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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday, 3rd October 2023

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 9th October, 2023** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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QUESTIONS

3 Councillor J. Hopkins - Fire Safety Certificates for Apartment Complexes in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed analysis of the number of apartments, including apartment blocks built in Fingal in the last five years; how many Fire Safety Certificates have been issued; how many are waiting for Fire Safety Certificates to be issued?"

4 Councillor P. Mulville - A Map of current Fingal County Council Housing areas

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723, can she provide a map of the current Fingal County Council Housing areas, a detailed map which can be "zoomed" in on, and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, as provided by Dublin City Council?"

5 Councillor P. Mulville - Queries from Homeless Support Workers on behalf of clients

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is a dedicated staff member/point of contact/phone number/e-mail in the Housing Department, who deals with queries from Homeless Support Workers across Dublin and who can respond in a swift and timely manner to their queries on behalf of homeless clients; and if not, can consideration be given to putting this in place, as feedback from some of these workers and their service users suggest that this Council is least responsive to such queries, out of the four Dublin Local Authorities?"

6 Councillor B. Ryan - Level of Noxious Weeds

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she has any concerns about the level of the noxious weed, Ragwort, throughout the County, whether it is adequately controlled on the lands owned by the Council and whether

she has any role in enforcement of Noxious Weeds legislation in relation to lands in private ownership?"

7 **Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in-situ Information**

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on Tenant in-situ purchases since 1st April, 2022 including those that were not purchased and the reasons why?"

8 **Councillor B. Manton - Waste Management Sustainability and the Circular Economy**

"To ask the Chief Executive, given over the past decade there has been a substantial increase in population and business activity in Fingal, Waste Management companies in Fingal have applied for the lifting of tonnage restrictions in certain areas to help them manage the recycling demand, under The Housing for All initiative it requires extra recycling for building and rebuilding of houses, under present restrictions the demand is not being met in the Republic, and a lot of material is being recycled north of the border, this in fact, puts the recycling of material outside the EU and does not support EU Critical Raw Material legislation, it has implications for our carbon footprint and does not support a circular economy, how is this element of recycling waste going to be managed in the future and can she provide a breakdown of how much we are recycling in Fingal; how much is being exported to the UK; and how the figures compare to the figures of a decade ago in relation to increases in waste and increases in our capacity to manage it?"

9 **Councillor D. Mulligan - HAP Tenancies - Landlord - LRC RE-1**

"To ask the Chief Executive how many HAP tenancies of the landlord "LRC RE-1" is this Local Authority supporting?"

10 **Councillor D. Mulligan - HAP Tenancies - Vulture Funds across Fingal**

"To ask the Chief Executive how many HAP tenancies of the landlord "Vulture Funds" this Local Authority is supporting?"

11 **Councillor J. Humphreys - Number of homeless people who made contact with this Local Authority - Emergency Accommodation**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, for the last two years, the number of homeless people who made contact with this Local Authority, but were not provided with Emergency Accommodation or

a HAP/social housing tenancy; the breakdown for the reasons emergency accommodation or HAP/social housing tenancy was not provided in each case?"

12 **Councillor K. Power - Timeline for the roll out of Communication Boards to other playgrounds across the County**

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the successful trial of the Communication Boards in playgrounds, can she confirm a timeline for the roll out of this inclusive initiative to other playgrounds across the County?"

13 **Councillor S. Shovlin - Christmas Markets 2023**

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Christmas Markets 2023 including dates and how to take part?"

14 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Planning Enforcement issues being pursued by this Council in relation to Dublin Airport**

"To ask the Chief Executive, for important information purposes for the general public, excluding night time flying issues, to provide an itemised detailed list in a tabular format, relating to the five enforcement items outstanding, either by means of headings/topics/issues, following on from enforcement complaints received, that are currently being actively pursued by this Council's Planning Enforcement in relation to Dublin Airport and the activities emanating from Dublin Airport?"

15 **Councillor B. Dennehy - Provision of access for pedestrians to bus stops throughout Fingal**

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the role/responsibility and measures available to this Council in providing safe access to pedestrians and, in particular, pedestrians with mobility issues to bus stop locations for public transport bus carriers throughout Fingal?"

16 **Councillor R. O'Donoghue - Applications for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to this Local Authority**

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of applications for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to this Local Authority; the number of applications approved; the number of successful applications drawn down, in tabular form?"

17 **Councillor C. Boland - Planning Enforcement - Unauthorised Developments - "A Guide to Planning Enforcement in Ireland"**

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why the provision outlined in "A Guide to Planning Enforcement in Ireland" published by the Office of the Planning Regulator, an extract of which is at point 9, (see below) has not been used to force a halt in cases of unauthorised development?

Point 9 (A Guide to Planning Enforcement in Ireland)

"Are there any other ways to stop unauthorised development? In more serious cases, or in an escalation of existing enforcement cases, a Planning Authority may apply to the Circuit Court or the High Court for an 'injunction' to prevent an unauthorised development from commencing or continuing. Individuals or groups can also apply for an injunction, even if the Planning Authority has not taken this step".

18 **Councillor A. Henchy - Funding Applications - Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide a strategic summary of the applications put forward by this Council for funding opportunities provided by the Town and Village Renewal Scheme or, indeed, any similar schemes that will enhance town and villages across Fingal?"

19 **Report of Committees**

a Quarterly Chairpersons' Reports of Strategic Policy Committees

b Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 14th September 2023

d Report of Corporate Policy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023

e Report of Howth/Malahide Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2023

f Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 5th October 2023

20 **Financial Matters**

a Capital Programme 2023 Outturn and Capital Programme 2024 - 2026

b Audit Committee Charter

21 Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed disposal of lands at Church Fields Mulhuddart Dublin 15 County Dublin to GEM Construction Limited

b Proposed disposal of land at Cappogue Industrial Estate, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15 to the National Transport Authority

c Proposed disposal of land for the rectification of boundary at Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mrs. Brenda Finnegan

d Proposed lease of land at St. Catherine's Estate to Rush Athletic Football Club

22 Declaration of Roads

a Cnoc Dubh, Ballyboughal Phase 2

b Miller's Glen Swords, Co. Dublin Phase 2

23 Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for proposed development at Dublin Street, Balbriggan, comprising refurbishment and change of use to workspaces of No 2 Dublin Street (protected structure RPS no. 0058), and demolition and construction works at No 4 Dublin Street for use as a creative hub and workspaces, including external courtyard and upgrade of exiting laneway from Georges Square

24 Proposed Amendments to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Chapel Road, Kinsealy

25 Draft Burial Ground Bye-Laws

26 Fingal Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2024 - 2029

27 Halloween Projects 2023 Funding Applications

28 Chief Executive's Report

30 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - Civic Reception Irish Special Olympics Team

"That this Council grants a Civic Honour/Reception to be made to the Irish Special Olympics Team in recognition of their recent achievements."

b Councillor A. Henchy - Civic Reception Dublin GAA Mens' and Ladies GAA Teams

"That this Council grants a Civic Honour/Reception to be made to the Dublin Senior Mens' and Senior Ladies GAA All Ireland winning teams in recognition of their recent achievements."

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

36 Councillor P. Rane - Construction of New Schools across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on what plans this Council has for both short and medium term, for the commencement of construction of urgently required new schools, both Primary and Secondary schools, this is in accordance with the Government's new policy which will help facilitate the continued rollout of urgently required school building projects in both mainstream and special education settings, including those that were temporarily paused due to lack of Capital funding."

37 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Strategy for keeping our environment clean - Responsibility on the part of Pet Owners

"That the Chief Executive review the current strategy for keeping our streets, footpaths and roads clean in the county, and in particular, to outline measures for dealing with the increasing cases of uncollected faeces and the lack of responsibility on the part of pet owners."

42 Councillor J. Humphreys - Allocation of funding in the Capital Programme - Swimming Pools in the County

"That this Council calls for the allocation of funding in the Capital Programme for Swimming Pools in the County."

44 Councillor K. Dennison - Water Framework Directive - Targets

"That the Chief Executive report on the Council's obligations under the Water Framework Directive and to indicate when all targets are likely to be met."

MOTIONS NON STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

48 Councillor N. Treacy - Support for the Retained Fire and Rescue Service

"That this Council support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel in their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off, that we call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure in writing, asking them to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th September, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Power, Karen
Rane, Punam
Ryan, Brendan
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors David Healy and Tom O'Leary.

The Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy, 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); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert Burns (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/313/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

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

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 3rd July 2023 be **ADOPTED."**

F/314/23 (Agenda Item No 2)

NOMINATIONS

a <u>Appointment of One Member to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group</u>

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

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire that Councillor Tony Murphy be nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh that Councillor Brendan Ryan be nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

It was AGREED to take a 3minute recess.

The Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken, on a division the voting resulted as follows:

MURPHY: 18 EIGHTEEN
RYAN : 16 SIXTEEN
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

MURPHY: Councillors Donnelly, Angela; Graves, Ann; Treacy, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan, Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; Leddy, Ted

RYAN: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; Tormey, Aoibhinn; Conroy, Pamela; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillor Tony Murphy as nominated to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

F/315/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 15, be ADOPTED."

F/316/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Traffic Light Sequencing for Speeding Traffic

F/317/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Homeless Family Hubs

F/318/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor P. Mulville - Recreational and Hang-Out Space for Teenagers

F/319/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in Situ Information

F/320/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor D. Butler - daa and Dublin Airport

F/321/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Butler - Projects and Benefits to Fingal Residents - Local Property Tax (LPT)

F/322/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Henchy - Data on the new North Runway at Dublin Airport

F/323/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Request for Information for registration with the PPN

F/324/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Items being actively pursued by this Council's Planning Enforcement Section in relation to Dublin Airport

F/325/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Sequencing of actions required to be carried out in relation to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax

F/326/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Ryan - Removal from Housing List by reason of Income of Adult Children - years 2022 and year to date 2023

F/327/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor C. Boland - DAA and Noise Monitoring

F/328/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor B. Manton - Food Parks - Development Plan

F/329/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Report of Committees

a Updated Strategic Policy Quarterly Report Climate Action, Biodiversity Environment SPC June 2023

The reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor P. Rane and RESOLVED:

"That the recommendations contained in the amended quarterly report of the Climate Action, Biodiversity Environment Strategic Policy Committee are hereby APPROVED."

b Report of Corporate Policy Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 6th September 2023, be APPROVED."

c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on 7th September 2023, are hereby ADOPTED."

F/330/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

a Fixing of Date for Consideration of Capital Programme

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor. G. Maguire and RESOLVED:

"That in accordance with Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 the Council hereby resolves to consider the Three Year Capital Programme at the Meeting of the County Council to be held on the 9th October 2023."

F/331/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/332/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declaration of Roads

a Balgriffin to Belmayne Roundabout

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

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

F/333/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy advised the Members that two emergency motions had been received.

The first motion from Councillor A. Graves was ruled in order and would be heard 15 minutes before the end of the meeting.

The second motion from Councillor A. Graves was ruled out of order.

Following discussion, the Chief Executive's report was NOTED.

F/334/23 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed by Councillor A. Lavin and seconded by Councillor K. Dennison to vary the order of business and to take Agenda Item 41 at this stage of the meeting and this was AGREED by the Members.

F/335/23 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor A. Graves - daa Intervening in the Planning Process

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

Following discussion, the motion was AGREED.

It was also AGREED that a copy of the letter submitted to the Mayor will be circulated to all the Members.

F/336/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - New Location for RTE - Fingal

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

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

FOR: 14 FOURTEEN

AGAINST: 8 EIGHT

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Mulligan, Dean; Hanaphy, Breda; Maguire, Grainne; Power, Karen; Kitt, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Guerin, Jimmy;

Conroy, Pamela; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; Leddy, Ted.

AGAINST: Councillors Donnelly, Angela; Treacy, Natalie; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; McCamley, Mary; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Burtchaell, John.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion **PASSED**.

F/337/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

a Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) National Social Housing Conference 2023, supported by AIB - From Vision to Reality - Transforming Communities Through Placemaking with Social and Affordable Housing 18th & 19th October 2023 - Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford

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

F/338/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

a Letter from South Dublin County Council 12th June 2023 - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

b Letter received from Leitrim County Council dated 7th July 2023 - Bus Éireann - Recruit Drivers

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

c Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., HSE., - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease

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

d Letter from Cork County Council dated 5th July 2023 - Letter to CEO., Coillte - Campaign to Raise Awareness - Lyme Disease

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

e Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To RSA - Reduce Waiting times for Driving Tests

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

f Letter from Cork County Council on 24th July 2023 - To Department of Transport - Reduce waiting times for driving tests

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

g Letter from Waterford City & County Council 27th July 2023 - Active Travel Funding

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/339/23 (Agenda Item No 24)
Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter dated 22nd June 2023 from Minister of State for Local Government and Planning re Item 37 - Need for legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the Local Elections in 2024

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

b Acknowledgement received dated 10th July 2023 from Minister of State, Department of Public Expenditure - Remuncipilisation of Waste Collection

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

c Email dated 27th July 2023 from the Office of the Department of Transport re Item 37 - Cllrs Hopkins & Mulville - Extension of Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme February 2023 Council Meeting

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/340/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Councillor K. Power - No "Mow May" Campaign

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

During the course of discussion, an amended motion was received from Cllr. K. Power. The amended motion was proposed by Cllr. K. Power and seconded by Cllr. I. Carey:

Amendment to Item 25:
Insert "in our green open spaces (excluding play pitches and allowing for trimming close to traffic junctions)"

Amended motion to read:
"That this Council adopt a "no mowing" policy in May going forward in our green open spaces (excluding play pitches and allowing for trimming close to traffic junctions) to bring the area into line with the national "No Mow May" campaign."

Follow discussion the amended motion was **AGREED.**

F/341/23 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTION

The following motion was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor N. Treacy:

"That Fingal County Council:

Stands in solidarity with FÓRSA members in Fingal County Council and other local authorities across the state as they commence industrial action to address issues around job evaluation and pay;

Supports their call for a formal job evaluation process to ensure workers jobs are properly graded and enumerated;

Calls on Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien, the LGMA and the executive of Fingal County Council to return to negotiations with FÓRSA and to agree a mechanism for processing the job evaluation process."

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.01pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 02a

NOMINATIONS TO THE LIFFEY VALLEY SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDER (SAAO) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee took place on the 20th September 2023 to discuss *'Nominations to the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee'*.

The Committee AGREED that the number of Councillor representatives from Fingal for this Committee be 6 and that those Members comprise of the Castleknock Ward. This recommendation has been AGREED by the Corporate Policy Group.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 02b

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER BY RESOLUTION TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Following the resignation of Councillor Brigid Manton from the Audit Committee a vacancy now exists on this Committee.

In line with Section 4(3) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, the membership of the Audit Committee comprises of seven members and shall include-

- Not less than four external members
- Not more than three serving or retired Elected Members, and
- Three or more persons having knowledge or experience in finance, audit or accounting.

Articles 4(6) & 4(7) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014 provide that -

- Nominations for appointment to an Audit Committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group to the Local Authority following consultation with the Chief Executive.
- Appointment to an Audit Committee shall be reserved function of the local authority.

At its meeting on 3rd October 2023 the Corporate Policy Group considered the vacancy on the Audit Committee created by Councillor Manton's resignation.

The following Councillor has indicated their willingness to allow their names go forward for the approval of the Council to replace Councillor Manton:

- Councillor Mary McCamley

The Corporate Policy Group, agreed to recommend that the Council approve the appointment of the nominee outlined above as a member of the Council's Audit Committee.

Accordingly, should the Members wish to approve the appointment of the recommended nominee, a resolution is required as follows:

"In accordance with Section 4(3) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, it is hereby resolved that Councillor McCamley be appointed to the Audit Committee to replace Councillor Manton".

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 03

FIRE SAFETY CERTIFICATES FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed analysis of the number of apartments, including apartment blocks built in Fingal in the last five years; how many Fire Safety Certificates have been issued; how many are waiting for Fire Safety Certificates to be issued?"

Reply:

- 2,601 Apartments built in the five years to September 2023
- 146 Total FSC granted in the five years to September 2023
- 28 Total number of Fire Safety Certificates (FSC) submitted in the five years to September 2023 waiting on a decision

As Commencement Notices and Completion Certs can be submitted for part apartment blocks on the national Bonds and Contributions Management System (BCMS), the number of Apartments Blocks is not separately recorded on BCMS and therefore that information is not available.

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 04

A MAP OF CURRENT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING AREAS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723, can she provide a map of the current Fingal County Council Housing areas, a detailed map which can be "zoomed" in on, and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, as provided by Dublin City Council?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council consists of 4 areas of preference for housing support purposes including Dublin 15, Howth/Malahide, Balbriggan and Swords.

Details in relation to the Housing Area boundaries will be provided to the Councillor.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 05

QUERIES FROM HOMELESS SUPPORT WORKERS ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive if there is a dedicated staff member/point of contact/phone number/e-mail in the Housing Department, who deals with queries from Homeless Support Workers across Dublin and who can respond in a swift and timely manner to their queries on behalf of homeless clients; and if not, can consideration be given to putting this in place, as feedback from some of these workers and their service users suggest that this Council is least responsive to such queries, out of the four Dublin Local Authorities?"

Reply:

The Council is cognizant of its obligations to assist those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Homeless Services Team engages with those who are experiencing homelessness, providing advice and assistance and every effort is made to respond in a timely manner to all queries.

In addition to dealing directly with applicants, the Team liaises regularly with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement, including the DRHE (Dublin Region Homeless Executive) Housing Support Officers, Family Support Team, Housing First intake, Dublin Simon Outreach Team, and a wide cross section of other stakeholders to maximize the level of interagency collaboration at an operational and strategic level. Contact details of our Homeless Team are readily available to ensure lines of communication are open.

Source of Reply:

Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 06

LEVEL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she has any concerns about the level of the noxious weed, Ragwort, throughout the County, whether it is adequately controlled on the lands owned by the Council and whether she has any role in enforcement of Noxious Weeds legislation in relation to lands in private ownership?"

Reply:

The Council does not monitor public or private lands for the presence of noxious weeds as defined by the Noxious Weeds Act, 1936. Responsibility for the enforcement of the Noxious Weed Act lies with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Garda Síochána.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

TENANT IN-SITU INFORMATION

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide an update on Tenant in-situ purchases since 1st April, 2022 including those that were not purchased and the reasons why?"

Reply:

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 24 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 89 properties are at the sale agreed/conveyancing stage with a further 68 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 293 queries and applications concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition. To date, a total of 71 tenant-in-situ acquisition applications have not proceeded for a variety of reasons, including the following:

- The needs of the tenant can be met through existing Fingal County Council housing stock.
- No Notice of Termination has been issued by the landlord.
- The tenant has sourced alternative accommodation.
- The landlord has withdrawn the property from the tenant-in-situ acquisition scheme.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 08

WASTE MANAGEMENT SUSTAINABILITY AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive, given over the past decade there has been a substantial increase in population and business activity in Fingal, Waste Management companies in Fingal have applied for the lifting of tonnage restrictions in certain areas to help them manage the recycling demand, under The Housing for All initiative it requires extra recycling for building and rebuilding of houses, under present restrictions the demand is not being met in the Republic, and a lot of material is being recycled north of the border, this in fact, puts the recycling of material outside the EU and does not support EU Critical Raw Material legislation, it has implications for our carbon footprint and does not support a circular economy, how is this element of recycling waste going to be managed in the future and can she provide a breakdown of how much we are recycling in Fingal; how much is being exported to the UK; and how the figures compare to the figures of a decade ago in relation to increases in waste and increases in our capacity to manage it?"

Reply:

Waste facilities are either licensed by the EPA or smaller ones by the Local Authority. The applicant proposes the annual tonnage limits and subject to the limits in the waste facility regulations these are usually granted if the application is in order otherwise, we often impose limits on the total amount stored on site as part of fire prevention plans. It is open to permit holders to apply for a revision of their permit to increase tonnages if they can accommodate them, however, tonnage limits cannot be raised outside the regulations unless it is to

prevent environmental pollution. An application for higher tonnages may require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

There is no breakdown on a county basis of tonnages of waste generated, recycling rates or destination. The EPA publish reports on waste generation, recycling rates and export of waste, the most recent report is for 2020.

The draft waste management plan 2023 to 2029 also gives an in-depth view of the questions raised in the question and is available here:

https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-05/National%20Waste%20Management%20Plan%20for%20a%20Circular%20Economy%20%20-%20%20Briefing%20Note.pdf

Source of Reply:

David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 09

HAP TENANCIES – LANDLORD – LRC RE-1

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive how many HAP tenancies of the landlord "LRC RE-1" is this Local Authority supporting?"

Reply:

The number of Fingal County Council mainstream HAP tenancies in this Local Electoral Area for the Landlord LRC RE-1 is 8.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 10

HAP TENANCIES – VULTURE FUND ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive how many HAP tenancies of the landlord "Vulture Funds" this Local Authority is supporting?"

Reply:

Currently there are 12 Corporate Property Owners that manage more than 5 properties each in the Fingal County Council area. In total, the number of Fingal County Council mainstream HAP tenancies that applies to these Corporate Property Owners is 194.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 11

NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO MADE CONTACT WITH THIS LOCAL AUTHORITY - EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details, for the last two years, the number of homeless people who made contact with this Local Authority, but were not provided with Emergency Accommodation or a HAP/social housing tenancy; the breakdown for the reasons emergency accommodation or HAP/social housing tenancy was not provided in each case?"

Reply:

It is not possible to quantify the total number of those who contact this Local Authority in relation to homelessness, due to the wide variety of queries received.

Clients who make initial contact with the Council are requested to submit relevant documentation to verify their circumstances. When the relevant documentation is received, a Homeless Officer will carry out a Homeless Assessment, clients will be granted access to Emergency Accommodation and made eligible for the Homeless Hap (HHAP), as appropriate. However, not all clients decide to avail themselves of Emergency Accommodation or pursue HHAP.

Details of these assessments are provided monthly in the Chief Executive's report which include statistics on the number of homeless assessments conducted, the reasons for homelessness, and the number of those who have exited homelessness with a breakdown of those who availed of HHAP and those who were allocated an offer of social housing support.

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 12

TIMELINE FOR THE ROLL OUT OF COMMUNICATION BOARDS TO OTHER PLAYGROUNDS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Question: Councillor K. Power

"To ask the Chief Executive, following the successful trial of the Communication Boards in playgrounds, can she confirm a timeline for the roll out of this inclusive initiative to other playgrounds across the County?"

Reply:

The creation of a working communication board involves taking a photograph of every individual piece of equipment in each playground. To date all the equipment in all 56 playgrounds in the Fingal area have been photographed and compiled into 56 separate asset lists. The signage company that are designing and manufacturing the communications boards are now working through the contract that is divided into 4 operational areas. It is hoped that the communications boards will be delivered and installed in each individual playground by the end of Quarter 4 2023.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 13

CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2023

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Christmas Markets 2023 including dates and how to take part?"

Reply:

The Events Unit is happy to confirm that we are currently in the final stages of detailing the events and confirming the dates for the Fingal Christmas Markets 2023.

Provisionally the Markets are scheduled to take place on the 25th and 26th November and 2nd & 3rd of December in Swords Town Park, Bremore Castle Balbriggan and Shackleton Gardens Clonsilla with an emphasis on supporting local crafters and traders.

Once all the details are agreed upon, we will promptly inform the councillors and publish the information on our official website, www.fingal.ie as well as across our social media platforms.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 14

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES BEING PURSUED BY THIS COUNCIL IN RELATION TO DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive, for important information purposes for the general public, excluding night time flying issues, to provide an itemised detailed list in a tabular format, relating to the five enforcement items outstanding, either by means of headings/topics/issues, following on from enforcement complaints received, that are currently being actively pursued by this Council's Planning Enforcement in relation to Dublin Airport and the activities emanating from Dublin Airport?"

Reply:

Since the opening of the North Runway at Dublin Airport, the Planning Authority have received complaints in relation to alleged breaches of conditions of the 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. Ref: F19A/0023 / ABP Ref: ABP-305298-19).

On foot of these complaints, five Warning Letters and an Enforcement Notice have been issued and several planning enforcement investigations are ongoing into allegations of non-compliance with the North Runway planning permission.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

PROVISION OF ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS TO BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the role/responsibility and measures available to this Council in providing safe access to pedestrians and, in particular, pedestrians with mobility issues to bus stop locations for public transport bus carriers throughout Fingal?"

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has the authority to secure or provide public transport infrastructure in the State in relation to bus stops, bus shelters, bus stations, stands etc. The construction, installation, improvement and maintenance of bus stops and bus shelters is the responsibility of the National Transport Authority (NTA). There are two official Co-operations Agreements in place between the NTA and Fingal County Council.

1. Co-operation Agreement relating to the Construction, Installation and Maintenance of Bus Stops
2. Co-operation Agreement in relation to Public Transport Bus Shelters

The Co-operation Agreements above enable the NTA to carry out these works in the Fingal Administrative area subject to the Councils usual requirements in relation to road openings, traffic management and reinstatement. This includes any works necessary, related to or incidental to the provision of the bus stops, bus stop poles, shelters, RPTI Poles, hardstanding and related works. Works at bus stops, including accessible bus stops, are designed and delivered by the NTA using their appointed Consulting Engineers and Contractors.

The Council has the power to specify the location of stopping points within the County on bus routes at which persons may board onto, or alight from buses. Fingal County Council continue to facilitate the NTA regarding any liaisons of an operational nature for the locations of new and improved bus stops.

The Operations Department maintain public footpaths in the Fingal Administrative Area and carry out amendments to these footpaths on a regular basis to improve their accessibility for pedestrians with mobility issues.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 16

APPLICATIONS FOR THE CROÍ CÓNAITHE SCHEME TO THIS LOCAL AUTHORITY

Question: Councillor R. O'Donoghue

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of applications for the Croí Cónaithe Scheme to this Local Authority; the number of applications approved; the number of successful applications drawn down, in tabular form?"

Reply:

75 applications have been received. 34 applications have been approved. Work is completed in 3 properties with grant payment made in 1 of these properties and advancing to drawdown in the other 2 properties.

Applications received	Grant Approved	Ineligible\Withdrawn applications	Work Completed in Property	Grant Payments made	Grant Draw down in Process
75	34	11	3	1	2

Source of Reply:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 17

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENTS – A GUIDE TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT IN IRELAND

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise why the provision outlined in "A Guide to Planning Enforcement in Ireland" published by the Office of the Planning Regulator, an extract of which is at point 9, (see below) has not been used to force a halt in cases of unauthorised development?

Point 9 (A Guide to Planning Enforcement in Ireland)
"Are there any other ways to stop unauthorised development? In more serious cases, or in an escalation of existing enforcement cases, a Planning Authority may apply to the Circuit Court or the High Court for an 'injunction' to prevent an unauthorised development from commencing or continuing. Individuals or groups can also apply for an injunction, even if the Planning Authority has not taken this step".

Reply:

Injunctions in relation to unauthorised development.

160.—(1) Where an unauthorised development has been, is being or is likely to be carried out or continued, the High Court or the Circuit Court may, on the application of a planning authority or any other person, whether or not the person has an interest in the land, by order require any person to do or not to do, or to cease to do, as the case may be, anything that the Court considers necessary and specifies in the order to ensure, as appropriate, the following:

In the majority of enforcement cases which are referred to the Law Department for legal action, with the exception of those taken under Section 157 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), an application is made to the Circuit Court or the High Court under Section 160 of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for an order directing that particular actions take place or cease,

as the case may be. Any other person may also seek an injunction against an unauthorised development without reference to the planning authority.

The reality is that each enforcement complaint is managed on a case by case basis. Warning letters are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development(s) or alleged breaches of planning permissions throughout the county. The alleged unauthorised developer has 4 weeks to respond to the allegation. Site inspections by the Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action, if any, to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish the level of enforcement action, if any, required. If an enforcement notice is issued, the notice will set out inter alia:-

- That where the development has planning permission but is not being carried out in accordance with it, that it must fully comply with the permission concerned;
- That certain steps are to be taken within a specified period, including the removal, demolition, or alteration of any structure; the discontinuance of any use of land; or the restoration of the land to its previous state before the unauthorised development began.

In circumstances where the planning authority believes urgent action is required, it may issue an enforcement notice without issuing a warning letter.

Failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice may subsequently lead to legal proceedings. The advice of the Council's legal team and/or Counsel is taken into consideration when determining the course of action to be followed.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

FUNDING APPLICATIONS - TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, to provide a strategic summary of the applications put forward by this Council for funding opportunities provided by the Town and Village Renewal Scheme or, indeed, any similar schemes that will enhance town and villages across Fingal?"

Reply:

The Department of Rural and Community Development, through Our Rural Future, Town Centre First and Our Living Islands policies, has recognised the importance of creating and maintaining vibrant rural towns and villages. This is being achieved by delivering a wide range of strategic interventions and investments throughout the country, delivered locally by local authorities.

Since the Town and Village Renewal Scheme was first introduced in 2016, Fingal County Council has submitted 44 applications. Of these, 24 project applications (55%) have been approved for funding across 15 different towns and villages. €1,703,376 in total funding support under the various measures of the mainstream scheme has been secured.

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme which is currently open for applications, is designed to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland through a renewed focus on town centre economic and social vibrancy and regeneration in line with the Town Centre First policy.

Possible grant levels in the 2023 scheme range from €20,000 to €500,000 depending on project category with a maximum number of one application per town or village.

The types of activities supported in the 2023 scheme include:

- Investment in infrastructure to support town and village centre markets.
- Projects bringing vacant and derelict buildings back into use as multi-purpose community spaces, or to address remote working needs.
- Investing in the development of parks, green spaces and recreational amenities in town centres.
- A new option to allow local authorities to acquire plots of land to enable development of town regeneration, such as town parks, plazas etc.
- Refurbishment to existing community centres.
- Projects to support vibrant and sustainable island communities on Ireland's inhabited offshore islands.

Potential projects that could be considered, need to be identified or recognised as part of a Town Centre First plan, a strategic or statutory plan, a County Development Plan, a Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) or similar.

Fingal County Council's Town Regeneration Office is currently seeking expressions of interest for potential projects for inclusion in the 2023 application to the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Town Regeneration Office will accept expressions of interest for the current scheme up to 6th October 2023 and is interested in talking to voluntary groups within Fingal's towns and villages to identify a forward pipeline of projects that could be targeted in the future at the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and/or other complimentary funding schemes such as the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and LEADER.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 19a

QUARTERLY CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Transport & Infrastructure Management SPC

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Jimmy Guerin	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lanigan of the Dublin Inquirer	
Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
4th September 2023	Online presentation of amended DRAFT Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	A discussion with questions and answers followed the presentation. It was AGREED that this item be listed for the next meeting of the CPG.
4th September 2023	Online presentation of an update on the Public Consultation Process for the DRAFT Harbour Byelaws	Following discussion, the Committee NOTED the report.
4th September 2023	Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws	Following discussion, the report was Noted.
4th September 2023	Update on the Introduction of E-Scooters to Fingal	Following discussion, the report was Noted.
4th September 2023	Discount for Registered Charities using Recycling Centres	Following discussion, the report was Noted.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor B. McDonagh (Chair), Councillor B. Dennehy, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor D. Mulligan, Councillor T. Kitt and Councillor P. Rane	
Non-Council Members	Mr Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
5th September 2023	Transportation Planning in the Development Management Process	A presentation report was given to the Members on Transportation Planning in the Development Management Process. Following a discussion, the report was NOTED.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on LAP's and studies was given to the Members in relation to a priority list. Following a discussion, the update was NOTED.
	Green Roof Policy	A presentation was given to the Members on a Green Roof Policy and the benefits. Following a discussion, the

		presentation was **NOTED.**
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	A presentation was given to the Members on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and the progress to date throughout the County. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Flood Risk Assessment	A presentation was given to the Members on Flood Risk Assessment. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Presentation from Fran Whelan CEO – Action Ireland Trust – Update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project	A presentation was given to the Members with an update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project and an outline of the success of the project to date, acknowledging Fingal County Council for their support. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**. The support of the Members of the Committee for the project was also **NOTED.** It was **AGREED** that a request would be brought to the CPG to explore how the Council could continue to work with Action Ireland Trust to support the project.
	Motion Councillor B. Dennehy – Residential	The Chief Executives Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**

	Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) – AI090490	

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Anthony Lavin; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy;	
Non-Council Members	Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
12th September 2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer reported that the Fingal Tourism Strategy is approaching completion and envisaged it will be shared with SPC members for review and approval by the end of October which was **Agreed** by members present. It will then be presented at full Council Meeting on the 13th November 2023. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	Fingal Food Policy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer reported that the Fingal Food Policy is approaching completion and envisaged it will be shared with SPC members for review and approval by the end of October which was agreed by members present. It will then be presented at full Council Meeting on the 13th November 2023. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	Local Economic & Community Plan /	Presentation by Lorcan Blake from Grant Thornton. It was

	Economic Strategy Update	proposed that it will be presented to the SPC scheduled for October with a view to agreement and submission to CPG and full Council at the November meetings. LECP will be presented at the next SPC in November and subject to approval by EMRA it is proposed to be brought to the December Council meeting. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	Presentation by Daragh McGreal from KPMG on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor partnership. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	DBEC – SPC Nomination	Three elected Member nominations required on the DBEC partnership. The nominees representing Fingal County Council will be Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy, Councillor Howard Mahony and Councillor Tony Murphy. This was **Agreed** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	Fingal Skills Strategy – SPC Nomination	One elected Member nomination required on the Fingal Skills Strategy, Implementation Group. The nominee will be Councillor Tony Murphy. This was **Agreed** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
12th September 2023	Update on Expo (October) and Skyla Project Visit (November)	Ms Áine Donlon Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, EETCD gave an update on the Interreg Europe Skyla Project and pending partner visit and an update on the upcoming XPLORE Your Future – TY Expo in the Helix. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.

Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC

Council Members	Councillor David Healy, Councillor Joe Newman, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey, Councillor Pamela Conroy Apologies: Councillor Mary McCamley		
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson, Apologies: Seamus McGrath		
Meeting Date		Theme/Policy issue	Update
19th September 2023		Motion - 'Deposit and Return' scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans	Following discussion, the report was Accepted.
19th September 2023		Motion – Raise awareness towards circular consumption and production patterns	Following discussion, the report was Accepted.

MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor David Healy Apologies: Councillor Ann Graves		
Non-Council Members	Maire O'Brien, James Magrane		
Meeting Date		Theme/Policy	Update

	issue	
21st September 2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws update	Martina O'Connor, Administrative Officer Operations Department gave an overview on the submissions received during the recent Draft Harbour Byelaws consultation period. Members were advised that a full report will be brought to the next SPC meeting. **Noted**
21st September 2023	Motion – Nature Based Solutions in the Protection of Dunes and Beaches	Following discussion, the report was **Accepted**

HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Tracey Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy.	
Non-Council Members	Ms. Adeline O'Brien, Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Mr. Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
Tuesday 26th September 2023	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held	

	on 26/06/2023	
	First Homes	Presentation outlining First Homes scheme details, qualification criteria and up to date statistics.
	Housing Delivery Update	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	Presentation on objectives/strategies and demands of housing disabled people.
	Housing Assessment 2023	Presentation on Housing Need Assessment application process and what is required by applicants.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins (Chair), Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Grainne Maguire, Councillor

	John Walsh	
Non-Council Members	Abi Wise, PPN	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27th September 2023	Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2023-2028 **S3 Solutions** **External Consultant**	Presentation Given
27th September 2023	Guidance Manual for Fingal Community Facilities **David Mitchell**	Presentation Given
27th September 2023	Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029 **Betty Boardman**	Presentation Given
27th September 2023	Update from SPC Subgroup on Community Not for Profit Childcare Facilities **Naomi Weir**	Not reached
27th September 2023	Motion – Literary Festival	Proposed Cllr Hopkins Seconded Cllr Walsh Motion amended to read: Countywide Literary Festival Amended Motion **Agreed**
27th September 2023	Motion - €300 Sports & Cultural Vouchers	Proposed Abi Wise Seconded Cllr Hopkins Motion amended to read: FCC to undertake a targeted Fingal appropriate pilot project in one area of socio economic need to

		increase constructive participation of young people in sport and leisure activities while addressing cultural and ethnic considerations. Amended motion **Agreed**
27th September 2023	Motion – QR Codes Roll Out	Proposed Cllr Boland Seconded Cllr Hopkins Motion **Agreed**

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COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM 19b

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Matters of Organisation and Procedure and Finance

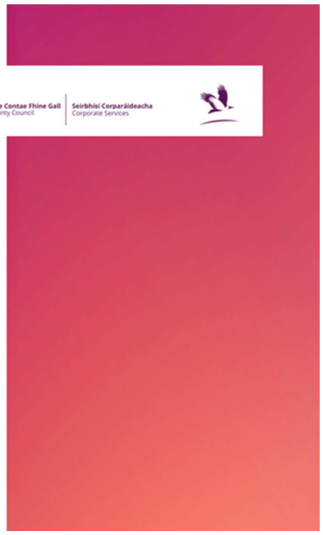
Local Representation Allowance (LRA 2023) Mid-Year Review



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The LRA is intended to provide support to members in carrying out their duties. Expenditure which may be claimed under the LRA must be wholly and exclusively incurred by a member in the performance of his or her duties and must not include any personal element of expenditure.

A member must be able to provide relevant documentation in the form of bills, receipts, invoices, etc, for expenses he or she has incurred. It is the responsibility of each member to comply with these obligations.



FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL CONDUCTED A MID-YEAR REVIEW

- **17th July 2023 – An Email was circulated to all Councillors indicating it is time to review your claim with a breakdown of your expenditure in relation to the vouched element of the allowance.**

For Example : Please find below details of your claim to date

- *How much vouched expenditure was stated in your original Written Statement* ***€4,200***
- *How much you have received in LRA Expenses 2023 - January to June 2023* ***€2,100***
- *The total you submitted in receipts supporting this Mid-Year LRA claim* ***€1,200***
- *Receipts/Supporting Documents now required from you for Mid-year Claim* ***€900***

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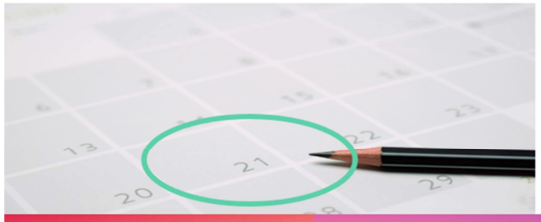
Councillors were advised to consider increasing or decreasing their LRA by submitting an Updated Written Statement by close of business Monday 21st August 2023.

For Example : *Please review your expected expenditure for July-December 2023 in line with this information and it is now required that you return a second Written Statement stating:-*

- *No change to original Written Statement*
- *Reduce amount to: €XXXX**
- *Increase amount to: €XXXX**

- *In either of the second two * scenarios your monthly payment will be adjusted accordingly.*

- **On the 9th August 2023 – A reminder Email was circulated to all Councillors indicating it is time to review your claim in relation to the vouched element of the allowance.**
- **Also a calendar appointment reminder was sent out on the 20th August 2023 before the deadline date of 21st August 2023.**



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MID-YEAR REVIEW OUTCOME

No. of Councillors	With no Change to LRA	Increased their LRA	Decreased their LRA	No. of Councillors that have not complied
	16	3	4	15

Members should submit documents to Fingal County Council at quarterly intervals
(i.e. 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December).

Please refer to the Circular LG 05/2022 for clarification of eligible expenditure.

Please remember supporting documents can be emailed or placed in the LRA dropbox at Full Council Meetings.

If you have any queries please contact Corporate Services @

corporate.services@fingal.ie

We are happy to assist.

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The presentation was **NOTED** by the members.

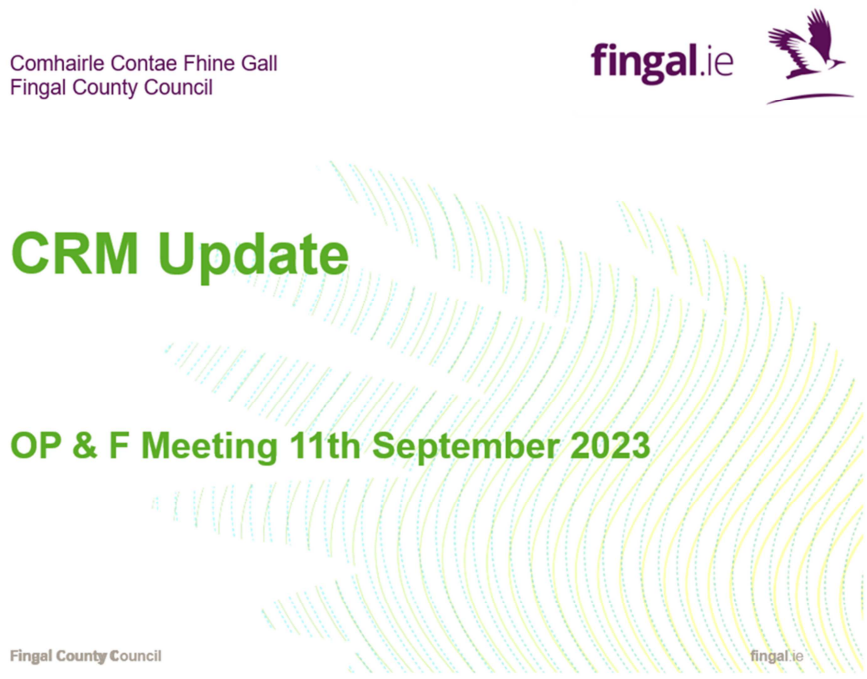
Review of Standing Orders

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave an update to members and advised that a preliminary draft report will be listed on the agenda for the next CPG meeting for consideration. Councillors will be invited to input to the review in due course.

Hybrid Meetings

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave an update to members and advised regarding the upgrade works to the council chamber, phase 1 completed, and phase 2 due to be completed in October/November. Online voting is not currently available for hybrid meetings and voting will be by roll call. Good quality broadband is essential for successful hybrid meetings. A programme to test broadband quality for elected members will be developed.

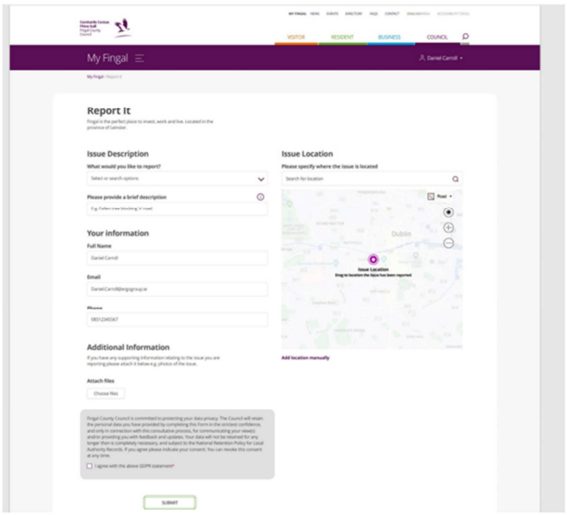
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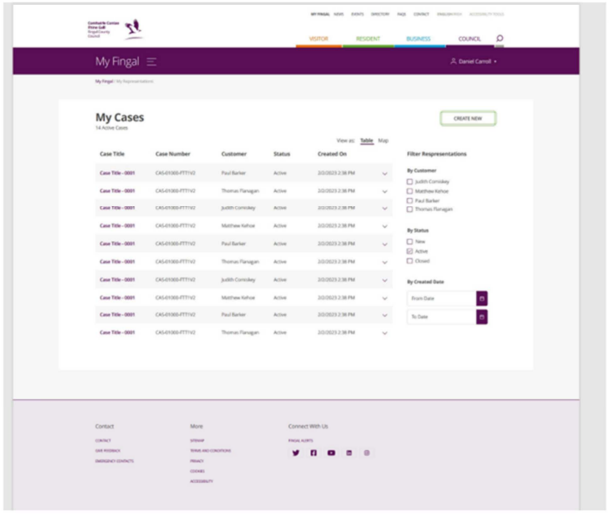


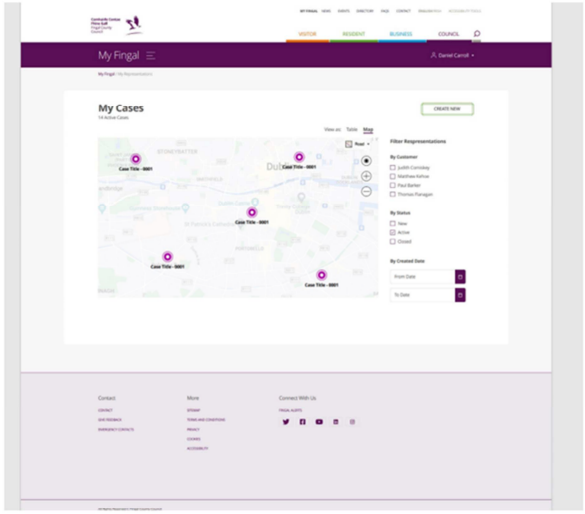
Reasons

- Current portal is developed using old technology and approaching end-of-life.
- Enhance functionality to include greater reporting and mapping
- Tighter integration with internal CRM
- Enable greater system interoperability

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Following discussion, the presentation was NOTED.

Finance Matters

As the meeting was due to conclude Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, advised the Members that the information contained in the finance reports is available in the Chief Executive report. He indicated the preliminary date for the budget meeting is the 7th of November 2023.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 19c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 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: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

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
Grasshopper Intl Early Years Festival GA 002625	€ 3,000.00	Facilitator Fees, Materials,	YES	2022- € 2,054.00	€ 2,500.00
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival GA 002726	€ 770.00	Insurance	YES	2023 - € 1,380.68 2022 - € 1,711.00 2021 - € 610.00	€ 770.00

Donabate and Portrane Community Centre GA 002697	€ 2,728.00	Screen Display, Mobile Screen Stand	YES	2022 - € 1,349.00	€ 2,728.00
Lusk Heritage Group GA 002723	€ 3,000.00	Printing, layout and design for voluntary Book Launch in Bremore Castle	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Swords Tidy Town GA 002739	€ 1,721.00	Weedex Machine and Brush	NO	N/A	€ 1,721.00
Skerries Bowling Club GA 002698	€ 3,000.00	3-seater Island Bench, coloured backs, New Website Design	YES	2022- € 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor P. Mulville and **seconded** by Councillor D. Mulligan.

SPORTS FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Application for funding under the Council's Sports Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation 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
McNally Swords Cycling Club GA 002713	€ 2,280.00	cycle roof rack	YES	2022 - € 1,494.00 2021 - € 1,881.60	€ 2,652.00

It was **proposed by** Councillor J. Newman and **seconded by** Councillor A. Graves.

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Application for funding under the Council's Remedial Works Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation 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
Rush Community Council GA 002687 (remedial works)	€ 3,145.00	Boilers replacement	YES	2021- € 1,649.86 AF	€ 3,145.00

It was **proposed by** Councillor B. Dennehy 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 Ian Carey
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 19d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2023

Capital Plan / Budget 2024

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a slide presentation to the CPG members with an update on the Capital Programme 2024-2026. He advised that the draft Capital Programme will issue to Members on Wednesday, 4th of October, and a briefing will be scheduled for Thursday, 5th October 2023.

He presented a slide regarding Budget 2024 and advised that work is ongoing in relation to this.

Update on Review of Standing Orders

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services, presented the draft Standing Orders document to the CPG members. She outlined all suggested changes and rationale for each. The CPG members suggested further amendments which were discussed. It was agreed that the draft document will be updated and circulated to the Corporate Policy Group and all Councillors. A timeline for consideration and finalising the Standing Orders will be circulated.

Corporate Calendar

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 1st January 2024 to 28th June 2024 was **NOTED** by the Corporate Policy Group and will be listed on the agenda for the next Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee meeting.

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

A meeting of the Blanchardstown/Castleknock/Mulhuddart/Ongar Area Committee took place on the 20th September 2023 to discuss *'Nominations to the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee'*.

The Committee AGREED that the number of Councillor representatives from Fingal for this Committee be 6 and that those Members comprise the Castleknock Ward and that the recommendation be brought to the next Corporate Policy Group meeting and then to the full Council meeting for approval. The recommendation was **AGREED** by the Corporate Policy Group.

Nomination to the Audit and Risk Committee

The Corporate Policy Group considered the vacancy on the Audit Committee created by Councillor Manton's resignation. Councillor Robert O'Donoghue proposed that Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the committee, and this was seconded by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien.

The Corporate Policy Group, agreed to recommend that the Council approve the appointment of the nominee outlined above as a member of the Council's Audit Committee.

Signed: Councillor Adrian Henchy

Mayor

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM 19e

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE
SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2023

Applications for Funding

An application for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation 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: -

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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
St. Samsons Community Group GA 002731	€ 2,618.72	Printer, Laptop, 30 Hanging brackets, 30 Hanging baskets, 100 Christmas Calendars	NO	N/A	€ 1,650.00

It was **proposed by** Councillor A. Tormey and **seconded by** Councillor E. O'Brien. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 19e

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 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:

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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
Victory Faith Assembly GA 002740	€ 2,000.00	Projector, Guitar, Roland TD-1KV Drums, Yamaha MG12XUK 12 Channel with fx & US, Yamaha 61 Note	NO	N/A	€ 2,000.00

		Touch Sens			
Blakestown Community and Resource Centre GA 002742	€ 1,917.00	Menopause workshop, Christmas Art/Craft Workshop, Materials for Take Home Crafts, Materials for Take Home Arts, Small gifts for Menopause attendees, Printing of posters and flyers	YES	2022- € 3,000.00	€ 1,904.00

SPORTS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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
Tyrrelstown FC GA 002710	€ 2,588.00	Crowd barrier, marker cones for goals, speed ladder, medicine ball, 3kg medicine	NO	N/A	€ 2,868.96

		ball, 4kg medicine ball, pump			
Hartstown Huntstown FC GA 002405	€ 3,000.00	Bibs, Cones, nets small side x 2, footballs track suits, training tracks	YES	2021- € 1,566.28	€ 2,950.00
Castleknock Cricket Club GA 002738	€ 3,000.00	Mobile Mat, Mobile Net/Cage	YES	2022 - € 2,400.00	€ 3,000.00

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

Signed: _____

Councillor T. Kitt

Area Chairperson

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 20

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Capital Programme

2023 Outturn

Capital Programme 2024-2026

9th OCTOBER 2023

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

Report on Capital Programme
Outturn 2023 & Capital Programme 2024-2026

INTRODUCTION

The Three-Year Capital Programme 2024-2026 is attached for the Members' consideration. In addition, an up-to-date projected Outturn on the Capital Programme for 2023 is also attached. The original Programme for 2023 was presented to the Members at the Council Meeting of October 2022.

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

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

The original Capital Programme for 2023 provided for estimated expenditure of €268.78m and identified 260 projects. The projected Outturn expenditure for 2023 is €369.94m which represents significant progress and investment in the County.

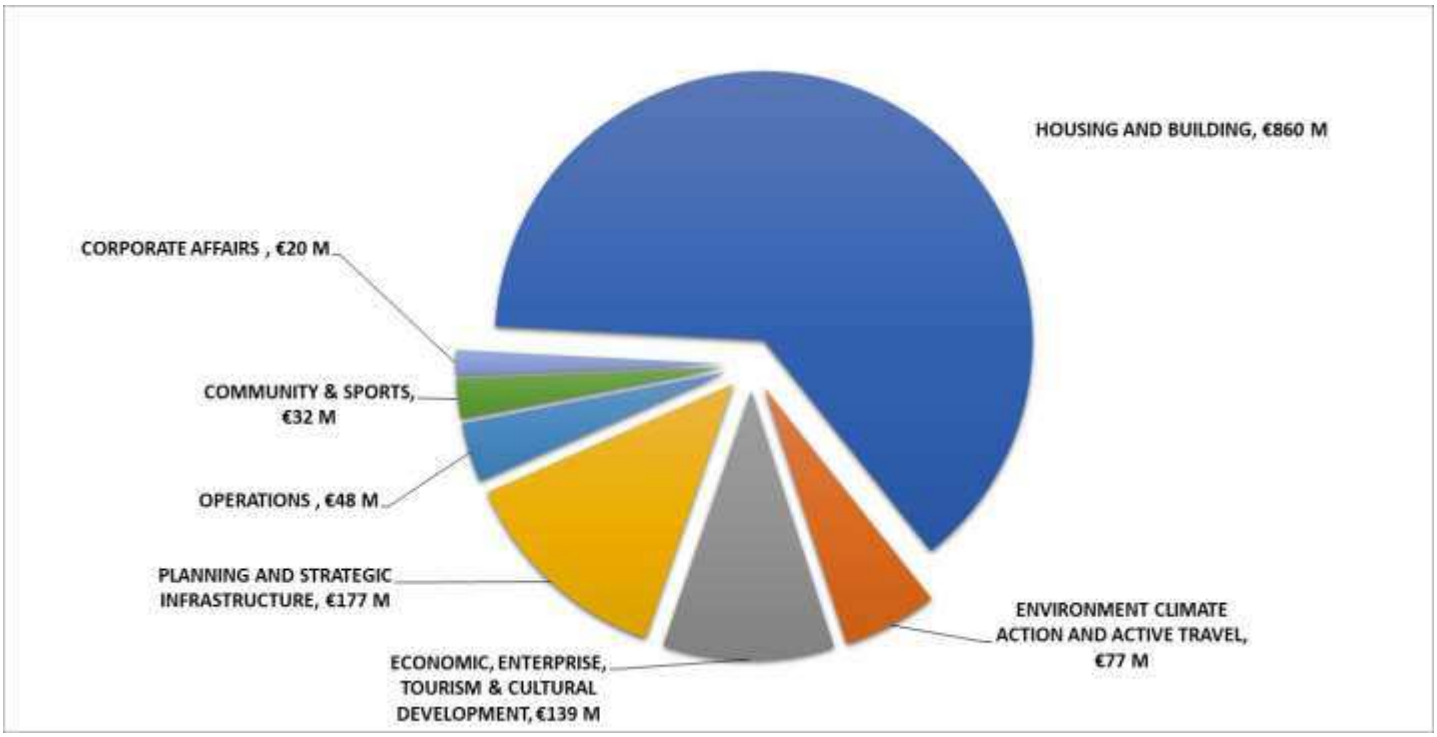
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2026

The Capital Programme 2024-2026 identifies 312 individual projects with an estimated spend of **€1,354.51m** over the 3 years.

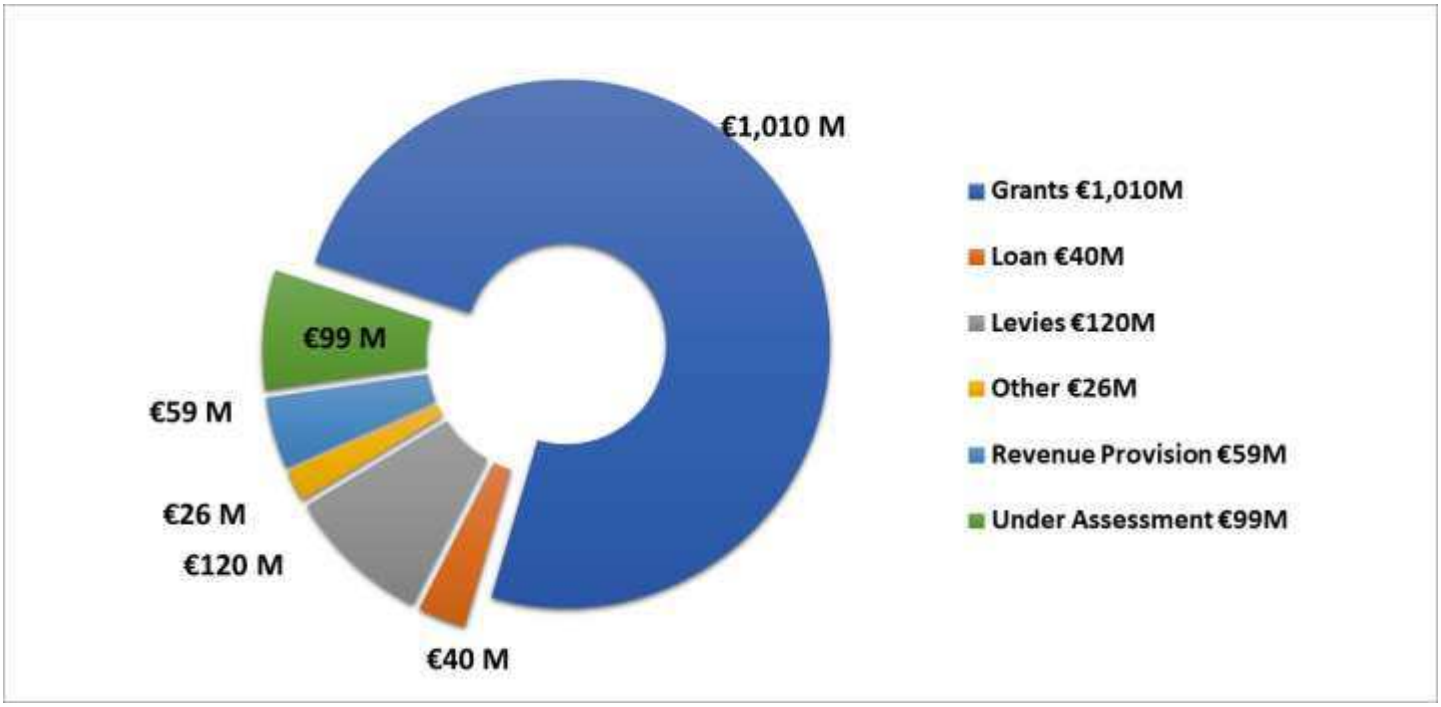
This expenditure can be summarised as follows:

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY						
	2024	2025	2026	Total Expenditure 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Loan	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
HOUSING	213,650,100	351,630,800	294,585,000	859,865,900		834,365,900		8,850,000		16,650,000	859,865,900
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	9,053,586	13,939,785	9,254,517	32,247,888	805,119			17,236,182	14,206,587		32,247,888
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	58,160,000	56,170,000	62,840,000	177,170,000	92,147,900	76,222,100				8,800,000	177,170,000
OPERATIONS	16,680,000	14,935,000	16,590,000	48,205,000	26,485,000			12,000,000	9,600,000	120,000	48,205,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	27,553,643	33,099,881	16,612,000	77,265,524	200,000	73,815,524		2,950,000		300,000	77,265,524
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	53,681,974	44,516,516	41,083,784	139,282,274	170,000	25,640,000	40,000,000	12,484,337	60,687,937	300,000	139,282,274
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7,423,000	7,423,000	5,623,000	20,469,000				5,969,000	14,500,000		20,469,000
	386,202,303	521,714,982	446,588,301	1,354,505,586	119,808,019	1,010,043,524	40,000,000	59,489,519	98,994,524	26,170,000	1,354,505,586

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY DIVISION



SOURCES OF FUNDING – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026



HOUSING

The total estimated expenditure for Housing capital works in this Division totals €859.87m for the period 2024-2026.

2024	**€ 213,650,100**
2025-26	**€ 646,215,800**

Introduction

The projected spend underpins this Council's continuous commitment to deliver a significant & progressive housing programme in accordance with Government Housing Policy and Housing for All, a new Housing Plan for Ireland.

The overall objective of this 3-year programme is to maximise Housing Supply and the availability of suitable accommodation for households unable to provide accommodation from their own resources; along with the provision of high-quality housing to purchase or rent at an affordable price. It is expected that over the 3-year programme, funding will enable the Council to realise and deliver a substantial number of social housing dwellings via the available housing support mechanisms.

Projects Include

- New Build Social Housing
- Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes
- Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions
- Tenant-in-Situ Acquisitions
- Capital Advance Leasing Facility – various projects
- Management of existing housing stock/ Asset Management
- Traveller Accommodation Programme

New Build Social Housing

A total of €188.6m has been provided in the 3-year Capital Programme 2024 – 2026 for expenditure on Fingal County Council's own build construction projects in locations across the County. It is anticipated that over 3,000 homes will be delivered through the various construction projects between 2024 and 2026. Many of these are on recently acquired lands throughout the County.

Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes

A provision of €191.3m has been made for the development of the major land banks in the County including an amount of €95.0m for the Church Fields development in Dublin 15 and €84.2m for the development of sites in Donabate at New Road & Ballymastone. These schemes will also include affordable sales and cost rental homes.

An amount of over €24.0m has also been provided across the 3-year period for future land purchase.

Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions

An Expression of Interest for new advance purchase turnkey developments for acquisition by the Local Authorities has issued across the four Dublin Local Authorities. An amount of €112m has been provided for in the 3-year plan for the acquisition of developments under this call.

Tenant-In-Situ Acquisitions

An amount of €39.0m has been provided for the continuing acquisition of housing with tenants in situ as a homeless prevention measure.

Part V Acquisitions

A provision of €143.1m has been made for the Acquisition of Part V units in private developments over the next number of years.

Approved Housing Bodies

Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) play a key role in the delivery of social housing. The ability of AHB's to source non state funding under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) assists the Council to achieve overall delivery of social housing in the county. Provision has been made for the delivery of units under CALF during the period 2024-2026 at an estimated cost of €70.5m.

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

Asset Management

This Capital Programme provides for significant investment in Council owned housing stock over the period 2024 – 2026. Effective asset management means that our homes will meet the needs and standards for the future, therefore sustainability is a key theme.

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

A provision of €28.4m has been made for asset management during the period 2024 – 2026.

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

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-24 was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 8th July 2019. A national provision of €20m has been provided by Government with respect to expenditure on Traveller specific projects for 2023.

Work is ongoing in relation to several projects in accordance with the Council's Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019-2024 and it is anticipated that further applications for funding will be submitted to the Department of Housing for capital funding.

The Council is focused on progressing several refurbishment projects across the County.

COMMUNITY & SPORTS DIVISION

The projected expenditure in this area totals €32.25m for the period 2024-2026.

2024	**€ 9,053,586**
2025 – 2026	**€23,194,302**

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

Community & Sports development empowers community members to create stronger more connected communities. Operational programmes led and supported by the Community & Sports Development Department, adopt a cross departmental collaborative approach to ensure that communities across Fingal are supported to identify and take collective action on issues which are important to them. The work of this department is key to building sustainable, inclusive, progressive and resilient communities across the county.

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

COMMUNITY & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT 2023 OUTTURN

- Funding was provided for improvement/maintenance works to older Community Centres. Conditioning Surveys were carried out on five identified Community Centres.
- A contractor has been appointed to progress the construction of the Meakstown Community Centre. The project is progressing.
- The appointed design team continued to work to bring the Baldoyle Community Centre to Contractor Tender Stage.

COMMUNITY & SPORTS DEVELOPMENT KEY CAPITAL PROJECTS 2024 – 2026

NEW COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- The Meakstown Community Centre construction project commenced in 2023 and is progressing to the project plan with an expected completion date Q4 2024.
- Pending receipt of necessary permits in 2023, the construction of Baldoyle Community Centre is expected to commence in 2024.

Older Community Centre Improvement Works Programme

Funding is also being provided over the 2024-2026 programme for continued improvement works to older Community Centres and to support the set-up costs of new centres.

Phase I of the improvement works project will continue, with works identified as a result of the conditioning surveys carried out in the 6 community facilities listed below expected to commence in Q1 2024.

Corduff Resource Centre
Donabate Portrane Community Centre
Baldoyle Community Hall - Detailed Design and stakeholder engagement are complete. Part 8 planning is in progress
Mulhuddart Community Centre
Mourne Estate Community Centre
Hartstown Community Centre

Phase II Conditioning surveys will be carried out on the 4 identified centres listed below. Health & Safety Improvement works are ongoing.

Corduff Sports Centre
Parslickstown House and Hall
St Macullins Church
Mountview Community Centre

Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility

The refurbishment works, including extension to the facility and new public realm area will be completed by Q2 2024.

Feasibility Study – Mulhuddart Community Centre

A feasibility study on Mulhuddart Community Centre will be completed in 2024. The recommendations from the study will guide the decision-making process on the future plans for Mulhuddart Community Centre.

Acquisition of New Centres 2023

The Community & Sports Division acquired **Hartstown Community Centre.** An extensive Health & Safety review of the property has been completed and works identified have been programmed for a full redesign and upgrade of the building.

The Community & Sports Division acquired **St Margarets Parish Hall, Parochial House, Coach House and associated lands.** Through the life of this programme it is expected that an extensive refurbishment programme will be undertaken to create a safe and functional community facility.

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €177.17m over the period 2024 – 2026.

2024	**€ 58,160,000**
2025 – 2026	**€119,010,000**

Key Projects include:

SNUGBOROUGH INTERCHANGE

The Snugborough Interchange Upgrade project commenced construction in 2021 with the appointment of BAM Civil Engineering following a public procurement competition. Site works are ongoing at present with completion expected date 2023. A number of significant milestones have been achieved to date and a new traffic management layout was installed in August 2023 following some resurfacing works to allow the final elements of the new underpass under Snugborough road to be positioned. This project has been designed to seamlessly integrate with the Blanchardstown BusConnects bus corridor that has recently been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission.

ONGAR TO BARNHILL LINK ROAD

The Ongar-Barnhill Link Road in Dublin 15 is a long-standing objective of the Fingal Development Plan and Fingal County Council recently appointed civil engineering contractor BAM Civil Ltd to commence works with a two-year construction programme. This new high quality transportation corridor will significantly improve accessibility in this fast-growing area and facilitate the construction of over 1,100 new homes on the surrounding residential zoned lands. The project is being led by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department and consists of approximately 1.8km of road, footpath and cycling facilities including a new bridge crossing over the Dunboyne railway line. The scheme will tie into the Royal Canal Greenway and Dart+ West.

CHURCHFIELDS LINK ROAD AND CYCLE SCHEME

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department commenced work in 2022 on this key scheme that will be delivered as part of the wider Churchfields Masterplan. This scheme will underpin the development of significant housing and green infrastructure in Mulhuddart and will provide a strong link between the existing community and the schools campus. Churchfields Link Road includes Irelands first cycle friendly 'Dutch style' roundabout opened to the public in August 2023. Works continue to progress on phase 2 of this high-quality active transport infrastructure project which includes the pedestrian and cycle infrastructure in the parklands, parallel with Church Road. In tandem, works to Wellview Avenue commenced in August 2023. Further parts of the cycle network will continue to be developed, ultimately leading to the provision of a network of safe, comfortable, and high-quality walking and cycling links that all members of the community will be able to use.

SWORDS TRANSPORT PROJECTS

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Barry Transportation Consulting Engineers to work collaboratively with Fingal County Council on the delivery of a range of schemes in Swords and Kinsealy. In particular, the recommendations of the Sustainable Swords Strategy will inform the development of a number of new urban realm, walking and cycling projects over the coming years including the upgrade of Swords Main St, cycling and walking connections on the Malahide Road, Rathbeale Road and Forest Road, the Swords Western Distributor Road and a new high-quality walking and cycling bridge connection over the Ward River Valley as part of the wider regional park proposal.

DONABATE LOCAL TRANSPORT PROJECTS

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the Turvey Avenue footpath upgrade scheme has been granted and the land acquisition process is underway for a number of the required plots. In the meantime, a tender for the works has recently issued to the market and this will be assessed in the coming weeks, with the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team working towards a start date on site early 2024.

Following significant local consultation with affected landowners, the Portrane Road footpath improvement scheme Compulsory Purchase Order was lodged to An Bord Pleanála earlier this year. A number of objections have been received by An Bord Pleanála and the Council awaits the final decision. In parallel, discussions will continue with the local landowners with a view to addressing the issues raised in the objections as far as possible.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department appointed Roughan and O'Donovan consulting engineers to a framework for the provision of design and planning services for a number of Donabate projects planned over the next five years. Projects to be brought forward include the Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2 and Blakes Cross Upgrade, and the consultants will also support the transportation planning elements of the Donabate Urban Framework Plan which will include interventions in and around Donabate Main Street.

DONABATE BRIDGE

This project will deliver a key piece of transport infrastructure and provide connectivity and integration of development lands with Donabate Train Station, Donabate Village and Newbridge Demesne. The bridge agreement has been signed off by Fingal County Council and Irish Rail and approval has been recently received from the Commission for Railway Regulation. This has allowed for the recent commencement of the procurement process for a main works contractor, with that process due to be concluded in Q4 2023 with a view to starting site works in Q1 2024.

R132 CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

The R132 Connectivity Project was granted planning consent by An Bord Pleanála in February 2022. The consultants working on behalf of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have undertaken a Rapid Build Options Assessment Report, in line with NTA requirements, which concluded that the approved scheme design remains the preferred option, therefore the project is now being brought through the detailed design stage.This project will improve connectivity for the town of Swords and includes a renewed focus on safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on the R132. The R132 Connectivity Project will improve the connectivity and safety of pedestrians and cyclists moving along, and across, the R132 and enhance facilities for all road users with particular benefits for those choosing sustainable modes of transportation such as bus users, cyclists, and pedestrians.

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 (Special Area of Conservation) and SPA (Special Protection Area) and surrounded on three sides 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 National Transport Authority and Irish Rail, our project partners. Major site investigation and access route works commenced in Summer 2023 and facilitated the next stages of the project being programmed for Summer 2024, namely the installation of the main estuary bridge. Land acquisition negotiations with a number of landowners and design coordination with Irish Rail are ongoing. FCC coordinated a Foreshore public consultation for the Broadmeadow Way Greenway on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

in June and July 2023. Detailed design for landward elements of the greenway in Donabate are at an advanced stage and, once complete, a works contractor will be procured.

ADDITIONAL GREENWAY PROJECTS

The design and preparation of planning documentation for Fingal's other key strategic greenway projects continues. In regard to Sutton to Malahide Greenway, a land surveyor was recently appointed to carry out a topographical survey of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Furthermore, ground investigation works are currently being procured which will take place in the Autumn 2023, the results of which will allow the finalisation of the documents that are required for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Planning applications for both this and the Royal Canal Greenway will be made in the coming months as further detailed design and landowner consultation continues.

Significant consultation with residents, landowners and other stakeholders continues for the Fingal Coastal Way project which will deliver a high-quality cycling and walking amenity from Donabate to Balbriggan.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Jons Civil Engineering Ltd as the main contractor on Harry Reynolds Road Walking and Cycle Route during the Summer 2023 for the construction phase. The contractor has now started works onsite on this key infrastructure project which will form an element of the 'Our Balbriggan' project, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently commenced a new format of project delivery with the commencement of two new single party frameworks for Donabate and Swords/Kinsealy respectively. It is envisaged that these two frameworks will deliver significant efficiencies and allow the delivery of a number of new walking, cycling, transportation, traffic management and greenway schemes in these areas, with procurement for a similar framework for Dublin 15 to commence later this year.

ONGAR TIC

The Ongar remediation works contract is underway with the works being carried out by Formac Construction and on-site engineering services being provided by O'Connor Sutton Cronin Consulting engineers. The estimate completion date is the end of September 2023. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department will look to engage with the owner management companies as regards Taking in Charge of each estate in Ongar in October 2023.

TAKING IN CHARGE WORKS PROGRAMME

The Taking in Charge Works Programme will use funds from various sources (bond funds, grant funds, IBRC funds, etc) to carry out works on developments in Fingal to bring them up to the 'taking in charge' standard so that they can be formally taken in charge. Initially, it is intended for the Council to begin Taking in Charge works on the following developments:

- Cloch Choirneal
- Cnoc Dubh
- The Gallops
- Rockabill
- The Sanctuary
- Cian Lea
- Hoar rock
- Palmer Avenue

BREMORE CASTLE AND REGIONAL PARK

It is proposed to progress the development of the Regional Park including an active 'Recreational Hub' at Bremore in Balbriggan during the Programme period as indicated in the Green Infrastructure Strategy for the County. The estimated expenditure on this Scheme is €8m over the duration of this Programme.

The development of the public car park and extensive landscape works at the front of the castle will also be undertaken. The major recreational hub, play facilities and park improvement work will be progressed in line with the approved plan for the park.

COASTAL DEFENCE WORKS

A planning application for the planned coastal defence works at Rogerstown Outer Estuary will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála and the works progressed in line with planning approvals obtained.

GENERAL BIODIVERSITY WORK

The key projects to be implemented over the next three years as prioritised by the Fingal Biodiversity Forum are the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Rogerstown Estuary (action 1) and Malahide Estuary (action 5). The restoration of the winter-bird roosting site at Caves Marsh (action 7). Pilot a biodiversity inclusive design for a social housing estate (35). 'Biodiversity makeover' of 3 housing estates (41). Wetland and river restoration project of the Bog of the Ring and Bracken River (43). Development of the St Ita's local nature reserve (44). Development of SUDS demonstration sites in the Ward River Valley and Balbriggan (45). Installation of Osprey platforms (52). Wilding project Corballis Golf Club (53). Develop Newbridge Farm as a national hub for the promotion of Irish rare farm breeds (58) and the development of a nature education centre at Turvey Nature Park (95).

CORDUFF SPORTS CENTRE (ALL WEATHER PITCH)

Planning approval will be sought for significant improvements to this park including an extension to the All-weather Pitch, new playground and improved paths and community gardens. All works progressed in line with the approvals obtained.

LANESBOROUGH PARK, MEAKSTOWN

The approved improvements to the park including the installation of a major new playground and additional park facilities for adults will be completed over the course of the programme.

RACECOURSE PARK BALDOYLE

A major new Regional Park will be developed on the former Racecourse site in Baldoyle. An estimate of €6.5m will be spent over the course of this programme. The works to be done will include expanding the existing car park, 4.5km of walking and cycling routes, a new playground, skatepark, multi-use games area, dog run, bowls green, football pitches, wetland creation and general landscaping works.

RIVERVALLEY PARK ALL WEATHER PITCH & RECREATIONAL HUB

The Ward River Regional Park Recreational Hub was officially opened in March 2023 and is part of the 200-acre Ward River Regional Park. It features newly developed grass pitches as well as a third-generation all-weather sports pitch with innovative LED floodlighting.

WARD RIVER PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

An integrated masterplan for the entire 80Ha. (200 Acre) Ward River Regional Park will be developed and submitted for planning approval. A wide range of works which do not require planning approval will be progressed including the conservation of protected structures, woodland management works and path improvements in the valley.

PORTERSTOWN PARK RECREATIONAL HUB

This new state-of-the-art sports facility in the Dublin 15 area designed to cater to the diverse sporting needs of the local community officially opened in June 2023. The €2 million project, situated in Porterstown Park, Castleknock, features a top-class running track and an all-weather sporting field, providing an exceptional platform for athletes of all levels to excel.

BALLYMASTONE RECREATIONAL HUB

On Friday, August 25th, 2023, the official sod-turning to mark the start of works on the Ballymastone Recreational Hub took place. The sod-turning was performed by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD. It is proposed to progress the development of the approved Recreational Hub at Ballymastone in Donabate during the course of the Capital Programme. The planned expenditure in respect of this project is estimated at €10.5M.

RECREATIONAL HUBS

It is planned to develop recreational hubs at both Rush and Rathmore Park, Lusk. The combined estimated cost of these projects over the course of this programme is €5.2M.

LOCAL PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Works on the following local parks and playgrounds have commenced/are due to commence in 2024 at a combined estimate of €2.72M over the course of this programme.

- Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground (Upgrade)
- Naul Village Park Development

- Garristown Playground
- Howth Playground

FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 – 2029 (LAP'S, MASTERPLANS, FRAMEWORK PLANS AND OTHER STUDIES/PROJECTS)

The Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February of this year and came into effect on 5th April 2023. The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 proposes 7 new Local Area Plans, 8 new Masterplans and 21 Framework Plans to be prepared during the plan period. These Plans range in scale from strategic LAP's to more localised studies and plans. The Development Plan also requires additional studies and projects to be undertaken by the Planning Team. All plans and projects require environmental assessment of varying complexity.

Following adoption of the development plan and in line with the requirements of the Plan, a priority list of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans was agreed. The Members agreed to prioritise the preparation of the following eight plans over the course of the next 12-18 months:

- Dunsink Local Statutory Plan
- Swords Local Area Plan (LAP 8.B)
- Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP 4.B)
- Stephenstown Framework Plan (FP 4.A)
- Folkstown Little Framework Plan (FP 4.B)
- Old Schoolhouse Clonsilla Masterplan (MP 13.A)
- Clonsilla Framework Plan (FP 13.C)
- Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan (MP 10.A)

Following on from the prioritisation of these plans, the Council has commenced a procurement process in relation to the appointing of specialist consultants to supplement the Council's Forward Planning team for different elements of the plan-making processes.

OPERATIONS

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €48.21m over the period 2024-2026 which provides for the delivery of new and improved works, with the continued integration and implementation of climate actions to all areas of the public realm. The programme provides for works to our Regional Roads, Public Lighting, Bridges, Harbours, Public Conveniences, Beaches, Playing Pitches, Burial Grounds, Allotments, Regional and Local Parks, Coastal Walks and Car Parks and Surface Water.

2024	**€16,680,000**
2025 - 2026	**€31,525,000**

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

- Ongoing investment of €7.6m in improvement works to approx. 20km of the Regional Roads, ensuring that our road assets are better adapted and more resilient to predicted climate changes and the allocation of road space promoting the modal shift to cycling and walking.
- Installation of additional public lighting, replacement of existing playing pitch flood lighting with LED, completion of the remainder of the LED public lighting programme and expansion of EV Charging Points for Council staff and vehicles totalling €1.5m.
- €2.4m provision for the design and refurbishment/replacement of existing Public Conveniences to units that are accessible to all. 2024 will see newly approved public conveniences at Rush South Beach, Portrane, Donabate, Howth and Malahide Muldowney. Works will continue to toilets at Malahide Village, Skerries Harbour, Loughshinny, Rush Harbour Road. Interim works will be carried out to the public conveniences at Portmarnock with full refurbishment planned at this location but dependant on works by Uisce Eireann to the adjoining Pumping Station.
- Upgrading and Improvement to general utilities at the harbours are ongoing with a budget of €10.4m. This increased provision provides for the replacement works to the sheet piled section at Skerries Harbour, with consultants now engaged to carry out assessment options on the dredging of Balbriggan Harbour.
- Works at Balgriffin and Mulhuddart Cemetery.
- Boundary improvements to Council owned allotments supporting their use for communities to grow their own food, lower food miles and food waste.
- Increased provision has been made in transfers from Revenue to Capital to cover the future cost of works on public conveniences, burial grounds, harbours and beaches.

Upgrading and improvement works with investment of €13.2m are planned to further develop the regional parks, parks and open spaces and recreational areas including: -

- Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry, St. Catherines and Malahide Demesne (including Talbot Gardens).
- Ward Rivervalley, Recreation Hub Lusk, Skerries Townpark, St. Catherines Open Space Rush, Glebe Park Balrothery.
- Tolka Valley, St. Catherines, Shakleton Gardens, Hartstown, Tyrellstown, Ladyswell, Corduff, Tir na N'Og Carpenterstown, Porterstown, Littleplace and St. Catherines Park, Ongar, Waterville, Cherryfield and Hazelbury Parks and Open Spaces.
- Racecourse Park Baldoyle, Red Rock and Robs Wall Parks.
- Development of Upper and Lower Courtyards at St. Catherines Park, Lucan.

- Countywide playground refurbishments and ongoing installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment including outdoor callisthenics fitness areas.
- Provision of €2m on Sport Pitch improvements with an additional provision of €750,000 over the 3 years for the installation of changing rooms.
- Accessibility works totalling €1.5m to the Coastal Walks encouraging the modal shift to walking and cycling.
- Improvement works to Car Parks and access to beaches including a feasibility study on the access to Barnageeragh Beach.
- Digital Beach Signage at Blue Flag Beaches informing the public on Bathing Water Quality and other relevant information.

Stormwater

The capital programme provides for a focused approach on works on the stormwater network and stormwater pumping stations. This comprises the investigation of identified issues on the existing stormwater network including misconnections and the development and delivery of upgrade or major repair solutions, alleviating flooding and maintaining water quality.

The provision of **€2.5m** includes for the upgrading and improvements to the stormwater network across the county with provision for specific projects including:

- Howth Surface Water Culvert
- Burrow Beach Surface Water Outfall Pipeline
- The Bawn Storm Water Upgrade Malahide
- Carpenterstown Road Surface Water Refurbishment
- Ballyboughal Stormwater Network Project
- Beaverstown Surface Water Network
- Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Skerries Surface Water Network
- Surface Water Pumping Stations Improvements

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

ENVIRONMENT & ACTIVE TRAVEL

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €77.27m over the period 2024-2026.

2024	**€27,553,643 (€ 1,550,000-Environment)**
2025- 2026	**€49,711,881 (€ 1,750,000-Environment)**

Environment

Environment

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

Landfill Projects

Maintenance Building Balleally:

Fingal County Council are close to completing the construction of a €1.1 million purpose-built maintenance shed for Balleally Landfill which will provide a maintenance building to not only house plant and machinery for the on-going maintenance and operation of the landfill but additional plant and machinery to serve Balleally Park as the landfill continues to be developed into a public park and amenity.

Balleally decommissioning of Existing Leachate Tanks:

Fingal County Council are preparing tender documents for the decommissioning and demolition of existing landfill leachate holding tanks which are no longer required at the landfill. Works are expected to cost circa €100,000 and be completed by Q2 2024.

Balleally Fire Main:

Fingal County Council has completed the design of a new fire main connecting the Balleally Maintenance Building to the public mains supply running adjacent to the site. Works are expected to cost circa €50,000 and will be completed by Q4 2023.

Dunsink Access Roadway:

Fingal County Council are currently considering design options for the construction of a new access roadway in Dunsink Landfill linking the existing laneway which will open up the Southern Boundary of the existing site. Works are expected to cost circa €200,000 and commence in 2024.

Historical Landfills:
Fingal County Council are currently working on remediating a number of historical landfills including Brooks End, Barnageeragh, Curkeen and St Doolaghs which require remediation as part of the historical landfill regularisation process. Fingal County Council has budgeted €550,000 to complete this work which is expected to be completed by 2025.

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

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

The 3-year Capital Programme 2024 to 2026 includes an overall provision for expenditure of €72.97m. Some of the schemes included:

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS

Safe Routes to Schools Programme
Following assessment by An Taisce and in consultation with FCC, 9 schools received approval for the provision of the Safe Routes to School programme in round 1. Construction is complete at 5 locations with another four currently at detailed design to go to construction in Q1 2024. Another 5 schools have been announced for round 2. A provision of €3.8m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar
Design consultants for the project have been appointed. A provision of €14.37m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre
A design consultant has been appointed and topographical/traffic surveys have taken place. A provision of €5.5m has been allocated to this project over the three-year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh
The appointment of a design consultant through a single party framework is nearing completion with contracts due to be signed in October 2023. A provision of €550k has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

St. Cronans Ave & Brackenstown Rd

Contractor is currently on site at this location to complete snagging items and finish out some outstanding items of work. The works completed include protected cycle lanes junction and footpath improvements and safer routes to school treatment at St Cronan's Junior and Senior Schools. It is expected that this project will be completed in the coming weeks. A provision of €200k has been allocated to cover for retention for the project which is due 12 months after substantial completion.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2B roundabout and junction designs for connectivity to Ongar Road and Shelerin Road are with the NTA and Cycle Design Office for approval. A provision of €1.1m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

R132 Ministers Rd. to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

The Contractor has been appointed and has commenced on site for this project. This project will provide a number off junction improvements additional and updated bus stops, the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure along the R132 and SRTS treatment at Corduff National School. Works are programmed to be substantially completed by the end of Q4 2023. A provision of €1.225m has been allocated to this project over the three-year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme. This is to cover the final account for the works and retention.

Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd. (Swords to Malahide)

This project involves the delivery of active travel infrastructure between Seatown Roundabout and Estuary Road. Engineering consultants were appointed in July 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently finalising the preferred Design Options Report and tender package to allow for the procurement of a Contractor for the completion of the works on the ground. A provision of €1.26m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

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

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently working on the preferred Design Options Report for this project. Land acquisition will also be required for part of this scheme and this is being managed by the project team together with our property section . A provision of €2.98m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Balbriggan Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently working on the Design Options Report. A provision of €1.65m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Skerries Harbour Road

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently working on the preferred option from the Design Options Report. This project will require planning approval and this process has commenced with internal stakeholder engagement. A provision of €1.505m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Non-statutory Consultation for this project to commence mid-September 2022. A brief for the appointment a of multi-disciplinary Integrated Design consultant is currently being procured through a single party framework. Allocation of €4.070m for the project over the three year 2024-2026 Capital Programme. It is expected this figure will change subject to the outcome of the study, public consultation, and consideration of extent of construction.

Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street

The Active Travel Team will develop a brief for appointment of multi-disciplinary engineering consultant to develop options report and detailed design for this project. Allocation of €1.25m for the project over the three year 2024-2026 Capital Programme. It is expected this figure will change subject to the outcome of the study, public consultation, and consideration of extent of construction.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project involves the delivery of active travel infrastructure on Auburn Avenue linking into the 12th lock on the Royal Canal. Engineering consultants have been appointed to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently drafting the Design Options Report. A provision of €2.4m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

New Street Malahide

A provision of €5.7m has been included in the Capital Programme for public realm works at New Street Malahide, from 2024-2026.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

A brief for the appointment a of multi-disciplinary Integrated Design consultant is currently out to tender. An allocation of €0.9m has been included for project over the three years 2024-2026 Capital Programme at present, it is expected this figure will change subject to the outcome of the study, public consultation, and consideration of extent of construction.

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

Options report received and under review by Active Travel. Surveys, Preliminary Design and Public Consultation are anticipated to commence in 2024. An allocation of €1m has been included for project over the three years 2024-2026 Capital Programme at present, it is expected this figure will change subject to the outcome of the study, public consultation, and consideration of extent of construction.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnog GAA

The design brief being prepared for this connectivity project. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Footpath works around Paddy's Hill car park have been completed by Operations department with further enabling works to continue over Q'3 2023. A budget of €3.2m has been allocated for the 2024-2026 Capital Programme.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from internal FCC stakeholders and Residents of Seapark Hill. This will be developed to detailed design and tendered for the construction of the works as soon as possible. An allocation of €0.42m has been included for project over the three years 2024-2026 Capital Programme at present.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Works have been substantially completed and press release has been done by FCC on project. An allocation of 20,000 has been provided for retention for works completed.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023. An allocation of €2.25m has been included for project over the three years 2024-2026 Capital Programme at present.

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

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €139.28m over the period 2024-2026.

2024 €53,681,974
2025 -2026 €85,600,300

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House & Farm

The redevelopment of Newbridge House & Farm will continue during 2024-2026. With the roof works complete in 2023 attention will turn to upgrading of mechanical and electrical services to the house and development of the courtyard buildings.

Malahide Castle

The significant item in the costs for the Capital Programme relates to structural works to the roof, and conservation works to the windows. There will also be an upgrade of the boiler room in the Visitors Centre.

Bremore Castle

The estimated cost of this project to the point where it may become a visitor attraction is €8.57m. The first phase of this under the present three year programme will emphasise internal works and will amount to €2.5 million to cover fire safety, accessibility - in particular compliance with Part M Building Regulations.

Ardgillan Castle

With the essential conservation works to the roof and windows substantively complete in 2023, the programme of works will move on to a full electrical and mechanical upgrade to the castle, development of the courtyard and outbuildings in keeping with the conservation plan to a value of €1.8 million over the next three years.

Skerries Mills

With enabling works started in 2023 the redevelopment of the Red Barn as a publicly accessible event space will allow Skerries Mills to cater for coach tours and larger visitor groups will be completed in 2024.

Skerries Martello Tower

With the enabling surveys completed at the end of 2023 an integrated design team will be appointed in 2024 to formulate a design which delivers the brief of an exhibition/event space. The majority of the works will be complete in 2025 and 1.3 million allowed for in the capital programme.

Guinness Bridge

The conservation works required to the Guinness Bridge will be substantially completed in 2023. Future phases of work will begin with feasibility studies of what sort of access can be facilitated at the site.

Howth Martello Tower

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

Swords Castle

In 2023 the designs for a complete mechanical and electrical upgrade, will be started, leading on to the final phase of the conservation plan works. A small amount of stone wall consolidation and conservation works to the Knights and Squires Quarters will happen in tandem with this and so 350K has been allowed for in the capital programme to facilitate these interventions.

Industrial Development Lands

An estimated cost of €6,500,000 is included in the Capital Budget for the servicing of, and significant improvement works to enhance the Council's existing industrial development land bank and existing industrial/business parks in the county. Engineering consultancy services were procured for this purpose in 2023 and consultants have been appointed to progress works to the Council's industrial lands which include:

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

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

Future Land Purchase

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

Enterprise Centres

An estimated cost of €300,000 has been included over the period 2024 – 2026 for the future re-development and upgrade of the Council's three Enterprise Centres.

Sluagh Hall

An estimated cost of €300,000 has been included over the period 2024 – 2026 for essential repairs and structural works to the hall.

Morton Stadium

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

56 Church Street Skerries

An estimated cost of €70,000 has been included over the period 2024 – 2026 for repurposing works to the property following the end of its use as a temporary library.

Buzzardstown House

An estimated cost of €400,000 has been included over the period 2024 – 2025 for essential repairs and structural works to the property.

Town & Village Schemes

An estimated cost of €3,150,000 has been included over the period 2024 – 2026 to provide match-funding for improvement and regeneration schemes in Fingal's Towns and Villages.

Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan

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

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

Over the period 2024 – 2026 a total cost of €30.43m has been included for the following projects:

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

A provision of €300,000 has been provided for 2024-2026 to provide support for the development of youth recreation spaces in Balbriggan.

ARTS

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

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

Under the Infrastructure Public Arts Programme 2018 – 2024, 3 individual public art commissions are currently in place, and active across the administrative area of Fingal with new commissions currently being developed for Churchfields Mulhuddart and Liscappagh as part of the National Per Cent for Art Scheme.

LIBRARIES

KEY PROJECTS IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

Donabate Library

A sum of €4.7m has been included in the 2024-2026 Capital Programme for the relocation of Donabate Library from the Donabate Portrane Community and Leisure Centre to the former Credit Union building, Ballisk House. The works will be carried out in two phases, the first of which will involve modifying and upgrading Ballisk House to accommodate a library. The second phase will see an extension to the building, which will provide an enhanced library facility.

Baldoyle Library

The cost of improvement works at Baldoyle Library to enhance lay-out, access and visibility is €1.2m, which is reflected in the Capital Programme.

Improvement works to Libraries

A sum of €1m has been included in the Capital Programme to purchase library shelving and furniture and to refurbish the children's sections of Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries.

Skerries Library

The refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library is expected to be completed in late 2023/ early 2024 with the cost of the project expected to be approximately €6.6m.

Swords Cultural Quarter

With enabling works nearing completion on site, the Swords Cultural Quarter project is expected to go to tender towards the end of 2023, with construction works scheduled to commence in Quarter 2 2024. The Civic and Cultural Centre comprising of a County Library and an Arts Venue will be the first part of the project to be constructed and is expected to take 24 months to complete. Works to develop the Carnegie Library in Swords, which sits under the Swords Cultural Quarter project, as an arts focused building, are scheduled for completion in Q4 2023. Provision of €44m has been made in the 2024-2026 Capital Programme for the Swords Cultural Quarter project which also includes the relocation of St. Michael's House.

CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €20.47m over the period 2024-2026.

2024 €7,423,000
2025 - 2026 €13,046,000

Projects include:

County Hall – Atrium Improvements, Energy Performance Improvements, Office Consolidation and Improvements, Workplace Spatial Strategy

Grove Road – Atrium Improvements, Energy Performance Improvements, Office Consolidation and Improvements, Workplace Spatial Strategy

Draiocht/Blanchardstown Library – Energy Performance Improvements

Build to Share – Applications including CRM, Document Management and Workforce Management

FUNDING OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The progress of the projects outlined in the Capital Programme 2024-2026 relies heavily on the availability of funding from the following sources:

i. Exchequer Funding

The Capital Programme 2024-2026 is predicated on exchequer funding of €1,010.04 being made available to Fingal County Council. As can be seen from the Programme, the majority of the grant funding relates to the housing area.

ii. Revenue Provisions

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

iii. Development Levies

Development levy funding in the three-year capital programme is estimated at €119.80m.

iv. 'Other' funding

This reflects where another funding source has been identified such as ICR within housing or bonds in strategic infrastructure.

The Council continues to operate within the control and monitoring framework of DHLGH.

v. Under Assessment

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

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

CONCLUSION

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The programme being presented to the Members follows a significant amount of work and analysis by all Directors and their teams. It involves a substantial increase in the level of capital investment in Fingal over the years 2024 to 2026. Every effort will be made to maximise funding, particularly grant funding, from Central Government, to deliver on projects.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023

EXPENDITURE		
	Budget 2023	Projected Outturn 2023
HOUSING	132,840,000	255,350,600
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	12,420,003	9,733,421
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	33,290,000	31,202,000
OPERATIONS	17,127,000	19,232,600
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	28,531,769	13,087,262
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	37,125,924	37,020,997
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7,450,000	4,318,049
	268,784,696	369,944,929

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
HOUSING		
Asset Management		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000
Pre-let repairs	2,500,000	3,500,000
Central heating	400,000	500,000
Estate Improvement Works	100,000	150,000
Contract Painting	550,000	550,000
Minor Upgrade Works	200,000	350,000
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	4,000,000	4,000,000
Remediation Schemes	750,000	100,000
SUB TOTAL	8,620,000	9,270,000
Travellers		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000
Pre Let Repairs	250,000	250,000
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accom	150,000	150,000
St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment Works	800,000	800,000
Barnlodge Refurbishment Works	800,000	
Meakstown Close Refurbishment Works	300,000	500,000
Upgrading Works	400,000	400,000
Emergency Accomodation Refurbishment	100,000	100,000
Refurbishment/Remediation Works	2,000,000	2,000,000
SUB TOTAL	4,920,000	4,320,000
Construction		
DPG's		
Works to Council owned dwellings for persons with a disability	500,000	500,000
Construction Programme		
Cappaghfinn Ph3	2,000,000	3,500,000
Dublin 15 Infill Sites	400,000	315,100
Buy & Renew Acquisitions	2,000,000	2,100,000
Construction Support Program	100,000	300,000
6 Units at Tuckett's Lane	2,000,000	10,000
Outlands	2,500,000	2,329,300
Wellview Wraparound	1,000,000	1,000,000
Dun Emer Lands (Affordable)	50,000	5,200,000
Hayestown Rush	5,000,000	250,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
New Road, Donabate	500,000	50,000
Mayeston Site	1,500,000	800,000
Lusk Site - Site at Church Rd	1,200,000	1,200,000
Lusk Site - Site at Leonards Garage	2,700,000	2,000,000
Holywell	200,000	260,000
25-29 Dublin Road, Swords	200,000	100
North Street Swords	150,000	10,000
Blanchardstown T.C.	250,000	
St Ita's Portrane - 12 Units Refurbishment	4,000,000	2,000,000
Seatown Swords	200,000	200,000
Single Infill Unit at Sheepmore	400,000	300,000
Various Infill Schemes	200,000	
Woodside, Swords (Construction of Houses)		1,700,000
Remount Lusk - Construction of 14 Social Houses		50,000
Murtaghs Refurbishment Project Ballough Lusk		50,000
Site at the Junction of Blakestown Rd and Huntstown Way.		1,450,000
Dunsoghly Finglas, D11 - Purchase of site & development of Social Houses		30,000
Mourne View, Skerries, - Purchase of site & development of Social Houses		50,000
Knocksedan, Swords - Development of Social Housing		3,000
Land at Moorestown, Swords - Development of Social Housing		27,000,000
24 Houses at Parkview, Castlelands, Balbriggan		2,500
Land Management Plans		
Church Fields - 300 Units	2,000,000	
Church Fields Wider Land Bank	500,000	
Church Fields 2 B - 70 units	4,000,000	6,000,000
Church Fields Phase 3 & Eastern Linear Park		350,000
Hackettstown	1,000,000	
Ballymastone	2,000,000	
Future Lands Purchase	5,000,000	2,500,000
Acquisition of Site at Ballyboughal	250,000	
Acquisition of 1.2 Hectares of land at Donabate		15,600
	41,800,000	**61,525,600**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Acquisitions		
Private House Purchase	5,000,000	32,000,000
New Build Advance purchase turnkeys (this is aff Advance purchase turnkey acquisitions / cost rental units)		7,565,000
SUB TOTAL	5,000,000	39,565,000
Part V & New Build Advance purchase turnkeys	25,500,000	18,000,000
SUB TOTAL	25,500,000	18,000,000
Voluntary		
AHB's-C.A.L.F. (Capital Advanced Leasing Facility)		
CALF - Construction		1,350,000
CALF - Advance purchase turnkey + Part V	35,700,000	35,000,000
SUB TOTAL	35,700,000	36,350,000
Capital Assistance Scheme - Construction		
Cluid- 22 College Street (Construction)	50,000	310,000
Capital Assistance Scheme - Acquisitions 2020-2022		
Various - to be confirmed	5,000,000	80,000,000
Older Person Housing		
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath)	6,000,000	6,000,000
Garristown N&E	250,000	10,000
SUB TOTAL	11,300,000	86,320,000
HOUSING TOTAL	132,840,000	255,350,600
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS		
Meakstown Community Facility	5,669,305	7,398,060
Kinsealy/Melrose Community Project		16,181
Castlelands recreation Centre		16,027
Community Centre Improvement Phase 1 Works	4,740,201	300,000
Corduff Resource Centre		
Donabate Portrane Community Centre		10,000
Baldoyle Community Hall		
Mulhuddart Community Centre		
Mourne Estate Community Centre		
Hartstown Community Centre		250,000
Community Centre Improvement Phase 2 Works	100,000	

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Corduff Sports Centre		132,000
Parslickstown House and Hall		32,000
St Macullins Church		22,500
Mountview Community Centre		34,000
Rush Multi Purpose Youth Facility	40,888	267,253
Baldoyle Community Facility	1,794,609	680,400
Mulhuddart CC	75,000	75,000
Acquisition of St Margarets Parish Hall, House and Coach house		500,000
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS TOTAL	**12,420,003**	**9,733,421**
HOUSING, COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS TOTALS	**145,260,003**	**265,084,021**
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	270,000	140,000
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	200,000
SUB TOTAL LIHAF FUNDED SCHEMES	**470,000**	**340,000**
Broadmeadow Way	2,000,000	2,100,000
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	300,000	300,000
Fingal Coastal Way	300,000	300,000
Cycle Network Route 1 (Royal Canal 12th Lock to KC)	300,000	200,000
Harry Reynolds Road Cyle route	3,000,000	1,800,000
Kinsealy-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	50,000	
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	100,000	10,000
Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park Cycle Route Design	150,000	
SUB TOTAL GREENWAYS	**6,200,000**	**4,710,000**
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	5,000,000
N3 Upgrade	300,000	300,000
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	3,000,000	1,000,000
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	5,000,000
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	20,000
Donabate Green Routes	200,000	100,000
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	30,000
DDR Phase II Design (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	50,000
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	20,000
Airport Roundabout Design	50,000	

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Airport Western Access Design	50,000	
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	
R132 Junctions	200,000	50,000
Swords Western Distributor Road	100,000	20,000
Transportation Schemes Land Acquisition		125,000
SUB TOTAL OTHER TRANSPORTATION SCHEMES	**12,900,000**	**11,715,000**
TRANSPORTATION FORWARD PLANNING CAPITAL TOTAL	**19,570,000**	**16,765,000**
National Taking in Charge Incentive	300,000	200,000
Ongar TIC		1,000,000
BUILDING CONTROL INSPECTORATE CAPITAL TOTAL	**300,000**	**1,200,000**
Bremore Castle & Regional Park	50,000	50,000
Bremore Regional Park (approved part 8 works)	750,000	1,750,000
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	200,000	50,000
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	1,500,000	100,000
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	20,000	250,000
Coastal Defence Works (for planned works at the Burrow & Rush)	2,000,000	200,000
Shackleton's Mills Refurbishment	200,000	50,000
General Biodiversity Work	1,000,000	700,000
Dublin Bay Biosphere	250,000	100,000
Pathway Upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	30,000
Restoration of Historical Buildings	150,000	50,000
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	20,000
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	500,000	20,000
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	1,000,000	500,000
Bridge Street Pocket Park, Balbriggan		200,000
PARKS, PITCHES & OPEN SPACES CAPITAL TOTAL	**7,820,000**	**4,070,000**
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	600,000	50,000
Rivervalley Park (incl. All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub)	150,000	700,000
Ward River Park Development Project	800,000	800,000
Porterstown Park Recreational Hub	150,000	500,000
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	1,100,000	500,000
Rush Recreational Hub	100,000	180,000
Acquisistion of Land at Coldblow Lucan		5,100,000
Land Acquisition Parks (Miscellaneous)		112,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Rathmore Park Recreational Hub		20,000
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**2,900,000**	**7,962,000**
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground	500,000	550,000
The Naul Town Park	500,000	20,000
Garristown Playground	400,000	25,000
Howth Playground	800,000	10,000
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**2,200,000**	**605,000**
FDP 2017 - 2023 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	500,000	600,000
MASTERPLANS AND STUDIES CAPITAL TOTAL	**500,000**	**600,000**
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL	**33,290,000**	**31,202,000**
OPERATIONS		
Roads Investment Programme	2,500,000	4,915,000
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	50,000	50,000
Traffic Control Room / Infrastructure	300,000	
Bridge Rehabilitation	500,000	500,000
SUB-TOTAL ROADS INVESTMENT & BRIDGES	**3,350,000**	**5,465,000**
LED Public Lighting Installations	500,000	700,000
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	250,000	250,000
SUB-TOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES	**750,000**	**950,000**
Skerries	750,000	150,000
Balbriggan	650,000	900,000
Loughshinny	100,000	200,000
Rush	50,000	15,000
SUB-TOTAL HARBOURS	**1,550,000**	**1,265,000**
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Portrane, Donabate, Howth	750,000	800,000
SUB-TOTAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	**750,000**	**800,000**
Mulhuddart Cemetery	200,000	50,000
Balgriffin	380,000	455,000
Kellystown	1,000,000	1,500
SUB-TOTAL CEMETERIES	**1,580,000**	**506,500**
Ardgillan Demesne Development Works	350,000	600,000
Newbridge Demesne Playground	1,400,000	500,000

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Santry Demesne Footpaths	350,000	300,000
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	50,000	50,000
St Catherines Park, Lucan	1,300,000	1,300,000
Malahide Demesne	450,000	550,100
Town Centre Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	150,000	500,000
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House	400,000	400,000
SUB-TOTAL REGIONAL PARKS	**4,450,000**	**4,200,100**
Castleknock/Mulhuddart		
Dunsink - Former landfill	50,000	50,000
Hartstown Park Improvements	100,000	180,000
Tyrellstown Park	200,000	200,000
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	100,000	100,000
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	50,000	50,000
Porterstown Park	50,000	140,000
Ongar Open Space	150,000	150,000
Waterville Park	50,000	50,000
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	25,000	5,000
Hazelbury Park	20,000	50,000
Shackleton Gardens	200,000	150,000
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	50,000	50,000
Balbriggan/Swords		
Ward River Valley Park	300,000	1,100,000
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	300,000	300,000
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	125,000	75,000
Recreation Hub, Lusk	150,000	50,000
St Catherines Park, Rush	100,000	
St Catherines Park, Rush (Kenure Woods)	150,000	100,000
Skerries Townpark	200,000	1,300,000
Howth/Malahide		
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	10,000	10,000
Robswall Park Development	70,000	70,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	10,000	15,000
SUB-TOTAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	**2,470,000**	**4,205,000**
Howth Malahide Area Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	120,000	125,000
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	50,000	40,000
Parks & Heritage Signage	75,000	75,000
Public Realm Works - Skerries Library	350,000	350,000
SUB-TOTAL COASTAL WALKS, CARPARKS AND SIGNAGE	**595,000**	**590,000**
Countywide Playing Pitches	100,000	250,000
Barnageeragh Pitch	100,000	
Upgrade Works at Allotments	50,000	50,000
SUB-TOTAL PLAYING PITCHES	**250,000**	**300,000**
Fancourt Depot	50,000	125,000
Coolmine Depot	250,000	250,000
SUB-TOTAL DEPOT WORKS	**300,000**	**375,000**
OPERATION TOTALS	**16,045,000**	**18,656,600**
WATER SERVICES		
Portrane Canal Works (Surface Water)	60,000	
Howth Surface Water Culvert	72,000	130,000
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	150,000	
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	50,000	16,000
Dublin 15 Area - Storm Water Network	150,000	
The Bawn Stromwater Upgrade	200,000	10,000
Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipeline	250,000	200,000
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	150,000	
Malahide / Portmarnock Surface Water Network		220,000
WATER SERVICES TOTALS	**1,082,000**	**576,000**
OPERATIONS & WATER SERVICES	**17,127,000**	**19,232,600**
ENVIRON, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL		
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	1,200,000	2,000,000
Nevitt Landfill	100,000	
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	300,000	100,000
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill	400,000	50,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	50,000	100,000
ENVIRON & CLIMATE CHANGE	2,050,000	2,250,000
ACTIVE TRAVEL		
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	500,000	50,000
New Street, Malahide	308,024	222,006
Fingal Cycling Training Centre	250,000	50,000
Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA	500,000	184,393
Bicycle Parking	160,000	150,000
Safe to Schools Programme (Infrastructure)	2,215,313	1,485,000
Baldoyle to Howth	200,000	378,895
Baldoyle Cirlce	835,000	
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	909,414	1,962,401
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	1,000,000	2,400,000
Harstown to Hunstown Cycle Scheme	2,100,000	154,388
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	600,000	237,179
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	1,419,018	78,000
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary (Swords to Malahide)	1,155,000	700,000
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue	1,680,000	50,000
Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	1,180,000	50,000
Skerries - Harbour Road (Footpath build-outs)	880,000	50,000
Skerries Active Travel Plan	1,500,000	30,000
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	250,000	30,000
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	360,000	155,000
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	495,000	100,000
St Catherines Park Boardwalk	800,000	
Balrothery Mobility Scheme	750,000	40,000
Rush - South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to S Shore Rd) New footpath & cycle path	450,000	55,000
Balbriggan - Dublin Road to Drogheda Street	50,000	15,000
Chapel Road to An Teagasc Building	100,000	

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Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway	100,000	10,000
R108 cycling Scheme Airport Road	10,000	
Park and Ride (Lissenhall)	100,000	
NTA Schemes 2023 - 2025	5,000,000	
Data collections traffic, air, noise	50,000	25,000
Permeability Links North County	400,000	465,000
Phoenix Park to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	175,000	
Station Road to Portmarnock Footpath Cycleway		160,000
Active Travel Pathfinder- Swords to Airport		25,000
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure		40,000
SRTS Rush & Lusk ETNS		273,000
SRTS St Benedicts NS		175,000
SRTS Castaheany ETNS		175,000
SRTS Bayside SNR School		381,000
SRTS Bayside JNR School		381,000
SRTS Scoil Ghrainne CNS		25,000
SRTS Scoil Choilm CNS		25,000
SRTS Pope John Paul II		25,000
SRTS Ladyswell NS		25,000
ACTIVE TRAVEL TOTALS	**26,481,769**	**10,837,262**
ENVIRON, CLIMATE CHANGE & ACTIVE TRAVEL TOTALS	**28,531,769**	**13,087,262**
ECONOMIC,ENTERPRISE,TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT		
SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER		
Civic & Cultural Centre	2,914,300	2,829,500
Carnegie Library	1,064,700	1,549,700
St Michael's House	1,694,500	
SUB TOTAL	**5,673,500**	**4,379,200**
OUR BALBRIGGAN PLAN		
Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour	800,000	800,000
Project No.2: 2-4 Dublin Street	300,000	150,000
Project No.3: 10-16 Bridge Street (Main St, Green Corridor)	250,000	500,000
Project No.4: Railway Street & Station Plaza	800,000	

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Project No.5: Millpond Park (Linking Main Street - Green Corridor)	500,000	
Project No.6: Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations (Beach/Banks/Martello Tower/Boathouse/Public Baths)	250,000	20,000
Project No.7: Castle to Castle Greenway (Balbriggan Section)	200,000	
Project Management (including general professional & technical assistance)	130,000	300,000
Youth Recreation Space	150,000	150,000
Town Regeneration		100,000
Vacant Properties & Derelict Site (Call 3 URDF Programme)		1,400,000
SUB TOTAL	3,380,000	3,420,000
HERITAGE PROPERTIES		
Development works to Malahide Castle	472,988	341,435
Bremore Castle	591,000	591,000
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	3,251,047	3,509,905
Development works to Newbridge House	2,448,989	2,127,689
Skerries Mills Red barn	1,229,401	73,959
Skerries Martello Tower	75,030	37,700
Guinness Bridge	1,335,864	1,942,741
Swords Castle	716,805	788,485
Shackleton Mills	200,000	29,483
Mtce of Heritage Properties	175,000	175,000
Howth Martello Tower	30,000	10,000
Seamus Ennis Arts Centre		350,000
SUB TOTAL	10,526,124	9,977,397
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT		
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000
Enterprise Centres	50,000	50,000
Damastown Industrial Estate	200,000	500,000
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	500,000	400,000
College Business & Technology Park Buzzardstown	100,000	2,000,000
Cherryhound Lands	100,000	150,000
Town & Village Applications	150,000	200,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2023	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2023
Dwyers GAA Club		350,000
SUB TOTAL	11,100,000	13,650,000
COUNCIL PROPERTIES		
Sluagh Hall, Swords	250,000	100,000
Morton Stadium	50,000	50,000
Lusk Community Council (Katie Hunt's Cottage)	20,000	20,000
56 CHURCH STREET SKERRIES (Skerries Library)	10,000	10,000
Destination Towns Skerries	50,000	50,000
Donabate Credit Union	500,000	150,000
SUB TOTAL	880,000	380,000
LIBRARIES		
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	3,231,600	4,607,600
Improvement works to Libraries	1,017,300	147,200
Baldoyle - General Works	888,400	48,600
Howth - Refurbishment of Library	129,000	
LIBRARIES TOTAL	5,266,300	4,803,400
ARTS		
Per Cent for Art Projects	75,000	75,000
Artists Studios	100,000	
Youth Education	90,000	90,000
Initiatives arising from Arts Plan 2018-2025	35,000	246,000
ARTS TOTALS	300,000	411,000
EETCD TOTALS	37,125,924	37,020,997
CORPORATE SERVICES		
Corporate Buildings Improvements	4,000,000	2,700,000
Workplace Spatial Strategy	3,450,000	800,000
IT	7,450,000	3,500,000
BUILD TO SHARE		818,049
CORPORATE SERVICES TOTALS	7,450,000	4,318,049
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023 PROJECTED OUTTURN TOTAL	268,784,696	369,944,929

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Capital Programme 2024-2026

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY						
	2024	2025	2026	Total Expenditure 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Loan	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
HOUSING	213,650,100	351,630,800	294,585,000	859,865,900		834,365,900		8,850,000		16,650,000	859,865,900
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	9,053,586	13,939,785	9,254,517	32,247,888	805,119			17,236,182	14,206,587		32,247,888
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	58,160,000	56,170,000	62,840,000	177,170,000	92,147,900	76,222,100				8,800,000	177,170,000
OPERATIONS	16,680,000	14,935,000	16,590,000	48,205,000	26,485,000			12,000,000	9,600,000	120,000	48,205,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	27,553,643	33,099,881	16,612,000	77,265,524	200,000	73,815,524		2,950,000		300,000	77,265,524
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	53,681,974	44,516,516	41,083,784	139,282,274	170,000	25,640,000	40,000,000	12,484,337	60,687,937	300,000	139,282,274
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7,423,000	7,423,000	5,623,000	20,469,000				5,969,000	14,500,000		20,469,000
	386,202,303	521,714,982	446,588,301	1,354,505,586	119,808,019	1,010,043,524	40,000,000	59,489,519	98,994,524	26,170,000	1,354,505,586

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Asset Management								
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**			360,000	**360,000**
Pre-let repairs	3,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**8,000,000**	3,200,000	2,550,000	2,250,000	**8,000,000**
Central heating	400,000	400,000	400,000	**1,200,000**		1,200,000		**1,200,000**
Estate Improvement Works	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**		300,000		**300,000**
Contract Painting	550,000	550,000	550,000	**1,650,000**		1,650,000		**1,650,000**
Minor Upgrade Works	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**		600,000		**600,000**
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,000,000	**14,000,000**	13,250,000	750,000		**14,000,000**
Remediation/Renovation Schemes	750,000	750,000	750,000	**2,250,000**		1,200,000	1,050,000	**2,250,000**
SUB TOTAL	**10,120,000**	**9,620,000**	**8,620,000**	**28,360,000**	**16,450,000**	**8,250,000**	**3,660,000**	**28,360,000**
Travellers								
Fire Damaged Dwellings	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**			360,000	**360,000**
Pre Let Repairs	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**	450,000	300,000		**750,000**
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accom	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		300,000	150,000	**450,000**
St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment Works	200,000			**200,000**	200,000			**200,000**
Barnlodge Refurbishment Works	900,000			**900,000**	900,000			**900,000**
Meakstown Close Refurbishment Works	300,000			**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Upgrading Works	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**	900,000			**900,000**
Emergency Accomodation	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Refurbishment/Remediation Works	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**5,000,000**	5,000,000			**5,000,000**
New Build	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**5,000,000**	5,000,000			**5,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**4,320,000**	**4,920,000**	**4,920,000**	**14,160,000**	**13,050,000**	**600,000**	**510,000**	**14,160,000**
DPG's								
Works to Council owned dwellings for persons with a disability	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**	1,350,000		150,000	**1,500,000**
SUB TOTAL	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**1,500,000**	**1,350,000**		**150,000**	**1,500,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Construction Projects								
Social Housing Construction								
Mourne View Infill, Skerries	200,000	500,000	3,500,000	**4,200,000**	4,200,000			**4,200,000**
Fingerpost, Kinsealy	20,000	200,000	1,180,000	**1,400,000**	1,400,000			**1,400,000**
O'Dwyers, Balbriggan	100,000	500,000	3,000,000	**3,600,000**	3,600,000			**3,600,000**
Millers Glen, Swords	200,000	1,500,000	6,000,000	**7,700,000**	7,700,000			**7,700,000**
Park Road, Kenure, Rush	100,000	200,000	5,000,000	**5,300,000**	5,300,000			**5,300,000**
Fortlawn (3No units)	50,000	150,000	700,000	**900,000**	900,000			**900,000**
Church Fields 2B	500,000			**500,000**	500,000			**500,000**
Cappaghfinn Ph3	500,000			**500,000**	500,000			**500,000**
Dublin 15 Infill Site @ 169 Clonsilla Rd	9,500			**9,500**	9,500			**9,500**
Woodside, Swords (Construction of Houses)	250,000	3,000,000	11,000,000	**14,250,000**	14,250,000			**14,250,000**
Remount, Lusk	500,000	4,200,000	4,200,000	**8,900,000**	8,900,000			**8,900,000**
CPO for vacant dwellings	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**7,500,000**	7,500,000			**7,500,000**
Murtaghs Refurbishment Project Ballough, Lusk	1,000,000			**1,000,000**	1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Construction Support Program	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Tuckett's Lane	50,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**4,050,000**	4,050,000			**4,050,000**
Bowden Court, Outlands, Swords	1,100,000	30,000		**1,130,000**	1,130,000			**1,130,000**
Wellview Wraparound	180,000			**180,000**	180,000			**180,000**
Mayeston (Poppintree)	200,000	31,200,000	15,600,000	**47,000,000**	47,000,000			**47,000,000**
Monastery Road (Church Rd, Lusk)	500,000	51,000		**551,000**	551,000			**551,000**
Ballough Place (Site at Leonards Garage)	2,284,100	127,800		**2,411,900**	2,411,900			**2,411,900**
Holywell	3,000,000	13,162,500	10,000,000	**26,162,500**	26,162,500			**26,162,500**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Blakestown Rd / Huntstown Way	405,000	5,265,000	10,000,000	**15,670,000**	15,670,000			**15,670,000**
North Street Swords	2,400,000	2,400,000	155,000	**4,955,000**	4,955,000			**4,955,000**
St Ita's Portrane	2,000,000			**2,000,000**	2,000,000			**2,000,000**
Seatown Road, Swords	500,000	4,000,000	6,000,000	**10,500,000**	10,500,000			**10,500,000**
50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Infill)	12,000			**12,000**	12,000			**12,000**
Knocksedan, Swords - Development of Social Housing	500,000	750,000	14,625,000	**15,875,000**	15,875,000			**15,875,000**
Ballyboughal			2,000,000	**2,000,000**	2,000,000			**2,000,000**
Affordable Housing Construction								
Dun Emer, Lusk	200,000			**200,000**	20,000		180,000	**200,000**
Hayestown Rush	5,000,000	1,500,000		**6,500,000**	650,000		5,850,000	**6,500,000**
Mixed Tenure Construction								
Churchfields 3A	36,899,500	38,694,500	2,005,000	**77,599,000**	71,299,000		6,300,000	**77,599,000**
Churchfields 3B	500,000	500,000	15,000,000	**16,000,000**	16,000,000			**16,000,000**
Churchfields 4	200,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,400,000**	1,400,000			**1,400,000**
Ballymastone Phase 1	16,000,000	20,000,000	7,000,000	**43,000,000**	43,000,000			**43,000,000**
Ballymastone Phase 2			13,000,000	**13,000,000**	13,000,000			**13,000,000**
Mooretown, Swords Phase 1	250,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**4,250,000**	4,250,000			**4,250,000**
New Road Donabate	200,000	8,000,000	20,000,000	**28,200,000**	28,200,000			**28,200,000**
Blanchardstown T.C. (Verona)	100,000	100,000	1,000,000	**1,200,000**	1,200,000			**1,200,000**
Land Acquisition								
Future Land Acqusition	20,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**24,000,000**	24,000,000			**24,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**98,510,100**	**144,830,800**	**160,565,000**	**403,905,900**	**391,575,900**		**12,330,000**	**403,905,900**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Acquisitions								
Social Housing Acquisitions - ongoing programme	27,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	**39,000,000**	39,000,000			**39,000,000**
Advance purchase turnkey Acqusitions (EOI 2023)	15,000,000	97,000,000		**112,000,000**	112,000,000			**112,000,000**
Buy and Renew	800,000	800,000	800,000	**2,400,000**	2,400,000			**2,400,000**
SUB TOTAL	**42,800,000**	**103,800,000**	**6,800,000**	**153,400,000**	**153,400,000**			**153,400,000**
Part V								
Castlelands LDA		24,960,000	17,160,000	**42,120,000**	42,120,000			**42,120,000**
Hackettstown (Part v - LDA)		7,500,000	7,500,000	**15,000,000**	15,000,000			**15,000,000**
Part V	24,000,000	25,000,000	37,000,000	**86,000,000**	86,000,000			**86,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**24,000,000**	**57,460,000**	**61,660,000**	**143,120,000**	**143,120,000**			**143,120,000**
Voluntary								
C.A.L.F. (*Capital Advanced Leasing Facility*)								
CALF - Construction		470,000		**470,000**	470,000			**470,000**
CALF - Advance purchase turnkey + Part V	23,000,000	24,000,000	23,000,000	**70,000,000**	70,000,000			**70,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**23,000,000**	**24,470,000**	**23,000,000**	**70,470,000**	**70,470,000**			**70,470,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Construction								
Cluid- 22 College Street (Construction)	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**
Aoibhneas			6,300,000	**6,300,000**	6,300,000			**6,300,000**
Marion House			7,900,000	**7,900,000**	7,900,000			**7,900,000**
Coolmine Lodge			9,280,000	**9,280,000**	9,280,000			**9,280,000**
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath) - Construction	4,470,000	250,000		**4,720,000**	4,720,000			**4,720,000**
Garristown N&E	780,000	780,000	40,000	**1,600,000**	1,600,000			**1,600,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Acquisitions								
Various Acquisitions (to be confirmed)	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**	15,000,000			**15,000,000**
SUB TOTAL	**10,400,000**	**6,030,000**	**28,520,000**	**44,950,000**	**44,950,000**			**44,950,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**213,650,100**	**351,630,800**	**294,585,000**	**859,865,900**	**834,365,900**	**8,850,000**	**16,650,000**	**859,865,900**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Meakstown Community Facility	1,233,191	377,047		**1,610,238**	805,119	805,119		**1,610,238**
Phase I Works								
Corduff Resource Centre	766,364	689,727	76,637	**1,532,728**		1,072,910	459,818	**1,532,728**
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	1,255,462	1,129,916	125,547	**2,510,925**		1,757,648	753,278	**2,510,925**
Balcarrle Community Hall	738,850	664,965	73,885	**1,477,700**		1,034,390	443,310	**1,477,700**
Mourne Estate Community Centre	162,108	145,898	16,211	**324,217**		226,952	97,265	**324,217**
Hartstown Community Centre	753,883	678,494	75,389	**1,507,766**		1,055,436	452,330	**1,507,766**
Phase II (a) Works	2,100,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	**10,100,000**		7,070,000	3,030,000	**10,100,000**
Corduff Sports Centre								
Parslickstown House and Hall								
St Macullins Church								
Mountview Community Centre								

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Phase II (b) Works		100,000	3,000,000	**3,100,000**		2,170,000	930,000	**3,100,000**
Blakestown Community Centre								
Mountview Family Resource Centre								
Fortlawn Community Centre								
Rivermeade								
Phase II (C) Works			100,000	**100,000**			100,000	**100,000**
Rush Multi Purpose Youth Facility	99,119			**99,119**		99,119		**99,119**
Baldoyle Community Facility	1,694,609	4,753,738	786,848	**7,235,195**		1,694,609	5,540,586	**7,235,195**
Mulhuddart Community Centre	50,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,050,000**		50,000	2,000,000	**2,050,000**
Swimming Pool Feasibility Study	100,000			**100,000**		100,000		**100,000**
Refurbishment of Margarets Parish Hall, House and Coach house	100,000	400,000		**500,000**		100,000	400,000	**500,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**9,053,586**	**13,939,785**	**9,254,517**	**32,247,888**	**805,119**	**17,236,182**	**14,206,587**	**32,247,888**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
Planning / Strategic Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	500,000	70,000		**570,000**	570,000			**570,000**
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	500,000		**1,100,000**	1,100,000			**1,100,000**
SUB TOTAL LIHAF FUNDED SCHEMES	**1,100,000**	**570,000**		**1,670,000**	**1,670,000**			**1,670,000**
Broadmeadow Way	10,000,000	8,000,000	4,000,000	**22,000,000**		22,000,000		**22,000,000**
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	300,000	300,000	2,000,000	**2,600,000**		2,600,000		**2,600,000**
Fingal Coastal Way	600,000	300,000	3,000,000	**3,900,000**		3,900,000		**3,900,000**
Royal Canal Greenway	4,000,000	500,000	3,000,000	**7,500,000**		7,500,000		**7,500,000**
Harry Reynolds Road Cycle route	4,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000	**9,000,000**		9,000,000		**9,000,000**
Blanchardstown-Phoenix Park Cycle Route Design	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		450,000		**450,000**
Kinsaly-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	50,000	50,000	200,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	100,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,300,000**		1,300,000		**1,300,000**
Ward River Valley Bridge	50,000	50,000	600,000	**700,000**		700,000		**700,000**
Toberburr Road	20,000	50,000	300,000	**370,000**	370,000			**370,000**
Lusk-Rush Cycle Route	20,000	100,000	200,000	**320,000**	320,000			**320,000**
Tolka Valley Greenway	20,000	50,000	100,000	**170,000**		170,000		**170,000**
Transportation Schemes Land Acquisition	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**	6,000,000			**6,000,000**
Liffey Crossing	50,000	300,000	200,000	**550,000**		550,000		**550,000**
SUB TOTAL GREENWAYS	**21,360,000**	**16,050,000**	**17,750,000**	**55,160,000**	**6,990,000**	**48,170,000**		**55,160,000**
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	1,000,000		**5,000,000**	5,000,000			**5,000,000**
N3 Upgrade	300,000			**300,000**		300,000		**300,000**
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road	6,000,000	6,000,000	7,000,000	**19,000,000**	19,000,000			**19,000,000**
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	1,000,000	200,000	**5,200,000**	5,200,000			**5,200,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
Planning / Strategic Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	500,000	500,000	**1,100,000**		1,100,000		**1,100,000**
Donabate Green Routes	200,000	300,000	500,000	**1,000,000**	1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	100,000		**700,000**		700,000		**700,000**
DDR Phase II Design (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,400,000**	1,400,000			**1,400,000**
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Dublin Airport Surface Access	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,250,000**	1,250,000			**1,250,000**
R132 Junctions	200,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	**6,200,000**		6,200,000		**6,200,000**
Swords Western Distributor Road	100,000	100,000	400,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
SUB TOTAL OTHER TRANSPORTATION SCHEMES	**15,850,000**	**11,400,000**	**14,600,000**	**41,850,000**	**33,550,000**	**8,300,000**		**41,850,000**
TRANSPORTATION FORWARD PLANNING CAPITAL TOTAL	**38,310,000**	**28,020,000**	**32,350,000**	**98,680,000**	**42,210,000**	**56,470,000**		**98,680,000**
Ongar TIC	300,000			**300,000**			300,000	**300,000**
Taking In Charge Works Programme	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**			6,000,000	**6,000,000**
BUILDING CONTROL INSPECTORATE CAPITAL TOTAL	**2,300,000**	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**6,300,000**			**6,300,000**	**6,300,000**
Bremore Castle & Car Park	200,000	500,000	500,000	**1,200,000**	1,200,000			**1,200,000**
Bremore Regional Park (approved part 8 works)	2,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	**8,000,000**	8,000,000			**8,000,000**
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	1,500,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**4,500,000**	4,500,000			**4,500,000**
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	20,000	20,000	20,000	**60,000**	60,000			**60,000**
Coastal Defence Works (I.a. for planned works at The Burrow & Rush)	1,500,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	**9,500,000**		9,500,000		**9,500,000**
Shackleton's Mills Refurbishment	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
General Biodiversity Work	1,800,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**5,800,000**	5,500,000	300,000		**5,800,000**
Dublin Bay Biosphere	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**	750,000			**750,000**
Pathway Upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
Planning / Strategic Infrastructure

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Restoration of Historical Buildings	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	300,000	150,000		**450,000**
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	150,000	200,000	**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	500,000	500,000	20,000	**1,020,000**	1,020,000			**1,020,000**
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	**2,000,000**	2,000,000			**2,000,000**
PARKS, PITCHES & OPEN SPACES CAPITAL TOTAL	**9,520,000**	**12,620,000**	**13,190,000**	**35,330,000**	**25,380,000**	**9,950,000**		**35,330,000**
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	500,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	**6,500,000**	5,500,000	1,000,000		**6,500,000**
Rivervalley Park All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub	10,000			**10,000**	10,000			**10,000**
Ward River Park Development Project	2,000,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	**10,000,000**	10,000,000			**10,000,000**
Porterstown Park Recreational Hub	20,000	10,000	10,000	**40,000**	40,000			**40,000**
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	2,000,000	4,000,000	3,890,000	**9,890,000**	1,087,900	8,802,100		**9,890,000**
Rush Public Realm including Rush Recreational Hub	100,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**3,100,000**	3,100,000			**3,100,000**
Rathmore Park Recreational Hub (Lusk)	1,000,000	1,000,000	100,000	**2,100,000**	2,100,000			**2,100,000**
RECREATIONAL HUBS	**5,630,000**	**12,010,000**	**14,000,000**	**31,640,000**	**21,837,900**	**9,802,100**		**31,640,000**
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground (upgrade)	500,000	300,000	200,000	**1,000,000**	1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Naul Village Park Development	500,000	200,000	100,000	**800,000**	800,000			**800,000**
Garristown Playground	300,000	20,000		**320,000**	320,000			**320,000**
Howth Playground (upgrade)	600,000			**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
TOWN PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	**1,900,000**	**520,000**	**300,000**	**2,720,000**	**2,720,000**			**2,720,000**
FDP 2023-2029 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,500,000**			2,500,000	**2,500,000**
MASTERPLANS AND STUDIES CAPITAL TOTAL	**500,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**2,500,000**			**2,500,000**	**2,500,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**58,160,000**	**56,170,000**	**62,840,000**	**177,170,000**	**92,147,900**	**76,222,100**	**8,800,000**	**177,170,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Roads Investment Programme	2,620,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**7,620,000**	7,500,000			120,000	**7,620,000**
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Traffic Control Room / Infrastructure	300,000	100,000	50,000	**450,000**	450,000				**450,000**
Bridge Rehabilitation	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**		1,500,000			**1,500,000**
SUB-TOTAL ROADS INVESTMENT & BRIDGES	**3,470,000**	**3,150,000**	**3,100,000**	**9,720,000**	**8,100,000**	**1,500,000**		**120,000**	**9,720,000**
Public Lighting	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**		1,500,000			**1,500,000**
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	400,000	200,000		**600,000**		600,000			**600,000**
SUB-TOTAL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES	**900,000**	**700,000**	**500,000**	**2,100,000**		**2,100,000**			**2,100,000**
Skerries	200,000	1,000,000	2,500,000	**3,700,000**		200,000	3,500,000		**3,700,000**
Balbriggan	500,000	1,000,000	5,000,000	**6,500,000**		500,000	6,000,000		**6,500,000**
Loughshinny	50,000	50,000		**100,000**		50,000	50,000		**100,000**
Rush	50,000	50,000		**100,000**		50,000	50,000		**100,000**
SUB-TOTAL HARBOURS	**800,000**	**2,100,000**	**7,500,000**	**10,400,000**		**800,000**	**9,600,000**		**10,400,000**
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Skerries, Rush South, Loughshinney, Rush Harbour Road, Portrane, Donabate, Howth East Pier, Malahide Muldowney	1,700,000	500,000	250,000	**2,450,000**		2,450,000			**2,450,000**
SUB-TOTAL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	**1,700,000**	**500,000**	**250,000**	**2,450,000**		**2,450,000**			**2,450,000**

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OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Mulhuddart	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**		600,000			**600,000**
Balgriffin	455,000	300,000	300,000	**1,055,000**		1,055,000			**1,055,000**
Kellystown	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	**2,500,000**		2,500,000			**2,500,000**
SUB-TOTAL CEMETERIES	**1,655,000**	**1,500,000**	**1,000,000**	**4,155,000**		**4,155,000**			4,155,000
Ardgillan Demesne	250,000	200,000	150,000	**600,000**	600,000				**600,000**
Newbridge Demesne	1,250,000	1,500,000	250,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000				**3,000,000**
Santry Demesne	150,000	100,000	50,000	**300,000**	300,000				**300,000**
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	50,000	25,000	25,000	**100,000**	100,000				**100,000**
St Catherines Park, Lucan	1,000,000	500,000	400,000	**1,900,000**	1,900,000				**1,900,000**
Town Centre, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**	300,000				**300,000**
Malahide Demesne	450,000	450,000	450,000	**1,350,000**	1,350,000				**1,350,000**
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House	350,000	350,000	350,000	**1,050,000**	1,050,000				**1,050,000**
SUB-TOTAL REGIONAL PARKS	**3,600,000**	**3,225,000**	**1,775,000**	**8,600,000**	**8,600,000**				**8,600,000**
Castleknock/Mulhuddart									
Dunsink - Former landfill	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**		150,000			**150,000**
Hartstown Park Improvements	50,000	50,000	25,000	**125,000**	125,000				**125,000**
Tyrellstown Park	150,000	150,000	100,000	**400,000**	400,000				**400,000**
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	100,000	50,000	50,000	**200,000**	200,000				**200,000**
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**	30,000				**30,000**

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OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	25,000	25,000	25,000	**75,000**	75,000				**75,000**
Porterstown Park	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Ongar Open Space	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	450,000				**450,000**
Waterville Park	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	45,000	20,000	10,000	**75,000**	75,000				**75,000**
Hazelbury Park	50,000	20,000	10,000	**80,000**	80,000				**80,000**
Shackleton Gardens	200,000	100,000	100,000	**400,000**	400,000				**400,000**
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	25,000	25,000	25,000	**75,000**	75,000				**75,000**
Balbriggan/Swords									
Ward River Valley Park	200,000	350,000	100,000	**650,000**	650,000				**650,000**
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	100,000	250,000	50,000	**400,000**	400,000				**400,000**
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	80,000	20,000		**100,000**	100,000				**100,000**
Recreation Hub, Lusk	150,000	50,000	50,000	**250,000**	250,000				**250,000**
St Catherines Park, Rush (Combine with other code)									
St Catherines Park, Rush including Portico Open Space	150,000	100,000	100,000	**350,000**	350,000				**350,000**
Skerries Townpark	100,000	50,000	50,000	**200,000**	200,000				**200,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Howth/Malahide									
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	60,000	55,000	50,000	**165,000**	165,000				**165,000**
Robswall Park Development	80,000	25,000		**105,000**	105,000				**105,000**
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	20,000	20,000	20,000	**60,000**	60,000				**60,000**
SUB-TOTAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	**1,895,000**	**1,670,000**	**1,075,000**	**4,640,000**	**4,490,000**	**150,000**			**4,640,000**
Countywide Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	300,000	200,000	100,000	**600,000**	600,000				**600,000**
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Parks & Heritage Signage	75,000	75,000	75,000	**225,000**	225,000				**225,000**
Barnageeragh Beach – Feasability and Design Assessment options on improved Access	70,000	500,000		**570,000**		570,000			**570,000**
Donabate Beach Car-park (Close off included in Countywide coastal walks, footpaths code)									
SUB-TOTAL COASTAL WALKS, CARPARKS AND SIGNAGE	**495,000**	**825,000**	**225,000**	**1,545,000**	**975,000**	**570,000**			**1,545,000**
Countywide Playing Pitches	300,000	275,000	275,000	**850,000**	850,000				**850,000**
Barnageeragh Pitch	100,000			**100,000**	100,000				**100,000**
Countywide Pitch Changing Facilities	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**	750,000				**750,000**
Upgrade Works at Allotments	40,000	40,000	40,000	**120,000**	120,000				**120,000**
SUB-TOTAL COUNTYWIDE WORKS	**690,000**	**565,000**	**565,000**	**1,820,000**	**1,820,000**				**1,820,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Fancourt Depot	25,000			**25,000**		25,000			**25,000**
Coolmine Depot	250,000			**250,000**		250,000			**250,000**
SUB-TOTAL DEPOT WORKS	**275,000**			**275,000**		**275,000**			**275,000**
Howth Surface Water Culvert	500,000	300,000	50,000	**850,000**	850,000				**850,000**
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	50,000	10,000		**60,000**	60,000				**60,000**
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	110,000			**110,000**	110,000				**110,000**
Assessment of the Storm Water Network in Portrane / Donabate	10,000	20,000	40,000	**70,000**	70,000				**70,000**
Dublin 15 Area - Storm Water Network	20,000	50,000	100,000	**170,000**	170,000				**170,000**
Swords / Lissenhall Surface Water Network		80,000	100,000	**180,000**	180,000				**180,000**
The Bawn, Stormwater Upgrade - Malahide	50,000	100,000		**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Bath Avenue, Malahide	100,000			**100,000**	100,000				**100,000**
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	150,000			**150,000**	150,000				**150,000**
Malahide & Portmarnock Surface Water Pipe Upgrade	10,000			**10,000**	10,000				**10,000**
Carpenterstown Rd SW Sewer refurbishment	80,000			**80,000**	80,000				**80,000**
Feasibility Study for Countywide SW Drainage Model	60,000	20,000		**80,000**	80,000				**80,000**

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OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
SUDS Strategy Study			50,000	**50,000**	50,000				**50,000**
Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Skerries Surface Water Network	30,000	50,000	100,000	**180,000**	180,000				**180,000**
Fingal Surface Water Network Improvements (excluding specific areas above, including Fingal South, Central and North)		30,000	100,000	**130,000**	130,000				**130,000**
Surface Water Works Improvement Programme (Misconnection Works)	20,000	30,000	50,000	**100,000**	100,000				**100,000**
Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**	30,000				**30,000**
SUB-TOTAL SURFACE WATER	**1,200,000**	**700,000**	**600,000**	**2,500,000**	**2,500,000**				**2,500,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**16,680,000**	**14,935,000**	**16,590,000**	**48,205,000**	**26,485,000**	**12,000,000**	**9,600,000**	**120,000**	**48,205,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EX 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
ENVIRONMENT									
Landfill Projects									
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	600,000	800,000	700,000	**2,100,000**			2,100,000		**2,100,000**
Nevitt Landfill	50,000			**50,000**			50,000		**50,000**
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	400,000	100,000	100,000	**600,000**			600,000		**600,000**
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill***see comments	400,000	25,000		**425,000**		425,000			**425,000**
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	100,000	25,000		**125,000**		125,000			**125,000**
	1,550,000	**950,000**	**800,000**	**3,300,000**		**550,000**	**2,750,000**		**3,300,000**
Climate Mitigation Measures									
Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme	500,000	500,000		**1,000,000**		500,000	200,000	300,000	**1,000,000**
	500,000	**500,000**		**1,000,000**		**500,000**	**200,000**	**300,000**	**1,000,000**
ACTIVE TRAVEL									
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**5,000,000**		5,000,000			**5,000,000**
New Street, Malahide	3,135,643	2,352,881	200,000	**5,688,524**		5,688,524			**5,688,524**
Fingal Cycling Training Facilities	200,000			**200,000**	200,000				**200,000**
Broomfield to Paddy's Hill Cycling Scheme	200,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	**3,200,000**		3,200,000			**3,200,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EX 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Bicycle Parking	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**		900,000			**900,000**
Baldoyle Circle	80,000	120,000	800,000	**1,000,000**		1,000,000			**1,000,000**
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	1,100,000	125,000		**1,225,000**		1,225,000			**1,225,000**
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	200,000			**200,000**		200,000			**200,000**
Hartstown to Huntstown Cycle Scheme	1,000,000	100,000		**1,100,000**		1,100,000			**1,100,000**
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	600,000	15,000		**615,000**		615,000			**615,000**
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	1,947,000	7,100,000	5,325,000	**14,372,000**		14,372,000			**14,372,000**
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	1,110,000	150,000		**1,260,000**		1,260,000			**1,260,000**
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue	80,000	2,700,000	200,000	**2,980,000**		2,980,000			**2,980,000**
Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	1,500,000	150,000		**1,650,000**		1,650,000			**1,650,000**
Skerries - Harbour Road Public Realm Scheme	855,000	500,000	150,000	**1,505,000**		1,505,000			**1,505,000**
Skerries Active Travel Plan	570,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	**4,070,000**		4,070,000			**4,070,000**
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	300,000	100,000	20,000	**420,000**		420,000			**420,000**
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	1,200,000	1,150,000	50,000	**2,400,000**		2,400,000			**2,400,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EX 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	1,470,000	3,930,000	100,000	**5,500,000**		5,500,000			**5,500,000**
Balrothery Active Travel Review	250,000	600,000	42,000	**892,000**		892,000			**892,000**
Rush - South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to S Shore Rd) New footpath & cycle path	445,000	60,000		**505,000**		505,000			**505,000**
Balbriggan - Dublin Road to Drogheda Street	250,000	500,000	500,000	**1,250,000**		1,250,000			**1,250,000**
Park & Ride (Lissenhall)	100,000			**100,000**		100,000			**100,000**
Data collections traffic, air, noise	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**		300,000			**300,000**
Permeability Links North County	750,000	750,000	750,000	**2,250,000**		2,250,000			**2,250,000**
Phoenix Park to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	150,000	200,000	200,000	**550,000**		550,000			**550,000**
Active Travel Pathfinder- Swords to Airport Quick Build	1,500,000	200,000		**1,700,000**		1,700,000			**1,700,000**
Feltrim Road Cycle infrastructure	250,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,250,000**		2,250,000			**2,250,000**
Bayside Senior (SRTS R1)	25000			**25,000**		25,000			**25,000**
Scoil Ghrainne CNS (SRTS R1)	133000	7000		**140,000**		140,000			**140,000**
Bayside Junior (SRTS R1)	25000			**25,000**		25,000			**25,000**
Scoil Choilm (SRTS R1)	475,000	25,000		**500,000**		500,000			**500,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTIVE TRAVEL

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EX 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Revenue Provision	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
Rush and Lusk (SRTS R1)	8,000			**8,000**		8,000			**8,000**
Pope John Paul II (SRTS R1)	350000	150000		**500,000**		500,000			**500,000**
Castaheany ETNS (SRTS R1)	15000			**15,000**		15,000			**15,000**
St. Benedicts NS (SRTS R1)	15000			**15,000**		15,000			**15,000**
Ladyswell National School (SRTS R1)	315000	15000		**330,000**		330,000			**330,000**
Holy Family Junior National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	90,000	350,000	15,000	**455,000**		455,000			**455,000**
St. Helen's National School - Portmarnock (SRTS R2)	90,000	350,000	15,000	**455,000**		455,000			**455,000**
Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	90,000	350,000	15,000	**455,000**		455,000			**455,000**
Scoil Bhríde Cailínií - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	90,000	350,000	15,000	**455,000**		455,000			**455,000**
St Colmcille's National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	90,000	350,000	15,000	**455,000**		455,000			**455,000**
Balscadden Beach ORIS	50,000			**50,000**		50,000			**50,000**
NTA New Schemes	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**		6,000,000			**6,000,000**
	25,503,643	**31,649,881**	**15,812,000**	**72,965,524**	**200,000**	**72,765,524**			**72,965,524**
GRAND TOTAL	**27,553,643**	**33,099,881**	**16,612,000**	**77,265,524**	**200,000**	**73,815,524**	**2,950,000**	**300,000**	**77,265,524**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER											
Civic & Cultural Centre	13,227,600	17,489,100	13,181,800	**43,898,500**		39,897,900		4,000,600			**43,898,500**
Carnegie Library	52,100			**52,100**		52,100					**52,100**
St Michael's House	50,000			**50,000**		50,000					**50,000**
	13,329,700	17,489,100	13,181,800	**44,000,600**		40,000,000		4,000,600			**44,000,600**
URBAN / RURAL REGENERATION											
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour incl RNLI Boathouse	5,900,000	700,000	700,000	**7,300,000**			5,475,000	1,587,500	237,500		**7,300,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.2: 2-4 Dublin Street	1,100,000	2,000,000	150,000	**3,250,000**			2,437,500	275,000	537,500		**3,250,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.3: 10-16 Bridge Street (de Bruin's Site)	500,000	500,000	3,500,000	**4,500,000**			3,375,000	125,000	1,000,000		**4,500,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.4: Railway Street & Station Plaza	1,500,000	500,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**			2,250,000	375,000	375,000		**3,000,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.5: Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations	1,000,000	750,000		**1,750,000**			1,312,500	250,000	187,500		**1,750,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project Management	150,000	100,000	150,000	**400,000**			300,000	37,500	62,500		**400,000**
Balbriggan Youth Recreation Spaces	150,000			**150,000**				150,000			**150,000**
Town Centre First	500,000	500,000		**1,000,000**			1,000,000				**1,000,000**
URDF 3: Vacant Properties & Derelict Sites	4,800,000	800,000		**5,600,000**			5,600,000				**5,600,000**
RRDF: Town & Village Applications	1,500,000	1,500,000	500,000	**3,500,000**			3,150,000	150,000	200,000		**3,500,000**
Tidal Pool Balbriggan Harbour	50,000			**50,000**				50,000			**50,000**
	17,150,000	7,350,000	6,000,000	**30,500,000**			24,900,000	3,000,000	2,600,000		**30,500,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
HERITAGE PROPERTIES											
Development works to Malahide Castle	1,004,548	1,350,568	648,009	**3,003,125**				502,274	2,500,851		**3,003,125**
Bremore Castle	500,000	500,000	1,500,000	**2,500,000**					2,500,000		**2,500,000**
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	302,488	750,000	750,000	**1,802,488**				151,244	1,651,244		**1,802,488**
Development works to Newbridge House	1,302,724	671,550		**1,974,274**				747,612	1,226,662		**1,974,274**
Skerries Mills Red barn	1,324,534	63,696		**1,388,230**				662,267	725,963		**1,388,230**
Skerries Martello Tower	610,466	646,998	96,475	**1,353,939**				305,233	1,048,706		**1,353,939**
Guinness Bridge	300,250	385,000		**685,250**				150,125	535,125		**685,250**
Swords Castle	311,864	41,436		**353,300**				155,932	197,368		**353,300**
Shackleton Mills	587,500	514,568	650,000	**1,752,068**				293,750	1,458,318		**1,752,068**
Howth Martello Tower	30,000	30,000	30,000	**90,000**			90,000				**90,000**
Malahide Demesne Properties	300,000	500,000	500,000	**1,300,000**					1,300,000		**1,300,000**
Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	**2,000,000**					2,000,000		**2,000,000**
Mtce of Heritage Properties	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**			450,000		300,000		**750,000**
	7,324,374	6,203,816	5,424,484	**18,952,674**			540,000	2,968,437	15,444,237		**18,952,674**
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT											
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	**30,000,000**					30,000,000		**30,000,000**
Enterprise Centres	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**					300,000		**300,000**
Damastown Industrial Estate	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**					1,500,000		**1,500,000**
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	700,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	**3,900,000**					3,900,000		**3,900,000**
College Business & Technology Park Buzzardstown	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**					300,000		**300,000**
Cherryhound Lands	50,000	50,000		**100,000**					100,000		**100,000**
Upgrade Works for Industrial/Business Parks	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**					900,000		**900,000**
	11,750,000	12,650,000	12,600,000	**37,000,000**					37,000,000		**37,000,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	Levies	Loans	Grants	Revenue Provision	Under Assessment	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
COUNCIL PROPERTIES											
Sluagh Hall, Swords	150,000	10,000	10,000	**170,000**	170,000						**170,000**
Morton Stadium	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**				150,000			**150,000**
56 Church Street Skerries (Skerries Library)	50,000	10,000	10,000	**70,000**					70,000		**70,000**
Buzzardstown House	200,000	200,000		**400,000**					400,000		**400,000**
	450,000	270,000	70,000	**790,000**	170,000			150,000	470,000		**790,000**
LIBRARIES											
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	186,300			**186,300**				186,300			**186,300**
Improvement works to Libraries (Malahide/Balbriggan/Blanch)	1,000,000			**1,000,000**				1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Baldoyle - General Works	1,169,500	53,600		**1,223,100**				375,000	848,100		**1,223,100**
Donabate Library - Ballisk Hse / Donabate Credit Union	893,100	200,000	3,607,500	**4,700,600**				375,000	4,325,600		**4,700,600**
Howth - Refurbishment of Library	129,000			**129,000**				129,000			**129,000**
	3,377,900	253,600	3,607,500	**7,239,000**				2,065,300	5,173,700		**7,239,000**
ARTS											
Per Cent for Art Projects	75,000	75,000	75,000	**225,000**						225,000	**225,000**
Artists Studios	100,000	100,000		**200,000**			200,000				**200,000**
Youth Education	90,000	90,000	90,000	**270,000**				195,000		75,000	**270,000**
Initiatives arising from Arts Plan 2018-2025	35,000	35,000	35,000	**105,000**				105,000			**105,000**
	300,000	300,000	200,000	**800,000**			200,000	300,000		300,000	**800,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**53,681,974**	**44,516,516**	**41,083,784**	**139,282,274**	**170,000**	**40,000,000**	**25,640,000**	**12,484,337**	**60,687,937**	**300,000**	**139,282,274**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-2026
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	TOTAL EXP 2024-2026	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
CORPORATE							
Corporate Buildings Improvements	3,300,000	3,600,000	1,800,000	**8,700,000**	2,500,000	6,200,000	**8,700,000**
Workplace Spatial Strategy	3,800,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	**10,800,000**	2,500,000	8,300,000	**10,800,000**
CORPORATE TOTAL	**7,100,000**	**7,100,000**	**5,300,000**	**19,500,000**	**5,000,000**	**14,500,000**	**19,500,000**
IT							
BUILD TO SHARE	323,000	323,000	323,000	**969,000**	969,000		969,000
IT TOTAL	**323,000**	**323,000**	**323,000**	**969,000**	**969,000**		**969,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**7,423,000**	**7,423,000**	**5,623,000**	**20,469,000**	**5,969,000**	**14,500,000**	**20,469,000**

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 20b

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

ADOPTION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

In line with Section 8 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014;

- "The audit committee shall operate in accordance with a written charter that shall be adopted by the local authority with or without amendment."

- "The charter prepared… shall be reviewed annually by the audit committee and the local authority."

Accordingly, should the Members wish to adopt the Audit Committee Charter a resolution is required as follows:

"In accordance with Section 8 of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, the Audit Committee Charter is adopted".

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

1. **Purpose**

The Audit Committee has an independent role in advising Fingal County Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters, as part of the governance arrangements that operate within Fingal County Council.

2. **Functions**

The functions of the Audit Committee are as prescribed by section 59 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, as follows:

a) To review the financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within Fingal County Council:

- Adoption of Annual Budget
- Gain an understanding of the budgetary practices used
- Review budgetary outturns and variance analysis of actual versus budget
- Review of financial management and reporting arrangements
- Meet with Head of Finance as necessary

b) To foster the development of best practice in the performance by Fingal County Council of its internal audit function:

- Approval of the annual Internal Audit Plan
- Approval of the Internal Audit Charter
- Review of periodic Internal Audit reports
- Obtain feedback from the External Auditor
- Assessment of the resources available to Internal Audit
- Assessment of the training requirements of Internal Audit

c) To review any financial statement auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to Fingal County Council and assess any actions taken within the Council by its chief executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to the Council on its findings:

- Meet with the External Auditor within three months following the submission of the auditor's report to the Council
- Review the Annual Financial Statement
- Review of the Management Letter findings by the External Auditor
- Review of assurances given by Management on issues raised by the External Auditor
- Undertake follow-up in relation to any significant issues raised by the external auditor
- Report to the Council on the outcome of the annual external audit

d) To assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to Fingal County Council's performance of its functions:

- Review of Internal Audit reports addressing efficiency and value for money within the activities audited
- Review of National Service Indicators and the relevant position of the council in key areas
- Meet with Heads of Services and enquire as to measures taken to promote efficiency and Value for Money
- Review relevant recommendations and findings made by the NOAC and the external auditor on the subject of efficiency and value for money

e) To review systems that are operated by Fingal County Council for the management of risks:

- Review the Risk Register documentation and assess how this links to the Internal Audit Plan
- Assess and understand how the Risk Register was compiled
- Review the Risk Management Policy
- Meet with Heads of Services and gain an understanding of how they manage perceived risks

f) To review the findings and recommendations of the NOAC and the response of the Chief Executive to these and take further action as appropriate:

- Review relevant findings of the NOAC for inclusion in the annual work programme
- Review the Chief Executive's responses to issues raised by the NOAC
- Direct Internal Audit to undertake audits on relevant matters raised by the NOAC

3. Composition and Operation of Audit Committee

Membership

The Audit Committee is established by resolution of the Council upon nomination by the Corporate Policy Group, who will consult with the Chief Executive.

The Committee will consist of seven members, including four external members. The term of the Audit Committee will be approximately five years, up until 31 May 2024.

A Chairperson will be selected by the Audit Committee in accordance with Regulation 4(10) and will be one of the Committee's external members.

The position of Chairperson may be rotated during the five-year term, with the agreement of the Audit Committee members.

Where an Audit Committee vacancy arises, the Chairperson will inform the Chief Executive and the vacancy will be filled in accordance with Regulation 4(13). In considering an appropriate replacement, the CPG and Council, in consultation with the Chairperson, should consider the existing skills mix of the Committee and reflect on how best the vacancy can be filled in order to ensure that the Committee continues to be comprised in such a way that it can effectively discharge its functions.

Training and Induction

It is the duty of the Chairperson to ensure that the training needs of the Audit Committee are reviewed on an annual basis. Where training needs are identified the Chief Executive should be informed and facilitate the provision of training, where practicable.

New members will undertake an induction programme as soon as is practicable after appointment.

Meetings[1]

The Committee will meet at least four times per year, with authority to convene additional meetings as circumstances require. All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting, but no less than 75% of meetings in a single year. A member

[1] By Ministerial Order Signed on 20th October 2020, Council meetings and meetings of local authority committees are permitted to be held remotely through a virtual medium (Section 29 of the Civil Law and Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020. (S.I. No. 445 of 2020) refers.)

may be disqualified where he or she fails to attend 75% of the meetings of the Committee in any calendar year.

The quorum for each meeting will be four members. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members of the Committee shall elect a member present to act as Chairperson for the meeting.

The Committee will invite members of management, internal and external audit, or others to attend meetings and provide information, as necessary.

The Secretary will be responsible for the preparation and circulation of meeting agendas and minuting all decisions in consultation with the Chairperson. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee will be proposed and approved at the meeting immediately following.

Working Procedures and Access

The Committee should adopt its own working procedures.
The Annual Work Programme will be drafted by the Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson and presented to the Committee for review and approval. The Annual Work Programme will be provided to the Council at the start of each year.

The work programme will include:

- The approval of the annual Internal Audit plan
- A review of the Annual Financial Statement
- A review of the external auditor's reports
- The preparation of the Annual Report prepared under Regulation 15
- The review of periodic internal audit reports
- The review of the relevant findings and recommendations of the National Oversight and Audit Commission and the response of the Chief Executive to such findings and recommendations; and take further action as appropriate
- Any other actions necessary to discharge its functions

The Audit Committee will have access to documents or other data and information as it reasonably requires in order to discharge its functions.

The Audit Committee may request the attendance of the Chief Executive, the external auditor, staff of the Internal Audit Unit and other staff of the Council as required. The Audit Committee shall meet separately at least annually with the external auditor, the Internal Audit Unit and the Chief Executive.

Where advice is required in relation to a matter that is being considered by the Audit Committee and is sufficiently material to warrant the services of a specialist consultant, external to Fingal County Council, the Audit Committee may request the Chief Executive to make such expert assistance available.

4. Confidentiality

The agendas, papers, reports, documentation and discussions of the Committee are confidential and will contain sensitive material and information necessary to allow members to carry out their duties. Members and those in attendance, cannot without the approval of the Chairperson, discuss matters arising with third parties or directly or indirectly disclose to these parties information obtained in the course of their duties, either during the term of their membership or at any time afterwards.

5. Independence

The Audit Committee shall be independent in the performance of its functions and responsibilities and shall not be subject to direction or control from any other party. The Audit Committee is accountable to the Council.

6. Media Protocol

Members of the Audit Committee will forward all queries, requests for interviews or comments from the media or outside parties immediately to the Secretary of the Audit Committee.

7. Conflict of Interest Procedures

Audit Committee members should declare any matter in which they have an interest. Each member of the Committee should take personal responsibility for declaring pro-actively at the outset of each meeting any potential conflict of interest relating to business arising on the Committee's agenda or from changes in the member's personal circumstances.

As appropriate, the Chairperson shall decide how this should be addressed and may ask the member to leave the meeting while the particular item of business is taken or, in more extreme cases, the member may be asked to step down from the Committee. Where the conflict of interest is with the Chairperson, the Council will ask another member of the Committee to lead in determining the appropriate course of action. Declarations of interest will be a standing agenda item.

Each year, members of the Audit Committee will make an annual declaration and disclosure of interests, as detailed in the Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service and set out in Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

8. Reporting

In accordance with Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Audit Committee will consider the Audited Financial Statement and auditor's report or special report reports at the next meeting of the Committee following their receipt. The auditor who conducted the audit shall attend the meeting of the Committee where the reports are discussed. The Committee shall report formally to the Council on its findings.

In accordance with Regulation 15, the Audit Committee will prepare and submit a report to the Council on its activities and findings during that year within three months of the end of each year. The report should also include the Committee's assessment of its own effectiveness and performance in so far as it relates to the work programme agreed by the Council. The report should be formally submitted to the Council and the Chief Executive on the agreement of the Committee.

9. Review of Performance and Effectiveness

In accordance with Regulation 13, the Audit Committee shall undertake a review of its own effectiveness annually. This review should assess its performance and achievements against the Audit Committee Charter and the Annual Work Programme. The aim of this assessment is to ensure that the Audit Committee is meeting its objectives efficiently and effectively. The findings of the self-assessment should be included in the Annual Report of the Committee that is presented to the Council.

Where the assessment highlights a need for enhancements of the role, operational processes or membership of the Committee, the Chairperson should take action to ensure that such enhancements are implemented. The Chairperson may need to consult with the Chief Executive to obtain appropriate support to ensure all enhancements are implemented.

10. Protected Disclosures

The Committee will ensure that policies and procedures are in place whereby employees may in confidence raise concerns about possible irregularities in financial reporting or other financial matters. The Committee will be informed of any occurrences of Protected Disclosures.

11. Fraud

The Committee will ensure that policies and procedures are in place to prevent and detect fraud. The Committee will be informed of any occurrences of fraud.

12. Qualified Privilege

Members of the Audit Committee are entitled to qualified privilege in relation to any statements made by them at any meeting that they attend under the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, or in their capacity as a member of the Audit Committee.

13. Review of the Audit Committee Charter

The Audit Committee Charter will be subject to annual review by the Audit Committee and adoption by the Council.

Signed By: _____ Date: 3/10/23

Chairperson,
Fingal County Council Audit Committee

Signed By: _____ Date: 12/9/23

Chief Executive,
Fingal County Council

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 21

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES AND LEASE OF LANDS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &

Cultural Development Dept,

County Hall,

Swords,

Fingal,

Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1553

26th September 2023

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, County Dublin, to GEM Construction Limited.

Fingal County Council have a policy to facilitate the delivery of housing on lands within the Council ownership. As part of the implementation of this policy, the Council successfully obtained approval on 14th March 2022, under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to provide a mixed tenure development initially of 300 no. dwellings on the subject site which forms part of a larger landholding at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 owned by the Council. The residual part of the site (primarily the Western Site) will form part of a separate planning application and delivery mechanism at a later date. The development has been made possible through the Council securing AHF funding of €28.5 million euro and ongoing annual NTA funding.

The Council's vision for the Church Fields lands is to develop a sustainable mixed tenure housing development integrated with the existing village of Mulhuddart and provide an exemplar sustainable housing development in tandem with the provision of community and green infrastructure. The development of the Church Fields land is a local authority driven project which will be delivered by GEM Construction Limited. The Council has

established the vision for the development and defined parameters and constraints for the project to ensure that the Council maintains a strong level of oversight and control over the development of the site. Oversight and supervision of the development of the land will be managed by the Council Executive through the phased control of land transfers to the Developer and ongoing liaison with the Developer's project team over the whole term of the project. It is essential that the Council's key deliverables are realised and that the objectives that the Council set out to achieve are delivered.

Key objectives to securing this vision were set at the outset of the project and are outlined in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 & 2023 - 2029, and the Church Fields Design Framework Plan. The key outcomes that the Council has sought to achieve with this project are:

- the delivery of homes of the right type, quality and cost at the right locations to address housing supply demands
- to leverage the value of the Council's land to provide homes at affordable prices in order to address the issue of housing affordability in the market
- to provide First Time Buyers with an opportunity to purchase a home at an affordable price
- to secure the sustainability of the development with a mixed tenure approach to support strong social integration and cohesion

The site is situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north and between Church Road to the east and Damastown Industrial estate to the west. The development comprises 300 no. residential units and ancillary facilities along with all associated site development works including an access road, footpaths, site boundaries, open space, drainage, public lighting, utilities and services. In addition, development of the adjacent Eastern Linear Park, Wellview Park and local infill parks will be delivered.

In keeping with the National Housing Strategy, "Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland", Fingal County Council's vision for the Church Fields lands is to develop a sustainable mixed tenure housing development integrated with the existing urban areas in Dublin 15 and to provide an exemplar sustainable housing development in tandem with the provision of community and green infrastructure. This project gives the opportunity to provide dwellings in accordance with the target delivery set out in the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

The Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Infrastructure project involves the construction of 800m of road, a 'Dutch style' cycle and pedestrian priority roundabout. The project includes upgrade works to Wellview Avenue with high quality cycling and pedestrian facilities, as well as an additional 1.5km of fully segregated cycling and pedestrian facilities linking into the school's campus on the Powerstown Road at Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School. The transportation infrastructure is being

delivered as an advance works project which will open up adjacent Fingal County Council lands for the housing development.

Church Fields is a Fingal County Council development which will provide circa 800 new homes over the entire land bank, a creche, retail units and extensive new parks in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

The proposed 300 no. unit site is in the ownership of Fingal County Council. The subject land comprises 7.553 hectares (18.66 acres) approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. PRA-20-297-00 dated 18th September 2023 contained within Folios DN200990F and DN55212F, situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north and between Church Road to the east and Damastown Industrial Estate to the west.

A linear park connecting Church Road to the East and Wellview Avenue to the west provides a key connecting structure between the proposed plan area and the existing residential areas to the south. The linear and associated parks element of the site is 1.99Ha in area.

A two-stage Procurement Process was used to select the Economic Operator to develop the Council's lands at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin. GEM Construction Limited has been selected as the most economically advantageous tender.

The proposed project has full planning permission by way of Planning Reference PARTXI/012/21 for 300 units. The delivery of the planning permission by the successful tenderer will comprise of: -

> 300 residential units, made up of a mix of 180 affordable purchase houses (the "Affordable Units"), 80 cost rental apartments (the "apartments") and 40 social houses (the "Social Units"), collectively the "Units"; a creche of 570 m2; a community facility of 270 m2; 2 retail units of 104 m2 and 176 m2; a single storey bicycle, bin and ESB substation block, 2 standalone ESB substations, 3 public open space pocket parks with play areas and kick about areas and Eastern Linear Park ("Linear Park") and new pedestrian and cycle connections; all associated site development works (i.e. access roads, footways, site boundaries, hard & soft landscaping, open space, drainage, public lighting, utilities and services); all Units will be provided with private external open space (rear gardens or balconies) and a total of 493 parking bays for residential parking and 19 parking bays for commercial parking; Connection to public utilities, to include diversions within the site and connections to further development lands to the East of the site.

It is proposed to dispose of certain lands at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin to Gem Construction Limited accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is the delivery of housing & green infrastructure.

2. Lands to be disposed of comprises 7.553 hectares (18.66 acres) approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. PRA-20-297-00 dated 18th September 2023 contained within Folios DN200990F and DN55212F (copy attached) with the exception of those units designated as social unit and cost rental apartments which shall remain in the ownership of Fingal County Council. The lands comprising the Eastern Linear Park, Wellview Park and local infill parks shall remain in the ownership of Fingal County Council with works licenses, easements and rights of way to be entered into as required to support the completion of the development to taking in charge standards.

3. GEM Construction Limited have been identified as the preferred tenderer following procurement process FCC/094/22.

4. The developer shall carry out the Development on the development site in accordance with the planning permission (Planning Reference PARTXI/012/21) and the Development Agreement.

5. The preferred tenderer will execute the Development Agreement and become the "Developer". The Development Agreement includes the grant of a licence from the Council to the Developer (and its sub-contractors, professional team etc.) to enter the site for the purpose of the delivery of the development.

6. The Developer shall adhere to the Development Agreement in respect of insurance obligations. The Developer shall be responsible for insuring the Works being completed on the Development Site and includes appropriate market indemnities in favour of the Council. The Developer (who is also the building contractor) shall take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with the Development Agreement and each policy shall contain provisions which require a specific indemnity in favour of Fingal County Council. The Developer shall ensure that All Risks Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance is taken out and maintained in accordance with the Development Agreement.

7. The Developer's Consideration payable to the Council in respect of the land shall be the sum of €3,000,000 (three million euro) plus VAT (if applicable) payable as follows: The Developer shall pay the Developer's Consideration to FCC by way of a payment in the sum of €16,666.66 (sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty six euro, sixty six cent) plus VAT (if applicable) in respect of the transfer of title to the lands on which each Affordable Unit has been constructed. The Developer's Consideration is payable by the Developer as a pre-condition for the completion of the transfer of title to the lands for each Affordable Unit.

8. 180 no. Affordable units shall comprise 2 bed housing units with a base price payable to the Developer including VAT of €270,000.00 (two hundred and seventy thousand euro) and 3 bed housing units with a sale price including VAT of €320,000.00 (three hundred and twenty thousand euro) as specified in the Development Agreement. Fingal County Council may take additional equity in each unit. The Affordable Housing Units will be sold by the Developer to Affordable Housing Applicants (the Nominees) nominated by Fingal County Council all in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act 2021.

9. The cost of the Social Houses and Cost Rental Apartments are fixed for the duration of the works. The Affordable Units as specified in the Development Agreement are fixed for the first 18 months from the base date specified in the Development Agreement with indexation of the base price to be agreed at that point.

10. The term of the Development Agreement shall be for a duration of 2.5 years (30 months) from the date of execution of the Development Agreement with an option to extend at Fingal County Council's discretion.

11. In the tender process the Developer was required to select an appropriate form of performance security and in this case, the Developer has agreed to provide a Development Bond for the Development of the Project which shall be 10% of the value of the FCC Works Contract Sum.

12. The development shall be subject to the Council's Development Contribution Scheme in operation at the time.

13. Fingal County Council will retain ownership of the undeveloped phases of the Development Site and will only transfer title to the affordable units upon substantial completion, and in agreed phases, to the Developer. The transfer of title will be completed, subject to all payments that are required as part of the Developer's Consideration having been made.

14. The social units will be completed in accordance with the standards and specifications outlined in the Employers Requirements.

15. The Development Agreement is non-assignable or transferrable by the Developer to any other party, save in the case of a financial institution which has entered into a mortgage with the Developer for the purposes of financing the development, which mortgage must be approved by Fingal County Council in writing and must have been entered into specifically for the purpose of financing the Developer to undertake the development of the site.

16. That both parties will be responsible for their respective fees in the transaction.

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

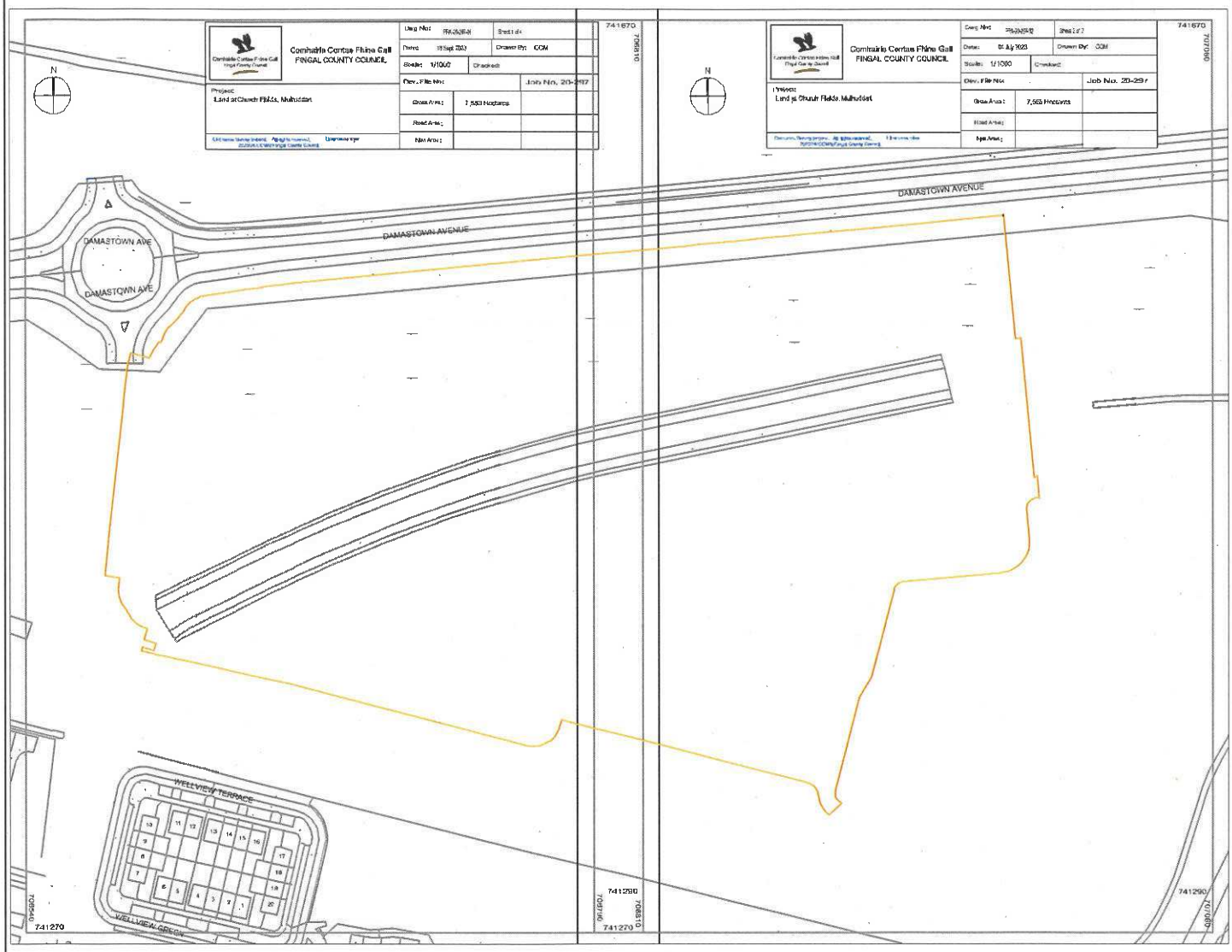
18. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the Development Agreement and associated legal documentation.

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

A report on this matter will be listed on the agenda for the meeting of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) to held on 5th October 2023.

Aoife Brandart

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: CAP18

20th September 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed Disposal of land at Cappogue Industrial Estate, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15 to the National Transport Authority

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An application has been received from the National Transport Authority, having its address at Iveagh Court, Harcourt Lane, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2 to acquire land comprising of 9.74 acres approximately at Cappogue Industrial Estate, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15, to facilitate the provision of a new bus depot.

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising of 9.74 acres approximately, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, by way of agreement for lease and lease on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal of the land is for the provision of a new bus depot.

2. That the subject land comprising of 9.74 acres approximately is shown outlined in red on Drawing No. 07_112B_909 (copy attached).

3. That the Council shall dispose of the site with vacant possession, subject to a 250 year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of €5,016,000.00 (five million and sixteen thousand euro) plus VAT and stamp duty if applicable.

    a. A deposit of 10% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.
    b. 90% upon completion of the disposal – which is conditional on receipt of satisfactory planning permission, as per term 5 below.

4. That the proposed purchaser/lessee is the National Transport Authority, Iveagh Court, Harcourt Lane, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2.

5. That the vendor/Lessor is Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin.

6. That the disposal is subject to the receipt of a final grant of planning permission for a Bus Depot.

7. That the rent shall be €12.70 per acre, or part thereof, per annum, exclusive of all outgoings and paid annually in advance.

8. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year in line with the change in the Consumer Price Index.

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

10. That a permanent wayleave shall be retained over land comprising 0.54 acres approximately as shown coloured yellow and a temporary wayleave granted over land comprising 0.54 acres approximately as shown coloured green on Drawing No. 07_112B_909 (copy attached).

11. That the proposed purchaser shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction and shall agree to undertake all surveys and due diligence by that date, including:

    a. On the ground boundary check of title map and site areas.
    b. An engineering report regarding the use of the site encumbered by the wayleave.
    c. Environmental due diligence and satisfactory outcomes of site investigations.

12. That the proposed purchaser shall apply for full planning permission for development on the site of a Bus Depot no later than 9 months from the date of a binding contract for sale. Failure to lodge a planning application within the stated period shall render the agreement null and void.

13. That the proposed purchaser shall be permitted to lodge 1 (one) planning application to the Planning Authority and shall be entitled (without obligation) to lodge 1 (one) planning appeal to An Bord Pleanala, if required.

    The entitlement to lodge a second comprehensive planning application shall only arise if the Planning Authority refuses permission for the first application or if the proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) deem the grant of planning permission by the Planning Authority to be unacceptable and onerous. The second comprehensive planning application, if it occurs, must be lodged within 12 (twelve) weeks of the date of the Planning Authority's decision. The proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) shall be obliged to confirm in writing to the Council within 10 (ten) working days of the date of final grant, that a planning permission received from the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanala is acceptable or not to them.

14. That in the event the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanala refuses permission for the proposed development, or the proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) deem a planning permission to be unacceptable or otherwise fail to comply with any of the conditions above, the contracts will be rescinded, and all monies received will be returned, without the payment of interest.

15. That the proposed purchaser will be responsible for all costs in relation to the planning process.

16. That completion of the sale shall be 21 days after the final grant of planning issues in respect of the proposed development ("the Closing Date").

17. That the development must be completed within 36 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the Lessor shall have the right to repossess the site or part thereof.

18. That the Lessee shall not build or erect on the demised premises any building other than those for which planning has been granted and consent of the Lessor received.

19. That the Lessee is responsible for, and shall incur the costs associated with, fully insuring the demised property and any buildings located thereon, in the joint names of the Lessee and Lessor.

20. That the Lessee is not to sell, assign, sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation of the demised premises without receiving the prior consent in writing of Fingal County Council, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

21. That the proposed purchaser shall satisfy the Council that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the capital premium and the undertaking and completion of the proposed development on the site.

22. That both parties shall be responsible for their own fees.

23. That this proposed disposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained from Fingal County Council.

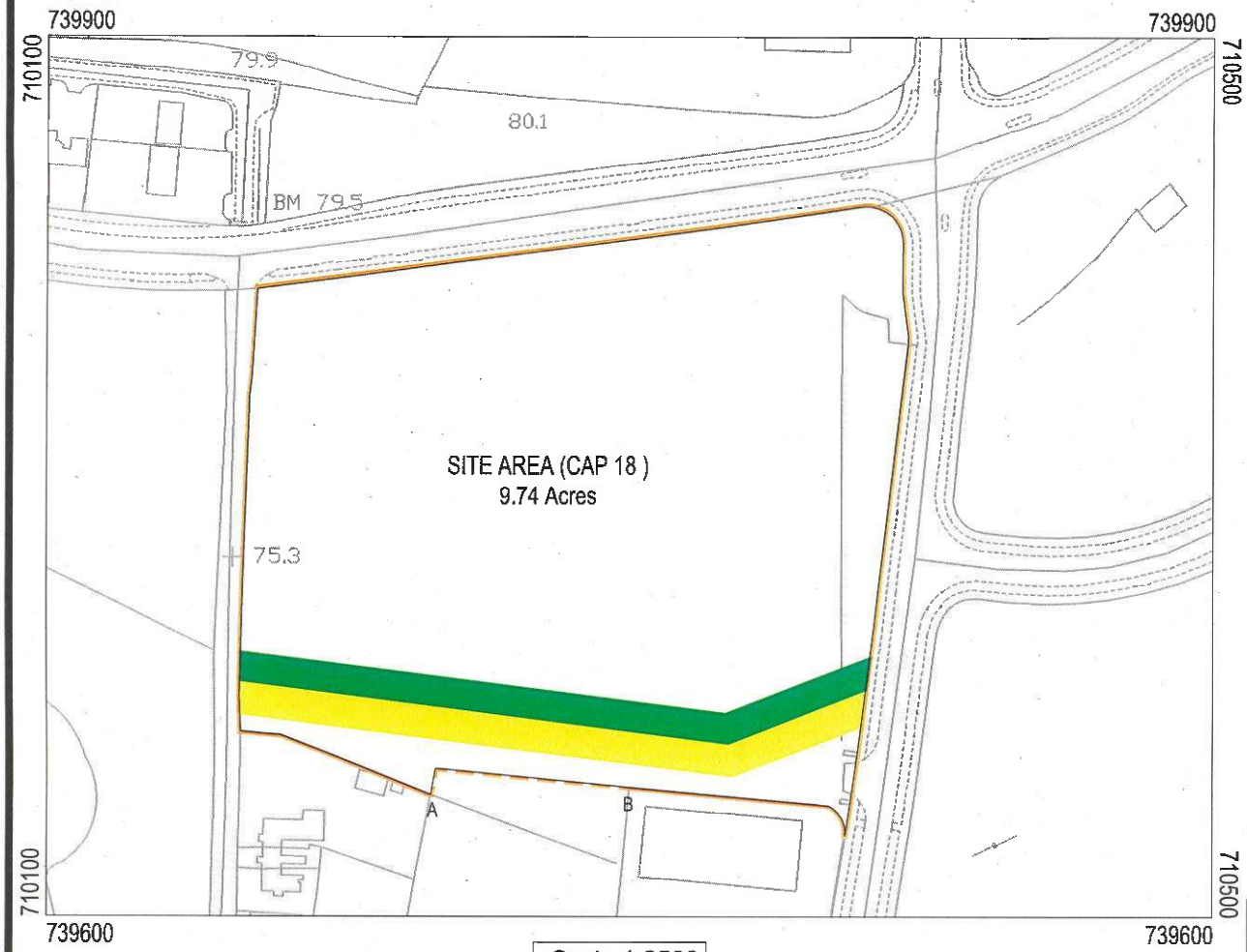
24. That the proposed acquisition is subject to approval by the NTA board.

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

The lands were acquired from Mr James O'Connell on 9th September 1986 for Road Purposes and also transferred from Dublin City Council to Fingal County Council under the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993.

A report on this matter was noted at the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee Services B meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2023.

John Quinlivan
Director of Services,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development



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Co-Ordinates to Irish Transverse Mercator.

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This drawing is produced using the Irish Transverse Mercator (ITM) / Irish Grid Geographic Coordinate System

Note:

1. Property boundary outlined in RED.
2. The boundary marked A-B are not ordnance survey detail.

Legend:

Irish Water Permanent Wayleave (0.54 Acres)

Irish Water Temporary Wayleave (0.54 Acres)

Revision	Description	Initials	Date
P05	Drawing changed to disposal to NTA	MC	04/07/23
P04	Changed Dwg Title / Changed Reference To 'CAP 18'	CL	23/11/22
P03	Added wayleave area & Reference 'CAP 4'	CL	12/09/22
P02	Increased site area to include Additional lands	CL	29/07/22
P01	Boundary adjustment & Wayleave added to site	CL	05/04/22

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File Ref: LD 1476

20th September 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of land for the rectification of boundary at Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mrs. Brenda Finnegan

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Fingal County Council propose to dispose of 40 square meters approximately of land to Mrs. Brenda Finnegan, Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin. The land is occupied by Mrs Brenda Finnegan and fully within the physical boundaries of Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin of which Mrs. Brenda Finnegan is the registered owner.

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

It is proposed to dispose of land for the rectification of boundary at Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mrs. Brenda Finnegan in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal of the land is to rectify the boundaries of the property at Rhencullen, Main Street, Lusk, Co. Dublin to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground and correct mapping in the Property Registration Authority (PRA).

2. That the subject land comprises 40 square metres approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-433-23.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject land for the consideration of €10.00 (ten euro) plus VAT and stamp duty (if applicable).

4. The Council will convey full freehold title of the subject land.

5. That Fingal County Council shall pay the purchaser's reasonable legal fees in this case.

6. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

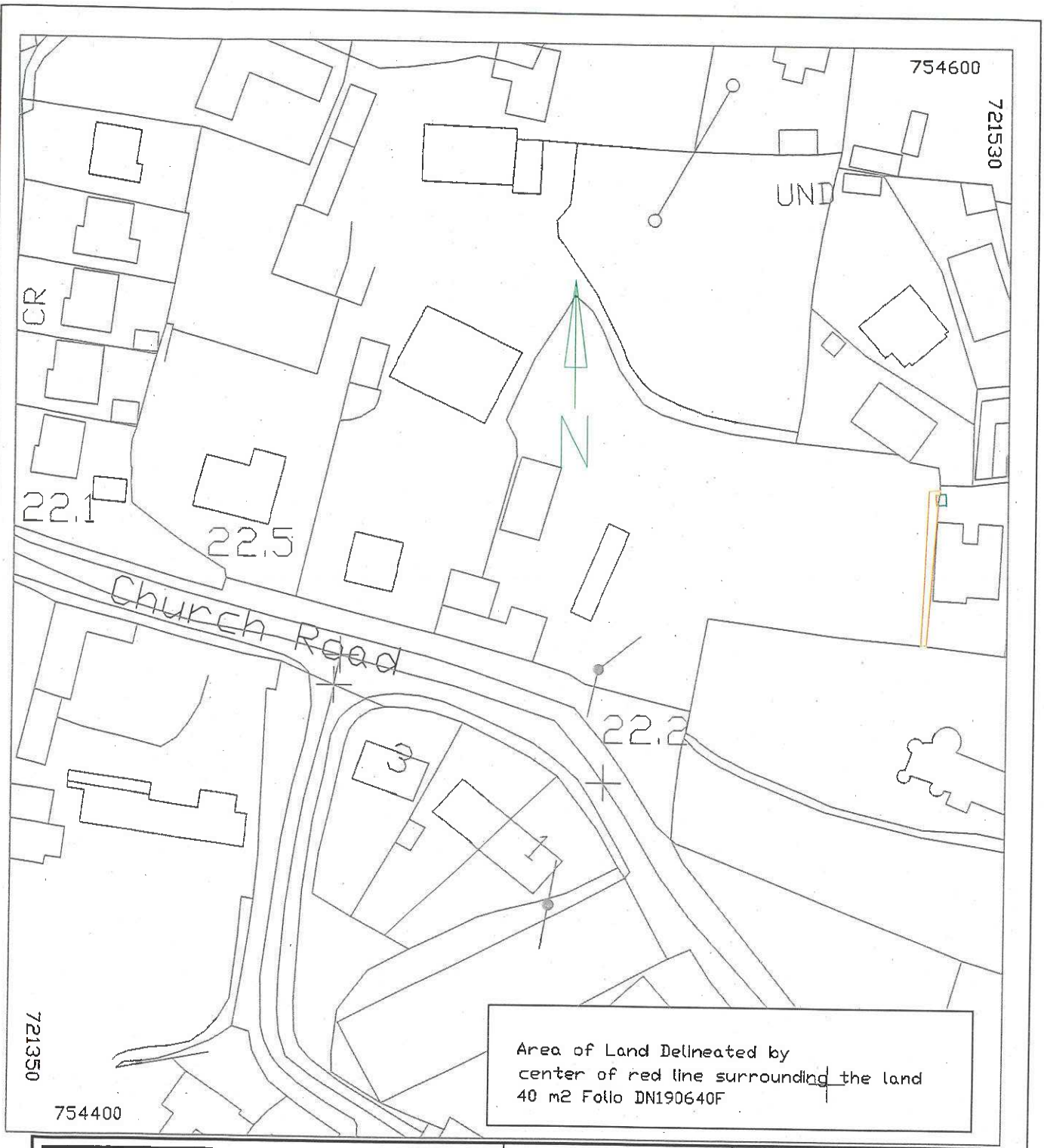
7. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the Legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Mr. Paddy Woods for Amenity purposes.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on Thursday 14th September 2023.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism
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Land to be disposed

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Property Services Division,
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File Ref: LD 1541

20th September 2023

TO: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed lease of land at St. Catherine's Estate to Rush Athletic Football Club

An application has been received from Rush Athletic Football Club to lease 2400 meters squared (0.24 hectares) of land approximately at St. Catherine's Estate, Rush, Co. Dublin to provide a new football pitch.

It is proposed to lease land comprising 2400 meters squared (0.24 hectares) approximately as shown outlined in red on drawing no. LA-492-23 at St. Catherine's Estate, Rush, Co. Dublin to Rush Athletic Football Club in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the lease is to provide a new football pitch at St. Catherine's Estate to Rush Athletic Football Club.

2. The property is shown outlined in red on the attached copy map LA 492-23 for identification purposes only, having an area of 2400 meters squared (0.24 hectares) approximately.

3. That Fingal County Council shall grant a lease to the Rush Athletic Football Club for a term of 35 years, to commence on a date to be agreed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. That the lessee shall obtain Public Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €6,500,000.00 (six million, five hundred thousand euro) and Employers Liability Insurance indemnifying Fingal County Council in the sum of €13,000,000.00 (thirteen million euro) against any and all claims arising from its use of the property and surrounding area/curtilage and shall provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

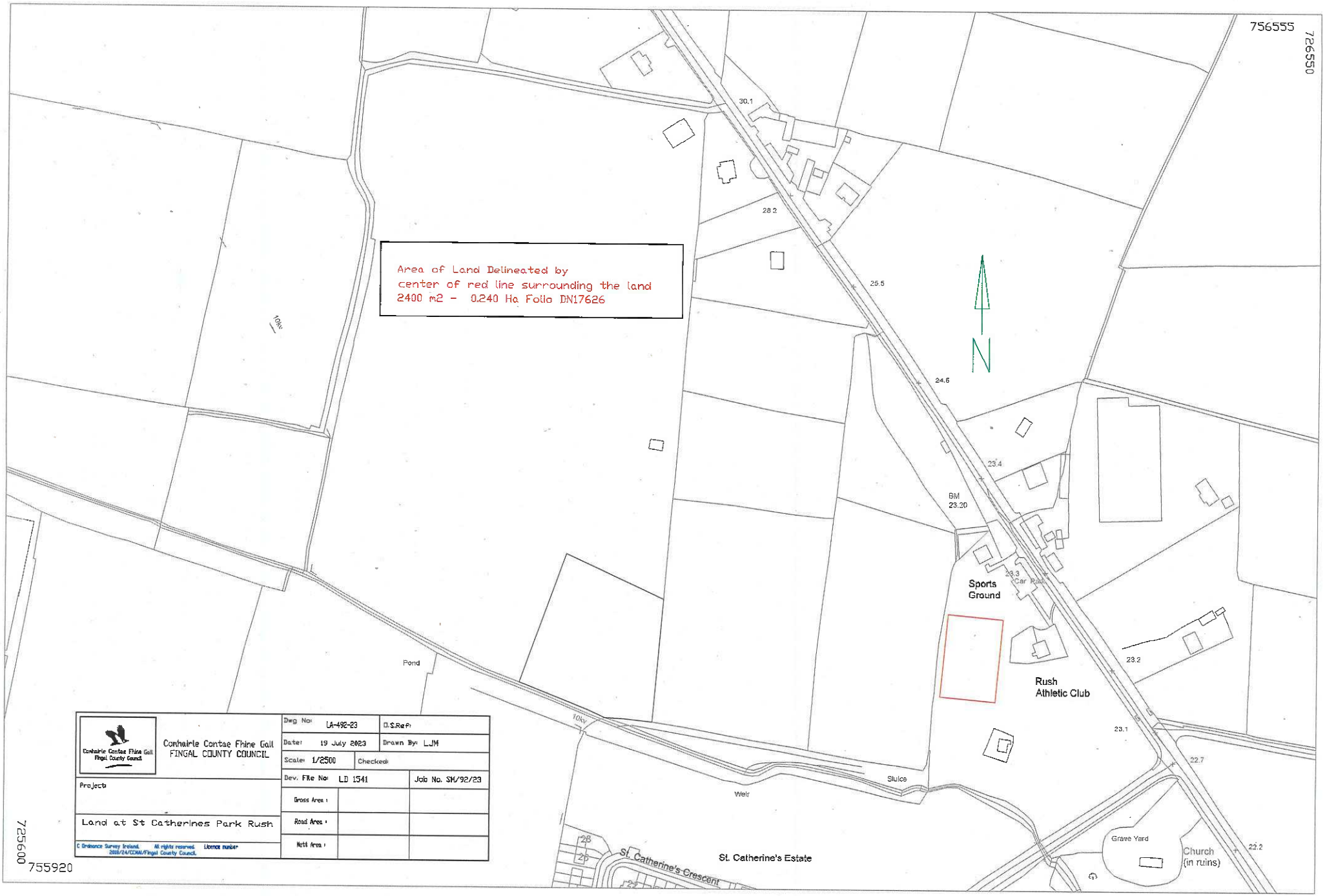
20. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary consents and approvals being obtained.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from The Irish land Commission in 1967 for Housing Purposes.

A report on this matter was noted at the meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) held on 14th September 2023.

Senior Executive Officer,
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 22

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 22a

DECLARATION OF ROADS

CNOC DUBH PHASE 2, BALLYBOUGHAL, CO DUBLIN

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1732
Taking In Charge – Cnoc Dubh Phase 2
DED –Lusk-Rush. TL Ballyboughal.

Road Name	Length	Description
The Lawn	145m	In the east, the north branch of The Lawn moving southeast from outside of House No.11 to the junction of The Lawn outside House No.7 (48m). The East branch starts from outside House No.9 moving west joining the junction of The Green and The View (97m).
The Crescent	46m	In the northeast, The Crescent moving from House No. 3 and No. 2 on the either side of the road to the junction of The Green (46m).
The Close	51m	The Close starts from the north, where House No.1 and No.3 are on the either side of the road moving south to the junction of The Green (51m).
The Walk	138m	The Walk starts from House No.8 heading west to the junction of The Walk outside House no. 9 (43m). The Walk from north heading south to the junction of The Green (95m).

The View	80m	The View entering from Back Lane to the junction of The Green and The Lawn (40m) and The View from House No.3 moving from west to east to the junction on The View (40m).
The Green	328m	The Green around the playground and moving along southeast direction to the junction of The View and The Lawn (248m). A further branch heading southwest to the junction of Back Lane (80m).
Total = 57 Units	Total= 788m	

Footpath	Length	Description
Footpath along The Lawn, The Green and The Crescent	212m	Footpath beginning from the east, starting from House No.11 from The Lawn moving south covering the whole footpath reaching the junction of The Lawn and The Green outside House No.2. Footpath along The Green moving further north which will cover footpath on The Crescent ending at point where house No. 2 and 3 are on either side of the road (212m).
Footpath Covering The Close, The Green and The Walk.	216m	Footpath beginning from the north of The Close heading south passing along The Green Footpath and moving further north along the footpath of The Walk ending at the House No. 8 (216m).
The Walk	70m	Footpath on the west side of The Walk, where Houses number 1,3,5 and 7 are adjacent to it (40m). Footpath at the north side of The Walk (30m).
Footpath along The Green.	159m	The Green from the west entering from R108, the footpath moving east along the House No. 21 heading south, all the way down passing along The Square Footpath (159m).
Footpath along The Green and The View.	343m	Footpath forming a closed loop beginning from south adjacent to Back Lane Road, footpath beginning from the entrance of Cnoc Dubh Square Road moving north passing along The Green Footpath and further moving south merging along the footpath of The View forming a closed loop (343m).
Footpath on the adjacent to R108	95m	Adjacent to R108 on the west side small footpath, which close to Back Lane (95m).

Footpath on adjacent to Back Lane Road	154m	Footpath Adjacent to Back Lane Road moving from east to west, entering The View Road into estate.
Footpath adjacent to R108 in the northwest (Small Strip Footpath)	53m	There is a small strip of footpath on the northwest side, which is close to R108 Road, where Houses 9 and 10 are close by the footpath (53m).
	Total= 1302m	

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The View	80m	The View entering from Back Lane to the junction of The Green and The Lawn (40m) and The View from House No.3 moving from west to east to the junction on The View (40m).
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Footpath Covering The Close, The Green and The Walk.	216m	Footpath beginning from the north of The Close heading south passing along The Green Footpath and moving further north along the footpath of The Walk ending at the House No. 8 (216m).
The Walk	70m	Footpath on the west side of The Walk, where Houses number 1,3,5 and 7 are adjacent to it (40m). Footpath at the north side of The Walk (30m).
Footpath along The Green.	159m	The Green from the west entering from R108, the footpath moving east along the House No. 21 heading south, all the way down passing along The Square Footpath (159m).
Footpath along The Green and The View.	343m	Footpath forming a closed loop beginning from south adjacent to Back Lane Road, footpath beginning from the entrance of Cnoc Dubh Square Road moving north passing along The Green Footpath and further moving south merging along the footpath of The View forming a closed loop (343m).
Footpath on the adjacent to R108	95m	Adjacent to R108 on the west side small footpath, which close to Back Lane (95m).
Footpath on adjacent to Back Lane Road	154m	Footpath Adjacent to Back Lane Road moving from east to west, entering The View Road into estate.
Footpath adjacent to R108 in the northwest (Small Strip Footpath)	53m	There is a small strip of footpath on the northwest side, which is close to R108 Road, where Houses 9 and 10 are close by the footpath (53m).
	Total= 1302m	



Manhole Schedule									
Foul									
ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diameter	ID	C.L	I.L	B.D	Pipe Diame
F1	40.987	39.07			F6.3	40.705	39.402		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F2	41.207	38.86			F6.2	40.881	39.143		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F3	41.238	38.667			F6.1	39.408	37.97		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F4	39.939	38.317			F6	39.23	37.21	37.97	
				Ø 225mm	F7.4	40.521	39.12		
F5	39.39	38.073							Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F7.3	40.374	38.53		
F6	39.23	37.21	37.97						Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F7.2	39.741	38.26		
F7	37.615	35.61	36.31						Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F7.1	37.686	36.384		
F8	35.885	32.94							Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F7	37.615	35.61	36.31	
F9	34.559	32.9			F9.6	39.628	37.92		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F10	35.511	32.77			F9.5	39.204	37.15		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F11	33.548	31.994	32.291		F9.4	37.697	36.04		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F12	33.476	31.872			F9.3	37.396	35.97		
F14	33.538	33.213							Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F9.2	37.081	35.73		
F13	34.13	34.556							Ø 225mm
				Ø 225mm	F9.1	35.777	34.44		
F12	33.476	31.872							Ø 225mm
F3.1	40.885	39.333			F9.1.1	36.096	34.49		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F3	41.238	38.667			F10	35.511	32.77		
F9.4.1	38.897	36.79			F9.5.1	39.019	37.44		
				Ø 225mm					Ø 225mm
F9.4	37.697	36.04			F9.5	39.204	37.15		

Manhole Schedule			
Storm			
ID	C.L	I.L	Pipe Diameter
S1	40.945	39.36	
			Ø 225mm
S2	41.16	39.3	
			Ø 225mm
S3	41.233	39.097	
			Ø 225mm
S4	39.952	38.357	
			Ø 225mm
S5	39.42	37.84	
			Ø 225mm
S6	39.23	37.604	
			Ø 225mm
S7 (Hydrobrake)	37.651	36.273	
			Ø 225mm
S8	35.321	33.603	
			Ø 225mm
S8.1	34.297	33.3	
			Ø 225mm
S8.2	33.98	33.2	
			Ø 225mm
S8.2A (Hydrobrake)	33.916	32.756	
			Ø 300mm
S10	33.846	31.37	
			Ø 300mm
EX S5	33.56	31.27	
			Ø 300mm
EX S6	32.659	29.814	
			Ø 300mm
EX S7	30.305	28.785	
			Ø 300mm
EX S8	29.843	28.253	
			Ø 300mm
EX S9	28.974	27.994	
			Ø 300mm
Exit I.L to pipe to stream	N/A	27.938	
S3.1	40.863	39.56	
			Ø 225mm
S3	41.233	39.097	
S6.3	40.673	39.44	
			Ø 225mm
S6.2	40.859	39.07	
			Ø 225mm
S6.1	39.418	37.95	
			Ø 225mm
S6	39.23	37.604	
S7.4	40.537	39.22	
			Ø 225mm
S7.3	40.439	38.62	
			Ø 225mm
S7.2	39.743	38.334	
			Ø 225mm
S7.1	37.727	36.41	
			Ø 225mm
S7 (Hydrobrake)	37.651	36.263	
S9.5.1	39.00	38.05	
			Ø 225mm
S9.5	39.249	37.82	
			Ø 225mm
S9.4	37.728	36.25	
			Ø 225mm
S9.3	37.33	36.172	
			Ø 225mm
S9.2	37.106	35.69	
			Ø 300mm
S9.1	36.178	34.56	
			Ø 300mm
S9.1.1	35.63	34.102	
			Ø 300mm
S9	34.495	33.215	
			Ø 300mm
S8.2A (Hydrobrake)	33.916	32.756	
S9.4.1	38.96	37.52	
			Ø 225mm
S9.4	37.728	36.25	
S9.6	39.66	38.25	
			Ø 225mm
S9.5	39.249	37.82	

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ITEM NO. 22b

DECLARATION OF ROADS

MILLERS GLEN PHASE 2, SWORDS, CO DUBLIN

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1733
Taking In Charge – Millers Glen Phase 2
DED –Swords. TL- Swords.

Road Name	Length	Description
Westmill Place	202m	Westmill Place begins from the intersection with Glen Ellan Road, moving north to the intersection with Westmill Walk, then moving east passing intersection with Westmill Green and Westmill Row moving a little further right before entering Scholars Row in the east (202m).
Westmill Gate	108m	Westmill Gate begins from the intersection with Glen Ellan Road, west of Westmill Place, moving northwest, to the intersection with Millers Avenue Footpath (108m).
Westmill Green	170m	Westmill Green starts from the intersection with Westmill Lane heading north and has two branches, west branch heading west to the intersection with Westmill Place, east branch heading north to the junction with Westmill Place(170m).
Westmill Row	101m	Westmill Row moving north from the intersection with Westmill Lane, joining Millers Avenue Footpath (101m).

Westmill walk	100m	Westmill Walk starts from the intersection with Westmill Place, moving up the north, joining to Millers Avenue Footpath(100m).
Total = 140 Units	Total= 681m	

Footpath	Length	Description
Westmill Place Footpath	114m	From the south, where the entrance of Westmill Place Footpath begins moving north, from junction moving east till a point where Westmill Green Footpath begins (114m).
Westmill Green Footpath	99m	Footpath where Westmill Place ends from west, joining Westmill Green Footpath moving southeast direction, till the beginning of Westmill Lane Footpath (99m).
Westmill Green Footpath	93m	Footpath beginning from the Westmill Lane moving north intersecting with Westmill Place Footpath moving east entering Scholars Row Footpath (93m).
Westmill Green Footpath (Small Strip)	63m	Footpath lies between Westmill Place Road from a point where it starts opposite to (A2/27) House passing along west side ending opposite to the House (A/35).
Westmill Row Footpath	138m	Road from the North beginning from the Millers Avenue, moving south, intersecting with Westmill Place Footpath moving east, till Scholar Row Footpath begins. (138m)
Footpath on the 3 sides of the estate closed loop with Westmill Row, Westmill Place. Westmill Walk	253m	Footpath beginning from the north, from Millers Avenue Footpath passing along the Footpath Westmill Row intersecting with Westmill Place Footpath moving west, where the Westmill Walk begins, further moving north, meeting with Millers Avenue Footpath (253m).
Westmill Gate Footpath	102m	Footpath from the south beginning from the entrance of Westmill Gate Footpath moving southwest, till a point where the footpath intersect Millers Avenue Footpath. (102m)
Millers Avenue Footpath	263m	Footpath beginning from west side moving northeast intersecting with Westmill Gate Road, Westmill Walk Road and Westmill Row Road further moving along the footpath of Millers Avenue till house no. (D/70).
	Total= 1125m	

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ITEM NO. 22b

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		(114m).
Westmill Green Footpath Westmill Green Footpath Westmill Green Footpath (Small Strip)	99m 93m 63m	Footpath where Westmill Place ends from west, joining Westmill Green Footpath moving southeast direction, till the beginning of Westmill Lane Footpath (99m). Footpath beginning from the Westmill Lane moving north intersecting with Westmill Place Footpath moving east entering Scholars Row Footpath (93m). Footpath lies between Westmill Place Road from a point where it starts opposite to (A2/27) House passing along west side ending opposite to the House (A/35).
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		Westmill Place Footpath moving west, where the Westmill Walk begins, further moving north, meeting with Millers Avenue Footpath (253m).
Westmill Gate Footpath	102m	Footpath from the south beginning from the entrance of Westmill Gate Footpath moving southwest, till a point where the footpath intersect Millers Avenue Footpath. (102m)
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STORM SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S5.1	19.600	18.250	
			XXmm
S5	20.400	18.030	
			XXmm
EX S45	20.550	16.980	
			600mm
S42.1		21.208	
			XXmm
EX S42	22.313	20.650	
			600mm
S4	24.37	22.26	
			225mm
S3	24.22	22.18	
			300mm
S2	22.60	20.26	
			300mm
S1	21.09	18.88	
			375mm
EX S58.A	19.29	16.89	
			375mm
			375mm
EX S3	24.66	22.89	
			375mm
S1.3	24.43	22.68	
			375mm
S1.2	24.02	21.830	
			375mm
S1.1	22.15	20.01	
			375mm
			225mm
S3.1	24.70	22.42	
			225mm
EX S35		25.77	
			300mm
S12	26.70	25.50	
			300mm
S11	25.775	24.715	
			300mm
S10	25.035	24.13	
			375mm
S9	25.40	23.99	
			375mm
S8	25.575	24.200 23.311	
			600mm
			225mm
EX S20		26.78	
			300mm
S15	28.502	26.039	
			300mm
S14	28.102	25.803	
			300mm
S13	27.909	25.704	
			375mm
EX S15	27.58	25.73	
			450mm
S12.1		26.98	
			375mm
EX S12	28.76	26.04	
			450mm

FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F13	17.330	15.800	
			150mm
F14	17.920	15.000	
			225mm
EX F84	17.771	15.010	
			225mm
F8.1	22.675	20.910	
			225mm
F8	22.500	19.870	
			225mm
EX F2	24.540	22.600	
			150mm
F2.2	24.020	22.420	
			225mm
F2.1	22.023	20.630	
			225mm
F2	20.972	19.972	
			225mm
F1	19.420	17.579	
			225mm
F2.4	24.760	23.310	
			150mm
F7	26.568	25.430	
			150mm
F6	25.760	24.580	
			225mm
F5	25.069	23.390	
			225mm
F4	24.286	22.670	
			225mm
F3	22.535	20.535	
			225mm
F4.2	24.760	23.560	
			225mm
F4.1	24.693	23.150	
			225mm
F5.2	25.619	24.300	
			150mm
F5.1	25.399	23.910	
			225mm
F12	28.443	27.050	
			150mm
F11	28.026	26.450	
			225mm
F10	27.851	26.270	
			225mm
F9	27.480	25.730	
			225mm
EX F26.1	25.100	26.680	
			225mm
F26.2.1	29.650	26.270	
			225mm
EX F26.2		25.560	
			225mm

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2023

ITEM NO. 23

Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for refurbishment of No 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) with a proposed change of use from residential to commercial to cater for workspaces/artist spaces with demolition and single-storey construction works of new creative workspaces and flexible support spaces at No. 4 Dublin Street.

(PARTXI/003/23)
Proposed development comprising refurbishment and change of use to workspaces of No 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS no. 0058), and demolition and Construction works at No 4 Dublin Street for use as a creative hub and workspaces, including external courtyard and upgrade of exiting laneway from Georges Square, at Balbriggan, Co Dublin.

CE REPORT

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Public Notice:

In accordance with Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, Public Notice of the Council's Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department's intention to carry out development works at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin on a site of 570 sqm / 0.057 ha. Development includes change of use, refurbishment and extension works at No. 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) with demolition and construction works at No. 4 Dublin Street. The site also includes the laneway connecting the rear of the site to George's Square. The site sits within the Balbriggan Town Core Architectural Conservation Area.

In accordance with section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council hereby gives notice of the proposed development to be carried out at the above site:

The nature and extent of the proposed development is as follows:

(i) Change of use of No. 2 Dublin Street from Residential to Commercial use.

(ii) Refurbishment of No. 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) as workspaces, in line with best conservation practices.

(iii) Demolition of the adjoining modern lean-to retail unit at No. 4 Dublin Street.

(iv) Construction of a new single storey building (276 sqm) at No. 4 Dublin Street and to the rear of No. 2 Dublin Street for use as workspaces and Creative Hub, to include a Workshop Space, Multimedia Room, Office, Classroom Space, Toilets, Multi-functional gallery space and an external courtyard.

(v) Upgrade of laneway surfacing to the rear of the site adjacent to Balbriggan Courthouse opening onto George's Square including provision of cycle parking.

(vi) All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Note that parking provision for the development is proposed by designation of vehicular parking spaces, licensed to Fingal County Council in the nearby Bracken Court Hotel carpark

The notice was published in the Dublin Gazette on 13th July 2023, and a Site Notice was erected on the same date.

- ***Refer Appendix A1 for wording of Public Notice***

Public Display Period:

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development were made available for inspection during public opening hours from Thursday 13th July 2023 to Friday, 11th August 2023 at:

- Fingal County Council, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2
- Balbriggan Public Library, Georges Square, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, K32 TW27

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were also made available on the Fingal County Council website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse**

Observation Period:

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, were to be made either online through the website: **http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse** or in writing to: -

- Senior Executive Officer,
  Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin, K67 X8Y2

On, or before 5pm on Friday 25th August 2023.

The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired. This report is being submitted to the Council in accordance with the requirements of Article 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which states that a report shall:

DESCRIBE PROPOSAL:

(i) "describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area".

The Site:

The site, shown outlined in red on the Site Location Plan (Appendix B1 – Dwg No. 2129/SV/900), is located within Zoning Objective MC – Major Town Centre ***'Protect, provide for and/or improve town centre facilities.'*** in the current Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029:

The site, shown outlined in red on the site plan, is formed of no. 2 Dublin Street, an early nineteenth century Victorian-era townhouse, and no. 4 Dublin Street, a modern lean-to retail unit. The site also includes the rear courtyard and shared lane from Georges Square.
The site is bordered by Balbriggan Courthouse (Protected Structure RPS No 42) as well as residential and commercial properties of varying scales.
The site lies within the Architectural Conservation Area for Balbriggan.

The overall site area measures approximately 570 m2 / 0.057 ha.

The Proposal:

The proposal includes:

(i) Change of use of No. 2 Dublin Street from Residential to Commercial use.

(ii) Refurbishment of No. 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) as workspaces, in line with best conservation practices.

(iii) Demolition of the adjoining modern lean-to retail unit at No. 4 Dublin Street.

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Note that parking provision for the development is proposed by designation of vehicular parking spaces, licensed to Fingal County Council in the nearby Bracken Court Hotel carpark.

Design of Development:

The proposal, as made available for inspection, is described in the following drawings:

Existing Drawings:

-	2129-SV-900	Site Location Plan	Scale 1:1000
-	2129-SV-901	Existing Site Layout Plan	Scale 1:200
-	2129-SV-902	Existing Site Topo Survey	Scale 1:200
-	2129-SV-903	Existing Site Utility Survey	Scale 1:200
-	2129-SV-001	Existing Ground Floor Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-002	Existing First Floor Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-003	Existing Roof Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-010	Existing West Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-011	Existing North Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-012	Existing South Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-020	Existing Section AA	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-021	Existing Section BB	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-022	Existing Section CC	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-023	Existing Section DD	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-024	Existing Section EE	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-025	Existing Section FF	Scale 1:100
-	2129-SV-030	Existing Stair & Window	Scale 1:50
-	2129-SV-904	Existing Site Elevations	Scale 1:200

Proposed Drawings:

-	2129-PA-901	Proposed Site Plan	Scale 1:200
-	2129-PA-001	Proposed Ground Floor Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-002	Proposed First Floor Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-003	Proposed Roof Plan	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-010	Proposed West Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-011	Proposed North Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-012	Proposed South Elevation	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-020	Proposed Section AA	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-021	Proposed Section BB	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-022	Proposed Section CC	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-023	Proposed Section DD	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-024	Proposed Section EE	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-025	Proposed Section FF	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-904	Proposed Site Elevations	Scale 1:200
-	2129-SK-001	Massing Study View 1	NTS
-	2129-SK-002	Massing Study View 2	NTS
-	2129-SK-003	Massing Study View 3	NTS

- ***Refer Appendices B1 to B5 for the full list of Plans and Particulars including drawings, reports and surveys, made available for inspection.***

Design Intent Statement:

The development strategy for the 2-4 Dublin Street project has been formulated in response to the policy background, local authority input, best practice guidance, and the context and conditions of the site.
The Workspaces and Creative Hub at 2-4 Dublin Street represents an important part of the Our Balbriggan proposal. The design strategy aims to tie in with the wider rejuvenation of Balbriggan town through the redevelopment of underutilized or vacant buildings and sites.

The project envisages transformative changes to the existing building, including full refurbishment of No. 2 Dublin Street (a protected structure) as workspaces, in line with best conservation practices, and redevelopment of No. 4 Dublin Street (the attached retail unit), as a Creative Hub with Gallery/Multipurpose space and improvements to public realm in the shared laneway from Georges Square

In this respect the following has been considered:

(A) The Victorian era house at no.2 Dublin Street, a protected structure, will be restored to its original condition and configuration, conserving the external envelope. The existing building at no.2 Dublin Street provides suitably proportioned studio spaces for artists, creatives and entrepreneurs with good levels of natural light and ventilation. A total of 9 no. workspaces are provided (2 no. of which are wheelchair accessible), 4no. workspaces on Ground Floor and 5no. on First Floor, which are accessed from the existing staircase.

(B) A new structure in place of the former retail unit will contain the Creative Hub. The proposed structure wraps around to the rear of the site making a connection to the existing building, providing a Gallery/Project space, and creating an external courtyard. Creative Hub is comprised of a workshop space, Audio / Video room (Podcast, Video editing, etc), office/server room and a flexible classroom space. Flexibility is important to these spaces to allow for future changing uses. The new Gallery/Project Space provides space for exhibitions and events for both artists and ‘makers’ but also for wider use by the artistic/creative community. The gallery is conceived as a ‘white cube’ to allow for a wide range of exhibitions and performance/events. Glass doors open out onto the external courtyard space for spill-out during events. The gallery / project space will facilitate multi-functional use as an event space for the local community, providing for a wide range of performances and events.

(C) The shared laneway from Georges Square will be used as the main public entrance to the project, providing level universally accessible access. The laneway becomes an extension of the public realm connecting Georges Square to the primary entrance.

EVALUATE DEVELOPMENT:

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

Internal Planning Consultation:

Internal Consultations were conducted with Fingal County Council, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department (P&SI).

The P&SI Department prepared a report which took account of:

- Compliance with Zoning Objective/Development Plan objectives,
- Impact on residential amenity an integration with the visual amenity of the area,
- Impact on the protected structure and ACA
- Archaeological issues,
- Ecological considerations
- Services & Drainage issues,
- Transportation issues,
- Impact on Natura 2000 Sites AA Screening
- EIA Screening.

The report notes that:

Water Services Engineering Section:	No objection, points to note
Conservation Officer:	No objection
Transportation Planning:	No objection, comments to note
Archaeologist / Heritage Officer:	No objection

The report concludes that:

The proposed uses and development would contribute to the regeneration of the town centre. The design and scale of the contemporary new structures and uses would not impact on the residential amenity of the neighbouring residential occupiers and would improve the streetscape.
The reuse, refurbishment, and upgrading of the protected structure (No 2 Dublin Street) is sympathetic to the and appropriate for the building. Overall it is considered the proposed development would contribute to the character of the ACA. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The detailed design and construction stage of the development should also have regard to;

1. A final construction management plan where required should be agreed with the operations department prior to construction of the proposed development.

2. The proposed sash window repair works to the protected structure will be carried out in consultation with the Conservation Office.

3. Repair works to existing roofs, valleys and parapets and to surviving elements of the historic fabric of the protected structure including staircases, balustrades, cornices, door cases and panelling will be carried out to best conservation practice.

4. Where possible the insertion of new mechanical and electrical services facilities would utilise existing service runs to minimize the impact on the historic fabric of the protected structure.

5. The proposal shall comply with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for drainage works, Version 6.0 FCC April 2006.

6. All new works shall comply with Irish water standard details document IW-CTS-5O20-01 and Irish Water Code of Practice IW-CDS-5020-03.

(iia) "include the screening determination on why an environmental impact assessment is not required and specify the features, if any, of the proposed development and the measures, if any, envisaged to avoid or prevent what might have otherwise been significant adverse effects on the environment of the development".

Appropriate Assessment

An Appropriate Assessment Screening Report was prepared by Altamar. This report states the stormwater and foul water generated on site during the construction and operational phases on site will enter the combined existing sewer system at Georges Square and flow east to Barnageeragh Waste water. It will be treated under licence before being discharged into the Irish Sea. This Wastewater Treatment Plant is located approximately 4.1 kilometres from the proposed site. The Irish Water report from 2020 on Barnageeragh wastewater treatment plant stated that this plant's capacity will not be exceeded in the next three years and the organic capacity remaining is 27,501. The proposed development will comply with the remaining capacities in this wastewater treatment plant.

There is no direct hydrological pathway to European sites from the subject site. The nearest European site (River Nanny estuary and Shore SPA) is 5.1 kilometres from the proposed development site. The River Nanny estuary and Shore SPA is located 5.1 kilometres up the coast from the proposed site and it is therefore unlikely that any pollutants or chemicals from the site that potentially enters the water course would impact on the conservation objectives or features of interest (wetlands and water birds) of this European site. All surface water and foul water will enter the combined network.

The River Matt flows east into the Irish Sea, 105 metres to the north of the proposed site. Should surface water from the road enter the Matt River, there is a significant distance between the Matt River to European sites (min 5km) to allow for dilution and mixing to negligible levels at European sites based in the marine environment.

The conclusions of the Appropriate Assessment screening report are considered acceptable however the concerns raised by the Water Services section regarding the discharging of both foul and surface water into the existing Irish Water network are noted. Having regard to the location of the proposed development, nature of the proposed development, and the pathways between the application site and natura 2000 sites within the identified zone of influence and the distance from the application site to the applicable Natura 2000 site, in comparison with the existing baseline it is considered

that there is no likelihood of significant effects on any European sites during the construction or operation of the proposed project.

It is further considered that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with proposed project to have a significant effect on European sites it is considered that the proposed project individually or in combination with another plan or project will not have a significant effect on any European sites.

EIA Screening

An Environmental Impact Assessment screening report has been submitted in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. The screening report examines the characteristics of the proposed development, the location of the proposed development and the type and characteristics of the potential impacts.

The proposed development is a project of the type specified in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Regulations being within a built-up area, but at 0.057 HA is significantly below either the thresholds of 2 or 10 hectares. Waste generated during demolition and construction works will be typical of small-scale urban development, as set out in the Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic and Waste Management. Waste during the operational phase will be largely domestic type municipal waste of modest volume.

The proposed development is sub threshold in relation to the criteria and thresholds set out in Schedule 5, Part 2 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 as amended. It is concluded having regard to the nature, scale and location of the subject site, as also to the mitigation measures set out in the relevant reports including in particular the Conservation Report by Paul Keogh Architects, the Outline Construction and Environmental Management Plan by Altamar, and the Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic and Waste Management, that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other projects is not likely to have significant effects on the environment, direct, indirect or cumulatively with other development.
Accordingly, it is considered an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required as proposal is not of a scale which would fall within the 5th schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring a mandatory EIA.
The conclusion of the screening report is considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the development site nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area.

- ***Refer Appendix C1 for the full Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Report***

LIST PERSONS OR BODIES:

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

There were 76 Submissions/Observations recorded and 74 validated listed below and can be found in detail at;
https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/33522/submissions

1. Bernard Crowley
2. Susan Abahazy
3. Thomas Brezing
4. Martin Hughes
5. Donna Rogers (invalid- no content in submission)
6. Tommy Gallagher
7. Peter Skyvova
8. Bernie Davis
9. Anita Doolin
10. Murielle Celis
11. Daniel Crowe
12. Aidan Whelan
13. Philip O Neill
14. Michelle Lucy
15. JaneAnn McBride
16. Nunce McAuley
17. Leia Moran
18. Sarah Malin
19. David O'Neill
20. Shane Hoey
21. Maria Hughes
22. David Newton
23. Islander Architects
24. Antonio D'Souza
25. Alison O'Grady
26. Nicola McKenna
27. Radek Zemlicka
28. Mary Morgan
29. Patrick Kinsella
30. James Curley
31. Sean Barry
32. Eileen McGovern
33. Maria Dunne
34. Linda Browne

35. Jean Timmins
36. Catherine Barry
37. Aine O'Beirne
38. Paula Hughes
39. Karen Hogan
40. Scéal Arts Collective
41. Grasshoppers IEYF
42. Edel Kenny
43. Liz Kestell
44. Catherine Murphy
45. Celine O'Driscoll
46. Yvonne Boylan
47. Matthew Kelly
48. Trish Keely Burns
49. John Bolton
50. Jennifer Mahon
51. Sophie Meehan
52. Patrick Kinsella
53. Clare Hatfield
54. Niamh O Carroll
55. Clare Crowley , acting as agent on behalf of Joyce & Wendy McKeown
56. Pauline & Derek Caffery
57. Anne Marie Brady
58. Balbriggan & District Historical Society
59. Joanne Callaghan
60. Roisin Patterson
61. Tina Poole
62. Nunce McAuley (invalid- withdrawn)
63. Elizabeth Comerford
64. Nunce McAuley
65. Art School from A to Art
66. John Casey
67. Gary Rutherford
68. Gordon Farrell
69. Emma Brezing
70. Damien Byrne
71. Ed Flynn
72. Donna Rogers
73. David West
74. Thomas Cardiff
75. Yvonne Moriarty on behalf of Bracken Court Hotel & Moriarty Group
76. Kevin Tolan, KT Designs

SUMMARISE THE ISSUES:

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

At public consultation stage there were numerous questions and issues raised.
Several queries were also raised which are not relevant to matters of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, and so will not be addressed in this forum.

Issues raised are summarised below:

No.	Issue Raised	Managers Response
	Due to the volume and repetition in some cases, for the purposes of the CE report, these have been grouped together under themed headings identified in bold below.	
1.	**SUPPORT FOR A DEDICATED SPACE FOR THE ARTS AND CREATIVES WITHIN THE TOWN** **72 submissions were positively supportive of the proposal.**	
	Positive support expressed welcoming the proposal.	**POSITIVE SUPPORT & WELCOME** The overwhelming majority of submissions expressed a welcome and positive response to the proposal to provide accommodation for creatives and artists workspaces within the town centre. Many of these submissions were from artists, educators and arts groups currently directly or indirectly involved in the Arts within the town and wider community. The Council welcomes the support and is committed to delivering the proposal.

2.	**NATURE OF ARTS MODEL PROPOSED** ***(63 submissions refer to issues)***	
	Desire that building be exclusively for the Arts and questions on the change of use to commercial. The opportunity to support the creative community in Balbriggan was welcomed. Some questioned the change of use to 'Commercial' as some Arts may not be commercial in nature. ***Desire that some spaces be available or exclusively dedicated to young people and children*** ***Support for building on existing Arts initiatives in the community particularly The Warehouse project currently housed in a temporary location on Vauxhall Street*** ***Desire that local Balbriggan groups in particular SCÉAL Arts Collective be given consideration as a potential operator /manager of the new building to allow continuity within the Arts development in the town*** ***Commitment sought that the space will be subsidised when operational to support the Arts and the nature of tenure in studios*** **Request that space to facilitate sculptors be included within overall development**	**EXCLUSIVITY FOR ARTS & CHANGE TO COMMERCIAL USE** 'Workspaces' were described in the notice and the expressed intention that this will accommodate artist and creatives to work and exhibit. The proposal is primarily to cater for professional artists and digital creatives and the commercial designation is considered most appropriate in this instance. The provision of artist's studios at 2-4 Dublin St has a strong foundation and rationale in the two key policy documents for Arts development within Fingal County Council. ○ Fingal County Council 2019 – 2025 Arts Plan ○ 8 Year Framework with the Arts Council 2019 – 2025: **DEDICATED SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** The studio spaces are intended as workspaces for professional artists while the creative hub users have access to workshops and support spaces. The workspaces and exhibition spaces are designed to allow flexibility in how the centre will operate. Fingal Arts Office in partnership with Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development /Our Balbriggan office, will develop a business plan and operating model. Possible designation of spaces for groups will be considered when the operating model is being developed. **OPERATOR/MANAGER:** The operational model and how the operator is selected is not considered a planning matter. Fingal Arts Office in partnership with EETCD/ Our Balbriggan office will develop a proposal for how the creative hub and studio/ workspaces will operate. An exploratory

		process with those interested in occupying artist workspaces is proposed. It will also involve exploring possible partnerships which might provide new programmes to ensure sustainability of the development. **SCÉAL ARTS COLLECTIVE** Support for any particular group or operator is not considered a planning matter. The Our Balbriggan office will continue their support of the SCÉAL Arts Collective in developing and supporting the Arts in Balbriggan. Pending the completion of business case and development of an operating model the consideration of an appointment of operator is premature. **SUBSIDY FOR SPACE** The business case and operational model for the spaces is not considered a planning matter. The Council will continue their support for the Arts in Balbriggan aligned with the Fingal County Council 2019 – 2025 Arts Plan. Offering studio awards to assist local artists to develop their practice while responding to objectives/themes outlined in the 2023-2029 Development Plan will be explored as one possible method of assistance. **SCULPTURE** No limitations have been set within the design on the forms of art to be included. The nature of the accommodation proposed may limit larger sculptures based on need for large space with appropriate storage.
3.	**CAR PARKING** ***(3 submissions refer to issues)***	
	Objection to proposed designation of carparking spaces licenced to the Council in car park at Bracken Court Hotel.	**DESIGNATION OF CARPARKING SPACES** An objection relates to an interpretation of an existing license granting Fingal County Council use of parking spaces within the car park at the Bracken Court Hotel. (57 spaces are currently

	More substantial parking should be provided for a Creative Hub development which includes Workshop Space, Multimedia Room, Office, Classroom space etc, ***Loss of an established on street parking use in Laneway*** ***The development does not need to cater for vehicles as location is within walking distance of households.***	licenced to FCC out of a total of 118 carparking spaces provided there). Currently Fingal Co Co only use a fraction of the total licenced carparking which currently leaves the surplus spaces available to others, often underused. The objection states that no permission exists in existing agreements to allow for third party users. These spaces are within a short walk of the proposed development. Fingal Co Co contend that the parking spaces licensed to it are significantly underused and are suitable to accommodate the maximum parking demand. The Council will engage with the owner to seek agreement on protocol for the expected limited use proposed. A maximum peak parking demand has been estimated at 9 spaces submitted in compliance with Development Plan standards. It is not proposed that 9 spaces will be exclusively reserved full time for the use of 2-4 Dublin Street. Based on the nature of the facilities within the town centre, the users and the proximity to good public transport the proposal is likely to generate a very low demand for carparking. The Council has plans to focus resources on improving active travel options within the town and new bicycle parking has been included to encourage same. As the business case and operational model is developed, emphasis will be placed on active travel measures and a protocol for accessing any parking agreed. **REQUIREMENT FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL CAR PARKING** The site is centrally located within the town centre and has good access to public transport. The overall site area is constrained and does not lend itself to onsite carparking within an Architectural Conservation Area.

		The provisional parking demand as set out in the planning documents as the maximum required in the Fingal Development Plan for workspaces. **ESTABLISHED LANEWAY PARKING** The small lane from Georges Square is shared between Balbriggan Courthouse, 2 Dublin Street and No 5 Georges Square, a residential property. The proposed public realm improvements will allow drop off and service deliveries in the lane but dedicated carparking spaces within the lane are not proposed. Prior to commencement the council intend to put in place alternative parking arrangements in close proximity to address the residents parking need. Active travel measures proposed include the provision of new bicycle parking in the laneway to encourage active travel. Walking and cycling are the most efficient modes of travel in terms of use of road-space, and the most sustainable in terms of environmental impacts. A separate active travel and transport consultancy for the Our Balbriggan programme has informed this proposal- an Active Travel Strategy for Balbriggan will be delivered shortly.
4.	**INCLUSION OF LANEWAY FROM GEORGES SQUARE IN DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY** ***(2 no, submissions refer to issue)***	
	Suggestion that site entrance particularly entrance facing Georges Square remain open for visibility to the wider community. Deemed Positive that public realm in lane included and might allow for signage and appropriate wayfinding to highlight what is happening inside.	**GATED ENTRANCE TO LANE** The gated entrance to the laneway provides a level of security which is deemed appropriate for the development which will not be occupied at all times. No particular signage is proposed in the laneway. Minimising the proliferation of unnecessary visual clutter in the ACA is desirable.

	Council has included a shared lane not within its ownership impacting on property access and established right of way. **Stated that documentation is misleading as does not show impact on use, daylight and privacy to No 5 Georges Square.** **Concern over impact of development on daylighting and ventilation in habitable areas within neighbouring property at No 5 Georges Square. Impact of having the main accessible entrance from the lane on residential privacy including nuisance from noise and pollution. Request that main entrance be from Dublin Street.**	**INCLUSION OF LANE IN PROPOSAL** The lane is a shared lane used by Balbriggan Courthouse, No 5 Georges Square and 2-4 Dublin Street. Works proposed within the lane include new underground drainage upgrades requiring excavation and resurfacing of the lane. Upgrading 2-4 Dublin Street while leaving the lane in present condition would be short-sighted and not deliver the attractive accessible linkage with the high quality public realm at Georges Square.. Additional vehicular movements are not proposed in the laneway with deliveries and pedestrian access remaining as the intended purpose. Existing property access and rights of way will not be impacted and disruption during construction works can be managed by consultation with property owners prior to commencement. **DOCUMENTATION MISLEADING WITH REFERENCE TO LANE** The surface of the lane is being upgraded to improve accessibility. The existing entrances and windows fronting onto the lane will remain unchanged. The resurfacing will have no impact on daylight or ventilation, and it is considered that the single storey nature of new development facing onto the lane will have very limited impact on adjoining amenity. The modest scale of the overall development and the number of workspaces contained therein does not envisage large crowds of people using the lane and it is considered that people are unlikely to linger within the lane. The lane will be maintained by the Council. **MAIN ENTRANCE** The entrance from the lane is fully accessible and a secure control point. The entry point provides a strong connection with Georges Square and Balbriggan Library nearby. The existing door from Dublin Street will be used, but does not offer the same accessibility and security. While available for use it will not be the primary public entrance.

5.	**UNIVERSAL ACCESS** ***(1 no submission refers to issue)***	
	Request that needs of neurodivergent residents as well as those with mobility issues and wheelchair users are addressed. Request that some studios be reserved for those with particular needs ie quieter spaces **Request that a lift be provided to allow access to the first floor of the building**	**NEEDS OF ALL RESIDENTS** The proposal includes a series of individual studio spaces/workspaces which will be quiet, with busier and noisier shared social, collaborative and supporting spaces grouped separately. Up to nine individual studio spaces are proposed. It is intended that each room in the house will be dedicated as single user place of work/studio and will likely be subject to protocols to be developed by operator to manage noisy activities. **PASSENGER LIFT** The planning documentation provided noted that a lift is deemed impractical and detrimental to the historic nature of the protected structure. The workspaces (5 studios) located on the first floor of the existing building will not be wheelchair accessible. 2 Studios at ground level will be fully wheelchair accessible. The design report stated that the scheme is designed in accordance with the National Disability Authority's Buildings for Everyone. The proposal will be subject to the Building Control Act and a Disability Access Certificate will be obtained prior to commencement. As no use at first floor cannot be accommodated at the fully accessible ground level no change to the design is proposed.
6.	**BIODIVERSITY / ECOLOGY** ***(1 no submission refers to issue)***	
	Request that provision to allow for nesting by swifts	**SWIFT BOXES** Provision will be made in the proposal to include nest boxes at appropriate locations to encourage nesting of Swifts.

7.	**IMPACT ON AN ADJOINING PROPERTY & SHARED BOUNDARY** ***(1 no submission refers to issue)***	
	Concern over impact of proposed development on 2 no existing small high level windows currently on the shared boundary resulting in reduction in daylight and sunlight in habitable spaces. Request that overall height of new development sit below the existing window cill height of these windows. ***Request that proposed bicycle parking in lane be relocated as in front of a residential property.***	Note that pre planning consultations took place with adjoining property owners and are documented in the published documents. This engagement is expected to continue throughout the development. **EXISTING WINDOWS ON SHARED BOUNDARY** Both windows are small and into minor non-habitable spaces with frosted glazing. They will still benefit from access to natural light and ventilation. The pitched roof form and location of higher lightwell pop up to the gallery space, adjacent to the neighbour, has been designed to impact the quality of light to these windows as little as possible. The proposal adheres to the 45 degree rule. This rule of thumb suggests that there is no substantial interference if the angle of unobstructed light is greater than 45 degrees. Reducing the development height to below the existing window height would have a severe impact on the quality of both the gallery space and overall architectural form. **BICYCLE PARKING IN LANE** The council can review exact placement of bicycle parking as part of the wider Active Travel strategy at detail design.
8.	**SUGGESTIONS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROPOSAL**	
	A theatre is needed for an arts project in the town	**THEATRE** The scope of this project does not include a theatre on what is a constrained site with a protected structure.

	A space for the St Patrick's Brass & Reed Band is needed for storage of instruments and rehearsals. **A museum or exhibition area to cater for the significant history of the town is needed.**	**SPACE FOR BAND** The scope of this project does not include a dedicated space for band rehearsal and instrument storage. **MUSEUM** The scope of this project does not include a dedicated museum.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the development as proposed and generally as made available for inspection (Refer Appendices B1 to B5).
Prior to commencement on site account will be taken of the 6 separate recommendations within the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Report.

A presentation dealing with the proposal will be available at the meeting.

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- **Appendix B2 - Outline Description of Development**
  No 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan: Planning Design Report July 2023 - Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B3 - Conservation Report**
  No 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan: Conservation Report February 2023-Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B4 - Engineers Drawings & Reports**
  Hayes Higgins Partnership Civil & Structural Engineering Planning Report June 2023
  (Incorporating Civil & Structural engineering drawings as listed below)
  - Dwg No. 22D001 001 I Ground Floor Plan
  - Dwg No. 22D001 002 I First Floor Plan
  - Dwg No. 22D001 003 I Roof Layout Plan
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  - Dwg No. 22D001 006 I Section C-C
  - Dwg No. 22D001 007 I Section D-D
  - Dwg No. 22D001 008 I Roof Details
  - Dwg No. 22D001 009 I Staircore Details
  - Dwg No. 22D001 100 P Proposed Drainage Layout

  - Hayes Higgins Partnership Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Planning Report Sept 2022
  - Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic & Waste Management June 2023

Appendix B5 – Planning, Environmental, Ecology

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report July 2023 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)
Appropriate Assessment Screening Report July 2023 (Altemar)
Bat Fauna Survey Report December 2023 (Altemar)
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) January 2023 (Altemar)

Appendix C – Planning Report

- **Appendix C1 - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department Report**

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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APPENDICES A & B TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Based on very large file size of documents and drawings APPENDICES A & B of CE Report are available for viewing and download at link on Fingal Consultation Portal

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/notice-proposed-development-part-xi-part-8-proposed-change-use-refurbishment-and-extension-works-no

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-	2129-PA-025	Proposed Section FF	Scale 1:100
-	2129-PA-904	Proposed Site Elevations	Scale 1:200
-	2129-SK-001	Massing Study View 1	NTS
-	2129-SK-002	Massing Study View 2	NTS
-	2129-SK-003	Massing Study View 3	NTS

- **Appendix B2 - Outline Description of Development**
  No 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan: Planning Design Report July 2023 - Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B3 - Conservation Report**
  No 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan: Conservation Report February 2023-Paul Keogh Architects

- **Appendix B4 - Engineers Drawings & Reports**
  Hayes Higgins Partnership Civil & Structural Engineering Planning Report June 2023
  (Incorporating Civil & Structural engineering drawings as listed below)
  - Dwg No. 22D001 001 I Ground Floor Plan
  - Dwg No. 22D001 002 I First Floor Plan
  - Dwg No. 22D001 003 I Roof Layout Plan
  - Dwg No. 22D001 004 I Section A-A



- Dwg No. 22D001 005 I Section B-B
- Dwg No. 22D001 006 I Section C-C
- Dwg No. 22D001 007 I Section D-D
- Dwg No. 22D001 008 I Roof Details
- Dwg No. 22D001 009 I Staircore Details
- Dwg No. 22D001 100 P Proposed Drainage Layout

- Hayes Higgins Partnership Mechanical & Electrical Engineering Planning Report Sept 2022
- Hayes Higgins Partnership - Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic & Waste Management June 2023

Appendix B5 – Planning, Environmental, Ecology

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report July 2023 (Doyle Kent Planning & Architecture)
Appropriate Assessment Screening Report July 2023 (Altemar)
Bat Fauna Survey Report December 2023 (Altemar)
Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) January 2023 (Altemar)

Appendix C – PLANNING REPORT

- **Appendix C1 - Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Planning Report (Issued as separate attachment)**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

Register Reference: LADP/002/23

Stage 1B

Preliminary Planning Report:

Initiation of procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Introduction:

The Architect's Department is the proposing department for a development by Fingal County Council for the refurbishment of No 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) with a proposed change of use from residential to commercial to cater for workspace/artist spaces with demolition and single-storey construction works of new creative workspaces and flexible support spaces at No. 4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan Co.Dublin.

Site Area: 0.057 ha.

Purpose of Report:

The following report has been prepared by the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department to assess the proposal with regard to the provisions of national and regional planning policy and the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and outlines the planning considerations relating to the impact of the proposal on the amenities of the area. The report is based on the information provided by the Architect's Department Fingal County Council. The information includes plans, particulars, Construction & Environmental Management reports, Conservation & Design reports, Topographical & Photographic survey reports, Civil & Structural report, Mechanical & Electrical report, Stakeholder Engagement Report, Bat Assessment report, an Appropriate Assessment Screening and EIA Screening report. The comments received from other sections of the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department and any other department of Fingal County Council have also been considered.

Proposed Development: The proposed development consists of the following:

i. Change of use of No. 2 Dublin Street from Residential to Commercial use.

ii. Refurbishment of No. 2 Dublin Street (Protected Structure RPS 0058) as workspaces, in line with best conservation practices.

iii. Demolition of the adjoining modern lean-to retail unit at No. 4 Dublin Street.

iv. Construction of a new single storey building (276 sqm) at No. 4 Dublin Street and to the rear of No. 2 Dublin Street for use as workspaces and Creative Hub, to include a Workshop Space, Multimedia Room, Office, Classroom Space, Toilets, Multi-functional gallery space and an external courtyard.

v. Upgrade of laneway surfacing to the rear of the site adjacent to Balbriggan Courthouse opening onto George's Square including provision of cycle parking.

vi. All associated site development works, services, piped infrastructure and ducting, changes in level, site landscaping and all associated site development and excavation works above and below ground.

Note that parking provision for the development is proposed by designation of 11 no. vehicular parking spaces, including 1 no. disabled parking space, licensed to Fingal County Council in the nearby Bracken Court Hotel carpark.

Site Location:

The site is located on the eastern side of Dublin Street (R132), to the south of the intersection of Dublin Street with George's Square and Drogheda Street and immediately to the south of Balbriggan Courthouse.

The subject site comprises No. 2 Dublin Street a two-storey, well portioned five-bay, early nineteenth century town house with a small two storey return at the rear. This structure is a protected structure within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2027 (RPS no. 0058). No. 4 to the south of the protected structure is a modern lean-to, single-storey retail unit with single storey additions which extend to the rear of the site. A pedestrian access off Dublin Street immediately to the north of the subject site separates it from the Courthouse.

The garden area to the rear of the subject site is overgrown with a number of dilapidated structures. A laneway runs southwards from George's Square to serve the rear of No.2 Dublin Street and Balbriggan Courthouse, as well as Nos.5-6 George's Square. The site to the east of the laneway No.5-6 George's Square, has windows along its western elevation abutting the laneway. No. 6 Dublin Street is a two-storey residential property which bounds the southern boundary. The site is bordered by residential and commercial properties of varying scales.

The proposed development is located within Balbriggan Town Core Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and lies within the Balbriggan Core Retail Area.

Planning History

F95A/0247: Permission GRANTED for single storey extension to rear at Vision Radio, Dublin Street, Balbriggan. Applicant: M McGovern

F99A/1360: Permission GRANTED for change of use of existing store attached to the premises for the purpose of extending the sales area of the shop at Vision Radio, (No.2) Dublin Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. Applicant: Michael McGovern

F01A/1070: Permission GRANTED for new shopfront to existing Vision Radio at Vision Radio, Dublin Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. Applicant: Michael McGovern

Departmental reports:

Transportation Planning: Report received which raises issues regarding car and bicycle parking provision in accordance with the County Development Plan and the access arrangements for the development.

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

Conservation Office: A report was received from the Conservation Office. There is no objection raised to the proposed development subject to a number of conditions.

Heritage Officer/Archaeologist: No objections to the proposal.

National & Regional Policy

- Project Ireland 2040 - National Planning Framework
- Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy 2019-2031
- Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities (2011)
- The Planning System and Flood Risk Management (2009)
- Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland – Guidance for Planning Authorities (2009)

Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

Zoning Objective

The site of the proposed development is located in an area designated within Zoning Objective 'MC – Major Town Centre' with an objective to 'Protect, provide for and/ or improve major town centre facilities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The zoning objective vision of the 'MC- Major Town Centre' is to 'Consolidate the existing Major Towns in the County, (Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan). The aim is to further develop these centres by densification of appropriate commercial and residential developments ensuring a mix of commercial, recreational, civic, cultural, leisure, residential uses, and urban streets, while delivering a quality urban environment which will enhance the quality of life of resident, visitor and workers alike. The zone will strengthen retail provision in accordance with the County Retail Strategy, emphasise urban conservation, ensure priority for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists while minimising the impact of private car-based traffic and enhance and develop the existing urban fabric.'

Relevant policies and objectives pertaining to the proposal include:

Policy CSP34 – Consolidate Growth of Self-Sustaining Towns Consolidate the growth of Self-Sustaining towns including Malahide, Balbriggan, Lusk, Portmarnock, Rush and Skerries as set out in the Settlement Strategy for RSES and by encouraging infill development and compact growth rather than greenfield development and by intensification at appropriately identified locations.

Policy CSP36 – Focus Growth Within and Contiguous to Core in Self-Sustaining Towns Support the sustainable long-term growth of Self-Sustaining Towns by focusing growth within and contiguous to the core to create a critical mass of population and employment based on local demand and the ability of local services to cater for sustainable growth levels.

Policy CSP37 – Promotion of Enterprise and Employment in Self-Sustaining Towns Promote enterprise and employment throughout the County including along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor including Balbriggan and work with other Local Authorities to promote Fingal and the wider mid-eastern region as an engine for economic growth.

Policy CSP38 – Malahide, Balbriggan, Lusk, Portmarnock, Rush and Skerries Consolidate development and protect the unique identities of the settlements of Malahide, Portmarnock, Balbriggan, Lusk, Rush and Skerries.

Objective CSO55 – Development and Growth of Balbriggan and Skerries Promote and facilitate the development and growth of Balbriggan and Skerries as primary service, social, cultural and local tourist centres in north Fingal.

Objective CSO56 – 'Our Balbriggan' Continue to implement, promote, and support the 'Our Balbriggan' Rejuvenation Plan

Objective SPQHO8 – Our Balbriggan and Sustainable Swords Support the objectives arising from Our Balbriggan and the Sustainable Swords Strategy

Policy EEP8 – Promoting Major Urban Centres Support economic growth within the County through strengthening and promoting the strategic importance of major urban centres of Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan and of key employment locations such as Dublin Airport and Dublin 15.

Policy EEP9 – Fingal As An Engine For Economic Growth Promote enterprise and employment throughout the County, including along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor, the Metro and Rail Economic Corridor, Swords, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan and work with the other Local Authorities to promote Fingal and the wider mid-eastern region as an engine for economic growth.

Objective EEO9 – Economic Growth of Core Area Support economic growth within the Core Area through strengthening and promoting the importance of Balbriggan as the major urban centre and having regard to its strategic location on the Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor and directing appropriately scaled growth opportunities into the other urban centres in the area.

Objective EEO10 – Economic Growth within the Core Area Ensure that towns, villages and other locations within the Core Area follow policies of directional development to ensure that the required economies of scale are achieved in specific centres such as Balbriggan, and that other lower tier towns and villages perform to their economic strengths and competitive advantages such as Skerries and Rush for tourism and marine activities.

Objective EEO93 – Level 3 Centres Ensure the development of Balbriggan, Malahide, Skerries and Charlestown, as sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Town Centres performing at a high retail level within the Fingal Retail Hierarchy to meet the retailing needs of and offer sufficient retail choice to their local populations and catchment populations.

Policies SPQHP43, SPQH44 – Areas in Need of Renewal; Inclusiveness Implementation of Planning Schemes including Sustainable Swords and Our Balbriggan supported by Fingal's Capital Programme and State funding (incl. URDF) Number of sites included on Vacant Sites Register.

Policy HCAP9 – Re-use of Architectural Heritage Champion the maintenance, repair, re-use and sensitive retro-fitting of the architectural heritage and older building stock of the County as a cornerstone of its sustainable development policy and will require that adaptative re-use and regeneration adheres to best conservation practice.

Policy HCAP10 – Retention Continue to support and encourage the sympathetic and appropriate reuse, rehabilitation and retention of protected structures and historic buildings ensuring the special interest, character and setting of the building or structure is preserved.

Policy HCAP12 – Interventions to Protected Structures Ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures or adjoining development affecting them are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the special interest, appearance, character, and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scaled and designed.

Policy HCAP14 – Architectural Conservation Areas Protect the special interest and character of all areas which have been designated as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). Development within or affecting an ACA must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and it's setting wherever possible.

Policy HCAP15 – Character of Architectural Conservation Areas Support and encourage the sympathetic and appropriate adaptive reuse, refurbishment, and upgrading of protected structures and buildings or structures that contribute to the character of an Architectural Conservation Area ensuring that their special interest, character and setting is retained.

Policy HCAP23 – Heritage-led Regeneration Require that adaptative re-use of older buildings and historic centre heritage-led regeneration adheres to best conservation practice and principles.

- Objectives DMS01, 2 & 5
- Table 14.17: Bicycle Parking Standards
- Objective DMSO109 – Bicycle Parking
- Objective DMSO111 – Mobility Management Plan
- Objective DMSO112 – Bicycle Maintenance Facilities
- Table 14.18: Car Parking Zones
- Table 14.19: Car Parking Standards
- Objective DMSO186 – Retention of Existing Building Stock within an ACA
- Objective DMSO187 – Planning Applications within an ACA
- Objective DMSO190 – Structures Contributing to Distinctive Character
- Objective DMSO196 – Public Foul Sewerage Network Connections
- Objective DMSO197 – Foul and Surface Water Drainage Systems
- Objective DMSO202 – SuDS

Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 – 2025 This plan outlines a range of socio-economic objectives to rejuvenate the town and sets out an ambitious transformation plan for Balbriggan's public realm, infrastructure and amenities as the town looks to attract more investors and visitors to boost the local economy.

In June 2020, Balbriggan was chosen as Ireland's first town to be named as a Smart District in a move to improve services, create jobs and build a better community. The Council will continue to investigate opportunities to enhance community life, support economic opportunities and drive innovation through a number of smart district projects.

Assessment

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

- Zoning of Site and Principle of Development;
- Integration with and impact on the Visual and Residential Amenity of the Area;
- Impact on the protected structure and Architectural Conservation Area;
- Archaeology Considerations;
- Ecological considerations;
- Transportation considerations;
- Services and drainage considerations;
- Appropriate Assessment screening;
- Environmental Impact Assessment screening.

Zoning of Site & Principle of Development

The proposed scheme is for a change of use at No.2 Dublin Street and the demolition and construction of a new buildings at No.4 Dublin Street and lands to the rear, on lands zoned 'MC' 'Major Town Centre' with a zoning objective which seeks to 'protect, provide for and/ or improve major town centre facilities.' The proposed development would include 9 studio workspaces and would accommodate a 'creative hub' comprising workshop space, audio video room, a flexible classroom space, office and a gallery/project space for exhibitions and events for wider use by the artistic/creative community. The gallery would open onto an external central courtyard space for spill-out during events.

The proposed development would fall within uses permitted within the Major Town Centre zoning which enables a variety of uses including cultural, exhibition, training, community and educational facility uses. The proposed development would also align with 'Our Balbriggan 2019–23 Rejuvenation Plan,' which seeks to transform Balbriggan Main Street through investment in the public realm and town centre improvements to provide a more vibrant and vital centre to the town. The loss of the residential use at No.2 Dublin Street is noted, however the property has been vacant since 2019, and the submitted civil and structural engineering report indicates the building has experienced water damage and timber decay over the years and requires extensive remedial works. The proposed works would ensure the protected structure does not further deteriorate.

As such, the proposed development is generally considered to be acceptable where the Planning Authority is satisfied that the development would be compatible with the overall policies and objectives for the zone, would not have undesirable effects, and would otherwise be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Impact on the Residential amenity and integration with the Visual Amenity of the Area

The proposed development would include the demolition of No.4 Dublin Street and the replacement of this structure with a new single storey building for the full width of the frontage onto Dublin Road and extending for the full depth of the site (28.36m) along the southern boundary (adjoining No.6 Dublin Street). The replacement building would align with No.2 Dublin Road with a pitched roof for the full extent of the building. It would accommodate a workshop, multimedia room, kitchen, classroom and plant rooms. With the exception of a number of rooflights the windows and doors to this building would open out onto the central courtyard area. This building would have a pitched roof replacing an existing flat roof and although higher than the existing building on site would have a similar depth. It is not therefore envisaged the structure would result in a reduction of daylight or privacy to the adjoining residential occupiers at No.6 Dublin Street.

A proposed single storey building along the eastern (rear) boundary would extend along this boundary for a distance of 8.66m and would have a height of 3.2m to the eaves, stepping back from the boundary with an overall height of 5.32m. It would accommodate the gallery, with a glazed elevation onto the internal courtyard and a lantern style window in the roof with a frontage onto the laneway to the south of George's Square. The adjoining property Nos.5-6 George's Square to the east has windows at ground and first floor level along its western elevation which face the laneway. There are a further two circulatory windows/non habitable rooms at first floor level to this property which overlook the rear of the subject site and the proposed gallery. Given the design of the proposed gallery building it is not considered the development would impact on the daylight or privacy to these windows. Whilst the northern window of the gallery facing the laneway may cause an element of oblique overlooking to the windows of Nos.5-6 George's Square, it would enhance the natural surveillance of the laneway and the street.

The proposed works to No.2 Dublin Street would include the refurbishment of the protected structure and the demolition of a number of rear additions to the original building. The existing sheds abutting the courthouse to the north would be replaced by a new single storey extension attached to the main building to accommodate an office and ancillary rooms. This building would have a colonnade area facing the internal courtyard with a doorway only onto the laneway. It is not considered this extension would impact on the amenities of the adjoining properties including the Courthouse.

Although the proposed development would increase the current activity on the site, it is considered the proposed uses are appropriate in a town centre setting and not incompatible with the adjoining residential and mixed uses in the immediate locality. The refurbishment of the site with the use of high-quality materials and the reuse of No.2 Dublin Street is welcomed by the Planning Authority and the overall development would positively contribute to the character and appearance of the streetscape.

Having regard to the careful consideration and design of the proposed development it is considered it would enhance the overall character of the site and would not negatively impact on the residential amenity of the immediate residential properties.

Impact on the protected structure and ACA:

No.2 Dublin Street is a protected structure, and the subject site is located within Balbriggan ACA. The Fingal Development Plan 2023 -2029 sets out various policies and objectives with respect to the importance of the retention and re - use of architectural built heritage together with development within ACA's. In particular is it is noted that there is a strong focus on the re-use and adaption of existing buildings over demolition and replacement within the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

The Conservation office have commented on the proposal and note the roof, external walls, windows and doors to No.2 Dublin Street are proposed to be repaired and refurbished to best conservation standards. All repair works to existing roofs, valleys and parapets and to surviving elements of the historic fabric of the protected structure including staircases, balustrades, cornices, door cases, panelling will be carried out to best conservation practice and will maintain and protect the character of the protected structure.

The non-original extensions on either side of the staircase to the rear of No. 2 are proposed to be demolished. These extensions were later additions to the main building and their removal would allow the original form of the rear of the main building to be read. The proposed works will have a positive effect on the building as they will ensure the future use and maintenance of the building.

The proposed new single-storey structures at No. 2 Dublin Street and the gallery building have contemporary elevations to Dublin Street and to the rear laneway. These new structures are proposed as pitched roof volumes to the side and rear of the protected structure with standing seam zinc roofs and grey/buff brickwork. The distinctive contemporary form and limited palette of high-quality materials of the proposed structures are sympathetic to the character of the protected structure and its setting and contribute to the character of the street and the ACA.

The Conservation Office request that details of the timber sash window repairs are agreed in consultation with the Conservation Office, and that all works are carried out in accordance with good conservation practice and where possible the insertion of new mechanical and electrical services facilities will utilise existing service runs to minimise the impact on historic fabric.

The office concludes the repairs and alterations proposed to the protected structure, carried out in accordance with good conservation practice, will have a positive effect as these works will ensure the future use and maintenance of the building, and conserve the character of the main western façade, retaining and enhancing the positive impact the building has on the streetscape of Dublin Street.

Archaeology:

The Heritage officer/archaeologist has commented on the proposal and notes, the site of the proposed development has previously been developed and the potential impact on archaeological remains by the proposed works can be considered to be negligible. Therefore , there are no objections to this development on archaeological grounds.

Ecological considerations:

A Bat survey was carried out as part of the proposal by Altemar Ltd.. The site is within an existing brightly lit urban area and is not proximate to an area for bats. A field survey was carried out of the site, including the trees and structures therein and there was no found evidence of bats or bat roosting potential within the site. The report acknowledges the proposed development will change the local environment as demolition works are proposed and new structures are to be erected. However, it concludes in the medium-long term, no significant effect would be foreseen, and the proposed development will not impact on flightlines. The Planning Authority would concur with the survey results as detailed.

Services & Drainage:

The water services section have noted the existing site development appears to be discharging combined flows (both foul and surface water) into the existing Irish Water network. Whilst this would have been the norm historically, separate networks have since been constructed and discharges should be separated. The water services section recommend a number of condition including no surface water / rainwater shall be allowed to discharge into the foul water system, and no foul water shall be discharged into the surface water network. All new works shall comply with the Irish Water standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and Irish Water Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03.

In terms of SuDS measures the draft surface water drainage proposal allows only for an integrated treepit within the courtyard. The water services section recommend the provision of additional SuDS measures should be explored to include additional measures aimed to target the four SuDS pillars ie water quality, reduction in runoff, amenity and biodiversity.

Transportation Considerations:

The Transportation Planning section have commented on the proposal and would require car and bicycle parking provision for the development to be in accordance with the County Development Plan 2023-2029 development management standards. The proposed development is located in 'zone 1' and in accordance with the County Development Plan standards as the development would be located within 1.6km of Balbriggan Train station it may attract a lower parking requirement subject to assessment.

The Transport Planning section would not support further intensification of the use of the laneway off George Street/Hampton Street and would require further consideration of the access requirements for the development.

Appropriate Assessment screening:

An Appropriate Assessment (Screening) Report has been prepared by Altemar. This report states the storm water and foul water generated onsite during the construction and operational phases on site will enter the combined existing sewer system at Georges Square and flow east to Barnageeragh Wastewater. It will be treated under licence before being discharged into the Irish Sea. This WwTP is located approximately 4.1 km from the proposed site. The Irish Water Report from 2020 on Barnageeragh WwTP stated that this plant's capacity will not be exceeded in the next three years and the Organic Capacity (PE) remaining is 27,501. The proposed development will comply with the remaining capacities in this WwTP.

There is no direct hydrological pathway to European Sites from the Subject site. The nearest European site (River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA) is 5.1 km from the proposed development site. The River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA is located 5.1km up the coast from the proposed site and it is, therefore, unlikely that any pollutants or chemicals from the site, that potentially enters the watercourse would impact on the conservation objectives or features of interest (Wetlands and Waterbirds) of this European site. All surface water and foul water will enter the combined network.

The River Matt flows east into the Irish Sea, 105m to the north of the proposed site. Should surface water from the road network enter the Matt River, there is a significant distance between the Matt River to

European sites (min 5km) to allow for dilution and mixing to negligible levels at European sites based in the marine environment.

The conclusions of the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report are considered acceptable. However the concerns raised by the Water Services section regarding the discharging of both foul and surface water into the existing Irish Water network are noted. Having regard to the location of the proposed development, nature of the proposed development and the pathways between the application site and Natura 2000 sites within the identified zone of influence and the distance from the application site to the applicable Natura 2000 site, in comparison with the existing baseline, it is considered that there is no likelihood of significant effects on any European sites during the construction or operation of the Proposed Project. It is further considered that there are no other plans or projects that will act in combination with the Proposed Project to have a significant effect on European sites. It is considered that the Proposed Project individually or in combination with another plan or project, will not have a significant effect on any European sites.

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening

An Environmental Impact Screening Assessment is included with the submission, prepared by Doyle Kent Planning Partnership Ltd.

The proposed development is a project of a type specified in 10(b)(iv) of Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Regulations, being within a built-up area, but at 0.057 ha is significantly below either the thresholds of 2 or 10 hectares. Waste generated during demolition and construction works will be typical of small scale urban development, as set out in the Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic and Waste Management by Hayes Higgins Partnership, Chartered Engineers. Waste during the operational phase will be largely domestic type municipal waste of modest volume.

The proposed development is sub-threshold in relation to the criteria and thresholds set out in Schedule 5, Part 2, of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended. It is concluded having regard to the nature, scale and location of the subject site, as also to the mitigation measures set out in the relevant reports including, in particular, the Conservation Report by Paul Keogh Architects, the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, by Altemar, and the Preliminary Construction Management Plan including Traffic and Waste Management, that the proposed development, by itself or in combination with other projects, is not likely to have significant effects on the environment (direct, indirect or cumulatively with other development). Accordingly, it is considered that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required as the proposal is not of a scale which would fall within the fifth schedule of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) requiring a mandatory EIA. The conclusion of the Screening Report is considered reasonable taking into account the scale of the development site, nature of works involved and environmental sensitivities of the area.

Conclusion

The site is located in an area, which is zoned as 'Major Town Centre' in the County Development Plan, 2023-2029 and the proposed uses are compatible with this zoning. The proposed uses and development would contribute to the regeneration of the town centre. The design and scale of the contemporary new structures and uses would not impact on the residential amenity of the neighbouring residential occupiers and would improve the streetscape. The reuse, refurbishment, and upgrading of the protected structure (No.2 Dublin Street) is sympathetic and appropriate for the building. Overall it is considered the proposed development would contribute to the character of the ACA. The proposed development is generally considered to accord with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and there are no objections to the initiation of the formal Part XI process.

The following points could be taken into consideration in drafting of the final proposal for consideration under the provisions of Part XI and should be set out on revised drawings/documents where appropriate:

1. The proposed bicycle and car parking should be assessed in accordance with the County Development Plan 2023-2027 development management standards.

2. Further consultation with the Transportation Planning section regarding the use of the laneway off George's Square.

3. No foul water shall be discharged into the surface water network.

4. No surface water / rainwater shall be discharged into the foul water system.

5. The provision of additional SuDS measures should be explored to include additional measures aimed to target the four SuDS pillars ie water quality, reduction in runoff, amenity and biodiversity.

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

1. A final Construction Management Plan where required should be agreed with the Operations Department prior to construction of the proposed development.

2. The proposed sash window repair works to the protected structure will be carried out in consultation with the Conservation Office.

3. Repair works to existing roofs, valleys and parapets and to surviving elements of the historic fabric of the protected structure including staircases, balustrades, cornices, door cases, and panelling will be carried out to best conservation practice.

4. Where possible the insertion of new mechanical and electrical services facilities will utilise existing service runs to minimise the impact on the historic fabric of the protected structure.

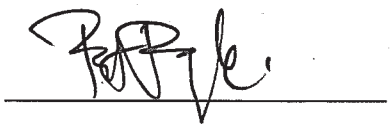
5. The proposal shall comply with the "Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

6. All new works shall comply with Irish Water standard details document IW-CDS-5020-01 and Irish Water Code of Practice IW-CDS-5020-03.



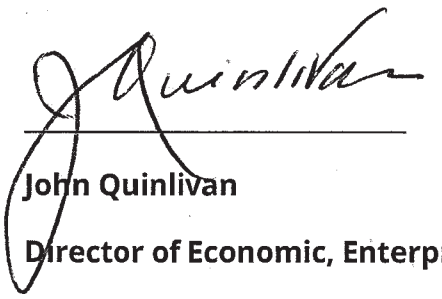
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MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 24

Proposed Amendments to the Road Traffic (Special Speed Limits) (County of Fingal) Bye-Laws 2020 - Chapel Road, Kinsealy

Presentation to be given at the Council Meeting

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Draft Fingal County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023

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Made by Fingal County Council, under Section 199 of the Local Government Act 2001(as amended) for the Regulation of Cemeteries, in the operational control or in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

Title and Commencement

Fingal County Council pursuant to Section 199(1) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) makes the following Bye-Laws in relation to the regulation of burial grounds provided by or under the control or management of Fingal County Council.

These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Fingal County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023 and shall come into effect on XX_MONTH_2023.

1. Interpretation of Terms

Throughout these Bye-Laws the use of the following terms shall have the following means:

"The Council" shall mean Fingal County Council.

"Cemetery" shall mean any Cemetery or Burial Ground under the control or in the ownership of the Council.

"Grave space" shall mean an area designated for the burial of persons.

"Lawn Cemetery" shall mean a Cemetery or part of a Cemetery wherein kerbs or other such items shall not be permitted and where all parts of the Cemetery comprising burial plots shall be maintained as grassed areas.

"Burial Plot" shall mean an area of a graveyard consisting of one or two grave spaces otherwise described as a single plot or a family plot.

"Columbarium" shall mean a wall for the storage of urns holding cremated remains

"Member of the same Family" shall mean the Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Partner, Son, Daughter, Sister, Brother, Aunt, Uncle, Niece, Nephew, Grandparent or Grandchild of the persons interred in a specific grave.

"Cemetery Office" shall mean the office of the Caretaker where administration for all Cemeteries is carried out.

"Closed Burial Ground" shall mean any Cemetery that has been closed by ministerial order.

"Caretaker" shall mean the Caretaker at the time being of any Cemetery under the control or in the ownership of the Council.

"Right of Burial" shall mean the right to be interred or to have cremated remains interred in a particular grave space, whether under these Bye-Laws or otherwise.

"Deed Owner" shall mean the person who purchased a Certificate of Right of Burial in accordance with Bye-Law 10, or if that person is deceased, the person or persons

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who arranges for the erection of the headstone or any other structure over the grave plot identified in the Certificate of Right of Burial.

"Plinth" shall mean where it is already provided in a Cemetery, the reinforced concrete foundation designed as a continuously supported ground beam to support Headstones or Memorials.

2. Application of Bye-Laws

These Bye-Laws shall apply to all Cemeteries under the control or in the ownership of the Council as set out in Schedule 1.

3. Layout (Only applicable to new Burial Grounds)

All new burial grounds will be developed on a lawn style layout. Where appropriate, extensions to existing burial grounds will also be developed in this style.

4. Grave Spaces

4.1 Designation

The designation of areas within a Cemetery as being grave spaces suitable for any particular mode of burial is at the discretion of the Council.

4.2 Grave Spaces

In all new Cemeteries, the area to be used for graves shall be divided into grave spaces, to be designated by convenient marks, so that the position of each grave space may be readily ascertained.

The purchase of a Licence to burial in a plot is open to all, without regard to religious persuasion. All open burial grounds in the control of or in the ownership of Fingal County Council are multi-denominational and non-denominational.

4.3 Capacity

The Council reserves the right to determine the capacity of each grave space and cannot be held responsible for the capacity of any grave space unless a depth test is carried out.

4.4 Planting of Trees

No trees shall be planted on any grave space in the Cemetery.

4.5 Shrubs and Flowers

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The planting of shrubs and flowers in lawn Cemeteries is not permitted.

5.6 Human Remains

Only human remains and cremated human remains shall be interred in a Cemetery.

5. Funerals

5.1 Hours

The hours of funerals shall be as laid out in Schedule 2

5.2 Notice

Orders for burials, including all necessary information specified in Bye-Law 5.3, must be furnished to the Cemetery Office as early as possible and at the latest by 12.00 noon on the day preceding interment. Where the interment is to take place on a Monday the order and other necessary information, must be received by the Cemetery Office before 12.00 noon of the preceding Friday, at the latest.

5.3 Information to be furnished

The information which must be furnished to the Cemetery Office prior to any interment in accordance with Bye-Law 5.2 above is;

a) Name and age of deceased.
b) Last residence of deceased.
c) Place of death.
d) Time and place of funeral service.
e) Date and hour of arrival of funeral cortege.
f) Size of coffin, detailing width, length and depth including handles and any ornate mountings.
g) Name of funeral director if applicable
h) In the case of an infant, a medical certificate or letter from relevant hospital.
i) In the case of cremated remains, a certificate from the crematorium.

5.4 Time of Arrival

It is essential that the arrival of all funerals be regulated by the Council so as not to disturb earlier funerals or cause congestion.

6. Interments

6.1 First Interment

Each grave, when opened for the first interment therein, shall be sunk to the perpendicular depth of 2.44m/8ft at least, or in case the nature of the sub-soil will

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not permit the grave being sunk to such depth, then to such lesser depth which the council shall specify.

6.2 Mode of Burial

No interment shall be permitted in any burial ground, nor shall any deceased person be admitted into any place of reception of bodies previous to interment, unless the body is enclosed in a coffin of wood or other sufficiently strong material. Un-coffined burials may be permitted, unless a direction has been issued not to do so by the Council, in an area of a burial ground designated exclusively for that purpose. Where an un-coffined burial is permitted, any reference in this policy to a coffin includes a reference to the wrappings of the un-coffined body.
Any person presenting a body for interment in violation of this rule shall be liable to a penalty of €125.

6.3 Cremation

Cremation Chambers which hold the cremated remains of deceased persons in urns are available in St. Fintan's, Fingal, Flemington, Mulhuddart and Balgriffin new extension burial grounds only. Cremation headstones are provided at these burial grounds. Alternatively, a burial ground plot may also be purchased, or an existing plot used for the interment of ashes in any burial ground.
In all cases of interment of ashes, the Council must be contacted by the Undertaker before commencement of interment and prior to ashes being removed. Cremated remains must be contained in an urn or small casket. Scattering of cremated remains is not permitted.

6.4 Interruption of Interment

Any person unlawfully preventing or attempting to prevent the interment of any person in a Cemetery, or unlawfully preventing or disturbing the celebration of funeral rites over any person, shall be in breach of these Bye-Laws.

6.5 Exhumation

The Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act 1948 and Local Government Acts 1925 – 2001 gives Fingal County Council the power to grant an Exhumation Licence to anybody wishing to exhume remains from any Cemetery in its administrative area, under certain conditions.

No grave shall be opened nor shall the remains of any body be removed from a grave nor transferred from one place of burial to another except under the circumstances and subject to the conditions specially provided by law in that regard, and except with the prior written consent of the Council and upon payment of the prescribed fees.

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7. Opening of Graves

7.1 The Caretaker must always be notified prior to the opening of a grave.

7.2 No grave, in which any body has been interred, shall be opened, save for the purpose of interment or exhumation or the erection of a tombstone or headstone, without the written permission of the Council, which must be produced in advance to the Caretaker.

7.3 Depth of burial shall be in accordance with Bye-Law 6.1.

7.4 In cemeteries, where Council employees are not employed to open/close graves, a grave space owner shall employ his own workmen to carry out such works. Such workmen shall comply with such conditions as may be specified from time to time by the Council. Any person contravening this Bye-Law shall immediately leave the cemetery on request and shall not enter without the permission of the Council.

8. Funeral Directors/Monumental Sculptors/Stonemasons

8.1 All funeral directors/monumental sculptors/stonemasons engaged in providing services at the Cemetery shall have in place Public Liability Insurance cover to a minimum value of €6.5 million, Employers Liability Insurance Cover to a minimum value of €13 million and Product Liability Insurance Cover to a minimum value of €6.5 million. All policies shall be extended to specifically indemnify Fingal County Council against any or all claims which may arise.

8.2 Funeral Directors must ensure that coffins/caskets are fitted with handles that will support the lowering of the coffin.

8.3 Any monumental sculptor or stonemason wishing to carry out work in any Cemetery in the Fingal area, must apply to the Council for a permit to carry out installation of a headstone. If any subsequent works are to be carried out these works must be conducted in the presence of the Caretaker.

8.4 The Council reserves the right to refuse any application from a funeral director/monumental sculptor or stonemason who has accrued significant arrears in the provision of services with the Council.

9. Register of Burials

9.1 A proper Register (hereinafter referred to as the Register) shall be permanently kept in the Cemetery Office for reference by authorised persons during office hours as specified in Schedule 2.

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No person, except authorised persons employed by the Council, shall be permitted to record in the Register.

10. Purchase of Exclusive Right of Burial

10.1 Plots in all burial grounds will be available for purchase upon death only. Plots are not available for pre-purchase.

10.2 Only single plots will be available for purchase. Up to a maximum of three coffin burials will be permitted in a single grave, subject to conditions. The grant of any place of burial shall vest in the grantee a right of burial only.

11. Transfer of Exclusive Right of Burial

11.1 Plots which have already been pre-purchased in all burial grounds can only be sold back to the Council.

Permission in writing is required from the owner of the plot, giving the Council permission to transfer ownership. The letter must state the name, address and contact number of the new owner/s. A copy of a birth certificate is also required from the new owner/s. Where a Transfer of Ownership takes place, a letter will be sent to the original owner informing them of the transfer.

11.2 Plots may only be transferred between immediate family members (i.e. mother, father, sister, brother, daughter or son) subject to consents from other family members being obtained, if applicable.

12. Maintenance of Plots

12.1 The Council is responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and cleaning of the public realm areas only of the burial ground.

12.2 The Council does not provide a maintenance service to plot owners.

12.3 The upkeep of a vault, grave, headstone or monument is the responsibility of the owner of the grave / plot.

12.2 The responsibility for the installation of memorials and memorial artefacts rests with the owner of the grave plot, the monumental contractor and /or monumental sculptor.

12.2 The removal of broken or other monuments is the responsibility of the grave space owner. The Council may take down and remove any monument, headstone or any other object which may have been placed at any time within the cemetery which

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may have fallen into decay or which, in the opinion of the Council is not being maintained or has become a nuisance, health and safety risk or a danger to cemetery users.

12.3 The Council is not responsible for keeping an inscription, foundation, headstone, kerbing, tomb, vault or other memorial artefact or structure of any description or kind whatsoever in repair or in proper condition. The Council will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to memorials etc., occasioned by third parties, or by storm, wind, lightning, subsidence, or other cause.

13. Fencing

Every Cemetery shall, in as much as is practicable, be kept sufficiently secured.

14. Filming/Photography

14.1 The use of still, cine and television cameras or other recording devices is strictly prohibited at or near any grave space before, during or after an internment. Such equipment shall not be used to photograph mourners or any part of a funeral cortege within the Cemetery.

14.2 Any person who wishes to engage in commercial filming/photography in any Cemetery may apply in writing to the Council.

15. Monuments

15.1 No monumental structure of any kind will be permitted on any grave unless the exclusive right of burial has been purchased in accordance with Bye-Law 10. The design and draft of inscription must also be approved by the Council. The prescribed fee (in accordance with Schedule 3) must be paid and the size of the monument must be in accordance with the council specifications outlined in Section 15.2

15.2 Erection of Monuments

An application form to erect a headstone and kerbing or to replace an existing headstone and kerbing must be submitted to the Council.

The maximum height for headstones/monuments inclusive of plinth and all works associated therewith in all burial grounds or extensions is 1.68m/5ft 6in above ground level.

The maximum height for Celtic Crosses inclusive of plinth and all works associated therewith in all burial grounds or extensions is 2.13m/7ft above ground level.

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15.3 Specification of Monuments

The headstone is to be of natural stone only, viz. marble, limestone or granite and is to be erected on a proper concrete foundation at a normal minimum depth of two feet. The actual depth will depend on ground conditions encountered. Surround when constructed should be to edge of haunching 2.74m x 1.22m/9' x 4 ' (single space) and 2.74m x 2.44m/9' x 8' (double space) and should have continuous concrete foundation.

Headstones and kerbs to be kept within the grave space and in line with adjoining tombstones. The permit holder will be liable for any damage caused to adjoining graves by reason of carrying out excavation work. Notification must be given to the Burial Ground Caretaker/Supervisor when the permit holder is ready to commence work. The grave space, number and section should be cut on the kerb of the headstone. This permission is given only on the understanding that the Council will under no circumstances be responsible for damage from any cause whatsoever including vandalism to the headstone surround, foundation, and other non-Council property.

No foundation concrete shall be poured until the appropriate Inspector or Caretaker has been contacted (48 hours notice required) and they have approved same. The headstone must be erected in the position and face the direction indicated by the Caretaker/Supervisor. The plot is to be left in a neat condition and all surplus material removed from the Burial Ground. Where the bunker is provided, surplus material may be deposited there.

15.4 Removal of Monuments

Monuments are to be kept in good repair.

The erection of monuments is permitted under the express condition that they are kept in good repair by their owners. The Council will remove monuments that become dangerous.

Owners of monuments are bound to indemnify the Council against any claim by any person arising out of the condition or state of repair thereof.

Under no circumstances can the council guarantee the preservation of any monument nor accept any responsibility for any damage or accident thereto.

The Council shall take down any monument which has been erected contrary to the terms and conditions upon which permission to erect same was granted or in the event of it being erected without an official permit from the Council.

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16. Sale of Articles

16.1 No persons shall engage in casual trading in or in the vicinity of any Cemetery without a licence from the Council, in accordance with the Council's Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

16.2 No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale any articles, commodity, services or thing of any kind whatsoever or solicit for orders for same within the Cemetery.

16.3 Any person soliciting orders within a Cemetery or Cemeteries for the erection or repair of memorials will be required to leave the Cemetery and will not be admitted again without the permission of the Council.

17. Visitors

17.1 Visitors to the Cemetery shall enter or leave the Cemetery only by means of the entrance. A visitor shall close and re-secure any gate he/she opens at a Cemetery.

17.2 Visitors driving into the Cemetery do so at their own risk. The Council does not accept any responsibility for any theft from or damage to these vehicles.

17.3 No vehicles with the exception of funeral cars and vehicles or wheelchairs carrying disabled persons shall be allowed enter the Cemetery without the Caretaker's permission.

17.4 Visitors shall not walk on any of the shrubberies, graves or enclosures, but shall confine themselves to the paths or avenues therein where provided.

17.5 Visitors shall not interfere with any of the tombs or monuments or headstones or with the Columbarium or with any flowers, shrubs or wreaths within the Cemetery.

17.6 Visitors shall not litter within the Cemetery.

17.7 The exercise of dogs within the Cemetery is not permitted. Where dogs accompany visitors to the Cemetery, the owner must remove and dispose of any dog foul generated by their dog. The failure to remove and dispose of any dog foul in this regard constitutes a contravention of this Bye-Law.

18. Misconduct/Nuisance

18.1 Any agent of the council shall at all times be entitled and at liberty to remove from the Cemetery any person who may be guilty of misconduct therein and to prevent any person from entering the Cemetery at prohibited times.

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18.2 For the purposes of this Bye-Law, misconduct shall include but not be exclusive to the following:

- Any behaviour of a criminal, immoral, lewd or offensive nature;
- The consumption of alcoholic drinks or controlled drugs as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 as amended.
- Dumping, fly tipping, theft, assault, driving without due care, play radios or stereos.
- Making noise levels so loud to be considered a nuisance.
- Wilfully defacing, destroying or damaging any building, wall, fence, monument, headstone, tablet, noticeboard or any other article belonging to the Council or deed holders of a plot.
- Pulling up any tree, shrub or flower therein.
- Putting up any bill or notice on any wall.
- Playing any game or sport therein.
- Disturbing any persons assembled in the Cemetery for a burial.
- Committing any nuisance within the Cemetery.
- Using a Cemetery exclusively to exercise a dog
- Failing to remove any dog foul or litter

19. Heritage and Conservation

19.1 Historic Graveyards Protected Status

There are 54 historic graveyards within Fingal. Most if not all of the historic graveyards contain the remains of older churches and grave stones or markers that are protected as archaeological monuments, known as Recorded or National Monuments, by National Monument legislation and are generally also designated Protected Structures under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). These protections are noted by icons on the Fingal County Development Plan Maps and so these maps can be checked to clarify the status of the sites (see https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/development-plans). New works or changes made within these sites need to be sensitive to and appropriate for the historic setting and structures and to any archaeological remains below ground.

19.2 New Grave Spaces and Headstones/Markers

The opening of new grave spaces within an active historic graveyard should adhere to the guidance provided under Section 4 Grave Spaces and Section 6 Internments.

19.3 Opening of or Repair of Existing Historic Graves

The opening of a grave within an existing historic plot for a new burial shall only be permitted where a Right of Burial still applies. Care needs to be taken not to damage the historic gravestone or marker to the plot. The repair of historic

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gravestones or markers where the graveyard is a recorded archaeological monument need to adhere to the requirements of National Monument legislation.

19.4 Other Works within Historic Graveyards

New facilities or improvement works within historic graveyards or in the vicinity of the historic boundary (such as paths, kerbing, lighting, drainage, waste facilities, signage) need to adhere to the requirements of National Monument legislation.

20. Health and Safety

20.1 All persons carrying out works within a cemetery will have due regard to and shall comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety legislation.

20.2 All persons carrying out work within a Cemetery shall comply with the Council's procedures for Occupational Safety, Health and Welfare Requirements for Contractors, Grave Diggers, Masons, Undertakers and Funeral Directors.

21. Columbarium Walls

21.1 The Council reserves the right to determine the number and type of receptacle in each standard niche in a columbarium wall. Typically, a niche will cater for 2 standard receptacles.

21.2 Ashes must be contained in standard receptacles as specified by the Council.

21.3 Only Council personnel will be authorised to open a niche in the columbarium.

21.4 An application to acquire a niche in a columbarium wall must be made to and approved by an authorised person of the Council, prior to ashes being placed in any niche.

21.5 The granting of a licence of a niche in a columbarium wall shall be subject to a fee, as specified by the Council.

21.6 The grant of a licence of a niche in a columbarium wall shall vest in the grantee a right to place ashes therein only.

21.7 The placing of ashes in a columbarium wall niche must be carried out under the supervision of the Caretaker. The placing of any ashes in a columbarium wall must be recorded in the Register of Burials.

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22. Works in Cemeteries

No persons shall engage in works in any Cemetery except where expressly requested by the Council (including sculptors, landscape and landscape workers) without prior permission from the Council.

All surplus materials left over when the work has been completed must be removed from within the confines of the Cemetery by the persons carrying out the works or the Deed Owner at the time of the completion of the works.

Any damage caused to lawns, grave spaces, walls, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property within a Cemetery by persons carrying out work must be repaired by those persons causing such damage.

23. Contravention of Bye-Laws

23.1 If any person contravenes any specified provision of these Bye-Laws, the Council may, pursuant to Section 206 (1) of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) serve on such person a Fixed Payment Notice, specifying a fixed payment, as an alternative to prosecution of such an offence. The amount of the fixed payment is €75 and the said fixed payment must be paid within twenty eight days of service of such Fixed Payment Notice is such person is to avoid prosecution.

23.2 Any person served with a Fixed Payment Notice is entitled to disregard such notice and defend a prosecution of the alleged contravention in Court. In such an event, and upon prosecution in Court, if a person is found to have contravened any specific provision of these Bye-Laws identified as an offence, they shall be guilty of an offence under Section 205 of the Local Government Act, 2001 and shall be liable upon summary conviction by the Court to a fine not exceeding €2,500.

24. Legislation, Regulations, and Guidelines

The management of burial grounds is governed by various health legislation, regulations, circulars, guidelines and policy which are set out hereunder:

Legislation:

- Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 2001
- The Local Government Act 2001 (Bye-Laws) Regulations 2006
- National Monuments Acts 1930 – 2014
- Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992

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- Burial Grounds (Amendment) Regulations, 2013
- Planning & Development Regulations, 2001(Part 8 of S.I No. 600)

SCHEDULE 1 – FINGAL BURIAL GROUNDS

Burial Grounds	Available Plots for Sale	Access	Contact Number
Ardla	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Balbriggan	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Baldungan	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Balgriffin	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8460049
Ballyboughal	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Ballymadun	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Balrothery	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Balscadden (Delahassey)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Chapelmidway	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Donabate (Ballalease)	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Fingal	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8460049
Flemington	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Garristown	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Grallagh	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000

Burial Grounds	Available Plots for Sale	Access	Contact Number
Hollywood	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Holmpatrick	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Kenure (Old Church)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Kilbarrack	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8393877
Kileek	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Killossary (old Rolestown)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Kinsealy (St. Nicholas)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Lusk (The Tower)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Mulhuddart	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Malahide	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Naul	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Old Abbey, Howth	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8393877
Palmerstown (Oldtown)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Portmarnock (St. Marnocs)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Portrane	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000

Burial Grounds	Available Plots for Sale	Access	Contact Number
Rolestown	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
St. Fintans	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8393877
St. Margarets (St. Margarets)	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
St. Mobhi	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
The Ward	None	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Westpalstown	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000
Whitestown Rush (St. Maurs)	Yes	24 Hour Pedestrian Access	8905000

SCHEDULE 2 – OPERATING TIMES

Onsite Burial Ground Office Opening Hours	9am – 3:30pm (Mon – Fri)
Burial Ground Visiting Hours (Gates Open)	9am – 4pm (Mon – Fri) *24hr Pedestrian Access is maintained outside of Office / Visiting Hours
Burial Times	10am – 2pm (Mon – Fri) 10am – 2pm Saturday

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SCHEDULE 3 – FINGAL BURIAL GROUND FEES

Burial Ground Fees 2023

	Category	Existing Charge	Proposed Charge
1.	Purchase of grave space without foundation for Headstone Purchase of grave space with foundation for Headstone	€1,400.00 €1,900.00 Plots sold in burial grounds completed prior to 1st July 2010 are not subject to VAT	€1,680.00 €2,280.00 Plots sold in burial grounds completed prior to 1st July 2010 are not subject to VAT
2.	Purchase of grave space in Flemington Burial Ground, Balgriffin and Mulhuddart Extn. (post 2010 VAT application)	€1,900.00 + 13.5% VAT = €2,156.50	€2,280.00 + 13.5% VAT = €2,587.80
3.	Interment Fees (Re-Openings)	€375.00 + 23% VAT = €461.25	No Change
4.	Headstone Permit	€200.00 + 23% VAT = €246.00	No Change
5.	Cremation Plot Fingal & St. Fintan's	€550.00 + 13.5% VAT = €624.25	No Change
6.	Flemington Burial Ground *Columbarium Wall/Ashes Niche Type A (1 large urn or	€1,000.00 + 13.5% VAT = €1,135.00 €1,800.00 + 13.5% VAT = €2,043.00 €2,500.00 + 13.5% VAT = €2,837.50	No Change

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	2 small urns) Type B (1 large urn or 4 small urns) Type C (1 large urn or 8 small urns)		
7.	Ashes (Interred in existing grave)	€275.00 + 23% VAT = **€338.25**	**No Change**
8.	Transfer of Ownership	€250.00 + 23% VAT = **€307.50**	**No Change**
9.	Exhumation Fee (not by court order) **Exhumations by Court Order are exempt**	€750.00 + 23% VAT = **€922.50**	**No Change**
10.	Test Digs	€550.00 + 23% VAT = **€676.50**	**No Change**
11.	Saturday Fee (St. Fintan's, Balgriffin & Fingal)	€121.95 + 23% VAT = **€150.00**	**No Change**

*** The first inscription is included in the prices above for the first interment of ashes. However, all subsequent interments/inscriptions will incur a charge of €275 plus VAT at 23%.**

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SCHEDULE 4

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Burial Ground Bye-Laws

FIXED PAYMENT NOTICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF
SECTION 20 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2001
(BYE-LAW NUMBER 23)

To: Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
_____
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It is alleged that you have contravened the provisions of the Fingal County Council Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023 made under made under Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001
by.....
..... (*general nature of contravention*)
at ..... on .....

During the period of 21 days beginning on the date of this notice you may pay the sum of €75 euro, accompanied by this notice, at the offices of the local authority named in this notice located at County Hall, Swords Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.

A prosecution in respect of the alleged contravention will not be instituted during the said period and if the sum of €75 euro is paid during that period, no prosecution will be instituted at any time.

Signed ..... Date .....
(Authorised Person)

Important: Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cheque and will be accepted at the offices of the local authority specified above and must be accompanied by this notice. Payment may be made by post. Cheques etc. should be made payable to Fingal County Council. A receipt will be given.

You are entitled to disregard this notice and defend the prosecution of the alleged contravention in court.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029

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Foreword:

This Fingal Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029 focuses on increasing participation in sport and physical activities across the County for all.

In doing so, it builds upon the vast array of Fingal County Council supported facilities and initiatives which encourage Active Living in Fingal and identifies areas for future growth and development alongside opportunities for collaboration with key stakeholders.

The merits of increasing participation in sports and physical activities are well documented. Fingal County Council is highly committed to building sustainable, inclusive and active communities and key to this is recognition that increased participation in sports and physical activity brings about social, economic, societal and individual benefits including contributing to positive mental and physical wellbeing and an increased sense of community and belonging.

We recognise that these benefits are not restricted to participation in formal competitive sports but are also evident in increased walking and cycling, gardening and gentle movement and exercise regimes of a more informal nature. In this sense this plan spans the range of collaborative offerings of the Council while addressing stakeholder views on how we can grow, support and promote this concept of participation in an active lifestyle across the county.

The Council plays a significant role in the planning, provision, operation, maintenance and oversight of civic physical infrastructure and facilities in the County and in the ongoing support of voluntary community groups, sports clubs and key stakeholders who work together to promote active, inclusive communities. This plan, grounded in national and local Policy, recognises the value of collaborative working to enhance, develop and grow current and future opportunities to enhance participation in sports and physical activity across the County over the next five years. We believe that the implementation of this plan will contribute to increased levels of activity becoming evident in the lifestyles of people across Fingal which will enhance our social, economic, physical and mental well-being and support an increased sense of community across our County.

Chief Executive

Introduction to the Plan

Introduction

This document sets out a Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal County 2024-2029. In developing and launching this plan, we are fulfilling part of our commitments under Action 8 of the National Sports Policy by adopting a whole of council approach to facilitating and promoting an increase in physical activity across the County for all. We believe in the cross-cutting impacts of regular participation in sport and physical activity such as improved physical and mental health and social connectedness, as well as associated benefits to the wider economy, climate action improvements and regeneration. These are in line with our overall council objectives set out in our Corporate Plan 2019-2024.

This plan reflects our **local** approach and commitment to increasing the proportion of adults that are regularly participating in sport and physical activity (National target of 60% vs baseline position of 44% in 2022) and increasing the number of children meeting the national physical activity guidelines (national baseline 23% primary school and 12% post primary in 2022). We know that participation means different things to different people, so whilst we retain a focus on participation in sport, this plan considers all kinds of physical activity from walking, cycling, dancing, gardening and going to the gym, to team based and competitive sport.

Underpinned by its overarching purpose of ***"Inspiring Active Lifestyles for all in Fingal"*** and building on our existing investments and assets, including our facilities, our natural resources and our passionate and committed staff, this plan will also stimulate and further support a more collaborative and joined up holistic approach to sport and physical activity across the County. Our commitment to supporting active lifestyles across the county spans aspects of many areas including planning, provision and management of public open spaces, sports facilities, grant funding support and partnerships with many key stakeholders. This document should therefore be considered in tandem with our County Development Plan 2023-2029 and relevant cross cutting Fingal County Council polices including those set out in Appendix 2. While this Plan addresses some aspect of infrastructure and facility provision, this is merely in the context of increasing participation in sport and all types of physical activity. The Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 remains the primary source of reference for physical infrastructure and facility provision across the county. Our ambitions for sport and physical activity in the County are captured in 6 overarching commitments, which are brought to life by 56 strategic actions, creating an ambitious plan, but one that we believe we can deliver on.

Our Purpose and Our Commitments

Our Purpose

Inspiring Active lifestyles for all in Fingal

Our 6 Commitments



About Fingal County Council Area

AbAbout Fingal County



- Fingal County Council is one of four local authorities in Dublin.
- Fingal is bordered by Meath to the north, Kildare to the west and by Dublin City to the South.
- Fingal spans an area of 458km^2.
- Fingal has 7 electoral areas: Balbriggan; Rush-Lusk; Swords; Blanchardstown – Mulhuddart; Ongar; Howth-Malahide; Castleknock.
- Fingal's expansive 88km of coastline and unique mix of rural and urban settings create many ideal conditions which foster a wide range of sport and physical activities.

The People



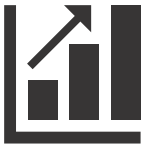
330,506

Population of Fingal (2022)



6.4%

Of the Population of Ireland live in Fingal



400,000+

Estimated Population of Fingal in 2031



93%

Population of Fingal living in urban areas



7%

Population of Fingal living in rural areas



50.8%

Of Fingal's Population is Female



49.2%

Of Fingal's Population is Male

Key Insights About Fingal County Council Area



Fingal has the youngest population of all Local Authority areas.

The average age in Fingal is 33.8 years; compared to 37.4 for the State. 52% of the residents are between the ages 0-34 compared with 47% for the State. Fingal also has a significant population of older citizens at 27.12% (Range of ages – 50-90 and above) compared to the State (13.3%).



Fingal's deprivation level is marginally above average (5.31)

Despite being the second most affluent Local Authority area in Ireland, there are significant pockets of disadvantage in Fingal. 6% of Small Areas (Census small areas are sub-divisions of a county's electoral divisions, generally covering 65-90 households) in Fingal are classed as 'Very Disadvantaged' or 'Disadvantaged'.



Fingal's unemployment rate is lower than State levels

In 2022, Fingal 155,063 (60.5%) of Fingal's working age population were in employment; higher than the national average (56.1%). The female unemployment (4.8%) was slightly below the male rate (5.4%).



Fingal has similar educational attainment levels to the State

In general, Fingal has higher proportional share in third level education at 48.7% than the State (42%). A total of 8.3% of the population of Fingal have no formal education or only attained primary level education, lower than the State at 12.5%.

[1]



In Ireland Fingal has the third highest population of non-Irish nationals

The breakdown of population in Fingal shows us that 87.1% are Irish Nationals, 13% are non-Irish nationals, of which 53.8% Polish, Romanian, English and Lithuanian. Fingal has a larger Black/Black Irish and Asian/Asian Irish population than the rest of the country. In Fingal our population growth increased by 12% on 2016 Census figures with the largest natural increase of 19,183.

[2]



Fingal has a marginally better health profile than the State.

In 2016, 88.5% of the population of Fingal stated that they were in very good or good health, marginally higher than the State (87%). 1.3% stated that their health was very bad or bad compared with 16% for the State. 31,970 people in Fingal have a disability, lower than the State average (10.8% vs. 13.5%).

[1] https://www.cso.ie/en/csolatestreleases/2022/
[2] https://www.cso.ie/en/census/census2016reports/

A Whole Council Approach

This plan reflects a whole council approach to supporting sport and physical activity participation, where all relevant departments and directorates play a proactive and collaborative role in removing barriers and enhancing opportunities for people in Fingal to lead more active lifestyles.

Sport and Physical Activity in Fingal

Digital and People Operations, Finance

- Internal Staffing
- Capital and Revenue Expense
- Communications and Messaging
- Pitch Allocations

Property/EETCD

- Facility Leasing and Licensing

Active Travel

- Walking and Cycling Programmes
- Active Travel Spaces

Community & Sport Development

- Community Initiatives and Targeted Programmes
- Fingal Sports Partnership – Sport Ireland Programmes and Funding
- Sports Capital Funding Applications and Community Sports Grants
- NGB Partnerships and Sports Club Supports
- Sport Development Hubs in Community Centres / Indoor Facilities

Planning and Infrastructure

- Zoning of appropriate areas
- Provision of Outdoor Sports Facilities e.g., New Fingal Hubs

Operations

- Pitch and MUGA Maintenance
- Hub Agreements
- Open Space Maintenance

Healthy Fingal

- Community Initiatives and Programmes

Our Facilities and Spaces

There are a wide range of facilities and spaces for sport and physical activity across the Fingal County Council area. This provides a strong baseline for our sport and physical activity plan. The following are operated and maintained by Fingal County Council:



31
Community centres



180
Sports pitches



56
Playgrounds



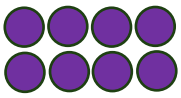
46
Tennis courts



35
Outdoor gyms with equipment



21
Multi-use games areas



10
Boules courts



8
All-weather pitches



88km
Of coastline including associated beaches and trails

- 5 x Cricket grounds
- 4 x Calisthenic equipment
- 4 x Basketball courts
- 4 x Skate parks
- 4 x Trim Trails
- 2 x Bowling greens
- 1 x BMX track
- 1 x Pump track
- 1 x Table tennis table
- 1 x Croquet lawn
- 1 x All-weather athletics track

More than 2000 hectares of public open space are available in Fingal and 180 grass pitches are currently allocated to sports clubs in Fingal in response to local need. With increasing demand for facilities and the need for evening training and sporting activities, Fingal County Council is pioneering the provision of Active Recreational Hubs strategically located in parks and open spaces around the County. This programme is in line with the Council's **"Keeping It Green – Open Space Strategy"** adopted in 2015. Recreational Hubs include high specification and well serviced sports facilities designed for high intensity use, catering for a range of sporting codes and located so that they facilitate ease of access with good connectivity via active travel and sustainable transport infrastructure. Proximity to primary and post primary schools is also a factor in determining the optimum location for these facilities. A core component of this plan will focus on learning from the successes and challenges of existing models to enhance access to quality sport and physical activity facilities across the county.

Our Sports and Physical Activity Clubs

There are 172 sport and activity groups and clubs registered in Fingal County Councils area[3]. The most common sports and physical activity clubs are:



Football/Soccer | **GAA** | **Cricket** | **Basketball** | **Golf**



Tennis | **Martial Arts** | **Athletics** | **Swimming** | **Rugby**

Our County Development Plan 2023-2029

The Fingal Development Plan is a strategic document which envisages Fingal as an integrated network of vibrant socially and economically successful urban settlements and rural communities, strategic greenbelts and open countryside; supporting and contributing to the economic development of the County and the Dublin City Region. The Plan is underpinned by four key cross cutting themes: climate action, healthy place-making and sustainable development, social inclusion and high-quality design. Within the Plan, there are 28 policies which relate to sport, recreation or physical activity, with a total of 76[4] objectives in these areas. These include:



Cycling
33 objectives



Walking
29 objectives



Recreation
25 objectives



Community Facilities
14 objectives



Sport/Leisure Facilities
13 objectives



Open Spaces
9 objectives

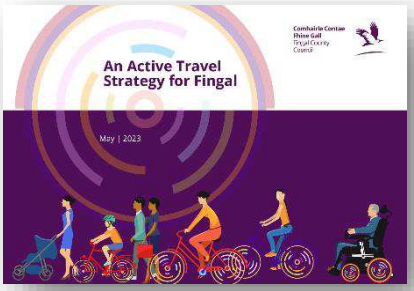


Water Activities
2 objectives

[3] Fingal Public Participation Network Database
[4] A number of objectives include cross references to multiple activities.

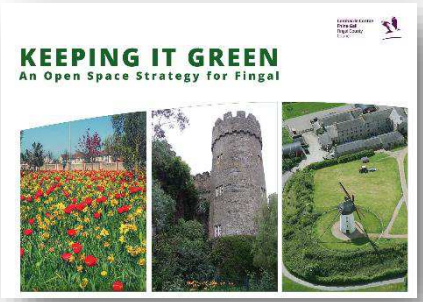
Key Fingal Strategies

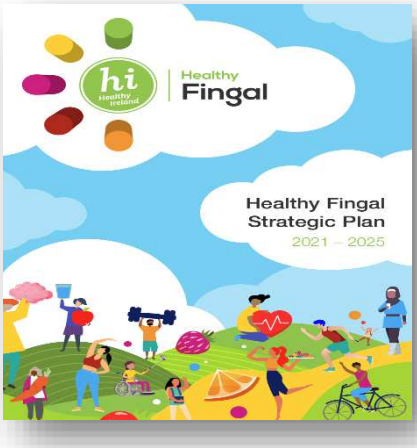
In the spirit of a whole system approach, our local sport and physical activity plan will connect with and complement a range of existing Fingal County Council strategies and policies including for example:



Active Travel means travelling with purpose using your own energy, it includes walking, cycling, scooting, running and wheeling. This strategy sets out Fingal County Council's ambitions to increase the number of people choosing Active Travel for everyday short journeys, and as part of longer journeys by public transport. There is a clear synergy between our Active Travel Strategy and our Sport and Physical Activity Strategy and a strong commitment to work collaboratively to deliver on the aims and objectives of both.

The purpose of this document is to define the appropriate strategy for the planning, development and sustainable management of public open space in Fingal. The focus of this Open Space Strategy is on the publicly owned and/or maintained land, the primary use of which is for outdoor recreation and amenity in Fingal. Collaboration in relation to regional and local parks, public playgrounds and environmental open space will be a key part of this Sport and Physical Activity Strategy.





Our vision for a Healthy Fingal is where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone's responsibility. The focus for the next 3 years is around a reduction in tobacco/vaping use and a reduction in binge drinking. Given the clear link between health and regular participation in sport and physical activity, this plan will synergise closely with our Healthy Fingal partners to ensure collaborative approaches and initiatives.

We will also ensure a strong sport and physical activity voice in the development of future strategies and policies, including the forthcoming Local Economic and Community Plan.

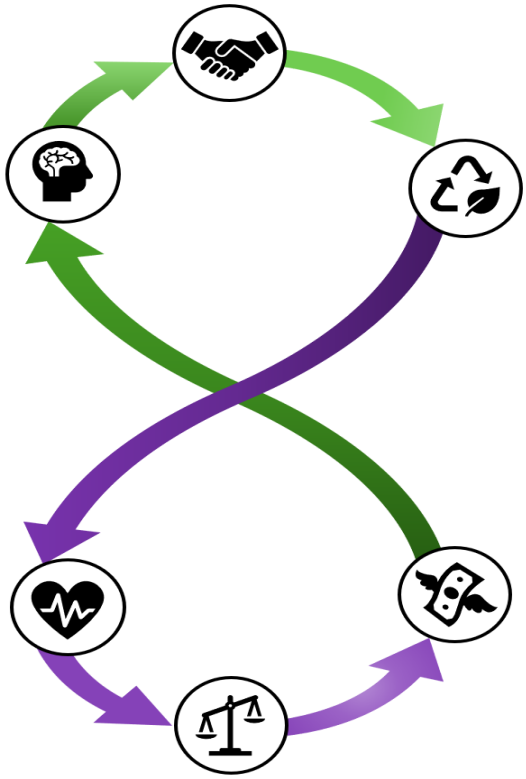
Why is a Sport and Physical Activity Plan Important?

The Cross Cutting Impact of Sport and Physical Activity

Research[5][6][7][8] proves that participation in sport, physical activity and recreation brings significant positive impacts to people, communities, the environment and the economy.

SOCIAL INTERACTION: Physical activity reduces isolation; helps build community networks; and builds social cohesion

MENTAL HEALTH: Physical activity helps manage stress; boost energy levels; improve moods; reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression; and increases self-esteem and cognitive function



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: Active travel reduces fossil fuel consumption; creates a healthier environment; and contributes to less congested and safer roads

PHYSICAL HEALTH: Physical activity helps to prevent and treat long-term health conditions and helps to control weight and manage diseases such as obesity

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Physical activity reduces longer-term healthcare costs in society; reduces sickness absence and enhances productivity at work; and increases tourism

EQUALITY & INCLUSION : Increases access and opportunities to physical activity for all groups, eliminating inequality and fostering integration and inclusiveness with those groups underrepresented in society

[5] *Mental Health - https://paahjournal.com/articles/10.5334/paah.127/*
[6] *Social Interaction - https://assets.gov.ie/7563/23f51643fd1d4ad7abf529e58c8d8041.pdf*
[7] *Equality & Inclusion - https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/2019-11/wis_policy.pdf*
[8] *Environmental Sustainability - 9789241514187-eng.pdf (who.int)*

The Economic Impact of Sport and Physical Activity

In 2021, Sport Ireland commissioned the Sheffield Hallam University's Sport Industry Research Centre (SIRC)[9] to carry out research on the value of Sport in Ireland. The research looked at both the economic impact of sport in Ireland, including a valuation of sport volunteering, as well as the health impact of participation in sport and physical activity in Ireland. The report demonstrates that sport and physical activity has a measurable and substantial impact on the physical and mental health of participants in Ireland who achieve the National Physical Activity Guidelines (150+ minutes per week). The report also demonstrates the importance of sport and physical activity to the Irish economy, in generating and sustaining jobs and output.

- **Participation in sport and physical activity prevents nearly 100,000 cases of disease annually, generating savings to the Government of nearly €0.4bn**
- **Sport-related jobs accounted for 2.8% of all Irish employment in 2018**
- **Sport volunteering in Ireland valued at €1.5bn**
- **Consumers spent €3.3bn on sports related goods and services in 2018**

Sport, Physical Activity & Sustainable Development



September 2015 saw the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) by all 193 Members States of the United Nations (UN). The 2030 Agenda aims to deliver a more sustainable, prosperous and peaceful future for all and sets out a framework for how to achieve this by 2030. This framework is made up of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which cover the social, economic and environmental requirements for a sustainable future. Investing in a more active society through promoting walking, cycling, sport, active recreation and play can contribute directly to achieving many of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)[10]. Fingal County Council is fully committed to the SDGs and this plan, in seeking to inspire Active Lifestyles for all in Fingal sets out how we can make a meaningful and practical contribution at a local level.

[9] https://www.sportireland.ie/news/benefits-of-sport-on-irish-society-and-economy-confirmed-by-new-study
[10] https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272722/9789241514187-eng.pdf

Sport and Physical Activity Participation in Ireland

According to the Irish Sports Monitor Mid-Year Report (2022) and the most recent CSPPA (Children's Sport Participation and Physical Activity) Study (2022):



37%

Of Irish adults classified as 'Highly Active' (considered to be meeting the National Physical Activity Guidelines). This is the lowest level since 2019



21%

Of Irish adults classified as 'Inactive' (did not participate in any activity during the past 7 days). This is on the rise and is at its highest level since 2019 (20%)



44%

Of Irish adults are regularly playing sport - A key aim of the National Sports Policy in Ireland is that 60% of adults regularly playing sport by 2027



12% and 23%

12% of post primary and 23% of primary aged children met the National Physical Activity Guidelines of at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity every day (2022)

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the type of sport, physical activity or recreation that people in Ireland take part in. Individual sports and activities such as walking, running and cycling experienced unprecedented growth; contrastingly indoor and team-based sports and activities experienced decline. Overall, the proportion of Irish adults meeting the National Physical Activity guidelines is now falling, with work needed to restore club membership and volunteering to pre-pandemic levels.

The recent Irish Sports Monitor Research highlights how the changes in participation impacted people differently. For example:

- **Highlight:** Whilst the gender gap for sports participation is still at a much lower level than at the start of the ISM series, the gap has widened to the same level measured in 2017.
- **Highlight:** Socio-economic gradients in sport widened during the pandemic, with those in employment, of higher socio-economic status and with higher levels of education significantly more likely to be involved in sport and physical activity.
- **Highlight:** There remain gaps in participation, in club membership and in volunteering and social participation amongst ethnic minorities, people with a disability and the LGBTQI+ community.

Synergy with National and International Policy

The positive impact of regular sport and physical activity participation is far reaching, cross cutting, and prioritised across government and national policies; this is summarised below:



Governmental Policy Alignment

Programme for Government: Our Shared Future: The Programme shapes the Government's direction until 2025 for Sport and Physical Activity nationally: *Mission 'Universal Health Care'* seeks to promote physical exercise among all sections of society to stimulate long-term health benefits and *Mission 'Building Stronger and Safer Communities'* commits the government to promoting personal health, wellbeing, and physical activity. Finally, *Mission 'A Better Quality of Life for All'* seeks to promote sustainable modes of transport and active travel for their role in environmental sustainability.

Project Ireland 2040 National Planning Framework and the **National Development Plan 2021-2030**: Project Ireland 2040 is the Government's high-level strategic plan for shaping the future

growth and development of Ireland until 2040. Our Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal aligns with Project Ireland 2040's commitments to *enhance sports facilities in Ireland* and to *improve air quality and create a clean environment for a healthy society*; the growth of active travel opportunities in Fingal will support progress towards this objective.

National Development Plan 2021-2030: The National Development Plan sets enhancing sports facilities throughout Ireland as a strategic investment priority and sets specific environmental goals focused on the improvement of air quality and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; again, the growth of active travel opportunities in Fingal will support progress towards this goal.

Climate Action Plan 2023 (CAP2023): The growth in active travel opportunities in Fingal through this strategy will the support the achievement of the Climate Action Plan's goals for a 50% increase in daily active travel journeys by 2030 and a 25% reduction in daily car journeys.

National Sustainable Movement Policy: In increasing opportunities for active travel the Fingal County Council Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 is innately synergised with the purpose of the National Sustainable Movement Policy and its targets for at least 500,000 additional daily active travel and public transport journeys and a 10% reduction in kilometres driven by fossil fuelled cars by 2030.

NTA Active Travel Programme: The work of the NTA's Active Travel Programme is underpinned by the aims and objectives set out in the Government's Climate Action Plan 2023, with a goal to increase the level of walking, cycling and public transport so that these methods of transport will account for 50% of all journeys made by 2030. Projects funded under this Programme are delivered by Local Authorities, evidencing cross-organisational and cross-sectoral synergy with the Fingal County Council Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029.

National Sports Policy Alignment

National Sports Policy 2018-2027: The National Sports Policy is foundational for our Sport and Physical Activity Plan. The National Sports Policy asks Local Authorities to develop 'local sports plans' which review needs and set out actions to increase participation locally. Our Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal delivers on this ask.

Sport Ireland Participation Plan 2021-2024: The Plan has a clear focus on those who have traditionally had fewer opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity and reinforces the importance of developing active places and whole system and community approaches to promoting developing sport and physical activity. These concepts are key to our new Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal.

National Physical Activity Plan: The overarching target of the Plan is to increase the proportion of the population undertaking regular physical activity by 1% per annum, with the aim being that Irish people will better understand physical activity's health benefits and learn how to be more active in their daily lives. Our Sports and Physical Activity plan synergises strongly with this and will contribute to the achievement of the Plan's goals.

National Health Policy Alignment

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013 – 2025: Healthy Ireland takes a "whole of government" and "whole of society" approach to tackling the issues which lead to negative health outcomes. The Framework offers six priority areas of work, two of which offer clear synergy with our Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal: 1) physical activity; and 2) spaces and places for health and wellbeing.

Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone: The Policy aims to create positive mental health and wellbeing amongst the Irish population. Our Sport and Physical Activity Plan for Fingal will contribute to this Policy's objectives as the links between mental health and physical activity are well established. The provision of a range of physical activity opportunities will promote mental resilience.

International Policy Alignment

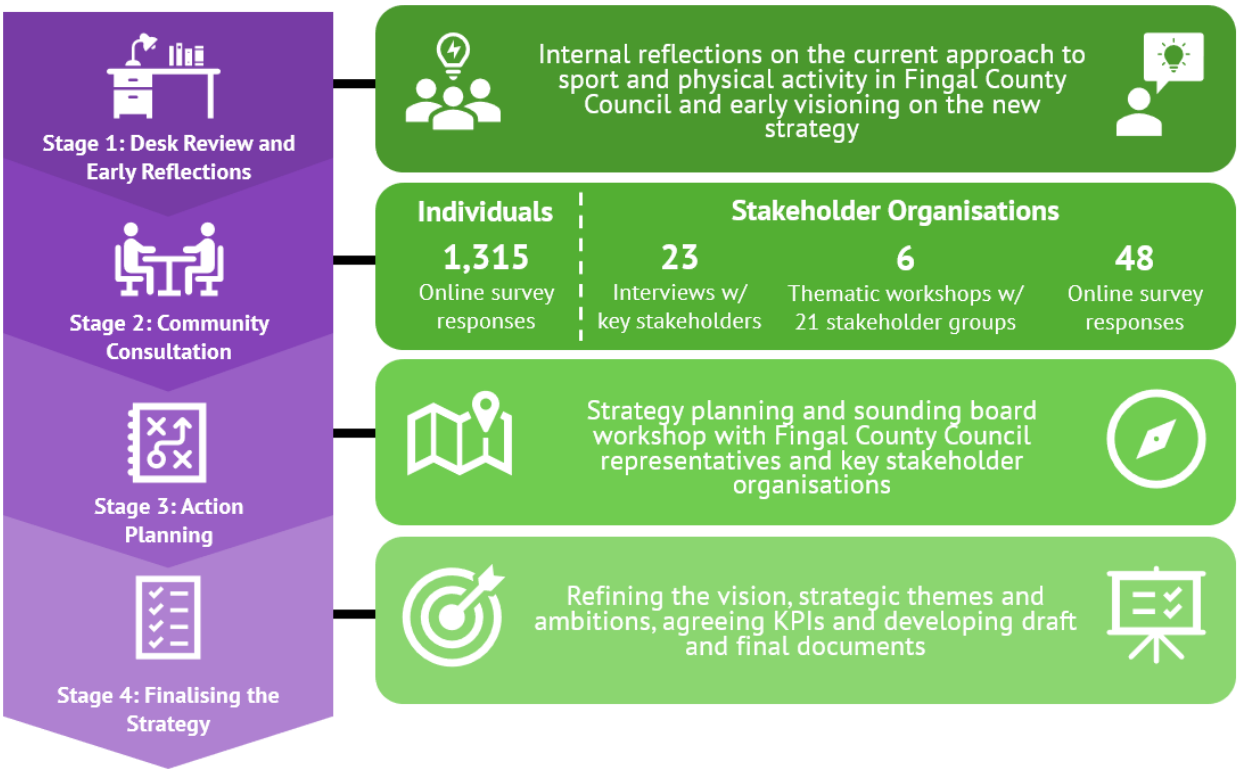
United Nations: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: The Agenda is made up of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aims to deliver a more sustainable, prosperous and peaceful future for all and sets out a framework for how to achieve this by 2030. The Agenda recognises sport as an important enabler of sustainable development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect; the empowerment of women, young people, individuals and communities; and impact on health, education and social inclusion.

Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (GAPPA) Framework 2018-2030: Worldwide, 1 in 4 adults, and 3 in 4 adolescents (aged 11-17 years), do not currently meet the global recommendations for physical activity set by the World Health Organisation (WHO)[11]. Following requests by countries for updated guidance on effective policy actions to increase physical activity at all levels, WHO developed the Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (GAPPA) Framework 2018-2030. The GAPPA Framework emphasises that effective national action to reverse current trends and reduce disparities in physical activity requires a "systems-based" approach with a strategic combination of "upstream" policy actions aimed at improving the social, cultural, economic and environmental factors that support physical activity, combined with "downstream", individually focused (educational and informational) approaches. The framework sets out four strategic objectives; Create Active Systems, Create Active Societies, Create Active Environments and Create Active People. These four objectives are supported by 20 policy actions that are universally applicable to all countries. Together, these objectives capture the whole-of-system approach required to create a society that intrinsically values and prioritises policy investment in physical activity as a regular part of everyday life.

[11] http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272722/9789241514187-eng.pdf

Developing the Plan

The strategic planning process involved significant engagement with stakeholders over a focused 6-month consultative period. The strategic planning process is set out below.



The consultation process included passionate and forthright contributions from stakeholders about where we need to go and what we need to do to enhance our participation in sport and physical activity over the next 6 years.

The following section provides a high-level summary of the key insights from the consultation process. These have directly shaped and informed the development of the Fingal Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan.

Key Insights

Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

36%

Of individual respondents report meeting National Physical Activity Guidelines

6/10



Average rating of opportunities to participate in sport, physical activity and recreation in Fingal
(1 = Poor and 10 = Excellent)

52%

Of respondents are part of a sports club or group in Fingal

Motivation for Sport and Physical Activity

The top 3 reasons why respondents to our survey participate in sport and physical activity are to:

Improve health and fitness

Promote relaxation

Control weight

- **Key Insight:** Improving athletic skill is more important than the need to control weight for people under 35.
- **Key Insight:** Females are more likely to participate in sport for health, fitness, and to control their weight than males, of whom a higher proportion selected 'to improve athletic skills' and 'to relax'
- **Key Insight:** Participating in sport and physical activity for 'fun' is most prominent for those aged 45+.

Popular Sport and Physical Activities

The most popular sport and physical activities in Fingal according to respondents are:



Walking | Home-Based Exercise | Swimming | Running | Cycling | Gym-Based Exercise

- **Key Insight:** Walking, running, and gym-based exercise were replaced by basketball and soccer for 16-24 year olds; Pilates and yoga 55-64 year olds; and golf for over 65s.
- **Key Insight:** For respondents who have a disability, basketball and horse riding replaced running and gym-based exercise.
- **Key Insight:** For respondents from minority ethnic groups, basketball and other team sports replaced running and gym based exercise as the most popular.
- **Key Insight:** In terms of context, people most commonly participate in sport and physical activity through organised training or coaching (31%); casual activities with friends or families (30%); solo participation (23%); or organised competition (14%).

Barriers to Sport and Physical Activity

To promote active lifestyles and increase participation in Sport and Physical Activities across the county it is important that we minimise barriers to participation for all citizens. Several key areas below emerged from our consultation process .



Access to the right Facilities at the right times



Lack of Time due to Work



Lack of Time due to Family Commitments



Cost to Participate



Age



Injury, Illness or Disability



Personal Safety Concerns



Lack of Motivation

Facilities in Fingal

3/5

Average rating of Fingal County Council sport and leisure facilities (1 = Poor and 5 = Excellent)

Key Insight: Most individuals, clubs, schools and community groups agreed that facilities in Fingal **cater for the activities that people want**

Key Insight: we have an opportunity to improve both **access to** and **accessibility** of sport and physical activity facilities

Key Insight: enhancing **affordability** of facilities for individuals is a priority, most clubs and groups feel that facilities are **affordable**

The top 5 places where sport and physical activity takes in place in Fingal is:



On roads / footpaths



On a sports pitch



At home



In the gym



In a community centre

Future of Sport and Physical Activity

The 3 most popular factors which individual respondents felt could improve participation in sport and physical activity in Fingal over the next 5 years were:



Improving facilities



Reducing cost of access



Building sports infrastructure

The 3 most popular factors which organisations including sports clubs, schools and community organisations felt could improve participation in sport and physical activity in Fingal over the next 5 years were:



Improving facilities for varied sports



Better promotion of available physical activity opportunities



Better transport links to facilities

Our Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029

Our Purpose

Inspiring Active lifestyles for all in Fingal

Our 6 Commitments



Our Principles and Values

Community Involvement

We believe that local communities have a critical role to play in the development and delivery of sport and physical activity. We will work closely with community partners and residents to encourage and facilitate their involvement in the evolution of this plan.

Inclusivity

We will ensure that everyone in our communities, irrespective of background, age or ability can benefit from active participation in sport and physical activity.

Sport and Physical Activity for Health

We know that exercise is one of the primary behaviours of good health and the relationship between sport, physical activity and health is strengthening. We will use the power of sport and physical activity to contribute to improved health & wellbeing, using a variety of ways to inspire and encourage people to be active.

Purposeful & Proactive

We will invest time, energy and resources to achieve the objectives set out in this plan and we will be proactive in identifying the most efficient and effective ways of achieving them

Building on our Strengths

There is a lot that we do well, and Fingal is already a great place to be active with high quality facilities, natural resources and committed teams and volunteers. We will build on what exists and incorporate learning to advance Fingal as an Active County.

Collaborative

Taking a 'whole systems' approach, we commit that this plan will be driven by strong and purposeful collaboration both within Fingal County Council and with our external partners across community, voluntary, public and private sectors.

Sustainable

Our plan puts the importance of facilitating an active environment at its core. We will continue to invest in spaces and initiatives that encourage active lifestyles, we will also strive to develop sustainable relationships and pathways with key stakeholders to support increased participation in sport and physical activities across the county

Adaptable

We understand the need to change and adapt to circumstances and to consider the uniqueness of the communities and geographies that make up Fingal. We will adapt our approach where necessary, and work creatively with partners and communities to increase participation in sport and physical activity.

Commitment 1 – Make Sport and Physical Activity a Priority

What does this mean?
Making Sport and Physical Activity a priority means:

1. **Improving how we collaborate as a Council so that consideration of Sport and physical activity opportunities and developments is part of everyone's remit**

To shift the participation gradient at a significant scale, there is a need to work collaboratively both across Fingal County Council departments and with external stakeholders.

Adopting a 'whole-system' approach to sport and physical activity is one of the central tenets of the Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030 and our existing Active Cities Project has begun to bring various stakeholders together to find ways that we can embed sport and physical activity across our council functions. We believe that this project can be a key conduit and vehicle for greater collaboration over the life course of this plan.

Whilst you told us during the consultation process that there are lots of things that we (Fingal County Council) are doing well, there are things that we can do better together; Creating more opportunities for our departments to connect, plan, share ideas and resources to enhance physical activity.

2. **Providing the right resources, in the right places to allow us to deliver on our sport and physical activity commitments**

As a council we already invest significantly in the provision and maintenance of high quality infrastructure to support participation in sport and physical activity across the County. Our dedicated staff work closely with internal and external stakeholders to ensure we capitalise fully on opportunities to improve access to and participation in both formal and informal ways of active living. However, we know that in order to match the ambition set out in this plan, there will be a need to optimise the availability of funding (both internal and external) and to continue to invest in sport and physical activity aligned to local need.

We need to raise the profile and awareness of our work across this area and ensure that our structures and services are fit for purpose; facilitate active and extensive cross departmental cooperative ways of working to ensure cohesive project planning; deliver continuous evaluation; and maximise the opportunities afforded by developments in digital and new technologies to ensure our services are as accessible as possible to people from across Fingal.

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Improving how we collaborate as a Council so that Sport and physical activity is part of everyone's remit	1. Establish an internal cross departmental Active Fingal Committee comprising senior representatives from FCC Departments including Operations, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, People Corporate & Digital Services, Environment, Climate Change and Active Travel, Housing, Community and Sports Development and EETCD ensuring a coordinated approach to FCC sport and physical activity provision and support across the County. The committee will focus on maximising potential outputs, eliminating duplication and ensuring optimal exploration of available funding streams while taking a Whole of Council approach to delivery across this area.	Sports Office	A key decision maker from every relevant FCC Department actively participates on this committee
	2. Establish a Fingal Active Cities Steering Group comprising of representatives from the Internal Active Fingal Committee and external key stakeholders to improve access and opportunities for all citizens to participate in sport and physical activity across the county.	Sports Office	Establishment and operation of Fingal Active Cities Steering Group
	3. Ensure regular sharing of key sport and physical activity high quality information & news with elected representatives, council departments and statutory committees	Sports Office /Communications Office	Develop a sports and physical activity media plan
	4. Support the transition of the coordination of Sports Capital Grant funding applications to the Community and Sports Development Office and develop procedures to support strong collaboration in accessing grants as opportunities arise	Community and Sports Development	Cross departmental process established and grants submitted within scheme deadlines

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Providing the right resources, in the right places to allow us to deliver on our sport and physical activity commitments	5. Develop a mechanism to maximise the funding opportunities for new sport and physical activity supports and resources created by National Bodies such as Sport Ireland	Sports Office	Increase in external resources/supports used to support measures to increase participation Demand v service sustainability standing item on Active Fingal Committee Agenda Committee Agenda Review of FCC Grant Funding Models supporting sport and physical activity
	6. Continue to review resource provision across the organisation in line with growth demands across the county including an assessment of the long-term sustainability of the Active Cities Project and its potential as an overarching coordinating structure across the Council	Active Fingal Committee/ People Operations	
	7. Adopt a cross departmental approach to large scale funding opportunities to ensure best practice in project conception, funding applications, delivery and sustainable operational models going forward I.e. route via Internal Active Fingal Committee	Active Fingal Committee	
	8. Identify and review FCC grant funding models such as the Activity Sports Grants with particular focus on the possibilities of achieving better integration and stronger pathways to participation	Active Fingal Committee	

	9. Where possible, continue to invest in suitable and appropriate digital resources such as booking systems and apps to enhance the accessibility of sport and physical activity	Digital Services with All Directors of Services	Successful adaptation of appropriate digital resources to augment participation initiatives

Commitment 2 – Improve Opportunities & Choices for Everyone to be Active

What does this mean?
Improving opportunities and choices for everyone to be active means:

1. **Proactively targeting all areas in Fingal, particularly areas of disadvantage and population growth to support key groups such as new communities, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQI+ community to become more active**

Different groups of people and different areas face different barriers to sport and physical activity. Our consultation process tells us that people with disabilities, minority ethnic communities and LGBTQI+ communities are less likely to be active in Fingal.

In addition, a lack of facilities, lack of time due to work or family commitments, cost and injury/disability were identified as the main barriers preventing people being more active in Fingal. Our plan needs to target ways to help people and communities to overcome these barriers, improving opportunities and choices to become more active.

2. **Building strong and purposeful partnerships with National Governing Bodies, Schools,**

We have strong relationships with several National Governing Bodies of Sport and want to continue to develop existing and promote new relationships to enhance opportunities. Our community centres, schools and other stakeholders play vital roles in this area, and we will work even more collaboratively to provide increased and more accessible opportunities.

3. **Creating participation pathways to inclusive and well-resourced local sports clubs with a key focus on minority sports**

Sports clubs play a critical role in supporting an active population. There are more than 170 sporting clubs in Fingal and by supporting these clubs to create greater pathways to participation, enhancing the availability and effectiveness of funding, improving club governance and promoting inclusive practice, we can unlock opportunities for people from across Fingal to regularly participate in sport and physical activity.

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Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Proactively target all areas in Fingal, particularly areas of disadvantage and population growth to support key groups such as new communities, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+, women and families to become more active	10. Continue to deliver an annual calendar of programmes with a focus on those target groups with lower participation levels such as people with disabilities, LGBTQI+, minority ethnic communities and females	Sports Office/Active Fingal Committee	Total # of participants, engaged in our programmes (broken down by target group) increases year on year Support of 2 or 3 county-wide events minimum annually Cross Departmental Initiatives addressed by Active Fingal Committee # Fingal take-up of funds aligns favourably with # Dormant Account Opportunities Active Fingal Committee Terms of Reference includes sharing of appropriate best practice and research Circular Economy and other Climate Change Actions to be captured in the Terms of Reference for the Active Fingal Committee See Active Travel Strategy
	11. Continue to develop, promote and deliver an annual programme of large-scale participation initiatives including Couch25k, Park Runs, in partnership with relevant organisations	Sports Office	
	12. Maximise the availability of funding through Dormant Accounts to develop new projects aligned to local need such as Urban Outdoor Adventure Initiatives, Women in Sport, Diversity & Inclusion, Innovation in Sport	Sports Office	
	13. Ensure that our programme development and design is informed by up to date and relevant data e.g. embedding Physical Literacy, new research approaches etc	Sports Office/Active Fingal Committee	
	14. Explore options to enable sport and physical activity to contribute to the circular economy while supporting target areas, building on best practice examples from local, national and international settings	Active Fingal Committee	
	15. Deliver on the objectives set out in our Active Travel strategy including retrofitting communities for Active Travel and building sustainable communities	Active Travel	

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Build strong and purposeful partnerships with National Governing Bodies, Schools, community centres and other stakeholders	16. Build on external partnerships with key stakeholders such as Sport Ireland, National Governing Bodies of Sports, Drug and Alcohol Task Forces, Healthy Fingal, Youth Services, Age Friendly, Mental Health Services, Active Disability Ireland and the HSE. These partnerships will focus on developing initiatives and securing resources to engage key target groups	Sports Office/Active Fingal Committee	# of collaborative initiatives developed with partners to enhance access to sport and physical activity

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Create participation pathways to inclusive and well-resourced local sports clubs with a key focus on minority sports	17. Continue to provide access to grant funding for sports clubs on an annual basis and review the grant funding criteria to ensure optimum value for money	Active Fingal Committee	Committee to review Council access policies # of clubs accessing practical support and training increases year on year #Supports provided #Clubs engaged
	18. Support access to key training courses in health and safety for not for profit clubs and organisations who do not have an alternative means of accessing courses	Sports Office	
	19. Provide advice, guidance and practical support for clubs and organisations on governance, inclusive practice, capacity building and sustainability– particularly in areas of high population growth or where there are new communities and with a key focus on minority sports	Sports Office	

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Commitment 3 – Raise the Profile and Visibility of Sport and Physical Activity

What does this mean?
Raising the profile and visibility of sport and physical activity means:

1. **Contributing to and leading on effective and targeted campaigns to raise awareness of the benefits and opportunities in sport and physical activity**

The consultation process revealed a lack of awareness of existing opportunities to participate in physical activity across the county which forms a barrier to participation. This indicates there is ample scope to improve the promotion and awareness of opportunities for citizens and groups across Fingal to increase their physical activity.

We heard consistently that individuals in the area have "difficulty accessing information about available opportunities," and it was felt that "communication is not there about what spaces are openly available."

This demonstrates that alongside provision of facilities, programmes and initiatives, the organisation needs to increase its focus on raising the profile of facilities and available opportunities across the County to fully engage its citizens.

Our consultation findings suggest that 'having fun', 'controlling weight', 'improving health and fitness' and 'to relax' are the most common motivators for sport and physical activity participation. We also know that different groups of people are motivated in different ways and therefore the ways in which we communicate about sport and physical activity and the messages we send should be focused and targeted; this requires an investment in time and resources.

2. **Using research and evidence to inform what we do and sharing information about our work, the work of others and its impact**

It is increasingly important to monitor and evaluate the work we do and to communicate its impact. We want to ensure that our investments in sport and physical activity, whether in facilities or in programmes, are informed by sound evidence and research.

Through our membership of the Local Sports Partnership Network and our strong relationship with Sport Ireland, we have an opportunity to contribute to and learn from extensive research and evaluation efforts across the sport and physical activity ecosystem. We intend to capitalise on this and to ensure information is shared and disseminated across our key stakeholders in Fingal.

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Contribute to and lead on effective and targeted campaigns to raise awareness of the benefits and opportunities in sport and physical activity	20. Carry out a review of the FCC Sports Office identity and brand including a review of social media and online presence to maximise visibility within FCC and with external stakeholders	FCC Comms	
	21. Develop a focused sport and physical activity communications plan to include: a. Delivery of 3-4 Fingal specific annual campaigns focused on key target groups with appropriate and targeted messaging b. Contribution to the roll out of national campaigns at a local level including for example: European Week of Sport, HerOutdoors, Women in Sport, Bike Week c. Development of local sport and physical activity ambassadors, maximising the use of local individuals & clubs with a sporting/physical activity profile to promote the benefits and opportunities in sport and physical activity through quality video content and other means d. Develop and deliver campaigns focused on the synergy between climate action/health/integration aspects of physical activity	FCC Comms and Sports Office	

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Use research and evidence to inform what we do and share information about our work, the work of others and its impact	22. Maximise funding opportunities for research and evaluation to build an evidence base of what works for whom in increasing participation in sport and physical activity in Fingal	Sports Office/Active Fingal Committee	# of research and evaluation projects carried out in sport and physical activity increases year on year
	23. Carry out a midterm review of this plan, ensuring widespread engagement with local communities and key stakeholders	Sports Development Office	Mid-term review undertaken
	24. Strengthening the role and importance of sport and physical activity in our corporate publications including the Annual Report, CE monthly reports, newsletters and digital resources to regularly share sport and physical activity information within council and across the County to raise awareness of events, opportunities and new developments	FCC Communications Office/Sports Office	Increase coverage from baseline
	25. Ensure use of the M1[12]physical activity indicator across initiatives delivered	Sports Office	Improved data collation for reporting purposes

[12] *A systemic self-report measure (M1) on levels of participation in Sport and Physical Activity used by Sport Ireland funded bodies such as NGBs, LSPs to measure participation levels. For more information, please refer to Appendix 3.*

Commitment 4 – Focus on Participation in the Outdoors

What does this mean?
Focusing on participation in sport and physical activity in the Outdoors means:

1. **Developing and promoting purposeful and recreational travel in Fingal by optimising the potential of our greenways, pedestrian ways, cycleways and trails**

Active Travel is travelling with a purpose using your own energy which usually means walking or cycling as part of a journey. Fingal County Council is working to build Active Travel into everyday life as part of normal daily routines. We are investing in infrastructure and initiatives designed to promote Active Travel across the County.

The link between Active Travel and sport and physical activity is obvious; through this plan we want to reinforce our existing commitment to optimise our greenways, pedestrian ways, cycleways and trails for purposeful and recreational travel. There is a need and an opportunity to significantly enhance synergies between our Active Travel and Sports Office teams, particularly through the Active Cities Project; targeting sustainable pathways into sport and physical activity for residents across the County.

2. **Maximising our open spaces, urban centres, beaches, open waters and woodlands as spaces where people are active**

The availability of our natural resources as places to be active was highlighted as a major strength and asset in Fingal. We are home to numerous open sea water swim areas and outdoor facilities, and we want to build on this over the life course of the plan.

The introduction of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy coupled with Sport Ireland's Participation in Sport and Physical Activity in the Outdoors and Fingal specific plans on Open Spaces and our Play Policy presents opportunities to collaborate to enhance access to facilities and funding that optimise our outdoor spaces.

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Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Develop and promote purposeful and recreational travel in Fingal by optimising the potential of, greenways, pedestrian ways, cycleways and trails	26. Ensure strong collaboration between Active Travel, Active Cities, Community & Sports Development, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure and the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) with regard to available funding streams e.g.Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS), Failte Ireland funding and other national and EU funding opportunities.	Active Fingal Committee	Increase in funding leveraged through ORIS, Failte Ireland and others
	27. Continue to develop greenways, cycleways, trails and outdoor recreational sports hubs in line with the ambitions set out in the Fingal County Development Plan (CDP) to facilitate increased participation in active lifestyles	Active Travel/Strategic Infrastructure	Facilities delivered in line with CDP and Capital Plan
	28. Ensure that identified current and future sport and physical activity needs of local community's form part of the public consultation process and are reflected as appropriate in future iterations of the Fingal County Development Plan.	Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Active Fingal Committee involved in providing support in the consultation process to assist this consultation as appropriate
	29. Ensure a mobilisation and marketing programme is developed and supported for all new greenways, cycleways, trails and recreational sports hubs	FCC Communications Office	Mobilisation and Marketing Plan devised and implemented

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Maximise our open spaces, urban centres, beaches, open waters and woodlands as spaces where people are active	30. Explore opportunities to encourage people to become physically active across our vast array of public outdoor space types across the county in line with local need while maximising opportunities with key partners such as the Sport Ireland Outdoors Unit	Sports Office	# of new initiatives, collaborations or events piloted to stimulate participation in the outdoors
	31. Ensure sport and physical activity is embedded in all new and revisions of relevant Fingal County Council strategies including strategies related to open space use, play and tourism	All Directors of Services	New and revised relevant policies sent by Directorates to the Active Fingal Committee for input
	32. Continue to support and promote a series of open sea water swims in the County annually incorporating promoting Safe Open Water Swimming Practices	Operations /Sports Office	#Open Sea Swimming initiatives supported
	33. Promote the Leave no Trace campaign across all our outdoor sport and physical activity resources	FCC Communications Office	#Leave no trace tagged in all appropriate social media and print promotional information

Commitment 5 – Enhance our access to Quality Sport and Physical Activity Facilities

What does this mean?
Enhancing access to quality sport and physical activity facilities means:

1. **Advancing our plans to invest in existing and new sport and physical activities across Fingal**

The need for enhanced sport and physical activity facilities was referenced consistently during our consultation process as the key priority for both residents and organisations in Fingal. We have invested significantly in the development of facilities over the past number of years including the Porterstown Recreational Hub with athletics track and an all-weather sports pitch, and the Ward River Recreational Hub with newly developed grass pitches and all-weather sports pitch.

In addition, our rolling capital programme contains several key commitments, and we want to deliver on those. Of importance will be ensuring that any investment in facilities is informed by a robust assessment of need and an evidence-based approach, backed by research and consultation. We include a number of key actions to ensure this.

2. **Ensuring a sport and physical activity voice is applied on all new capital projects across the County as appropriate**

As the population in the County grows and as demographics change, demand for new housing and new models of housing will continue to increase. This is accompanied by an increased need for community supports and facilities, health facilities, business supports, infrastructure expansion and adaptation, and economic and tourism based projects which support sustainable, inclusive, active, communities. We believe that new spaces and places can be optimised for sport and physical activity, but this means ensuring that key infrastructural projects consider a sport and physical activity lens from the outset. This requires relevant council directorates involved in the various aspects of sport and physical activity provision, activation, management, operation and review are included as early as possible to maximise the potential of this lens for projects from the outset.

3. **Optimising our available facilities**

Our County is home to the National Sports Campus, a world class facility which has capacity to inspire participation amongst our residents with greater access. In addition, our network of community centres, regional and local parks, playgrounds, allotments, greenways and Recreational Hubs are important local venues for sport and physical activity; we need to ensure that they are accessible and inclusive, enabling increased choice and opportunity.

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Advance our plans to invest in existing and new sport and physical activities across Fingal	34. Deliver on the Audit of Community, Sports and Recreation facilities in the administrative area of Fingal County Council and a radius of 10km around its borders and implement agreed recommendations as appropriate	Planning & Strategic Infrastructure with cross departmental input	# of recommendations in the audit of Community, Sports and Recreation facilities implemented All data requests met within timescale
	35. Work collaboratively with Sport Ireland, providing data to inform the new Active Ireland database and utilise the database to inform future decision making on sport and physical activity facilities	Planning/Community & Sports Dev	

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Ensure a sport and physical activity voice is applied on all new capital projects across the County	36. Inclusion of the Community and Sports Development team as an Internal Stakeholder at the earliest stage of relevant capital project development and on all relevant steering committees including on Local Area Plans and Masterplans	Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	# of planning processes/capital projects with meaningful involvement of the Community and Sports Development Division # of successful activation partnerships annually Qualitative assessment of the impact of the involvement of the Sports Office in early stage planning processes
	37. Establish the community and sports development staff an activation partner on key projects prior to go live optimising their local knowledge and connections with local stakeholders to ensure inclusivity and maximise uptake and involvement with new local facilities and initiatives	Planning and Strategic Infrastructure/ Operations	
	38. Ensure the early involvement of the Community and Sports Development Department in social & community infrastructure audits for large housing developments	Planning/ Housing	

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
Optimise our current facilities,	39. Carry out a strategic review of the Recreational Hubs management model, with input from all relevant stakeholders, to ensure that facilities consider the needs of all local clubs and future population and club growth	Active Fingal Committee	# of recommendations implemented from the review of Fingal Recreational Hubs
	40. Explore the merits of revisiting the shared school facilities model as a mechanism for facility delivery and its possible future potential subject to availability of central government funding stream or alternative funding source	Community and Sports Developme	

particularly schools, community centres, leisure centres and the National Sports Campus		nt/Active Fingal Committee	Report on assessment of Shared Schools Model delivered
	41. Strengthen engagement with the Department of Education to examine the feasibility of introducing a workable model for accessing Department of Education sports facilities after school hours	Sports Office	
	42. Support inclusivity through raising awareness among Community Centre Managers and Boards of Management of the importance of allocating space and times to local groups in a fair manner with particular focus on supporting marginalised target groups to become more physically active where capacity allows.	Community and Sports Development	# proportion of schools that make facilities available for community use increases from baseline # of awareness raising initiatives held
	43. Prioritise safe walkways and cycleways to and from schools, community centres and recreational hubs to promote easier access to existing facilities	Active Travel	
	44. Support the annual delivery of the 'Give it a Go' and other events in collaboration with Sport Ireland, the National Sports Campus and National Governing Bodies to promote increased participation through trialling new activities	Community and Sports Development	Implementation of Active Travel Policy # events supported

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Commitment 6 – Stakeholder Collaboration

What does this mean?
Collaborating with local, regional, national and international stakeholders means:

1. **Providing a strong voice and operating as a committed partner to local, regional, national and international networks so that Fingal capitalises on and benefits from emerging trends, developments and initiatives in sport and physical activity**

This plan is underpinned by a commitment to work collaboratively with our partners locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, ensuring that Fingal is well positioned to learn from and capitalise on emerging developments and trends in sport and physical activity.

We are already a committed partner to Sport Ireland and the Local Sports Partnership Network (LSP) and want to continue to provide strong representation and active contribution. We will continue work in partnership with other Local Sports Partnerships to build on and enhance the Active Cities Project whilst supporting national efforts to shift participation gradients by contributing to the development of new strategies, evaluations and research projects that enhance the evidence base and support for the benefits of sport and physical activity.

2. **Involving people in the development and design of sport and physical activity initiatives**

The development of this Fingal sport and Physical Activity Plan is underpinned by extensive consultation with local residents and stakeholder organisations. We believe that those impacted should be involved in shaping and developing the policies, strategies or initiatives that impact them. We want to ensure the voice of underrepresented groups is heard and commit to meaningful consultation and engagement throughout the life course of this plan.

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Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Key Success Measures
Provide a strong voice and operate as a committed partner to local, regional, national and international networks so that Fingal capitalises on and benefits from emerging trends, developments and initiatives in sport and physical activity	45. Focus on promoting the value and benefit of sport and physical activity amongst local elected representatives and citizens through ongoing communication and engagement – ensuring it is prioritised within council and its potential is realised across departments	FCC Communications Office	Development of sport and physical activity communication and marketing plan
	46. Host at least one major conference/networking event in Fingal during the lifespan of the plan, bringing a focus on sport and physical activity to Fingal	Community and Sports Development	Conference/Event held
	47. Continue to contribute to the National Active Cities project as part of the Dublin network of partners in conjunction with the four other Irish Cities and city based LSPs	Sports Office	Active participant in Active Dublin Initiatives
	48. Reinforce our commitment to the Local Sports Partnership Network – sharing knowledge, information and best practice on Sport and Physical Activity trends	Sports Office	# Fingal Local Sports Partnership meetings held
	49. Participate fully and contribute to national discussions, steering groups and consultations on key strategies and policies (e.g., Federation of Irish Sport, Active Disability Ireland, Get Ireland Walking, Get Ireland Cycling, Get Ireland Swimming, other Local Authority initiatives)	Active Fingal Committee	# of sport and physical activity networks and partnership groups with representation from FCC
	50. Ensuring that FCC departments provide representation and active participation on key local and regional networks such as CYPSC, SMART Communities, Active Travel, Healthy Ireland, Slaintecare focused committees and with local community and voluntary sector partners	All Director of Services	All Directorates provide suitable representative as appropriate for committees
	51. Explore potential opportunities for businesses and corporate stakeholders to increase participation in sport and physical activities in the workplace	EETCD/Sports Office	# of initiatives supported
	52. Maximising the contribution and active participation of all members of the Fingal Local Sports Partnership in support of the objectives of this plan	Fingal LSP	Fingal LSP bi annual update on plan objectives standing item on LSP Agenda
	53. Ensure a sport and physical activity component is included in all FCC Flagship Corporate events and programmes where appropriate such as the Howth Maritime & Seafood festival and Flavours of Fingal	EETCD/Active Fingal Committee	# of FCC Flagship Events involving Sport and Physical Activity element above 60% of total Flagship Events

Objective	Strategic Action	Lead	Success Measures
	54. Establish a Fingal County Sports Youth Forum to ensure ongoing involvement of young people in the design and development of sport and physical activity	Sports Office	Youth Sports Forum established and operational

Involve people in the development and design of sport and physical activity initiatives	55. Optimise existing structures such as the Fingal Public Participation Network to ensure adequate consultation and engagement and information sharing in the development and delivery of major sport and physical activity initiatives	Community and Sports Development	Inclusion in the PPN newsletter of significant and appropriate updates concerning sport and physical activity Support the Active Cities and Sport Ireland Initiatives to collect baseline data across the county
	56. Explore the establishment of localised data on sport and physical activity participation in conjunction with sport Ireland research unit and in line with the Irish Sports Monitor	Sports Office	

Appendix 1 Glossary of Terms

Terms and Acronyms	Explanation
Active Lifestyles	An active lifestyle refers to a way of living that involves regular physical activity, exercise, and movement as a fundamental part of daily routines and recreational choices. It encompasses activities that promote overall health, fitness, and wellbeing, often including exercises, sports, outdoor pursuits, and active transportation. The aim is to maintain or improve physical health, mental wellbeing, and quality of life through consistent engagement in movement and physical pursuits.
Active Travel	Active Travel involves travelling with a purpose, using your own energy via sustainable means. It includes walking, wheeling, and cycling or the use of self-powered, non-motorised scooters as part of a purposeful journey. For example, walking to school and cycling to work are both considered forms of Active Travel.
FCC	Fingal County Council
LSP	Local Sports Partnership
NGB	National Governing Body: the controlling organisation of a sport. For example, the GAA or FAI.
Physical Activity	Physical activity refers to any bodily movement that results in energy expenditure. It encompasses a wide range of actions, from everyday activities like walking, climbing stairs, and household chores, to planned exercises, sports, and recreational pursuits.
Sport	All forms of physical activity which, through casual or organised participation, aim at expressing or improving physical fitness and mental well-being, forming social relationships or obtaining results in competition at all levels
Whole-System Approach	Where all of Fingal County Council departments and directorates play a proactive and collaborative role to holistically remove barriers and enhance opportunities for people in Fingal to lead more active lifestyles.

Appendix 2 Links to Other Strategies

- Fingal Sports Office Vision Statement 2019–2021 fingal-sports-office-final-vision-statement.pdf
- Fingal Community Development Vision Statement https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-12/9139_fingal-community-dev-office-vision-statement_web2.pdf
- Fingal Migrant Integration Strategy https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/migrant-integration-social-cohesion-strategy-2019-2024
- Fingal Open Space Strategy keeping_it_green_oss.pdf (fingal.ie)
- Fingal Active Travel Strategy https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/strategy/draft
- Fingal Coastal Way https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-coastal-way
- Fingal/Healthy Ireland Healthy Fingal | Fingal County Council
- Fingal Tourism/Destination Fingal https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/tourism-fingal
- Healthy Fingal https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/healthy-fingal-plan.pdf
- Fingal Space for Play https://www.fingal.ie/news/space-play-play-policy-fingal
- Fingal Allotment Strategy https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-03/Allotment%20Strategy%202012.pdf
- Fingal Climate Action Plan - https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan-2019-2024
- Safe Routes to School https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/safe-routes-to-school-srts-programme/
- Fingal 'Gearing up for Training' Initiative https://www.fingal.ie/gearingupfortraining

Appendix 3 M1 Question

In order to assess the impact of our work, Fingal County Council has adopted the use of a Single Item Measure (M1). M1 is an internationally validated self-report measure that allows an organisation to track an individual's rates of participation in sport and physical activity. The question asks participants to recall how many days they were active for 30 minutes or more (in line with the National Physical Activity Guidelines) in the last 7 days. The question is asked of participants at programme registration, on the last day of the programme, and at 3 month follow up. Those active for 0-1 day are classified as being inactive, 2-4 days as being somewhat active and 5+ days as active.[13]



The M1 measurement tool utilised by Fingal County Council is illustrated below:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. **Name**:

2. **Email Address:**

3. **Mobile Phone No.**

4. **What townland/town/area do you live in?**

5. **Please Circle:**

[13] *Sport Ireland (2019) Annual Report. [Online] Available at: https://www.sportireland.ie/sites/default/files/media/document/2020-06/2019-lsp-annual-report_1.pdf*

Gender:	Female	Male	Other	Prefer not to say

6. Please Circle:

Age Range	12-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+

INITIATIVE INFORMATION

7. Name of initiative you are participating in: **8. Start Date:**

9. ACTIVITY LEVELS

In the past week, on how many days have you done a total of 30 minutes (adults) or 60 minutes (U12- u17) or more of physical activity, which was enough to raise your breathing rate? This may include sport, exercise, and brisk walking or cycling for recreation or to get to and from places, but should not include housework or physical activity that may be part of your job. Please circle the relevant number:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

DECLARATION & RELEASE

10. Can the LSP follow up with you after 3 months to ask you question 9 again?

Please circle:

By Email	Yes	No
By Text	Yes	No

I agree that the information I provide in questions 4-10 above be anonymised (meaning that all identifiable information about you will be removed) and used to evaluate LSP and Sport
Ireland initiatives. To this end, I understand that the information I provide in questions 4-10 will be shared with Sport Ireland and other stakeholders. I understand that my name and contact details will remain with the LSP and will not be shared as part of this process.

Please circle:

Yes	No

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About us:
Sport Ireland is a statutory authority that plans, leads and coordinates the sustainable development of competitive and recreational sport in Ireland. Sport Ireland funds and supports a network of Local Sports Partnerships. Sport Ireland's Head Office is at the Sport Ireland National Sports Campus, Dublin 15.

Purpose:

The purpose of collecting this information is to evaluate the impact of our funding. This, in turn, will inform future decisions on National design and delivery of initiatives. The information we collect from you will aid us in assessing the impact of our investments by understanding what works for communities as well as highlight areas for learning.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2023

ITEM NO. 27

Halloween Projects 2023 - Funding Applications

Safer Halloween Project Funding 2023

Fingal County Council intends funding thirty six Safer Halloween Projects taking place around the County this year. The community groups and centres running Safer Halloween Projects have applied for funding under the Community & Sports Division's Safer Halloween Projects Funding Scheme, as part of Activities funding.

The purpose of these projects is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity in addition to promoting the Fingal County Council 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures.

The maximum funding available to Safer Halloween Project groups is €750.

The amounts being recommended in the body of this report below will reflect request submitted by the groups in their applications according to project costs.

All the projects listed below have submitted an expression of interest, a funding application and event details with costings.

It is intended to fund the following Safer Halloween Projects subject to each project meeting all of the requirements that are set out in the Activities Funding Application Form.

Payments are recommended in the amounts set out hereunder:

Name of Group	Electoral Area	Amount Recommended
Castleland Park Estate Residents Association GA 002762	Balbriggan	€632.00
Blakestown and Mountview Youth Initiative GA 002763	Castleknock-Mulhuddart	€750.00
Blakestown Community and Resource Centre GA 002764	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€422.00
Lambourn Residents Association GA 002768	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€750.00
Churchfield Residents Association GA 002770	Balbriggan	€670.00
Fortlawn Flower Power GA 002771	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€719.00
St. Mary's Baton Twirlers GA 002772	Balbriggan	€750.00
Baldoyle Forum CLG GA 002773	Howth - Malahide	€500.00
Hartstown Community Centre GA 002774	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€394.00
Ongar Tidy Town GA 002775	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€564.00
Blakestown and Mountview NYP GA 002776	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€750.00
Garristown Community Council GA 002778	Balbriggan	€400.00
Skerries Sailing Club GA 002779	Balbriggan	€560.00
Castleknock Community Centre – Laurel	Castleknock	€750.00

Lodge GA 002780	- Mulhuddart	
Mountview Fortlawn Youth and Sports Hub GA 002781	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€750.00
Holywell Community Centre GA 002782	Swords	€443.60
Applewood Community Centre GA 002783	Swords	€493.60
Tyrellstown Community Centre GA 002784	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€357.00
Ongar Community Centre GA 002785	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€357.00
Donabate and Portrane Community Centre GA 002786	Swords	€580.00
St. Catherine's Residents Association GA 002787	Balbriggan	€750.00
Ballyboughal Community Council GA 002788	Balbriggan	€632.00
Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Residents Association GA 002789	Howth - Malahide	€593.06
St. Samsons Community Group GA 002790	Howth - Malahide	€600.00
Grace O' Malley Residents Association GA 002791	Howth - Malahide	€703.80
Taylor Hill Residents Association GA 002792	Balbriggan	€750.00
Rush Tidy Towns GA 002793	Balbriggan	€740.00
Flemington Community Centre GA 002794	Balbriggan	€554.00
Oldtown Community Council GA 002795	Balbriggan	€445.00
Corduff Resource Centre GA 002796	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€375.00
Luttrellstown Community Centre GA 002797	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€375.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA 002798	Castleknock - Mulhuddart	€600.00

Bright Sparks Community childcare GA 002799	Swords	€633
Castaheany Community Centre GA 002802	Castleknock-Mulhuddart	€750
Diswellstown Community Centre GA 002803	Castleknock-Mulhuddart	€433
Drynam Volunteer Group GA 002800	Howth	€700
TOTAL		€21,226

It is proposed to process the payment in late October. This will be subject to the group accepting conditions of funding and any other additional material deemed necessary. All projects will be required to submit valid receipts in December 2023.

It is intended that each funded Project will complete a detailed evaluation forms after the project has ended. The feedback gathered from these evaluations will play a large part in assessing funding for Safer Halloween Projects in 2024.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

9th October, 2023
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

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Chief Executive's Foreword

In Fingal, we are ever mindful of our responsibilities to the environment in which we live and work. We are already championing sustainable transport models, the Circular Economy and actions which we will take to make Fingal a climate resilient county for the future. The Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department have prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (CAP) which builds on the learnings from the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024. Over 150 actions are listed in the plan under six themed areas including Community Engagement, Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions, Circular Economy, and Resource Management. There are four key targets in the Draft Plan: 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030, 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, to make Dublin a climate resilient region, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events; and to actively engage and inform our communities on climate action. We are inviting you to engage in the public consultation process for the Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 which is open until Wednesday 3rd November. The observations and opinions of members of the public and other interested stakeholders represents an important element in the formation of the final plan which will be presented to the elected members for adoption in early 2024. Public information events are taking place over the next month across Fingal, details of which can be found on our social media platforms. As we all strive to make a difference and be champions for Climate Action, I would strongly encourage you to learn more about the plan and how to submit your observations at; https://www.fingal.ie/climate-change-action-plan/draft-climate-action-plan-2024-2029

The Seventh annual Fingal Festival of history is currently running in Library branches across the County and is proving to be a hugely interesting event showcasing Life in Ireland and Fingal in the 1920's. As we reach the final year in the Decade of Centenaries Commemorations, the Fingal Libraries Department have again produced an excellent programme of talks and events focussing on life after conflict. Running until Thursday, October 12th, the festival featured well known commentators such as Dr. David McCullagh and Flór McCarthy as well as Dr Declan Brady discussing life in Fingal during the 1920s and retired Garda Detective Chief Superintendent John O'Brien who give us an insight into the how the Troubles in Northern Ireland impinged on life in the South and on that of An Garda Síochána.

I wish to congratulate all involved in producing such an informative and engaging event and I am sure that all who attended talks and seminars found them to be valuable opportunities to learn more about this period of time in our history.

Hartstown Park in Dublin 15 has long been a place for locals and visitors alike to take exercise, explore the woodland trails and for children to enjoy the all-weather pitch and exciting play areas. In 2020, Fingal County Council initiated a 3-year improvement works program for the park in 2020 after substantial consultation with all stakeholders. Resulting in this investment, the sustainably managed park now offers adult exercise equipment, a callisthenics facility, a children's woodland agility trail and a full size Multi Use Games Area. Last month, I was delighted that Hartstown Park was awarded a Green Flag from An Taisce, who recognise Ireland's best managed Public Parks and Green Spaces. This award brings to 7 the number of Fingal parks who have received this prestigious honour with Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, Santry Demesne, Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate, St. Catherine's Park, Lucan, Malahide Demesne and Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan featuring in this year's list. I wish to extend my appreciation to all the Fingal staff who work tirelessly to ensure our parks and public realms reach the highest possible standards for the enjoyment of our citizens and visitors – their commitment is certainly a source of pride for the council and I am very pleased to see their work recognised and awarded in this way.

Finally, with Halloween just around the corner, Fingal County Council is busy finalising Safer Halloween events across the county. We all enjoy the spectacle of fireworks lighting up the night skies, Halloween themed illuminations, spooky stories and decorations in our Library branches and this year will be not disappoint! Preparations are at an advanced stage to ensure the Halloween spirit will be in full swing and that October 31st will be an evening of fun and excitement for all. The much anticipated Fingal Festival of Fire is again set to enchant with spooktacular events in Swords, Malahide, Blanchardstown and Balbriggan. Check our website www.fingal.ie and our social media posts closer to the date for details on times and venues. I hope you all have the opportunity to explore our Halloween events and to enjoy the festivities.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Recruitment Programme 2023 YTD	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	79
Campaigns Completed	55
Current Active Campaigns	24
Interviews Held to date	1664
New Starters	171
Number of Current Job Offers	38

Family Friendly Schemes will open to staff during October.

Learning and Development

The Learning & Development team continues to implement and deliver the staff training programme for 2023.

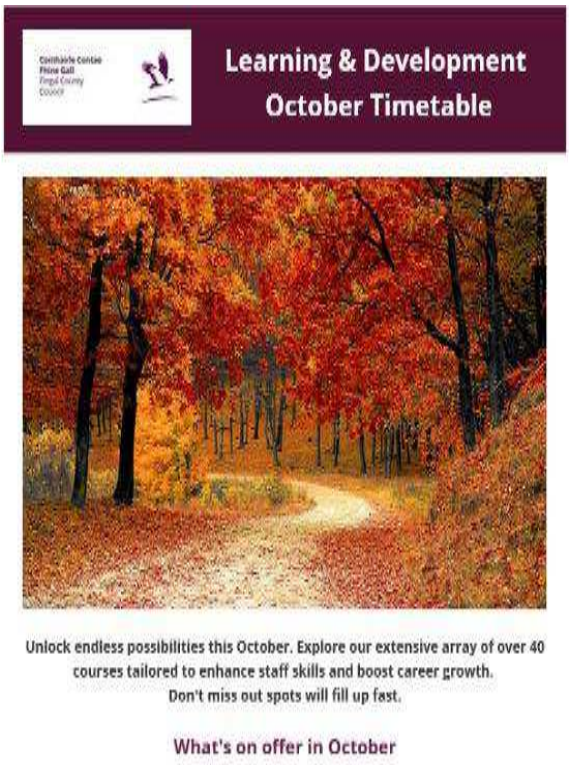
September Completed Courses	
Number of courses	47
Number of Attendees	387
Number of Training Days	422

Young Ireland Programme

The Young Ireland Programme 2024 is now open for applications. The event takes place in Scotland in Feb 2024. This event offers staff members in the early stages of their careers, irrespective of their age an opportunity for professional growth, fostering effective communication, boosting confidence, and expanding of intellectual vistas.



September & August saw the roll out of a new monthly newsletter, linking to our new online booking system using Microsoft Forms.



October Learning and development courses being delivered.

Business and Interpersonal Skills
Courtroom Skills
Grievance and Disciplinary
Personal Effectiveness grade 3
Supervisory Management Training Outdoor
Staff Induction, Council Meeting
Grade 5 IPA Management Training
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Chainsaw
First Aid Refresher
Signing Lighting Guarding

Wellbeing
Mental Health First Aid

IT
Basic IT Skills

Wellbeing Update

The wellbeing team have successfully been granted funding from the LGMA Healthy Ireland Wellbeing Fund for our Wellbeing Programme.
October will see our second round of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). Taking place in Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre.

October 25th is the Annual Health and Safety Conference in conjunction with National Health and Safety week. A presentation will be made on the day updating our Safety Reps on the Wellbeing Programme.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

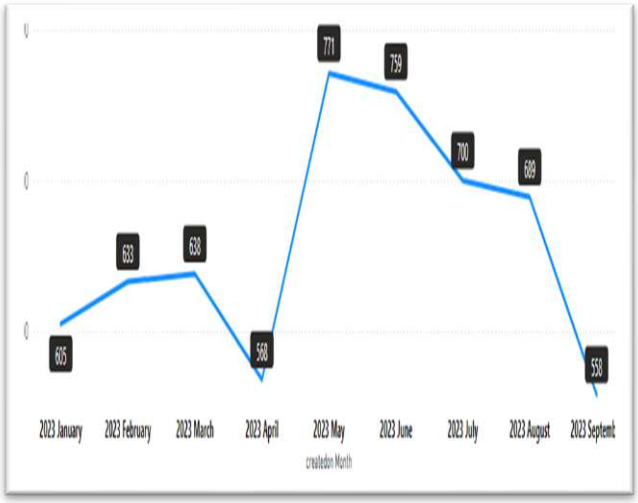
The HSU conducted and completed 30 site safety inspections and audits for the month of September, carried out VDU assessments for office based staff and kept in contact with Fingal staff now working for Uisce Eireann in terms of providing safety advice post the 'effective date' where FCC's safety management system had transitioned to Uisce Eireann. In addition to responding to general staff occupational health and safety queries the HSU to date has completed 103 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents and dangerous occurrences. The HSU also engaged the Health & Safety Authority with regard to their fourth site inspection of Fingal County Council work sites this year. The HSA during the course of 2023 carried out inspections on wastewater treatment works, potable water treatment works, farm works and in September, amenity horticulture works.

Customer Services

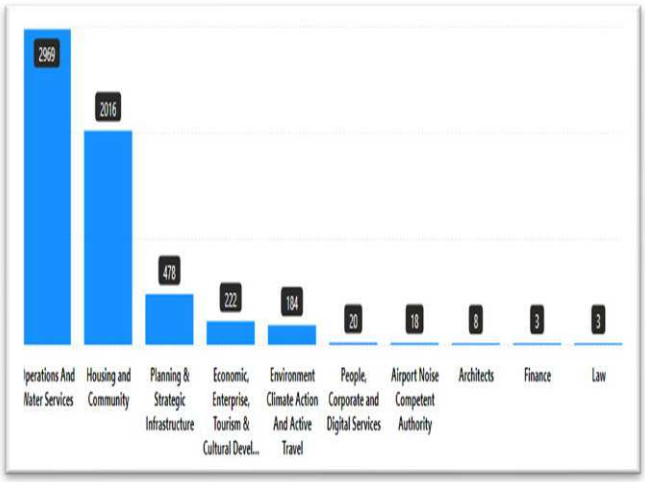
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
September	15509	729	2617

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 total number of Elected Members' representations were as follows: September



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

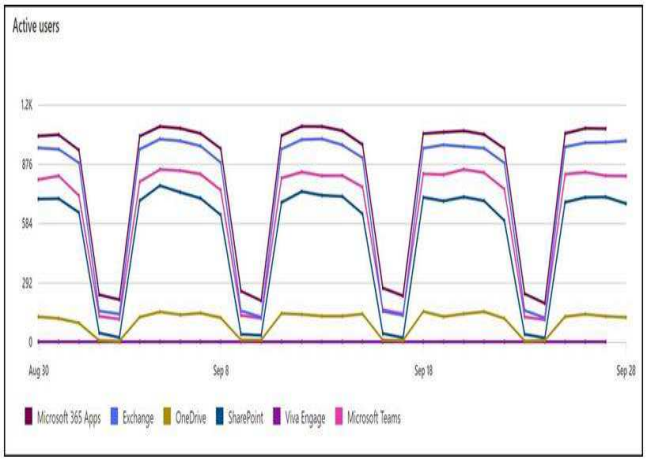


Digital Services

Digital Working

In September, staff took part in 9,203 Teams meetings. 29,377 Teams calls were made, and 1,089,343 emails were received or sent by the Council.

1,126 support calls were logged by Council staff with the Digital Services Service Desk in the past month and 24 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 100% network availability was achieved in the month of September.



Communications

Website

There were 122,518 visitors to the fingal.ie website during September and 292,526 page views. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 46 seconds. Those figures bring the total number of visitors to the website this year to over 1.1m. The most popular pages during the month were Planning, the Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival, Contact Us, Libraries and Recycling.

Media

There were 25 press releases issued in September and these included the appointments of a new Arts Officer and an Access Officer. Other press releases covered the start of construction on the Ongar-Barnhill Road, a multi-agency operation targeting illegal waste activity, Mobility Week and the Balbriggan Regeneration Project.

Eight videos were published during September and these included a recording of the webinar on the Draft Heritage Plan. There were also videos about the Broadmeadow Estuary Greenway and Illegal Waste Collections.

Social Media

Facebook remains the Council's most popular social media platform with 31,795 followers. September saw posts on Facebook reach 149,564 people. Twitter, which is now known as X, has 22,965 followers and during September there was an engagement rate of 1.4% from 518,800 impressions. LinkedIn is the next most popular channel with 7,886 followers while Instagram has 7,839. The You Tube channel has 1,120 subscribers.

Podcasts

Two episodes of the Inside Fingal podcast were recorded recently and will be published in the coming weeks. The first is an interview with the new Arts Officer Sarah O'Neill and the second is a conversation with the new Access Officer Cathal Kearney.



Events

The Communications Unit assisted several departments during the month. They worked with Planning and Strategic Infrastructure for the turning of the sod on the new Ongar to Barnhill Road and then with Housing for the Housing Information Evening that was held in Swords on September 25. The Unit also facilitated the broadcast of a webinar to explain the Draft Fingal Heritage Plan which can be viewed at https://youtu.be/ozC1bBfSQH0?si=Ju3fqC2NfP8-DCef

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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
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
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
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Mayeston Management Company -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/901 JR
Portmarnock Real Estate Developments Limited and St Marnocks II DAC -v- an Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/901 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC -v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
TOURISM AND FOOD STRATEGIES





The Enterprise, Economic and Tourism Development SPC had an information item about the Tourism Strategy and the Food Policy at its meeting on the 12th September. The final documents on both cases are receiving edits and will be presented for adoption at the November Council meeting.

Fingal Food & Drink Network

Members of the Fingal Food and Drink Network attended a farm visit on the 19th September to increase their knowledge and contact with high quality local producers. The group has agreed to conducting a number of events over the coming months in the context of the food policy. This will include:

- Familiarisation trips to similar regions, Boyne Valley and Belfast food market
- Establish a quarterly networking supper club
- Host "Food on the Edge" event

For the remainder of 2023 the network will focus on growing the social media presence, press visits and marketing Fingal food in general.

Regional Co-ordination with Dublin Local Authorities

The Tourism teams of all four Dublin Local Authorities met in Howth Courthouse on the 8th September. The meeting covered a lot of updates on the new tourism strategies that the Local Authorities are currently finalising, and took note of common themes, possible joint projects and the liaison with Tourism Ireland and Failte Ireland.



Two sub-committees were formed focussed on:

- Branding, marketing and promotion within the Dublin brand
- Securing better data metrics and tourism sector trend information

Failte Ireland National Tourism Monitoring Programme 2021-2025

In lieu of more relevant data the National Tourism Monitoring Programme aims to assess and characterise visitor movements and impacts in 19 popular Failte Ireland selected tourism sites across Ireland within a 5-year period including Malahide in Fingal. This builds on the methodologies and findings of the Wild Atlantic Way Environmental Monitoring Programme (2015-2019), by monitoring yearly trends in visitor numbers and movements during the high tourism season in Malahide.

An example of information within the 2022 report the visitor monitoring surveys at Malahide Beach resulted in a total of 279 visitors over an 8 hour period (which represent 101 group observations), a decrease from 375 visitors in 2021. The site is most popular amongst individual adults with the dominant mode of transport being by foot, with car being the preferred method of transport in 2021. The average dwell time at Malahide Beach was 35 minutes, a decrease from an average dwell time of 52 minutes in 2021.

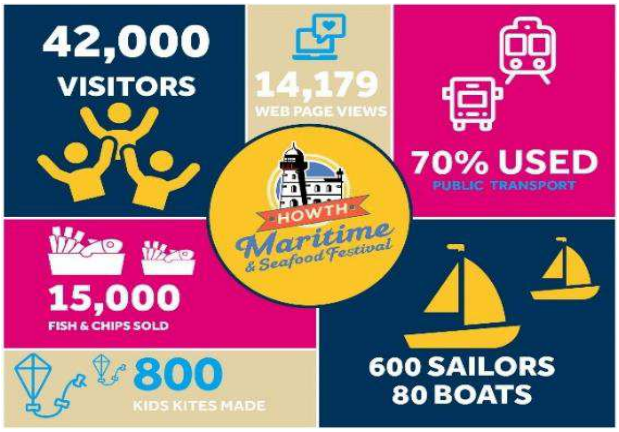
EVENTS

Fingal Festival of Fire

Four firework events are planned as part of Fingal County Councils Safer Halloween these events are to take place at Millenium Park, Swords Town Park, Bremore Castle and Malahide Castle.



Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival



The Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival took place on the Promenade on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th of September. Highlights this year included:

- 42,000 Visitors
- 15,000 Fish & Chips Sold
- 800 Kids Kites Made
- 600 Sailors & 80 Boats for the ICRA Championship

Festival & Event Funding 2024



The 2024 Festival & Event Funding Scheme will launch on the 29th of September. With over 100 funding awards given out this year amounting to 500k and covering an impressive array of events and festivals the scheme will be open until the end of January 2024.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle – Oak Room Window Conservation Works





The technical specification for conservation works on the Oak Room window at Malahide Castle has been completed.

Specialist consultants have been engaged to oversee the works and contractors have been appointed. The works will commence in early October and are expected to be completed in four weeks.

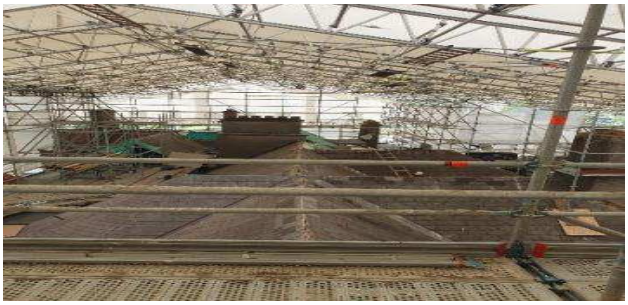
The Casino Model Railway Museum Malahide





In collaboration with Iarnroid Eireann Digi pods were displayed at mainline train stations showcasing what the Casino Model Railway Museum has to offer. Also, a time lapse video was developed with an influencer showing the close proximity to Dublin City, Malahide village and castle. The Casino Model Railway Museum was nominated by Sunshine radio 106.8 & FM104 and voted by VisitDublin.ie as a Top Daycation destination.

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 will be completed shortly including internal plaster repairs. Scaffolding on the main roof works is now being removed. The project is due finish by the end of October.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ARTS
Youth and Education

Fingal Arts in collaboration with DDLETB and Music Generation, invited music educators Cora Venus Lunny and Oliver Cole to perform for a live audience in Swords as the town is set to become one of Fingal's music education hubs for children and young people.

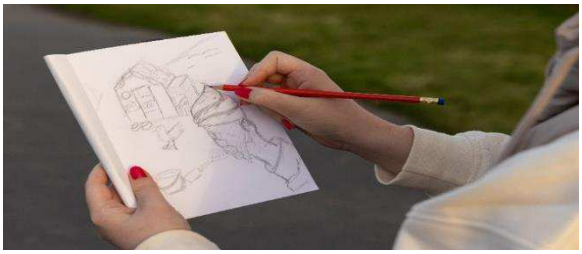


Public Art

Sketch Out with Aoife Dooley for Culture Night

Skerries Residents joined illustrator Aoife Dooley for a special Culture Night "Sketch Out" event, participants were invited to take inspiration from the landscape and from the newly commissioned sculptures from the St Patrick's Way & Art Trail.

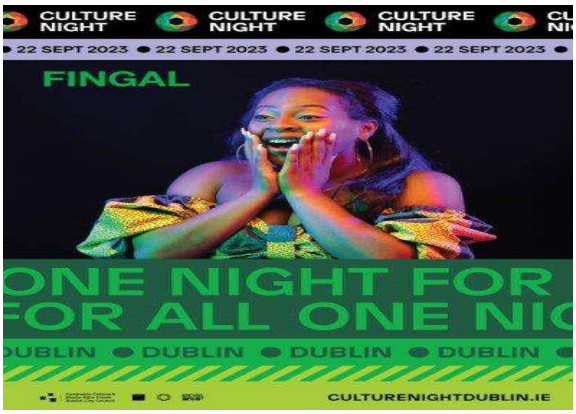




Culture Night Fingal

Culture Night, an annual national public event, celebrating culture, creativity and the arts took place on Friday 22nd September. The Arts Office collated information on the activities taking place in Fingal and produced a Culture Night guide highlighting details on all the events, which was shared via social media and the Fingal website. Fingal's heritage properties, arts centres, libraries and cultural organisations extended their opening hours to the public for an eclectic programme specifically designed for Culture Night. The programme featured nineteen locations and included free live music and poetry performances, art exhibitions, film screenings, tours and an array of cultural activities and fun family friendly events, which were well attended on the night. Fingal Arts Office presented two special events for the programme as outlined above.





Loughshinny Boathouse Artists' Studio

Visual artist Richard Proffitt commenced a nine-month residency at Loughshinny Boathouse in September. The day studio is open to Irish and International artists at all stages in their professional careers working in all disciplines. The boathouse is a dual-purpose building providing a lifeguard station for lifeguards and a day studio for artists. The objective of the studio is to provide a working space for professional artists to develop their artistic practice within the rural context of Fingal.



Draíocht

Preparations for our ambitious NEST project continue with the Artistic Director facilitating workshops in Primary and Post Primary schools across Dublin 15. This is to identify individual and class 'hosts'. A host will be a person(s) from the age of 20 months to 20 years old. Ashleigh House and TUB Dublin are two of the organisations also participating in the project.
Our next Exhibition entitled' the 'ladder is always there' includes an open call for 5 emerging Fingal artists to exhibit their work alongside the work of the 5 members of the Shelter Artists Collective, all established artists who have a connection to Draíocht. Opening December 8th 2023.

Draíocht was nominated by Fingal County Council to represent the Council in the Creative Place category of 'The Pride of Place' awards. The Judging Panel spent an afternoon with us where we had the opportunity to outline our work particularly highlighting our extensive and considered Children/Youth Arts programme.

The Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy and Director of Service, Robert Burns together with Rafe Costigan were in attendance.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

TSEAC has moved into its Autumn programme, with the final Summer event in the Piper's Garden taking place on September 2nd, with a Barn Dance honky tonk featuring performances by Caleb Kauder and Reeb Willms.

From September 8th we moved our programming back inside to the theatre with performances by Yonder Boys and East West Fiddles; the latter an exciting band which merged traditional influences from Japan and Ireland. Our Music classes and Art classes also return for a new term, as did the TSEAC film club and the Traditional Slow Sessions. In addition we welcomed The Humours of Bandon as one of three theatre performances scheduled for the season. We also had a very successful Culture Night with an online and in-person Piping performance and chat from Ronan Browne and Jimmy O Brien Moran, and an art workshop for children highlighting and drawing inspiration from the beautiful work of our current exhibition by Kayla Martell. Our Culture Night performance was attended online by people from Croatia, Spain, Denmark, America and Singapore. On the community engagement front, we welcomed 30 children from 5th and 6th class at the Naul National School for a school tour with our Director, where they learned about Séamus Ennis and the centre's activities.

The Cottage Café also extended hours in September to Wednesday to Saturday 9.30am-5pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. They are experiencing good footfall and providing pre-show menus for al TSEAC's events





LIBRARIES

Fingal Festival of Children's Literature



Fingal's second Festival of Children's Literature was a huge success comprising over 40 events, involving every Fingal Library and reaching 12 schools, engaging with hundreds of children in the County.

The actual festival day was an action-packed celebration of fun and discovery, with over 700 children and their families attending free talks and workshops at Swords Castle on Saturday 9th September. Children loved meeting many of Ireland's best authors and illustrators, and with circus performers, the CBI Book Doctors, and a dedicated Creative Zone which included graffiti art, everyone left with their imaginations bursting! The book gifting element of the festival was very much appreciated by the families and the authors. Every child who attended the event was gifted with a free book, making it a unique and popular aspect of the festival. There was so much positive feedback on the day and subsequent days, with one mother and daughter declaring it "the best day ever"!

Culture Night at Fingal Libraries





Culture Night on 22nd September was enjoyed by both young and old with events running at 3 library locations: Fingal Local Studies & Archives, Blanchardstown and Malahide Library.

Fifty people of all ages enjoyed a tour around Fingal Local Studies & Archives, on North St, Swords. On display on the night were many of the

hidden gems of the collections including estate maps from the Hamiltons of Abbotstown and the Earl of Howth, alongside handwritten minute books from Dublin County Council and the Rural District Councils. Visitors viewed a Grand Jury presentment book from 1847 which discusses how they supported a child who was found deserted at Castleknock in the worst year of the famine. A minute book from Howth Urban District Council was also on display, showing how they tried to counteract the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic in the district. This was all in addition to various ephemera such as medals, posters, coins, prints and maps. Visitors were guided through the collections by staff and advice was given on genealogy and local history.

1,100 people attended Culture Night events at Blanchardstown Library. Along with children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan, children were entertained by Waffles the magician. Children and families were also presented with their Summer Stars medals and certificates, along with goodies and free books. All age groups enjoyed music from the Dublin Gospel Choir and the Blanchardstown Brass Band. There were 3 tables dedicated to Dungeons and Dragons and the public also had the opportunity to view some amazing Lego replicas, with an exhibition from the Lego User Group. Childvision provided fun activities and games for adults and children to interact with Braille and to experience what living with a visual impairment may be like.
At Malahide Library, the audience enjoyed a fascinating talk from the Balbriggan Heritage Group about the Smyth & Co hosiery factory whose clients included members of the European aristocracy.

Fingal Festival of History 2nd – 12th October



Fingal's seventh annual Festival of History will run from Monday 2nd to Thursday 12th October 2023 throughout our library branches.

As we reach the final year of the Decade of Centenaries Commemorations, life in Ireland and Fingal in the early 1920s is the main theme of the Festival. We have talks covering de Valera and Ireland in 1923, as well as life in Fingal during the 1920s. The effect of the revolutionary period on the lives of children and the Anglo-Irish way of life are also covered. Other topics for discussion are the role of newspapers and the printed word in the fight for Irish freedom, British military deserters in the Irish Free State, the Markievicz Family, visitors to the Áras as well as the Spanish Flu and the fight against infection. This year's programme features some household names such as Dr David McCullagh and Flór McCarthy. Both form part of the programme for the History at the Castle Day on Saturday 7th October at Swords Castle. Other speakers that day include Dr Declan Brady who will discuss Fingal in the 1920s and retired Garda Detective Chief Superintendent John O'Brien who will give us an insight into the life of An Garda Síochána. We are also collaborating with the Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society. Join them on a 90 minute guided walk of the natural and built heritage of Clonsilla and the Royal Canal. All events are free to the public, but places may be limited so booking is advised. Look out for the brochure which is available across branches and at https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-festival-history-2023

Autumn/Winter 2023 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries



The Autumn/Winter events programme for Fingal Libraries is well underway. 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 Autumn/Winter 2023 programme will include a wide range of events for both children and adults planned to celebrate Positive Ageing week and Space week in October and Fingal Inclusion and Science week in November. As we come to the end of another bustling year of events, Fingal Libraries have a Winter/Christmas programme in store for all, including Christmas story-time, Family Time at your Library and Christmas themed arts and crafts for children and adults. As a treat for the whole family, library staff across the branches have organised a fun-filled programme of events for Family Time at your Library: a Right to Read national literacy initiative encouraging families to visit their local library in December. Look out for our Autumn/Winter 2023 brochure which is available across our branches https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-libraries-autumn-winter-brochure-2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



The Explore Your Future Expo is an educational showcase initiative by Fingal County Council, as part of the Fingal Skills Strategy, which is taking place in The Helix on the 3rd October 2023. The Expo is supported by DCU, Interreg Europe, Dublin Regional Skills Forum, City of Dublin Educational Training Board, Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board, Solas and a number of public and private employers. The event will feature live and virtual reality demonstrations with practical hands-on learning experiences for TY students by a variety of exhibitors to showcase the educational and training possibilities and potential career paths available for students.



The SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition" is a 4 year project which focuses on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan. Planning is in progress for the visit of the SKYLA Project partners to Fingal on the 7th & 8th November where Fingal County Council and key stakeholders will showcase the work to progress training and education development in smart specialisation.

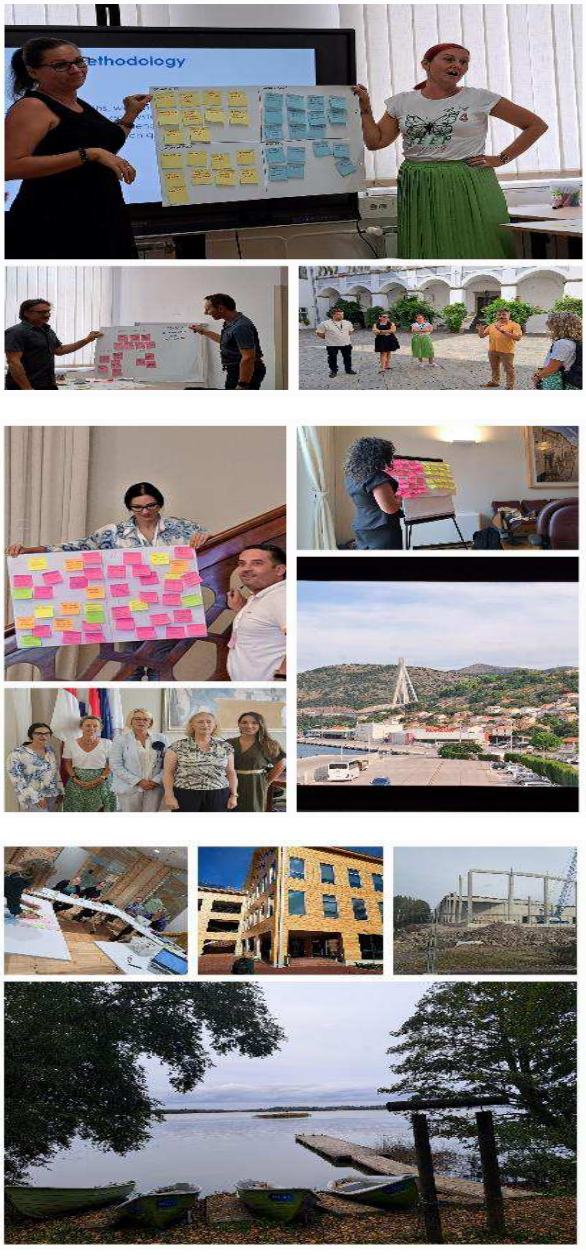
Economic Development Strategy

Grant Thornton have been appointed to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal. A presentation on the work to date was made to the September meeting of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC on the approach and timelines for delivery of the Strategy. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be presented to the SPC, CPG and Elected Members for consideration in Q4 2023.



Fingal County Council is leading the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

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. Fingal County Council as Lead Partner and the Lead Expert have commenced city visits to prepare baseline studies of partner cities with the cities of Balbriggan, Villena, Ormoz, Dubrovnik, Tuusula, Parnu and Kekava completed and the final 2 city visits to Albu Iulia and Santo Tirso planned for October.



Ormoz, Slovenia City Visit Dubrovnik, Croatia City Visit Tuusula, Finland City Visit

Representatives from each of the partner cities attended the URBACT Summer University in Malmo, (August 28th – 30th) to build skills and capacity in action planning through URBACT methods and tools.









Planning is underway for the project partners first transnational city visit to Balbriggan in November 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

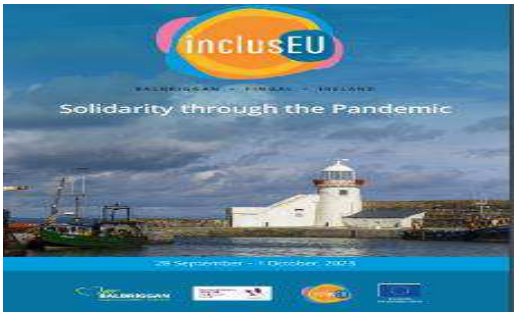
The third Green IT Your Work meeting took place in the Municipality of Agia, Greece on 29th August 2023.

Partners visted the JOIST Innovation Park in Larissa the aim of which is to design an inclusive hybrid ecosystem, bridging the physical with digital, scientific research with small and medium enterprises, and broad audiences with a plentiful programme of activities, aiming to benefit businesses, individuals and families. The Innovation Park offers new ways for innovation to reach individuals and businesses of diverse backgrounds and goals to ensure its community is empowered with enhanced knowledge distribution, boosts entrepreneurial spirit, establishes collaborative networks and offers inclusive working practices in four clusters, comprising of ehealth, EduTech, AgriTech and eTourism.



InclusEU

The InclusEU project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an the project partners in Balbriggan from September 28th to October 1st 2023. This event will highlight the work being done by Fingal, Foroige, sports clubs and scout group to encourage more young people to get involved in community volunteering. This collaborative project has seen 20 young people from local clubs and youth groups take part in leadership and sports education training during July with practical sessions tied into local Fingal-led projects. The Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Deputy Mayor Cllr Grainne Maguire, Minister Joe O'Brien will be in attendance over the 3 days as delegates from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Romania meet to discuss, debate and learn about the issues facing Balbriggan, the Council's objectives for the area and how young people are contributing to the town.



Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office again to organise the 2nd set of Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Newbridge Demesne while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The first walk will take place on Friday 29th September and run until 24th November.

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 – a funding decision is awaited.

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 application was not successful and work has commenced to re-orient the project into another funding stream.

The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is in progress to develop an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal's profile has been published on the Circular Cities website

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

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 which is scheduled for completion in Q4 2023.

DBEC's ambition is to use innovation hubs to encourage the development of new and existing high-growth businesses to stimulate sustainable and climate-conscious growth along the Corridor.

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 next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for October 2023.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2022 – 2027

Consultants Grant Thornton have prepared the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewed the last LECP, drafted high-level objectives and facilitated the consultation process with the public and key stakeholders. Work is underway on the 2-year Implementation Plan of the LECP (2023-2028).

A series of stakeholder sessions on the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 were held during September for the Council's Elected Members and a presentation on the LECP delivered to the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC. It is anticipated that the draft LECP, subject to approval by the approval by the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA), will be brought to the December Council meeting.

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 than 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is completed, and payments of the grants to community groups/organisations is ongoing.

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 received an 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. The Council is moving forward with implementation of the projects, with work commenced on a number of projects.

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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. The Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response with an additional allocation of €65,000 recently granted.
Procurement for SICAP programme period 2024-2028 has commenced and the tender evaluation is in progress.

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 in Stage 1 to run the next LEADER Programme for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG.
The Dublin Rural LEADER LAG submitted the new Leader Development Strategy on 14th July 2023 and awaits a decision on the evaluation of the submission.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie.

ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





All three Enterprise Centres have space available to 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 following the Connected Free Voucher Scheme run in 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.

Drinan Enterprise Centre is promoting the availability of a bespoke media studio facility available for immediate booking to all individuals, groups and business interests.



TOWN REGENERATION

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



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including: Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety. The Balbriggan Leadership Group, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. The Leadership group receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at Leadership meetings, with the next meeting to be held in October. A review of the Our Balbriggan Programme, its delivery timelines and governance structures will begin at this meeting where the programme will be realigned to the national URDF funding timeframe.

The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project's Preliminary Business Case for the Call 2 funding was approved by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government in July, allowing for the drawdown of over €25 million euro in URDF funding for eligible project expenditure. The Public Spending Code GATE 2 Pre-tender Report for the Quay Street and Environs Scheme was submitted to the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government in September.

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 currently being finalised prior to being issued to E-tenders. Replies to the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire have been received and have been evaluated. Irish Water went on site in the Quay Street Car Park on the 4th September. Alternative car parking is available at Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle. Communications to this effect have been issued on social media and other channels in Balbriggan.



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 the Part VIII being published in July going to full Council in October. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.

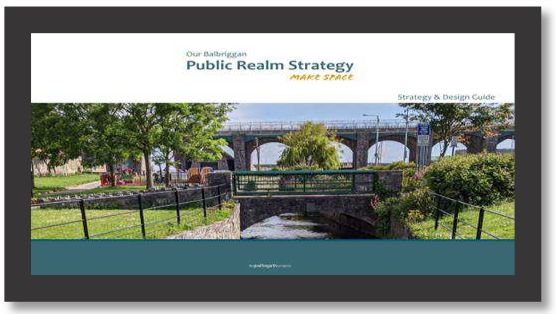


A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are complete with both expected to be published shortly.

Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have now been completed. The landscape design for a temporary pocket park at the site is due to begin. Annexes at the rear of DeBruns buildings are also being surveyed before being demolished.

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 main Harbour upgrade works are almost complete.





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.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there are three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings). The third meeting of new Town Team was held in August in Lusk Cultural Centre. A community briefing was held in early July to establish the Community Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local community. A local business briefing was held in July to establish the Business and Local Economy Pillar which will support the Town Team in delivering a new Town Plan for Lusk with input from the local business community.

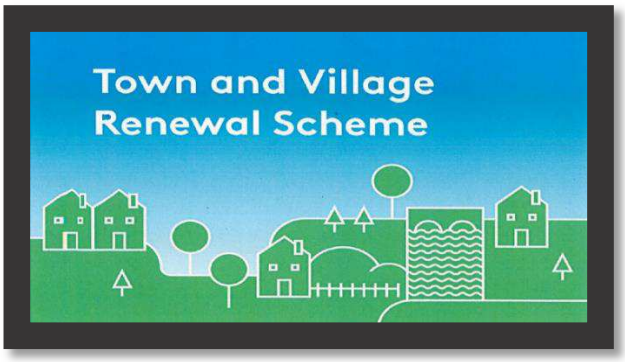
The consultants to support the preparation of a new Town Plan have been appointed and are working with the Community and Businesses Pillars in Lusk to get their views for the new town plan. Work on this progressing well, with a new Town Centre First Plan for Lusk due to be complete in November.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched during the Summer and is the Town Regeneration Office is currently seeking expressions of interest for the scheme under its many project measures.

Details are available on the Council's website or from the Town Regeneration Office townregenerationoffice@fingal.ie



The Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council had 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 been supported with funding.

The Donabate Streetscape Scheme was launched in May and applications for this scheme were 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.

The application made to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Building Acquisition Measure for 2023 has been successful with €500,000 now approved for St. Margarets, The funds have been used to purchase properties to re-develop into multi-purpose community facilities. This funding, under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, is designed to make towns and villages more attractive places in which to live, visit, invest and raise a family.

The Town Regeneration office submitted one application under the 2023 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for Skerries. The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also provides support for the necessary repair, maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland.

The scheme supports outdoor recreation activities such as walking, trekking, cycling, kayaking and hiking. It helps to make use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles. It supports the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike.

The Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. An initial 18 properties under this fund have been approved for purchase by the URDF Round 3 Fund / Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government.

The Derelict Sites Section which manages the Derelict Sites Register was moved to the Town Regeneration Office in August further broadening the capacity of the office to deal with town centre vacancy and dereliction.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for September 2023 are as follows:

Student Enterprise Programme





Schools across Fingal are being encouraged to sign-up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP). This comes as several students and teachers gathered at County Hall on September 13th to launch the 2023/24 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, the Head of Enterprise at Fingal, Oisin Geoghegan also joined the previous year's Fingal Student winners from Coolmine Community School and sponsors of the Fingal competition to launch the 2023/2024 competition.

Management Development Programme



The second leadership for Growth programme commenced on Tuesday 12th September. As part of the programme, the owner manager participants will each produce Work Based Assessments which document their businesses strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Fingal Enterprising Women Network welcomed almost 100 business women to a business brunch on September 14th in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. The theme of the brunch was "Pause." Eat, Share" over a round table setting which provided attendees with the opportunity to brainstorm and share their expertise while making new business and friendship connections. Prior to the brunch, the business women heard from Lisa-Nicole Dunne of Mantra Strategy who hosted an engaging discussion centred around Business Strategy.
The network will host another meet up prior to Christmas, so keep up to date with our training e-zine and social media channels where more details will follow in due course.

Fingal Business Network



The next quarterly Fingal Business Network event is on the 29th of September in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry and will feature a panel discussion with business owners Michelle O'Keeffe - Platform55, James Stewart – Celtic Candles, Sandra Hickey – Milk Bath and David Butler – QBM, hosted by Noel Davidson. The discussion will be centered round the 3 E's: 1. E-Commerce; 2. Expansion; and 3. Employment.

This will be the third quarterly Fingal Business Network convention of 2023, with over 200 business owner managers attending the previous two events. Fingal Business Network is a quarterly initiative where small businesses can meet and discuss their challenges and opportunities with their peers.

Fingal Business Briefing



The next monthly Fingal Business Briefing will run on October 18th for small businesses and entrepreneurs in the Fingal area. The briefings outline the supports and services available to small businesses and individuals seeking to start their own business, through LEO and other state agencies. Year to date, 160 individuals have attended a business briefing in 2023.

Energy Efficient Grant Scheme



The first approval under the new Energy Efficient Grant Scheme was granted in September 2023. The scheme which is being rolled out throughout the 31 Local Enterprise offices 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. Applicants must have completed the Green for Business Programme. An information session will be held in September for Fingal businesses to learn more about this Scheme.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) 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, as well as giving businesses a better understanding of how they can exploit E-Commerce opportunities for their business. So far in 2023, a total of 61 applications have been approved in the amount of € €129,018. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held online on Friday 10th November 2023

New Campaign Encourages Small Businesses to Engage with Local Enterprise Offices



The new "All in a Day's Work" campaign encourages small businesses to engage with their Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to learn about the supports available that can help them save time, money, and energy. The campaign focuses on three key areas: Lean, Green, and Digital. Attending the launch was Heather Gilroy of Prints of Ireland, a client of Local Enterprise Office Fingal and Head of Enterprise Oisin Geoghegan.

The National Ploughing Championships 2023



The National Ploughing Championships was held on 19th – 21st September 2023 in Ratheniska, Co. Laois for a 50-acre exhibition and trade arena. Each year the Local Enterprise Offices host a Local Enterprise Village to provide an opportunity for clients to take full advantage of this unique consumer event. Each Local Enterprise Office hosts a competition for one suitable business for the event and this year Milk Bath (Lusk) was successful and represented Fingal. Sandra Hickey from Milk Bath was delighted to meet President Michael D. Higgins at The Ploughing Championships and presented him with a gift of Fingal handmade luxury Milk Bath products to enjoy.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, online and in person.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. To date the clinics have offered one-to-one advice and guidance to 736 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 187 clients receiving mentoring year to date.

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 successfully 12 MFI loan applications YTD.

Training and Events

September saw a huge uptake in the training offerings run by LEO Fingal with almost 200 people registering. The Start Your Own Business Courses are booked out as soon as they are advertised showing the high level of entrepreneurship in the Fingal area. The Social Media and Digital Marketing course is also seeing good demand as well as the shorter courses being offered as part of the overall training suite.

94 participants have embarked on one of 8 SYOB programmes year to date. There were a further 84 participants in the SYOB Bootcamp in LEW and 113 at the UStart programme for Ukrainian nationals.

Internationalisation and Export Development

LEO Fingal is providing a further opportunity to small businesses that wish to develop export opportunities through it's latest Export Development Programme which will commence in Q4 2023. In addition, the Exporter grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Export Grants have been approved for seven Fingal businesses year to date.

Ukraine Enterprise Crisis Scheme



The first UECS Grant was approved at the August EVAC meeting. There are a further 2 applications in the pipeline for submission over the next month. 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. Applications are now open to Fingal based businesses.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 29th August and approved €152,000 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €558,200 has been approved across twenty-nine 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 18th October.

Showcase Ireland 2024



Showcase Ireland 2024 will take place from 21st – 23rd January 2024 at the RDS, Dublin.

Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated 8 stands for this event. Following a selection process, there 8 successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal and their details sent to the Showcase Ireland 2024 Committee – Stories by Ola (Skerries), Moss of the Isles (Swords), Nicola Weldon (Balbriggan), Clémence Prosen Art & Design (Balbriggan), Rob Stears Illustrations (Castleknock), Waylon & Flo (Skerries), Luxie Kids (Trading as BabyDub, Donabate)

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Portrane Beach – Pedestrian Entrance



Recently planted Pollinator Planting Scheme at the entrance to Portrane Beach as part of the 2023 Programme of Works and the FCC Biodiversity Plan.

Newbridge Demesne Car Park



Additional Park Rail installed along new pedestrian pathway from car park towards Newbridge House.

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Portrane Green



Recently planted Pollinator Planting Scheme at the entrance to Portrane Green as part of the 2023 Programme of Works and the FCC Biodiversity Plan.

Longstone Park - Portrane



A new pollinator planting scheme installed at Longstone Park Green Portrane. This was one of the locations selected for enhancements as part of the local Biodiversity Action Plan

Donabate – St Patricks Terrace



Recently planted Pollinator Planting Scheme at St Patricks Park, Donabate as part of the 2023 Programme of Works and the local FCC Biodiversity Action Plan.

Broadmeadow Community Garden



Operations Department supplied wooden pallets and materials to members of the Broadmeadow Community Garden for their 'Bring a plant, take a plant' community initiative. Operations staff assisted with the install of the units adjacent to the garden. Later in the month, the community welcomed Pride of Place judges to view the garden and meet members.

Broadmeadow Linear Park, Swords



A total of 3 new pedestrian pathways installed in Broadmeadow Linear park linking adjacent residential developments into the park and on to the extension into the new Millers Glen Park.

Oldtown



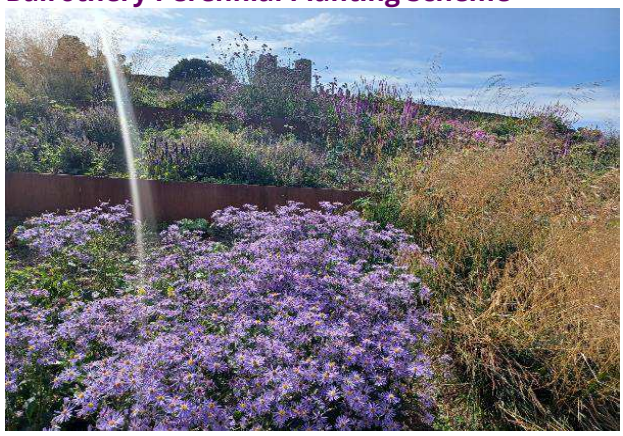
New Entrance Landscape features at the entrance to Oldtown Village currently under construction.

Balbriggan



Newly installed seating along the Stephenstown Link Road Balbriggan

Balrothery Perennial Planting Scheme



This perennial planting scheme was planted up earlier this year and is currently putting on a great display with lots of colour and variety throughout.

Lusk



Newly Constructed pedestrian pathway at Ministers Park Lusk. Additional adjacent planting planed for Winter 2023.



Road repairs at Hedgetown, Lusk

Naul Graveyard



The ramp at the entrance to Naul Graveyard has been replaced along with the installation of new handrails and resin surfacing. All works completed prior to the annual blessing of the graves ceremony and the works were very well received locally.



Perimeter wooden fencing has been replaced with a traditional steel park rail in keeping with the new entrance feature.

Skerries



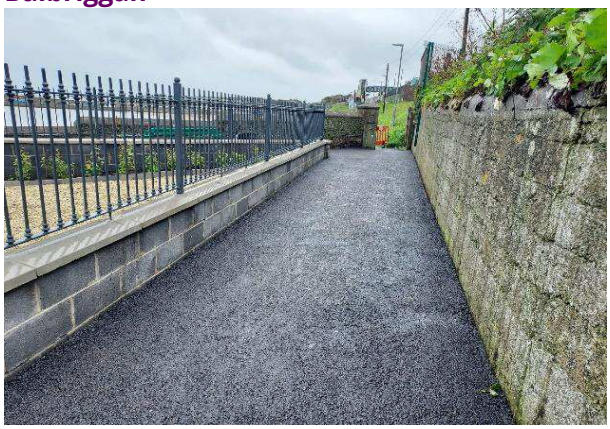
Newly installed constructed Tree Pits at Skerries Mills Car Park as part of the ongoing pedestrian link improvements linking the car park to the Mills.

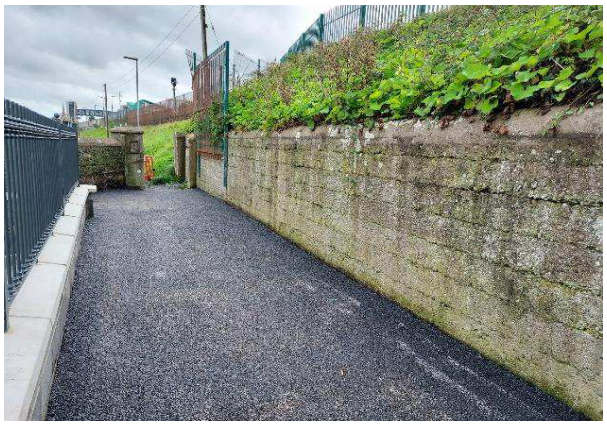
Skerries



Boats being removed near Skerries Harbour

Balbriggan







Resurfacing works on Lambeeacher Lane, Balbriggan









New information boards installed at Harbour.

Swords



The next stage of reconstruction of the Brackenstown Rd is now underway. The image shows the foundations cast for the support of the embankment.

Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works

Work is progressing well on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. Many items of work have been completed with the remainder being worked on. Road Inlay preparation works such as new kerbing have been ongoing at several locations in advance of new road surfacing on the Swords Road & Kinsealy Lane.

Roads Works



Kinsealy Lane prior to road inlay works



Road inlay works on Kinsealy Lane.



New kerbing being laid on Swords Road.



Ongoing path resurfacing works being carried out in the area.



Night road works taking place on Swords Road.

Malahide Castle - New over lay and surface to entrance to.

Works have started to the entrance of the castle which include a new steel ever edge and a buff chip and tar to replicate what is currently there. This will improve the aesthetics and eliminate the current issue with pooling water.









New Railing on McAlister Avenue, Malahide Demesne

46 Years Dedicated Service



Martin Hennessey's retirement gathering, following 46 years' of dedicated service.

An Taisce Green Flag Award

Malahide Demesne has been successful in retaining the Green Flag Award for Parks. This benchmarks excellence in the management of green spaces which are open free the public and was awarded to 101 parks, gardens, grounds and wildlife sanctuaries around the country.



New bed planting on Hogans Avenue.

Talbot Botanic Gardens



New Norman Garden at rear Malahide Castle



African garden in full flower West Lawn, Talbot Botanic Gardens



Olearia solandri one of the National Collection of Olearia in Talbot Gardens



Dianella tasmanica in Walled Garden Malahide Demesne

Burial Grounds Works

Non-stop heavy rain; our staff worked hard to keep burial plots topped up.







Waterlogged burial plot before remedial works carried out.

Balgriffen Cemetery

Work was completed at the new machinery storage unit at the cemetery.





Cemetery Toilet Refurbishment

St. Fintan's Burial Ground New Toilet Refurbishment





New urinal installed at St Fintans Burial

Beaches

Operations Department Howth Malahide team received delivery of the new lifeguard boat engine and trailer.





New lifeguard boat engine and trailer

Cleansing

The Howth Malahide team carried out extensive plumbing and woodwork repair works at Howth & Portmarnock Public Toilets



New woodwork access panels

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

NEW WOOD CARVINGS



New wood carving of 3 wolves on large stump of a Redwood tree in Millennium Park, that had to be felled some years ago due to storm damage. This carving is situated it the corner of the Arboretum near the entrance to the Irish School.
In this area was the great Scaldwood, an ancient forest in which wolves roamed. In 1662, a wolf cull was ordered by the authorities, as these predators were threatening livestock. The last remaining wolf in Ireland was killed near Baltinglass in Co. Wicklow by John Watson in 1786.

IMPROVEMENTS TO ENTRANCE OF WARRENSTOWN ESTATE



Pillars at entrance to Warrenstown Estate, that have been painted and 2 small Perennial Pollinator beds planted outside each side of Pillars at base of walls at entrance to estate.

NEW STONE WALL TO REAR OF COOLMINE RE-CYCLING CENTRE





New Stone Wall built by Stone Mason at back of Coolmine Recycle Centre yard at junction of Porterstown Avenue and Clonsilla Road.

GRASS TRIMMING



Grass Edge Trimming been carried out throughout Castleknock/Mulhuddart.

RE-SURFACING WORKS





Ongoing path resurfacing works being carried out in the area.

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE



The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Joint Policing Committee public meeting took place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Blanchardstown on the 13th of September 2023.

WORKS ON TORY BRIDGE







Foam spray treatment been carried out by our operations crews on Tory Bridge.

EVENT IN SHACKLETON GARDENS



Clonsilla Heritage Festival which took place on the weekend of 16-17th of September. Despite the weather, over 100 people were in attendance.

DAMASTOWN AND PORTERSTOWN PARK





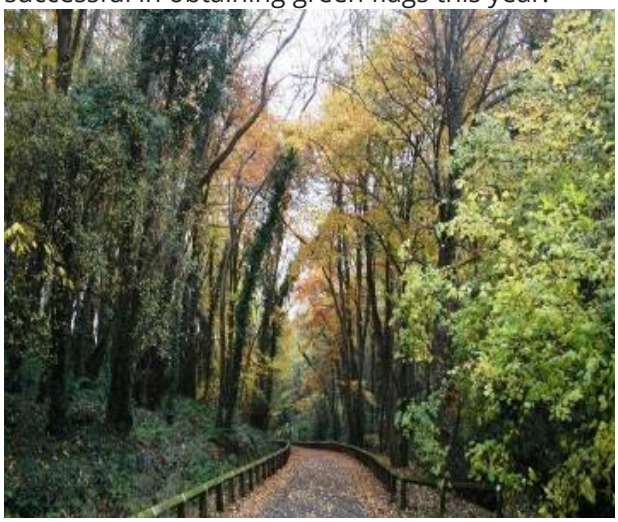
Active outdoor fitness infrastructure was successfully installed in Damastown and Porterstown park last month.

GREEN FLAGS – AN TAISCE AWARDS

Hartstown Park has received the prestigious green flag award this year after a substantial 3 year works program to improvements to the parks facilities.



St. Catherine's Park and Millennium Park were also successful in obtaining green flags this year.





PROGRAMME OF WORKS IN D15

Some Pictures showing works undertaken this month:

Sycamore View



Northwood Avenue



Roselawn



Deerpark



Car Parking Services

August 2023

There was a total of 1419 parking tickets issued during August 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Top 10 Offences

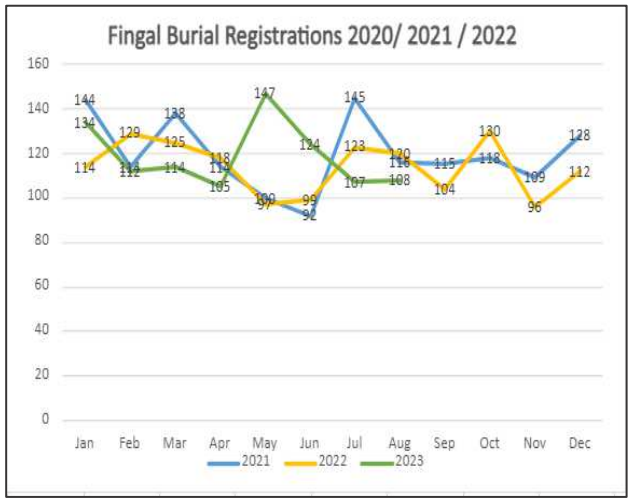
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - August 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	751
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	156
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	152
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	132
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	74
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	24
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	20
04B - Vehicle Parking Opposite a Continuous White Line	16
9H - PARKING IN AN ELECTRIC BAY	16
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	16

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations August 2023
North Street - Swords	134
Main Street - Swords	92
South Strand Skerries	89
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	84
Strand Street - Skerries	65
Harbour Road - Skerries	64
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	43
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	43
The Green - Malahide	42
Church Road - Malahide	40

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 108 Interments in August 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

The 2023 Program of Works has been progressing in each Administrative Area.

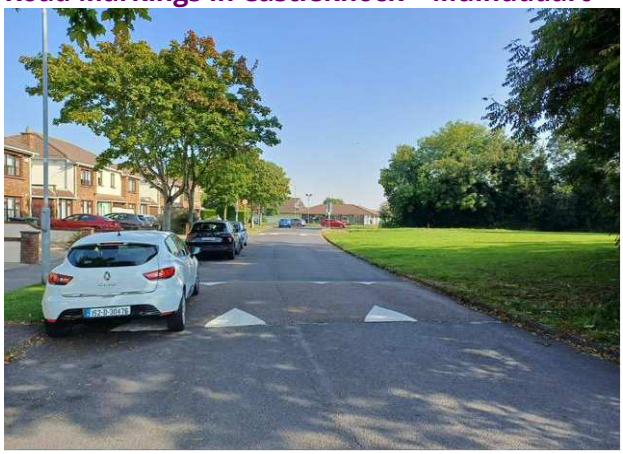
Castleknock – Mulhuddart 2023 POW

Works were completed outside Circle K on the R135 in September. The works included concrete footpath buildout, inclusive of flexible bollards. The infrastructure was installed to improve road safety exiting and entering the Circle K and adjoining businesses.



Kilshane – Concrete build out at Circle K

Road Markings in Castleknock – Mulhuddart



Oaktree Drive – Sharks teeth have been repainted onto existing ramps.



Lohunda Road – Sharks teeth have been repainted onto existing ramps.



Lohunda Downs– Sharks teeth have been repainted onto existing ramps.

Balbriggan Swords 2023 POW

New drop kerbs and tactile pavement have been installed by at the junction between Naul Main Street and Westown Close and also in Oldtown in the proximity of St Mary's National School. The works included footpath upgrades and repairs.



Oldtown- R122/O'Briens Lane /St Mary's National School



Oldtown- R122 outside St Mary's National School



Naul- R108/ Westown Close



Rush- New Pedestrians Crossing warning sign at Park Road.



Garristown- New School Children Crossing warning sign at R130.



Kettles Lane at R132 – Further signage installed – Two 'No Right Turn' signs.



Donabate – Relining on Main Street.



Tower Bay – Portrane – Further parking restrictions at entrance to car park

Howth - Malahide Area

Junction of Swords Road and Malahide Road (McAllisters)

Traffic signal upgrade is ongoing at this junction with Footpath works and Red Tactile Installation coming to an end.

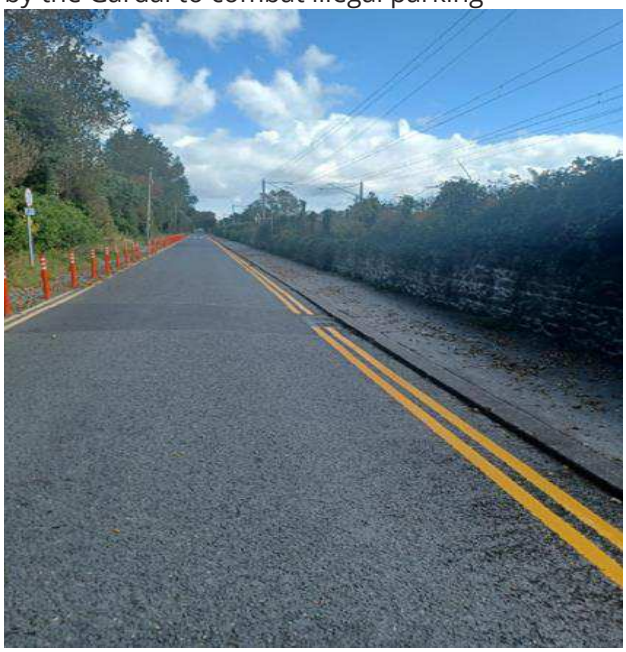
Picture below shows the new completed tactiles across the Swords and Malahide road.





New Road Markings

Below: Double Yellow Lining opposite the existing plastic bollards –Burrow Road Sutton as requested by the Gardai to combat illegal parking



New 30 KPH Myrtle Road -Baldoyle





Above : New Yellow Box on the Yellow Walls Road - Malahide

Examples of new road signage installed

From left to Right: Balscadden road, Exiting Balscadden Car Park, and new cul de sac signs in Sutton Park







New Stop Sign (markings to follow) at Claremont junction with Howth Road (Presence of Cyclists)





Three New Updated Ramp signs for Sutton Cross

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

85 hires were put in place from 01/09/2023 to 22/09/2023, engaging 23 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 99.2% of all lights switched to LEDS.

100% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed in towns and villages across the county wide.





The result of the bad weather and as our evenings draw shorter, the number of Faults reported have risen slightly to 1.28 % of overall numbers of lights. The Public Lighting Area Works Programme is well under way across the county with several jobs complete. (Mourneview Estate - Skerries,) (Red Arches – Car park, Baldoyle) (Manorfields Pedway, Ongar).

Millbank Tower Rush (POW)

The Millbank has been lit using feature lighting as part of the 2023 Programme of Works (POW)



Beaches and Lifeguard Service

Fingal County Council will be seeking to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2024 Bathing Season. The WSDO will continue to communicate with the trainers, to ensure that we have enough lifeguards and are able to open more stations full time in 2024.

The reduced number of lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season meant that Portrane, Rush North and Loughshinny lifeguard stations did not open

for the season, with Balbriggan and Howth opening part-time. The remaining stations operated as normal.
The service for our non-blue flag beaches concluded on Sunday 27th August. The service for blue flag beaches, Portmarnock, Donabate and Rush South, concluded Sunday 10th September 2023.

These are the statistics for the 2023 Bathing Season:

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other	
Balbriggan	6	1	11	2	76	22	9	only open 32 days
Skerries South	1	1	20	0	185	24	7	only open 59 days
Loughshinny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not open at all
Rush North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not open at all
Rush South	0	0	1	0	192	24	8	not open June Bank Hol Wknd
Portrane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	not open at all
Donabate	4	0	25	4	253	35	6	
Malahide	2	0	5	2	415	183	13	
Portmarnock	9	2	55	7	1231	210	97	Port 2 only open 22 days
Sutton	7	1	67	5	440	90	19	
Howth	0	0	1	0	45	9	1	only open 8 days
JUN-SEPT	29	5	185	20	2837	597	160	

* Stats lower than 2022 due to LG shortage & lack of station opened.

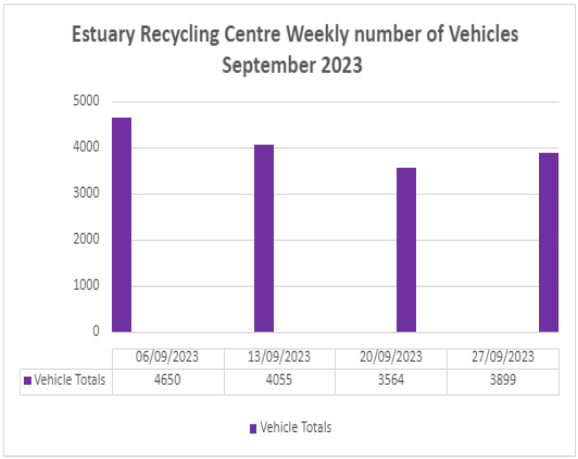
Lifeguards going blue for World Drowning Prevention Day:

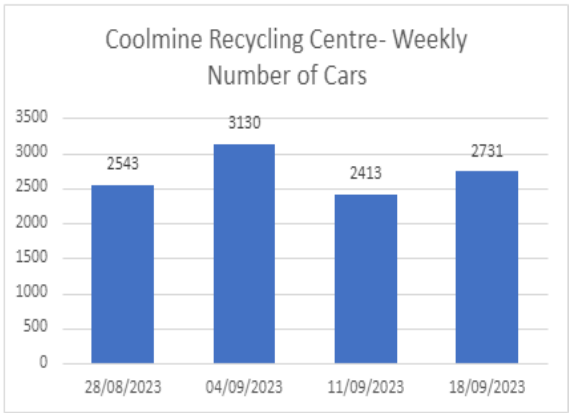






Recycling Centres Update



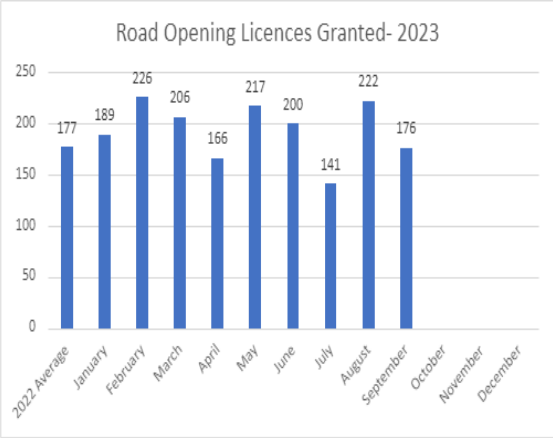


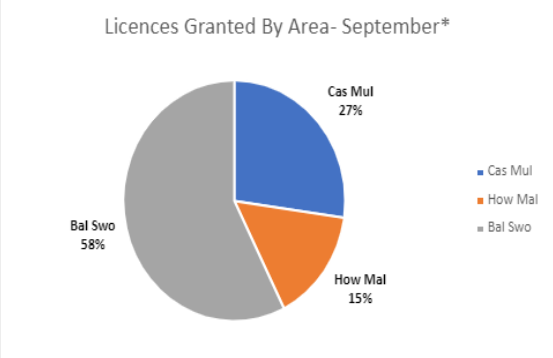
Licenses

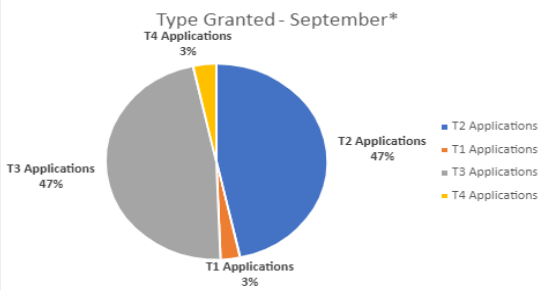
- **Road Opening License's**

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.

176 Licences were granted in the month of **September**, **55%** of which were granted by way of automation. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by utilities.







* As of September 25th.

- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council currently have 30 Casual Trading Pitches occupied throughout the Administrative Area.
These Licences cover Hot Food/Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.
We are currently in communication with several interested parties in taking up additional pitches throughout the county and site inspections have been arranged.
The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors to tease out any issues and to assist in delivery of quality service.

Street Furniture Licences





Fingal County Council currently have 33 valid Street Furniture Licence throughout the county:

1 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart, 6 in Balbriggan/Swords and 26 in Howth/Malahide, this is a significant update on previous years.

We are currently in communication with several applicants re issuing new SFL licences pending site inspections in the coming weeks.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations department are close to completing refunds in accordance with S.I. 256 dated 22 of May 2023 for all Street Furniture Licence Holders in the area following engagement with the businesses.

Storm Water

- Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects valued at approximately €3.63 Million, although this is being kept under review. Below is a brief update in relation to the current status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

Topographical and Manhole Surveys are now complete. Rain gauges and flow monitors have been installed on the catchment network and were followed by a CCTV Survey of the sewer – now complete. The information from these surveys is currently being interpreted to inform the condition parameters of the existing sewer and thus allow for a preliminary design to be developed. Preliminary design, Optioneering and Investigation Reports are being progressed on Work Packages A and B.

- **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. Trench reinstatement works are planned for Q3 2023 with final road reinstatement planned for Q1 2024.



- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of a surface water outfall pipe on Burrow Beach is scheduled to begin following the seabird wintering season around March 2024. Procurement of the various material required has commenced. It will be executed by our own Direct Labour section with consultancy support from Malachy Walsh and Partners.



- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

This project involves the laying of a new Storm water pipeline along Bath Ave, Malahide to alleviate localised flooding and allow for future capacity. Scantech Geoscience Ltd completed a GPR and pavement thickness survey on the 07/06/2023 which informed design drawings and a Site-Specific RAMS. Works have commenced on the 25/09/2023. A 9-week window has been allocated to the works which requires a full road closure.

- **Ongar Development Stormwater Remedial Works**

Remediation works on the drainage network in Ongar are on-going 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. With 90% of the works programme expended all reinstatements of footpath and road are complete with drainage repairs underway currently. Current forecast for completion is mid-October.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

The proposed Stormwater preventative maintenance cycle for 2023 is currently underway. A contractor has been procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Survey works are ongoing in the in the Blanchardstown & Castleknock areas.

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. Assets have been replaced in Skerries, Rush, Sutton, Howth Main St, The Naul and Balbriggan.

Following discussion with the biodiversity section and environment department, safety concerns led to the partial removal of the **Portrane SW Outfall** which had suffered damage from recent storms. Care was taken to reinforce with rock armour a key upper section of intact pipe which serves to prevent sand drift.





Following CCTV surveys of Rusheeney and Manorfields estates we are awaiting costings to remediate collapsed pipe sections by either open cut and replace or using trenchless technology.



A new precast headwall has been installed on White's Road in Castleknock. Works are now required to reinstate and landscape the area around the new headwall once channel clearing is completed by the local Operations depot.

A joint Environment-Drainage section investigation was carried out to determine the source of oil contamination of the Storm Water network at the Estuary in Swords. The source was not determined, however the discharge has stopped. The storm network was washed and cleaned using high-pressure water and investigation closed.

Multiple misconnection surveys and dye testing are taking place in the Balbriggan area. Surveys are focusing on the catchment feeding into the Harbour area via the Bracken river. The following areas were surveyed – Lambeecher/Bath Rd, Tara Court, Clonard Court, Bremor Castle Mews Fulham St, Clonard St, Mill Race, Chapel Ct & R132 Drogheda St.

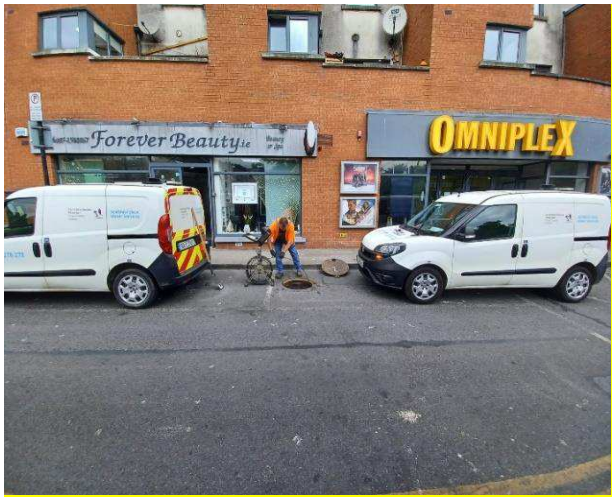






A significant misconnection was discovered from apartments on Mill St. Dye testing confirmed the source. The environment team issued enforcement proceedings. Meanwhile Drainage Operations are still cleaning this line.





Works were carried out to locate and raise several buried manholes in the Flemington Park area of Balbriggan. Separately an investigation found several misconnections of foul to storm water in the estate. The most practical solution was to divert the contaminated storm sewer section to a foul line, effectively removing the majority of affected properties and creating a combined sewer.





- **Biodiversity**

Ongoing 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:
To date 12 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

Briefings/Meetings

FINGAL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2023

Meeting	Day / Date	Area	Venue
JPC Public Meeting	Wednesday 13th September 2023 7pm - 8.30pm	**Dublin 15 & Area** Castleknock, Clonsilla, Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Tyrrelstown, Ongar, Meakstown	**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown S.C.**
JPC Public Meeting	Wednesday 20th September 2023 7pm - 8.30pm	**Swords/Malahide** Swords, Santry, Donabate, Portrane, Malahide, Portmarnock	**Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords**
JPC Public Meeting	Wednesday 11th October 2023 7pm - 8.30pm	**Howth/Sutton & Area** Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle (parts of)	**Marine Hotel, Sutton**
JPC Public Meeting	Wednesday 18th October 2023 7pm - 8.30pm	**North County** Balbriggan, Balrothery, Garristown, Naul, Skerries, Rush, Lusk & area	**Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan**

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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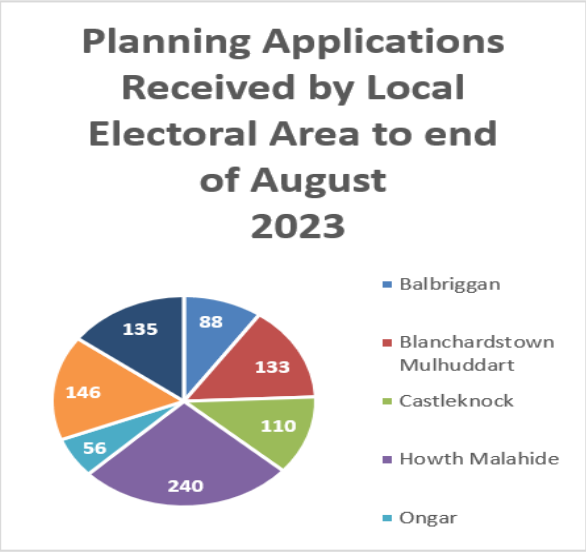
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Planning Applications

There have been 908 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to 31st of August 2023, of these 123 applications were invalid leaving a total of 785 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2023 to 31st of August 2023, seven Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2023 to 31st of August 2023 eleven decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these eleven decisions made, all have been to grant Permission (3,211 Units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 16 decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st of August 2023. There are five SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 821 planning decisions have been issued to 31st August 2023. There have been 676 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 145 refusals of permission (17%). Included in the 676 grants there have been 54 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 380 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 63 commercial/retail grants of permission and 34 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 17 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 4 relates to 20 – 50 units, 7 relate to 50 -100 units and 7 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

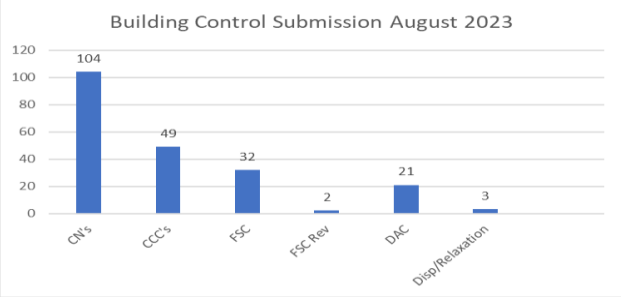
Building Control Admin

In August 2023, there were 211 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 104 Commencement notices, 49 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 34 Fire Safety related Certificates and 24 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 the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 157 decisions in August 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 62 decisions to grant and 95 extensions of time.



Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section

- There were 16 building Control Inspections so far in September 2023 with 41 buildings inspected.
- There were 6 section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in September to date and there has been no enforcement notices issued.
- There was 1 road taken in charge in the council meeting of the 11th September (Balgriffin to Belmayne Link Road).
- There are 2 estates up for taking in charge in the October meeting (Cnoc Dubh Phase 2 and Millers Glen Phase 2.
- We have validated the Taking in Charge request for the Drynam Estate and are doing up taking in charge drawings. We will advertise this estate for taking in charge later this year.
- The bondholder has agreed to undertake some further small works in Thornleigh Estate In Swords in order for Fingal to release the remainder of the bond. These works should be carried out within the next month.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract is still ongoing and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in Ongar Village. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council.
- The completion date has been pushed out until Friday 27th of October to complete some additional drainage works and other works for Irish water.
- Works are ongoing in the Gallops housing estate by a contractor carrying out "Taking in Charge" works for Fingal County Council.

Dangerous Structures

- There were 7 dangerous structures notified in August 2023 and 1 dangerous structure notified in September 2023 There are a total of 90 dangerous structures active in our database.

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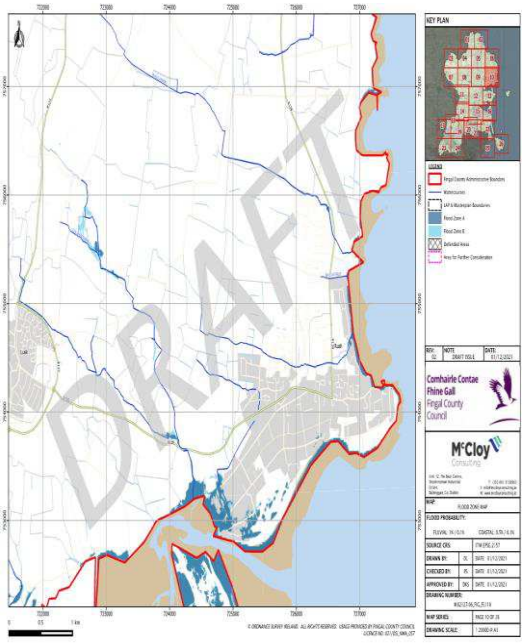

Checking access ramp in a house in Portmarnock.


Checking Guard Railing on an apartment in Portmarnock

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

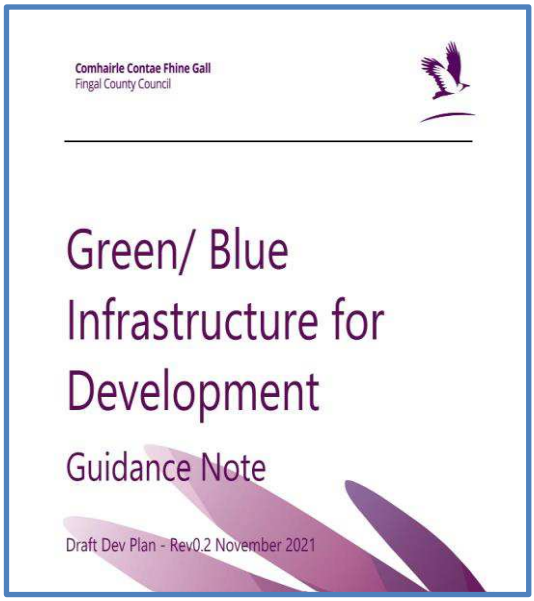
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.



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



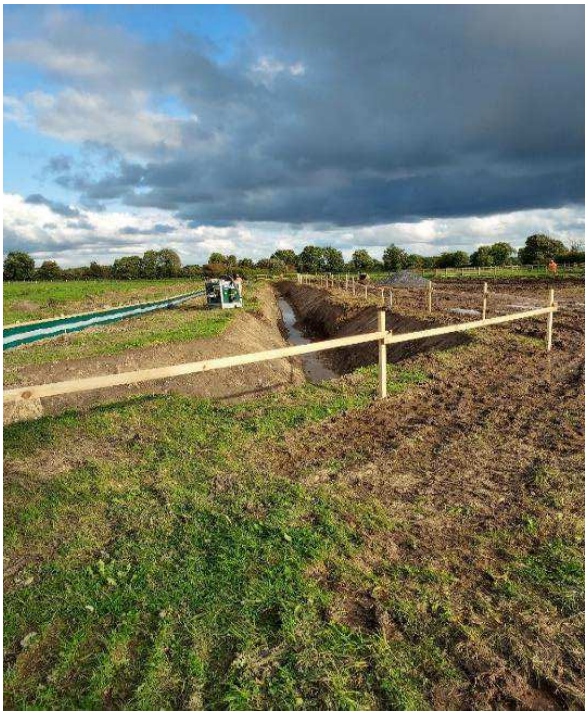
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Transportation

Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed above road level in early December. This will facilitate traffic across the new bridge including cars, bicycles and pedestrians. The work on completing the underpasses will be the last element of the works and will be completed during Q1 next year, as we have included additional elements in the scheme such as repairs to the access to Waterville Park and a new artwork in the underpass. Some traffic management will be required over the coming weeks and resurfacing of the N3 off ramp will be carried out overnight. A site visit for local councillors has been arranged for later in October. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site www.snugboroughinterchange.ie





Ongar Barnhill Link Road

The sod turning for this project took place on 8th September and the main contractor, Bam Civil, commenced work on the 11th of September. Initial works include preparatory work to allow for temporary stream diversions in advance of main works. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



R132 Connectivity

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with MetroLink is ongoing along with ongoing design coordination with adjacent developments. Following the outcome of a Rapid Build Options Assessment Report, in line with NTA requirements, which has concluded that the approved scheme design remains the preferred option, the project is now being brought through the detailed design stage. The findings from the ground investigation works carried out in June and July have been compiled and now will assist in the decision-making process for the detailed design stage.

Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction work is progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The work has started at three locations, namely Hamilton Road, Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122 and at Moylaragh Road. Work is progressing with a new bus stop and a new shared area already installed on Hamilton Road.

A meeting in relation to progressing the art installation piece has also taken place recently with Fingal's Art Officer, local representatives, Tidy

Town Committee members and Our Balbriggan in order to progress the process of developing an art installation. Additional meeting with the ESB in Early September onsite to reach agreement on new connect point at 12 Controlled crossing points along the project.

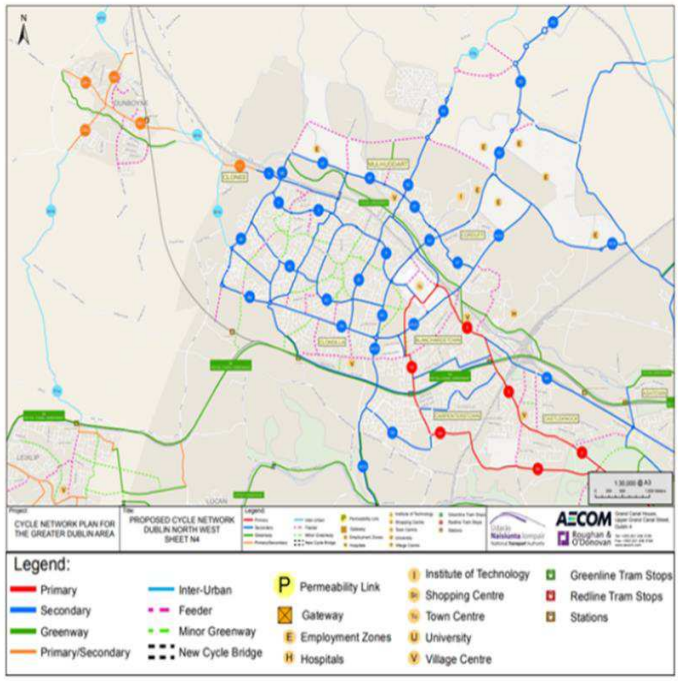


To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council]



Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in Dublin 15, with a closing date of 24th of October 2023. The evaluation of submissions received as part of the stage one process will then be assessed to determine which firms will proceed to the stage 2 procurement process in Q1 2024. Proposed projects will include Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Tolka Valley Greenway.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West – Sheet N4

Granard Bridge

A tender brief is currently being prepared for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tendering for this project will form part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 1 of the procurement process.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

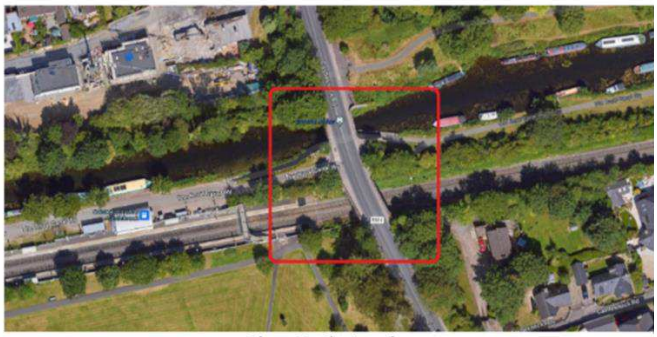


Figure 2 - Site Location

Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with landowners and with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also. Following this process, the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in early 2024.

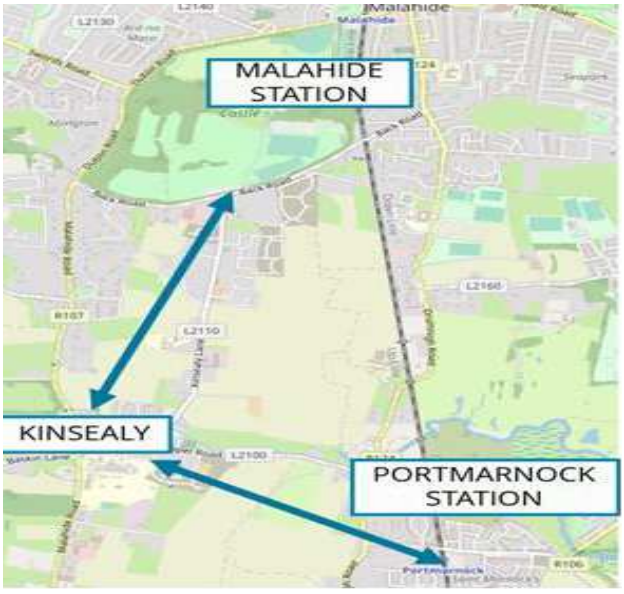
S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design review for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme is currently underway. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works will be required along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed. This is at the final stage of the procurement process with works expected to be carried out in October/November 2023. A tree surveyor will be procured in the coming months and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out. Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing.



Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The consultancy framework for various Swords & Kinsealy projects with the initial project being the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes was recently awarded. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes Projects. The Options Selection phase is progressing on two routes, Kinsealy Lane and Chapel Road/Station Road to determine the draft preferred routes. A surveyor will be procured to carry out topographical surveys and traffic counts. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage and further discussion around public consultation will take place at that stage also.



Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with landowners and residents' groups along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way is ongoing. Baseline wildlife surveys in public lands were carried out in September by the project ecologist. Appointment of a contractor for the topographical survey of public lands should be completed in the coming weeks. This survey will allow design in the town and village centres to be progressed. Affected landowners with farming and horticultural businesses will be informed in the coming weeks with regard to the appointment of the scheme agronomist, at which point further liaison meetings will be held along the route.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

The ground investigation works which have been ongoing throughout the summer have now concluded and the contractor is demobilising the railway safety barrier from the causeway. The laboratory results are being analysed at present and these will be used to inform detailed design including foundations and railway stability concerns. A tender competition for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units will go out to the market shortly, the long lead in time is required to align with the approved May-September construction window in 2024 following the overwintering bird season. In tandem the project team are preparing the Stage 1 tender documents for the Donabate landward works which will include two additional bridge structures spanning across the Pill River and greenway works through Kilcrea farmland and the Kilcrea junction at Newbridge.



Church Fields Link Road

Works are continuing on phase 2 of the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, including the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue and the installation of 670m of high quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity.



PSI-026 Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project and two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard. The project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of Portrane Road in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Subject to approval from An Bord Pleanála, the CPO will allow Fingal County Council to purchase privately-owned land that is required to widen the path and deliver the project. A decision from An Bord Pleanála on the CPO application is expected later this year.

Separately, Fingal County Council has commenced a tender competition to procure a works contractor to build a Footpath Enhancement project on nearby Turvey Avenue, in Donabate. The project will see the construction of a new section of footpath to improve pedestrian safety and increase connectivity for people walking between Donabate Village and the residential areas along Turvey Avenue, west of Donabate Train Station. A works contractor is expected to be appointed in November with construction work due to commence early 2024.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

The detailed design for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate has been approved by Iarnród Éireann and the Commission for Railway Regulation. The new bridge will cross over the railway line, facilitating 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 developers of adjacent lands to facilitate access to, and construction of, the bridge. Procurement for a main contractor for the works is ongoing and construction is expected to commence in Q1 2024.

Donabate Transport Projects

Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- Donabate Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages of the Donabate Transport Projects will commence immediately.

Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.



Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

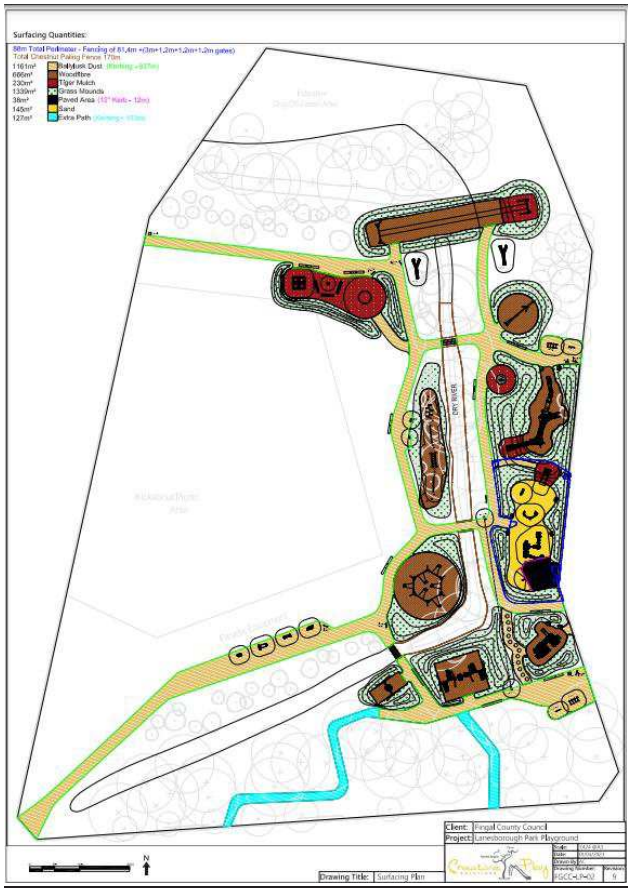
Conservation Works and Woodland Management in Ward River Regional Park Swords

Specialist conservation works have commenced on the historic landscape features in the Ward River Regional Park. Initial works include the stabilisation of the brick arch (see attached photo) and removal of inappropriate structures in the Brackenstown Walled Garden. Further works will include significant restoration works at the Usher's Lake cascades and bridges. All of the works are being carried out in compliance with the requirements of Inland Fisheries Ireland to avoid any negative impacts on the watercourses in the park. Works have also commenced in the park on Woodland Management focused on the removal of invasive species and in particular extensive areas of cherry laurel which is preventing the natural regeneration of woodland in the park. The period between September and the end of March is the optimum period for these works.



Commencement of works on a new public playground for Lanesborough Park

Works have recently started on the construction of a new playground located in Lanesborough Park, Meakstown. The playground is one of the largest public play facilities ever developed in Fingal and the contractor has estimated that the works will take approximately 12 weeks to complete resulting in the provision of a “state of the art” playground providing a diverse range of play features to meet the needs of local children.



HOUSING

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

Housing Supply

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme announced – Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan

9 No. 1-bed and 9 No. 2-bed houses at Hampton Gardens Close are being made available for sale by Fingal County Council under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements. This will be carried out under the Affordable Housing Act 2021 and associated Regulations. The scheme will be aimed at first-time buyers (although some exceptions apply).

Prices starting from €170,000 for 1 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment and Prices starting from €220,000 for 2 Bedroom Duplexes.

Applications will be accepted via an online application portal. The application portal will be open **from 12pm on 13th October 2023 and will close at 5pm on 3rd November 2023.**

Hampton Gardens
By Orchid Homes



Housing Information Event - September 25th, 2023- Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords

Fingal County Council hosted a Housing information evening in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords on the 25th September 2023. There was a very high attendance and attendees had the opportunity to hear about the different options for people who want to make their home in Fingal. Presentations were given on the Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant, the Local Authority Home Loan, and the Affordable Housing Scheme. Housing Staff were on hand to chat with attendees and assist with their queries & offer guidance in relation to the relevant schemes.









Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	Units
Under Construction	307
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	476
Planning and Design	274
Part V	232
TOTAL	1,289



Progress of Projects on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Three units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 6 units at the beginning of June 2023.





Fingal County Council- Affordable Housing Scheme at Hayestown, Rush, Co Dublin
52 Affordable & 10 Social Units

Works are continuing on Phase 1 of the affordable units at Hayestown, Rush. The assessment process has now concluded on the applications received for the scheme. A total of 279 completed applications were submitted and all applicants have now been contacted.









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

Land Acquisition

Fingal County Council has recently completed the purchase of 5 No. Sites, comprising of an area of c. 29 hectares to facilitate the construction of up to 800 new homes. The acquisition of further sites for housing development is under active consideration.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Work has been completed on 83 properties to date in Strandmill Estate, Barnewall Estate, Rivermeade, and Glasmore Court. Works on a further 29 properties are currently underway in Strandmill Estate, Rivermeade, Glasmore Park, and Whitestown Gardens.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other housing estates across the county with a view to including them in this programme.



Post works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors)

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

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

Voids for Re-letting	28th September 2023
In the letting process	37
Undergoing re-let repairs	42
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	**87**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are reaching completion in Corduff Avenue, Corduff Gardens and Corduff Way and are ongoing in the remainder of Corduff i.e Corduff Close, Corduff Cottages, Corduff Crescent, Corduff Green and Corduff Place. Works have commenced in Domville Woods.



Before and after painting pictures taken in Corduff Avenue, Blanchardstown

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 274 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,863 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 7 others currently before the courts.

The Rents team encourage any tenant who is having trouble 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.

Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan continues to be popular among people who are unable to secure funding from commercial lenders to allow them to purchase a home.

Interest was very strong among attendees at the recent Housing Event in the Carnegie Court Hotel where our Loans Team were on hand to give prospective applicants an insight into the Local Authority Home Loan application process and documents required.

DHLGH media campaigns have been rolled out recently to inform people of the Government-led options available to them to assist them in purchasing a home, including the Local Authority Home Loan. Further information can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie



Private Rented Inspections

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.

100.42% of the target was reached by the end of September comprising of a total of 5451 inspections and 4595 dwellings inspected. The team continue to focus on improving compliancy.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and 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:

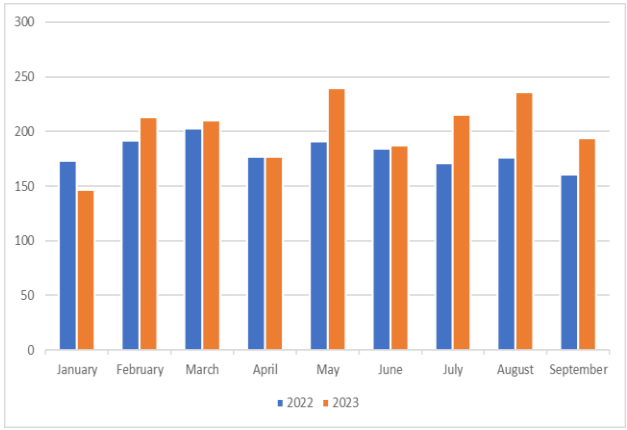
Band	Single Adult	2 Adults	1 Adult 1 Child	1 Adult 2 Children	2 Adults 1 Child	2 Adults 3 Children	3 Adults 4 Children
1	€35,000	€36,750	€35,875	€36,750	€37,625	€39,375	€42,000

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

Housing applications received year to date.

Jan – Sept 2023	1,819
Jan - Sept 2022	1,628



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.

An 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.

Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with Circular 26/2023 as released 5th July 2023, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29th November 2023. Letters Issued to applicants on 15th September to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the Online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. This system went live on Monday 18th September 2023 with initial uptake positive.

Reminder letters are scheduled to issue to all applicants in the coming week for any who have yet to complete their assessment. Applicants are advised in this letter, that if they have completed their assessment online, it is not necessary for them to take any further action. All SSHA received are undergoing a process of checking and assessment with requests issued for further documentation where required through the Portal. All facilitates remain available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals' requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment.

If required, Hard copy forms are also available however, requests for same have been few.

Choice Based Lettings September Advertised Properties

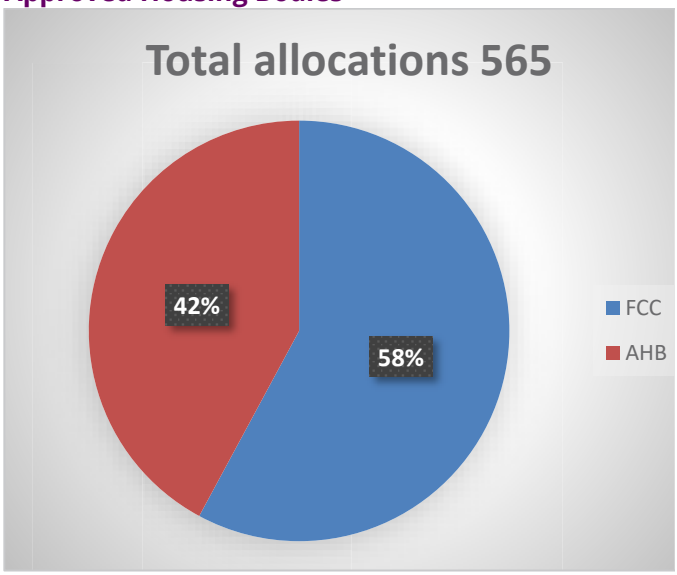


Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
6th – 12th September	**Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13**	2	Duplex	1229	209
20th – 26th September	**The Strand, Donabate, Co Dublin**	3	House	1024	118
20th – 26th September	Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin	1	Apartment	1044	182
27th September – 3rd October	**Lanestown View, Donabate, Co Dublin**	3	Duplex	1081	178
27th September – 3rd October	**Cardy Rock Road, Balbriggan, Co Dublin**	3	House	910	138
27th September – 3rd October	**School Lane, Baldoyle, Co Dublin**	2	House	942	146
			Total	6230	971

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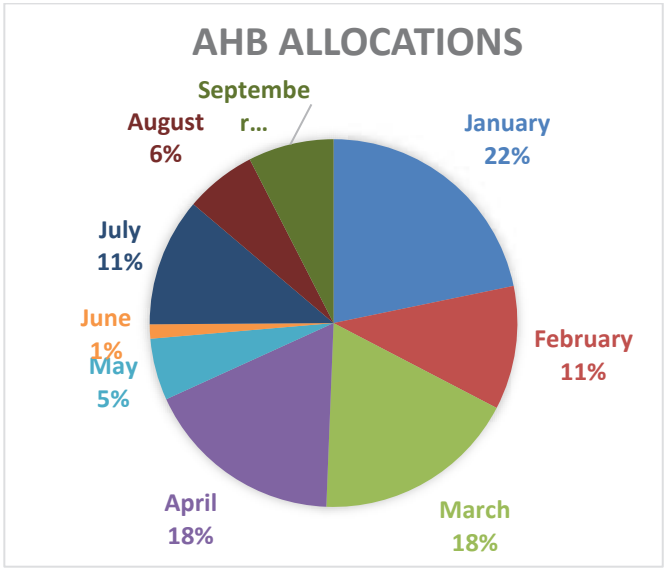
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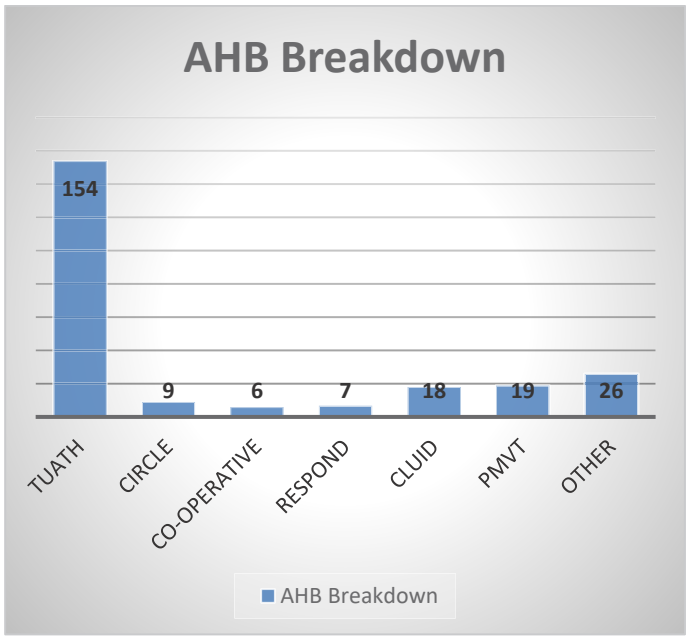
Approved Housing Bodies



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 239 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 327 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

Of all the 566 allocations made to date 212 were made via Choice Based Lettings.





This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB'S, reflecting the nominations sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023.

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 September 2023, 26 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

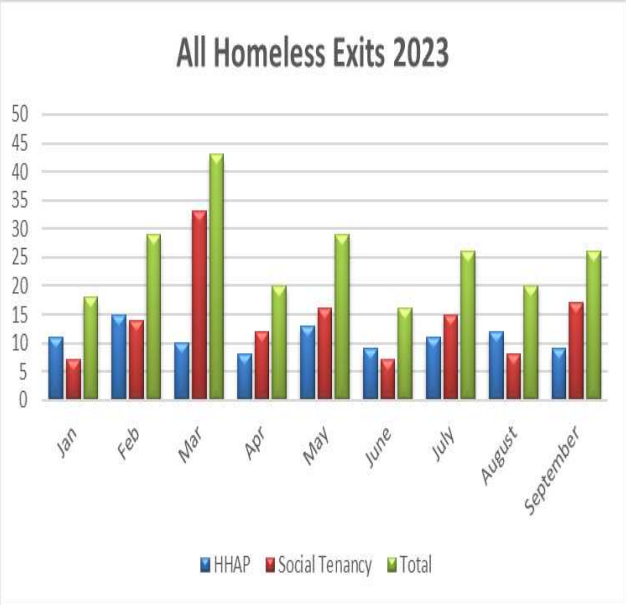
Allocations to social tenancies accounts for 17 households, comprising 6 homeless prevention and 11 who exited emergency accommodation.

Homeless HAP accounts for 9 of these tenancies, comprising 4 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation.

Therefore, there were a total of 10 homeless prevention cases and 16 who exited emergency accommodation.

Please see table for breakdown of figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	5	11	16
Homeless Prevention	4	6	10
Total	9	17	26

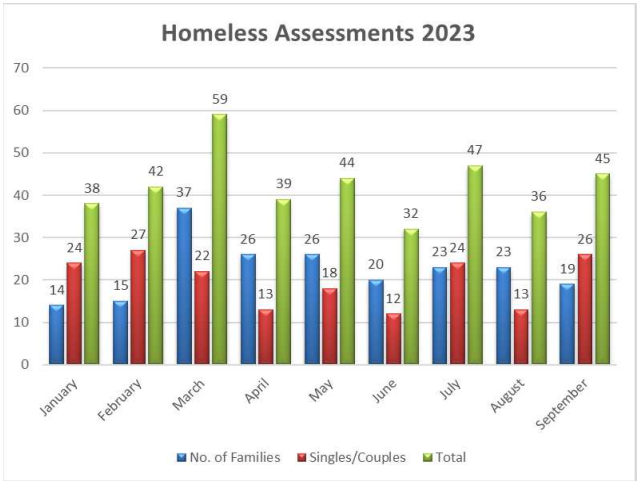


Homeless Presentations

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

In September 2023, there were a total of 45 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 19 families and 26 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 382 full homeless assessments completed.



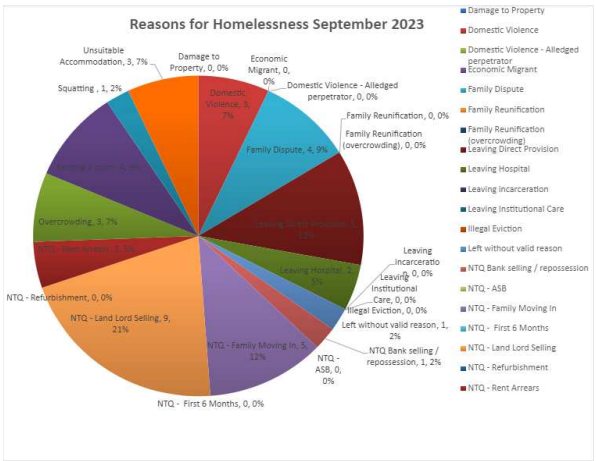
During September 2023, of the 45 Homeless Assessments carried out, 17 cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served, equating to 40%.

Renting a room or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 9% of assessments during September 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (9%).

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 35% 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.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Co-ordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department and the general public,

The progress of these cases are monitored until the needs of the reported rough sleepers are met and the cases can be closed.

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.

The key contact details are:
Fingal County Council Housing Department
Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5.00pm- Friday 9a.m. to 4.30 p.m. : 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

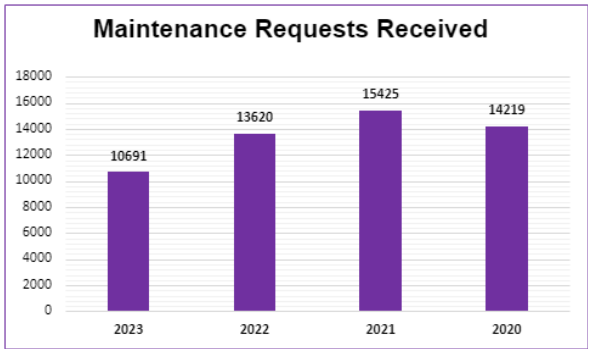
Traveller Accommodation

Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue on all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued supports available.

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.

Housing Maintenance







Kitchen/Bathroom refurbishments in Dublin 15

Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2023 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Dromheath, Dunsoghly, Hollywoodrath, Mayeston, Dun Saithne, Kelly's Park, Saint Catherines and Balgriffin.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The most recent meeting of the Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area took place on 8th September 2023.

The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management.

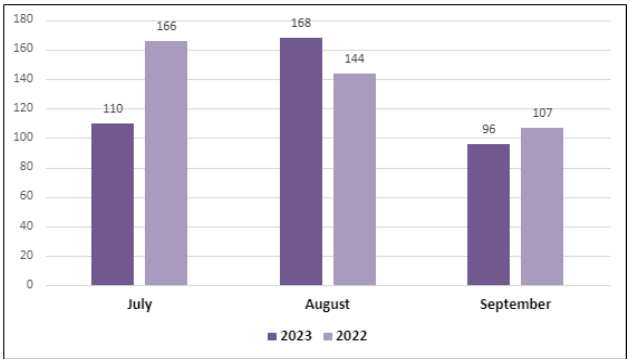
ASB Caseload Management

September 2023	Active Investigation	Monitoring	Closed	Total Complaints Received
Balbriggan	10	5	0	15
Rush/Lusk	7	1	0	8
Swords	27	5	2	34
Howth/ Malahide	2	4	0	6
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	9	3	7	19
Ongar	10	0	2	12
Castleknock	0	0	2	2
Total	65	18	13	96

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), 1 (June), 2 (July), 4 (August), 3 (September)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	**60**
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	**19**
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	**4**
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	**1253**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	**1090**
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	**1317**
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Tenant Induction Courses 2023

Fingal County Council are currently delivering induction courses in the Mulhuddart Community Centre. This partnership has been hugely successful due to its central location and the great facilities the centre has to offer. Fingal County Council are keen to continue this partnership to support and promote this fantastic community facility.

7 Tenant Induction Courses were completed to date for the developments below and two further courses are due to be held before year end.

- Kilhedge
- Wellview
- Liscappagh
- Churchfields

Tenant Induction Course in Mulhuddart Community Centre



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 chaired by the Mayor 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 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.

Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **277 persons** have moved from the rest centre to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation across the county and country since 2nd November 2022 with arrangements finalising with respect to further moves to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

In the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** 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

Vacant Homes

Three dwellings are currently advancing through the CPO process, one which has a large associated site. An Bord Pleanala have confirmed that the CPO to be operative with respect to 2 of these properties.

A further two vacant properties have recently gone sale agreed under the Buy and Renew scheme.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens get a home with increasing enquiries, applications and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

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, **75 applications** have been received under the scheme, **34** which have been approved. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have potential to lead to further applications.



Promotion of the scheme is on-going by the Vacant Homes Team who were present at the Housing Information Event held in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords on the 25th September 2023. For enquiries

on the 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 September the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

IPB Pride of Place Judging in Fingal 2023



Judging of the three Fingal entries in this year's IPB Pride of Place competition took place in early September. Broadmeadow Community Garden, Swords was nominated to represent Fingal County Council in the Climate Action and Biodiversity Category and members of the group gave a comprehensive presentation to the judges in Applewood Community Centre on their work which included projects within the garden to combat climate change and encourage biodiversity as well as encouraging native Irish plants.

The presentation also gave the judges an insight into the collaborative work involved in achieving their aims through their work with local groups such as the Men's Shed, Swords Photography Society, Swords Tidy Towns, Swords Horticultural Society and Fingal Beekeepers. A tour of the community garden and an opportunity to sample some produce then followed.

Garristown Community Council presented to the judges in the Populations between 500 and 1500 category. A comprehensive tour of the village, which took in the local GAA, Irish Dancing, Library, Church, historical society as well as local food producers, the National School and the historic Windmill Site all of which was very well received. Garristown Community Council demonstrated its partnership work with FCC in relation to the Playful Streets initiative, the Smart Villages initiative, the Festival in a Van Project and partnerships between the Community Council and Fingal's Operations, Heritage, and Climate Action Departments.



Draiocht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown represented Fingal in the Creative Place category. Draiocht themed their presentation on the outreach work they carry out with young people and families in the community of Dublin 15 and outlined some exciting projects such as the NEST project which will see dramas created and performed in the homes and schools of young people in the community next year. The judges were given a tour of the theatre and arts space and were able to engage with young people involved in a variety of projects.

The finals and Awards Event for the 2023 Pride of Place Competition take place in Armagh City on 10th November and representatives of the three projects nominated by FCC to represent the county will be there on the night to continue doing Fingal proud.

Failte English Conversation Class – Holywell Community Centre.



English Conversation classes providing an opportunity to learn English in an informal setting recommenced in Holywell Community Centre. The first class welcomed 11 participants from 5 different countries with 5 tutors from Swords, Malahide and Portmarnock. It is expected that the number of participants will increase weekly as information on the class spreads among migrant groups. The tutors, volunteer their time each week to help teach English. Classes will continue until December.

Swords Circular Economy Initiative



The successful Sword Circular Economy Initiative, which has been funded by the council, continued with a Bike Repair Workshop in Rivervalley Community Centre on 9th September 2023. The Rediscovery Centre of Ballymun hosted the workshop which repaired 8 children's bikes and 11 adults' bikes to ensure they were road worthy and safe to use again.

Garda Community Clinic, Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan



Flemington community Centre in Balbriggan hosted the first in a series of monthly community garda drop–in clinics, with the support of the FCC Community Hub in the Centre. A property marking service was provided at the first clinic which proved very popular. The clinic will allow community members to meet with their local community gardai in a safe and inviting setting and can avail of one-to-one services there also. Further community initiatives will be rolled out at these clinics over the coming months.

Donabate & Balbriggan SAMH Groups

The Substance Abuse Awareness & Mental Health (SAMH) groups in Balbriggan and Donabate, supported by the FCC Community Development Office, met for the first time since the summer break to discuss events for World Recovery Day. the next phase of data collection for the Planet Youth Research project and actions planned for the Fingal Inclusion Week (FIW) in November. The Donabate SAMH heard how Crosscare is expanding its outreach youth services in the local community and is in the process of acquiring temporary premises for this. In Balbriggan the SAMH group is planning an Expo for all the community as part of the FIW. The Donabate SAMH will exhibit mental health-related arts work from local students as part of a showcase event, being held in DPCC. An online showcase for all the Fingal SAMH groups is also planned for FIW and further details will be available later this month.

Adult Learning Festival

September marks a return to education for many, so with this in mind, the Community Development Office hosted an adult learning festival for adults wishing to return to education or perhaps embark on their education journey for the first time. 2023 is European Year of Skills and the aim of this event was to put skills centre stage and enable individuals to get the right skills for quality jobs. A wide variety of education agencies and service providers came together in Draiocht to provide information and bitesize talks on available access routes to education, financial support, apprenticeships and much more. The event was designed as a one stop shop to ensure easy access to information and support those wishing to engage in education, whether that be formal or informal education. Phoenix FM broadcasted from the event to ensure that the message that 'education is for everyone' was delivered into the homes of the residents of Dublin 15.





Fingal LGBTQI Mapping of Community Services and Group Project



The Community Development Office in partnership with LGBT Ireland were delighted to be joined by local community groups and services in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Swords attending LGBT General Awareness training. Training was part of the Fingal LGBTQI+ Mapping & Support Project that took place in July. Over 80 community groups and services in Fingal participated in a county wide mapping survey to show the various ways they were engaging with local LGBTQI+ people. Responses were received from various local groups including sporting groups, resident associations, women/men groups, disabilities support services, cultural groups, community centres and many more.

Fingal Safer Halloween Programme

The Community Development Office is supporting 36 groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme 2023. The purpose of this programme is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity.

Participating projects will promote the Fingal County Council 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives including Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures and the Festival of Fire. To compliment the safety message, 22 groups will participate in a local bulb planting programme in the area. In 2023, we have introduced an online public vote Scarecrow competition. Participating households and community groups are required to create a climate friendly scarecrow using everyday material and be displayed outdoors. Public voting will be facilitated on - https://www.fingal.ie/safer-halloween where information on safety and all Fingal County Council services will be available.

Facilities

Ongar Family Fun Day



Despite the cloudy weather, the recent annual Family Fun Day held in Ongar Community Centre was an enormous success. With several local enterprises taking part and something for everyone, including Crazy Golf, Face Painting, Ice Cream and entertainment. Local families took the opportunity to get together, view local crafts and learn more about the services, activities and events that take place in Ongar Community Centre as Blanchardstown Brass Band played rousing renditions of Abba Hits and more. This event is planned by the local board of management and supported with funding from the council and its objective is to raise awareness of the community centre and the facilities it offers to the community of Ongar and surrounding areas along with providing a networking opportunity for service providers.

Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023

The Community Development Offices initiative "Welcome Rooms", has been shortlisted under the Category *Supporting Sustainable Communities* for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023. Welcome rooms are now open in 3 centres across the county and are designed to be a comforting and welcoming space for people to visit with no obligation. Recently used as a space for family art workshops which were delivered in collaboration with Draiocht they are proving to be a welcome addition to the local communities they serve. This is one of two initiatives coordinated by the community development office to make the 2023 shortlist.

The second initiative shortlisted for the Community Development Office was the "Fingal Ukrainian Festival of Cultures and Communities". This event was led by the Community Development team with excellent support and expertise provided by staff from the Fingal Events Office took place in Swords Castle in September 2022 and was a wonderful day of Ukrainian poetry, dance and music as Swords Castle played host to a special gathering that recognised the strong relationships fostered between the residents in Fingal and Ukrainians who have arrived in the County since the beginning of the armed conflict. Over five hundred Ukrainian families, volunteers and their host families from all over Fingal attended, as artists from Ukraine took to the stage to entertain everyone. With residents immersing themselves in the multicultural display of dance, music and art – the festival highlighted the true spirit of the bond shared by the two countries.

The awards are sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and aim to acknowledge and celebrate the work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. The winners will be announced in late November.

Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle na nóg

The young members are busy planning the **AGM** which will take place on **Tuesday 17 October in The Crowne Plaza in Blanchardstown.** The Mayor of Fingal will open the event. The Comhairle members hosted workshops in Blanchardstown and Swords libraries in September and were consulted as part of the consultation process for the Fingal Library Plan 2024-2029.

Place Standard Tool

We are always seeking new and innovative ways of carrying out our work and with this in mind members of the Community Development team attended a workshop in Tramore with Waterford County Council and Healthy Ireland staff to explore the Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool. This is a consultative way of structuring a conversation about a place, it helps people to think about both the physical and social aspects of their localities and the relationship between them, which is key for supporting sustainable, inclusive communities. It is a tool for everyone to use and is for both communities and professionals, encouraging everyone to work together using a common approach. When a community has reached an agreement about the main issues for improvement in their locality, the results can form the basis of a community plan. The community team is excited to pilot the Place Standard Tool across communities in 2024.



Integration

SALAAM Project Phase 3 – Staff Anti Racism Training Pilot

Working in partnership with Limerick University, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Doras, INAR and other local authorities across Ireland to roll out phase 3 of the SALAAM Project (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred) an EU Commission funded project. When completed, this anti-racism training provides staff with the tools needed to support them in providing our services in the context of the Public Sector Human Rights and Equality Duty and the new National Action Plan Against Racism.



Fingal Inclusion Week Networking Event and Launch.



Fingal Inclusion Week 2023 was launched with a networking evening for event organisers on the 25th September. This event was a wonderful opportunity for all the groups taking part to come together and make connections and to talk about their event plans for this year.

The event was launched by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy. Fingal Inclusion Week will take place from 13th – 19th November 2023 and is an initiative of Fingal County Council Community Development Office in collaboration with the Fingal Integration Team. It focuses on highlighting the positive work of communities, agencies and other organisation's involved in reducing social exclusion and poverty in Fingal. The week also seeks to raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion and promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal. Over 60 events will take place across the county focused on the following 11 categories;

1.	Arts / Culture
2.	Children / Family / Youth
3.	Disability
4.	Diversity
5.	Education / Information
6.	Environment
7.	Health & Wellbeing
8.	Mental Health
9.	Migrants
10.	Older People
11.	Sport

Fingal County Council will partner with a wide range of organisations who are involved in reducing social exclusion and poverty in Fingal in supporting initiatives across these themed categories.



Ukrainian Supports





The Creative Together Art Exhibition held in Blanchardstown Library was the culmination of two integrated workshops between the Carnegie Art Therapy Senior Ukrainian group and the D15 Art Group. A collaborative project between our CDO for Ukrainian Supports and our D15 CDO, this integrated project was hugely successful, despite the language barrier, and firm friends were made through the medium of art. There are now plans in place to replicate our Ukrainian Art Therapy sessions to include local community art groups.

HerOutdoors Ukrainian Inclusion



Ukrainian Ladies bowled over the friendly competition as part of HerOutdoors week held in the ALSAA Club. This event witnessed an impressive turnout of 40 Ukrainian participants, supported by the Community Department.

Their enthusiastic involvement added a diverse and vibrant dimension to the event and has resulted in several Ukrainian ladies booking their return visit to play again.



Age Friendly

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

Information Event for Over 55s: Sutton



Following successful information events in Dublin 15 in 2022 and in Swords earlier this year, a further event took place in Suttonians Rugby Club on Thursday 14th September 2023.

The event provided an opportunity for residents in Baldoyle, Sutton, Bayside and Howth to seek information and advice on services and activities for older people in the area. Over 150 people attended with some travelling from Killester, Donaghmede, Malahide and Skerries. Information and advice were provided on the day by Alone, Age Action, Fingal Leader Partnership, DDLETB, An Garda Siochana, Dublin Fire Brigade, Age Friendly Ireland, Fingal OCC, Age Friendly Health Homes, Fingal Community Dept, University of the Third Age, Sage Advocacy, MABS, Citizens Information, HSE, libraries, as well as Baldoyle and Bayside Community Centres. While at previous events ALONE indicated that the event had provided referrals to their service, at this event several older volunteers were recruited to work with the service.

The event was advertised through a variety of mediums including social media, flyers, and direct contact with groups in the area. In a survey of 90 participants at this event, 100% found out about the event from their social groups/friends or through flyers left in local community centres, parish centres, libraries, post offices and chemists. It is interesting to note that no participant in the survey indicated that they were informed of the event via social media.

Launch of Cricket4All Guidelines



The Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Adrian Henchy launched Cricket4All Guidelines on Tuesday 12th September in County Hall, Swords. The Guidelines are the result of a collaboration between Fingal County Council and Cricket Leinster to pilot a multi-ability, intergenerational project in Balbriggan and Skerries with funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) Disability Awareness Fund 2021.

The project saw coaching in adapted cricket and table cricket to young people with disabilities and to older people. The project created an environment where cricket is accessible to all, regardless of age or ability and facilitated diverse age and ability groups playing together in intergenerational teams for competition. The project's impact extended beyond the field, attracting volunteers who participated in coaching courses and disability awareness training.
The Guidelines are a valuable resource for cricket clubs, schools, active retirement groups and organisations working with young people with disabilities or anybody wishing to play Cricket4ll.

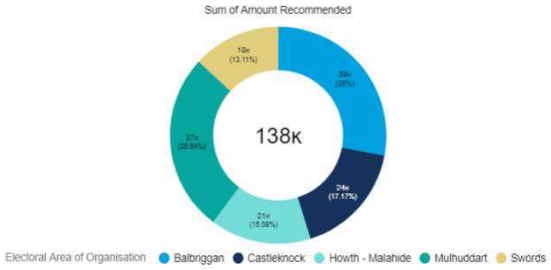
Cross Border Intergenerational Initiative



Following a successful funding application from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Shared Island Civic Society Fund a cross border intergenerational project in Balbriggan and the village of Mayobridge, Newry was established. This collaboration between the Community Department and Linking Generations Northern Ireland commenced on Saturday 9th September 2023 with a workshop for all participants in the Irish Institute of Music and Song in Balbriggan. The workshop questioned participants' views on ageism and stereotypes and their understanding of intergenerational practice. However, it was not all work, and a drumming session provided an opportunity for all participants to learn a new skill, in a fun environment, suitable for all ages and abilities.
The Balbriggan group comprising of older residents of Balbriggan and members of Foroige met again on Friday 22nd September 2023 in Castlelands Community Centre and with the help of Linking Generations Northern Ireland began to develop their project. The next step is for each group (Balbriggan and Maybridge) to present their proposed projects at an event in Mayobridge on 14th October 2023.

Funding

Activities Funding (Up to 26th September 2023)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 65 projects to the amount of €137,991 in 2023.

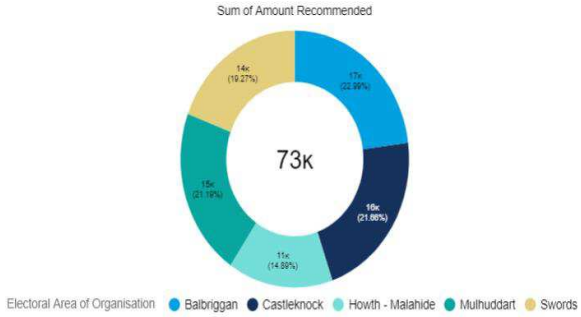
Howth Malahide – €20,812K – across 10 projects

Swords - €18,074- across 9 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €60,411 – across 29 projects

Balbriggan - €38,614 - across 14 projects

Sport Equipment Funding (up to 26 Sept 2023)



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 28 projects to the amount of €72,550 in 2023

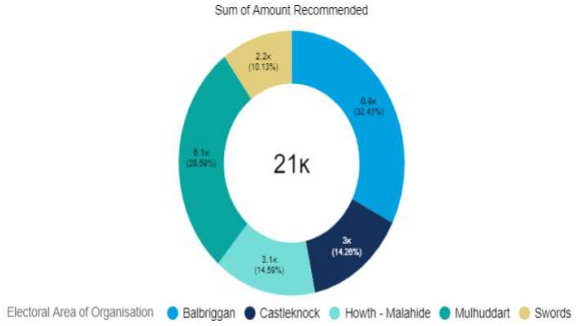
Howth Malahide – €10,802 – across 4 projects

Swords - €13,983 - across 6 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €31,090 – across 12 projects

Balbriggan €16,676 – across 6 projects

2023 Safer Halloween Project Funding



Safer Halloween Funding has been awarded to 36 projects to the amount of €21,226 in 2023

Howth Malahide – €3,097 across 5 projects

Swords - €2,150 - across 4 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €9,090 – across 16 projects

Balbriggan €6,883 – across 11 projects

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

Parks and Trails Challenge



Active Cities Dublin of which Fingal County Council is one of the four members, in partnership with Leave No Trace Ireland and Decathlon Ireland organised a Parks & Trails Challenge within the Fingal County.

1307 people registered to take part in the Parks and Trails Initiative.

This initiative was an excellent opportunity for the public to get outdoors while enjoying the wonderful parks Fingal has to offer.

Once registered, participants had the entire month of August to visit four of Fingal's fabulous park locations, Newbridge House and Farm, Ardgillan Park and Demense, Malahide Castle and Gardens, St. Catherines Park, Millennium Park, and Santry Demense.

For the chance to win amazing prizes, participants took a photo at the selfie spot banners hidden in each of the Fingal parks and trail's locations and entered their photos at www.fingal.ie/parks-trails. Prizes included €500 Decathlon Voucher, Family Picnic Kit worth over €600, National Aquatic Centre family passes, picnic baskets, Flynn Park family passes, and much more.

Feedback from participants;

- "Discovered the trails were accessible for wheelchairs and stunning parks/trails on our doorstep"
- "The hunt for the selfie sign was very exciting for the children and visiting new playgrounds"
- "Discovering the wonderful outdoor amenities on our doorstep...places never before visited now going to be revisited and explored

Leave No Trace Ireland encourages the public to keep parks clean by disposing of rubbish correctly, protecting the natural wildlife and vegetation, and promoting positive outdoor behaviors while connecting with nature.

They seek to sustain a healthy environment through research, education, and outreach so everyone can protect and enjoy the outdoors responsibly.

Volleyball Ireland Beach Day

On 23rd September the community was invited to join Fingal Sports Office and Volleyball Ireland at Burrow Beach for the introduction of beach volleyball. The event marked the end of Volleyball Ireland's beach summer tour.

150 participants engaged in the activities throughout the day. This is a follow-up to the successful introduction of volleyball nets at Balbriggan Beach. The positive impact of bringing new recreational opportunities to local beaches has been highlighted by the volleyball nets and continued use.



Accredited Defibrillator Training

The Sports Office facilitated delivery of 3 Accredited Defibrillator Training Courses in Castlelands Balbriggan, Holywell Swords and Dublin 15. The courses were a follow-on from the Sports First Aid Training delivered in four locations over the summer.

The Accreditation focused on cardiac arrest, using an AED device and choking for adults and children. This workshop will be very beneficial to local clubs to have volunteers trained to deal with cardiac situations and other emergencies that happen within their clubs.





Marathonkids 2023

The Marathonkids programme launched on 11th September with 32 schools and over 3,500 primary school students participating in this year's programme. The 8-week programme for 5th & 6th class students includes daily runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise. Each student will record daily updates in their physical or digital workbooks. The topics tie in to the Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) module of the student's curriculum.



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

As the project comes to a completion the final snags are currently underway by the main works contractor. Over 20 new trees were planted during the summer and multiple new flowerbed areas are now establishing along the front of the schools on Brackenstown Road and along St. Cronan's Avenue junction. St Cronan's Junior and Senior schools are back and our walking and cycling officers are working with the school management and pupils to promote and encourage the use of the new infrastructure by walking and cycling to school. Walking and cycling buses are being promoted and with the support of the parents' association these can be very successful for the smaller kids in allowing them to walk and cycle to school safely.
The project will need to go through a bedding in phase over the coming weeks and months to allow for all stakeholder's experience the module shift and allow all road users both vulnerable and motorist integrate and commute in a safer environment.
The project has delivered safety improvements for vulnerable road users across 11 Junctions, with new toucan crossings and 5 zebra crossings to meet the desire lines. Traffic calming measures, two-way off-road cycle track and improved landscaping which helps soften the environment and make the area a more attractive place for everyone.





Anti-skid surfacing recently installed at front of schools

R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane

The Project Team together with the Engineering Design Team have been progressing well with this project over recent months. The tender evaluation has now been completed and the Project Team have appointed the successful tenderer for the works contract.
The works have commenced with drainage and kerbing the first items to take place. Traffic Management is in place throughout the works, but no road closures are anticipated at this stage. Temporary speed limit order is in place at present to reduce the speeds along this section of road to 60km/h. Liaison with Corduff National School, local residence and business will be co-ordinated between the project team and the contractor to keep all stakeholders informed as the works progress.

Updates on a weekly basis will also be provided to Cllr's through the usual weekly updates.





Appointment of Mc Avoy Contracts and junction upgrade works at R129 towards Ballylough

Seatown Road Swords:

Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing to Construction stage during Q4 2023.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. The project will extend from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 right through to the coast at Portrane.

The Project aims to provide walking and cycling infrastructure from Donabate to the coast at Portrane which will provide connectivity to the Fingal Coast Route.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An Engineering consultant is appointed to the project and several surveys have been completed to inform the design process. The Engineering consultant is currently working with the project team in developing concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

The Project team have been liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender documents were published by CPU and the tender competition has been completed to appoint an integrated design team. The Project Team has appointed the successful tenderer to commence with the necessary surveys and concept designs and options report for the project. Further updates will be provided over the coming months.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 1

Phase 1 of the scheme is substantially completed.

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. Internal consultation with other FCC departments is ongoing. Once complete it is intended to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the project. Further enabling

works are ongoing to provide connectivity from car park to primary school and Limetree Avenue.

Seamount Heights to Old Gold Course Link Park

Preliminary design was revisited after feedback from Active Travel and internal FCC stakeholders. A meeting with residents was held on 24th May 2023. Our next steps are to incorporate the comments expressed at the site meeting on 24th May 2023 into the proposal. This will be developed to detailed design and tendered for the construction of the works as soon as possible.

Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway

Works have been substantially completed.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

Design brief is being drafted and internal consultation is ongoing with internal stakeholders. These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023.

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. A project appraisal report was prepared as part of this phase.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. The initial draft options report and drawings have been reviewed internally by the Active Travel team and has been issued back to the design consultant for consideration. Further stakeholder meetings with Meath County Council and the TII have taken place.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project is split into 3 separate sections, namely: (a) Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock, (b) Dunsinea Lane and (c) Dunsink Lane. Work is continuing developing the options report for each section and a rapid build option for Auburn Avenue is being explored. Separate draft options reports have been submitted by the design consultant for sections a & b and have been reviewed internally by the Active Travel team. This review has been issued back to the design consultant for consideration to further develop each section.

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 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents to be signed when standstill finished.

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

An application was made to An Board Pleanála by members of the public in relation to the proposed

public realm improvements, requesting EIA and AA Screening Determinations.
As a result the Part 8 Process is on hold until after An Bord Pleanála has made its decision which was originally to be by the 11th of September 2023. However no decision has been provided to date.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan
Tender competition has closed and assessment is ongoing. It is the aim to appoint a consultant during October to commence work on the Active Travel plan once the procurement process is finalised.

Skerries Active Travel Plan
Stage One of the tender competition for the appointment of an integrated Design Team is now completed with the tender assessment process completed and letter to successful and un-successful tenders to be issued. This will allow for stage 2 of the process to commence which will take 7-8 weeks to complete.
The Project Team are also in the process of publishing the Consultation Report for the project together with the ESRI report that was carried out on Active Travel best practice Nationally and Internationally. This report will inform the overall design process when the integrated design team is appointed in Q4 of this year.

Skerries Harbour Road:
The Project Team together with the Integrated design team have been developing concept drawings and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Internal workshops to discuss through the proposals occurred during the last few months and this feedback from these meetings have been taken on board. The project team and the Integrated design team are developing photo montages and video footage of the proposal to assist in the consultation phase of the project.

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 Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Summary Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing to Construction stage during Q4 2023.

Rush South Beach:
Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, and we are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

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, Donabate and Malahide 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.



Recently installed Bicycle Repair Station at Balheary Park, Swords, Co. Dublin

14 bicycle parking spaces and a bicycle repair station have been provided in Balheary Park, Swords, Co. Dublin. The works included the installation of 5 Bicycle Stands at Balheary Skatepark, 2 Bicycle Stands and a Bicycle Repair Station near the Castlegange Estate Junction.



The contractor has completed the installation of 8 Bicycle Stands at Dun Emer Avenue, Lusk, Co. Dublin. This provides 16 bicycle parking spaces for the area.



Recently installed Bicycle Stands at Dun Emer Avenue, Lusk, Co. Dublin



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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

Works are now completed on this SRTS Project. The contractor is due back to site to carry out some snagging and maintenance work to the Rain Gardens and issues that were identified through the independent Road Safety Audit.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor is due to carry out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.




Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor is due to carry out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. Stage 3 RSA has been completed by independent auditor.




Scoil Choilm CNS

Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. These initial works took place before the new school year starts to alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start during Q1 2024.



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. An Taisce are due to provide delivery plans for each of the schools that will inform the design process. FCC are in the final stages of procurement of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

European Mobility Week

This took place from Sept 16th – 22nd and we had a packed schedule of events for the week. The key events are outlined below

EMW - Tolka Valley Walk & Talk

On Sunday 17th we partnered with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns to host a biodiversity walk through Tolka Valley Park. The walk was led by botanists from Bare Necessities and while the weather was very wet, it was well attended and very well received.




EMW - Malahide Walk to School Day

On Monday 18th we held a Malahide Walk to School Day where we had 4 locations around the Town to park and stride the last kilometre to school. The initiative was supported by Active Travel, Sports and Healthy Fingal and saw over 100 children walk to school on a sunny Monday morning.




EMW - Walking & Cycling Buses – Information Night

Over the last number of weeks we have been supporting Hansfield ETNS to set up a Walking Bus which has been a great success with over 20 children joining each morning the Bus operates.
On Wednesday 20th September, we held an online meeting for parents and schools interested in setting up their own Walking or Cycling Bus. This meeting was attended by 20 people and we have decided to host another one on Wednesday 27th September as well.
We have also designed a Starter pack with a step by step guide for people interested in setting up and Walking or Cycling Bus which can be found at https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/roadsafety/cycling-and-walking-buses

EMW - Rush National School – School Street Day

As part of world car free day we closed Channel Road in Rush for the school day and held a school street event with Recreate Ireland. The day saw all the school children take part in street games like hopscotch, skipping, tip the can, Bowling, Tetris, connect 4 and much more. All the games were made from recycled materials and it was a great day of sustainable play.






EMW - The Bike Disco

On Friday 22nd we held our second Bike Disco Event in the Phoenix Park. This event is a joint venture between Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, The OPW and I Bike Dublin. Nearly 500 people attended the event which was nearly double the attendance of 2022.
A video of the event can be seen here – The Bike Disco




EMW - Free Trip Friday for World Car Free Day 22 Sept

On Friday 22 September, to mark world car free day and to celebrate sustainable transport, we offered a free 40-minute bike share trip on any Bleeper or Tier bicycle across Fingal.
To avail of the offer, users had to download the Bleeper / Tier app, to register and unlock a complimentary ride on Friday 22 September.

Staff eBike Trials

In August we launched our Staff eBike Trial Initiative. This initiative gives staff who sign up the opportunity to trial an eBike for a 30 day period.

The trials were heavily subscribed with over 40 people signing up to take part. During the trials staff will be asked to complete a pre and post-trial survey with the hope being we will see an increase in cycling activity both to and from work, but also in people's personal lives.

Staff Bike Repair Class & Cycling Skills Lessons

The Active Travel team have organised a basic bike maintenance class, which will run in Blanchardstown this September for Fingal staff.
Also running in Swords this September is a cycling skills class for staff who are hoping to return to cycling after a break or for staff who would like to build their confidence in cycling.






Drive You - Car Share Launch

During September, Operations and Climate Action & Active Travel launched Fingal's 3rd Car Share Company. Drive You are the newest entrant to the car share market in Ireland and are associated with Hyundai. Car Share is a crucial element of reducing dependency on private cars and encouraging people to use active travel more. With an initial 12 locations around the County, we look forward to working with the team at Drive You.



Sutton Age Friendly Event

The Active Travel Team were lucky to be invited to a recent Age Friendly Event organised in Suttonians Rugby Club, we had the Baldoyle Trishaw there providing trips around the event site. It was a brilliant day organised by the Community Department.

Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Course continued over the summer months with courses in Donabate, Rivervalley and Flemington Community Centre. This autumn, courses are continuing in Applewood and Rivervalley, while from November courses are starting in Bayside-Sutton and Corduff.

Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries saw a huge increase in demand during August, with 130 requested trips, we are currently going through a recruitment drive for new volunteers with Local Link, this will be vital for reducing the missed demand on the Community Car.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16
April 23	114	80	16	18
May 23	65	34	11	14
June 23	50	26	8	16
July 23	50	33	7	10
Aug 23	130	50	28	50

The new Community Car is now in place and has been very successful. The car is a Volkswagen ID4. This will help when transporting multiple passengers who require walking frames and other smaller mobility aids. The Community car provides a vital link for Hospital, Doctors and Social trips for people with limited access to public transport.



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike July 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!

1116 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
1230 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in July
Highest usage recorded on Thursdays (18.6%) & Wednesdays (15.9%)
Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Donabate were the most popular starting points
Estimated emissions avoided in July - 417kg of CO2

It should be noted that August saw a marked increase in the number of Bleeper Bikes being vandalised.

Community eCargo Share Bike

The public share eCargo Bike is available from Mountview Community Centre in Dublin 15 and is operated by Bleeper Bike. The Bike has seen a small amount of use since being introduced in June, but it is starting to climb now. Users can get their first 120mins free by using the code 'fingalcargo' in the Bleeper App. For more information on the eCargo check out https://www.fingal.ie/ecargo



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 July 2023; Other Key Statistics

Metric	June
Trips	2,791
No of Customers	1,114
Trips / Customer	2.5
Distance Covered (KM)	9,606 km
Average Trip Duration	16 min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4 km

Blanchardstown was the most popular location for eBike Share, followed by Swords which has seen a large increase in usage as a result of the additional spaces that have been installed recently in the area.

Over the summer months we saw a large increase in the number of poorly parked TIER eBikes across the County, this was especially evident in Dublin 15. We have identified the reasoning behind this and as a result TIER have introduced a new €20 Abandonment Fee that will be applicable to all users who fail to end their journey in a designated parking location. This should improve parking behaviour across the county.

It should also be noted that TIER saw a huge increase in vandalised bikes throughout August and as a result, have less bikes in circulation than previous Months.

Climate Action

Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 Open for Public Consultation

Fingal County Council's Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department have prepared a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The Draft Climate Action Plan builds on significant progress made through the implementation of the current Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024.

A public consultation process will run from September 20th – November 3rd and a series of information sessions will take place for the public during this time.

The draft Climate Action Plan, the SEA Report and AA Natura Impact Report are on display at Fingal County Council Offices in Swords and Blanchardstown as well as Fingal's ten libraries.

A briefing session about the draft Climate Action Plan was held for the elected members on September 25th and was well received.

Details of the information sessions taking place during the consultation period can be found below.

1. A regional event will take place at The Round Room, The Mansion House, Dawson St, Dublin 2 on Tuesday, October 17th from 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

Local Information Sessions

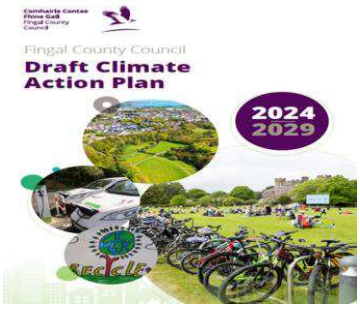
2. County Hall Swords. October 5th, from 17.30pm – 20.00pm,
3. Civic Offices Blanchardstown. October 12th, from 17.30pm – 20.00pm,
4. Marine Hotel Sutton. October 24th, from 17.30pm – 20.00pm,
5. Information stands will also be hosted at Balbriggan Library on October 19th 2-8pm and Rush Library on October 26th 2-8pm.

Submissions

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan, SEA Report and AA Natura Impact Report, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties.

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal https://consult.fingal.ie/ between 9:00am on Wednesday, 20 September to 5:00pm on Friday, 3 November 2023, OR

- In writing to the Climate Action Coordinator - Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin (Postcode K67X8Y2).



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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

The Green Schools committee from Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe in Swords were given a tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre and a presentation on circular economy and climate change from the Environmental Awareness Officer (EAO). Several school workshops were delivered by Global Action Plan for schools. Litter pickers were given to two schools for use on local anti-litter activities.

Musical instruments were given to a women and children residential refuge centre, Lusk National school, Scoil Bhríde Buachailí and Blanchardstown Craobh Shlí Dhála Comhaltas. The ReLove Fashion competition is being promoted in Fingal secondary schools.

The EAO took part in a Tennis Ireland Webinar – giving information to tennis clubs around Ireland on what measures can be taken to make their activities more sustainable. The EAO presented at two tenant inductions on how home-owners can

reduce single-use items and improve recycling. Brown bin caddies and litter pickers were given to new tenants.

The leaf-mould Initiative was promoted in Fingal and several groups have signed up for composting leaves. This will produce local weed-free compost for community projects.

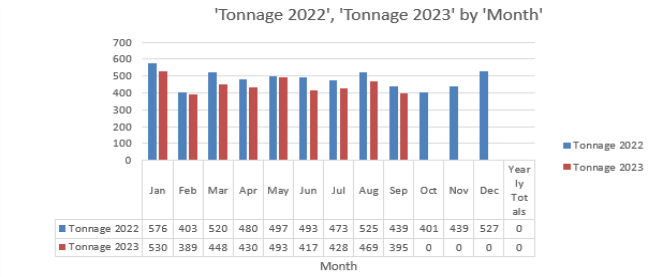
The cinema advertising campaign is ongoing promoting Biodiversity, reusable coffee cups and food waste recycling.

Recycled paint is being offered free of charge to community groups and schools in Fingal in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre as part of the anti-litter anti-graffiti initiative – more details Here

Bring Centres

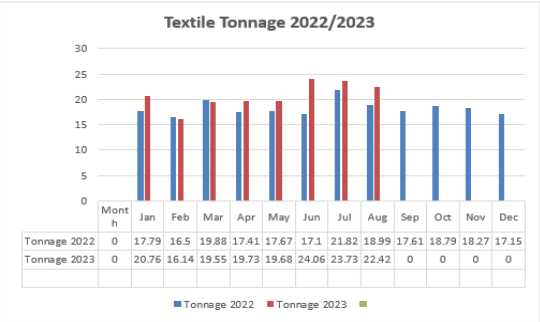
Bottle Banks

The Glass Tonnage Report for September 2023 year-to-date compared to tonnages collected in September 2022 is shown below. There were **395** tonnes of glass collected for recycling in **September 2023**. This compares to 439 tonnes for the same period in 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	493	417	428	469	395	0	0	0	0

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The volume of textiles collected for **August 2023** was **22.42 tonnes** compared to 18.99 tonnes which was collected in August 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	19.68	24.06	23.73	22.42	0	0	0	0

Litter Management

In September as part of their role to increase the public interest in keeping their areas clean and free of the litter, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols and inspected all known litter black spots.

The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches and can have a potential impact to water quality, they carried out extra inspections on the Saturday and Sundays prior to planned bathing water sampling. They continued the awareness campaign in September on the following beaches, engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

1. Balbriggan
2. Skerries
3. Loughshinny
4. Portmarnock
5. Rush South
6. Rush North
7. Donabate
8. Portrane
9. Burrow beach, Sutton
10. Claremont

They also erecting anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.

The Litter Warden also checked to see if any issues had arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

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.



The Litter Warden carried out investigation on reports of abandoned cars and burnt-out cars. They also dealt with reports of dumping of pallets and other bonfire materials and arrange to have it removed.



There was 1 case before the district court in September, which was successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

2023	Fines Issued	Warning Notices Issued
September	52	16

The following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs September 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	37
Env - General Litter Issue	18
Env - Miscellaneous	4
Env - Bottle Banks	2
Env litter incident with witness	3
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	3
Env – Abandoned cars	20

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 301 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 27th September 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. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should 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

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as of 27th September 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as of 27th September 2023
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	5
July	1	0
August	0	3
September	3	0
TOTAL	**6**	**10**







Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces bye-laws and Beach and Foreshore bye-laws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. The dog wardens also increase their patrols of the beaches during the summer months to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's Blue Flag beaches.

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. 125 x 10 Day Notices were issued by the dog wardens during September 2023. 40 fines were issued during September 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
March	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
April	26	152	26	42	€0	€1,500
May	418	232	11	98	€500	€2,556
June	256	135	40	53	€200	€1,500
July	407	109	20	35	€500	€2,644
August	446	140	24	21	€1200	€1,400
September	385	125	24	40	€1,300	€2,849

The Animal Welfare Section received 44 complaints in relation to dogs in September 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from March to September 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
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
June	647	516	77	41	€23,720	€16,060
July	1075	766	88	47	€33,820	€21,900
August	1025	838	61	51	€29,040	€23,900
September	850	759	88	48	€29,320	€21,900

Fine Payments

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€26,549.20
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

Howth Maritime Festival

The dog wardens attended the Howth Maritime Festival weekend, they engaged with dog owners, gave information on the responsibilities of dog owners and handed out dog poo bags.





Dog Control Service, National Seminar 2023

Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Dog Control Service
National Seminar 2023

Tullamore Court Hotel – 7th September

The dog wardens and members of staff from the Animal Welfare Section attended the 2023 Dog Control Service National Seminar on September 7th. A number of topics were discussed including dog behaviour and dog bite prevention, Control of dogs Legislation and Policy updates, National Dog Control Working group and the Analysis of Control of Dogs National Stats 2022 where Fingal County Council came up top under Enforcement 2022.

Enforcement 2022

Council	FPNs Issued	Paid	Prosecutions	Convictions
Fingal	455	145 (32%)	4	4
Dublin City	295	295 (100%)	0	0
Cork County	260	96 (37%)	63	12
Louth	201	65 (32%)	6	3
Kerry	63	25 (40%)	7	5
3 Councils < 3 Fines	Laois, Roscommon, Wicklow.			
3 Councils with 0 Fines	Tipperary, Longford, Galway City	0	0	0

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 Sundays.

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 September there were 16 dogs in the shelter. During September 2023, 34 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 5 dogs were surrendered by a member of the public.

Of these 55 dogs, 6 have been reclaimed by their owners, 14 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 1 has been rehomed to members of the public and 2 were PTS. At the end of September there are 32 dogs remaining in the shelter.

The shelter has a Facebook page **Dublin County Dog Shelter** and Instagram Account **@dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.



Dogs in Shelter at the start of September 2022	7	Dogs in Shelter at start of September 2023	16
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	34
Surrendered by owners	4	Surrendered by owners	5
Reclaimed	8	Reclaimed	6
Rehomed to Rescue	8	Rehomed to Rescue	14
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	1
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September 2022	11	Dogs in shelter at the end of September 2023	32





Roddy is a lurcher approx 4/5 yrs old who came in as a stray and is looking for a new home. Tiny Andy, another stray is a terrier approx 9 months old who loves to go on walks and also looking for a new home.

Horses

Weekly inspections continue to take place on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 10 hay feeders being refilled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for horses on the landfill. There was 1 seriously welfare compromised horse taken from the landfill during the month of September which was not chipped nor an owner identified. There was also 1 horse seized from the public realm and subsequently reclaimed by the owner.

Water Quality

EU Water Framework Directive - River Devlin Catchment Investigations

On the 21st of September 2023 Fingal County Council carried out river surveys at the EU Water Framework Directive designated River Monitoring Stations located on the River Devlin.

The River Devlin is currently designated as been at "Poor" status and requires water quality improvement.

The objective of the investigation was to evaluate whether the existing designated monitoring stations located on the river are conducive to supporting the required macroinveretebreate populations in the waterbody. The investigation also included carrying out localised stream walks upstream of the designated monitoring stations to cross check whether there are any existing local pressures near the designated river stations which could be causing the deterioration in water quality.





Fingal County Council has also opened discussions with LAWPRO who on foot of the discussions have agreed to carry out a detailed analysis and report of nutrient loading within the Devlin Catchment which when complete will assist Fingal County Council in taking a more strategic approach to tackling the issue of nutrient loading in the catchment.

Bathing Water Quality 2023

The Bathing Water season ran from the 1st of June 2023 – 15th September 2023. 9 rounds of scheduled bathing water sampling took place at the 10 identified beaches and the 1 non-identified

beach in the Fingal area. 2 rounds of sampling were also carried out at Irelands Eye and Balscadden. The identified and non-identified bathing waters are listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Identified Bathing Waters	Non-Identified Bathing Waters
Balbriggan Front Strand Beach	Malahide Beach
Skerries South Strand	Balscadden Beach
Loughshinny Beach	Ireland's Eye
Rush North Beach	
Rush South Beach	
Portrane, The Brook Beach	
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	
Sutton, Burrow Beach	
Howth, Claremont Beach	

Individual water quality sample results are given a single sample status i.e., "poor," "sufficient," "good" or "excellent" depending on the levels of E. Coli and Intestinal Enterococci found in the water sample. The status assigned to each scheduled sample at each of the beaches during 2023 is illustrated in the graph below;

Additional unscheduled re-samples and investigative sampling also took place throughout the 2023 bathing season. The results of bathing water sampling at identified and unidentified waters and the total amount of scheduled and unscheduled samples taken at the beaches are detailed in Table 2. The results received from the Central Laboratory for all samples taken can be found in an Appendix

Table 2

Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2023 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	**Total**
Scheduled	73	13	0	4	90
Unscheduled	20	2	1	2	25
Total	93	15	1	6	**115**
Non-Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2023 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	**Total**
Malahide	10	0	0	0	10
Irelands Eye	2	0	0	0	2
Balscadden	2	0	0	0	2
Total	14	0	0	0	**14**

Based on HSE (Health Service Executive) Guidance, recommended actions are taken if a bathing water quality sample exceeds microbiological levels. These actions include the issue of a Bathing Prohibition Notice or a Bathing Advisory Notice. The recommended action in response to the exceedance of a HSE threshold level for microbiological sample results is shown in Table 3

Table 3

Recommended Action	Escherichia coli & Intestinal Enterococci Levels
Issue of a Bathing Prohibition Notice	E.Coli >2000 **OR** I.E. >250
	E.Coli >/= 1000 - </= 2000 **AND** I.E >/= 200
	Any gross malfunction or leakage of the sewerage system or visual reports of sewage.
Issue of a Bathing Advisory Notice	E.Coli >/=1000 - </= 2000 **BUT** I.E. <200

A re-sample of the bathing water is taken following the issue of a Warning Notice.

A Prior Warning Notice may also be issued at a bathing water, which advises bathers that the bathing water quality has the potential to be affected by a short-term pollution incident that is less than 72 hours in duration. An example of this is predicted very heavy rainfall. Accurate prediction of short-term pollution is difficult due to the local accuracy of the weather, especially for localised thunderstorms, which are particularly relevant for stormwater overflows.

Weather During 2023

Summer 2023 saw the wettest July on record and finished with two named storms in August, Storm Antoni and Storm Betty. The very heavy rainfall that occurred throughout July and August contributed to agricultural and urban runoff. It also resulted in an increase in stormwater overflows, which have the potential to impact coastal environments. July rainfall levels were almost 3 times higher than the long-term average and 5 times higher than rainfall levels in July 2022. August rainfall levels were nearly twice the long-term average and 3.5 times higher that rainfall levels in August 2022. Rainfall levels recorded at Dublin Airport from 2020-2023, during the months of the bathing season are detailed below.

Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT 2023						
Year	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2023	36	49	149	119	123	476
2022	48	44	30	35	128	284
2021	84	13	73	65	42	276
2020	9	70	99	87	61	326
Long Term Average	60	67	56	73	86	341

Incidents and Actions

The majority of individual bathing water sample results throughout the 2023 bathing season achieved "excellent" water quality status. 6 Prohibition Notices were issued for bathing areas during the bathing season. 2 of these notices were issued as a precaution due to stormwater overflow incidents at Portmarnock and Sutton. The remaining 4 notices were issued due to exceedances in bacterial levels from scheduled samples taken at the beaches. Table 4 details the scheduled and unscheduled sampling dates at each beach during 2023 and the single sample status result. It also details when a Prohibition Notice was issued.

Table 4.

Classification Standards for Bathing Waters (Single Sample Status Assessment)

			Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor					
Date	Balbriggan	Skerries	Loughshinny	Rush North	Rush South	Portrane	Donabate	Malahide	Portmarnock	Sutton	Howth
29-May-23	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
30-May-23							Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
12-Jun-23	**Poor	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
13-Jun-20										***	
*15-Jun-23		Excellent		Excellent						**Good	
*22-Jun-23	Good										
26-Jun-23	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
27-Jun-23							Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
*30-Jun-23	Excellent										
11-Jul-23	Good	Good	Good	**Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
17-Jul-23	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
*19-Jul-23										Excellent	
*20-Jul-23			Excellent								
23-Jul-23									***		
*24-Jul-23									Excellent		
31-Jul-23	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	**Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
*02-Aug-23						Poor					
*08-Aug-23		Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent				
*09-Aug-23								Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient
14-Aug-23	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
*21-Aug-23						Excellent			Excellent		Excellent
28-Aug-23	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	**Poor
*30-Aug-23			Excellent								Poor
*05-Sep-23					Excellent						Excellent
11-Sep-23	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

* Indicates a re-sample was taken on this date

** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach following the "poor" result

*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach due to a pump station overflow

Bathing Prohibition & Bathing Advisory Notices

1. Sutton, Burrow Beach

The first Prohibition Notice was erected at Sutton, Burrow Beach on the 13th of June following notification of an overflow event at Mayne Bridge Pumping Station that day. The overflow was for greater than 6 hours in duration and was determined to be due to a mechanical/electrical breakdown. A re-sample of the bathing water was conducted on the 15th of June and the results of this sample were "good". With the approval of the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 17th of June. All water quality sample results at Sutton, Burrow Beach were "excellent" for the remainder of the bathing season.

2. Balbriggan, Front Strand Beach

A Prohibition Notice was erected at Balbriggan Front Strand Beach on the 14th of June due to a "poor" water quality result taken on the 12th of June. No stormwater overflows were reported, and it was therefore determined that the water quality had deteriorated due to suspected impacts from animals/birds and contamination of urban surface waters discharging into the bathing water. Following an investigation, a misconnection was discovered on the surface water line serving Mill Street which discharges into the River Bracken. Mitigation work was conducted by the Drainage Department and a re-sample of the bathing water was taken on the 22nd of June. This sample yielded a "good" result. Another sample was taken on the 26th of June which again yielded a "good" result, and with the approval of the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 28th of June. A re-sample was organised for the 30th of June which gave an "excellent" result. A scheduled sample was taken on the 11th of July which yielded a "good" result and all water quality sample results at Balbriggan for the remainder of the bathing season were "excellent".

3. Rush North Beach

A Prohibition Notice was erected at Rush North Beach on the 13th of July following a "poor" result for a sample taken on the 11th of July. Very heavy rainfall was recorded at Dublin Airport the day before the sample was taken, 16 mm, and the likely cause of the water quality deterioration was deemed to be due to suspected impacts from animals/birds and contamination of urban surface waters discharging into bathing water. A scheduled sample was taken on the 17th of July and the results of this were "excellent". With approval from the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 19th of July. All remaining sample results taken at Rush North Beach for the bathing season were "excellent."

4. Portmarnock, Velvet Strand

A Prohibition Notice was erected at Portmarnock, Velvet Strand on the 23rd of July following notification of an overflow at Portmarnock Strand Pumping Station on 22nd of July. The duration of the overflow was 1 hr 45 minutes, and it was due to very heavy rainfall, 22mm of rainfall was recorded at Dublin Airport on the 22nd of July. A re-sample of the bathing water was taken on the 24th of July and the result of this was "excellent". With approval from the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 26th of July. All remaining sample results taken at Portmarnock, Velvet Strand for the bathing season were "excellent."

5. Portrane, The Brook Beach

A Prohibition Notice was erected at Portrane, The Brook Beach on the 2nd of August following a "poor" result of a sample taken on the 31st of July. A re-sample of the bathing water was taken on the 2nd of August which again yielded a "poor" result. An investigation, along with a beach inspection was conducted at the beach. There was no stormwater overflow recorded in the area and no major pollution incident was uncovered.

The reason for the poor results were determined to be due to the impact from animals/birds. A re-sample was taken on the 8th of August and the results of this were "excellent". With approval from the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 10th of August. All remaining sample results taken at Portrane, The Brook Beach during the bathing season were "excellent" other than a "good" result on the 14th of August.

6. Howth, Claremont Beach

The sixth and final Prohibition Notice was erected at Howth, Claremont Beach on the 30th of August following a "poor" result on the 28th of August. A re-sample was taken on the 30th of August and the Prohibition Notice was replaced with an Advisory Notice on the 1st of September, as the results of the sample showed that bacterial levels had improved. An investigation and beach inspection were conducted. At the time, it was deemed that the water quality deteriorated due to suspected impacts from animals/birds and the contamination of urban surface waters discharging into bathing water. Subsequently, reports of an overflow at Howth Pump Station No. 2 on the 25th of August were received. This occurred following heavy rain and a thundery downpour (Dublin Airport reported that 4.5 mm of rain fell in one hour in the Dublin area). It is not clear if this overflow had an impact on the result of the sample taken on the 28th of August. A re-sample of the bathing water was taken on the 5th of September which gave an "excellent" result. With approval from the HSE the Prohibition Notice was removed on the 7th of September. The final sample result taken at Howth, Claremont Beach during the bathing season was "excellent."

- Prior Warning Notices

On the 4th of August, 8 Prior Warning notices were issued on our beaches due to a Met Éireann yellow rainfall warning associated with Storm Antoni. A Prior Warning notice was not erected at Balbriggan or Portrane on this occasion, as these 2 beaches already had a warning notice in place. The weather

station at Dublin Airport reported that 49 mm of rain fell on the 5th of August, as a result of Storm Antoni. Reports of overflows at multiple pumping stations along the coastline were received. Re-samples were taken at each of the beaches on the 8th and 9th of August and all results were "excellent" other than at Howth, Claremont Beach which was "sufficient".

Two other Prior Warnings were issued at Portmarnock, Velvet Strand during the bathing season due to Met Éireann yellow rainfall warnings. The first was issued on 13th of July. On the 14th of July, 21 mm of rainfall was recorded at Dublin Airport, and this resulted in a stormwater overflow at Portmarnock Strand Pumping Station. A scheduled sample was taken at the beach on the 17th of July and the result was "excellent". A Prior Warning was again issued on the 17th of August due to a Met Éireann yellow rainfall warning associated with Storm Betty. On the 18th of August, 23 mm of rainfall was recorded at Dublin Airport, and this resulted in a stormwater overflow at Portmarnock Strand Pumping Station. A re-sample was taken at the beach on the 21st of August and the result was "excellent".

MST (Microbial Source Tracking) Analysis

As part of our monitoring programme, an investigative project has continued with UCD in 2023 involving the testing of water at Balbriggan Front Strand Beach and Skerries South Strand for the identification of microbial sources within the sample i.e., gull, ruminant, human, dog, and horse. Testing was also carried out on one date at Loughshinny and Sutton Beach and on two dates at Howth, Claremont Beach. The full results of this testing will be available in the coming weeks and will provide a valuable insight into the identification of contamination sources at some of our bathing areas.

Classification of a Bathing Water

Classification of a bathing water is based on 4 years of water quality results, using a percentile evaluation of all bacterial enumerations in the data set. The bathing water is given a classification of "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor" based on scheduled water quality sample results for the current year's results and the previous 3 years. Unscheduled or investigative samples are not included in the data set for the classification. The bathing water assessment and classification is carried out in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and as per the Regulations, the mandatory requirement for bathing water quality over a 4-year assessment period is at least "sufficient".

Misconnections

Collaborative cross departmental/agency water pollution investigative work took place prior to and during the 2023 bathing season. This has allowed us to address foul sewer misconnections to the surface water drainage network. Planned pre-season and in-season checks prevented persistent deterioration in bathing water quality during the bathing season. These works and the educational campaigns around dog fouling are contributing to controlling sources that could cause a failure of a bathing water.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

Waste Complaints

A total of 29 waste complaints were recorded for the month of September. Waste complaints investigated related to the illegal dumping of waste, unauthorised C&D sites, unauthorised tyre dumps, backyard storage of waste and the backyard burning of waste.

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. Any information in relation to unauthorised sites/collectors can be forwarded to environment@fingal.ie.







Fingal County Council assist with Multi-Agency Operation to Tackle Illegal Waste Activity

On the 7 September 2023 Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Section took part in a multi-agency checkpoint operation to tackle illegal waste activities and to ensure compliance with waste regulations in terms of movement of waste materials.

Dublin City Council in its role as lead authority for the Eastern Midlands WERLA (Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority), coordinated the operation, on behalf of An Garda Siochána's Dublin Metropolitan Region's Multi-Agency Forum. This intelligence led vehicle check point was conducted in Fingal, in an area known for significant waste activity. The check points were located both northbound and southbound at Lissenhall, Swords, Co. Dublin on a main artery within proximity to the M1 to capture waste movements within the area and en-route to other counties outside of Fingal.

Agencies involved in this joint operation included An Garda Síochána, Fingal County Council's Waste Enforcement Section, Dublin City Council's Waste Enforcement Section, the Road Safety Authority, and the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO).

The Dublin Metropolitan Region is one out of four of the Garda National Bureau of Criminal Investigation's multi-agency regional networks, which, enable a multi-faceted enforcement approach by bringing together key stakeholders.

The participation of different agencies proved to be successful. Multi-agency operations such as this have a positive deterrent effect on criminality, help to raise awareness and lead to positive outcomes relating not only to waste but other offences also.





Fingal County Council Waste Enforcement Section supports this collaborative approach and will provide further assistance through multi-agency operations to help combat illegal dumping and tackle unauthorised waste collectors.

New Deposit Return Scheme

Ireland will soon be introducing a Deposit Return Scheme. In **February 2024**, when you buy a drink in a plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that features the Re-turn logo, you pay a small deposit in addition to the price of the drink. When you return your empty, undamaged container to any retail outlet, you get your deposit back in full.

The legal framework for the Deposit Return Scheme is the (Separate Collection (Deposit Return) Regulations 2021 (SI 599 of 2021). Under the DRS Regulations, it is the responsibility of producers to establish the Deposit Return Scheme and to nominate an operator of the scheme for approval by the Minister.



In May 2022, Minister Smyth received an application from Deposit Return Scheme Ireland CLG (Trading as Re-turn) to act as an approved body under the DRS Regulations. On 1 July 2022, Re-turn's application was approved. Re-turn is a new, not-for-profit company set up by beverage producers. The approval is a vital foundational element for the project, giving Re-turn the legal standing to establish a deposit return scheme and commence formal engagement with beverage producers, wholesalers, retailers and other operators.

All beverage containers from 150ml to 3 litres are included in the DRS (PET, Aluminum & Steel). At present 30-40% of beverage containers are not collected for recycling and the DRS will address this shortfall and increase collection rates significantly. A deposit of 15c will apply to containers 500mls or less and a deposit of 25c for each container from 500ml to 3 litres.

All producers and retailers are legally obliged to register with Re-turn and comply with the DRS Regulations which will be overseen and managed by Re-Turn.





Local Authorities will have a role to play in terms of enforcement for Producers/Retailers who haven't signed up to the scheme or are not fully complying with the Deposit Return Scheme Regulations and this will be confirmed in due course through the Eastern Midlands Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA).

For further information visit: https://re-turn.ie/ or https://re-turn.ie/#questions

Unauthorised Waste Collectors/Illegal Dumping Cinema Awareness Campaign

The Waste Enforcement Section have initiated a campaign to help raise awareness about illegal waste collectors and illegal dumping. Illegal waste collectors use social media and advertising sites to offer cheap waste removal services with the waste ending up being dumped in remote areas causing environmental pollution. Every year Local Authorities spend thousands of euro on clean up costs to remove illegally dumped waste, money which could be better spent on improving public services within local communities.

Before handing over your waste, always ask for ID and to see a copy of their waste collection permit which can be checked on the National Waste Collection Permit Office website at www.nwcpo.ie. No permit, then they're not authorised to collect waste. Don't risk getting a €150 fine or a criminal conviction if found guilty in Court.





As part of the awareness campaign a short ad has been developed which will be shown across 5 different cinemas over the coming months (Swords, Balbriggan, Charlestown, Blanchardstown and Santry) to highlight the issues around illegal waste collectors and the damage that's caused by illegal dumping. We all have a responsibility to manage our waste and to protect the environment for future generations. Our key aim is to encourage and educate individuals to make the right choices regarding their waste and to participate in authorised waste collection services. If householders know of anyone offering these 'Man in a Van' services, please contact environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 8906799. To view the ad follow the link below:
https://www.fingal.ie/news/illegal-waste-collectors-and-illegal-dumping-awareness-campaign

Commercial Food Waste

A recent study published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that 70% of the contents of the average commercial waste bin could be diverted to recycling. This represents a massive loss of potentially recyclable material and an unnecessarily high cost to businesses, whose waste charges would be lowered through proper segregation.

Improved waste segregation in the commercial sector can also make a significant contribution to achieving our EU recycling targets.

A total of 80 Commercial Food Waste inspections were carried out by the waste enforcement team over the past 3 months. The inspections involved investigating commercial premises that provide food services, such as restaurants, bars cafes and takeaways, to ensure they have a brown bin service in place to properly dispose of food waste. The segregation of dry recyclable materials was also assessed as part of the inspections to help improve recycling rates within this sector.





Of the premises inspected 51 were found to be compliant, 27 non-compliant and 2 were inconclusive with further information required. Warning letters were issued to the business's that were found to be non-compliant advising them to put in place a brown bin service and to segregate waste into residual, mixed dry recyclable and bio waste bins. These premises will be re-inspected over the coming weeks to ensure compliance, with enforcement action initiated on a case-by-case basis as required.





Further information on commercial food waste segregation can be found at https://www.mywaste.ie/business/

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of August / September 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of September 2023 is running at **85%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	132.8
Rates Collection %	85%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is €19.5m this is c.**93%** of the collection during to same point during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	19.5
Levies collected as % of 2022	93%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of August is €57.0m which is c. **97%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	57.0
Percentage of budget YTD	97%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of September

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	211	
Value €m	57.8	
Procurements ongoing at end of September		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	11	(i)
Value €m	49.1	
No. of procurements under evaluation	39	(ii)
Value €m	87.2	
No. of procurements at approved	18	(iii)
Value €m	236.5	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of September.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the September.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of September.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 SEP 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	64,982,106	90,151,700	72%	68,341,924	94,681,700	72%	-3,359,818
Road Transport & Safety	23,727,799	32,392,400	73%	7,057,420	8,698,800	81%	16,670,379
Water Services	13,711,651	14,994,900	91%	13,321,747	18,028,400	74%	389,905
Development Management	15,382,657	19,874,200	77%	6,360,252	5,480,800	116%	9,022,406
Environmental Services	34,407,545	48,361,500	71%	8,330,414	10,542,200	79%	26,077,131
Recreation & Amenity	37,477,227	49,953,500	75%	1,968,849	2,386,500	82%	35,508,379
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,149,615	1,380,600	83%	288,072	340,100	85%	861,543
Miscellaneous Services	17,513,369	22,836,300	77%	19,158,436	24,576,200	78%	-1,645,067
Central Management Charge	34,487,807	53,803,600	64%	2,653,909	3,904,000	68%	31,833,898
Local Property Tax / GPG				7,334,475	9,779,300	75%	-7,334,475
Rates				116,498,025	155,330,700	75%	-116,498,025
	242,839,777	333,748,700	73%	251,313,522	333,748,700	75%	-8,473,745

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	167,541,033	-92,751,666	29,762,741
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	18,585,985	-12,611,628	18,007,830
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	673,791	-783,028	-10,920,658
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	23,712,956	-29,902,766	-140,493,733
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	3,510,257	-1,230,303	-19,023,352
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	22,992,829	-13,536,776	-4,647,020
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	14,592,338	-13,631,388	-51,281,940
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**251,609,188**	**-164,447,555**	**-178,596,133**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 30/09/2023 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€3,146,921	€23,871,758	€21,957,701	€1,914,057
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,080,776	€262,685	€1,818,092
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,454,567	€4,463,391	€4,991,176

* value of debit at 31/12/2022 was 5.1m with a credit of 1.97m which has substantially been offset against demands 2023 leaving an aged debt greater than the opening balance

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	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Boundary Fencing at Hampton Lands, Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan	Irish Fencing Services	Unit 21, Jamestown Business Park, Kylemore Way, Inchicore, Dublin 8	€ 151,467	01/09/2023	01/04/2025	18	26/09/2023
Operations	Road Salt for the 2023/2024 Winter Season	Salt Sales Company	Fort Road, Kilroot, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim	€ 161,795	01/10/2023	31/12/2023	3	25/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ward River Regional Park Historic Structures - Brick Arch and Walled Garden Sheds	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	21/23 St Patricks Street, Keady, Co. Armagh	€ 295,808	10/09/2023	09/02/2024	5	21/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 2 - 10 sq meters at Roselawn Road, Walk & Court, D 15	Formac Construction	60, Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€ 39,125	01/10/2023	01/11/2023	1	19/09/2023
Operations	Footpath Works, Paddys Hill, Portmarnock	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Ballymore, Ratoath, Co Meath	€ 71,370.00	18/09/2023	13/10/2023	1	18/09/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Drynam, Seatown & Lissenhall Footbridges	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Co.Clare	€ 228,756	31/08/2023	30/01/2024	5	14/09/2023
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	Ravensdale, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€ 31,185	11/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	14/09/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Dublin Road, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 163,656	25/09/2023	25/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
Digital Services	NEC Application Programs for which the RDBA Service is being provided : NEC Housing	NEC Software Solutions	1st Floor, Imex Centre 575 - 599 Maxted Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire	€ 66,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	07/09/2023
Operations	Football Pitch Extension at Porterstown, Dublin 15	KT Civil Engineering	Corrydonion, Rathowen, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€ 45,000	01/09/2023	01/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Network, Tolka Valley	KT Civil Engineering	Corrydonion, Rathowen, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€ 28,000	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Extension, Delwood Park, D 15	KT Civil Engineering	Corrydonion, Rathowen, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€ 33,000	01/09/2023	01/11/2023	2	06/09/2023
EETCD	Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	13-18 City Quay, Dublin 2 D02ED70	€ 48,900	08/05/2023	07/02/2024	9	06/09/2023

ANCA	Legal Services for Aircraft Noise Competent Authority	A & L Goodbody LLP	International Financial Services Centre, 3 Dublin Landings, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 D01 C4EO	€ 1,000,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	05/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of a Pocket Park at Bridge Street, Balbriggan	Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping	Unit B10 Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim	€ 41,535	28/08/2023	23/09/2024	13	05/09/2023
Active Travel	Requirement for Engineering Consultancy Services for Active Travel Pathfinder Swords to Airport Quick Build	Tobin Consulting Engineers	Fairgreen House, Fairgreen Road, Co. Galway	€ 225,775	21/08/2023	20/08/2026	36	05/09/2023
Operations	Engineering Consultancy Services for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin 12 D12 VW27	€ 287,130	18/09/2023	17/09/2026	36	04/09/2023
Operations	Demolition and Remediation Works of a bridge Structure at Grallagh	Triur Construction	13, Society Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	€ 44,265	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	04/09/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R109, Lower Lucan Road	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 658,619	01/10/2023	01/12/2023	2	01/09/2023
Community	8 Week running programme for 5th and 6th class students in Primary Schools	Marathon Kids	Ballysax Little, The Curragh, Co. Kildare	€ 26,900	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	01/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath & Bituminous Cycle Track Installation at Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	John Browne Construction Ltd	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 44,250	25/09/2023	25/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches Deerpark Road, Drive & Avenue, D 15	Citius Ltd	Club Road, Ballymount, Dublin 22 C2D0	€ 34,990	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Northwood Avenue, D 9	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 130,351	11/09/2023	11/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Caretakers agreement to manage and operate the concession Malahide Recreational Facility, located in the Pavillion Building, Malahide Demesne	Aramark Northern Europe	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€ 126,465	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	31/08/2023
Libraries	Supply & Installation of 3 Tovertafel Unit to include 2 year licence, warranty, service and staff training	Homecare Medical	Tooraree, Knock Road, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo	€ 28,510	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	30/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Burrow Beach, Portrane	Lidan Innovations Ltd	Unit 1, Lanesborough Road, Roscommon, F42 RX66	€ 202,343	17/07/2023	17/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Malahide, Muldowney	Lidan Innovations Ltd	Unit 1, Lanesborough Road, Roscommon, F42 RX66	€ 329,129	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Howth East Pier, Co. Dublin	Lidan Innovations Ltd	Unit 1, Lanesborough Road, Roscommon, F42 RX66	€ 447,089	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for the Co Ordinator and Delivery of the Student Enterprise Programme for Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Real Events Management T/A Real Nation	24-25 Arran Quay, Smithfield, D 7	€ 40,600	21/08/2023	21/06/2024	10	28/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Execution of ESB approved Civil Works to enable the unde	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 78,997	01/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	24/08/2023

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian & Cycle Scheme Topographic Survey	Apex Surveys	Unit 78, Dunboyle Business Park, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€ 32,910	01/08/2023	07/10/2023	5 weeks	23/08/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Supply Anti Littering Devices at Locations in Fingal	RiteView Solutions	Duncreevan, Kilcock, Co. Kildare	€ 25,120	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	18/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation of Traffic Signals in respect of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€ 165,281	21/08/2023	21/02/2025	18	16/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Consultancy Services to develop Town Centre Plans for Fingal County Council with an initial contract to develop a Town Centre Plan for Lusk	AP + E	Fairymount, Kingscourt, Co. Cavan	€ 63,680	08/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	14/08/2023
Active Travel	Work on the R132 Cycle Lane Scheme (Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane)	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13a, Fernhill Road, Annaclone, Banbridge, Co. Down BT32 5AF.	€ 2,202,117	31/07/2023	31/12/2024	19	11/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Road Removal Works St. Itas, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 38,975	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	03/08/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals within the Admin Area of Fingal Co Co Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€ 1,423,645	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	02/08/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for Fingal County Council Offices in Swords & Blanchardstown	Compass Catering Services Ireland Ltd	43a, Yeats Way, Park West, Dublin 12	€ 750,000	25/07/2023	24/07/2025	24	02/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Clonsilla Road Junctions at Coolmine and Blanchardstown, D 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 170,971	25/08/2023	25/11/2023	3	01/08/2023
Digital Services	Backup & Disaster Recovery services for Office 365 & SharePoint Online	Sureskills Ltd	2-4 Terminus Mills, Clonskeagh, Dublin	€ 49,470	01/08/2023	31/07/2026	24	01/08/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Castleknock Road, Auburn Ave Junction.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 76,234	23/08/2023	23/08/2023	12	01/08/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R106, Swords Road, Malahide & Ancillary Works	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 280,087	21/08/2023	21/09/2023	1	28/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Site Surveys and Snagging Drawings and Taking in Charge Drawings of 13 Estates due to be taken in charge	Thorntons Chartered Surveyors	13G, Blanchardstown Corporate Business Park, Dublin 15	€ 37,620	12/07/2023	12/04/2024	9	28/07/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Melrose Park and Drinan Hall	John Browne Construction Ltd	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 27,895	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Millview Lawns, Malahide	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	Westwinds, Windmill Hill, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin	€ 89,400	04/09/2023	29/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	City West, Saggart Co. Dublin	€ 87,500	01/09/2023	29/02/2024	6	26/07/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	Westland House, Westland Park, Willow Road, Dublin 12	€ 50,000	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023

Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Servicecs to FCC for Parking Services	Parkrite	Ground Floor, 2 Custom House Plaza, Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1	€ 182,184	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Liscappagh Estate, Dublin 11	ABM	Unit 2B, Feltrim Business Park, Drynam Road, Swords, Co Dublin K67 TX95	€ 44,511	15/06/2023	11/08/2023	2	24/07/2023
Operations	Construction of a Parkour Facility at Millennium Park, Dublin15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€ 98,120	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	21/07/2023
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 me	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	24 Parkgate Street, Dublin 8	€ 41,131	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	19/07/2023
Operations	Supply and Installation of specified calisthenics and outdoor fitness equipment to Hazelbury Park, D 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€ 60,625	01/08/2023	31/08/2023	1	19/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Dublin Airport Noise Plan 2024 - 2029 Appointment of Acoustic Consultants	Logika Noise Air Quality Consultants	Patten House, Moulders Lane, Warrington, WA1 2BA	€ 60,000	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	18/07/2023
Operations	Temporary Car Park Surfacing and Associated Works at Ballymastone	DM Morris Ltd	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 132,744	02/09/2023	01/10/2024	13	17/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Catering Services for County Hall and Grove Road	Compass Catering Irl Ltd	43a, Yeats Way, Park West, Dublin 12	€ 94,248	01/04/2023	24/07/2023	4	17/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Murrough Road to Watery Lane, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 292,977	17/07/2023	17/10/2023	3	13/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Full Size MUGA at Mick Walsh Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€ 66,225	03/07/2023	31/07/2023	1	12/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services, Kinsealy Walking & Cycling Routes	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, D 14	€ 396,356	15/06/2023	14/06/2025	24	12/07/2023
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€ 46,718	24/07/2023	31/12/2023	5	11/07/2023
Operations	Road Lining Contract for Castleknock Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown including PSCS and Traffic Management	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€ 59,965	10/07/2023	31/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of Eircode/Postcode Address Encoding Services	Dataconversion Direct Ltd	25-26 Westland Square, D02 N403	€ 45,000	10/07/2023	10/10/2023	3	10/07/2023
Housing	Actuarial Services for the replacement of Fingal County Councils Housing Loans System	Mazars	Block 3, Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2	€ 43,750	03/07/2023	03/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install temporary Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13, Fernhill Road, Annalone, Banbridge, BT325AK	€ 39,120	06/07/2023	06/07/2024	12	07/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Public Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	13 Fernhill Road, Annaclone, BT32 5AF, Banbridge, Co. Down	€ 39,120	26/07/2023	25/08/2023	1	07/07/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Parkvale, Baldoyle	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 58,101	24/07/2023	04/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Services for 67 Newly Constructed Units to be delivered on a phased basis during July & August 2023 at Churchfields Estate	ABM	Unit 2B, Feltrim Business Park, Drynam Road, Swords, Co Dublin K67 TX95	€ 100,183	24/07/2023	15/09/2023	2	06/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Washed Surface Dressing Chips	Tullyraine Quarries Limited	122, Dromore Road, Banbridge, Co. Down	€ 30,075	14/07/2023	14/12/2023	5	06/07/2023
Operations	Installation of Traffic Calming Ramps, Ramp Components, ramp replacement and repairs	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Lawlesstown, Dunleer, Co Louth	€ 148,335	17/07/2023	19/01/2024	6	04/07/2023
Operations	Replacement of Artificial Grass Surfaces to Two MUGAS in Whitestown, D.15	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8, Rosemount Business Park, Drinagh, Co. Wexford	€ 47,811	07/07/2023	06/08/2023	1	04/07/2023
Operations	Purchase of New Compact Tractors	Dublin Grass Machinery	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15	€ 68,000	25/06/2023	24/06/2024	12	04/07/2023
Digital Services	Renewal of the subscription to the Technical Index	Allium UK Holding	25 Ropemaker Street, London, EC2Y 9LY GB	€ 31,269	01/07/2023	30/06/2024	12	30/06/2023
EETCD	Supply, Installation, derig and transportation of 3 x 3m gazebos, picket fencing and truck stage for the Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	Castle Stage Hire	Peamount Road, Dublin 22	€ 55,925	28/06/2023	03/07/2023	1 week	28/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 sq meters at Moyclare, Baldoyle	Clar Con Construction Ltd	Cnoc Glas, Jordanstown, Lusk	€ 30,960	03/07/2023	28/08/2023	7 weeks	27/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Wetland Restoration and Greenway Project - St. Itas Donabate	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 39,987	26/06/2023	07/07/2023	2 weeks	23/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Services Works, Church Street & St. Patricks Pl	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 72,995	01/07/2023	01/10/2023	3	22/06/2023
EETCD	Provision of Stewarding Services for Flavours of Fingal 2023	invictus Event Management Ltd	3, Parc Na Glas, Rathcormac, Co. Cork	€ 52,806	21/06/2023	04/07/2023	2 weeks	21/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Glasmore Park, - Windmill Lands, Swords, Co. Dublin	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 55,739	30/06/2023	30/11/2023	5	20/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	The Design and Execution of Works in connection with the Installation of Play Spaces for Fingal County Council - four distinct projects - ITT (Repeat of FCC/173/20	Creative Play Solutions	Mincloon, Rahoon, Co. Galway.	€ 1,697,921	15/05/2023	15/09/2025	28	20/06/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Specified Calisthenics and Outdoor Fitness Hub at Damastown Park and Porterstown Park, D. 15.	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€ 92,795	30/06/2023	30/07/2023	1	20/06/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 7 sq meters at Stapolin Lawns and Grange Park, Baldoyle	John Browne Construction Ltd	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 39,323	26/06/2023	25/07/2023	1	19/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Colas Teoranta	Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin 2	€ 16,662	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Lagan Asphalt Ltd.	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 32,075	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023

Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	Alexandra Road, Dublin 1	€ 116,462	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re Surfacing of Existing Car Park at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 27,250	15/05/2023	15/06/2023	1	16/06/2023
EETCD	Supply of Buses/Coaches/Minibuses including wheelchair accessible vehicles, event staff as bus stops and management of online booking form	Marathon Training & Events	Suite 40, Block 5, Northwood Court, Northwood Crescent, Santry, Dublin 9	€ 127,250	01/07/2023	02/07/2023	1 day	15/06/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for a Bridge Inventory Survey of Fingals Road Network	Atkins Ireland (WS Atkins Ireland Ltd)	150, Airside Business Park, Swords	€ 29,060	10/04/2023	09/06/2023	3	15/06/2023
Digital Services	Provision of Services on the online portal for Affordable Housing Schemes	Interform Limited	6, York Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€ 35,250	09/06/2023	09/06/2024	12	12/06/2023
Corporate Affairs	Replacement of Critical LV Electrical Infrastructure (ACBs) in Blanch	Vincent Doherty Ltd	11a Tivoli Avenue, Harolds Cross, D6W Y640	€ 66,605	01/06/2023	31/08/2023	3	12/06/2023
EETCD	Traffic management for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Freeflow Traffic Management	Ballinalee, Co. Longford	€ 54,315	09/06/2023	02/07/2023	1	09/06/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Wellview Estate, Dublin 15	DTC Security Ltd	8, Hermitage Lawn, Rathfarnham D16 KV59	€ 92,860	04/07/2023	05/09/2023	3	07/06/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Dublin Road, R106 in Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 82,160	01/07/2023	30/07/2023	1	06/06/2023
Community	Provision of an Audit of Community, Sports & Recreation Facilities in the Administrative area of Fingal County Council and a radius of 10km around its borders	KPMG Ireland	1, Stokes Place, St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2	€ 58,475	22/05/2023	16/01/2024	8	06/06/2023
Community	Modification & Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, D15	FLN Consulting Engineers	Studio 7, 19 Marine Crescent, Glasgow, G511HD	€ 26,900	01/06/2023	31/07/2026	37	01/06/2023
EETCD	Bridge Stret Demolitions & Enabling Works Phase 1 as Part of the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019 - 2025	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	46, Blackburne Square, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	€ 183,884	01/06/2023	14/07/2024	13	01/06/2023
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€ 57,248	14/06/2023	14/06/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, R125 Murrogh Road to Watery Lane, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 267,406	01/06/2023	24/09/2023	4	01/06/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness Campaign Cinemas	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	Castleforbes House, Castleforbes Road, Dublin 1	€ 86,000	01/06/2023	31/05/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Cleaning & Maintenance Services for all public conveniences within Fingal County Councils Administrative Area	Healthmatic Ltd	Howth House, Harbour Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	€ 1,822,007	28/04/2023	27/04/2025	24	01/06/2023
Operations	Footpath Construction Millview Lawns, Millview Court, Millview Road, Yellow Walls Road and Sea Road, Malahide	John Browne Construction Ltd	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 40,152	06/06/2023	23/06/2023	1	29/05/2023

Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 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	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 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	Mountpleasant Business Centre, Ranelagh, Dublin 6	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	23/05/2023
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	Unit B2, Milltown East Industrial Estate, Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint, Co Down	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	18/05/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Disposal of Waste from Site to the rear of Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Ringcommons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 45,929	06/06/2023	06/07/2023	1	16/05/2023
Operations	Purchase of 3 Ford Ranger Crew Cab Jeeps with Automatic Transmi	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	Elm Court, Breenmanna Road, Ballintemple, Co. Cork	€ 77,040	10/05/2023	09/05/2024	12	12/05/2023
Operations	Consultancy Services for Fingal Harbours and Associated Services - Initial Contract for the Rehabilitation of Skerries Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin 12 D12 VW27	€ 104,615	06/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	12/05/2023
Operations	Supply only of Ready Mix Concrete for Fingal Castleknock/Mulhuddart	Keegan Quarries Ltd	Trammon, Rathmolyon, Co. Meath	€ 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	Mitsubishi House, John F Kennedy Drive, Naas Road, Dublin 12	€ 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	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 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.	Spruce Cottage, Bennetstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€ 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	T/A 2CQR Ireland, Unit 6G Centrepoint Business Park, Oak Drive, Dublin 12 D12 5K5	€ 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	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 852,077	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	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 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	13-18 City Quay, Dublin 2 D02ED70	€ 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	Oldtown, Co. Dublin	€ 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	Unit 16, BEaT Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 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	Rathoath, Co. Meath	€ 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	Unit 103 Bishopswood Lane, Bishopswood, The Ward, Co Dublin D11 P2VR	€ 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	Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath A92 K654	€ 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	76, Irishtown Ord, Irishtown, Dublin 4	€ 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.	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co.Mayo	€ 75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	19/04/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of specially cut limestone blocks for the completion of the parapet on Bremore Castle Gate House	McKeown Stone	Brockley Park, Stradbally,Co. Laois	€ 33,628	26/06/2023	31/07/2023	5weeks	18/04/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Permanent Road Traffic Signs and Ancillary Works	PWS Signs Ltd	Ravendale, Dundalk, Co. Louth	€ 33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	18/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	17/04/2023
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8, Rosemount Business Park, Drinagh, Co. Wexford	€ 52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	17/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	14/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetery	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 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	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co.Mayo	€ 113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	13/04/2023
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	Cnoc Glas, Jordanstown, Lusk	€ 36,486	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	16, Town Hall Street, Co. Cavan	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	12/04/2023
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	23, Greenbank Industrial Estate, Rampart Road, Newry, Co. Down	€ 2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	12/04/2023
Operations	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	1, Chancery Street, Dublin 7	€ 79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10	12/04/2023
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 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	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 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	Apt 10A, Metropolitan Apts. Dublin 8	€ 117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	06/04/2023
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	05/04/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	05/04/2023
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	Donard, Co. Wicklow	€ 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.	46, Blackburne Square, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14	€ 834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	04/04/2023
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	53, Charleston Road, Ranelagh, Dublin D06XE51	€ 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	3013 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24	€ 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	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	€ 38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and Licencing	Triangle Computer Services	Colm House, 91, Pembroke Street, Dublin 4, D04 EC42	€ 93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	31/03/2023
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€ 34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	31/03/2023
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	North Barn, Broughton Hall, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3 AE, UK	€ 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	60,Upper Main Street, Rush	€ 80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023

Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	City West, Saggart Co. Dublin	€ 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.,	8 Keypoint, Rosepoint Business Park, Dublin 11, D11 Y77P	€ 27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	28/03/2023
EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	25, Castlefield Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€ 41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	28/03/2023
Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	Rathoath, Co. Meath	€ 39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	Marlinstown Business Park, Marlinstown, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath N91 W5NN	€ 47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	27/03/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	60, Upper Main Street, Rush, Co. Dublin	€ 904,145	01/05/2023	30/09/2023	5	24/03/2023
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	Unit 17, The Seapoint Building, 44-45 Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	€ 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	Ard A Leasa, Lispopple, Swords, Co. Dublin	€ 989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	22/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dubli	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 11	€ 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,	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	15/03/2023
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€ 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	Ticknock Road, Sandyford, Dublin 18	€ 72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	13/03/2023
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	Grougha Lane, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	€ 301,441	06/03/2023	24/11/2023	8	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	Ballyboughal Road, Naul, Co. Dublin	€ 50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	09/03/2023
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	Stokes Place, Dublin 2	€ 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	Unit 4, South City Business Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	04/03/2023
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	2nd Floor, 1 - 5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€ 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	Breac Dearg, Kilheffernan, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	€ 232,319	13/03/2023	12/05/2023	2	01/03/2023

Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	Unit 2, Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 2	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	28/02/2023
Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	28/02/2023
Housing	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	27/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrel Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	G11, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	24/02/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	Unit C1 Site 38 Heron Road, BT3 9LE, Belfast, UK	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	23/02/2023
Housing	Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	22/02/2023
Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	11, Blakestown Cottages, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	21/02/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	3rd Floor, The Highline, Bakers Point, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€ 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	1st Floor Block T Eastpoint Business Park, Dublin 3	€ 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	Melbourne Business Park, Model Farm Road, Cork T12 YH31	€ 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	Block 1, Unit 4, Dunboyne Industrial Estate, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€ 104,500	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	16/02/2023
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	Tankardstown, Clonalvy, Co. Meath A42 AR26	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	Ormond Building, 31/36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	3, Nessan House, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	16/02/2023
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 25j, UK	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	16/02/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	Spruce Cottage, Bennetstown, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	€ 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	36, Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	13/02/2023

Housing	Environmental Risk Assessment Site at Sillogue, Ballymun	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork	€ 35,463	01/02/2023	31/12/2024	23	10/02/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	Unit C4 South City Business Park, Whitestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	10/02/2023
Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	Unit 8, Rosemount Business Park, Drinagh, Co. Wexford	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	09/02/2023
Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	Kilmacduane, Cooraclare, Co.Clare	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	07/02/2023
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	06/02/2023
EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Marie Brouder	5A, Humbert Street, Tobercurry, Co. Sligo	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	31/01/2023
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	Unit 6, Tashinny Court, Church View, Main Street, Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	23/01/2023
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	Sequoia House, Westown, Naul, Co. Dublin	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	20/01/2023
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	Westland House, Westland Park, Willow Road, Dublin 12	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	18/01/2023
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	50, Ringsend Road, Dublin 4	€ 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	Ground Floor, 2 Custom House Plaza, Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1	€ 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	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	12/01/2023
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	13, Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	12/01/2023
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	Old Railway Station, Ardee, Co. Louth	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	09/01/2023
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	The Bush, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	09/01/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	11, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 25A	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/01/2024	12	09/01/2023

Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	Unit 4, Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€ 145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	05/01/2023
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	The Tara Guilding, Co-Working Private Offices & Meeting Rooms, Dublin 2	€ 100,000	26/05/2023	24/05/2024	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	2nd Floor, 1 - 5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€ 130,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Housing	Weekly Bin Collections and Ad hoc Skip Collections from the Halting Sites in the Fingal Area	Starrus Holdings Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€ 64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	01/01/2023
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€ 240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co Dublin	€ 78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	7 Beckett Way, Park West Bus Pk, Dublin, D12X884	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	01/01/2023
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	Macken House, 39/40 Mayor Street Upper, D01 C9W8	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	01/01/2023

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. 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	Phase One of the project has reached substantial completion.
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. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant and reviewed by Active Travel.
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. Draft options report has been submitted by consultant and reviewed by Active Travel.
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 red SMA. Work has also commenced on line marking, signage and bollard installation.

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	Tenderers have been evaluated and it is expected to appoint a contractor during 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 to Active Travel 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.
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**	**An application was made to An Board Pleanála by members of the public in relation to the proposed public realm improvements, requesting EIA and AA Screening Determinations. As a result the Part 8 Process is on hold until after An Bord Pleanála has made its decision which was originally to be by the 11th of September 2023. However, no decision has been provided to date.**
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €60,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €655,000	Tender competition is ongoing for Stage 1 of the process.
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €282,500	Tender is currently being assessed with a view to appoint consultant during September.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	Preliminary design is being revised after feedback from FCC.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	A specification for the tender of these works is being prepared with a view to going to tender in 2023. Small works have been completed around existing car park through Operations. Enabling works ongoing regarding connection works to school and Limetree Avenue.
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 2 of the tendering process complete and tender assessment has taken place. Contract documents to be signed in coming weeks.

FCC/22/0030	**Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000**	**Works have reached substantial completion.**
FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access. .
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 was uploaded to eTenders in June and it is planned to assess any submitted tenders during July.
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 for review.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Mhuire & Iosef, Sinsear – Bayside Senior National School €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed design has commenced to enable procurement of works contractor.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €200,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed design has commenced to enable procurement of works contractor.

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	Detailed design has commenced to enable procurement of works contractor.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Castaheany ETNS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – St. Benedict's NS €200,000	Works have been substantially completed by contractor. Minor snag works ongoing.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €200,000	Detailed design has commenced to enable procurement of works contractor.

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	Q3 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 Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 9x2Bed 1x1Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katies Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5x2Bed	On Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**62** 17x2Bed 45x3Bed	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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Ballymastone Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**172** 432 units, of which 20% social and 20% affordable	Mixed Tenure	Q3 2023	Q2 2025

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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 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	**300** 27x1Bed 118x2Bed 136x3Bed 19x4Bed	Tender evaluation complete. Contractors have been appointed for enabling works.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
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	Subject to Judicial Review.	Q4 2025	Q4 2027
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	Enabling works package ready. Design team tender to be evaluated.	Q2 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53.459821, -6.217958 Google Maps	36 36x2Bed	Design ongoing, Tender package to be completed in Q4 2023.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6**	Planning granted.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024

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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 3B 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 in June. Awaiting decision from ABP.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	**57**	Pre-Planning and design stage. Conveyancing complete.	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	Q4 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Stats	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Pobal	Community Services Program	Parslickstown House	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
Pobal	Community Services Program	Blakestown Community Resource Centre	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Mountview Youth and Community Centre – All weather pitch upgrade & LED lighting	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Hartstown Community Centre All weather pitch upgrade	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Flemington Community Centre – Accessible Gym	Application submitted		

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ITEM NO. 30

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

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ITEM NO. 30a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

CIVIC RECEPTION IRISH SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEAM

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That this Council grants a Civic Honour/Reception to be made to the Irish Special Olympics Team in recognition of their recent achievements."

Report:

If this Motion is passed, an invitation will be issued to the Irish Special Olympics Team to attend a reception in County Hall.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 30b

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

CIVIC RECEPTION DUBLIN GAA FOOTBALL TEAMS

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That this Council grants a Civic Honour/Reception to be made to the Dublin Senior Mens' and Senior Ladies GAA All Ireland winning teams in recognition of their recent achievements."

Report:

If this Motion is passed, an invitation will be issued to the Dublin Senior Mens' and Senior Ladies GAA Teams to attend a reception in County Hall.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 36

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS ACROSS FINGAL

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That the Chief Executive provides an update on what plans this Council has for both short and medium term, for the commencement of construction of urgently required new schools, both Primary and Secondary schools, this is in accordance with the Government's new policy which will help facilitate the continued rollout of urgently required school building projects in both mainstream and special education settings, including those that were temporarily paused due to lack of Capital funding".

Report:

The provision of schools across the County is the responsibility of the Department of Education.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department enables the development of schools through the Development Plan and Development Management processes.

The Development Plan provides a framework of policies and objectives to facilitate the provision of schools at suitable locations. The Development Plan Sheets outline specific locations where schools are proposed. These have been agreed with the Department of Education during the recently completed development plan process. Pre-planning for planning permission for schools is dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the area planning teams.

The construction of the schools is a matter for the Department of Education.

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 37

STRATEGY FOR KEEPING OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN - RESPONSIBILITY ON THE PART OF PET OWNERS

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive review the current strategy for keeping our streets, footpaths and roads clean in the county, and in particular, to outline measures for dealing with the increasing cases of uncollected faeces and the lack of responsibility on the part of pet owners."

Report:

The Council provides a street sweeping and litter collection service across the County. The mechanical sweepers work on a rostered shift schedule in order to provide a regular service to all areas utilising both large and small sweepers.

Dog Fouling is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act and is enforced by the Litter Wardens. The Litter Wardens also erect dog fouling signage. The dog wardens undertake patrols and may increase their patrols in areas with high levels of dog fouling, including parks.

In terms of educational awareness, the Environmental Awareness Officer (EAO) runs the Green Dog Walker campaign, giving out doggie dispensers free of charge to the public through the community centres network. The EAO is expanding this by increasing the number of dispensers available to the public through a network of 12 Community Hub Centres. The Environment Department also promote responsible dog ownership and there is an on-going regional campaign with other Local Authorities under the #Bag it! Bin it. Anti-Dog Fouling posts have been published on the Council's Facebook & Instagram pages reminding dog owners of their responsibilities under the #Bag it! Bin it and a link is provided to the Green Dog Walkers Initiative on our website. Audio devices

have been installed in various locations around the county reminding people to clean up after their dogs.

In the area of enforcement, in order to issue a fine, a Litter Warden must witness the dog fouling and identify the owner of that dog. The Environment Department also look for the assistance of the public in identifying dog owners in relation to dog fouling and ask them to present as a witness. As members of the public can be reluctant to act as a witness, it can be very difficult to secure fines for dog fouling.

The Environment Department is in the process of undertaking a pilot to attempt to address this issue. This pilot includes an educational and enforcement piece bringing together the Environmental Awareness Officer, the Litter Wardens, and the Dog Wardens in a joint initiative on the ground, in an area of high dog fouling. The Operations Department liaise closely with our colleagues in the Environment Department to provide a coordinated approach to addressing the issue of dog fouling in the County.

Source of Joint Report:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel

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ITEM NO. 42

ALLOCATION OF FUNDING IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR SWIMMING POOLS

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That this Council calls for the allocation of funding in the Capital Programme for Swimming Pools in the County."

Report:

Work is underway on the Fingal Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2023 to 2028 which will provide Fingal's strategic direction in relation to sports and physical activity over the next five years. It is expected that this plan will be completed during Q4 of 2023. Alongside this plan, a facilities audit of Sport and Recreational facilities across the County commenced at the end of the summer and it is expected to take eight months to complete. This audit is examining sport and physical activity facilities across the county both public and private. It is focusing on current and projected needs across Fingal in relation to a wide range of sports and leisure activities including swimming. The results from this audit will provide evidence-based data which will inform future decision-making on the provision of Sports and Physical Activities Infrastructure thus ensuring available resources are allocated appropriately. These two projects are being undertaken against the backdrop of a potential national policy/strategy review by the Department of Sport whereby it is anticipated that further direction will emerge nationally on the provision and funding of swimming pool facilities.

In parallel to these two projects, the Council, in recognition of the identification of a site in Castlelands, Balbriggan for the provision of an indoor swimming pool in the Castlelands Masterplan in 2021 has commenced a project to develop an indoor swimming pool facility on this site. This comprehensive piece of work is

at an early stage and the project will be subject to obtaining the necessary planning consents and securing the required funding. It is anticipated that the Council will commence the procurement of a design and project management consultant in the coming months to inform this project and an important part of this process will be consultation and liaison with key stakeholders including the community, Elected Representatives, Department of Sport, Swim Ireland and the LDA. The latter organisation is developing infrastructure and housing at the Castlelands site and the plan to develop the swimming pool would be integrated with the development of housing and amenities on the lands. The cost of feasibility study, business planning and design assessments for the development of an indoor swimming pool facility at Castlelands, Balbriggan will be included in the Council's 2024 - 2026 capital plan. The Members will need to make provision for funding this as part of the 2024 budget. The results of the Sports and Recreational facilities audit, which will be completed the first half of 2024, will help inform the assessment of need for swimming facilities for the County. Elected Members will be kept informed of progress on these various projects and initiatives.

Source of Report:
Aoife Lawler, A/Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 44

WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE -TARGETS

Motion: Councillor K. Dennison

"That the Chief Executive report on the Council's obligations under the Water Framework Directive and to indicate when all targets are likely to be met."

Report

The main obligation under the Water Framework Directive is to achieve good water quality status by 2027. This obligation applies to the State. The directive has been transposed into Irish Law by the European Community Water Policy Regulations 2003 (as amended) which require every public body to "*exercise its functions in a manner consistent with the provisions of the directive and which achieves or promotes compliance with the requirements of the directive".*

Under the regulations *"Local authorities shall provide support and assistance to the Minister and the EPA in the characterisation of river basin districts, the establishment of environmental objectives, the making of the river basin management plans and in the development of programmes of measures with respect to their functional areas."*

The Minister is required to make a River Basin Management Plan. A draft revision of the River Basin Management Plan was published in 2022 but has not yet been approved by the Minister. There are 111 actions in the Plan two of which are addressed to Local Authorities:

- No 43 ensuring compliance of agricultural activities and
- No 77. Assessment of unknown pressures outside the priority action areas (PAAs are looked after by LAWPRO and ASSAP the Agriculture Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme)

All the rivers or transitional waters (estuaries) in Fingal are currently at “Moderate” or “Poor” status,

The EPA have assigned an “at risk status” or “under review”, i.e., likelihood to achieve good status by 2027, for all these waterbodies Fingal.

Details are available on maps at www.catchments.ie

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

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ITEM NO. 48

SUPPORT FOR THE RETAINED FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Motion: Councillor N. Treacy

"That this Council support the Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and their continued struggle for improvements in pay, conditions and a decent work/life balance with agreed time off, that we call on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure in writing, asking them to provide the funding necessary to sustain and enhance the service now and for future generations."

Report:

The Chief Executive received a letter dated 5th September 2023 from SIPTU as follows;

" We are writing to you formally to confirm that the WRC proposals in respect of the Retained Fire Fighters have been accepted by our members following a secret ballot. Accordingly, this marks the end of the strike phase of our dispute.

It does not however bring matters to an end as this is now the beginning of the process of rebuilding the Retained Fire Service and an amount of work remains to be done.

SIPTU has written to the Minister on foot of the acceptance of the WRC proposals, seeking engagement in relation to the further adjustment of the Retainer in advance of the commencement of the Public Sector pay talks."

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services