€ 50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**09/03/2023**
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	€ 112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**07/03/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	**04/03/2023**
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	€ 70,000	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	**01/03/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 231,279	13/03/2023	13/05/2023	2	**01/03/2023**
Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	**28/02/2023**

Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	**28/02/2023**
ousing	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	**27/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrel Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	**24/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	**23/02/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	**22/02/2023**
Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	**21/02/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	**21/02/2023**
Digital Services	Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	€ 198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	**21/02/2023**
Community	Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	**20/02/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 100,000	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	**16/02/2023**
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	**16/02/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 89,500	14/02/2023	15/05/2023	2.5 months	**14/02/2023**
Housing	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	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	**13/02/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	**10/02/2023**

Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	**09/02/2023**
Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	**07/02/2023**
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	**06/02/2023**
EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Po	Marie Brouder	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**31/01/2023**
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	**23/01/2023**
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	**20/01/2023**
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**18/01/2023**
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	€ 29,000	23/01/2023	23/06/2023	6	**17/01/2023**
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**16/01/2023**
Operations	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	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/07/2023	6	**09/01/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	€ 145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**05/01/2023**
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	€ 100,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
EETCD	Production, Promotion and Distribution of Tradfest: The Fingal Sessions (six half hour TV Shows for Domestic (RTE) and global distribution	TASCQ	€ 130,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**

Contracts Awarded Year to Date

Housing	Weekly Bin Collections and Ad hoc Skip Collections from the Halting Sites in the Fingal Area	Starrus Holdings Ltd	€ 64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	**01/01/2023**
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**01/01/2023**

Appendix 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 various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. Workshop is planned to be held with the NTA in May. Subject to that meeting the Gateway 2 Report is to be issued to the NTA to gain approval to proceed to preliminary design phase of the project.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €300,000	Planting of trees have been completed by colleagues in Operations. Minor snag works to be completed on the project.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €235,000	Data collection for the options stage of the project has been completed i.e. topographical, traffic surveys, tree surveys. This data will feed into development of the options report for the project.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	Work is continuing on developing the options report for the project. Option for a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored as part of the design process.
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	Contractor currently on site laying the new red cycle path surface on Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Avenue.

FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €176,000	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	Tenders due back for the appointment of a works contractor on 29th May 2023. A project board will evaluate tenders in June and aim to have a contractor appointed come July.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road (footpath build outs) €905,000	Engineering consultants are finalising concept designs and options report. The project team will then engage with the public and stakeholders to gather feedback on draft designs.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €140,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which is due to be issued in June for review.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €140,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in early June for review.
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	The submission and observation period, as part of the statutory consultation process, closed on Friday, 2nd of June. A review of all submissions and observations is currently underway. It is expected to present the CE report for the project to the July Council meeting.

FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Second tender published on Etenders for the appointment of a design consultant as the previous tender competition was unsuccessful. Applicants interested in tendering for the design services for the Active Travel Town Plans are due to submit Suitability Assessment Questionnaire documentation for the evaluation board to assess.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Design brief has been uploaded to eTenders by CPU. Tender competition is ongoing and once process is completed it is expected to appoint an integrated design team consultant to commence the active travel plan.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders. A design proposal was presented to residents of Seapark Hill. These works are expected to go to tender for construction in Q3 of 2023.
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 has closed and tender assessment is ongoing. Once complete it is expected to proceed to Stage 2 of the tendering process.
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	Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender documents are being prepared and are due to be published in June for the appointment of a design team to deliver the project.
FCC/23/XXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Road to Portrane Avenue €40,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in early June for review.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site. Epoxy resin works scheduled to be completed after schools closes.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site. Epoxy resin works scheduled to be completed after schools closes.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Rush & Lusk ETNS €200,000	Construction work is now complete and final snagging works and inspections are proposed for early June.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval to proceed to detailed design.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works on site. Epoxy resin works scheduled to be completed after schools closes.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Contractor is nearing completion of construction works. Epoxy resin works scheduled to be completed after schools closes. on site.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Preliminary design submitted to NTA in order to obtain approval 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	Social	Bowden Court (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 (169a Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	**2** 1x2Bed 1x3Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q4 2023
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Tuath Housing	Social - Elderly	Kilhedge Lane, Lusk 53°31'24.4"N 6°10'30.3"W - Google Maps	**31** 13x1Bed 18x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place (Former	**10** 9x2Bed 1x1Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024

			Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8				
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katies Hunts), 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	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush -Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	**14** Restoration of existing cottages	On Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2023

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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 tender process has been published to the shortlisted tenderers 21st April. Tender return 14th July.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**121** 37x1Bed 72x2Bed 12x3Bed	The second stage tender process has been published. Tender return 7th July	Q4 2023	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13** 6x1Bed 7x2Bed	Design Team being appointed. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, -6.217958 Google Maps	**36** 36x2Bed	Design Team preparing detailed plans for construction. A tender process will then follow to procure a contractor for construction.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025

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Schemes at Pre-Planning 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, 4A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**217**	Pre-Planning and design stage. Part 10 planning application for 217 units was lodged to ABP earlier in June.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
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 Process Ongoing.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Limited	Mixed Tenure Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) lodged by Glenveagh Living Limited 16th Sept 22 for 432 units. 20% social 20% affordable	Ballymastone Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	172	A decision to Grant Permission was made by An Bord Pleanala on 28 March 2023. Judicial Review process has commenced.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	54	Pre-Planning and design stage	Q2 2024	Q4 2025

*The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	**82**	On site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	**159**	On site	Q3 2023

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

MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR H. MAHONY

No Report

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

ITEM NO. 27

CONFERENCE REPORT

Training Module 3 (In-Person) June 2023

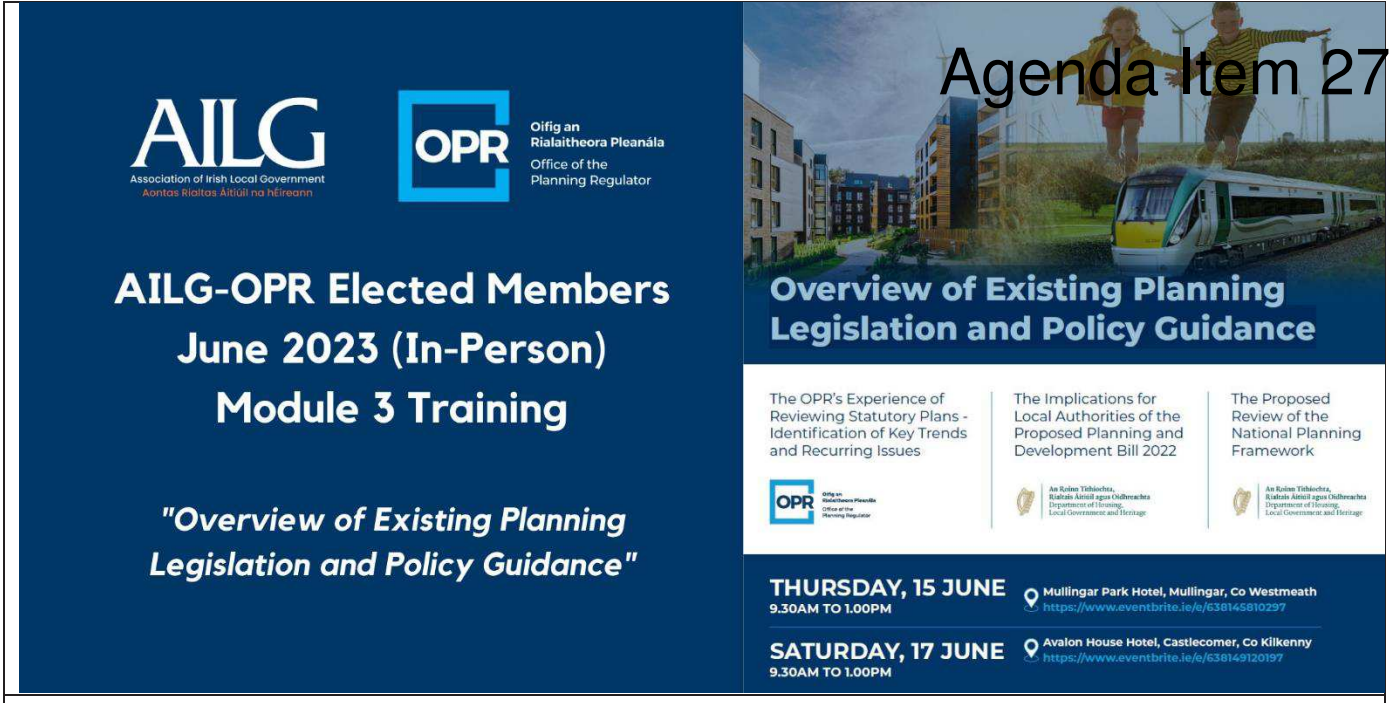
"OPR Overview of Existing and Emerging Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance"

The summer in-person OPR-AILG training events will provide an opportunity for Elected Members to meet with the Planning Regulator and senior OPR personnel who will provide topical presentations to help to build the knowledge base of elected members on pressing matters relating to the functions of the OPR and the proper planning and sustainable development of both urban and rural areas, including the evolving legislative framework for planning and emerging policy guidance.

Presentations will be delivered by the Planning Regulator and Senior Personnel from the OPR.

These events will be subject to a content update as the year/programme progresses.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 15th June 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Mullingar Park Hotel Westmeath
Saturday 17th June 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area.	Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny



AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 3 (In-Person) June 2023

17th June 2023 | **Southern Region** | **Avalon House Hotel**

"Overview of Existing Planning Legislation and Policy Guidance"

09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome*** - **Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, President AILG**
Session 1 **10.05am-10.45am**	**Speaker:** *Niall Cussen, Planning Regulator, Office of the Planning Regulator* During this presentation, Niall Cussen will discuss the OPR's experience of reviewing statutory plans and the identification of key trends and recurring issues and what can be learnt and applied in the context of the approaching round of reviews of local area plans and the role of elected members in overseeing and making local area plans.
Session 2 **10.45am-11.15am**	**Speaker: Senior Planning Personnel from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.** This session will look ahead to the implications for local authorities of the proposed Planning and Development Bill 2022.
11.15am-11.30am	**Tea/Coffee Break**
Session 3 **11.30-12.00**	**Speaker: Senior Planning Personnel from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.** This session will address both the achievements of the current National Planning Framework and its future review as signalled by Government.
12.00pm – 1.00pm	***Questions and Answers followed by Close & Lunch***

Training Module 4 (In-Person) July 2023

"Uisce Éireann (Irish Water) - A Briefing for Councillors"

Delivered by Senior Engineering and Corporate staff in Uisce Éireann.

From Spring 2023 operational control of water and wastewater services has been taken on by Uisce Éireann. The transfer to the national utility has taken place with the company working closely with the local authorities who have had charge of water services for more than a century. The AILG has made strong representations to Uisce Éireann to urge that channels of communication be put in place for Councillors to raise concerns with the company now that local control of water services has moved from the councils. The training indicated here forms part of a suite of interactions which Uisce Éireann will make available for Councillors.

Module Aims/Objectives

Senior Engineering and Corporate staff will provide information on a range of water-related topics including:

- Management of national water and wastewater assets
- Maintenance of the water and wastewater system
- Investment and planning
- Managing capital projects
- Customer care and billing.

DATE	APPLICABLE REGION	LOCATION
Thursday 20th July 2023	For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	Radisson Blu Hotel Cork
Saturday 22rd July 2023	1. For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the Northern and Western Regional Assembly area and Eastern & Midlands Regional Assembly area. 2. **Out of Region Option** For Councillors whose parent Councils are within the area of the Southern Regional Assembly	Sligo Park Hotel

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

ITEM NO. 28

CORRESPONDENCE

Comhairle Contae
Loch Garman

Wexford County Council

County Secretary

MD/ZP

20th April, 2023

Re: April 2023 Meeting Wexford County Council

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the April Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"That Wexford Council endorses and remains committed to the roll out of the Able Disabled campaign as a means of inclusion and prioritising the needs of those with a disability by companies and utilities.

Furthermore, as part of the evolving nationwide expansion of the AD call sign, this Council calls on all Chambers of Commerce members, County Councils and all utilities to engage, promote, and sign up to the AD Aware Programme as part of their corporate social responsibilities.

Upon passage, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities, Chambers of Commerce Ireland, Regulators and Government Information Service for dissemination."

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Drea,
County Secretary & Communications Officer
e-mail: **michael.drea@wexfordcoco.ie**
Phone: **053 9196260**

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

25 April 2023

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Motion of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 24 April 2023, the following resolution was passed, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

"That Westmeath County Council would write to the Minister of Housing and request that he support and encourage the immediate construction of affordable housing units by temporarily removing the need for local authority contributions and facilitating the designation of affordable units in developments that are in the planning system or that have a grant of planning."

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of your Local Authority.

Mise le meas,

Anne Galvin,

Meetings Administrator,

Corporate Services.

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8th May 2023

To: All Councils

Re. Grant levels for Croí Cónaithe Scheme

Dear Meeting Administrator,

Mayo County Council, at its meeting of 3rd April 2023, passed the following resolution:

"I respectfully seek the support of my colleagues and Management of Mayo County Council to petition the Minister for the Housing, Local Government and Heritage to double the maximum grants for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from €30,000 for a vacant property and €50,000 for a vacant property confirmed derelict to €60,000 and €100,000 respectively, given the recent unprecedented increases in the price of construction materials and the fact that these increases have not yet stabilised. In addition, I respectfully ask for your support to petition the Minister to expand the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to owners who wish to renovate vacant or vacant homes confirmed derelict, subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through a sale or through a long-term lease. Furthermore, that those approved under the existing scheme be included when the changes have been implemented, if they have not yet drawn down their funding."

I would be grateful if you could circulate to your members.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Hughes
Meetings Administrator
Mayo County Council

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

9th May, 2023.

Our Ref: May 23 - 29/AR/AC

Mr Michael Curran,
Chief Executive,
Macra na Feirme,
Irish Farm Centre,
Bluebell,
Dublin 12.

Dear Mr Curran,

At the May meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution and requested that their message of support be forwarded to you:

"That Clare County Council supports the recent Macra na Feirme campaign, entitled "The Rural Revival, Steps for our Future". This campaign was a march that departed Athy, Co. Kildare at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25th, marching through the night, physically carrying their message, before arriving at Government Buildings circa 1pm on Wednesday, April 27th. The message is simple, Macra Na Feirme members want to be able remain at home, working and living in their own communities and the key components of their message are as follows:
Accessing affordable housing and cumbersome housing planning guidelines.
Disjointed and scarce healthcare services for rural communities.
The Government's definition of a family farm as 'average' and 'typical'.
No recognition or engagement by Government on a farming succession scheme.
Lack of planning for the future of our rural communities informed by rural people.
Imposition of quotas on young farmers availing of grant aid support.
Lack of public transport for rural Ireland.
Proposals to rewet large areas of rural Ireland.
I am also requesting that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all other local authorities."

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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16 May 2023

To/ Each Local Authority

A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"That Kerry County Council calls on the Government to immediately initiate a National Pension Scheme for the State. That this motion would be circulated to all Local Authorities."

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise le meas,

Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator

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16 May 2023

To/ Each Local Authority

A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"That we as a Council would lead by example and change our correspondence with elected members to a paperless, electronic system for those who wish to avail of it, as it would greatly reduce our paper trail, and would also make it easier from a GDPR perspective as we would not have to worry about the disposal of said correspondence when it is no longer required."

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise le meas,

Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 29

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

27th February 2023

Ms. Nikki Halloran
Fingal County Council
County Hall,
Main Street,
Swords,
Co. Dublin
K67 X8Y2

Ref No HPLG-MOSOD-00173-2023

Dear Ms. Holloran,

I refer to your correspondence dated 7 February 2023, sent to Minister O'Brien, regarding a motion passed by the elected members of Fingal County Council about hybrid meetings and expenses. Your letter was forwarded to my office for direct reply.

The provisions for the payment of allowances to elected members are as set out in the *Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) Regulations 2021* (S.I. No. 313 of 2021) and directions issued thereunder. The most recent directions issued to local authorities under the attached circular LG 05/2022 on 7 September 2022. The rates and rules for the Annual Expenses Allowances are set out in Part 1 of the appendix to the directions. This states that the purpose of the Annual Expenses Allowance is to offset reasonable expenses incurred by members in carrying out their reserved functions and community representational role. This can include, in addition to costs incurred in attending meetings, such incidental travel and subsistence

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expenses that a member may incur in travelling around their local electoral area in the context of their public representational role.

The Annual Expenses Allowance is fully payable to a member who attends at least 80% of relevant meetings during the year. Attendances of less than 80%, for whatever reason, result in the allowance being reduced proportionately. As provided for under Regulation 3(2) of the 2021 Regulations, all members who are recorded as attendees in the official minutes of a meeting shall be deemed to have attended that meeting. This is regardless of whether the attendance was physical or online. The decision of whether or not to allow hybrid or remote meetings using online platforms is a reserved functions of the elected members.

In the event that an individual elected member does not wish to claim expenses under the Annual Expenses Allowance, or any other allowance, then he or she should notify the local authority in writing and the local authority may then reduce or halt payments as so requested.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell

Minister of State for Planning and Local Government.

From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 11 May 2023 12:48
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: HPLG-MOBO-01637-2023

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Office of the Minister

11th May 2023

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01637-2023

Dear Ms. Halleran,

I refer to your letter dated 12 April to An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar T.D., in relation to a motion recently passed by Fingal County Council calling on the eviction ban to be extended to the end of the year; to expand the tenant in situ scheme for social and affordable tenants and to use emergency planning and procurement powers to target vacant and derelict properties and new building technologies to deliver additional social and affordable homes in the Fingal area and nationally.

Your correspondence was kindly forwarded to Mr. Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The aim of the Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) Act 2022 was to afford time for housing supply to increase and to reduce the burden on homelessness services and the pressure on tenants and the residential tenancies market. To assist in managing demands on housing services after the winter period and ensure that there is no cliff edge impact on 1 April, the Deferment Act provides for deferred Notices of Termination to take effect on a phased basis over the period from 1 April to 18 June 2023.

On 7 March the Government agreed that the 'Winter Emergency Period' under the Residential Tenancies (Deferment of Termination Dates of Certain Tenancies) Act 2022 would come to an end on 31 March 2023, with deferred tenancy terminations taking effect over a staggered period from 1 April to 18 June 2023.

The Government believes that a focus on new supply is the best way forward. The Minister has informed Government of plans to give a number of new opportunities to tenants who wish to become homeowners including:

- requiring a landlord selling a property to first offer it to the tenant on an independent valuation basis for sale;

- working with local authorities and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to develop a bespoke 'cost rental' model for tenants at risk of homelessness but not on social housing supports to continue to rent their homes.

Separately, measures are being taken to put in place additional accommodation to mitigate the impact of the end of the winter emergency period including:

- an increase in the number of social housing acquisitions to a least 1,500 in 2023 to reduce the number of households at risk of homelessness;
- an additional 1,000 homes through Targeted Leasing initiatives in 2023 and 2024; and
- the amendment of the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) used by AHBs to assist them in their efforts in delivering social homes.

Increasing supply is key and supply is increasing. In 2022, 29,851 homes were completed. That's an increase of 45.2% from 2021 (20,560) and 41.3% from 2019 (21,134), pre-pandemic. The 2022 total exceeds the Housing for All target of 24,600 by 5,251, an additional 21.3%.

The rollout of affordable housing is key to improving our housing market. 2022 the first full year of affordable housing delivery in a generation. Schemes include:

- Cost Rental housing - new form of State-backed secure, long-term rental tenure through which rents are aimed at a minimum of 25% below open market rates – is being delivered (hundreds of homes are now tenanted with tenants paying rents which are between 25% and 50% lower than local market rents).
- The Government's new First Home shared-equity scheme is proving very popular with first-time buyers with more than 900 approvals since the scheme opened last July.
- Local authority-provided affordable purchase schemes are being rolled out. Through these, people can purchase homes at discounted rates in return for the local authority hold equity in the home.
- The Minister has also reformed the Local Authority Home Loan scheme for first-time buyers and Fresh Start applicants on low or modest incomes who cannot get sufficient funding from commercial lenders to purchase new or second-hand properties or to build your own home. The Minister also just announced significant improvements to the loan scheme that will make more people eligible to apply. The changes came into effect on March 1st.

Under Budget 2023, €2.8 million is being provided to support the work of the Vacant Homes Unit to drive and coordinate actions at central and local government level and address current levels of vacancy to increase levels of housing stock.

Through Housing for All the Government is encouraging innovation in construction to improve the pace and efficiency of housing building. The Government are taking measures to ensure Modern Methods of Construction are used in more developments, to deliver housing more effectively.

As set out in the Housing for All Action Plan Update (published in November, 2022), this Department has commenced a comprehensive review of the private rental sector. This review will take into account the significant regulatory changes over the past several years in the residential rental market, and will report on how our housing system can be enhanced to provide an efficient, affordable, viable, safe and secure framework for both tenants and landlords.

This review will be essential in properly planning future policy for the residential rented sector including implementing measures to support both landlords and tenants.

Over the coming months, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister will work with Government partners to put together a comprehensive new package of effective measures for both tenants and landlords.

I trust this information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 30

SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDERS FOR ROGERSTOWN, MALAHIDE AND BALDOYLE ESTUARIES

Motion: Councillors J. Hopkins and P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive, given the recent making of the new County Development Plan, outline her best estimate as to when the process can commence to put in place Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries given the urgent need for SAAO designations is vital to aid the conservation of these European sites and the habitats, flora and fauna they have been designated to protect, given the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency declared by Dáil Éireann in May 2019, and given the recent pressing recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly on Biodiversity Loss in November 2022."

Report:

As outlined at the Development Plan meetings, it is proposed that a prioritised programme of work arising out of the Development Plan be brought to the members following the new Plan coming into effect. This project will be considered within this context.

Separately, regarding this specific project, an assessment of the character or special features of an area as extensive as the Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries will require considerable time and resources. In addition, the subsequent identification of objectives will require consultation with relevant public bodies, Council departments and with Elected Members.

As a result, it is not considered practical or appropriate to identify a specific timeframe within which such a potentially complex and resource intensive process should be carried out.

Source of Report
Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 31

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive supports the promotion of internship and work experience programmes in the Council to give young people critical career foothold and skills."

Report:

Fingal County Council has been supporting the promotion of internships and work experience programmes for a number of years. In the current year we will be employing 4 interns. In addition, the Council will be providing work experience to 5 groups of 10 second level students from schools within the Fingal administrative area as part of their transition year.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

2007 PLANNING PERMISSION IN RESPECT OF NORTH RUNWAY DUBLIN AIRPORT

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive advise what is the position of the 2007 Planning Permission in respect of the North Runway Dublin Airport and state if the Enforcement Department's file is still active."

Report:

Presently, the Planning Authority is carrying out an investigation in relation to alleged non-compliance with planning permission Register Ref. F04A/1755/ABP Ref: PL 06F.217429 as extended under FCC Reg. Ref: F04A/1755/E1 and amended under FCC Reg: F19A/0023/ABP Re: ABP-305298-19 pursuant to the provisions of section 153(1) of the PDA 2000 to enable it to make a decision on whether or not to (i) issue an enforcement notice, or, (ii) make an application to the appropriate court under section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended ("PDA").

As part of its continuing investigation under section 153 PDA 2000, further information was sought on 31st March 2023. The further information included a number of separate technical elements and, following a request from daa, it was agreed that certain information would be submitted on or before 2nd May and the remaining elements submitted not later than 29th May. The first agreed set of information was submitted on 28th April and the second set of information was received on 29th May. All the information received is currently being assessed by the Planning Department as part of its ongoing investigation.

Source of Report
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 34

TRIAL OF RAINSCAPES TO BE ALLOCATED FOR IN 2024 BUDGET

Motion: Councillor D. Whooley

"That the Chief Executive investigates suitable locations for a countywide trial of rainscapes and for the construction of rain gardens or "rainscapes" to be allocated for in the 2024 Fingal County Council Budget."

See similar trial by DCC - https://www.dublincity.ie/node/8785

Report:

Fingal County Council encourage and promote the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDs) i.e., green solutions, such as rain gardens or "rainscapes" through the Planning process for all new development sites. The Council also encourages the use of SuDS systems such as rainscapes in projects in the existing public realm.

The use of above ground drainage Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) solutions maximises the benefits in terms of water quality, flooding, biodiversity, amenity, climate change and maintenance. The use of SuDS is underpinned in the National Planning Framework, County Development Plan 2023-2029, Fingal's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2019, National Policy (Nature Based Solutions) and in various other Local Area Plans and Masterplans and is a key cornerstone of achieving Flooding Directive and Water Framework Directive objectives.

The use of rain gardens or "rainscapes" are ideal in existing urban areas. The Council does not generally undertake standalone SuDS schemes. However, given the wider contributions to the public realm, they are normally incorporated or considered as part of the surface water management for Fingal Capital Plan schemes.

There is a requirement on all Depts within Fingal County Council to incorporate SuDS, including features such as rain gardens where appropriate, in all of the Fingal Capital Plan schemes that are being brought forward through the design and planning process.

Examples of schemes where rain gardens or "rainscapes" have been incorporated into the design to manage surface water are.

- Proposed New Street Malahide Active Travel Scheme
- Proposed Quay Street Plaza in Balbriggan

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

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ITEM NO. 35

REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI IN AREAS OF FINGAL

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That the Chief Executive conducts a visibility study to look at all graffiti created and develop a plan for the removal of it, this will discourage youths from future vandalism and create a cleaner looking environment."

Report:

The Operations Department is responsible for the management of graffiti in open spaces within the Fingal County Council Administrative area.

The process of graffiti removal is as follows:

- A request for graffiti removal when received is logged on our CRM system.
- If the graffiti is on a dwelling's boundary wall, a waiver form must be signed by the resident before any removal works commence.
- Once the waiver is signed, we then contact the Probation Service or our graffiti removal contractor with the information and location of the graffiti to be removed.
- When the Council is advised of the removal of graffiti completion, it is noted on the CRM system and the CRM is closed.
- The citizen/Elected Representative is then notified of the completion of the works.

Most graffiti removal work is carried out on our behalf by the Probation Service however, in certain instances where there is offensive or racist graffiti it is removed or painted over by the Council's contractor or direct labour crews. The current system has worked very effectively, and it is not proposed to make changes to it.

Source of Report
Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 36

DEDICATED E-MAIL ADDRESS TO REPORT DEAD BIRDS

Motion: Councillor K. Power

"That the Chief Executive, provides and promote a dedicated e-mail address that members of the public can contact to report dead birds in order to have them safely removed and sent for testing, especially around serious outbreaks of Avian Flu."

Report:

There is a dedicated email address in place for each of the operational areas which can be used to report dead birds and all other matters related to operational works. The emails are monitored during the working day with the emails addresses as follows;

CasMulOpArea@fingal.ie

BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie

HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie

Source of Report
Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 37

SPORTING FACILITIES CAPACITY

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

"That the Chief Executive carry out an audit of all sporting facilities in Fingal given the speed of growth of Fingal's young population and the current demand for support being requested from many clubs/sporting organisations in Fingal."

Report:

Following completion of the procurement process, the Community and Sports Development Office has recently appointed a consultant to undertake an Audit of Community, Sports & Recreation Facilities public and privately owned, in the administrative area of Fingal and within a radius of 10km around its borders. Work on this audit is expected to commence this month. It is expected this Audit will take approximately 8 months to complete.

Part of the remit of the Audit will include benchmarking facilities / deficits against similar areas, both domestically and internationally. The study will be cognisant of population increases / future significant housing developments in the Fingal area.

The aim of the Audit is to provide evidence-based data on sports and physical activity facility provision and projected needs which will be considered when planning future facilities across the county in order to meet the physical activity needs of our residents.

This Audit will also dovetail with a National Audit being carried out by Sport Ireland, culminating with the development by Sport Ireland of an easy-to-use

Irish Sports Facilities App. This process will facilitate benchmarking with similar areas and the app will provide information on facilities available to the public.

Source of Report:
Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Sports Development

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ITEM NO. 39

WATER OUTAGE DUE TO TRUNK WATER MAIN CONNECTION

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive with reference to Trunk Main connection on 26th February 2023, make contact with Uisce Éireann to request that they provide a comprehensive report by addressing the following:

1. Why a ten- hour works duration was outlined in bold in the Press Release on 14th February 2023, while a following note mentioned ten further hours for premises at the end of the system or on high ground; 2. Why Skerries was not mentioned in the Press Release, but actually had a water outage; 3. Had a reported burst in Lusk noted by Irish Water, any connection with recharging of the water to main network; 4. Why parts of Malahide were completely without water until 6:00 pm on Monday 27th February; 5. What was the cause of outage noted by Irish Water on their website on 27th February 2023 which originally mentions a pump failure and subsequently a tie-in at Ballycoolin as requiring alternative supplies in East part of Malahide."

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Chief Executive of Uisce Éireann to provide a report and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report
Nikki Halleran, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services