Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 3rd July, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Ian Carey, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power and Daniel Whooley.

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 & Water); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Robert

Burns (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Roisin Burke (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/270/23 (Agenda Item No 1)
CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th June 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 12th June 2023 be ADOPTED."

b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 16th June 2023

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 16th June 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 16th June 2023 be ADOPTED."

F/271/23 (Agenda Item No 2)
NOMINATIONS

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Jimmy Guerin be appointed to the Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee."

F/272/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 53, Questions numbered 3 to 16, be **ADOPTED**."

F/273/23 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Community Benefit Fund - Wind farms

F/274/23 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant Site Levy Procedure

F/275/23 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor K. Power - Pop up Electric Vehicle Chargers

F/276/23 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor P. Mulville - Families, children and individuals in Fingal currently Homeless

F/277/23 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor P. Mulville - Childcare and After-school spaces in Fingal

F/278/23 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Healy - Total area of Off-street Car-parking/spaces in the Charge of this Council

F/279/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Tenant in Situ Information

F/280/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor B. Hanaphy - Pyrite Repairs across Fingal

F/281/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Manton - General Operative Positions in each Local Electoral Area across Fingal

F/282/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Current designated bathing water beaches without a "Blue Flag Status"

F/283/23 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Casual Trading Licences that were applied for and taken up this year

F/284/23 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Harry Clarke - Stained Glass Pieces in the ownership of this Council

F/285/23 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Food Forest in Fingal

F/286/23 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor B. Ryan - Planning Enforcement - Power to order immediate cessation of work

F/287/23 (Agenda Item No 17)
Report of Committees

a <u>Strategic Policy Committee Quarterly Reports</u>

The reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were **CONSIDERED**. Cllr A.Tormey raised an amendment to the minutes of the June Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC meeting which was agreed. It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the quarterly reports of Strategic Policy Committees are hereby **APPROVED** subject to the agreed amendment."

b Report of Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee Meeting held on 12th June 2023

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

c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 26th June 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on 26th June 2023, be APPROVED."

F/288/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Financial Matters

a Borrowing for Cost Rental - Churchfields

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

"It is hereby resolved that a loan in the sum of €22m be raised for the purpose of funding the delivery of cost rental units at Churchfields Mulhuddart Co Dublin pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Act, 2001"

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

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

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

F/289/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

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

b 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 A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/290/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

Declaration of Roads

a Ballygossan Park, Phase 1, Skerries, Co Dublin

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

b Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15

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

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

c Rahillion Phase 2, Donabate, Co Dublin

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

F/291/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

PARTXI/001/21 Chief Executive Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) for proposed housing development of six dwellings and associated landscaping and site works in Garristown, Co Dublin

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 Fingal County Council hereby resolves, 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), that the proposed housing development of six dwellings and associated landscaping and site works in Garristown, Co Dublin be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/292/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Prioritising Plans arising out of the Development Plan 2023-2029

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members a motion was received by Councillor A. Graves and was ruled out of order.

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was provided to the Members by Roisin Burke, Senior Planner. Following a discussion, the report was **AGREED**.

F/293/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

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 motions had been received.

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

The motion from Councillor J. Burtchaell was ruled in order.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan.

"That this Council calls on the Local Authorities and their representative association the LGMA to engage with the Unite union and the other relevant water services workers unions on their concerns in relation to the proposed Water Services Framework."

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

The Chief Executive's report was **NOTED**.

F/294/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - Alexis Mac Allister Argentinian Footballer

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

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

b Councillor A. Henchy - Exemption of fees - Road Closures - Community Voluntary Groups

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

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

F/295/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Conference Report

a MacGill Summer School 2023 - Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal across the 16th to the 19th of August 2023

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

b AILG Autumn Seminar 2023 - Elected Councillor Training Calendar of Events

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

F/296/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Correspondence

a Letter dated 12th June 2023 from Wicklow County Council - re Resolution passed at Wicklow County Council re - Climate and Biodiversity

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

b Letter from the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, HSE re - Motion 36 - Cllr A Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal from Director of National Ambulance Service

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

F/297/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter dated 27th April 2023 from the Minister's office, Minister of Health re Motion 36 - Cllr A. Henchy - Defibrillators across Fingal

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

b Email dated 12th June from the office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine re - Item 38 Support for a Ban on Hare Coursing November 2022

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

Councillor P. Mulville withdrew Item 30 on behalf of Councillor J. Hopkins.

F/298/23 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor P. Conroy - Counselling Services for Councillors

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

Following discussion, the motion was **AGREED**

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude the consideration of Item 29.

F/299/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Free of charge - Recycling for residents of Fingal

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

Following discussion, the report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/301/23 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor P. Rane - Initiative to provide Structures and Facilities that Support Disabled People

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor P. Rane was **ACCEPTED**.

F/305/23 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Educational Requirements for positions with Fingal County Council

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor A. Donnelly was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 8.10pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 02a

FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Fingal County Council established a Coastal Liaison Group in 2016. The reasons for establishing the group were:

- To respond to ongoing concerns in relation to Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding in Fingal.

- Due to the need for a Coherent Structured response to these concerns and improved communication between relevant stakeholders.

- To provide a forum for discussion of approaches to planning for and dealing with the problems of Coastal Erosion/Flooding.

The Coastal Liaison Group is currently made up of 4 Councillors, Council Officials, and community members.

Members are invited to appoint 1 Councillor to the vacant position on the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

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ITEM NO. 03

TRAFFIC LIGHT SEQUENCING FOR SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if our traffic lights are set up to reward vehicles for keeping to the speed limit, in France and Germany cars doing the speed limit are rewarded with green lights and cars going over speed limit are presented with red lights?"

Reward traffic lights in France turn red for speeders (driving.co.uk)

Reply:

Traffic lights in Fingal County Councils administrative area are based on inductive-loop traffic detection. This also applies in the other Dublin Local Authorities and the rest of Ireland. Worldwide, inductive loops are the industry standard when upgrading from fixed-time traffic signals. These loops are installed in roads to detect the presence of passing vehicles, prompting traffic signals to adjust and allow sufficient time for queued vehicles to pass through.

The reward system that is detailed in the link is based on radar detection which is a completely different control mechanism, and the Irish traffic lights are not set up for this. In addition, the statutory basis and rules surrounding traffic signals provision is set out in the Traffic Signs Manual published by the Department of Transport under the Road Traffic Acts 1961(as amended) - 1994.

Source of Reply

Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 04

HOMELESS FAMILY HUBS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of homeless family hubs in operation in this administrative area, and to list the general areas they are in; whether run by the Council directly or by other bodies; the number of families each hub can hold; the number of families currently in each hub; and the full list of services available in each hub?"

Reply:

There are currently 6 Family Hubs in the Fingal County Council administrative area, and they are broken down as follows:

Family Hub	**Management**	**No. of Units**	**Nature of Booking**	**Services**
Dublin 15 No. 1	Novas	2 x 1 bedrooms and 3 x 2 bedrooms	Shared facilities	24 hour on-site supports
Dublin 15 No. 2	Peter Mc Verry Trust	15 x 2 bed apartments	Own facilities	24 hour on-site supports
Swords No. 1	Peter Mc Verry Trust	7 x 3 bed houses and 3 x 4 bed houses	Own Facilities	24 hour on-site supports
Santry	Respond	2 x 1 bed, 17 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed apartments	Own facilities	24 hour on-site supports
Swords No. 2	Peter Mc Verry Trust	4 x 1 bedrooms and 1 x 2 bedrooms	Shared facilities	24 hour on-site supports
Swords No. 3	Peter Mc Verry Trust	2 x 1 bedroom, 2 x 2 bedrooms	Shared facilities	24 hour on-site supports

		and 2 x 3 bedrooms		
North County	Sophia	19 x 2 bed houses and 2 x 3 bed houses	Own Facilities	24 hour on-site supports, Childcare facilities

Currently all facilities are at full capacity, with the exception of 3 facilities and nominations are currently being prepared for 1 vacancy at each of the facilities in the North County and two of the Dublin 15 facilities.

Source of Reply:

Robert Burns, Director of Housing & Community Department

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ITEM NO. 05

RECREATIONAL AND HANG-OUT SPACE FOR TEENAGERS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on plans to provide age appropriate recreational and hang-out space for teenagers, as set out in The Space for Play - A Play Policy for Fingal and if this can be done in close consultation and dialogue with young people?"

Reply:

The "Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal" policy adopted by Fingal County Council recognises that there is a requirement for the provision of recreational space for teenagers and seeks to guide the provision, development and enhancement of opportunities for play for children up to the age of 17. The Play Policy acknowledges that it is important to provide inclusive play spaces where older children and teenagers can "hang-out" and feel welcome to do so. The requirements of this age group in terms of public space are different to those of under 12's. Spaces, where they can congregate and socialise with their friends, connect to wi-fi and claim ownership of the space, are especially important. Ball games areas and wheel parks are the most common forms of teenage provision. The provision of bespoke seating around the edge of such areas however creates a varied and valuable social space for everyone to use. 'Hangout' shelters are another example of social spaces that can be provided for teenagers. These work best when sensitively located close to other facilities rather than being placed in isolated or exposed positions. Engaging with teenagers in designing such areas will improve the success of the facility. Considerate design and quality materials communicate to young people that they are valued. Under the adopted policy, these types of facilities may be provided in Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAPs), Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPs) and

Destination Playgrounds located respectively in Local Parks (2-20Hectares in size), Urban Neighbourhood Parks (20-50 Hectares in size) and Regional Parks (> 50 Hectares in size). These requirements for teenage friendly facilities are being progressed through the Planning and Development Management process and retrospectively on a priority basis in line with the recently completed county wide audit of play facilities.

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 06

TENANT IN-SITU INFORMATION

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

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

Reply:

The figures requested regarding the prevention of homelessness related to Notices of Termination (NoT) and Tenant in Situ (TIS) scheme are as follows:

NoT/TIS Stage or Category	Number of Cases	Comments
TIS Sale Closed	13	Sales have fully closed, and the properties are in the ownership of Fingal County Council.
TIS Sale Agreed/Conveyancing	88	Undergoing legal due diligence stage as part of the conveyancing process which can typically take c. 3 months.
TIS Acquisition Under Negotiation with Landlords	51	Includes cases where a decision in principle has been made to acquire the property but acquisition is subject to inspection, condition assessment and valuation by the Valuer's Office.

NoT/TIS Stage or Category	**Number of Cases**	**Comments**
NoT/TIS Enquiries/Applications Under Consideration Since April 2022	337	There are a large number of NoT/TIS enquiries and applications under consideration, which don't necessarily equate to a request to purchase a tenant-in-situ property. These enquiries are reviewed and assessed as expeditiously as possible. The work and assessment in this category include, among other things, cases where assessment is ongoing, different accommodation options are being considered, expressions of interest from landlords are being reviewed and where information has been requested from another local authority in the case of a cross-boundary tenancy.
NoT/TIS Enquiries where Applications Not Proceeding to Acquisition	50 (FCC decided in 39 cases not to proceed, with a further 11 cases where the landlords decided to withdraw from the process)	The Council's approach is centered on the needs of tenants and preventing tenants from getting into homelessness, but some applications do not proceed to a Tenant-in-situ Acquisition for various reasons and it's worth noting we also keep cases under review, to allow for situations where circumstances change, or further information comes to light. The figures relate to cases where valid applications and adequate information has been received to assess the case. Some of the main reasons why applications for Tenant in-situ Acquisitions don't proceed are: • The tenant's needs can be met through allocations. • The tenant's income is above social housing income limits, and the case is referred to the Housing Agency for consideration under the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme.

		• Difficulties engaging with landlords. • Other reasons.

Source of Reply:

Robert Burns, Director of Housing & Community Department

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ITEM NO. 07

DAA AND DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update with regard to the daa and complaints received by the Planning Authority in relation to alleged breaches of conditions attached to the Planning Permission for the North Runway at 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 has been issued and several planning enforcement investigations are ongoing into compliance with the North Runway planning permission.

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 08

PROJECTS AND BENEFITS TO FINGAL RESIDENTS - LOCAL PROPERTY TAX

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive for a summary of the additional funding that becomes available and the type of projects and benefits to Fingal residents as a result of the reduced reduction agreed last year to the Local Property Tax (LPT) for a two-year period?"

Reply:

The Members' decision to vary the Local Property Tax (LPT) at the October 2022 meeting from -10% to -7.5% yielded an additional €1.0m in additional funding for Fingal in the 2023 budget.

This additional funding was used to partially fund the €4.8m increase in the 2023 Operations budget. This increase was over multiple areas including the Works Programmes, parks and open spaces, public conveniences and solar bins.

Source of Reply:

Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, Finance Department

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ITEM NO. 09

DATA ON THE NEW NORTH RUNWAY AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive, now that the new North Runway is well established at Dublin Airport, for a clear demonstration to the Members, of the communities around Dublin Airport that are most impacted from the new take-offs and landings of flights and for a comparison to be made between this new data and the previous arrangements and impacts that existed before the opening of the new North Runway at Dublin Airport?"

Reply:

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) commenced an Aircraft Noise Assessment at and around Dublin Airport in December 2022. The assessment process required the Airport authority to provide a significant amount of data relating to aircraft operations and the measures in place to manage and mitigate the noise impact of that activity. The assessment that remains underway has regard to the noise climate before and after the North parallel runway opened during August 2022. Since that data was issued, there have been a number of changes to aircraft operations that have the potential to have a significant impact on the noise climate and the measures that are in place to manage the impacts of aircraft activity. ANCA has extended the scope of the assessment to encompass these changes and will facilitate community consultation if new or amended measures are required to manage the impact of aircraft activity to and from Dublin Airport.

In addition to this assessment process, ANCA publishes regular monitoring reports on the website of the authority www.fingal.ie/aircraftnoiseca. Interactive

noise exposure maps are also available that facilitates a comparison of the annual noise impact for every year since 2019 down to the level of individual properties. The maps also contain the eligibility contours for home insulation measures.

Source of Reply:

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 10

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK (PPN)

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on the status of outstanding applications from Community Groups for registration with the Public Participation Network (PPN)?"

Reply:

The Public Participation Network received 67 applications from January to August 2023. At the 31st December 2022 there was only 1 application awaiting approval by the PPN Secretariat who are tasked with this function. As of 31st August 2023, there were 47 applications being processed by the PPN Secretariat, however in each of those 47 applications the PPN is awaiting further information which was requested from the applicants.

Groups who wish to be considered for membership must complete a detailed application form Registration - Fingal Public Participation Network (www.fingalppn.ie) be a community organisation and meet the following criteria:

- Be a not for profit and have a volunteer board.
- Be formally organised with a constitution or a set of rules.
- Have regular meetings and be open to new membership.
- Carry out the majority of their activity in the Fingal area.
- Be in existence for at least 6 months.
- Keep records of meetings (i.e. minutes or notes).

Further information is available on www.fingalppn.ie

Source of Reply:

Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Sport Department

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ITEM NO. 11

ITEMS BEING ACTIVELY PURSUED BY THIS COUNCIL'S PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SECTION IN RELATION TO DUBLIN AIRPORT

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive, excluding night time flying issues, to provide, in a tabular format, a list of any items, by use of the headings, topics covering matters/issues/complaints received that are currently being actively pursued by Fingal County 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 has been issued. Excluding night-time flights, there are several Planning Enforcement investigations ongoing into allegations of non-compliance with the North Runway planning permission.

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 12

SEQUENCING OF ACTIONS REQUIRED IN RELATION TO THE NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in tabular format on the sequencing of actions required to be carried out in relation to the new Residential Zoned Land Tax, starting from a landowner writing to this Council seeking to rezone land currently zoned Residential (RS) through to the final action of the land being rezoned or not rezoned?"

Reply:

Requests for rezoning of land could only be made by/on behalf of owners of the land affected by the tax measure, during the public notification periods for the draft maps (1 November 2022 – 1 January 2023) and supplemental maps (1 May 2023 to 1 June 2023).

Once a request for rezoning was received, the planning authority considered several key planning criteria as part of assessment of whether land should be subject to a proposed variation to amend the zoning objective, with specific reference to the Development Plans Guidelines for Planning Authorities (July 2022) and the Residential Zoned Land Tax – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (June 2022) issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Three (3) rezoning requests were received by Fingal County Council during the public notification period for the draft map, namely RZLT012/22, RZLT089/22

and RZLT113/22. All 3 submissions were assessed by the Planning Authority. The requests were declined and therefore a variation of the Development Plan was not required.

The rezoning request facility is not available for any subsequent annual review of maps for the purpose of the tax.

Any rezoning, therefore, would be required to comply with Section 13 of the Planning & Development Acts, as amended, which states, a planning authority may at any time, for stated reasons, decide to make a variation of a development plan which for the time being is in force. The process is as follows:

The elected members may, at any time and for stated reasons, submit a resolution to the Chief Executive requesting that he/she prepares a report on a proposal by the members to initiate a process to consider the variation of the development plan in force. It is a requirement that 3/4 of the members approve such a resolution.	Within 4 weeks of adoption of such a resolution, the Chief Executive must submit a report to the members.
The statutory process begins by publishing a notice in one or more newspapers in the area, as well as issuing notice and copies of the proposed variation to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Office of the Planning Regulator, An Bord Pleanála, the relevant Regional Assembly, any adjoining planning authority, the prescribed authorities, and any local community development committee within the area of the development plan.	A copy of the proposed variation may be inspected at a stated place or places and at stated times during a stated period of not less than 4 weeks
The Chief Executive must prepare a report on the submissions or observations received and submit the report to the members for their consideration. The report must provide a summary of submissions and observations received,	Not later than 8 weeks after issuing the notice above

including those of the Office of the Planning Regulator. The report must give the response of the Chief Executive to the issues raised, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area and any relevant policies or objectives of the government or of any minister of the government.	
The members must consider the proposed variation and the Chief Executive's report.	Not later than 6 weeks after receiving the report
Having considered the proposed variation and the Chief Executive's report, the members may, by resolution: • Refuse to make the variation. • Make the variation with or without further modification. • Make the variation with a Material Alteration	
If it is resolved to make the variation with a change that constitutes a material alteration to the variation, the Planning Authority must publish notice of the proposed material alteration and where appropriate the circumstances in making a determination that AA/SEA is required	A period of 4 weeks is allowed for public consultation and for lodgement of written submissions or observations.
Not later than 2 weeks after the Planning Authority has made a determination in relation to the requirement for SEA/AA the Chief Executive shall specify such period as he or she considers necessary to facilitate any necessary assessments.	
A variation, once made, will have effect from the day that the variation is made.	

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 13

REMOVAL FROM HOUSING LIST BY REASON OF INCOME OF ADULT CHIDREN – YEARS 2022 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2023

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide figures for the number of housing applicants removed from the housing list by reason of the income of adult children for the full year 2022 and for year-to-date 2023?"

Reply:

The total number of Active applicants closed as a result of the household's income exceeding thresholds for 2022 was 53. The total number for 2023 to date is 36 as of September 1st, 2023.

In Accordance with the Council's Allocations Scheme and the Household Means Policy 2021 issued by Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, all household members net income is assessed to confirm eligibility in line with this policy.

Circular 48/2022 issued by the Minster on 8th December 2022, provided for an increase in income thresholds as set out 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

Source of Reply:

Robert Burns, Director of Services, Housing Department

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ITEM NO. 14

DAA AND NOISE MONITORING

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise what the current position is in respect of the expansion by the daa of the noise-measuring systems and to advise if ANCA is satisfied with the current capacity of the system in monitoring noise generated by the activities of the daa and the Airport in general?"

Reply:

The daa operates and maintains a network of aircraft noise monitors in the communities around Dublin Airport and the data from these can be viewed on the public web portal of Webtrak.

Aircraft noise models are prepared using standardised noise metrics and methodology across the European Union. Although legislation assigns the responsibility for the preparation of these noise models to the Airport Authority, ANCA reviews all data used by the Authority for the purposes of assessment and regulation. Noise measuring systems contribute one aspect of the data validation, and it is not necessary to have a monitor in every community for this purpose. The data from the noise monitoring stations is only one element of the overall noise assessments carried out. The NMTs give single noise event measurements and the noise assessments use annual average noise modelling and forecasts.

In 2022, ANCA issued a direction to daa that required an expansion of the network of noise monitors from seven to twenty-five. The direction requires the installation of these on a phased basis by August 2024. It is expected however

that the programme will be completed in advance of this date. Of the twenty-three permanent units, fourteen are now live.

The twenty-five units include two mobile monitors that can be rotated between communities that do not have a permanent noise monitor. The direction by ANCA provides for a defined programme, both scope and delivery time, however it does not prevent any person from making representations to daa for a monitor in their area now or in any future programme. The daa may also be requested to include a particular area in the rotation of temporary monitors.

Source of Reply:

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 15

Food Parks - Development Plan

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if, given that land zoned Food Park (FP) since 2011 at Coolquay, was unzoned by Ministerial Order during the compilation of this Development Plan, and given that lands zoned FP at Oldtown and Lusk are already fully used, to calculate and identify by way of map how much FP land is now available in Fingal for the development of food parks?"

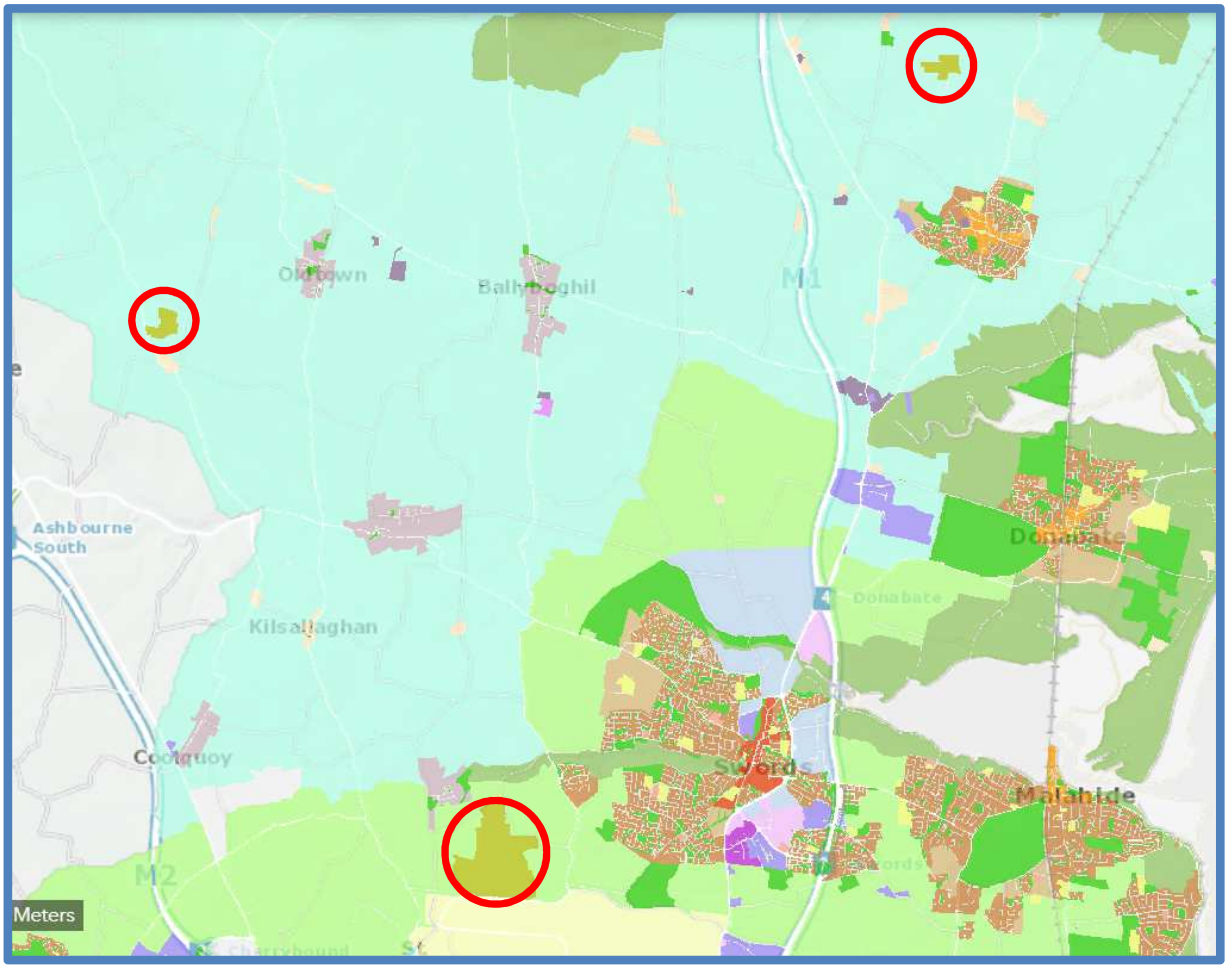
Reply:

Within the Development Plan, there are 140 hectares (c. 346 acres) of lands zoned for Food Park purposes, within which there are approximately 56.5 hectares (c.140 acres) of undeveloped land.

The FP-Food Park zoning objective, associated vision and use classes were designated in the Fingal Development Plan 2011- 2017 as a unique zoning objective to support and facilitate food park related opportunities and, in this regard, was subsequently carried through to successive Fingal Development Plans including the current Development Plan.

The purpose of the Food Park (FP) zoning is to facilitate enterprise opportunities associated with preparation, processing, packaging, storage and distribution of mainly horticultural products.

Notwithstanding the amount of Food Park zoning across the County, the Development Plan recognises the importance of the food sector across the County and its potential for enterprise and employment generation. Accordingly, the majority of uses permitted in principle within the Food Park zoning are also permitted in principle within the General Employment (GE) zoning and agribusiness is also permitted in principle within the Rural Business (RB) zoning.



There are three parcels of undeveloped Food Park lands:

- There is 4.7 ha undeveloped at Ballymaguire, Country Crest, North of Lusk
- There is 2.7 ha undeveloped at Sam Dennigan's west of Oldtown
- There is 49 ha undeveloped at Keelings St. Margaret's

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

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ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

UPDATED SPC QUARTERLY REPORT
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC

Council Members	Cllr David Healy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy	
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath Joe Hayden, Codema, Neil O'Leary, Codema	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27th June 2023	District Heating	Presentation on the Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme was given by Neil O'Leary/Joe Hayden, Codema **NOTED**
27th June 2023	Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) Update	Presentation given by Ronan O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment giving an update on the Climate Change Action Plan **NOTED**
27th June 2023	Motion – Biodiversity CRMs	Following discussion regarding the difficulties/confusion experienced with CRMs, it was agreed that this issue **be referred to the OP&F Committee.**

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ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Update on Review of Standing Orders

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services, gave a verbal update regarding the current review of standing orders. A preliminary draft will be circulated to the Corporate Policy Group for review in October.

Capital Programme

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, updated the Members in relation to the Capital Programme, advising it will be brought to the October Council Meeting.

Burial Grounds Bye Laws

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations Department, updated the group on the amendments made to the Bye Laws.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group recommended that the draft Burial Ground Bye Laws, with amendments, be brought to the Council Meeting of Monday, 9th October.

Signed: Councillor Adrian Henchy

Mayor

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ITEM NO. 16c

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Applications for Funding

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Date of Event	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
Blanchards-town Traveller Developme nt Group GA 002714	€ 3,000.00	Education and training, equipment	Aug/Sep (Keen to keep interest in the group)	N/A	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Sunshiny Days GA 002706	€ 995.00	Fishing Rods, Footballs, Fishing bait boxes, Volleyballs, Volleyball net, Bowls,	29th Aug (6 weeks)	N/A	N/A	€ 995.00

		Football net, Drills, Various fly's and bait, Camping chairs for fishing				
Woodpark RA GA 002703	€ 360.00	Insurance	Insurance Lapsing	N/A	N/A	€ 360.00
Wellview Parslickstown Residents Committee GA 002702	€ 435.00	Insurance	Insurance Lapsing	YES- 2021	2021 - € 435.00	€ 435.00
CO-SA PACE GA 002700	€ 1,940.00	Workshop, course, room rental,	Aug/Sep	YES- 2022	2022- € 2,025.00	€ 1,940.00
Castlecurragh Residents Association GA 002699	€ 2,130.00	Insurance, entertaining performer, speaker system,	12th Aug in Mulhuddart CC	N/A	N/A	€ 2,115.00

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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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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ITEM NO. 17a

FIXING OF DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Section 135 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the Chief Executive to prepare and submit to the Elected Council a report indicating proposed Capital Projects for the following three years. Sub-section 2 of that section provides that the report may be considered at the Local Authority Budget meeting or at such other meeting as the Elected Council may by resolution decide.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council resolve to consider the Three-year Capital Programme at the October meeting of the County Council.

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ITEM NO. 18

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2023

ITEM NO 18a

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

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

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
6 James Mc Cormack Gardens, Dublin 13	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 24/05/1976	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**
17 Baldoyle Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 04/04/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = **€133.55**
36 Glenville Drive, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 13/05/1972	£2.60 = €3.30 x 59.17 = €195.26	€195.26 +€130.00 = **€325.26**

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DECLARATION OF ROADS

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ITEM NO. 19a

DECLARATION OF ROADS

BALGRIFFIN ROAD TO BELMAYNE ROUNDABOUT LINK ROAD

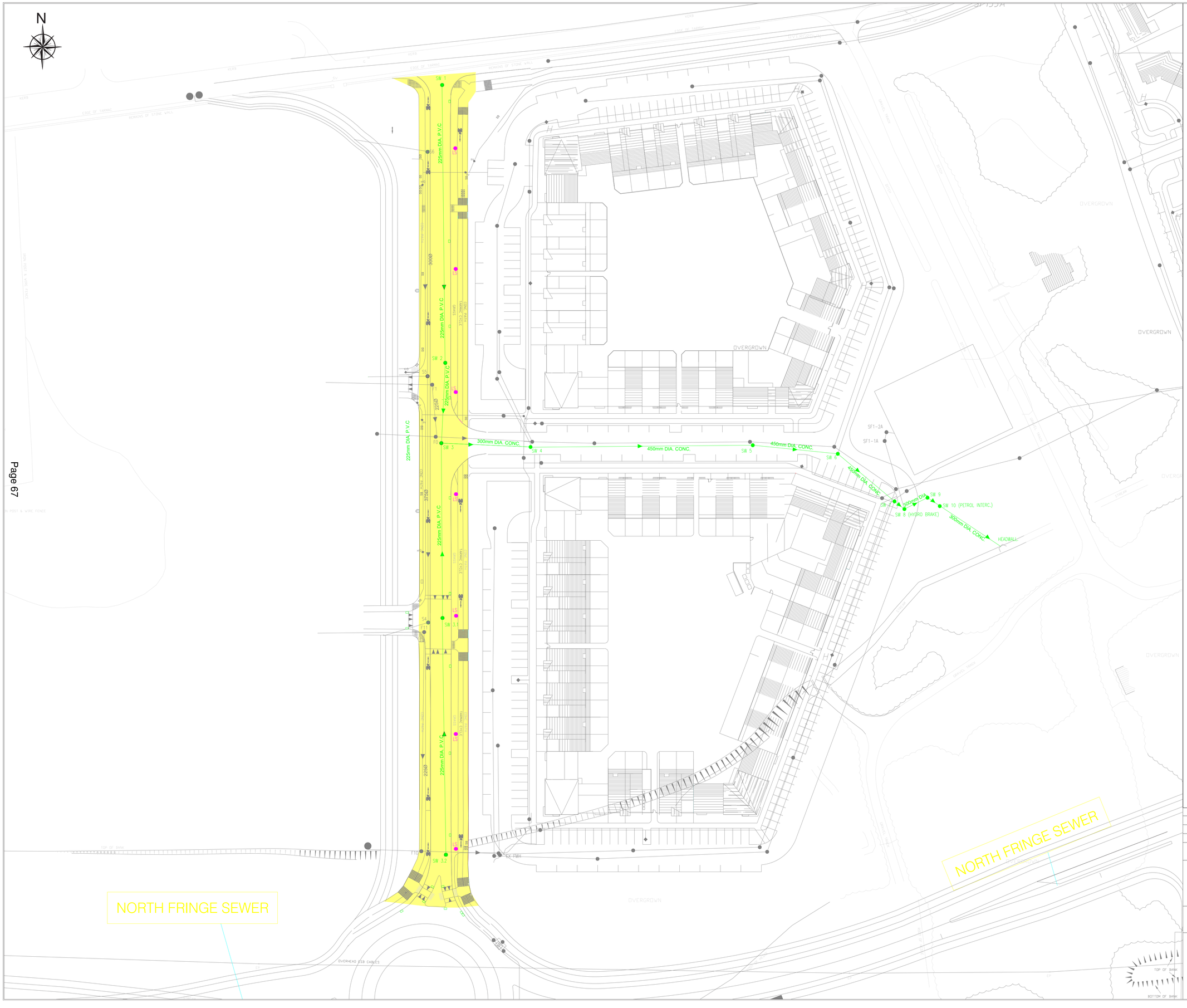
DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

DED- Balgriffin **Rural TL – Coolock**

Road Name	Length	Description
Balgriffin Road to Belmayne Roundabout link road	250m	From the junction of Balgriffin Road onto St. Samson's Road head South for 250m to the Junction of Belmayne Road
Total Length of Road = 250m		



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SURFACE WATER SEWER

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
SW 1	16.802	15.922	
			225mm
SW 2	17.627	15.272	
			225mm
SW 3	18.216	15.091	
			300mm
SW 4	17.190	14.910	
			450mm
SW 5	15.539	14.059	
			450mm
SW 6	15.061	13.351	
			450mm
SW 7	14.971	13.143	
			450mm
SWB (HYDRO BRAKE)	14.896	12.946	
			300mm
SW 9	14.823	12.803	
			300mm
SW 10 (PETROL INTER.)	14.540	12.760	
			300mm
HEADWALL	N/A	12.679	
SW 3.2	18.077	16.237	
			225mm
SW 3.1	18.822	15.602	
			225mm
SW 3	18.216	15.091	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: August 2023	SURVEYED BY:		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: S.HARDING	DRAWN BY:	F MCNeary	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC .	BC 1716	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: 1000 REV.	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	2991	

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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Balgriffin Road to Belmayne Roundabout
DED: Balgriffin. TL: Balgriffin Park.

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

HYD Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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Chief Executive's Management Report

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Since the last meeting of the Council was held in July, there have been great strides made in advancing the future provision of quality homes in Fingal. On August 25th, I was very pleased to have visited the site of one of the largest residential housing developments in the state with the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD. A sod turning ceremony marked the commencement of the construction by Glenveagh at Balmoston, Donabate on a 32-hectare site which will ultimately deliver 1,200 A-rated homes. The development will comprise of affordable, private, cost rental, and social homes. The first delivery of homes will be in 2024. Creating vibrant and sustainable communities involves not only making provision for housing needs but also ensuring that amenities and infrastructure are of excellent standard for the people of the area. With this in mind, a significant portion of the overall site will be made available as a public space with extensive community, sports and recreational facilities open to everyone from the wider Donabate and Portrane communities. The Ballymastone Recreational Hub is a €10 million investment in state-of-the-art sporting and community facilities such as GAA pitches, soccer pitches, athletics facilities and playgrounds which will further enhance this area. I very much look forward to the completion of the first phase of this wonderful residential development and to see this new community flourish in the years to come.

In further positive news, Fingal County Council has once again been shortlisted in several categories for the Chambers Ireland 'Excellence in Local Government Awards', including initiatives in heritage, culture, and community. The annual awards, which are sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, aim to acknowledge and celebrate the work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. This year, four Fingal initiatives have been shortlisted for awards:

- 3D/Virtual Reality Models of Public Realm Projects (Communications)
- Fingal Ukrainian Festival of Cultures and Communities (Festival of the Year)
- Restoration of the Great Hall, Malahide Castle (Heritage and Built Environment)
- Fingal Welcome Rooms (Supporting Sustainable Communities)

I would like to congratulate everyone involved with the submissions this year.

Fingal County Council has links with community and volunteer groups all across the county and it is this symbiotic relationship which helps promote engagement and collaboration in localities. We all know of many volunteers across our communities who strive to promote and improve the areas in which we live and work and we are delighted to showcase their efforts and shine a light on their endeavours. The IPB Pride of Place Competition recognises the immeasurable contribution made to local communities by groups and volunteers across the island of Ireland. The three groups representing Fingal this year in different categories are Garristown Community Council, Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords and the Draíocht Arts Centre in Dublin 15. These three very worthy finalists have one key priority in common – Supporting and enhancing their communities. I would like to thank the staff in the Community Development Department who liaise with community groups and volunteers on a daily basis and I wish all the groups who will be at the Pride of Place final in November every success.

I would like to welcome Cathal Kearney to Fingal County Council as he takes up his role as Access Officer. In this newly created position, Cathal will promote awareness of accessibility and inclusion and will co-ordinate the provision of assistance and guidance to persons with physical, intellectual, sensory and behavioural disabilities in accessing our services. Ensuring everyone has equal access to our information and services is key and Cathal's appointment will be a great benefit to not only members of the public but also members of staff requiring supports.

Fingal has a long and proud tradition of supporting and curating the arts and I am pleased to announce that Sarah O'Neill will be advancing that work following her appointment as County Arts Officer. Having held the role of Deputy Arts Officer since 2007, Sarah will be bringing her expertise, extensive knowledge of the arts and vast experience to the role and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on her appointment.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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People Services

Recruitment

Fingal County Council recently appointed **Cathal Kearney** to the position of **Access Officer** in our People, Corporate & Digital Services Department.

It is important that members of the public can contact a set person, either through written, digital or verbal communication, who can assist them in accessing and using our services, and the Access Officer plays a key role in this regard.

Contact details for the new Access Officer are located under the Accessibility Statement at fingal.ie/accessibility. (Accessibility | Fingal County Council)

Under Section 26 of the Disability Act 2005, the role of the **Access Officer** is to co-ordinate the provision of assistance and guidance to persons with physical, intellectual, sensory and behavioural disabilities in accessing our services.

Accessibility is much more than just physical access – it's about access to our digital and communication services also. Public services should be accessible and inclusive for all, regardless of one's age or ability.

The **Access Officer** will promote awareness of accessibility and inclusion which will not only prove beneficial to the public we serve but also our own staff body, where some staff members may require assistance in carrying out their duties from time to time.

People Services continues to run successful recruitment campaigns throughout 2023.

Recruitment Programme 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns	71
Campaigns Completed	53
Current Campaigns	18
Interviews Held to date	1644
New Starters	154
Internal Promotions	117
Number of Current Job Offers	35

Learning and Development

The Learning & Development team continues to implement and deliver the corporate staff training programme for 2023.

Learning & Development Programme 2023 – YTD		2022 Comparison
Number of courses	313	↑ **18%**
Number of Attendees	3905	↑ **53%**
Number of Training Days	2984	↑ **22%**

Throughout July and August the team delivered **40** courses, attended by **452** staff and **372** training days were provided. *Getting the Most from PMDS* and *Introduction to MS Teams* were new courses introduced over the summer months and have been positively received by those who participated.

It has been a busy period processing applications from staff looking to avail of the staff scheme of assistance programme. To date 43 applications have been approved covering a wide variety of courses such as BSc Hon in Civil Engineering, The MSc Information of Library Management, Master of Arts - Public Management, BA Public Management and many more.

September will be a busy month for the team, with the following courses being delivered:

Business and Interpersonal Skills
Women in Leadership
IGNITE Programme 8
Pre-Retirement
Diversity & Interculturalism
Managing Aggressive Behaviour
Procurement
Personal Effectiveness – Outdoor
Grievance and Disciplinary
Grievance and Workplace Investigations
Getting the Most from PMDS
Dignity and Equality
Grade 5 IPA Management Training
Grade 6 IPA Management Training
Grade 7 IPA Management Training
Court Room Skills
PDSP Training
Supervisory Management Training – outdoor
Makodata Explorer Training

Health and Safety
Grab Truck
First Aid
Managing Safely in Construction
Safe and Secure Loading
Radon Remediation
Teleporter
CPC Module 5
Safe Pass
Confined Space Medium Risk

Wellbeing
Wellbeing Seminar – Anxiety and Sleep
Mental Health First Aid

IT
Introduction to Excel
Introduction to Word

Wellbeing Update
The theme for Quarter 3 2023 is 'Anxiety' and looking at techniques on how to cope with it. In August, the seminar ' *Understanding Anxiety'* provided staff with information on how to recognise the early signs and techniques to help put coping mechanisms in place. In September, a seminar *' How can Anxiety Impact Sleep'* will provide valuable insights and practical strategies which promote a restful nights sleep.

September will see a focus on the roll out of the first Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training course. The MHFA course is a 12-hour course (4 modules, each 3hours delivered over 2 days) that teaches people how to assist someone who is developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Throughout the next few months 60 staff will part-take in this course and will help to foster a compassionate workplace and become a pillar of mental health awareness.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU conducted its proactive safety measures during the months of July & August with the completion of 57 site safety inspections and audits. From January to date the HSU has completed 215 site safety inspections and 32 safety audits. The Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training for outdoor staff and school wardens. Post the 'effective date' with regard to staff and FCC's safety management system having transitioned to Uisce Eireann, the HSU continues to offer assistance to all parties through answering queries from seconded staff and attending safety meetings between seconded staff and Uisce Eireann staff. In addition to responding to general staff occupational health and safety queries the HSU to date has completed 81 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents and dangerous occurrences.

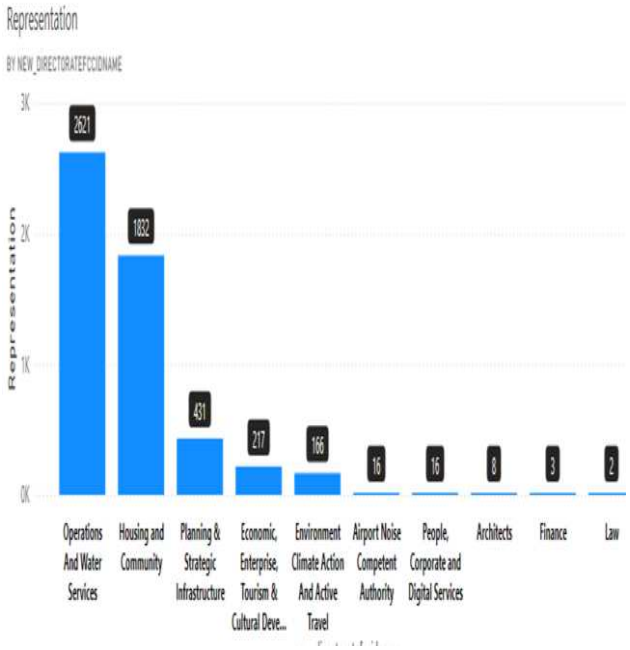
Customer Services

Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
July	15303	378	2244
August	16706	929	2561

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: July 700 and August 638.



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



Digital Services

Digital Working

In August, staff took part in 6,551 Teams meetings. 21,241 Teams calls were made, and 734,331 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 18 calls were logged by Councillors with Sord. 100% server availability and 99.98% network availability was achieved in the month of August.

Infrastructure & Support

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

Communications

Website

The fingal.ie website continues to attract in excess of 100,000 visitors each month with July having 126,484 visitors and August delivering 109,685. Page views in July were 302,625 and in August they were 263,765. In July the average time spent on the site was 1 minute and 39 seconds and this increased in August to 1 minute and 46 seconds. The most popular pages over the past two months were Planning Applications, Recycling Centres, How to Contact the Council, Libraries and Jobs.

Fingal Village

The Communications Unit organised the Fingal Village which was one of the features of the Flavours of Fingal on the first weekend in July. Many departments and sections from across the Council availed of the opportunity to create awareness around the work they are doing.

Irish Language training for Councillors

In accordance with the Council's Irish Language Scheme all Councillors have been offered the opportunity to avail of an Irish Language Course developed by Gaelchultúr. This five-week course will enable councillors to communicate through Irish with the public and their colleagues. The course will begin Tuesday, 27 September and is being co-ordianted by our Irish Language Officer, Bernie Kelly.

#YourCouncilDay

The annual Local Authority national promotional event, #YourCouncilDay, took place on Friday, June 23 when all 31 local authorities took the opportunity to showcase their work, people and services across social media using the

#YourCouncilDay hashtag. There were over 3,100 mentions on social media of Your Council Day with Fingal County Council generating the second highest engagement nationally on Instagram. The top piece of engagement nationally on Twitter was a Fingal County Council post about the proposed Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme and on Instagram it was for the refurbishment of houses in Portrane.

DCU Intra Programme

The Communications Unit assists the Intra programme in Dublin City University by taking two students from its Public Relations and Strategic Communications Masters course on a paid work placement each year. The work placement is the final module of the student's course prior to graduation and gives them valuable work experience. The students have worked alongside members of the Communications Unit for the past there months and will shortly complete their placement.

Event Assistance

The Communications Unit assisted colleagues from other departments with the opening of Rathmore Park in Lusk, the launch of the Dublin Discovery Trail, the breaking of ground for the Ballymastone Recreation Hub, the Ballymoston Housing Development and the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycling Route.

Media

The Communications Unit received 29 media queries in July and 35 in August. The majority were about the Planning Enforcement Order in relation to Dublin Airport. There were 15 press releases issued in July and 22 in August and these ones about the Fingal Girls TY Football and Fitness programme, the Vintage Picnic Festival, Amber Thursday, Balbriggan Beach Festival, and the installation of noise measuring systems around Dublin Airport.

Social Media

The numbers following our corporate social media accounts continues to grow and there are currently 31,509 on Facebook, 7,583 on Instagram, 7745 on LinkedIn,1,100 on You Tube and 22,883 on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter.

Building Facilities

Fingal Energy Team has been shortlisted as a successful finalist for this year's SEAI Energy Awards in the category for *Leadership in Public Sector Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency*.

Current Judicial Review Cases

Kimpton Vale Limited -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022/390JR
Christian Morris -v- An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court High Court Record No. 2022/1074JR
Gray mount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes -v- An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the Attorney General High Court Record No 2022/1107 JR
Greymount House Action Group and others -v- an Bord Pleanala Fingal County Council the Minister for House Local Government & Heritage Ireland and AG High Court Record No. 2022/1197 JR
Jimmy Guerin -v-Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022 116 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Eireann High Court Record No 2023/570 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
Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris -v-An Board Pleanala and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council High court Record No 2023/581 JR
daa plc -v-Fingal County Council and The Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No 2023/916 JR

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Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2029

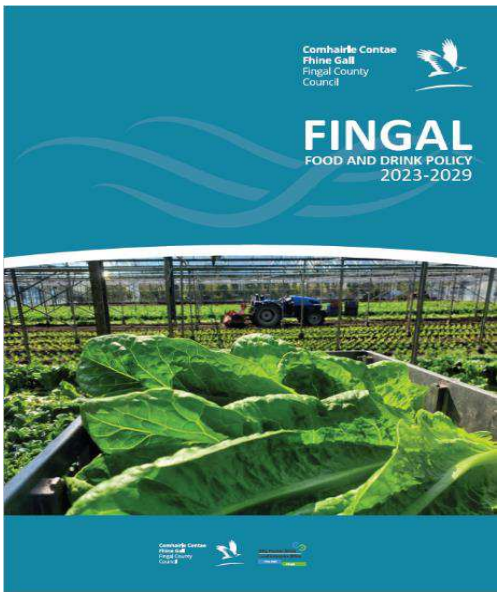


The content of the strategy and design of the document is currently being finalised. This document contains an executive summary, research and consultation findings, the roadmap for the lifetime of the strategy, vision, mission, approach, and four main objectives supported by strategic actions, key performance indicators and measurement tracking systems:

1. Dispersed growth
2. Product experience development
3. Branding, marketing & promotion
4. Collaboration & partnerships

The Tourism Strategy is scheduled to be presented to the EETCD SPC in September and the full Council meeting in October.

Fingal Food Policy



Following feedback from the EETCD team, the revised policy was received in August. The document presents a strategic context for the policy, an executive summary, the policy itself, a vision for Fingal Food and Drink Industry, a mission statement, 6 Policy Principles, and a Food and Drink Strategy. It also includes a timeframe for the policy, year one high level action plan, guidance on governance, funding implementation and monitoring.

This will also be presented to the September EETCD SPC meeting, and if approved, to the full council meeting in early October.

Fingal Food & Drink Network



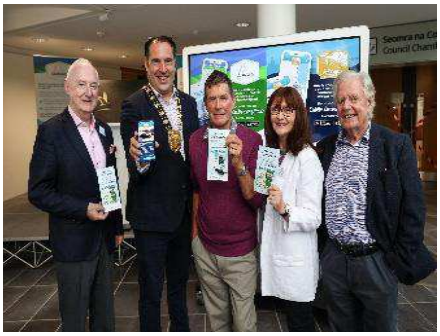
Members of the Fingal Food and Drink Network participated in the Flavours of Fingal County Show in a dedicated Dublin Coast & Fields branded space. Local food producers showcased some of Fingal's finest produce while local and celebrity chefs conducted cooking demos also aimed at showcasing the best Fingal has to offer. The next internal networking and familiarisation event for the network will take place at McNally's Farm in September. The chair and other members of the Fingal Farmers group are also invited to this event to ensure further engagement with the wider farming community.

Food on the Edge

Fingal County Council is working with the Food on the Edge team on a familiarisation trip to Fingal. Food on the Edge is a prestigious food symposium that takes place annually in Ireland, it is for chefs, food writers & food enthusiasts from all around the world. It is a great opportunity to promote Fingal food and tourism. The trip will take place on the 19th October and will be co-hosted by the Fingal Food and Drink network and local tourism development groups.

Digital Walking Trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan





The two digital heritage walking trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan that now feature on the Dublin Discovery Trails App were officially launched by the Mayor and the Deputy CE during Heritage Week on Monday 14th August.

The launch was well attended by local councillors and a range of key stakeholders including Failte Ireland and local heritage groups who assisted with much of the historic content.

EVENTS

Fingal 10k

The Fingal 10k took place with over 3000 registered on Sunday 16th of July in Swords. The second event in the Irish Life Dublin Marathon Race series was very well attended and enjoyed by all runners.



Cricket International

The Ireland v India T20 international series took place at Malahide Demesne. All 3 games were sold out with 8,000 in attendance per game. Games were also broadcast to an estimated worldwide audience of 100 million.





Concerts in Swords Castle





The two sold out nights of concerts in Swords Castle were a huge success. Feedback received from all attendees was very positive. We also held the Swords Castle Free Family Fun Day on the Sunday and despite the rainy conditions there were big crowds enjoying the vintage games, inflatables, music, magic and more.

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival





The Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival takes place on the Promenade on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th of September. New additions this year include:

- The Visit Howth Seafood Village
- Circus Tent & Aerial Acts
- Kite Making Workshops
- Fingal Bio-Diversity

Participants are being urged to use public transport, walk or cycle to the event and to support their local restaurants during and after the event.

Festival & Event Funding 2024



The 2024 Festival & Event Funding Scheme will be announced in 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 open in September.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Swords Castle – Conservation Works

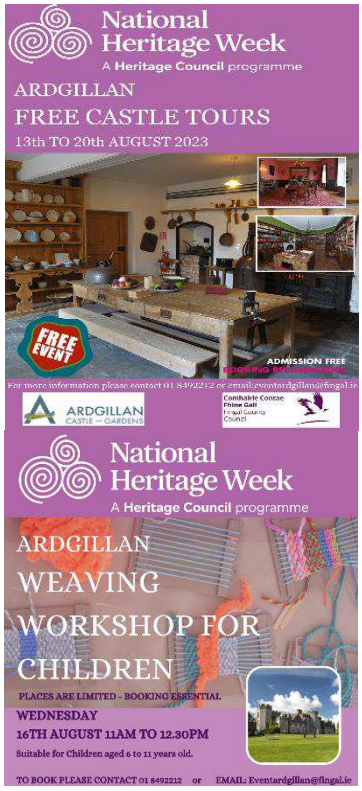
A specialist heritage contractor was appointed to undertake conservation and upgrade works at Swords Castle at the beginning of the summer. These works are now complete, which included the restoration and masonry works to the Knights and Squires Quarter, installation of kerbs along the internal pathways, and improvements to lighting and landscaping.







Ardgillan Castle – National Heritage Week



In collaboration with National Heritage Week 13th – 20th August, where this year's theme focused on exploring traditions, knowledge and skills passed down through generations, a series of events were scheduled at Ardgillan Castle which included free Castle tours and a weaving workshop for Children.

The Casino Model Railway Museum Malahide



On the 27th July the Casino Model Railway Museum hosted an evening event for the public with railway historian and author Jonathan Beaumont, where he guided his audience through the Irish railway history showing the development of rail travel through the model collection of Cyril Fry.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ARTS
Youth and Education

Music Generation Fingal

Musicians Éamonn Galldubh and Shane Latimer facilitated a pilot summer music camp for children aged 8 – 12 years. Both music educators are multi-instrumentalists, specialising in a number of music genres including Irish traditional music, popular music and jazz. Workshop participants participating in this 3-day summer camp experimented with the bodhran, percussion and ukulele while learning about Irish traditional and rock/pop music. The activities included learning new songs while those with previous musical experience could enjoy ensemble playing.





Public Art

Dublin Canvas

New Art Works have been completed across Fingal and have been well received locally. Plans will commence for 2024 later in the year.











Snugborough Road Interchange Underpass Mural Feature

Work begins on an ambitious Mural feature which will animate the new pedestrian and cycle underpass which links Tolka Valley/ Waterville Park with Blanchardstown and the greater Dublin 15. Three artists from Fingal County Council's Public Art Panel have been invited to submit proposals for consideration on the theme of the natural beauty of the connecting parks, their wildlife and flora. The project will be delivered with the co-operation of the engineering team and BAM.



Draíocht

A full programme of comedy, music, film, professional work for children and adults is on offer over the autumn season. This includes Coolmine Musical Society, 2 shows in Dublin Theatre Festival, a show programmed as part of Dublin and shows by our Children's Theatre Artist in Residence, Paul Curley, including a piece commissioned by Draíocht and developed with local children. Our Exhibition, Projects, Children/Youth Arts programme and Artist support programme is in addition. Working in partnership with the Arts Office, Dublin 15 artist, Justine McDonnell will have 4 -month residency in the artists studio. Working in partnership with the Community office is enabling us further reach into the community of D15 using existing structures. The 8- week Community Centre Choir Project (from mid-October to mid-December) is taking place in Mulhuddart, Huntstown, Castleknock, Ongar and Parslickstown Community Centres. Draíocht is covering the artist costs, with the Community Centres providing the space, hospitality and recruiting Choir Members from their own user base.





Create Dance's "going Solo" Showcase and D15 Youth Theatre with Youth Theatre Ireland's Alan Kelly and Dublin 15 Councillor Punam Rane, July 2023

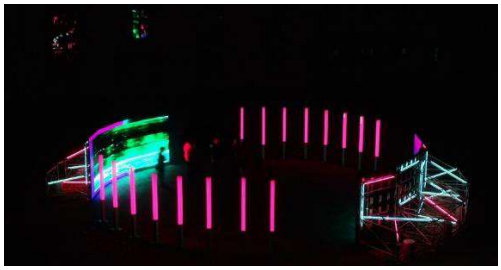
Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award



Justine McDonnell, a live performance and mixed media artist was recently selected for the Fingal County Council and Draíocht Studio Residency Award. This new initiative comprises of a four-month paid studio at Draíocht from September until December, a fee of €4000 and €1,000 materials budget. The purpose of the residency is primarily to provide time and space for an artist to develop their practice in a comfortable, practical and supportive environment. During the residency, McDonnell will be developing and composing a new sound installation alongside a live performance and photographic series.

Fingal Arts Office Awards 2023

RHA Studio Award



Aoife Dunne, a visual artist working in mixed media installations, is the successful recipient of the Fingal County Council and RHA Studio Award. The award provides a funded studio space for a period of one year and offers the recipient an opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA. Aoife will commence her residency at the RHA in October.

Ardgillan Castle Studio Award



Thomas Brezing, a visual artist and poet from Balbriggan was awarded the Fingal County Council and Ardgillan Castle Studio Award which offers a funded studio space for a professional artist for the period of one year. Thomas will commence his residency at the end of August which will provide him with the opportunity to develop his practice in one of Fingal's prestigious heritage properties.

The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

The Garden Party

TSEAC is coming to the end of a busy summer season, with the last event of the Garden Party series taking place this weekend on 2nd September 2023. So far, we have sold 3074 tickets to 19 events.





Visitor Feedback

"Was pleasantly surprised at the set up when I was at a recent gig here. They had food (hot dogs are delish, real pork not skinny rotten ones) had a wide selection of beers and spirits, toilet facilities were clean and well manned and the stage and seating area were perfect! Looking forward to some summer gigs next year!"

"Fantastic venue with great staff who went above and beyond to create a great experience".

Children

Over the summer TSEAC hosted a number of summer camps;

- The CreateSchool Film camp was kindly supported by the Fingal Arts Office
- Music Generation Fingal ran a camp from TSEAC
- Glitz Dance and Drama rented space to run their own camp

Art

Kayla Martell's exhibition Little Days is currently showing at the Easter Snow gallery until September.

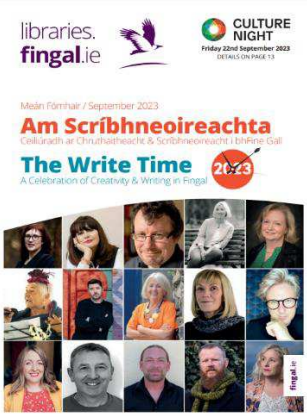
Café

The Cottage Café has opened, beginning with a schedule of Thursday to Sunday 10am-5pm.

LIBRARIES

The Write Time Festival 2023

This September, Fingal Libraries will celebrate creative writing across the County with the annual Write Time Festival, now in its eighth year. Free workshops and author talks to spark the imagination and inspire creativity will take place in Fingal Libraries throughout the month. The Festival has engaged people in accessible creative activities throughout Fingal for many years now. The programme is packed with a range of events to inspire you to write - meet published, working authors, discover the craft of writing short stories and explore your options for getting published. Most of the events will take place in your local library, with some taking place online via zoom. Writers taking part in this year's festival include Sam Blake, Jane Buckley, Kevin Curran, Damien B. Donnelly, Derek Flynn, Maria Hoey, Pam Lecky, Felicia McCarthy, Joanne McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Karl MacDermott, Peig McManus, Fiona O'Rourke, Paddy Osborne, and Yvonne Reddin. Pick up a copy of the festival brochure at your local Fingal library or view it online on our website: https://www.fingal.ie/welcome-write-time-festival-2023



Fingal Festival of Children's Literature 2023

Following the success of the first Fingal Festival of Children's Literature last year, Fingal Libraries is delighted to present an even bigger festival in Swords Castle this year on Saturday 9th September from 10am to 4pm. Children can meet some of their favourite authors and illustrators at the festival, including Sarah Webb, Aoife Dooley, Alan Nolan, and Ireland's brand-new Laureate na nÓg, Patricia Forde. There is lots to experience and discover at this year's festival. You can check out the brochure to see what needs to be booked in advance and what you can walk into on the day: https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-festival-childrens-literature-2023

Fingal Library staff will also be there on the day to answer all your library/bookish questions. The Fingal Festival of Children's Literature isn't just about one day in Swords Castle but will spread the joy of stories to schools and libraries across Fingal. The schools programme will allow primary school children to engage with Irish writers and illustrators at their nearest library in the week leading up to the festival.





Autumn/Winter 2023 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries

The Autumn/Winter events programme for Fingal Libraries will be available shortly at your nearest library. Through its event programming, Fingal Libraries aims to meet a diverse spectrum of people's needs in the areas of information, learning, culture, literacy, life skills, enterprise and leisure activities. The Autumn/Winter 2023 programme will include an exciting range of tailored 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 has 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 brochure which will be released shortly across branches and https://www.fingal.ie/fingallibraries

My Little Library Bag 2023

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



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy



Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2023, to be held in partnership with DCU, is taking place on 3rd October and will be a one-day event at The Helix, DCU to promote future education and skills options to TY students in Fingal. Notices were sent to all secondary schools in Fingal and over 1,700 students are currently registered to attend the Expo in October. A final call is being made to unregistered schools to afford them the opportunity to attend.

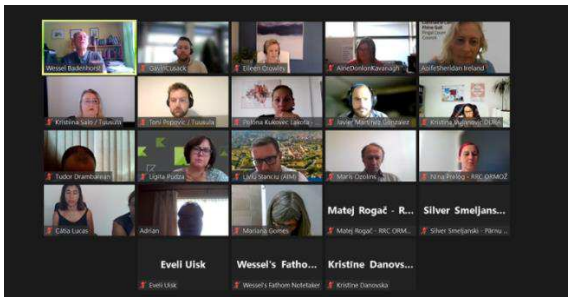


The kick-off meeting for the SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition" was held in Brussels in May 2023. The project will have a term of 4 years and will focus on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan. On June 20th, the Fingal Skills Strategy team attended training in preparation for the launch of the project website. The project's first formal communications meeting took place in July. Planning is underway for the visit of the SKYLA Project partners to Fingal on the 7th & 8th November.

The Council was successful in its application to URBACT for funding to lead a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe on local economic development called EcoCore. The programme officially kicked off in June 2023 with launch sessions for lead partners and project partners leading into the activation stage of the project. URBACT and Fingal County Council have appointed a lead expert to provide expertise and guidance throughout the project.

The project focuses on the challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors. The project duration is 2.5 years.

Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. The kick-off meeting for the EcoCore project partners was held on the 20th of July to discuss a roadmap for the project.



Eco-Core kick-off meeting

The first city visit by the Project Lead Expert took place in Balbriggan on the 24th of July followed by the initial URBACT Local Group (ULG) meeting on the 25th of July. As Lead Partner, Fingal and the Lead Expert are preparing the baseline profiles of all partner cities, a network roadmap for the project. The second city visit to Villena (Spain) was completed in August 2023. Representatives from each of the project partners are scheduled to attend the URBACT Summer University in Malmo, (August 28th – 30th) to build skills in action planning via URBACT methods. Planning is underway for the first in-person transnational meeting which will be held in Balbriggan in November 2023.



EcoCore - ULG Meeting, Balbriggan





EcoCore – Balbriggan City Visit

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 will take place in the Municipality of Agia, Greece on 29th August 2023.

Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland who are continuing work on the objectives of Green IT Your Work which are:

• Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition.

• Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities

InclusEU

The InclusEU project which aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe will see Fingal host an event in Balbriggan 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 throughout July with practical sessions tied into local Fingal led projects.

Let's Play Rush

The Let's Play Rush Project delivered a successful Community Sports Day at Tayleur's Point, following on from the success of last year's event. There was strong attendance in a full day of sporting games and activities.

Local families and children played with a variety of games provided by Let's Play Rush and competed in different races in an old-school style Sports Day. The event focused on promoting playfulness, social inclusion and healthy lifestyles in Rush.







Sustainable Fingal

EETCD is currently inputting into the new Local Authority Climate Action Plan and aligning economic objectives and actions under the Plan.

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 now commencing on 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. KPMG has presented a preliminary options appraisal to the DBEC Directors and has been conducting further engagement over the summer period which will be presented at the next DBEC Directors meeting in September. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will be complete in Q3 2023.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 31st August 2023.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2022 – 2027

Consultants Grant Thornton continue work on the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewing the last LECP, drafting high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and initial 2-year Implementation Plan. Initial consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders took place in June 2023 and Sub-Committees have been established to collate input to the LECP with an Economic Sub-Committee, a Community Sub-Committee and a Sustainability/Environment Sub-Committee. Public consultation events also took place in June.

Information on the new LECP was made available for public consultation and submission through the Council's consultation portal in July which was enhanced by an information webinar which took place on the 22nd of July 2023.

9 submissions were received and are available to view on Consult.fingal.ie

Work is in progress to incorporate the feedback from the submissions into the draft LECP and to review the draft LECP with key stakeholders is planned for September.

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.

SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. Confirmation was received during December that the Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response.

Procurement for SICAP programme period 2024-2028 has commenced with the publication of documents on etenders in July 2023. Tender evaluation is anticipated to commence in September.

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.



A series of public consultation workshops with stakeholders were held across the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG area in May to inform the new Leader Development Strategy. 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.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walks. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan to Ardgillan to interact with other service users and avail of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The occupational therapists are very happy with the impact on patients. A review of the programme was hold in July with plans in place to relaunch the programme again in September 2023.



Stroke Survivors Classes

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



ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie.

ConnectedHubs.ie is a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





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 will receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at Leadership meetings, the most recent held on the 26th June. A review of the Our Balbriggan Programme, its delivery timelines and governance structures will begin in the autumn where the programme will be realigned to the national URDF timeframe.

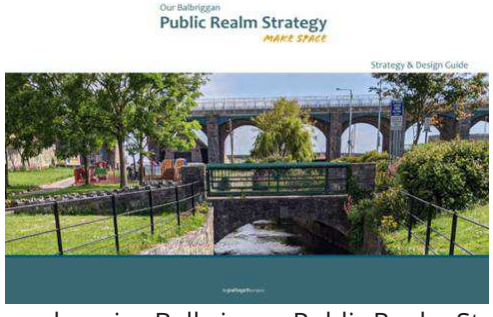
The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project's Preliminary Business Case for the Call 2 funding was approved by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government in July, allowing for the drawdown of over €25 million euro in URDF funding for eligible project expenditure.

The 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 prepared prior to being issued to E-tenders shortly. Replies to the Suitability Assessment Questionnaire have been received and have been evaluated. Irish Water are due on-site in Quay Street 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. 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan.





A comprehensive Balbriggan Public Realm Strategy - Masterplan & Design Guide and a Balbriggan Active Travel & Transportation plan are complete with both expected to be published shortly.

Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) began in early June and are now complete. 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 scheduled to be completed shortly.



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 will be 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.



TOWN AND 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.

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



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 will be 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 July in securing €7 million euro 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

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for July & August 2023 are as follows:

Leo Fingal Approves €594,000 In Funding



Newly elected Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, joined AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council and the LEO team to present successful grant recipients with certificates confirming that their businesses are supported by LEO Fingal. The companies were among 63 businesses approved in H1 2023 for Business Priming Grants, Feasibility/Innovation Grants, Business Expansion Grants, Trading Online Vouchers, and Export Development Grants, all aimed at stimulating enterprise and job creation. In the first half of 2023, LEO Fingal approved €594,000 in funding for eligible small businesses.

Management Development Programme



The Leadership for Growth class of Spring / Summer 2023 graduated at a presentation of certificates ceremony held in County Hall, Swords on Wednesday, July 19th. The graduates have all produced 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. The next Leadership for Growth programme commences on September 12th in the Carlton Hotel, Santry.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal Enterprising Women Network



The Fingal Enterprising Women Network (FEWN) ran a very successful Summer BBQ event on June 21st in the Malahide Rugby Club. Two speakers Linda Monahan, Corporate to Calm and Denise "Inspired" Horan discussed how to make the most of your business throughout the Summer months & shared some great tips for small business owners. The event was attended by over 150 Fingal businesswomen. A Save the Date has been announced for the next event which will take Place on Thursday 14th September.

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 several Fingal Businesses addressing challenges and opportunities in their businesses in the areas of: 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

Fingal Business Briefing returns on August 25th 2023 for the Autumn Winter season where we will continue to run Business Briefings 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. Following the August Briefing, 150 individuals will have attended one of the 4 business briefings held in 2023.

Energy Efficient Grant Scheme

A new Energy Efficient Grant Scheme has been launched in Fingal. 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 Micro 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 55 applications have been approved in the amount of €116,218. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on Friday 8th September in RIASC, Kinsealy.

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 673 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 167 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 9 MFI loan applications YTD.

Training and Events

The new schedule of Business training and events for Fingal based small business owners and entrepreneurs has been launched and includes a variety of areas for business owner/managers to increase their business skillset.

The suite of business management courses and workshops include areas such as Marketing, Finance, Leadership Development, Social Media and Digital Marketing. The popular 10-module Fingal Start your own Business (SYOB) programme continues to help aspiring entrepreneurs to get their business off the ground. 82 participants have embarked on one of 7 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



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.

Digital Start



The Digital Start Programme provides support to obtain digital strategy, technical and/or advisory services for eligible businesses. Digital consultants help to develop a unique digital strategy that transforms businesses by identifying they are on their digital business journey, developing a digital adaptation plan based on identified need and assisting to implement a digital plan. Ten Fingal businesses have benefited from the programme thus far in 2023.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 28th June and approved €152,000 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €558,200 has been approved across twenty-two 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 Tuesday 29th August.

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 is now a panel of 13 business, the first 8 successful applicants on the panel have been sent to the Showcase Ireland 2024 Committee – Prints of Ireland (Skerries), LuLu & Belle (Rush) and Stories by Ola (Skerries), Nicola Weldon (Balbriggan), Clémence Prosen Art & Design (Balbriggan), Rob Stears Illustrations (Castleknock), Waylon & Flo (Skerries), Luxie Kids - Trading as BabyDub (Donabate)

The National Ploughing Championships 2023



The National Ploughing Championships are being held 19th – 21st September 2023 in Ratheniska, Co. Laois where over 250,000 consumers will visit 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 will represent Fingal at Ploughing.

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Works Programmes

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Highfields Estate – Forest Rd, Swords Landscape Scheme

Low wall and planting scheme completed as part of Programme of works.







- **Newbridge Demesne Carpark**



The recently installed Planting scheme in full bloom complemented by the newly installed Post and rail estate fencing. Further fencing will be installed at a number of areas within close proximity in the coming weeks also as the enhancement works around this car park continues.

St Cronan's Estate, Swords Open Space





A new bench and bin installed alongside a new planting scheme which is nearing completion. This project was undertaken in collaboration with our Active Travel Department as part of our Programme of Works and their ongoing cycleway scheme along Brackenstown Road.

Miller's Glen Park, Swords

Newly installed boundary treatments around the water attenuation areas.





Miller's Glen Wildflower Meadows



Ward River Valley Park Steps Construction Area 2

Construction completed on Step Construction Area 2 adjacent to Brackenstown Road. The steps were opened to the public prior to August bank holiday and Works have now commenced on Step Construction at Area 3 which is the final set of steps to be completed as part of this project.







Pinegrove Broadmeadow Open space

The wildflower meadow sown in Winter 2022 showing plenty of colour in late summer.

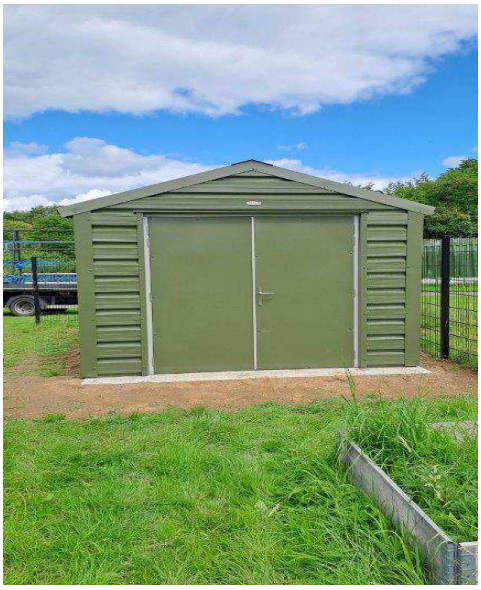




Broadmeadow Community Garden



The install of the new shed was undertaken in mid -July with additional perimeter fencing installed also as part of the POWs. The ground works were completed with the expertise of the FCC Operations crew.



Balbriggan Area

Ardgillan in bloom



Dahlias in Ardgillan







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.



St. Catherine's Park, Rush





There has been a lot of work going on in St. Catherine's Park, Rush over the last few weeks and is nearing completion. New path connections are being made to address desire lines and create circuitous walking routes for park users.





Naul Graveyard

The ramp at Naul Graveyard has been replaced along with the installation of new handrails. Work is still underway, and the finishing touches will be complete over the coming weeks.



Skerries



New footpath connection in Kelly's Bay Tide.

Balrothery



Improvements made to Car Park at Balrothery Community Centre.





New Boules Piste at Balrothery Community Centre.

Skerries and Rush

BoxUp units installed in Skerries and Rush.





Rush



Beach shower installed in Rush.

Ardgillan Demesne



New doors made in-house for the toilets at Ardgillan Demesne Playground.

Balbriggan



Footpath replacement works on Drogheda Street, Balbriggan as part of this year's Programme of Works.









Skerries









Road resurfacing works carried out on Barnageeragh Road, Townparks, Skerries. These works were carried out as part of this year's Programme of Works.





Rush



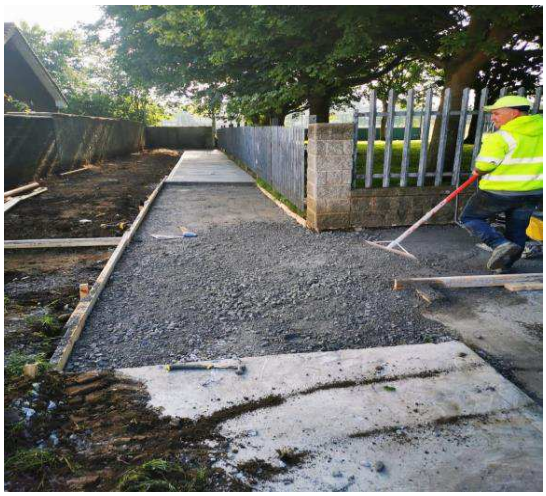


Road resurfacing works carried out on Healy's Lane, Rush. These works were carried out as part of this year's Programme of Works.

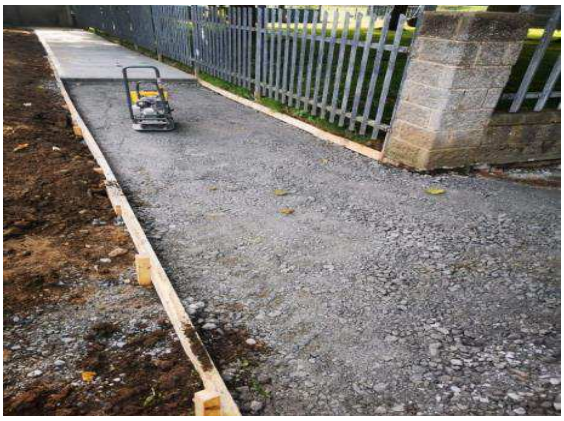








Balbriggan









Footpath replacement works carried out in St. Paul's Crescent by Operations on behalf of Housing Department.





Lusk





Footpath works by Balbriggan Roads Crew on Treen Hill, Lusk.

Skerries

New gully installed by Roads Crew in area prone to flooding outside No. 29 Shenick Grove, Skerries.







Balbriggan



Footpath replacements in Castlelands Estate, Balbriggan by Roads Crew.





Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works

Work is progressing on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area. Stapolin Park Footpaths in Baldoyle have been completed. Moyclare Close and Park Footpaths are ongoing now. Operations Crews have replaced footpaths and Drainage in Parkvale Baldoyle in advance of the Rd Inlay as part of the 2023 POW.



Footpaths Replaced Stapolin Baldoyle



Broken Out Footpaths Stapolin Baldoyle



Footpaths Replaced Carrickbrack Heath Sutton

➢ Footpath Works

Depot Works

Footpaths replaced and dropped kerb and tactiles installed at Parkvale in Baldoyle in advance of the Rd Inlay.



Parkvale Footpaths



Parkvale Footpaths



Flooding around house along the Moyne Road



On call staff respond to flooding of house Moyne road on Saturday 5th August

Kettles Park

Pitch improvements taken place in kettles park t including Verti draining, Fertilising and top dressing.









Malahide Demesne

Reinstatement works have taken part after the concerts. This includes works such as breaking up any pans caused by heavily trafficked areas by use of a forestry tiller and overseeded.





Cricket Ireland Matches

Storm Betty winds and rain with south to southwest gales and severe gusts of up to 130 km/hr caused issues throughout the county including the Demesne. Crews worked hard to clear fallen trees and Debris.

A Large limb tore out of an oak picture below and fell on one of the stands in the cricket club. Contractors were called in to clear and make safe which allowed the scheduled T20 Match Ireland v India to proceed on the Sunday.



International Cricket Malahide Demesne



Sunday 20th August India v Ireland in Malahide Demesne





Thousands of happy Indian fans leaving international cricket Malahide

Talbot Botanic Gardens



Inserting cables in Cedar West Lawn Malahide Demesne



Burial Grounds Works







Burial ground staff at their best.
Ground landscaping Balgriffin Fingal.







Storm betty aftermath at our burial grounds Balgriffin Fingal clean-up operation in action.





New fencing and grounds work replacement of old chamber covers.

Cleansing







Delivery of our HAKO road mini-sweepers Howth Malahide with deck wash attachment for cobble tiles etc.







Summer hire for beaches and burial grounds slide off body cage hook vehicle.

Parks & Open Spaces







Repair to dune fencing at Portmarnock Beach.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Footpath repairs – St. Brigid's NS Castleknock



Getting ready for Back to School.

Corduff Community Orchard Garden



Children of St Patricks School taking part in planting peach tree, grapevine, blueberries, lettuce, peppers, and tomatoes on Orchard gardens on 29th June 2023.

Depot Works



Wildflowers are in full bloom in Littlepace.

Assisting Community schemes

- Delivering soil and bark for new vegetable planters to Parslickstown House.



- Delivering stone for construction of new pond to Blanchardstown Centre for Independent living



Riverwood Biodiversity Group





Riverwood Biodiversity Group who planted plants in the Pollinator Patch between Riverwood Glebe and Riverwood Chace, with the assistance of the Operations Dept who supplied bark mulch and plants for the pollinator bed.

Residents cut back the grass and also weeded the bed outside the Carpenter roundabout and spread bark mulch.

New Perennial Pollinator flower bed





A new Perennial Pollinator flower bed has been planted outside Windemere/ Aldemere estate (Clonsilla).
This work consisted of 300 perennial plants and four ton of bark Mulch.

Works carried out by tree crew around Pump House in Powerstown Allotments

This area was completely overgrown with large Briars and vegetation, and there was difficulty gaining access to the Pump area.



All vegetation was removed, and area made safe and accessible to the Pump House.

Tree Removal

Please see before and after photos of dead tree removal of Sycamore tree on Granard Bridge.





New Tennis Court



New tennis court built at the back open space in College Gate. Nets and posts placed on 17/7/20923.

New Pollinator Bed – Carpenterstown

Photos of New Pollinator Flower bed planted by Operations crew in Maple Avenue in Carpenterstown consisting of 170 Perennial flowers and three ton of Bark Mulch.





Storm Betty

One of the main reasons for tree failing after Storm Betty is due to a reduction in the cohesion between roots and the surrounding soil, along with high winds which can increase the chances of a tree failing. When a soil becomes very wet the friction between the soil particles reduces and consequently the cohesion between the soil and a tree's roots is also reduced. This can lead to roots under tension, 'slipping' through soil. If these wet conditions occur during high or even gusty winds particularly while the tree is in full leaf, which adds to the 'sail affect' or loading on the tree, then the chance of failure (up-rooting) is greatly increased.
35 for Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart
144 Balbriggan/Swords
54 Howth Malahide

Works carried out to repair the damage caused by Storm Betty.

Balbriggan/Swords





Bus route to Rivermeade / Toberburr





Old Rush Road
Shady Lane Skerries



Shallon Lane







Sutton Park

Howth/Malahide





Seapark, Malahide



Moyclare

Castleknock/Mulhuddart







Crews responded to Storm Betty working throughout the weekend of 18th- 20th August clearing a number of fallen trees, prioritising those trees which were blocking public roads and footpaths.
There were no injuries sustained as a result of the storm felling trees & branches.

Car Parking Services

June 2023

There was a total of 1454 parking tickets issued during June 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - June 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	672
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	207
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	148
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	106
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	105
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	41
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	33
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	29
9H - PARKING IN AN ELECTRIC BAY	26
04B - Vehicle Parking Opposite a Continuous White Line	25

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations June 2023
North Street - Swords	158
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	85
Main Street - Swords	67
Strand Street - Skerries	62
Church Road - Malahide	58
South Strand Skerries	56
The Green - Malahide	53
Harbour Road - Skerries	47
Airside Motors Park Road 2 Swords	39
Burrow Road Sutton	39

July 2023

There was a total of 1340 parking tickets issued during July 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences:

10 Offences

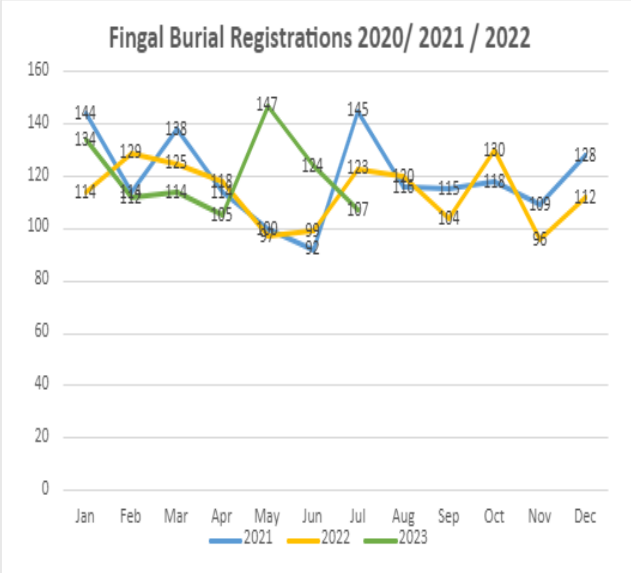
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - July 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	706
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	155
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	148
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	126
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9H - PARKING IN AN ELECTRIC BAY	12
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Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations July 2023
North Street - Swords	141
Main Street - Swords	84
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	79
South Strand Skerries	78
Harbour Road - Skerries	61
The Green - Malahide	53
Church Road - Malahide	50
Coast Road - Malahide	49
Quay Street (short stay)Carpark - Balbriggan	46
Strand Street - Skerries	46

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 124 Interments in June 2023 and 107 in July 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

Countywide Traffic Signals Tender

The Traffic Section appointed Traffic Solutions Ltd to deliver the new Traffic Signals contract countywide in August. Works commenced at the junction of Malahide Road – Swords Road in the Howth/Malahide area.

Balbriggan Swords Area



Donabate Distributor Road (R126) and New Road Junction – Signals inductive loop repair works, signals now operating again under vehicle activation.

Completed Traffic Works
Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New pedestrian lights on Old Hansfield road in Clonsilla were made operational in August.



New pedestrian crossing in Clonsilla (facing towards Clonsilla train station)



New pedestrian crossing in Clonsilla (facing away Clonsilla train station)

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Lining



Pedestrian crossing on Main Street, Ongar after being relined.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart - 2023 POW

Work has commenced on the concrete buildout outside Circle K at Kilshane.



Concrete buildout outside Circle K on the R135 near Kilshane Cross

Summer 2023 Howth Malahide – Traffic POW

New drop kerbs and tactile pavement have been installed by the entrances to Talbot Road, The Warren and Gainsborough on the Swords Road with pictures below. Some localised footpath upgrades and repairs were also undertaken at these locations. Pictures below show above.







Junction of Swords Road and Malahide Road

Traffic signal upgrade commenced at this junction. The old halogen vehicle activated system is being replaced with an optimised LED controller and LED signal heads. Footpath upgrades will also be undertaken. Works are ongoing at present with new junction ducting completed, footpath works, and separate ESB connection underway. New ducting is required on all approaches for the traffic signal sensors which is also underway. The pictures below detail the works.







Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

82 hires were put in place from 01/08/2023–28/08/2023, engaging 22 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 99.1% of all lights switched to LEDS.

100% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed county wide.





Faults reduce to 0.29 % 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, Manorfields Pedway). 2023 funding for specific public lighting projects to light up necessary walkways and connections to schools and buses will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

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

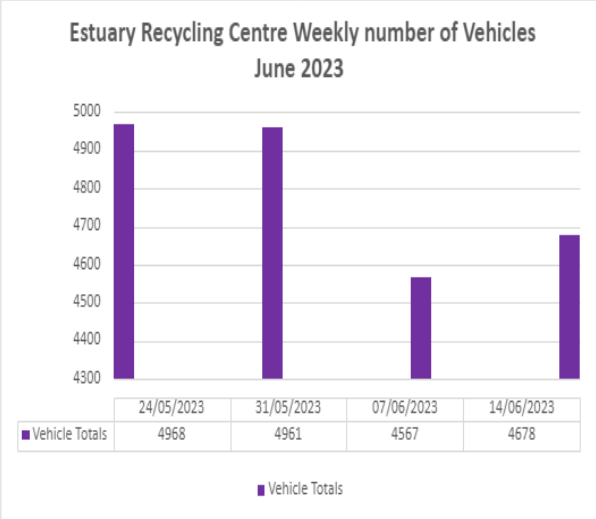
Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season an increase of 5 on last year. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, the Council secured just 26 lifeguards for the season ahead. Last year we were successful in employing 35. The availability of qualified and interested candidates has gradually reduced over the past number of years. The WSDO has been in contact with some of the trainers, who have advised that the two-year closure of pools had a significant adverse impact on the training of potential candidates. It is noted that this is a national issue affecting numerous local authorities.

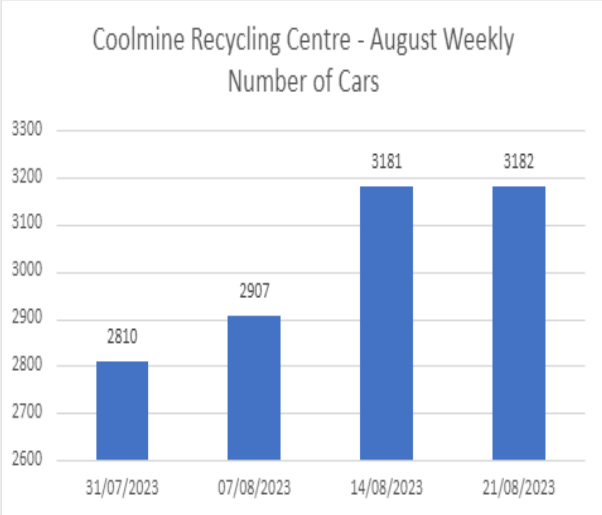
The reduced number of lifeguards for the 2023 Bathing Season meant that Portrane, Rush North and Loughshinny lifeguard stations did not open for the season, with Balbriggan and Howth opening part-time. The remaining stations operated as normal.

The service for our non-blue flag beaches concluded on Sunday 27th August. As Portmarnock, Donabate and Rush South are Blue Flag Beached they will be lifeguard weekends only until Sunday 10th September 2023.

The Council will publish on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms, notice of manned lifeguard stations for the Blue Flag Weekends.

Recycling Centre's Update





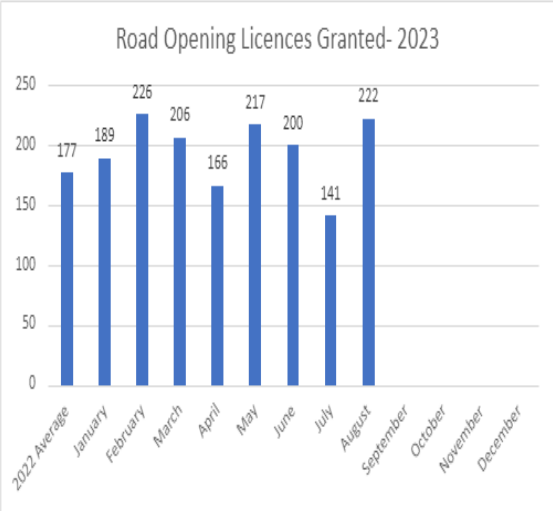
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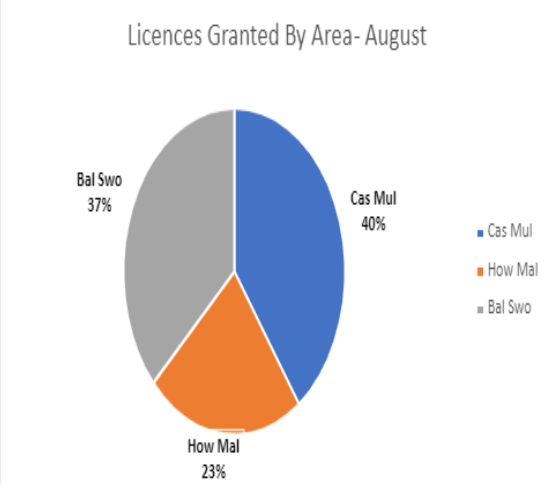
- **Road Opening License's**

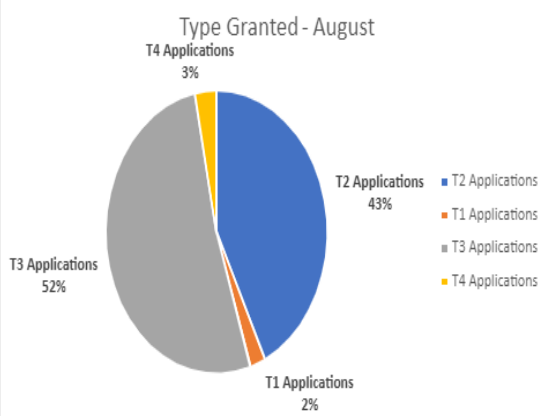
The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges.

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.

222 Licences were granted in the month of **August**, **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.







- 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.



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.
We are currently in communication with several applicants re issuing further licences in the coming weeks.

Inspections continue to be carried out to ensure compliance.
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 is being progressed as are the Optioneering and Investigation Reports.

- **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. Quotation are being sought for the various material required. It will be executed by our own Direct Labour section. Advanced materials purchasing will commence in due course.



- **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 were awarded the contract to conduct a GPR and pavement thickness survey. Survey works were completed on the 07/06/2023 and design drawings are being finalized along with a Site-Specific RAMS. Works are scheduled to start on the 25/09/2023. A 10-week window has been allocated to the works which requires a full road closure.

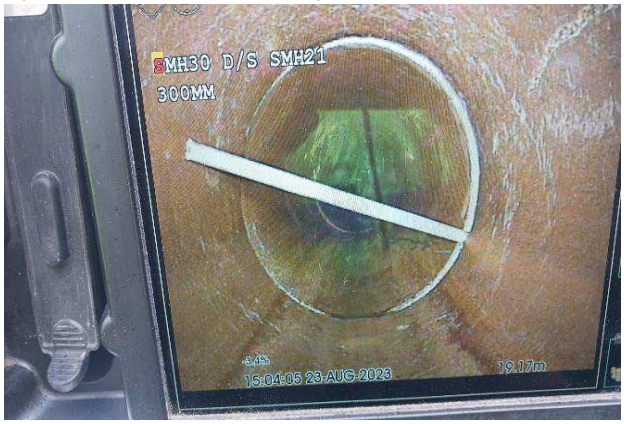
- **Ongar Development Stormwater Remedial Works**

Remediation works have commenced on the drainage network in Ongar following its Taking in charge. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers and have a duration of five months. With 60% of the works programme expended all reinstatements of footpath and road are complete with drainage repairs underway currently. Current forecast for completion is end of September.

- **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.

Surveys have been completed of Rusheeney estate and reports and maps are being drafted. So far, a number of restrictions have been found with build ups of concrete and collapses in some sections.



The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. Assets have been replaced in Skerries and Rush.

A new precast headwall has been installed on White's Road in Castleknock. Works are being undertaking to reinstate and landscape the area around the new headwall.

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. Investigations are ongoing to determine if misconnections are present in these networks. FCC Water Services are assisting FCC Environment to identify the cause of high E. coli levels that are regularly being detected in the Harbour area. The following is a breakdown of works taking place and findings to date:

Lambeecher/Bath Rd – Jetting & CCTV surveying is now complete. A number of buried manholes have been identified and raised. There were no visible signs of misconnections.

Tara Court - Jetting & CCTV work is now complete. The presence of misconnections has been confirmed. Dye testing is ongoing to identify the exact location of these misconnections.

Clonard Court – Surveys have been completed. The was no evidence of misconnections found. A large volume of stone and silt was removed from the network. The surveys identified the need for some cover and frame replacements and there also a number of restrictions that will require excavation and repairs works.

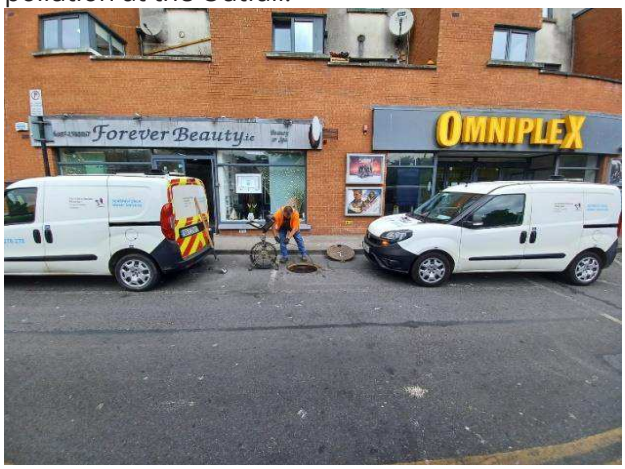


Bremore Castle Mews – CCTV & Jetting complete. Misconnections to the SW network have been identified. Dye testing is ongoing to trace their exact source.





Mill St – CCTV & Jetting works complete. Misconnections have been confirmed. Dye testing has confirmed the source. The owner of an apartment complex has now completed the internal works and there are no visible signs of pollution at the Outfall.

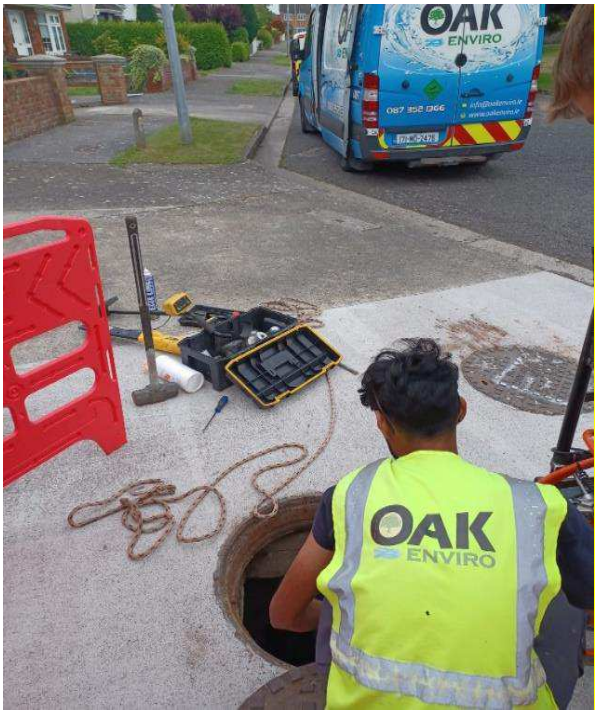


Matt River – Checks are ongoing at various locations for visible signs of pollution.
Fulham St, Clonard St, Mill Race, Chapel Ct & R132 Drogheda St - These areas have now been completed surveyed. There were no visible signs of misconnections.



Works were carried out to locate and raise a number of buried manholes in the Flemington Park area of Balbriggan.





- **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 10 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

Uisce Éireann

Uisce Eireann is Irelands National Regulated Water Utility with full responsibility for the delivery of all water services for the people of Ireland.

The Fingal *Master Co-Operation Agreement* between UE and FCC was signed on the 5th May, 2023. This agreement provided for Uisce Eireann to have full accountability for the delivery of water services, and the necessary management and direction of all local authority water services staff, including those who choose to remain employed by the Council for the transitional period to the end of 2026.

Fingal Water Services Staff have the opportunity during the transition period to either transition to Uisce Eireann or avail of a range of other options in accordance with the agreed National Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services

On the 26th July, 2023, *the Effective Date*, full responsibility transferred officially to Uisce Eireann and the Fingal Service Level Agreement was terminated on that date. The delivery of public water services for the County of Fingal is now carried out under the Management and Direction of Uisce Eireann.

Fingal County Council have no statutory basis to respond to queries on water services. All enquiries and questions on water services should now be forwarded directly to Uisce Éireann the national body with full responsibility for the service. Fingal Water Services report will no longer form part of the monthly Chief Executive Report. All contact details are available on their Website.

Communication with Uisce Éireann for Elected Representatives

The Local Representative Support Desk

Make contact at **localrepsupport@water.ie** or by phone at **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**.

Staff are available Monday – Friday from 9am to 5.30pm to deal with queries from elected representatives about any topic related to Uisce Éireann.

Outside these hours, the 24/7 customer care line is available for urgent queries at **1800 278 278.**

Uisce Éireann Water Planned Works – Uisce Éireann Regional Communications team provide regular updates concerning upcoming projects in the area and planned works which may cause disruption to customers. Regularly updates on the website at https://www.water.ie/water-supply-and-service-update/# publications appear on the homepage under the Publications heading.

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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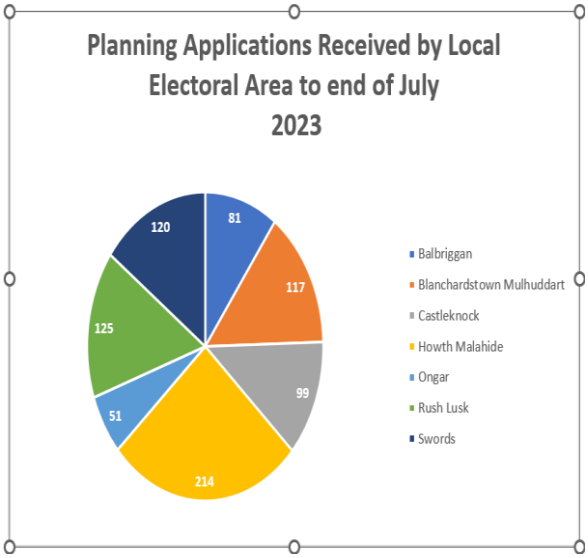
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Planning Applications

There have been 807 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to 31st of July 2023, of these 108 applications were invalid leaving a total of 699 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 July 2023, six Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2023 to 31st of July 2023 nine decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these nine decisions made, all have been to grant Permission (3,019 Units).

An Bord Pleanála have issued 16 decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st of July 2023. There are five SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 694 planning decisions have been issued to 31st July 2023. There have been 573 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 121 refusals of permission (17%). Included in the 573 grants there have been 46 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 321 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 56 commercial/retail grants of permission and 29 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 14 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 4 relates to 20 – 50 units, 6 relate to 50 -100 units and 6 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin

In June 2023, there were 179 building control submission's made via BCMS.

This was made up of 87 Commencement notices, 42 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 31 Fire Safety related Certificates and 19 Disability Access related Certificates.

In July 2023, there were 177 building control submission's made via BCMS.

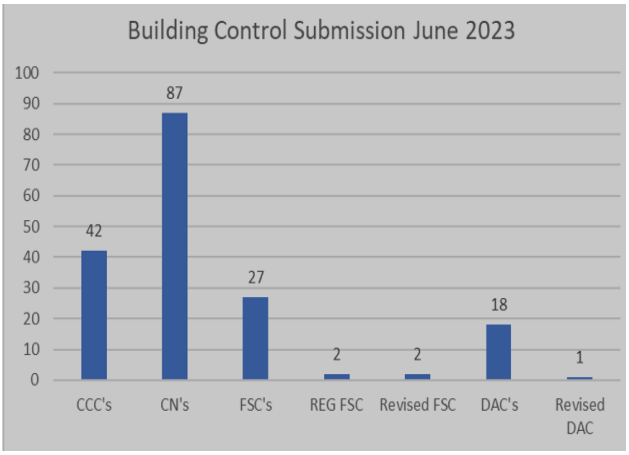
This was made up of 89 Commencement notices, 40 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 33 Fire Safety related Certificates and 15 Disability Access related Certificates.

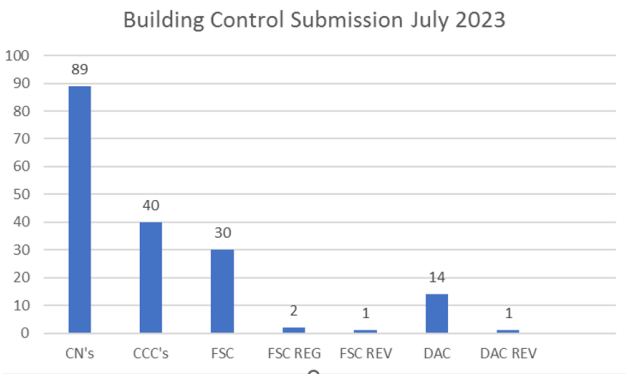
Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS.

Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and we are also still accepting hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 143 decisions in June 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 44 decisions to grant and 99 extensions of time.

The Building Control Admin team processed 146 decisions in July 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 58 decisions to grant and 88 extensions of time.





Strategic Policy Unit

Sustainable Swords

The Sustainable Swords Strategy was agreed by the Members at the December meeting. this follows extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. The Strategy outlines 16 possible projects which would transform Swords.

The agreed Strategy and all other supporting documents can be found here:
www.fingal.ie/sustainableswords



The Sustainable Swords project has been shortlisted for two IPI awards which will be announced at the end of September.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

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

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

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

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

Draft Map Submissions:

- Number of submissions received on Draft map – **121 submissions - 142 land parcels in total**
- Number of rezoning requests – **3**
- Number of sites removed from the Draft map – **26 removed, 3 part removed**
- Number of sites retained on the Draft map – **97 retained, 9 part retained**
- Number of sites whereby there was 'no action' (residential property for example) – **7 (no action) 6 (part no action)**
- Number of appeals lodged to ABP – **83**
- Number of appeals decided (29th Aug 2023) – **50,** of which **42** confirmed the determination of Fingal.

Next Steps

Where land was included on the draft, and where no submissions were received relating to the land, it is to be included in the final map.

Where an appeal was made to ABP which has been decided within the relevant statutory time frame, or in any event, not later than 30 days prior to the publication date for the final maps (i.e. 1st November 2023), then the final map shall reflect the decision of ABP.

Where ABP has not reached a decision in respect of an appeal by 30 days prior (by 1stNovember 2023) to the publication of the final map on 01 December 2023, the land in question shall be included in the final map and the landowner may seek a deferral of tax liability until the appeal has been determined.

Where no decision has been made by ABP at least 30 days prior to date of publication of the final map, or where a decision is subject to JR which has not been determined at least 30 days prior to date of publication, then the land is included on the final map.

The final maps will identify all of the land considered to be in scope for FCC and will provide for the overall area in hectares.

Built Environment Division

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management June 2023

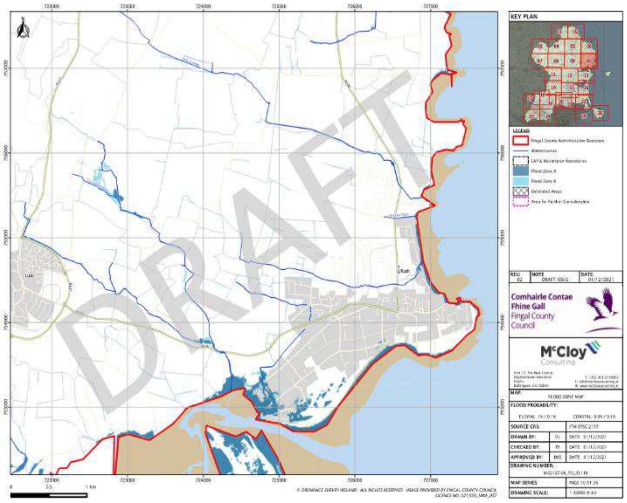
- 107 no. new planning files have been received.
- 14 no. Additional Information files have been received and 1 clarification on Additional Information.
- 3 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 5 no. have been processed.
- 3 no SHD/LRD applications have been received; 2 no. has been assessed.
- 0 no. Part 8/Part XI applications have been received; 0 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – During June, staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 13 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

Development Management July 2023

- 104 no. new planning files have been received.
- 20 no. Additional Information files have been received and 0 clarification on Additional Information.
- 6 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 6 no. have been processed.
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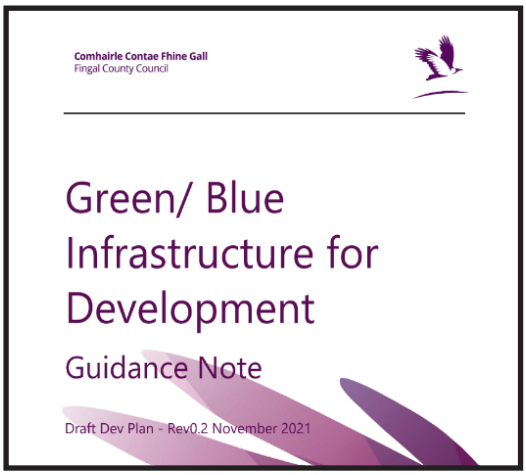
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

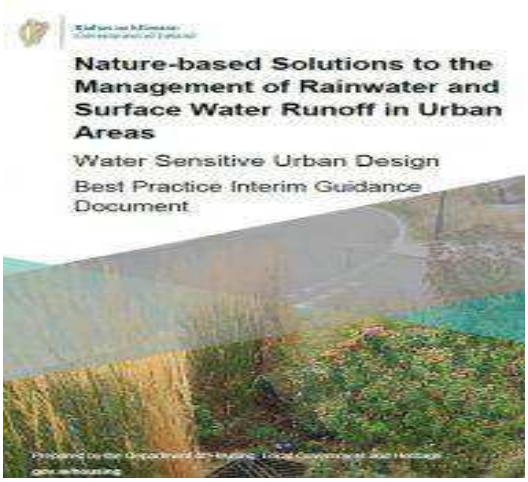
- FCC staff are currently managing the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans to inform Belcamp LAP, Dunsink Masterplan, Rowans Little/ Folkstown/ Flemington and the Balbriggan Masterplan.
- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept has responded to the motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.



- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".

- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.







Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments

The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate.

This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process has begun for the new Multi-Party Framework Agreement for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the new County Development Plan. The SAQ for the above framework was posted on eTenders with a closing date for tender submissions set for 30/09/2022.The tenders were assessed and a recommendation for progression to the next phase has taken place. WSFP are working with the planners to identify areas for in inclusion in the framework.

Irish Water

- Staff continue to liaise with Irish Water regarding existing constraints within the water/wastewater networks and identifying solutions to resolve.

- Connection and Developer Services – staff continue to provide a planning review of water/wastewater connection applications on behalf of Irish Water, there have been 13 CDS applications during July.

- Staff continue to complete Irish Water templates for every planning file completed.

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section



- There were 9 Building control site inspections in August 2023 with 13 separate buildings being inspected. This was significantly down on the July figure where there was 21 Inspections and 47 buildings inspected. The drop in inspections was due to staff annual leave, builders holidays and also only includes statistics up until the 28th August rather than the full month (up to 31st August).
- There were 2 section 11 requests for further information issued in July but no further section 11's listed in August and no enforcement notices issued.
- The 3 developments "Ballygossan Park Phase 1" in Skerries and the "Entrance off Roundabout on R121 opposite The Boulevard, Blanchardstown" and Rahillion Phase 2 were taken in charge in the July Meeting.
- We have one road "Balgriffin to Belmayne Roundabout" up for taking in charge in the September Council Meeting and 2 estates "Cnoc Dubh Phase 2" and "Millers Glen phase 2" for the October meeting.
- We have 49 Developments with formal Taking in Charge requests and a further 305 developments on our system, of which 62 are likely to remain private.
- We have received a taking in charge request for the Drynam estate now as we have had more than 50% of the registered owners request the estate to be taken in charge. We are now cross referencing the names with the details on the Property Registration authority to ensure the taking

in charge request is valid. We will advertise this estate for taking in charge later this year.

- The Taking in Charge works in Thornleigh Estate In Swords by a completion contractor on behalf of the bondsman are complete and we are at final account stage.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract is underway and Formac Construction are currently carrying out works in the Blackwood estate. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council. The estimate completion date is the end of September 2023
- 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 0 dangerous structures notified in July 2023 and 4 dangerous structures notified in August 2023 There are a total of 74 dangerous structures active in our database.

References

The number of reference requests received and dealt with by our referencers for July 2023 was 378 and August 2023 so far is 219.

Pictures



Checking depth of services in a housing development in Dublin 15.



Checking hinges on a Fire Door in a 3 story dwelling house in Ballyboughal.

Transportation

PSI-002 Ongar Barnhill Link Road

The Ongar-Barnhill Link Road in Dublin 15 is a long-standing objective of Fingal County Council and Fingal County Council is delighted to have 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 provides high quality walking and cycling links for new existing and new residents and will tie into the Royal Canal Greenway and Dart+ West. It is being funded by Fingal County Council's development levies and regular updates and engagement with the local community and the local elected members will take place as the project progresses. Similar to the Snugborough scheme, site visits will be arranged for local members during the construction stage of the project.

PSI-001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The project is progressing with completion expected late 2023. A new traffic management layout was installed during August following some resurfacing works which allowed the final elements of the new underpass under Snugborough road to be positioned. The off ramp

from the N3 outbound is being closed for two nights in early September to allow a new gantry be erected. Local diversion signage will be in place for any diversions. The remaining sections of the pedestrian underpass were lifted into place recently as can be seen below.

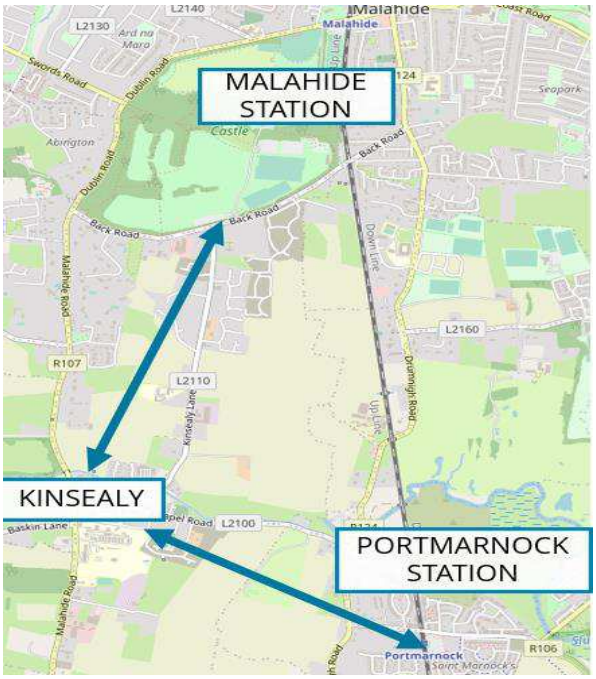


PSI-039 R132 Connectivity

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with MetroLink is ongoing. 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 has conclude that the approved scheme design remains the preferred option, therefore the project is now being brought through the detailed design stage. The findings from the ground investigation works carried out in June and July was compiled and now will assist in the decision making process for the detailed design stage.

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 by firstly carrying out a scoping exercise of reviewing the previous reports and assessing the preferred route option. A number of projects arising out of Sustainable Swords will follow on directly, including the Western Distributor Road scheme. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage.



PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Following the completion of a public procurement process Jons Civil Engineering was appointed during the Summer for the construction phase and the contractor has now started works onsite on this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The work has started at two location on the project on Hamilton Road and on the Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122. Works is progressing with a new bus stop and a new shared area already installed on Hamilton Road.



It will provide a cycle-link between Drogheda Street and Hamilton Road and serve three school campuses directly at Ardgillan Community College, St. Molagas and Balbriggan Educate Together National School, as well as offering a safe cycling and walking route to shops, childcare facilities and community amenities. 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



PSI-003 Sutton-Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

A land surveyor has recently been appointed to carry out a topographical survey of public and private lands within the proposed scheme and this will happen in September. Affected landowners have been notified. Following the completion of the topographical survey, a tree surveyor will carry out a survey of all trees along the proposed route. Meanwhile, ground investigation works are currently being procured which will take place in the autumn, the results of which will allow the finalisation of the large amount of documents that are required for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing.

PSI-012 Broadmeadow Way

Under Fingal County Council (FCC) and Irish Rail specialist supervision, the civil and ground investigation (GI) contractor continued works during the summer months which included security fencing, new culvert and ramp during the summer months. This works package is an important milestone which will inform the detailed design of the northern causeway element of the project and GI works are expected to be complete by end September 2023. In August, FCC, through Irish Rail, facilitated a site visit to the northern causeway with attendees including the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, local Councillors and the NTA. This unique project represents the first time a greenway will been constructed on a live railway embankment. It is also running through an SAC and SPA and surrounded by water. As such, the planning, environmental and technical challenges that the project has presented have been considerable. Notwithstanding that, the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure project team has been progressing works on a number of fronts, in order to advance the project in collaboration with the NTA and Irish Rail, our project partners. Land acquisition negotiations with a number of landowners and design coordination with Irish Rail are ongoing. As part of the Foreshore licence process, 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.





PSI-034 Church Fields Link Road

Church Fields Link Road which 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 with a temporary traffic management plan including a road closure put in place in the area to facilitate these works.





PSI-026 Portrane Road Enhancement Project and Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement Project

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála to use a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. 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 October with construction work due to commence shortly thereafter.

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 later this year.

PSI-042 Donabate Transportation 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

Ballymastone Recreational Hub

Following extensive engagement with local sports clubs and community groups, implementation of the approved Part 8 Plans for active recreation facilities at Ballymastone will commence on site in the first week of September. This was marked by a recent sod turning event on Friday August 25th. Phase One enabling works will entail of a significant car park upgrade, to be followed by the installation of ducting for the undergrounding of existing ESB Network infrastructure to make way for the construction of two new full size natural GAA pitches. The completion of these pitches will allow the development of the extensive all-weather sports and recreation facilities at Ballymastone. The media release and video are available to view at Ballymastone Sod Turning Press Release.



Heritage Officer

Digging Drumanagh 2023

Season 4 of the community -based research excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort was undertaken during a very wet July. Supported by the Heritage Council, dedicated community volunteers and archaeologists have uncovered two Iron Age working areas and evidence for contact with the Roman world not seen anywhere else in Ireland before. These results and analysis will not only add to the interpretation of the site itself but will add immeasurably to the understanding of this period in Ireland.



Fingal Heritage Week

National Heritage Week 2023 took place between Saturday 12 and Sunday 20 August 2023. In Fingal, National Heritage Week was marked by a number of in-person events including the launch of the photo exhibition People & Place-Then & Now by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Adrian Henchy and the Fingal Heritage Network's Heritage Night, historical walks in Malahide, Swords, Howth and Portmarnock as well as talks on everything from birds and bees to Fingal's Historic Tombs. Thanks to all who hosted, contributed to and participated in celebrating our Living Heritage.





BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project

The project https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage was launched by the Mayor Cllr Adrian Henchy as part of Eating the Past Heritage Week event at Newbridge House. The project will explore, record and share traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices that surround how we produce and consume food and introduce different food traditions to new audiences. We're gathering food memories, photos, and recipes from the community to share on a digital map celebrating food heritage as part of our social history. If you have something to add please contact us at fingalfoodheritage@gmail.com

Draft Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030



Fingal County Council is preparing a new Heritage Plan for Fingal covering the period 2024 to 2030. The Draft Fingal Heritage Plan is available for public consultation from 23 August to 04 October 2023. See https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/draft-fingal-heritage-plan-2024-2030

The Draft Heritage Plan looks at all types of heritage, how they interlink and connect and how we can best protect and access our heritage. The Plan sets out a vision and strategic objectives for our shared heritage. Further details on consultation process to date are available at https://www.fingal.ie/FingalHeritagePlan2024-2030

HOUSING

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Housing Supply

Fingal County Council - Mixed Tenure Development at Ballymastone, Donabate





Construction work has commenced at Ballymastone, one of the largest residential housing developments in the state. The milestone, at the 32-hectare site in Donabate, North County Dublin, was marked with a sod-turning ceremony, attended by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD; the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy; and representatives of Fingal County Council and homebuilder Glenveagh.

In total, 1,200 A-Rated homes will be delivered on a phased basis by Glenveagh, with the first phase consisting of 432 affordable, private, cost rental, and social homes. The first delivery of homes will be completed in H2 2024, and it is anticipated that the first phase of 432 homes at Ballymastone will be completed in H2 2025.

Housing Information Event- September 25th, 2023- The RIASC Centre, Feltrim Road, Swords

On **September 25th, 2023, between 5pm and 8pm** Fingal County Council will host a Housing information evening in The RIASC Centre in Swords. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about the different options for people who want to make their home in Fingal, including the Croi Conaithe Refurbishment Grant, the Local Authority Home Loan and the Affordable Housing Scheme. Staff will be on hand to deal with questions from those in attendance.



Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in pipeline	Units
Under Construction	135
Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and Tender Stage	648
Planning and Design	271
Part V	187
TOTAL	1,241

15 Part V apartments under construction at Santa Sabina, Sutton, Dublin 13



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 Phase 1 of the affordable units at Hayestown, Rush











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 Loans Update

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) continues to be popular with prospective homeowners who cannot secure commercial lending.
As of 30th August 2023, Fingal County Council has received 438 applications, of which 200 have been seen by the Credit Committee, after which 53% have secured Approvals in Principle.
The Loan application process in Fingal is now augmented by the introduction of an online application portal which aims to streamline the application process for applicants.
A DHLGH media campaign for LAHL was launched on 28th August, with all relevant information being advertised across Fingal County Council's Social Media platforms. Applicants should visit www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan to check eligibility.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Work have been completed on 83 properties at present in Strandmill Estate, Barnewall Estate, Rivermeade, and Glasmore Court. Another 28 properties are currently underway in Strandmill Estate, Rivermeade, Glasmore Park, and Whitestown Gardens. The goal of this project is to upgrade properties to a B2 BER rating. The improvements encompass electrical and heating upgrades, attic insulation, installation of triple-glazed windows and doors, external insulation wrap, and PV panels as needed to achieve the B2 standard.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other estates across the county and under consideration to include 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	24th August 2023
In the letting process	41
Undergoing re-let repairs	32
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
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 Ashton Estate, Swords and Corduff Grove, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. External painting is currently underway in Corduff Avenue, Corduff Gardens and Corduff Way, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.



Before and after painting pictures taken in Ashton Broc Estate, Swords

Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)

HAP continues to be the primary source of rent support for those in private rented accommodation. Fingal County Council has set up over 242 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately over 3,831 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 experiencing difficulty paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

Private Rented Inspections

The private rented inspections team had another successful year in 2022, exceeding the target set by the DHLGH by inspecting 6112 dwellings equalling 117% of the annual target, placing Fingal in the first quartile of local authorities nationally.
For 2023, following the roll out of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 is set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.
The team continue to work on meeting this target and improving compliance. 64.5% of the target was reached by the end of May comprising of a total of 3,407 inspections and 2,952 dwellings inspected.

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.

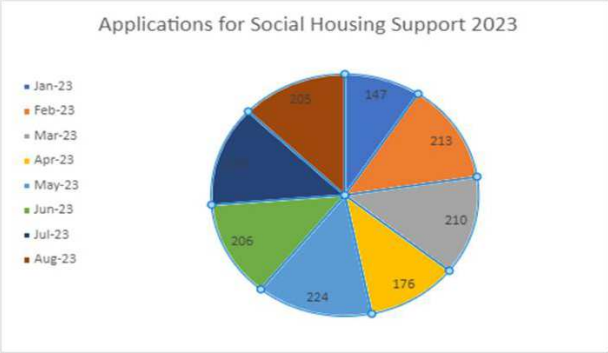
Income thresholds prior to 2023 detailed below:

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 from January to August 2023 1,595



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing in order to be eligible for review.

A new email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals pertaining to housing support applications by applicants e.g. closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority & transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Choice Based Lettings **July** Advertised Properties





Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
5th - 11th July	Creston Avenue, St Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apartment	942	100
5th - 11th July	Castlegrange Heights, Swords, Co Dublin	3	House	1387	181
12th - 18th July	Mayeston Downs, St Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	House	1133	172
12t - 18th July	Dun Saithne Avenue, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	House	1049	119
19t - 25th July	Mayeston Square, St Margaret's Road, Finglas, Dublin 11	1	Apartment	826	132
			Total	**5337**	**704**

Choice Based Lettings **August** Advertised Properties

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
2nd – 8th August	Wellview Avenue, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	984	149
9th – 15th August	Creston Avenue, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	Apartment	984	127
16th – 22nd August	Golden Ridge Lodge, Rush, Co Dublin	2	Duplex	1184	174
16th – 22nd August	Hansfield Quarter, Dublin 15	2	Apartment	1314	267
24th -29th August	Jugback Green, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Duplex	1022	166
24th -29th August	Jugback Green, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Duplex	1116	188
24th -29th August	Jugback Green, Swords, Co Dublin	2	Duplex	1046	198
24th -29th August	Jugback Green, Swords, Co Dublin	1	Apartment	1028	204
			Total	**8678**	**1473**

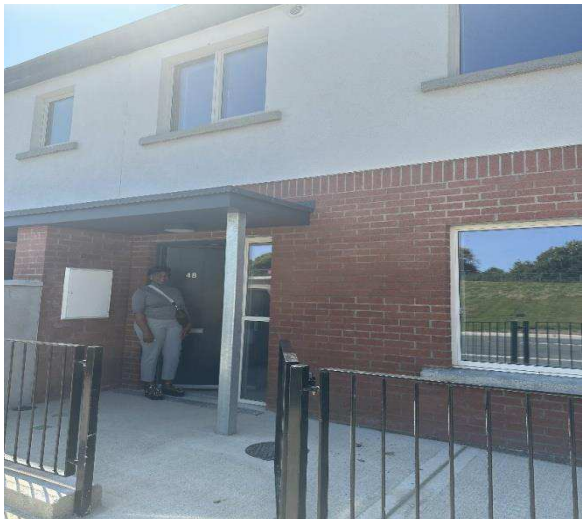
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Wellview Dublin 15, Allocations

All 20 units have been allocated in Wellview.







Liscappagh Dublin 11, Allocations

All units have been delivered of which 40 of the 67 units have been allocated.
7 x 4 beds allocated.
23 x 3 beds allocated.
8 x 2 beds allocated.
2 x 1 bed allocated.

Housing Lettings are continuing to arrange viewing of properties and allocating







Churchfields Dublin 15, Allocations

25 of the 27 units in Phase 1 have been allocated.

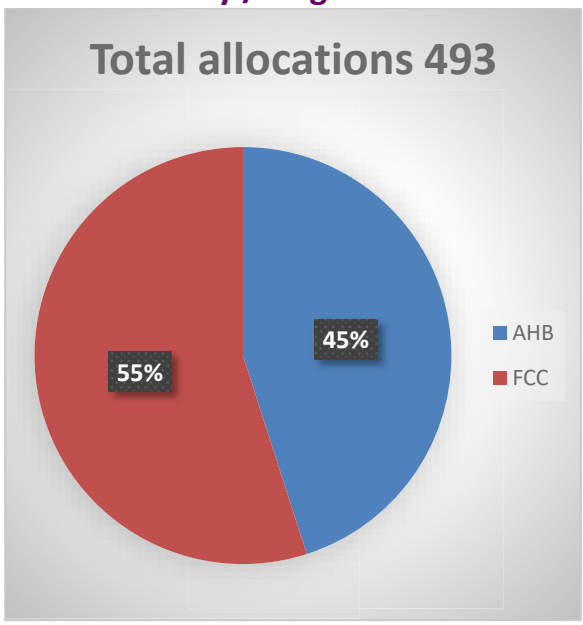
With the very recent delivery of phase 2 & 3 in Churchfields, Housing Lettings will continue to arrange viewings for tenants and allocate properties.





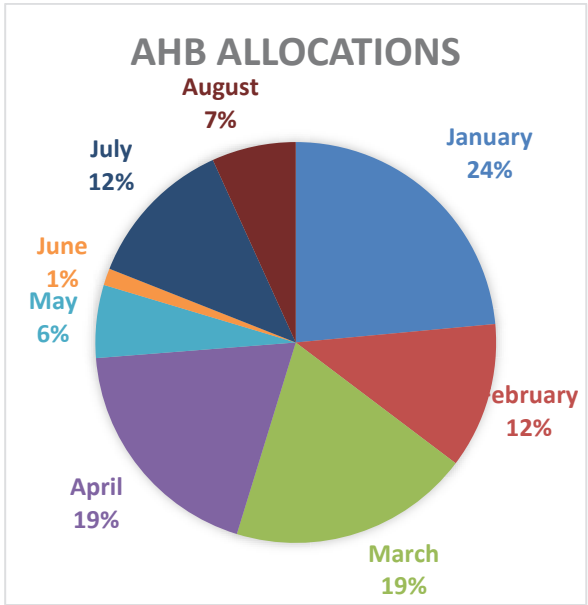


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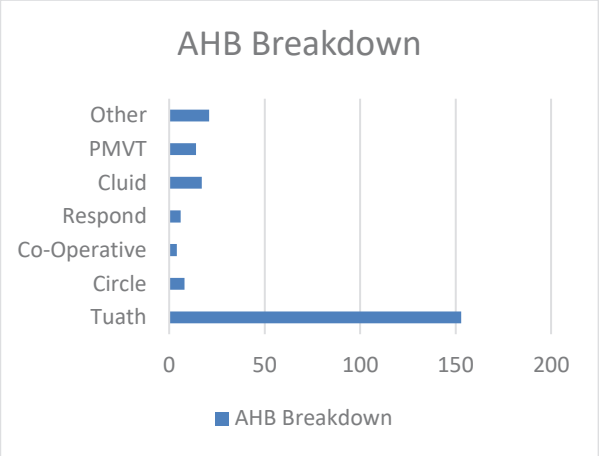


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 223 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 270 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

Of all the 493 allocations made to date 164 were made via Choice Based Lettings.



AHB Nominations month by month



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 so far.

Tuath have confirmed continued delivery for the remainder of 2023 with a large number of properties coming in Hansfiled D15.

Fold have confirmed delivery of 58 properties for over 55's accommodation along with 76 general needs properties in the Dublin 15 area.

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 July 2023, 27 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Homeless HAP accounts for 11 of these tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 2 who exited from emergency accommodation.

Separately there were 15 households that exited homelessness into social tenancies.

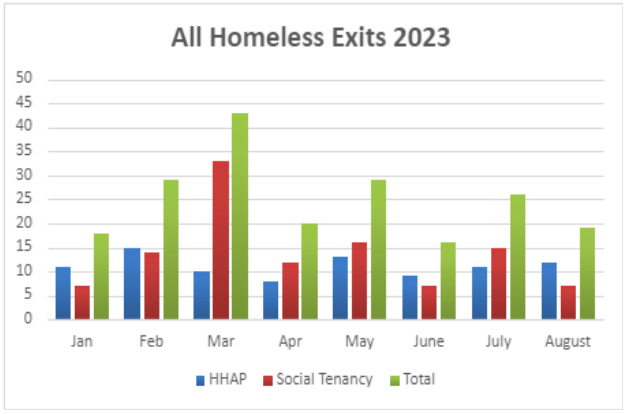
In total 2 FCC households exited emergency accommodation during July 2023.

During the month of August 2023, 20 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including into private rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Homeless HAP accounts for 12 of these tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 1 who exited from emergency accommodation.

Separately there were 8 households that exited homelessness into social tenancies.

In total 1 FCC household exited emergency accommodation during August 2023.



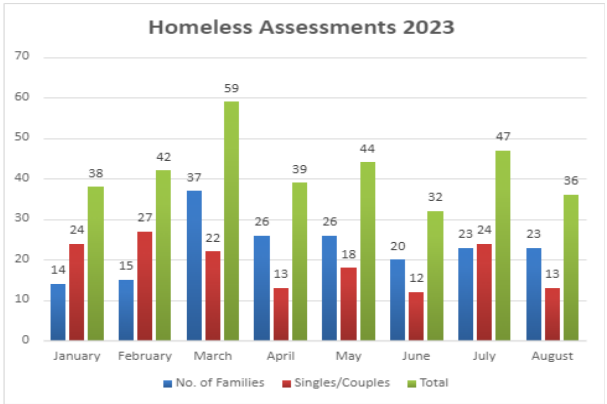
Homeless Presentations

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

In July 2023, there were a total of 47 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 23 families and 24 singles/couples.

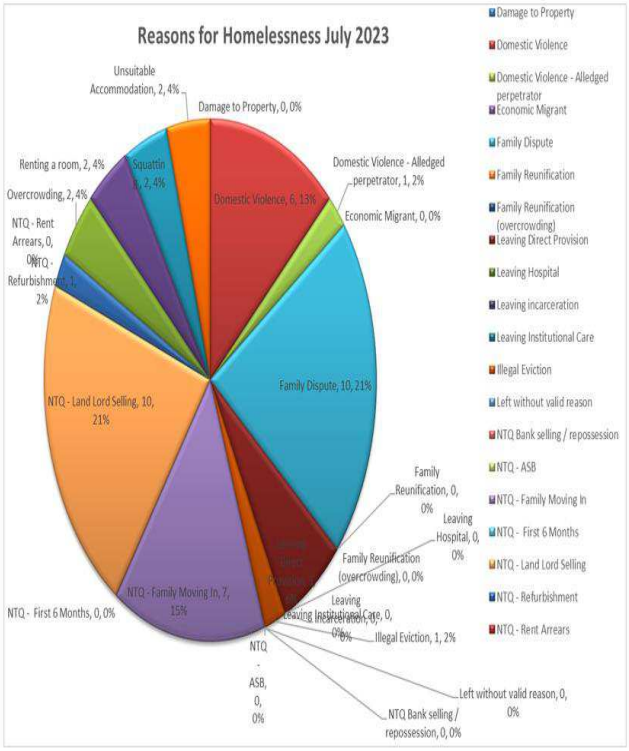
In August 2023, there were a total of 36 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 23 families and 13 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 337 full homeless assessments completed.



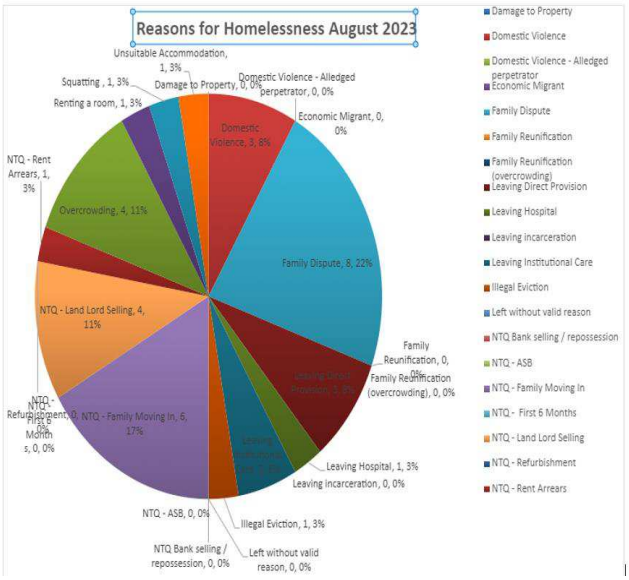
During July 2023, of the 47 Homeless Assessments carried out, 11 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served, equating to 38%. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 1 (3%) of assessments during June 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (22%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (11%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 26% comprise various reasons are outlined on the chart below.



During August 2023, of the 36 Homeless Assessments carried out, 16 cases resulted from a **Notice to Quit** (NTQ) having been served, equating to 31%. **Renting a room** or licensee presenters are not protected by the Residential Tenancies Act and accounted for 1 (3%) of assessments during June 2023.

There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (22%). Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (3%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 41% 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.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

- We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.
- When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.
- The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.
- The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.
- Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort, if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 13 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 88 properties are at the sale agreed/conveyancing stage with a further 51 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 337 queries and applications concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

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

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighbouring local authorities to deal

with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in-situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-Situ Scheme. On the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme, this is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then make contact with the landlord with regard to the purchase of property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

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

The key contact details are:
Fingal County Council Housing Department
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm: Tel. **01 890 5090 or homeless@fingal.ie**
Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**
Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone 1800 707 707

Launch of Fingal County Council 's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 held on 17th May 2023, Council Chamber, County Hall.

The Council's Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026 was launched by former Mayor Cllr Howard Mahony on 17th May 2023, in the Council Chamber, County Hall Swords which was filled to capacity on the day. The launch was attended by the Chief Executive, elected members. Housing SPC, Senior Council officials, Disability Steering Group, Disabled Persons Organisations, Service Users, Service providers, Housing Agency, HSE, various Approved Housing Bodies and advocacy groups.

The Strategy was prepared in collaboration with the Disability Steering Group, comprising, Chairperson, Mr. Robert Burns, Director of Services Housing & Community Dept., and the various aforementioned stakeholders.

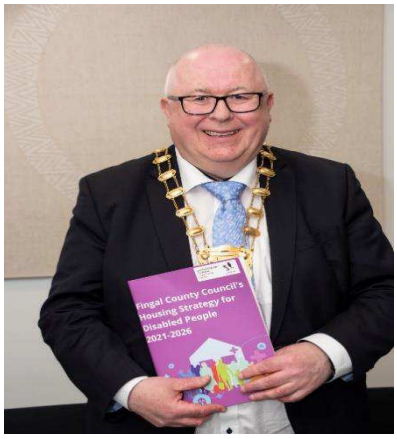


This new Strategy builds on the strategic aims of the previous one, (2016- 2020) whilst setting new aims, thereby reinforcing the Council's commitment to responding to the challenges and availing of the opportunity to improve service delivery in helping meet the needs of disabled people.

The core objective of the Strategy is to promote equality of access for disabled people to the full range of housing options available, to work collectively and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and to ensure that the strategic aims set out are implemented in a fair, equitable and timely manner. The Strategy aims to provide disabled people with better opportunities and foster a more inclusive community. The approach not only prioritises accessibility but also recognises the importance of creating environments that promote independence, equality, and integration for all residents.

Individuals with disabilities, whether they be mental, sensory, intellectual, or physical - regularly face numerous challenges in finding suitable housing options that meet their specific needs. However, the Council believes that this forward-thinking approach – will help to break down these barriers and creating a living environment that enables people with disabilities to thrive and actively participate in their local communities.

Launching the strategy, the former Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Howard Mahony said: "I am proud to launch this strategy which I believe will help secure a better housing experience for those with a disability and further empower them to live the life they want to lead. It is a really important collaborative piece of work that brings increased opportunities for independence and supports the physical, mental and emotional well-being needs of people."





Key elements of the new housing strategy include:

- Universal Accessibility: All housing units should be appropriately designed and future proofed with universal accessibility in mind, particularly in the planning stages of new housing developments. This means incorporating features such as wider doorways, ramps, elevators, and accessible bathrooms to ensure individuals with disabilities can navigate their homes with ease and dignity. By eliminating physical barriers, we are promoting independence and empowering residents to live with greater freedom and autonomy.

- Integrated Communities: Our strategy encourages the development of integrated communities where individuals with disabilities live alongside their peers without disabilities and ensuring personal supports are in place for people transitioning congregated type settings into locations of peoples choosing, close to services, public transport etc. By promoting diversity and inclusivity, we are fostering social connections, reducing stigmatisation, and creating opportunities for meaningful interactions among residents. This integration allows individuals with disabilities to become active participants in community life, breaking down stereotypes and building stronger, more cohesive neighbourhoods.

- Supportive Services: Recognising that some individuals with disabilities may require additional support, our strategy looks to ensure that adequate support services are available for people who need them. Interagency collaboration, particularly with the HSE in this regard, is an integral part of the implementation of the aims of the Strategy. These services can include personalised care plans, assistance with daily living activities, and access to healthcare resources. This approach will help provide residents with the tools they need to live independently and pursue their goals.

The benefits of this strategy extend far beyond the individuals directly impacted. By embracing inclusive housing, we are nurturing a more diverse and dynamic community that thrives on the strength of its inclusivity.



Recognising the fundamental importance of accessible and supportive housing, the comprehensive strategy addresses the unique housing requirements of people with disabilities. By championing the provision of inclusive and accessible housing options, the strategy looks to deliver a range of substantial benefits to both individuals and the wider community.



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TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

Traveller Accommodation

A significant programme of works in relation to the refurbishment and upgrading of existing accommodation on Traveller specific sites is currently ongoing. These works are in accordance

with the objectives set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 have commenced. 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.





Recent grass cutting on Traveller specific sites

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Welfare Service

The Estate Management Section continues to offer support to the most vulnerable of our Tenants in collaboration with our Social Workers, Tenancy Sustainment Officers and work collaboratively with external statutory agencies to protect and assist the most vulnerable through a range of support services.

Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs)

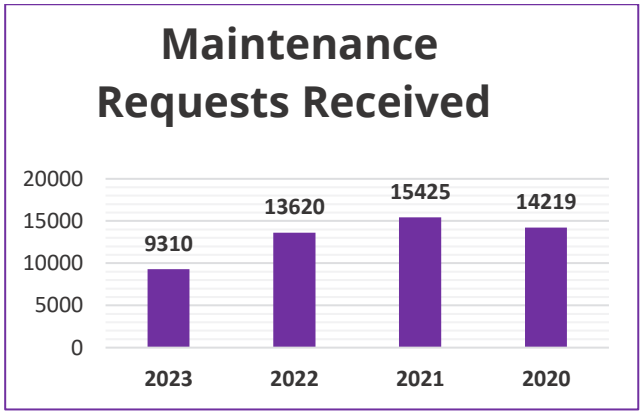
In accordance with the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Estate Management Section continues to process eligible applications working in collaboration with the Council's Architects Department.





Installation of Level Access Shower and ramp at Council property

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The Council provides an annual heating servicing facility, including all maintenance and upgrade works, for a nominal fee of €3 per week to participating tenants. Contractors progress batches of work throughout the course of the year. The 2023 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Whitestown, Rossan, Court Road, Curragh Hall, Cruise Park Avenue, Craoibhin, Curran Park, Fullam Green and Pinewood Heath.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The management and sustainment of social tenancies and good estate management falls within the remit of the ASB/Inspectorate Unit. Alleged breaches of Tenancy Agreements are investigated and pursued in accordance with housing legislation and policy.

There are occasions when the vulnerabilities, complexities and health related issues associated with a tenancy require tenancy sustainment and welfare intervention and supports. Ongoing case management and review with a variety of external agencies, including Approved Housing Bodies, An Garda Síochána, TUSLA and the HSE may be required to ensure all agencies work collaboratively with a view to achieving best outcomes for our Communities. This work is ongoing in relation to a number of Tenancies in the county.

The Housing Forum for the Dublin 15 area has resumed, with the most recent meeting taking place in early May. The next meeting of the Blanchardstown Forum is scheduled to take place on 14th July 2023.

The Housing Forum affords collaborative working between Council Officials, Elected Representatives, Statutory Agencies and Community Representatives in relation to good estate management.

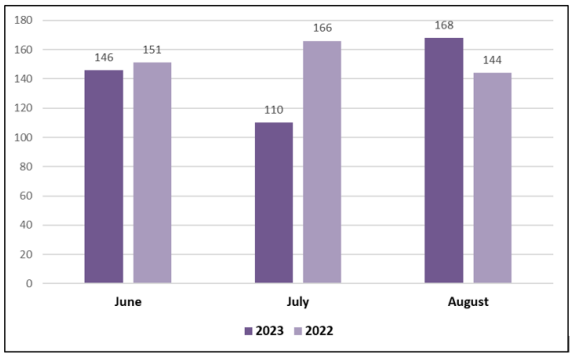
ASB Caseload Management

July / August 2023	Total Complaints Received	Active Investigation	Active Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	44	25	13	6
Rush / Lusk	62	56	6	0
Swords	36	17	8	11
Howth / Malahide	36	16	20	0
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	71	22	18	31
Ongar	21	13	6	2
Castleknock	8	0	6	2
Total	278	149	77	52

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)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	**53**
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	**16**
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	**3**
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	**1120**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	1673
Estate Inspections 2023	**1011**
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	**1144**
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Tenant Induction Course (TIC) 2023

The allocation of a Fingal County Council tenancy requires tenants to attend a Tenant Induction Course (TIC). The course informs tenants of their responsibilities as a tenant and outlines the responsibilities of the Council.
At the course each tenant is provided with an information pack containing a Tenants Handbook and useful information how to protect their home and community.
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.

5 TIC completed to date and two scheduled by year end.

- Kilhedge
- Wellview
- Liscappagh
- Churchfields x 2

Tenants attending TIC 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 with the next meeting on the 13th September 2023 to assist co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre was re-opened as temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians on the 2nd November 2022 to cater for increasing pressures on the accommodation situation in the country for displaced Ukrainians. The centre is presently operating at full capacity utilised for new arrivals to the country with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals. Every effort is made to move the rest centre occupants to more permanent accommodation as soon as possible with a steady stream of moves to pledge accommodation. Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT), **245 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

National call for vacant unoccupied properties (OfferAHome) to accommodate Ukrainian displaced persons was launched on the 24th of November 2022. In terms of the Fingal area, all suitable properties offered are occupied. The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** 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. The Council is developing closer working relations with Helping Irish Hosts with Helping Irish Hosts present in the Council's tented village at Flavours of Fingal where they provided advice on hosting Ukrainians and encouraged further participation in hosting. Also, a well-attended information event on hosting organised by Helping Irish Hosts in conjunction with Fingal County Council and other Fingal Ukraine Response Forum partners took at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy on the 19th July 2023. This event was well attended by existing hosts and prospective hosts.

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Interagency

Playful Streets
Integration
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Diversity, Equality, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) in the Workplace
Pride Packs for Fingal Community Centres
Cultural Awareness Workshops
Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Masterclass Series
100% target reached for AEDs in FCC supported community facilities

Ukraine Supports
Sail Training with Ukrainian Teens
Flavours of Fingal Inclusion

Fingal PPN
PPN Resource Officer

Age Friendly Fingal
Vintage Picnic 2023
Information Event for Older People: Baldoyle/Sutton

Funding
Activities Funding
Sports Equipment Funding
Community Activities Funding Information Evening

Sports Office
HER Outdoors Week
Balbriggan Beach Festival
3x3 Basketball Ireland Tour
Fingal's Women's FAI Watch Party
Fingal Sports Office and Ukrainian Centre Collaboration
ParkFit
Sports Leadership
BoxUp
Co-Funded Officers' Highlights

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

Mourne Celtic FC 10th Anniversary celebration

Mournes Celtic FC celebrated its 10-year anniversary with a family day and charity 5-a-side soccer tournament on the sports ground in the heart of Mourneview Estate in Skerries. The event was very well attended with over 250 community members who enjoyed face-painting, penalty shoot-out contests and the tournament itself. The players entry fees were donated to Skerries RNLI. The event was co-funded by the Community Office through Community Activities funding. Speaking about the contribution, chairperson Thomas Byrne said: **"***Mourne Celtic Football Club would like to thank Fingal County Council for the grant for our 10th year anniversary*"!. *It would not have been possible to hold the Community Day without this funding*. The event was a great success.



Pride of Place Preparation



The three groups representing Fingal in the 2023 IPB Pride of Place Competition have been preparing for the judging visits on 4th & 5th September. The Draiocht Arts Centre Dublin 15, Garristown Community Council and Broadmeadow Community Garden, Swords will each take part in the north-south competition which showcases the best in community development in Ireland.

The community of Garristown in north Fingal are nominated in the 500-1500 Population category and a committee formed over the summer has put together a presentation highlighting the tremendous voluntary work the community stakeholders from the local library, parish church, community council, tidy towns to the various cultural and sports clubs have done in the area.
Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords is showcasing its work over the last 13 years in the Climate Action and Biodiversity Category. This active group has linked in with many local organisations who use the garden for community, recreational and environmental purposes.

Finally, the Draiocht Arts Centre in Dublin 15 will compete in the Creative Place Category and is busy working on its presentation for the judges which highlights the work they do with the vibrant youth and children's sector in Blanchardstown and beyond.

The results of the competition will be announced at a Finals Event being hosted in Armagh city in November.



Summer Event – Families of children with additional needs



On Saturday the 12th August Balbriggan Hope-Arch group in collaboration with Aster Family Resource Centre and FCC Community Development Office hosted a summer event for Families of Children with Additional needs in Castlelands Community Centre. The initiative, which forms part of a bigger social inclusion and Integration project, focuses on three main areas of Community Development: Social inclusion, Integration and civic engagement. The family friendly sensory event in Castlelands Community Centre was enjoyed by 75 families across Balbriggan where the Balbriggan Hope-Arch group was launched. The group utilised this event to register new members and promote the group to a wider audience and has been working with the Community Development Officer in Balbriggan as well as Aster Family Resource Centre in order to build capacity. The group will undertake committee skills training this September and had its first AGM during the summer in order to register on the PPN/FCCR.

Black and Irish Pod Cast



On 28th July Foroige Balbriggan were proud to host a live recording of Black & Irish Podcast. The young people, taking part, discussed the theme of diversity and inclusion with Minister of State Joe O'Brien and captured key points and offered direction for the concerns raised. The event was funded through the Community Integration Fund. The Black & Irish Podcast will be a key feature during Fingal Inclusion week as part of the project by Balbriggan Social Inclusion Committee.

Balbriggan Inclusion Week Committee – Social Inclusion Tour

On Tuesday 15th August Balbriggan Inclusion Week Committee came together for the first time. The overall purpose of Balbriggan Inclusion Week Committee is to foster connections and collaborate through a partnership approach with members of the committee and wider community/services/agencies regarding Fingal Inclusion Week activities in Balbriggan.

The Committee aim to highlight the strong collaborations within the community through a 'Social Inclusion Week Tour' at 5/6 locations ending with a showcase of services to the local community and an illustrated social narrative piece.



Festival in a Van



Festival in a Van visited five locations in Fingal in August, bringing music, poetry and song to communities in Portrane, Donabate, Rush, Lusk and Skerries. Supported by the Community Office and funded by Creative Fingal, the van played short gigs in St Ita's Resource Centre, Portrane and Donabate Community Centre. The visiting musicians and poets were joined on both occasions by locals. The following day the event visited St Catherine's Estate in Rush and later Floraville Park, Skerries where the touring musicians were joined by dancers from the local refugee community. Finally, the Van reached Garristown in north county Fingal and joined with local musicians celebrating the preparation work carried out for the Pride of Place competition taking place later this month.





2023 Safer Halloween Programme and Community Scarecrow Competition



The Community Development Office has received expressions of interest from over 60 community groups in participating in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme. This programme provides fun recreational and diverse activities for young people during the week before Halloween to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activities. Participating projects will also organise stay safe activities and promote the Community Development Office 'Stay Safe and Awareness' campaign. This will generate an awareness of other deterrent initiatives provided by Fingal County Council including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty and Bonfire Removal measures.

This year, the Community Office will host a Community Scarecrow competition, for more information and to register click here https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-safer-halloween-scarecrow-compedition before Friday 15th September.

LGBTQI+ Mapping of Community Group and Services

During the Summer over 80 community groups and services took part in a mapping of LGBTQI+ supports and services in Fingal. The Community Development Office, in partnership with LGBTI Ireland, is inviting submissions from those who

may have been engaging with or were interested in engaging with member of the LGBTQI+ community. The purpose of the project is to identify the community groups and services that are responding in Fingal, as well as identifying any interagency work or working relationship in existence and to identify any training required. As a result, LGBTQI+ General Awareness Training is taking place in Blanchardstown (Parslickstown Community Centre) on Monday 18th September in Balbriggan (Bracken Court Hotel) on Saturday 16th and Swords (Applewood) on Saturday 23rd September.

Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden celebrates 10th Anniversary.



Racecourse Community Garden, Baldoyle celebrated their 10th Anniversary on 24th June 2023 in the company of the Mayor Cllr, Adrian Henchy, Cllr. Joan Hopkins, volunteers, family and friends. The Community Department supported the development of the Community Garden in 2013 and continues to provide support to the project. The community garden continues to grow from strength to strength and is very much a community space. While gardening remains the focus, the garden continues to develop with designated social spaces for BBQ's, outdoor films, boules and tables/chairs for tea and chats and is an example of what can be achieved when communities work together.



Community Garden Networking



The Community Department coordinated a meeting of members of Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden and Broadmeadow Community Garden to share experiences and plans for the community garden. Members of Broadmeadow Community Garden visited Baldoyle Community Garden on 31st July 2023 and learnt how the garden developed as a community space with regular social events. Baldoyle garden is also used by other local groups and schools as well as 'friends of the garden". Members shared their gardening experiences and fund-raising ideas to facilitate further plans for both gardens, with plans afoot to visit other community gardens.

Celebrating Summer Solstice in Swords



On 21st June 2023 Broadmeadow Community Garden celebrated Summer Solstice by hosting a gathering of local community groups. Broadmeadow Gardeners invited residents, as well as members of Swords Men's Shed, Swords Women's Shed, Fingal Beekeepers, Fingal Horticultural Society, Tidy Towns and Swords Singers to spend some time in the garden and share knowledge and produce. Refreshments of tea, cakes, bread and honey were enjoyed over talks about planting, composting and best flowers for bees. While a new section of the garden was planted with crops of onions and pumpkins, produce such as peas, lettuce was shared with guests and slips of rosemary, lavender and mint were given to all to take home and plant.

Swords Circular Economy

Swords Circular Economy project is part of the Community Department's Keen to Be Green Communities Initiative. It is a collaboration between the Community Department and Swords Tidy Towns, Swords Beekeepers, Swords Woodlands, Broadmeadow Community Garden, Swords Men's Shed and Swords Women's Shed. It takes place in August and September with various workshops, talks and as well as nature and woodland walks in locations throughout Swords.
During August Fingal Beekeepers Association gave a talk the importance of protecting bees and how to help them in Broadmeadows. The community garden was presented with specially designed sign for their garden to acknowledge the work they do in planting and development of various pollinator beds.



Swords Women's Shed hosted a talk on how to create bespoke pieces of art and on upcycling clothing. They were reminded of the impact of purchasing sustainable clothing, shoes and handbags and the value of visiting and supporting local charity shops.



A masterclass on the Art of Upcycling was facilitated by Ukrainian artist Liliia Ilvovska. Over 35 people from all over Fingal attended this masterclass on how to take simple pieces of plain clothes, denim, cotton and transform them to bespoke pieces.

The over-all aim of the Swords Circular Economy is to develop an awareness among residents of the need to promote biodiversity and provide practical steps that individuals can take to promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy, and advance Fingal's climate action commitments while at the same time promoting a sense of community in Swords. Upcoming events include guided nature walks in the Swords area for families, a sustainable gardening course, food waste workshops, clothes swap shop, guided woodlands walk and a free cycle repair workshop.

St. Margarets Community Clean Up



A community clean took place in St. Margaret's on 22nd July 2023. St. Margarets Community Group organised the clean-up around the village and St. Brigid's Well. Thanks to Operations Dept, litter picking equipment, gloves, bags were supplied and collected after the clean-up. Refreshments were on hand to sustain volunteers.

COYGIG- Rivervalley Community Centre Watch Party



Rivervalley Community Centre, Rivervalley Rangers Soccer club and the Revive Group hosted a Ladies World Cup Watch Party on 20th July. There was standing room only in the community centre as the Irish team took on Australia. Young and old cheered the team on, as four screens displayed the Irish team's best endeavours. Plenty of goodie bags, fruit and chocolate kept the supporters going.

Shared Island Intergenerational Project

Department of Foreign Affairs, Shared Island Civic Society Funding was awarded to support a cross border intergenerational project in Balbriggan and the village of Mayobridge, Newry. This is a collaboration between the Community Department and Linking Generations Northern Ireland. Both communities will participate in separate intergenerational projects, each involving 10 older people and 10 younger people, and will share experiences throughout the project. The initiative will commence with a workshop for all participants on 9th September 2023 in Balbriggan, facilitated by Linking Generations Northern Ireland. Following this initial session preparations will begin to develop projects in each location.

Integration Art Project

A recent collaborative project between the Dublin 15 Community Development Team and the Ukrainian Support Officer brought two groups together, the Mountview Art Group and the Ukrainian Art Group. The aim of this project is to encourage shared experiences through the medium of art. The launch of the exhibition take place on 6th September at 6.30pm in Blanchardstown Library and will run for one week. The project will support a further 10-week integration art programme where both groups will meet each week and build on their art skills, shared knowledge and friendship.



Ongar Youth Planting Initiative

The Community Office in collaboration with Environment and Operations Departments worked with Ongar Community Centre and Ongar Development initiative to support a Parenting and Teen planting project in Ongar Village through Anti-Litter and Graffiti funding. The project took place on the 30th of July and had an excellent turnout of volunteers in addition to over 30 young people. The initiative was also supported by several local businesses in the area who provided food and refreshments for the volunteers. We look forward to seeing other projects from the group in the future.



Castlecurragh Family Fun Day

Castlecurragh Residents Association held their second annual Family Fun Day in Mulhuddart Community Centre. The event was supported by the Community Development Office, as well as by Mulhuddart Community Centre, members of the Mulhuddart Football Club, Foróige and the Community Gardaí. The family fun day was very well attended by the local community. Planning for next year's event is already underway.



Variety Show Group Talent Competition



The Variety Show Group held their Talent Show Competition this year in Mulhuddart Community Centre. Supported by the Community Development Office, this event showcased the wealth of talent of all ages and backgrounds from the local area. The organising committee and each show participant put in an incredible amount of work to make the event successful. Well done to all who attended and participated in auditions, rehearsals and the big event itself.

Facilities

Lets Sing! Community Choir Pilot Project – Dublin 15



Five Community Facilities have embarked on a collaboration between the Community Development Office and Draiocht. This pilot

project will see community choirs set up across five community centres for the last quarter of 2023. Draoicht have sourced a Choir Master Debra Salem who will provide guidance and oversee the establishment of the community choirs. There is no audition as everyone is welcome. The main purpose is to bring people together to have fun through singing. The choirs will take place at

1. Parslickstown House
2. Mountview Youth and Community Centre
3. Huntstown Community Centre
4. Castleknock Community Centre
5. Ongar Community Centre

This initiative will provide new opportunities for engagement with community facilities. It is hoped that by the end of the project one overall choir will be established for Dublin 15. The Community Office will then explore supporting the choir under the One Town One Voice Project. The pilot project will commence on 13th October and will run through to 3rd December.

100% target reached for AEDs in FCC supported community facilities

We are delighted to confirm that we have reached the target to provide an automated external defibrillator in each of our FCC supported community facilities. The AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It is a sophisticated yet easy to use medical device that can analyse the hearts rhythm and if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation to help the hear re-establish an effective rhythm. This has been an ongoing project for the past three years and we are delighted to have reached out goal. We are also rolling out Cardiac First Response training at all sites to ensure that at least 25% of the Community facility staff are adequately trained.
Our plan is to ensure that all staff employed in our community centres will be proficient in the use of the AED equipment in 2024. We have had several first aid emergency instances in our centres where staff have had to deal with emergency situations. Thankfully due to the high level of training provided they were able to manage the emergency until the arrival of the emergency services. This project will further support our commitment to making the difference and possibly saving lives.

Interagency

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

Playful Streets Pilot

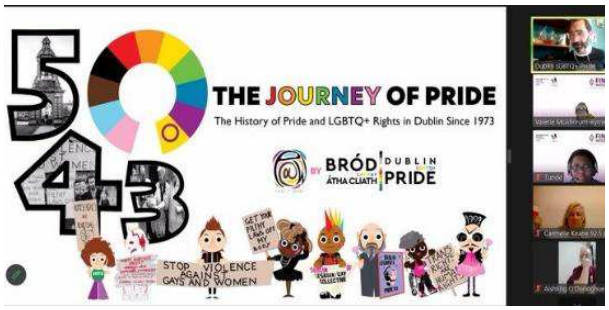


Playful Streets took place across 11 locations in Fingal throughout July and August in a collaboration between the council, A Playful City and local resident's groups. The concept of a Playful Street is to encourage children to play outdoors on a temporarily closed street. The focus of the council is to streamline the process and associated costs of the temporary road closures so that a local group of residents will be able to organise and run their own playful streets going forward. A play bag to the value of €250 funded through the Ukraine Community Recognition Funding was provided by the Council at each event.

Integration:

Journey of Pride training to Community and Voluntary Groups across Fingal

The Community Development division hosted the Journey of Pride LGBTQ+ workshop in collaboration with Dublin Pride for community and voluntary groups across Fingal. The training explored the History of Pride and LGBTQ+ Rights. It was very informative as a broad range of community groups and organisations participated in the training.





Diversity, Equality, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) in the Workplace



15 Staff across Housing, Community, Corporate and Libraries participated in the DEIB (Diversity Equality Inclusion & Belonging) workshop organised in collaboration with Dublin Pride. The training explored various topics such as understanding barriers to Inclusion in the workplace,



Pride Packs for Fingal Community Centres

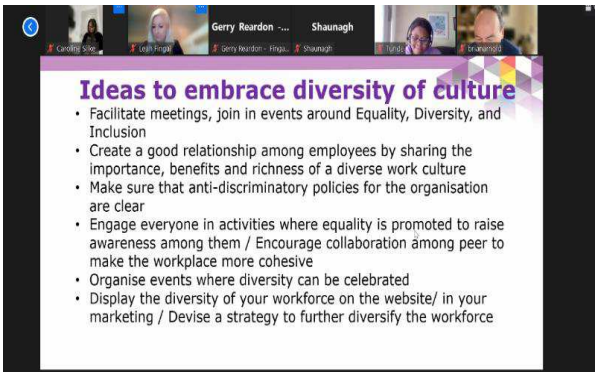


The Fingal Integration Officer visited community centres across Fingal to ensure that the resource materials are available to support them in raising awareness for the LGBTQ+ Communities and their Ally's during Pride Month.



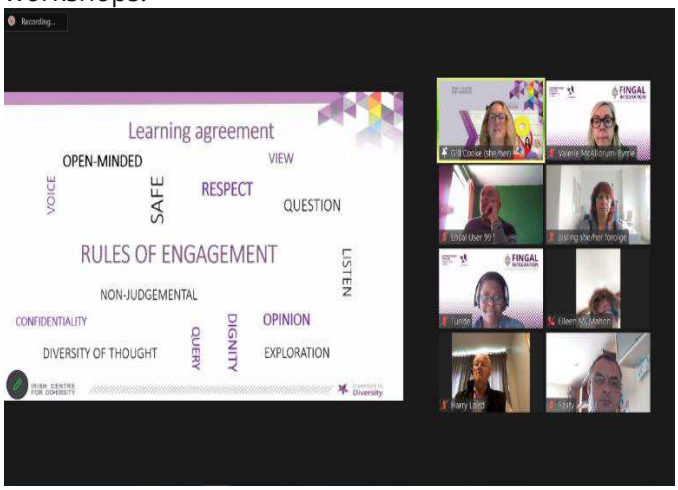
Cultural Awareness Workshops

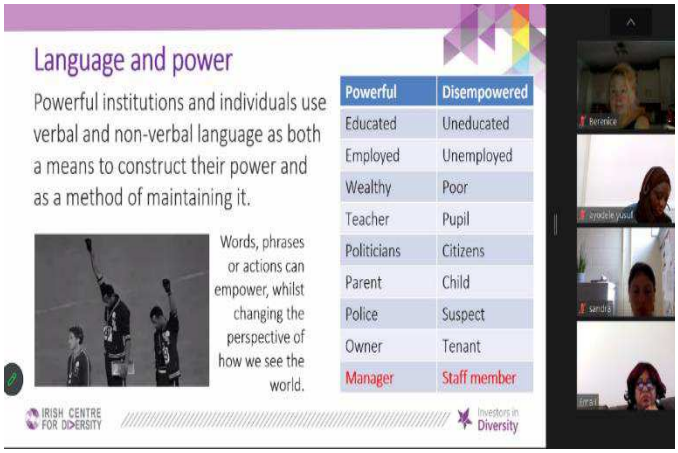
The Community Development division hosted a Cultural Awareness Masterclass in partnership with the Irish Centre for Diversity for both staff and community groups. This training looked at personal identity, biases and what it means to live in a culturally diverse community.

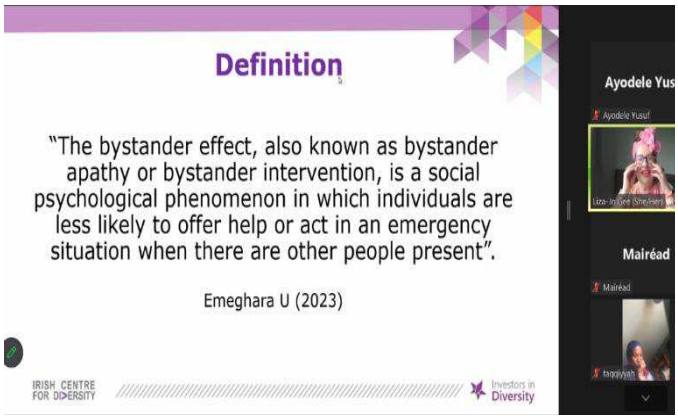


Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Masterclass Series

A Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Masterclass Series was run over a number of weeks for Community Groups to update participants on the latest guidelines and to support them to raise awareness in their work and their communities. The series included Diversity Equality and Inclusion, Inclusive Language and Bystander workshops.







Ukrainian Supports

Sail Training with Ukrainian Teens



In June the Community Development Division collaborated with Amazon to bring 10 Ukrainian teens from Deer Park and the Hildan Guest House to an incredible 5-day voyage on the Irish seas. Sail training requires participants to confront many demanding challenges, both physical and emotional.

It is an activity that inspires self-confidence and the acceptance of personal responsibility. This project was so successful that Sail Training have suggested they nominate two of the teens for Sail Training Ireland Awards & encouraged them to become Mentors themselves. One of which, Valerii arrived to Ireland just before his 18th birthday, while his entire family remain in Ukraine – he was truly indispensable to the younger teens on this trip.

Flavours of Fingal Inclusion





Flavours of Fingal is Ireland's largest summer family fun event, and we were sure to include our Ukrainian guests in the festivities. Fingal organised transport for 500 Ukrainians from rest centre, serviced accommodations and pledged properties to attend Newbridge Demesne as well as providing refreshments as part of the celebrations. A fantastic time was had by all.

Fingal PPN

Fingal Public Participation Network

PPN Resource Officer

Recruitment for a PPN Resource Officer is ongoing with interviews set to take place in September. An interim administrative support arrangement has been implemented by the Community Office to support the PPN Secretariat with their meetings along with processing approval of PPN registrations by new groups. Membership of the PPN has reached 700 community and voluntary groups.

Age Friendly Fingal

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.

Vintage Picnic 2023



On 27th July 2023 Fingal Age Friendly hosted the first ever Vintage Picnic, Arts Creativity, and Music Festival for over 55's Swords Castle.

500 older adults attended the festival which was packed full of creativity workshops, mindfulness and artistic activities, give it a go drumming, ukulele and bodhran sessions as well garden games, cricket for all, and cycling without age. Live music was provided by Blanchardstown Ukulele Group, 4 together featuring Niamh Kavanagh and The Swing Cats.

The event had something for everyone, bringing together the over 55's community from across Fingal in a setting that encouraged connection, fun, and creativity. It serves as a reminder that age is just a number and that there is always room for trying new things, celebrating life, meeting new people to help us to all age well in Fingal. For more information https://www.fingal.ie/news/fingal-age-friendly-hosts-vintage-picnic-arts-creativity-and-music-festival-over-55s-swords

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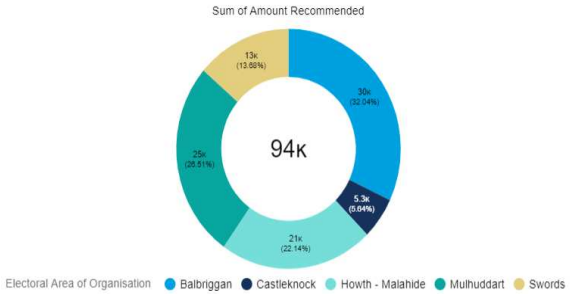


Information Event/Showcase for Over 55's: Baldoyle/Sutton

Following from the success of the Information Event for Over 55s in Swords with took place earlier this year, a similar event will take place in Suttonians Rugby Club on Thursday 14th September 2023 (2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Information stands will be provided by local organisations and groups providing services and activities for older people in the locality, such as the HSE, An Garda Siochana, Age Friendly Ireland, Age Action, Alone, Citizens Information, MABS, libraries, U3A and community centres plus many more.

Funding

Activities Funding @ 25th August 2023



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 47 projects to the amount of €94,002 in 2023.

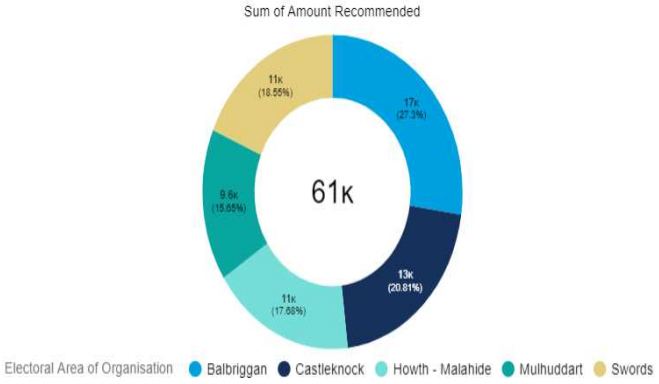
Howth Malahide – €20,812K – across 10 projects

Swords - €12,855- across 6 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €30,222 – across 17 projects

Balbriggan - €30,114 - across 14 projects

Sport Equipment Funding @ 25 August 2023



Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 24 projects to the amount of €61,083 in 2023

Howth Malahide – €10,802 – across 4 projects

Swords - €11,331 - across 5 projects

Castleknock/Mulhuddart- €22,275 – across 9 projects

Balbriggan - €16,676 – across 6 projects

Community Funding Information Evening

The Community and Sports Division is hosting an online information evening on Wednesday 18th October, 7.00pm – 8.30pm on the **Community and Sports Office Community Activities Funding Scheme.** This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to wish to apply for funding of sports equipment, area enhancement activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material. A group can apply for up to €3,000 under this fund. Join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share their ideas.

To book please click here https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-county-council%E2%80%99s-community-and-sports-office-community-activities-funding-information-evening

SPORTS OFFICE

The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults, and people with disabilities

Her Outdoors Week

The "HER Outdoors Week," took place from 13th – 20th August was a national campaign developed by Sport Ireland Outdoors. Its primary objective is to promote and encourage more females to explore and appreciate the advantages of outdoor activities while highlighting local opportunities available for girls and women to engage in outdoor physical pursuits.

Throughout the week, 16 events were organised by the Fingal Sports Office, attracting a significant turnout of 471 participants across all events. Notably, several events attracted substantial interest and participation, such as the Yoga and Dip sessions introduced by the new Fingal Swim

Officer Megan Swan at Donabate and Portmarnock Beach, Paddle Boarding in Malahide Estuary, and Fingal Orienteering at Malahide Castle.





Balbriggan Beach Festival

In its third year, the Balbriggan Beach Festival 2023 successfully achieved its goals of enhancing community cohesion, highlighting opportunities and achievements of local sports clubs and providing a day of family-centred activities.

With the collaboration of Fingal Sports Office and local sports clubs, this event emphasised dedication to both sports and community engagement. With over 2000 local attendees, the festival witnessed impressive support.

Participants enthusiastically engaged in various sports like Olympic handball, beach volleyball on the permanent nets, rugby, cricket, and football. Additionally, the festival offered family-oriented activities, including yoga sessions, drumming workshops, PLAY activities, and a lively Colour Party finale, enhancing the beach with vibrant colours, funded by Active Cities Dublin. The Balbriggan Beach Festival 2023 was an enormous success, uniting the local community, celebrating local sports clubs, and delivering an enjoyable day of family entertainment. It has firmly established itself as an eagerly anticipated annual event, continuing to unite the Fingal community.





3 x 3 Basketball Ireland Tour

Fingal Sports Office, in collaboration with Basketball Ireland, recently hosted a successful tour of 3x3 basketball events at various locations across Fingal County Council. The events, which were held at Balbriggan's Millfield Shopping Centre, Swords Pavilions Shopping Centre, and Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, aimed to showcase the incredible basketball talent in the local communities. Additionally, the events promoted community engagement and encouraged residents to participate in come-and-try sessions.

One of the tour's highlights was Balbriggan's Late-Night Basketball group participating. This group plays every Friday evening in Flemington Community Centre 7-10pm and brought a group of 60 youths together to partake in the fun of the tour. This event served as a terrific way to kick off the tour and set the tone for the rest of the events. Overall, it provided an exceptional opportunity for everyone to engage in some fantastic basketball action. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the tour by Active Cities Dublin.





Fingal Women's FAI Watch Party

On the 20th of July, Fingal Sports Office and Active Cities Dublin hosted Fingal's FAI Women's Watch Party, which was a celebration of women's football. The event attracted up to 1500 individuals, including residents of D15, local football clubs and supporters. This event, which was free of charge, featured enormous screens that allowed attendees to experience the live action with the same level of intensity as if they were in the stadium. In addition, an exciting competition for the "best-dressed super fan" was organised, which added an extra layer of excitement to the event, with prizes awarded, including a signed Ireland jersey.

The positive and lively atmosphere among supporters further contributed to the festive spirit of the occasion, and the Australian Embassy Ambassador also joined in the celebration of Ireland vs. Australia. The Fingal Women's Watch Party was a great success, highlighting the importance of women's football within the county while also embracing the legacy of Fingal's projects of a new TY FAI girl's course, Girls World Cup blitz before the Watch Party, and a MentHERship programme that encourages football at all ages, all mentioned below in the FAI update.





Fingal Sports Office and Ukrainian Centre collaboration

Fingal Sports Office, in collaboration with the Fingal Ukrainian centres, has actively promoted community engagement and inclusivity through various sporting initiatives throughout the summer months Notably, the Ukrainian community has significantly participated in the below events, illustrating their growing integration into the local sports scene.

During HER Outdoors Week, the Aer Lingus Bowls Day saw substantial Ukrainian participation, with 40 attendees. This involvement has paved the way for further integration of the Ukrainian community into the Aer Lingus Bowls club for upcoming events and programmes. In addition, Basketball Ireland's donation of a basketball net to the Liam Rodgers Ukrainian group led to the initiation of an introduction to basketball programme for 4 weeks in the centre. Ukrainian residents' keen interest highlights the positive impact of inclusive sports programmes and their potential integration into local clubs.

Furthermore, 150 Ukrainian residents attended the Balbriggan Beach Festival Promoting social integration as Fingal Sports Office organised transport and lunch/ice-creams for the residents to enjoy at the Balbriggan beach. Fingal Sports Office's support, including equipment provision and transportation, contributed to the success of these events, emphasising the power of sports in fostering unity within the diverse community.





Parkfit

Throughout the summer, weekly Parkfit sessions were organised in various locations across Fingal, including Meakstown, Swords, Balbriggan, and the newly introduced location in Miller's Glen, Swords.

These sessions allowed participants to immerse themselves in outdoor physical activity within parks of Fingal. Throughout the ten-week duration, each of these locations consistently attracted more than 30 participants, underlining the widespread interest and enthusiasm for outdoor exercise within the community.

Furthermore, Parkfit played a pivotal role in the HER Outdoors Week festivities. During this special week, Parkfit programmes garnered substantial attention, with a remarkable turnout of over 150 women actively participating in these fitness programmes. This enthusiastic engagement during HER Outdoors Week underscored the commitment of the community to promote and celebrate female involvement in outdoor fitness and well-being initiatives.



Sports Leadership



The Sports Office collaborated with Foroige Balbriggan and Balbriggan RFC to deliver a week-long Sports Leadership programme during August.

The programme gave the group the opportunity to obtain Youth Leadership qualification as well as three Sports Qualifications and the opportunity to do some coaching experience in their club. The event culminated in a trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre as well as a chance to harness their leadership skills at the Beach Festival Event in Balbriggan.

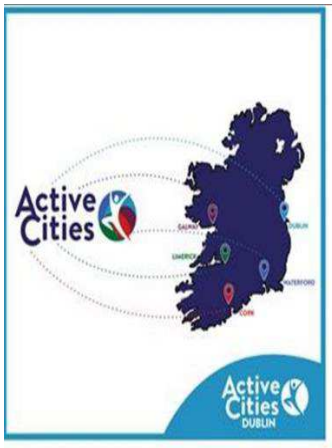


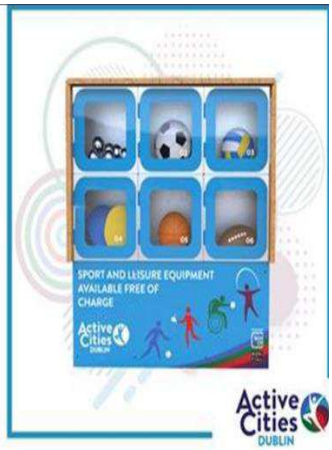
Boxup

Fingal County Council has introduced a pilot project of BoxUp units at Skerries Community Centre and Rush South Beach. These innovative units enhance local recreational spaces, promoting a vibrant outdoor lifestyle.

The Active Cities Programme focuses on encouraging physical activity, particularly among the least active in society. This initiative, involving the Swiss-based company BoxUp, provides easy local access to free sports and leisure equipment thus reducing barriers to participation.

Eight Local Sports Partnerships have collaborated with BoxUp to bring these solar-powered lockers, filled with equipment tailored to local amenities, to Ireland. Users can access the equipment through a free app.





Co-funded Officers Highlights

FAI (Football Association of Ireland)

38 Summer Camps throughout Fingal, engaging over 3,500 participants.

In conjunction with FCC and Garda – Balbriggan 'Late Nite League' was extended to continuation through the summer to August, due to the demand of participating cohort. Every Friday, an average of 50 youths 'dropped-in' for this safe and secure community-intervention – which assists in informal Community Policing

Involved in 10 Club 'Watch Parties' for Ireland matches during Women's World Cup – providing 'party packs' for clubhouses

With FCC, delivered a 'Girls World Cup' Blitz at Abbottstown on 16th July – 15 teams, consisting of 140 players, aged between 7–10 year-olds, provided an excellent day of skill, friendship, and fun.



MentHERship Scheme' - Building on the excitement and legacy of the World Cup, FCC is funding female coaches, aged 16-21, on their 'Coaching Pathway' Education Courses - on the proviso they MUST coach younger girl players at their clubs.



Free- Fingal Referee Course - encouraging all community members to consider becoming a referee.

Leinster Cricket
Corduff Cricket Day-Camps, 24 8-11year olds (including 13 girls) participated throughout July, as a follow-on from weekly coaching visits to St Patrick's NS during May / June

Cricket For All
'Cricket for All' Guide published in August (official launch with Mayor in September. 1st ever schools 'Table Cricket Match' between TETNS v St Luke's - which concluded with a visit to Tyrrelstown Cricket Club. Over 120 participants took part in Cricket 4 All summer activities

Leinster Rugby
Camps – Westmanstown RFC & Balbriggan RFC – 250 kids took part in 10 days designed as an intro to game. 14 new sign-ups accrued, 5 girls & 9 boys. 'Give it a Try' - a one night a week initiative aimed at attracting girls to rugby based in 3 clubs; Suttonians (13–17 year-olds), Balbriggan and Skerries (6–12 year-olds) - over 100 girls took part.

For the first time, 5 female players from the Fingal area were selected for Leinster U/18s Panel; 3 from Skerries / 1 each form Balbriggan and Coolmine... to note, 5 years ago these clubs did not even have operational Girls Sections. Two girls have further progressed to the Ireland U/18s. 6 FCC area boys have been selected to Leinster U/18s.

Community Summer Projects; Rugby offered at Balbriggan Aster Family Camp + Mulhuddart Community Centre

Swim Ireland



Following on from the Fingal Swim Officer, Megan Swans successful delivery of 'Yoga and Dip' sessions during 'Her Outdoors' Week (sessions in Skerries, Donabate and Portmarnock – 211 participants, ages 8-65) - Swim Ireland will deliver a 6 week 'Yoga & Dip' session on Donabate Beach from September,

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Strategic Planning

Active Travel Strategy

The Active Travel Strategy was presented at the full Council meeting in June 2023 and has been adopted by the councillors.

The Strategy is now intended for use by planners, decision makers and anyone else within the council who is in a position to influence how people travel around the county.

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.

An official opening of the project is being organised for mid-September





New tree and shrub planting along Brackenstown Road and St. Cronan's Avenue

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 are in the process of appointing the successful tenderer for the works contract.

These works will be commencing over the coming weeks with drainage and kerbing to be the first items to take place. Traffic Management will be in place throughout the works, but no road closures are anticipated at this stage. Temporary speed limit order is being processed at present to reduce the speeds along this section of road to 60km/hr. 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.

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 to allow the Project Team to go to the market for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground. This project will be going to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor and progressing to Construction stage at the end of Q3 start of Q4 this year.

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 is in the process of appointing 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. 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. Further enabling works to continue over Q'3 2023.

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 and press release has been done by FCC on project.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023 once consultation with the Department of Education has been completed.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. Further design changes are being developed by the design team taking into consideration future BusConnects projects in the immediate area. A Gateway 2 Report is nearing finalisation to be issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. A project appraisal report is also being prepared.

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. 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 has been completed and works are ongoing in appointing a consultant during September.

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, outlined to be by the 11th of September 2023.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Tender competition has closed and assessment is ongoing. It is the aim to appoint a consultant during September 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. These 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 working rigorously over the summer in 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 to allow the Project Team to go to the market for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground. This project will be going to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor and progressing to Construction stage at the end of Q3 start of Q4 this year.

Rush South Beach:

Engineering consultant currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners have taken place during the summer, 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 Dublin 15 areas in the coming weeks. Locations are currently being agreed for expansion of virtual e-bike parking in public areas. Active Travel has taken delivery of six new bike repair stations and will be rolling out two stations in each area. Installation works have now commenced.



Recently installed bike repair station

22 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in St Catherine's Estate, Rush, Co. Dublin. The contractor has installed 5 Bicycle Stands at St. Catherine's Playground and 6 Bicycle Stands at St. Catherine's Astro.


Recently installed Bicycle Stands at St. Catherine's Playground, Rush, Co. Dublin


Recently installed Bicycle Stands at St. Catherine's Astro, Rush, Co. Dublin

Road Safety

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together

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 at the end of Q4 2023.



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

Community Cycle Portmarnock to Howth

On Saturday 26 August, members of the Active Travel team led a community cycle from Portmarnock to Howth, using the new connector path that connects Station Road to the Baldoyle-Portmarnock Greenway.

The cycle started at Station Road Portmarnock, using the new cycle path connecting to the Greenway, stopping at Baldoyle Community Hall to collect more participants, then continuing to Howth for a well-deserved ice cream!

There was an excellent turn out with approximately 30 participants, with several families with young children taking part. The cycle demonstrated the importance of well-connected and easily accessible cycle paths, to encourage maximum participation in cycling.




Cycling Without Age

In July we launched the 4th Trishaw in Fingal with Baldoyle becoming available to the Public for Bookings.

Over the course of the Summer, we held Cycling Without Age Open Days in Skerries and Santry as well as Volunteer Pilot Trainings across the four locations on multiple occasions

Trishaw Trips are free to the public and can be booked through the Fingal Website

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/cycling-without-age-fingal



Wheelchair Bike Trips

Over the summer months we worked with a number of Disability Service Providers in the Malahide and Dublin 15 areas to facilitate access to the Wheelchair Platform Bike. This bike allows people in a wheelchair to enjoy the sensation of going for a cycle without the need to transfer from their wheelchair. The summer initiative proved very successful and popular and we are looking at ways to expand this initiative to make the bike more easily and openly accessible.



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.

Active Travel at Flavours of Fingal

The Active Travel Team were delighted to be part of the Fingal Village again this year for Flavours of Fingal. The Weekend was a great success with our Bike Locking and Transport Hierarchy Games proving very popular among visitors to our stand. We also had Pedal Powered Games on the Wellness Lawn and were able to provide the Events Unit with two Raleigh Closed Box eCargo Bikes for the weekend which helped them navigate the crowds while transporting equipment around the site.





Active Travel at Malahide Family Day

The Active Travel Section we're represented at a very wet Malahide Family Day in July. Despite the weather, the event was well attended, and it was a brilliant chance to engage with residents and visitors to Malahide for the day.



Active Travel at the Vintage Picnic

Cycling Without Age was represented at the Vintage Picnic in Swords Castle, this brilliant Age Friendly Event was a great opportunity to spread the message about Cycling Without Age in Fingal. Well done to all in Community for organising a brilliant event.





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. As we continue into the Autumn we have courses in Applewood, Rivervalley and Bayside-Sutton.

Active Travel & Heritage Week

This year as part of Heritage Week we helped in organising 3 Heritage Walks in Malahide, Portmarnock and Swords. These free walking tours gave a great insight into the rich heritage of Fingal.



Adult Cycling Lessons

We are starting a new set of adult cycling lessons in partnership with Cycling Ireland from Monday 28th August in Mick Walsh Park in Mulhuddart. These sessions are targeting members of our new communities to encourage them to engage with Fingal and Active Travel



Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries continues to provide a vital service for people who need support in attending hospital appointments, shopping and various other tasks.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trip Numbers	Appointment Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
February 23	106	90	12	4
March 23	108	58	34	16
April 23	114	80	16	18
May 23	65	34	11	14
June 23	50	26	8	16
July 23	50	33	7	10

The Community Car is being upgraded in September to a Volkswagon ID4. This will help when transporting multiple passengers who require walking frames and other smaller mobility aids



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!

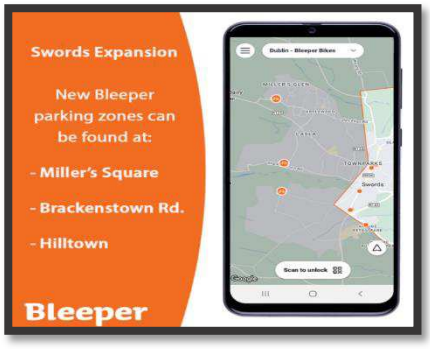
1206 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in July
1230 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in July
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (16.9%) & Saturdays (16.4%)
Hartstown, Sutton and Blanchardstown were the most popular starting points
Estimated emissions avoided in July - 562kg of CO2

Swords Parking Hubs

As part of the drive to improve bike share usage in the Swords area Bleeper Bike have put in place Parking Hubs in three locations around swords. St Cronan's Avenue, Ward Rivervalley Park and Applewood Village. These Hubs have been trialled in other locations in Dublin City and have proved very successful.

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. From Monday 28th August Bleeper Bike are offering customers their first use of the bike for free. This will be applied through a coupon and be available through the Bleeper Bike App.





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	3,031
No of Customers	1,394
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	12,487 km
Average Trip Duration	19 min
Average Trip length (KM)	4.1 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.

Virtual Parking Bays

We have installed nine Virtual Parking Bays in Dublin 15, these geofenced spaces don't require sheffield stands but provide a safe space to finish bike share trips. These spaces have led to a large increase in usage in areas underserved by Sheffield Stands.

Climate Action

Fingal's new Climate Action Plan is on the way!

The Environment Climate Action and Active Travel Department are preparing a Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (CAP). This Draft Plan continues the progress made through the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024, building on the successful outcomes and learnings from the first cycle. The Draft Plan contains an exciting list of climate actions across six thematic areas including a Community Engagement theme which is a new addition to this CAP and reflects the Councils ambition for the Plan. The other thematic areas include Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions, Circular Economy and Resource Management. The Plan demonstrates Fingal's continued commitment to climate action by proposing innovative climate adaptation and mitigation actions which the Council intends to take.

Four key targets have been identified for the 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.*

An extensive public consultation process will begin in mid-September when the Council hosts a series of public information events to actively engage with and inform the public and other stakeholders of the proposed Plan. There will be an opportunity for the public to engage with the draft Plan during this process, and there will be an opportunity for feedback in the form of submissions during the consultation period.

Details of the public information events will be posted on Fingal's social media in the coming weeks, and we strongly encourage you to take action and come along and have your say!

Climate Action at Flavours of Fingal

The Climate Action Team attended the Fingal Village at Flavours of Fingal to raise awareness of climate change and to highlight climate actions we can all take. The Team spoke to members of the

public about the effects of climate change that are evident in our everyday lives globally and locally and how important taking climate action and living more sustainably can be in helping reduce our carbon emissions and prevent further global warming.

The Team provided information on natural alternatives to using environmentally harmful chemicals in the household and in the garden and there was a food waste display demonstrating how food waste can be managed in the home, the composting process and the importance of the peat free compost produced as an alternative to garden peat which comes from our precious bogs, one of the more important carbon sinks provided by nature. 1000 food waste caddies were provided free to members of the public at the event.

There was also an opportunity to highlight Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and the fact that it is under review and a new Climate Action Plan will be out for public consultation in mid-September.



ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Competition funding was awarded to 16 applicant groups in July. The total amount awarded was €21,338. The groups are listed on the Fingal County Council website https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-competition-2023. Groups receive 50% payment up front, and 50% payment upon completion of their litter or graffiti project. This competition is supported by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

Children from Blakestown Junior NS supported by transition year students from Blakestown Community School created a model of a Sustainable City. Teacher Marie Burke was delighted to loan the model 'city of the future' to Fingal County Council Environmental Awareness Officer who arranged for its display in five Fingal libraries throughout the Summer. The model features solar and wind energy, EV charging points, local farmers market, a biodiversity area, water and wastewater treatment systems and a playground.

The Keen to be Green water phase visits were completed with community centres now working to reduce water use and manage waste sustainably.

Dyslexia-friendly wildlife books were offered to Fingal primary schools, 26 schools availed of the offer and will use them from September.

'Sea-shore Trips' provided beach and marine workshops to members of the public in August. Topics included coastal biodiversity, dune restoration and the importance of a litter-free environment.





Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

Bottle banks painting and upkeep of our bottle bank sites continued throughout the summer months with several bottle banks sites power washed and painted.





St Colmcille's GAA Club before

St Colmcille's GAA Club after





St Catherine's Park, Rush before

St Catherine's Park, Rush after





Rolestown Cemetery before

Rolestown Cemetery after





Millennium Park before

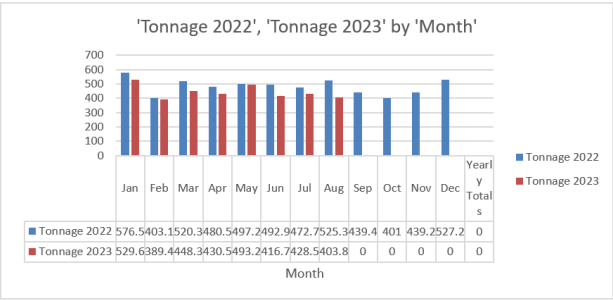
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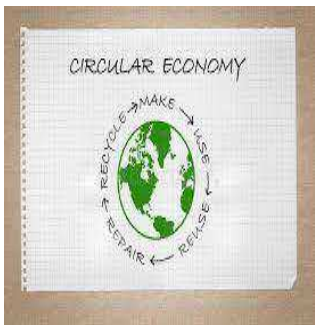
Corduff Before
Corduff After Painting

The Glass Tonnage Report for July and August 2023 year-to-date compared to tonnages collected in July and August 2022 is shown below. There were 428 tonnes of glass collected for recycling in July; there was 404 tonnes collected as of August 28th. This compares to 473 tonnes and 525 tonnes respectively for the same period(s) in 2022.



Textile Banks





Textile Bank at the Seatown Carpark collected 130Kgs of textiles over the month of July 2023. Please continue to recycle at this location.





Textile Banks in Howth Harbour with a total collection of 1.24 tons for the month of July 2023.

The Textile Tonnage Report for 2023 compared to 2022 is shown below. The amount of textiles collected for July 2023 was 23.73 tons compared to 21.82 tons which was collected in July 2022.



Litter Management

During July and August, the Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols, including all the litter black spots.



As Dog Fouling is an issue on all our beaches and can have a potential impact to water quality. Planned bathing water sampling have been taking place from May to September this year.

The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, they carried out extra inspections on the Saturday and Sundays prior to the water sampling. They carried out an awareness campaign in July and August 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

Litter Wardens are 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. The Litter warden carried out foot patrols in Howth and Swords and engaged with local businesses to ensure they were keeping their premises free of litter. Warning notices and fines were issued when deemed necessary.

There was 1 case before the district court in July, it was successful prosecuted and costs awarded.

2023	Fines Issued	Notices Issued
Month	Fines	Warning
July	50	10
August	29	5

The following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs July 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	12
Env - General Litter Issue	18
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Bottle Banks	5
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	5
Env – Abandoned cars	22

CRMs August 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	1
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	20
Env - General Litter Issue	11
Bottle Banks	7
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Env – Abandoned cars	20
Unauthorised signage	1

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 278 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 24th August 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
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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 24th August 2023	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as of 24th August 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
TOTAL	**3**	**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. 249 '10 Day Notices' were issued by the dog wardens during July and August 2023. 56 fines were issued during July and August 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

The Animal Welfare Section received 129 complaints in relation to dogs in July and August 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from March to August 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

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	**€23,700**
2022	**€15,400**
2021	**€1,200**

Day of Action – Dog Warden and An Garda Síochána

On Wednesday 26th the Dog Wardens joined members from Howth Garda Síochána in a planned beat/patrol of Howth Head and Harbour area to engage with the public and to advise dog owners about their responsibilities. The weather wasn't agreeable on the 26th July and footfall was low so the wardens called back out on Sunday 6th August to accompany the guards in the harbour area.





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 July there were 8 dogs in the shelter. During July and August 2023,55 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 1 dog was surrendered by a member of the public.
Of these 55 dogs,18 have been reclaimed by their owners, 21dogs have been rehomed to rescue and 8 have been rehomed to members of the public. At the end of August there are 15 dogs remaining in the shelter.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of July 2022	7	**Dogs in Shelter at start of July 2023**	8
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	26	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	55
Surrendered by owners	12	Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	11	Reclaimed	18
Rehomed to Rescue	12	Rehomed to Rescue	21
Rehomed to Public	13	Rehomed to Public	8
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of August 2022	8	Dogs in shelter at the end of August 2023	15





Avryl (aged 1 ½) and Tayto (lurcher aged 1) are both waiting looking for their forever homes. Both came in as strays and unfortunately never reclaimed.

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 were 2 horses seized from the public realm during July/August. Both horses weren't microchipped so notices were placed in local garda stations advising the owners to contact Environment Department to reclaim their horses. No owners came forward so the horses are now in the process of being rehomed to a suitable equine premises.

Waste Enforcement & Regulation

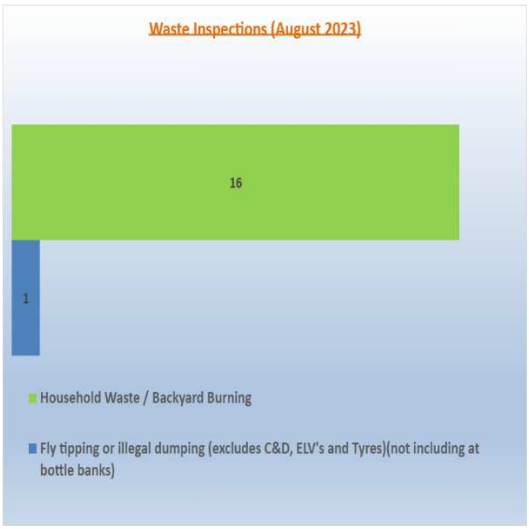
Waste Complaints

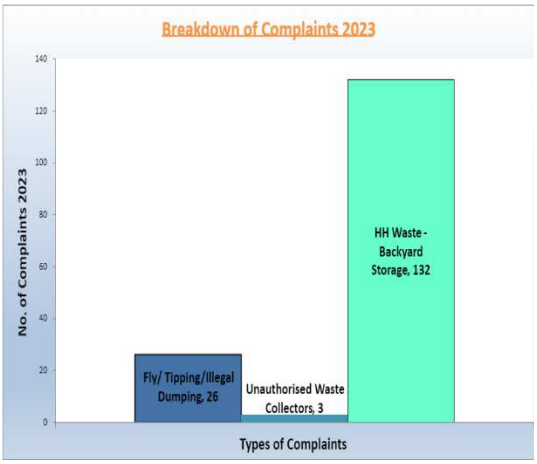
A total of 17 waste complaints were recorded for the month of August. Waste complaints investigated related to the illegal dumping of waste, backyard storage of waste and the backyard burning of waste.

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.









Waste Enforcement – Planning Applications and Planning Compliance

The Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section review and comment on planning permission applications. To date for 2023 a total of **94 planning applications** have been reviewed and reports issued. The proposed developments are assessed to gauge their potential to generate construction and demolition wastes and how these waste streams will be managed including by-product materials such as soil & stone and concrete.



Once a development has been granted planning permission, compliance documents relating to construction and demolition waste and operational waste management are forwarded to the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section for review. The submissions are assessed for compliance with national legislation, guidance and best practice. To date in 2023 a total of **97 compliance submissions** have been assessed by the Waste Enforcement and Regulation Section and reports issued to the Planning Department.

It is vital to condition planning permissions and assess planning compliance submissions to avoid situations where unauthorised waste collectors are used and waste is illegally disposed of. Construction and demolition waste can include hazardous streams such as asbestos or contaminated soils therefore it is important waste management is considered from an early stage of a development and authorised waste management contractors are used to carry, treat or dispose of construction and demolition waste which is a valuable resource.



End of Life Vehicle (ELV) Project

When Fingal County Council commenced the End of Life (ELV) Vehicle Project, a total of 87 illegal ELV sites were identified both low and high–risk sites. Considerable progress has been made to date with 85 illegal ELV sites closed resulting in over 1,500 ELV's brought to Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATF's) for recovery and disposal.



In July 2023 two cases were successfully prosecuted in the District Court with fines issued and legal costs awarded to Fingal County Council. The site operators in Lusk and Swords pleading guilty to offences under Section 39 and Section 55 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for illegally dismantling ELV's on site without the appropriate waste authorisation and for failing to comply with a Section 55 Notice to cease illegal activity and to clear the site of waste. Both sites have now been cleared and all illegal ELV activities have ceased. The last remaining 2 ELV sites are being cleared at present with operators co-operating with the Waste Enforcement Section to ensure ELV's and waste materials are removed and disposed of at authorised facilities. Follow up inspections are ongoing to ensure that sites previously cleared remain closed and that all illegal car breaking activities cease on a permanent basis.



RMCEI Performance for 2022

Fingal County Council met the required standard of a **Strong** or **Excellent** result for **85%** of the National Priorities in 2022. The national average was noted to be 59% with Fingal scoring high in the key thematic areas of 1/ Waste Enforcement, 2/ Water Pollution and 3/ Governance with ongoing improvements noted from the previous year. A plan is currently being devised to help improve performance in relation to Noise and Air Pollution which will involve the recruitment of additional officers to address national air/noise priorities and the current workload.

The overall results for Fingal were as follows for 2022:

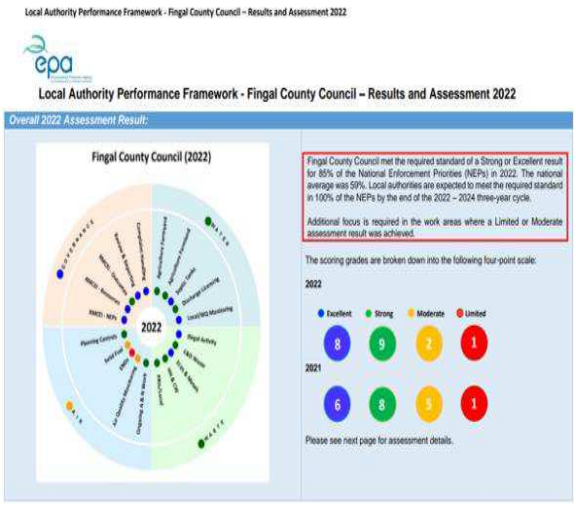
Fingal County Council – RMCEI 2022 Plan Assessment		
Thematic Area	**National Enforcement Priority**	**Result Assigned**
Governance Processes	RMCEI Plan: National Enforcement Priorities	**Excellent**
	RMCEI Plan: Environmental Resource Planning	**Excellent**
	RMCEI Plan: Environmental Outcomes	**Strong**
	RMCEI: Review and Reporting	**Excellent**
	Complaints Handling	**Excellent**
Waste Enforcement	Tackling significant illegal waste activities	**Excellent**
	Construction & Demolition (C & D) Waste	**Strong**
	End of Life Vehicles (ELV's) & Metal Traceability	**Excellent**
	Household & Commercial Waste	**Strong**
	Producer Responsibility Initiatives (PRI's), Local Priorities	**Strong**
Water Pollution	Pressure from Agriculture (Farmyards)	**Strong**
	Pressure from Agriculture (Farmlands)	**Strong**
	Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems/Septic Tanks	**Excellent**
	Discharge Licenses / Misconnections	**Strong**
	Local Priorities & Water Quality Monitoring	**Excellent**
Air & Noise Pollution	Air & Noise Controls (including Planning)	**Strong**
	Ongoing Air & Nosie Enforcement Work	**Strong**
	Solid Fuel	**Moderate**
	Air Quality Monitoring & Data Use	**Moderate**
	Noise – Environmental Noise Directive (END's)	**Limited**

Excellent = Very clear demonstration of outcomes achieved. Comprehensive system of detection + follow up.

Strong = Coherent story that clearly makes identifiable progress towards achieving outcomes.

Moderate = Useful additional to RMCEI Data Returns, includes some level of useful learning.

Limited = Little activity evident or no significant information provided to give context to RMCEI data.



Update on Code of Practice for CCTV

In accordance with the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (CEMPA 2022) the LGMA were tasked with developing Codes of Practice for:

1. The use of CCTV under the Waste Management Act, 1996.
2. The use of Mobile Recording Devices under the WMA, 1996.
3. The use of CCTV under the Litter Pollution Act, 1997.





A Local Government Sector working group have been working to develop these Codes of Practice since May 2022.

In accordance with Section 14C of the Waste Management Act, 1996 and Section 23B of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended by the CEMPA of 2022 the three draft Codes of Practice have been prepared and were submitted to the statutory consultees on Friday 4th August. The statutory consultees are as follows:

(i) the Minister for Environment, Climate Action and Communications,

(ii) the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage,

(iii) the Minister for Justice, and

(iv) the Data Protection Commission

A deadline of the 12th September 2023 has been set for the statutory consultees to revert with comments on the Codes of Practise. Following that the working group will examine and consider any feedback and adjust the Codes of Practise if required and move towards taking the appropriate Governance steps to conclude the final codes.

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of July / August 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of August 2023 is running at **79%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	123.4
Rates Collection %	79%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of July is €13.7m this is c.**35%** of the overall collection during 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	13.7
Levies collected as % of 2022	35%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of July is €47.7m which is c. **94%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	47.7
Percentage of budget YTD	96%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of August

Procurement Activity		**Note**
No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	174	
Value €m	49.6	
Procurements ongoing at end of August		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	43.0	
No. of procurements under evaluation	47	(ii)
Value €m	185.9	
No. of procurements at approved	19	(iii)
Value €m	16.8	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of August.
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the August.
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of August.

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 AUG 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	57,994,584	90,151,700	64%	60,301,261	94,681,700	64%	-2,306,677
Road Transport & Safety	21,225,748	32,392,400	66%	6,134,105	8,698,800	71%	15,091,643
Water Services	12,338,455	14,994,900	82%	11,846,523	18,028,400	66%	491,932
Development Management	13,695,125	19,874,200	69%	4,835,327	5,480,800	88%	8,859,799
Environmental Services	30,671,739	48,361,500	63%	7,316,407	10,542,200	69%	23,355,332
Recreation & Amenity	33,245,531	49,953,500	67%	1,497,513	2,386,500	63%	31,748,018
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,015,723	1,380,600	74%	274,925	340,100	81%	740,798
Miscellaneous Services	15,730,136	22,836,300	69%	18,079,915	24,576,200	74%	-2,349,779
Central Management Charge	30,413,673	53,803,600	57%	2,332,340	3,904,000	60%	28,081,333
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,519,533	9,779,300	67%	-6,519,533
Rates				103,553,800	155,330,700	67%	-103,553,800
	216,330,714	**333,748,700**	**65%**	**222,691,649**	**333,748,700**	**67%**	**-6,360,935**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	126,686,095	-81,706,781	-47,312
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	16,553,412	-12,246,763	16,340,122
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	612,424	-732,437	-10,931,434
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	21,418,193	-23,327,588	-136,213,318
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	3,151,938	-1,230,303	-19,381,671
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	21,035,443	-12,804,771	-5,872,401
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	13,256,355	-11,986,363	-50,972,898
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**202,713,860**	**-144,035,006**	**-207,078,912**

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/08/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 31/08/2023 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€3,146,921	€33,327,847	€31,403,791	€1,924,056
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,084,958	€259,891	€1,825,067
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,325,327	€4,533,160	€4,792,167

* 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	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date
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	€ 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 undergrounding of existing 10/20kv overhead at Ballymastone Recreational Hub	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 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	€ 32,910	01/08/2023	07/10/2023	5 weeks	23/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation of Traffic Signals in respect of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 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, Co. Dublin	AP + E	€ 63,680	08/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	**14/08/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Road Removal Works St. Itas, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 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	€ 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	€ 750,000	25/07/2023	24/07/2025	24	**02/08/2023**
Digital Services	Backup & Disaster Recovery services for Office 365 & SharePoint Online	Sureskills Ltd	€ 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	€ 76,234	23/08/2023	23/11/2023	3	01/08/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R106, Swords Road, Malahide & Ancillary Works	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 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	€ 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	€ 27,895	14/08/2023	08/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Millview Lawns, Malahide	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 89,400	04/09/2023	29/09/2023	1	27/07/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 87,500	01/09/2023	29/02/2024	6	26/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Liscappagh Estate, Dublin 11	ABM	€ 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	€ 98,120	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	21/07/2023
Operations	Concrete footpath construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 meters at Willie Nolan Road and Mainstreet, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 45,000	10/07/2023	10/10/2023	3	**10/07/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install temporary Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 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	€ 39,120	26/07/2023	25/08/2023	1	07/07/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Parkvale, Baldoyle	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 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	€ 100,183	24/07/2023	15/09/2023	2	06/07/2023
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Washed Surface Dressing Chips	Tullyraine Quarries Limited	€ 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	€ 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	€ 47,811	07/07/2023	06/08/2023	1	**04/07/2023**
Operations	Purchase of New Compact Tractors	Dublin Grass Machinery	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 39,987	26/06/2023	07/07/2023	2 weeks	**23/06/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Services Works, Church Street & St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown, D15	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 39,323	26/06/2023	25/07/2023	1	**19/06/2023**
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Colas Teoranta	€ 16,662	01/07/2023	01/12/2023	5	16/06/2023
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion Fingal Area 2023	Lagan Asphalt Ltd.	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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	€ 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)	€ 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	€ 35,250	09/06/2023	09/06/2024	12	12/06/2023

Corporate Affairs	Replacement of Critical LV Electrical Infrastructure (ACBs) in Blanchardstown Library & Draiocht and Malahide Library	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€ 66,605	01/06/2023	31/08/2023	3	**12/06/2023**
EETCD	Traffic management for Flavours of Fingal 2023	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 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	€ 53,531	04/07/2023	01/08/2023	1	**07/06/2023**
Operations	Resurfacing of Dublin Road, R106 in Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 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	€ 58,475	22/05/2023	16/01/2024	8	**06/06/2023**
Community	Modification & Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, D 15	FLN Consulting Engineers	€ 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.	€ 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	€ 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	€ 267,406	01/06/2023	24/09/2023	4	**01/06/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness Campaign Cinemas	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 60,000	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	€ 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	€ 40,152	06/06/2023	23/06/2023	1	**29/05/2023**
Operations	Rd Inlay & Ancillary Works, Wellview Ave, Mulhuddart	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 69,163	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Repair 2 - 10 sq mts Phoenix Residential Estate, Castleknock, Dublin 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 65,000	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**23/05/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Specialist Ecology/Biodiversity Advice, support, management and coordination of surveys - Broadmeadow Way	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 215,000	01/05/2023	31/05/2031	96	**23/05/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment of 6 Houses, Portrane Avenue, Portrane	CTS Projects Ltd	€ 999,775	01/05/2023	30/11/2023	7	**18/05/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 3 Ford Ranger Crew Cab Jeeps with Automatic Transmission & Hard Top Canopy	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 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	€ 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	€ 50,600	18/05/2023	31/12/2023	7	**11/05/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 1 x 7.5 Tonne Tipper Truck	FUSO Ireland, MMC Commercials	€ 127,722	05/05/2023	04/05/2024	12	**05/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Edgewood Lawn, Corduff, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 109,787	15/05/2023	15/08/2023	3	**04/05/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Removal of Asbestos from a house on Parnell Square East Dublin 1	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 35,900	01/04/2023	01/06/2023	2	**04/05/2023**

Libraries	Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Library Building Automation solution (My Open Library) for Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€ 41,005	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**04/05/2023**
Operations	Road resurfacing & Ancillary Works, on the R122 Fieldstown Bridge 1 to Surgalstown Cross	Roadstone Ltd	€ 671,175	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 473,469	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	**03/05/2023**
EETCD	Economic Consultancy Services for the Development of an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 157,500	09/05/2023	08/11/2023	6	**03/05/2023**
Operations	Installation of new timber knee rail fencing in Swords	Fingal Farm Home and Garden	€ 45,687	08/05/2023	08/07/2023	2	**02/05/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Survey for the design stage of the N3 M50 to Clonee Road Scheme	IO Geomatics Ltd	€ 164,950	16/01/2023	15/07/2023	6	**28/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Re-Instatement of Car Park Surface & Footpaths, ducting and 5 x light sockets and assoc. works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount Buildings Limited T/A Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 28,850	24/04/2023	12/05/2023	1	**26/04/2023**
Operations	Hire of Generators, Tower Lights and Electricians and Teleporter for Flavours of Fingal County Show 2023	GH Energy Rentals Ltd	€ 90,000	28/06/2023	07/07/2023	8 days	**25/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route	John Civil Engineering Co. Ltd	€ 7,715,430	15/05/2023	15/06/2024	13	**24/04/2023**
Housing	Employers Representative Led Integrated Consultant Design team for proposed residential developments at Holywell & Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin	Henchion Reuter Architects	€ 2,449,510	01/04/2023	29/02/2028	58	**19/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of 2. No.Half MUGAS to Wellview and Parslickstown Residential Estates	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd.	€ 75,450	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**19/04/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of specially cut limestone blocks for the completion of the parapet on Bremore Castle	McKeown Stone	€ 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	€ 33,430	02/05/2023	22/12/2023	8	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Turvey Avenue, Donabate	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 89,939	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Hazelwood Green & Avenue	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 80,130	30/04/2023	30/07/2023	3	**18/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Work, Balscadden Road, Howth	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 100,705	05/05/2023	01/06/2023	1	**17/04/2023**
Operations	Supply & Installation of Landscapes Structure We-Go Swing Unit at Malahide Demesne	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 52,000	22/08/2023	12/09/2023	3 weeks	**17/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Chapel Green, Lusk	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 84,460	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Curran Park, Balbriggan	Roadstone Ltd	€ 61,729	01/06/2023	21/06/2023	3 weeks	**14/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Balgriffin Cemetary	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 30,092	25/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**14/04/2023**

Operations	Supply and Installation of an Outdoor Fitness Hub at Littlepace Park, Dublin 15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	€ 113,725	01/04/2023	30/05/2023	2	**13/04/2023**
Operations	Installation of Concrete Footpath Works - Traffic Section	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 25,650	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	**12/04/2023**
Housing	Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Works	Bayview Contracts Ltd	€ 2,000,000	01/03/2023	31/03/2025	24	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Conservation, Architectural & Engineering Consultancy Services for Talbot Botanic Garden Glass House Refurbishment, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Bluett & O'Donoghue (Prodomo Ltd)	€ 79,930	11/04/2023	23/01/2024	10	**12/04/2023**
Operations	Bituminous Footpath Works at Balscadden Road, Howth	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 53,295	24/04/2023	23/05/2023	1	**09/04/2023**
Operations	Hire of 1 x 85 HP Plus 4 wheel Drive Tractor/with driver/operative 1 x Backhoe Excavator, 1 teleporter, 1 x John Deer Gater with cab	Larry Kieran Plant Hire Ltd	€ 62,883	10/04/2023	30/09/2023	5	**06/04/2023**
Libraries	Creator - Makers In Residence Programme & Development of Maker Spaces	Make Create Innovate Limited	€ 117,500	01/03/2023	01/03/2025	24	**06/04/2023**
Operations	Overlay at Back Corballis Road, Donabate	Roadstone Ltd	€ 50,981	17/04/2023	17/07/2023	4	**05/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Estuary Road, Swords	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 136,350	08/05/2023	08/09/2023	5	**05/04/2023**
EETCD	Conservation & Enabling Works - Swords Castle	Oldstone Conservation Ltd	€ 621,115	17/04/2023	11/07/2024	15	**04/04/2023**
EETCD	Enabling Works - initial contract for SCQ Enabling Works (€5m/€750k)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 834,932	05/04/2023	25/07/2024	16	**04/04/2023**
People Services	Corporate Employer Branding Project	Barlo	€ 81,000	20/02/2023	19/02/2025	24	**03/04/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Provision of a Water Hygiene Programme	Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd. T/A HBE	€ 71,892	01/04/2023	31/03/2025	24	**01/04/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary works at Bun a Knock, Naul	Siac Bituminous Products Ltd	€ 38,025	24/04/2023	28/04/2023	1 week	31/03/2023
Digital Services	Vmware vSan Expansion - Provision of Vmware Software and Licencing	Triangle Computer Services	€ 93,231	01/05/2023	30/04/2024	12	**31/03/2023**
Community	Provide Outdoor Equipment lockers with app access	BoxUp SA	€ 34,443	01/03/2023	01/03/2027	48	**31/03/2023**
EETCD	Development of the Castleknock and Balbriggan App Trails and the inclusion of same in the Dublin Discovery Trails AR App	Peel Entertainment Group Ltd t/a Peel Interactive	€ 50,000	27/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**31/03/2023**
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 6 - 12 Sq Mts at Mainstreet, Howth, Co. Dublin	Formac Construction	€ 80,826	24/04/2023	24/05/2023	1	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Townparks Distributor Road, Skerries	Roadstone Ltd	€ 77,592	24/04/2023	05/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works at Healys Lane, Rush	Roadstone Ltd	€ 39,209	08/05/2023	19/05/2023	2 weeks	30/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	Supply of Fixed Voice Services	Eir Ltd	€ 110,000	01/01/2023	31/08/2023	8	**29/03/2023**
Digital Services	Property Interest Register Annual Maintenance Services	Irish Mapping & GIS Solution Ltd.,	€ 27,110	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**28/03/2023**

EETCD	Classical Production for Shackleton Proms Event	Arun Rao	€ 41,000	12/05/2023	14/05/2023	2 days	**28/03/2023**
Operations	Footpath Landscaping & Drainage Works, Paddys Hill	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 39,000	15/04/2023	14/05/2023	1	27/03/2023
Operations	Donabate Cemetary Upgrade Works	Lakelands Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 47,425	27/03/2023	26/06/2023	3	**27/03/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 806,074	17/04/2023	18/08/2023	4	**24/03/2023**
Digital Services	12 month Autodesk Software Subscription (2023)	Diatec Group	€ 56,063	01/03/2023	29/02/2024	12	22/03/2023
Corporate Affairs	County Hall Courtyard Upgrade Works	McKeon Construction Ltd T/A Hereworks	€ 989,616	20/03/2023	31/07/2023	4	**22/03/2023**
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Sycamore View, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 30,957	01/05/2023	31/05/2023	1	**20/03/2023**
Operations	Supply of Macadam for various locations in Fingal County Council for Road Repairs	Roadstone Ltd,	€ 95,770	17/01/2023	31/12/2023	11.5	**15/03/2023**
Operations	Road Marking for Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 27,504	02/04/2023	01/07/2023	3	13/03/2023
Operations	Hire of Rubber Wheeled Excavator (Wacker Neuson EW65 or Equivalent)	Thomas Brennan & Sons Ltd	€ 72,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Brackenstown Road Subsidence and Reinstatement	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 301,441	06/03/2023	24/11/2023	8	**13/03/2023**
Operations	Hire of 2 Mobile Welfare Pods	G & J Kearns Ltd	€ 50,000	13/03/2023	12/03/2026	36	**09/03/2023**
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for a feasibility Study for the Development Regional Innovation Hubs in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Region	KPMG Ireland	€ 112,995	07/03/2023	06/09/2024	18	**07/03/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Ardgillen Castle, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 51,500	04/03/2023	03/03/2024	12	**04/03/2023**
EETCD	Production & Promotion of Unison Festival	TASCQ	€ 70,000	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	**01/03/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Broadmeadow Way Greenway - GI Enabling Works, Access Track	Glas Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 232,319	13/03/2023	12/05/2023	2	**01/03/2023**
Digital Services	Revamp of Council Chamber Technology	SKS Communications Ltd	€ 275,504	03/01/2023	02/01/2028	60	**28/02/2023**
Operations	Kerbing & bituminous Footpath Works on a section of New Road, Donabate, Co. Dublin	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 165,072	07/03/2023	07/06/2023	3	**28/02/2023**
Housing	Single Storey Extension to Dwelling at Whitestown Drive, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 123,797	27/02/2023	10/06/2023	4	**27/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply and Installation of Etrel Chargers and Back Office	Easy Go	€ 32,659	24/02/2023	23/02/2024	12	**24/02/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Supply & Install of Roof Guardrail Protection - Civic Office Grove Road	Barton Industrial Services Ltd	€ 27,080	01/02/2023	30/04/2023	3	**23/02/2023**
Housing	Refurbishment works a Dwelling in Corduff Green, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 124,563	01/02/2023	31/12/2023	11	**22/02/2023**

Housing	Renovation of 3 Dwellings, St. Philomenas Court, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 191,625	06/03/2023	31/08/2024	18	**21/02/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and Site Supervision Services for Ongar-Barnhill Road Construction Stage	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 965,610	01/03/2023	01/09/2026	42	**21/02/2023**
Digital Services	Implement and deploy Dynamics 365 for Field Services as both an asset management solution and scheduling solution	Ergoservices Ltd t/a Ergo	€ 198,000	01/04/2023	31/03/2026	36	**21/02/2023**
Community	Community Care Construction Works Meakestown Sports and Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€ 6,153,131	20/02/2023	14/10/2025	32	**20/02/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Horse Seizure Services	County Council Security Support Services Ltd	€ 104,500	16/02/2023	15/02/2024	12	**16/02/2023**
Operations	Urgent Drainage Works in Malahide Demesne	Aquaturf Solutions Ltd	€ 27,987	27/02/2023	10/03/2023	0	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Requirement for departmental access to lawlink	Rochford Brady Legal Services Ltd	€ 43,458	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Supply of 200 Microsoft 365 E5 Licences	MicroMail Ltd	€ 49,992	01/02/2023	31/05/2023	4	**16/02/2023**
Digital Services	Maintenance and Support of the Cygnus Housing Loans Software System	Gemini Consultants Ltd	€ 56,839	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	12	**16/02/2023**
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Asbestos Removal Turvey Depot	Grove Environmental Solutions Ltd.	€ 89,500	14/02/2023	15/05/2023	2.5 months	**14/02/2023**
Housing	10 Unit Housing Development with Studio/Gallery Space at Ballough Place, Barrack Lane, Lusk and proposed 5 Unit Passive House Development at Monastery Court, Church Road, Lusk	AXIS Construction	€ 4,623,548	13/02/2023	14/02/2025	24	**13/02/2023**
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 60,000	27/02/2023	26/02/2024	12	**10/02/2023**
Operations	Resurfacing Works on the existing all weather pitch in Skerries Town Park	Sole Sports and Leisure Ltd	€ 393,285	11/07/2022	30/09/2022	2	**09/02/2023**
Operations	Balbriggan Harbour Redevelopment Minor Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 448,435	23/01/2023	21/07/2023	6	**07/02/2023**
EETCD	Training Services for Local Enterprise Offices - LEAN Business Programme Dublin	Jigsaw VATVAE t/a Jigsaw Better Business	€ 355,500	01/01/2023	31/12/2024	24	**06/02/2023**
EETCD	Food Tourism Marketing Consultant for Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Marie Brouder	€ 31,750	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**31/01/2023**
Operations	Design and Installation of 25 Linear meters of ARMCO Crash Barrier along R122 Outside St. Margarets National School	Motorway Care	€ 29,670	03/01/2023	28/02/2023	2	**23/01/2023**
Operations	Removal of Dangerous Dead Trees overhanging the Turvey Avenue and the R126 at Cobbes Lane	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 26,000	23/01/2023	23/02/2023	1	**20/01/2023**
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**18/01/2023**
EETCD	Requirement to provide specialist lighting consultancy services for Quay Street & Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan	Arup	€ 29,000	23/01/2023	23/06/2023	6	**17/01/2023**
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to Fingal County Council for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/02/2023	30/06/2023	5	**16/01/2023**

Operations	Planting & Maintenance of Council Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the Supply of a limited number of units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€ 173,182	10/01/2023	10/12/2024	24	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Road Resurfacing R132, Balrothery to Balbriggan	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 575,190	01/03/2023	01/05/2023	3	**12/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 5 New 80 kw 4 wheel drive tractors	Midlouth Garage	€ 285,000	12/12/2022	12/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Operations	Purchase of 2 to 4 New Electric Dumpers with 1500kg Payload Capacity	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€ 78,000	05/12/2022	04/12/2023	12	**09/01/2023**
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services	McQuillan Environmental John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 101,028	09/01/2023	08/01/2024	12	**09/01/2023**
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2023	Print Post Ltd.	€ 145,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**05/01/2023**
Community	Implementation of a series of Pilot Playful Streets throughout Fingal	A Playful City	€ 100,000	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	€ 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	€ 64,000	01/01/2023	30/09/2023	9	**01/01/2023**
Housing	Parnell Estate D15 Management Service - Unsold Affordable	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€ 240,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 78,000	16/01/2023	15/01/2024	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Citrix Licences and Support Services Ltd	Arkphire Security Ltd	€ 25,540	01/01/2023	31/12/2023	12	**01/01/2023**
Digital Services	Upgrade of Broadband Bandwidth for Public Internet Access in Fingal Libraries	Virgin Media	€ 36,000	01/01/2023	31/12/2025	36	**01/01/2023**

Appendix 3
Active Travel Investment Grants 2023 Allocations

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2023 Allocations		
Project Code:	**Project Name & Funding Allocation 2023**	**Comments**
FCC/19/0005	Schools Streets non SRTS €100,000	Small improvements at schools (not in SRTS programme) which can be delivered through numerous departments.
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking (Covid) €150,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €220,000	Work is continuing on the options report for the project after internal reviews by AT team. 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	Statutory consultation has closed for the project. An appeal has been lodged to ABP by local resident association. Council to compile submission to ABP in relation to this appeal.
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.
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	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	These works are expected to go to tender for a design consultant in 2023.

FCC/ 23/XXX	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport quick build €200,000	Project team are liaising with Dublin Airport Authority and the National Transport Authority in relation to agreeing the scope of the project. Tender 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	Q2 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	Q1 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**	Mixed Tenure 432 units, of which 20% social and 20% affordable	Q3 2023	Q2 2025

Appendix 4- continued

Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval and at Tender stage DONE

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 have commenced.	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

Appendix 4- continued

Schemes at Pre-Planning Stage DONE

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
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

¥ A development of 57 apartments at Holywell Swords is currently being progressed through pre-planning and internal consultation review. The scheme will be presented to the members Q4 2023, when due process will be followed.

*The above estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 4- continued

Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	**82**	On site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	**159**	On site	Q3 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Stats	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Dept of Foreign Affairs	Shared Island Civic Society	Linking Generations NI (collaboration with FCC)		€9,750	June 2023
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 in progress		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Hartstown Community Centre All weather pitch upgrade	Application in progress		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Flemington Community Centre – Accessible Gym	Application in progress		

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ITEM NO. 21

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

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ITEM NO. 21a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

NEW LOCATION FOR RTE - FINGAL

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive write to both the Director General and the Board of RTE to clearly outline Fingal's very strong interest in becoming the new home of a modern, slim National Broadcaster, should RTE take a decision to vacate their current premises in Donnybrook, Fingal as the fastest growing, youngest and most diverse Local Authority in the country with its close proximity to Dublin Airport and all the major road networks in the country as well as its strategic location along the developing Dublin-Belfast corridor, makes Fingal the ideal destination for a new home and a fresh start for our National Broadcaster."

Report:

If this Motion is passed and a decision is made by RTE in the future to relocate Fingal County Council will write to both the Director General and the Board of RTE.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director of Services, People Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 22

CONFERENCE REPORT



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

This year's ICSH National Social Housing Conference, *From Vision to Reality: Transforming Communities Through Placemaking with Social and Affordable Housing*, will take place in Clayton Whites Hotel in Wexford on October 18th and 19th. The focus this year is on placemaking and the role of social housing in creating vibrant communities, revitalising urban and rural neighbourhoods and adding value through innovative design, management, inclusion and engagement.

With the acute challenges of the current housing supply and affordability crisis and the policy backdrop of *Housing for All* providing the momentum and framework for much of the social housing sector's work, this conference will focus on the vital work that is being done in providing housing solutions. Examples of innovations and good practice from across Ireland will be discussed and expert speakers from further afield will present their experiences and their application to Irish housing challenges.

Now running for over 20 years, the ICSH National Social Housing Conference is a landmark event for housing professionals, leaders, innovators and stakeholders from the non-profit, public and private sectors.

Our expert line up of speakers and contributors will be announced in the coming weeks. As always, we hope that conference sessions will provide learning, provoke debate and inspire action.

Speakers and themes

Conference sessions will consider:

- Building vibrant communities through social housing
- The potential of planning changes
- Combatting dereliction
- European funds to drive innovation
- Communicating the message of placemaking and social housing
- Asset management and protecting investments
- Cost rental and creating affordable housing options
- Delivering housing with supports
- Partnership working
- Housing finance opportunities
- Regulation and the future of social and affordable housing

Registration

Register your place at the conference here. Please take note of the booking terms and conditions, particularly in relation to payment and cancellation

Community Housing Awards

The winners of the 2023 Community Housing Awards, sponsored by Allianz, will

be presented at the conference dinner on the evening of the 18th. The awards will be presented by RTÉ's Anne Cassin.

Accommodation

For those wishing to book accommodation now, **Clayton Whites Hotel is now fully booked**. The following hotels have rooms available.

Hotel	Phone	Location	Rate
Maldron Hotel Wexford Ballindinas Co. Wexford Y35 E8KT www.maldronhotelwexford.com	(053) 917 2000	3.7km or 5 minute drive from conference hotel	€110 B&B per night single occupancy €135 B&B per night double / twin occupancy
Crown Quarter Monck Street Wexford Y35XC95 www.crownquarter.com	(053) 9121480	2 minutes walk from conference hotel	€99 room only rate – breakfast can be booked separately with the Clayton
Talbot Hotel Wexford On the Quay Wexford Y35FP9P www.talbotwexford.ie	(053) 9122566	8 minutes walk from conference hotel	€110 B&B per night single occupancy €135 B&B per night double / twin occupancy Limited rooms available at this ICSH delegate rate

If booking accommodation, **please ensure you also book your conference place directly with the ICSH separately.**

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ITEM NO. 23

CORRESPONDENCE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS
SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, June 12, 2023

MOTION NO. 12

MOTION: Councillor M. Lynch

South Dublin County Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Irish government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. If passed, a letter should be sent to all local councils and the Minister for the Environment.

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Leitrim County Council

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7th July 2023

Mr Stephen Kent
CEO,
Bus Eireann Headquarters,
Broadstone,
Dublin 7,
D07X2AE

Our Ref: LCC-2307/01

Re: Recruitment of Bus Drivers

Dear Mr Kent,

I wish to inform you at the July meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council write to Bus Éireann to call on them to employ more school bus drivers, as the Bus Éireann system is full to capacity.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
Email: kbrett@leitrimcoco.ie

CC: All Local Authorities

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

Mr. Brenda Gloster, CEO, HSE,
Dr. Steevens Hospital,
Steevans Lane,
Dublin,
D08 W2A8

5th July, 2023

Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7

Dear Mr. Gloster,

"That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities".

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

Ms. Imelda Hurley, CEO,
Coillte,
Dublin Road,
Newtownmountkennedy,
Co. Wicklow,
A63 DN25

5th July, 2023

Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7

Dear Ms. Hurley,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows: -

"That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities".

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: Brendan Gloster, CEO, HSE

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO,
Road Safety Authority,
Primrose Hill,
Ballina,
Co. Mayo

25th July 2023

Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20

Dear Mr. Norgrove,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

"*This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.*"

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN O'REGAN
S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for Transport

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí
Cork County Council

Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD
Minister for Transport,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2
D02 X285

25th July 2023

Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20

Dear Minister Ryan,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

"*This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.*"

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN O'REGAN
S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO, Road Safety Authority

Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: HD/MNR/PJ/2023/234

27th July, 2023

Meetings Administrator,
Final County Council
County Hall
Main Street
Co. Dublin
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Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the July meeting of Waterford City and County Council the members pass the following motion:

"Waterford City & County Council recognise and appreciate the positive benefits that have been brought about through Active Travel Funding and would welcome more. However, we also acknowledge that limitations on the Active Travel scheme mean that it is increasingly focussed on larger urban areas and cannot be used for the badly needed maintenance and repair of deteriorating footpaths. In the interests of pedestrians, particularly people with disabilities, we therefore hereby resolve to write to Minister Eamon Ryan to formally notify him that we upon the Department of Transport to provide ringfenced funding (separate from roads funds and also distinct from Active Travel funding) to Local Authorities to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of maintaining and repairing existing footpaths and to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of providing new footpaths that are not eligible for Active Travel funding. And we further call upon Minister Ryan and the Department of Transport to ensure that Local Authorities would have discretion and autonomy to use such dedicated footpaths funding without having to receive approval from the Department, the NTA, or any other agency, on a per project basis; and to ensure that there would be no other bureaucratic obstacles to the expeditious spending of such urgently needed footpath funding."

This motion was sent to Minster for Transport for his attention and circulated to all local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie

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ITEM NO. 24

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

22nd June 2023

Ms Nikki Halleran
Fingal County Council
CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

Please quote ref: HPLG-MOSOD-00242-2023

Dear Ms Halleran,

I wish to refer to your correspondence dated 3rd March 2023 in relation to a motion passed by Fingal County Council regarding legislation for candidate gender quotas of 40% to apply to the local elections in 2024.

At present, state funding of political parties is linked to the achievement of a gender balance in candidate selection for Dáil general elections only, by a provision of the Electoral (Amendment) (Political Funding) Act 2012. The intention at the time was that these measures would have a knock-on effect by providing an incentive to political parties to expand voluntarily their gender diversity. These funding provisions also had an impact by highlighting the issue of gender disparity in politics and providing a starting point for addressing imbalances.

The outcome of the 2019 local elections was in some respects positive for the participation of women in local government. There was a solid increase in the percentage of women candidates, as well as an increase in the number of women elected. There were also a number of local authorities which reached or surpassed the 30% threshold of women elected members.

However, the Department recognises that a great deal of work remains to be done to address the under representation of women in local government, and therefore this was a policy priority for Minister Burke during his tenure. Since his appointment, he

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undertook a number of initiatives aimed at improving the gender balance on councils, in addition to making the role of the councillor more flexible and sustainable for all.

In recognition of the need to promote gender equality in local government, a funding scheme was introduced in March 2019 to incentivise political parties to increase the number of women candidates in the 2019 local elections. The scheme was open to all political parties on the Register of Political Parties on an opt-in basis. Extensive engagement took place with a number of political parties and key stakeholders in early 2021, and later that year Minister Burke launched a revised version of the scheme, which now includes suggested activities and measurables along with additional funding being provided. This new scheme is open to all registered political parties and in the interests of inclusivity, to official representative groups of independents. In 2022 €215,594 was approved in funding to eight political parties and one independent group, to fund activities such as a National Women's and Equality Officer, capacity building workshops, public information meetings targeting new voters in Ireland and an annual Women's Conference.

The Department also funds partner organisations such as Women for Election, Longford Women's Link and The National Women's Council of Ireland to provide excellent capacity building and training services, benefitting all women interested in entering local government, with or without political party affiliation.

In early 2021, the Department provided funding to the National Women's Council of Ireland (NWCI) to undertake research entitled "Women doing politics differently – development of local or regional caucus for women councillors – identifying interest and examining possible supports". To support the findings of this research, Minister Burke approved funding for local authorities to assist with the establishment and running of such caucuses. €62,000 was provided in total to 15 local authorities, and one inter-county group supported by the AILG and Longford Women's Link.

In addition, the Department continues to support local authorities in their efforts to encourage the participation of women and wider diversity in local government structures. Since 2019, funding has been approved to local authorities for projects which have included building general awareness of local government and participation in local decision-making structures, particularly among women, minority and diverse communities. In 2022 the Minister funding allocations, with €192,200 allocated to 18 local authorities, where approved proposals had a clear and strategic focus on activities that would encourage and support gender and diversity balance in local government structures and decision making ahead of the 2024 local elections. In this year, the caucus funding stream was amalgamated with the annual call for funding to local authorities, to streamline the process for applications.

Furthermore, following significant engagement with Councillors across the country, with legal advisers and officials, and with parliamentarians across both houses of the Oireachtas, in December 2022 President Higgins signed into law the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for members of Local Authorities) Bill 2022.

The legislation provides a choice to members of Local Authorities to appoint an individual as a temporary substitute in the place of a Councillor who takes a period of maternity-related absence or is absent due to illness. Councillors will now have the choice to have an individual fill in for them while they are on leave. This will apply for all votes, all meetings and all elements of the role. Previously, Councillors may have felt pressure to turn up to important votes or debates. This will no longer be the case.

Separately, and to ensure a fully family focused package of supports, I am bringing forward robust regulations which will mean Councillors will be able to avail of given funding for additional administrative assistance for the duration of their maternity leave. This will mean they can engage someone to assist with secretarial work and the running of their local office.

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These reforms, supports and measures, taken together with the pay reforms approved as part of the implementation of the Moorhead Report from 1 July 2021, will make the role of councillor more sustainable and manageable, facilitating a cohort of members that are representative and fully reflective of the diverse communities where they are elected.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell

Minister of State for Local Government and Planning

Please note: I am a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015

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From: Minister of State <noreplymos-dccae@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 10 July 2023 11:53
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: Re: Remuncipilisation of Waste Collection

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Ref: CCAE-MOS-00453-2023

Mr. David Storey

CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

10th July 2023

Dear Mr. Storey,

On behalf of the Minister of State for the Department of Public Expenditure, National Development Plan, Delivery and Reform with special responsibility for Communications and Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth T.D., I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence relating to remuncipilisation of waste collection.

The contents of your email have been noted and I will bring this to the attention of the Minister.

Kind regards,

Gladstone Ogbonna

Minister of State's Office

Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00816-2023

Dear Ms. Halleran ,

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded to this section for reply.

The Zebra Crossing Pilot Scheme was established by me by way of a Statutory Instrument S.I. 516 of 2022. These Regulations provide for regulatory traffic signs that may be installed by road authorities at zebra pedestrian crossings without belisha beacons. They were installed in a limited number of locations to trial different signage, with reports on effectiveness of each type of sign to be submitted to the Department at the end of the trial period.

The Department will review the reports and then a decision will be made regarding rolling out the zebra pedestrian crossings without belisha beacons nationally.
With best wishes,

Amanda Corley
Private Secretary to Minister Ryan

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ITEM NO. 25

NO "MOW MAY" CAMPAIGN

Motion: Councillor K. Power

"That this Council adopt a "no mowing" policy in May going forward to bring the area into line with the national "No Mow May" campaign."

Report:

The Fingal Biodiversity Plan contains an action to address the current and future approach to grass cutting within the public realm. There is undoubtedly huge public support and encouragement for a 'No Mow May' campaign, however it will be important that this approach is well communicated and planned. The Biodiversity team have this action as a priority over the next 12 months, with a plan to be in place for the 2024 growing season.

It is highlighted that it is simply not possible to cease grass cutting in all locations as issues such as not cutting playing pitches, road safety and visibility become a factor. The Council fleet cannot cut and collect grass so when grass gets long, this results in large volumes of cut grass debris on public roads and footpaths after the first few cuts. This effect was very evident during May this year, following a very wet March and April, when a lot of areas were not accessible for maintenance. If the Council is going to initiate a "No Mow" approach, its citizens will have to expect that there will be a level of "untidiness" and will need to embrace this as part of the contribution towards a public realm that has a rich biodiversity value.

As more and more areas of grass are allowed to grow long during summer months, the cut grass becomes a waste product that must be disposed of in an environmentally sustainable manner. The biodiversity team in consultation with the Operations Department are currently working with other local authorities

nationally who are also dealing with the same issue and looking for sustainable methods to dispose of such a vast waste product.

The Operations Department will liaise with the Tidy Towns Committees and Residents Associations that wish to nominate areas for a reduced mowing regime. If the areas are deemed suitable a workable reduced mowing maintenance regime can be put in place.

Source of Report
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 41

DAA INTERVENING IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

That this Council writes to the Taoiseach and Ministers responsible for Transport and Local Government, to outline the grave concerns in relation to the content of the letter from the Chair of the daa, Basil Geoghegan, dated 14th August 2023 sent to the Taoiseach in respect of 'An Bord Pleanála's decision regarding the North Runway at Dublin Airport', the attempt by the Chair of the daa, a Semi-State company, to have the Taoiseach intervene in a planning process is a blatant attempt to undermine the independence of An Bord Pleanála and that of this Council, who have issued an enforcement order to daa in relation to their breaches of planning conditions for the North runway, which the daa have chosen to ignore, a Chairman of a Semi-State body lobbying the Taoiseach to get favours from the Planning Board, is at best inappropriate and unethical, and this attempt to stymie the planning processes needs to be urgently addressed."

Report

The Council will arrange for correspondence to be issued to the relevant Government Departments should the Motion be passed.

Source of Report:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure