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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday 5th December 2023

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 11th December, 2023** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2023

b Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2023

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Procedure Relating to Tidy Towns' Biodiversity Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process for interacting with Tidy Town groups with regard to the progression of the local Biodiversity Plans where both Tidy Towns and the Council are stakeholders, to include the minimum number of meetings, online/in person, and detailing which Council's department is responsible for this?"

3 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Salting Programme of Roads across Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans are in place to implement a comprehensive Salting Programme on relevant roads across Fingal, given the forecast of a bitterly cold winter, which would affect the safety standard on our roads?"

4 Councillor C. Boland - Reed bed Waste Water Treatment

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the position in respect of the deployment of reed bed wastewater treatment facilities to address the issue of facilitating the development of rural clusters without the need for individual wastewater treatments for each dwelling unit in rural cluster zoned areas?"

5 Councillor A. Donnelly - Information on the number of Tenant in-situ Applications

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with the Council's Law Department; the number of properties refused by the Council; and the number of properties withdrawn by the landlord?"

6 Councillor M. McCamley - Mayor's Tea Dance

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Mayor's Tea Dance is still in existence for the older population?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Grants and Supports available to Sports Clubs in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive for a brief outline of what grants and supports are currently available to sports clubs in Fingal?"

8 Councillor S. Shovlin - Road Sweeper Services - Leaf Sweeping

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the best approach for residents in terms of leaf sweeping/road sweeper services, is there a particular day when leaves should be swept onto the road within estates?"

9 Councillor D. Healy - Availability of Council services to residents of adjoining Local Authority areas

"To ask the Chief Executive which Council services are reserved to residents of Fingal, and which are open to residents of adjoining Local Authorities, and what reciprocal agreements this Council has with other Local Authorities in this regard?"

10 Councillor P. Mulville - Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there has been any engagement between this Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage / Office of Public Works following their publication of the Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy, with a view to understanding the report's findings and recommendations, in particular as they relate to the situation facing our coastal communities?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Transfer of Tenancy

"To ask the Chief Executive if a Transfer of Tenancy, the process whereby long-term rent-paying residents of a Council property can be added to a Council tenancy, is still a possibility, and to outline the criteria used to decide on such applications?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - Removal of Abandoned Cars

"To ask the Chief Executive what powers, if any, the Council has in

relation to the removal of abandoned cars from housing estates?"

13 Councillor B. Manton - Family Resource Centres Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Family Resource Centres do we have in Fingal and how do we support them?"

14 Councillor A. Henchy - Capital Sports Funding

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all Capital Sports Funding applications submitted, both directly and in any partnerships, in the most recent funding programme across the County?"

15 Councillor B. Dennehy - Exemptions granted for the Residential Zoned Land Tax

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in a tabular format, the quantity of acreage per Local Electoral Area that has been granted an exemption upon application to either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

16 Councillor B. Dennehy - The quantity of housing units per acre granted on exemptions for the Residential Zoned Land Tax

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in a tabular format, listing the quantity of housing units per acre, per Local Electoral Area, that has been granted an exemption by either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

17 Councillor J. Walsh - Non-active Planning Permissions

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of non-active sites across Fingal where planning permission has been granted but no housing development has commenced and to outline the number of dwellings for which permission had been given on these non-active sites?"

18 Councillor K. Dennison - Council Tenants in Rent Arrears

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council tenants in rent arrears, to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears and to indicate if any evictions have taken place in the last five years for non-payment of rent"?

19 Councillor K. Dennison - Number of Housing in Loan Arrears

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council housing loans in arrears and to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears?"

20 Councillor J. Humphreys - Purchase of lands

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the purchase at (details supplied), considering the location is in close proximity to recent acquisition by the Council and in close proximity to an already established Community Centre that needs more space and will provide passive surveillance onto the park?"

21 Councillor J. Humphreys - Alternative Route - Dublin Marathon

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council have had any discussions with the organisers of the Dublin Marathon considering the recent media reports of alternative routes under consideration?"

22 Report of Committees

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

b Report of Strategic Policy Committees Chairpersons' Annual Report

c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023

d Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2023

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

23 Financial Matters

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

24 Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed Disposal of Land and Grant of Wayleave at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

25 Declarations of Roads

a Glen Ellan Road Extension, Swords, Co Dublin

26 LADP/009/23 - Proposed Development of 119 no. Apartments, Creche & Associated Site Works at Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11

27 Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan

28 Draft Standing Orders

29 Draft Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 - 2030

30 Fingal Local Community Development Committee Annual Report 2022

31 2023 Arts Act Funding

32 Youth Sports Grant Report

33 Chief Executive's Report

34 Conference Report

a NMCI's Seafarer's Conference 2024 on the 22nd February 2024 in the Castletroy Park Hotel in Co. Limerick

35 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - Letter of Appreciation and support to Emergency and Frontline Services

"That the Chief Executive, in light of recent events in Dublin City Centre, join with the Mayor on behalf of the Elected Members, write a strongly worded letter of appreciation and support to our emergency and frontline services, and their representative bodies, in recognition of our gratitude for the invaluable work they do every day, 24/7, in keeping our communities safe, this letter to include: An Garda Síochána, the Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade, all public transport providers/workers, frontline Local Authority workers and medical staff, including nurses, doctors and health care assistants."

36 Correspondence

a Letter from Clare County Council dated 14th November 2203 re - Resolution - Introducing Medical Certificates to all individuals with physical disabilities

b Email from Cavan County Council dated 29th November 2023 re Proposal to remove Cavan from the Allianz Hurling League in 2025

37 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Email dated 16th November 2023 from Minister D. O'Brien - re Item 35 - Cllr. B. McDonagh - An Bord Pleanála - Council Meeting 2022

MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS

38 Councillor A. Tormey - Establishment of Working Group/Subcommittee - Off-Leash Areas

"That the Chief Executive establish a working group or subcommittee to examine the provision of off-leash areas within the County, membership to include Councillors, officials, and other interested parties."

39 Councillor P. Conroy - Differential surface around cycling infrastructure

"That the Chief Executive adopts a policy of creating a differential surface around cycling infrastructure on footpaths, such as bike repair stations, Sheffield stands and painted shared bike parking spots, so that those who are blind or visually impaired, are aware of potential obstacles and can avoid them."

40 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Incentivising Sports Development in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing strategies to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by reviewing current policy, investing more in infrastructure, coaches and youth motivation packages."

41 Councillor E. O'Brien - Message in a Bottle Programme - Local Lions Club

"That the Chief Executive consider that this Council partners with local Lions Clubs to deliver "Message in a Bottle" programme in the County?

More info for Motion:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtGZHoRJruo

42 Councillor P. Rane - Toilet and Changing Facilities for all Parks and Pitches

"That the Chief Executive carrys out a synopsis and implements toilet and changing facilities in all parks and pitches across Fingal, so that clubs and residents involved in physical activities can comfortably change and use facilities when needed, this is especially hard when there are no facilities available for children involved in group activities, children should not be expected to either go home or walk into public shops and areas to avail of facilities."

43 Councillor C. Boland - Planning Breaches in respect of daa Lands

"That the Chief Executive presents a report in respect of the breaches of planning permissions/regulations in respect of the operations of the daa on any of their holdings in Fingal."

44 Councillor A. Donnelly - Review of Dog Runs in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the dog runs in Fingal with a view to their size, the ground surface, access paths, access to water, access to bins, maintenance plans and facilities for dog owners such as adequate seating, as parks with dog runs have no off leash times for dog owners, it is vital that dog runs are as accessible as possible for dog owners, many of whom have no alternative other than to use them, if they wish to give their dogs a run."

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

"That the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723 and Question 4 on October 2023 Council meeting, provide a map of the current Fingal County Council Housing areas, a detailed map which can be "zoomed" in on, and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, similar to the map for the Dublin City Council administrative area."

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

46 Councillor D. Healy - Designated Postering Areas

"That this Council, in line with our commitments to reducing resource use, environmental impact and litter, and noting:

a) the commitment in the Programme for Government to task the Electoral Commission which reads

"We will…task the new Electoral Commission to examine the issue of the use of posters at elections and referendums within 12 months of its establishment and consult on placing limitations on the number of posters that can be used or fixing certain locations for their use, the Government will legislate for its recommendations in advance of the 2024 Local Elections."; and

b) the discussion in Seanad Éireann on the Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022, in May 2022 when the Seanad agreed that the Bill be read a second time on 30th June 2023,

write to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform to express this Council's willingness in principle to participate in a process of establishing designated areas for the display of posters in a manner similar to that envisaged in the Bill which is in line with common practice in many other European countries, whether as part of a nationwide approach or as a pilot."

47 Councillor B. Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport

"That this Council consults with the Department of Transport and Local Link to ensure a transport service for people travelling to hospitals e.g., St. Joseph's Hospital and Cappagh Hospital, where people on very low incomes are having to take taxis to their appointments?"

48 Councillor J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from the M50 Motorway

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Climate, Environment and Communications, to engage with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the severe impact of noise from the M50 on local communities over many years and calls on TII to engage constructively with residents and bring forward solutions to address this long-term problem."

49 Councillor J. Hopkins - Safe Universal Access for all Railway Stations

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure that urgent steps are taken to put in place proper safe universal access for all railway stations in Fingal as a matter of urgency."

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 2.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Boland, Cathal	Manton, Brigid
Butler, Darragh	McCamley, Mary
Carey, Ian	McDonagh, Brian
Conroy, Pamela	Mulligan, Dean
Donnelly, Angela	Mulville, Paul
Doyle, Tania	Murphy, Tony
Graves, Ann	Newman, Joe
Guerin, Jimmy	O'Brien, Eoghan
Hanaphy, Breda	O'Donoghue, Robert
Healy, David	O'Leary, Tom
Henchy, Adrian	Onwumereh, JK
Hopkins, Joan	Power, Karen
Humphreys, James	Ryan, Brendan
Kitt, Tom	Shovlin, Siobhan
Leddy, Ted	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Maguire, Grainne	Treacy, Natalie
Mahony, Howard	Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors John Burtchaell, Brian Dennehy, Kieran Dennison, Anthony Lavin & Punam Rane.

The Mayor, Councillor Adrian Henchy, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital); David Storey (Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel); Mary T Daly (Director of Services, Operations); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Paul Carroll (Director of Services, Housing and

Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); John Quinlivan, (Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Culture), & Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/417/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year Ending 31st December 2024

The Draft Annual Budget for Financial Year ending 31st December 2024 which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**.

The Mayor gave a brief introduction and outlined the proposed format for the meeting, whereby an address would first be given by the Chief Executive followed by an overall presentation on the Budget by the Head of Finance, Mr. Oliver Hunt. Each Division would then be examined individually, and Members would be afforded an opportunity to pose questions in relation to each division. The Mayor advised that the Members were required by law to consider and note each Division and votes would be taken on the various motions.

The Chief Executive then introduced the Budget for the Council on behalf of the Executive. The Chief Executive said that the Executive was committed to improving and enhancing the services provided to match the growing needs of the County.

The Chief Executive expressed her thanks to the Mayor, the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and to all the Members for their support during the preparation of the budget.

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, also thanked his colleagues in Fingal County Council and his team in the Finance Department for their work in the compilation of this Budget.

Mr. Hunt then gave the following presentation to the meeting:



Budget MeetingProcedure

- Procedures as outlined by Mayor
- Members consider and note the Budget by Division
- Resolution required to:
  Adopt draft or amended budget
- Resolution required to
  Determine Annual Rate on Valuation
- Resolution required to
  Agree transfers to capital as provided in the annual budget.
- Consider proportion of refund of rates on vacant premises
  Resolution will be required to set the vacancy refunds on commercial rates to 30%.

2024 Budget Members Engagement

- Regular updates to members through OP&F on financial issues.
- Met with all political groupings and independents during summer.
- Regular updates to CPG.
- Budget issued Wednesday 25th October.
- Budget briefing to all members Wednesday 1st November.
- C. 130 questions submitted and answered.
- Budget was recommended for approval by the CPG at its meeting 6th November.

2024 Budget Objective

The Council's overall objective for the 2024 Budget continues to be the sustainment of quality services in order to keep pace with the continued growth and development of the County.

2024 Budget

Division	Description	2023 BUDGET	2024 DRAFT BUDGET	Net
EXPENDITURE				
A	Housing & Building	100,906,400	117,198,500	16,292,100
B	Road Transportation & Safety	38,621,000	43,149,700	4,528,700
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	21,369,399	20,367,900	-1,001,499
D	Development Incentives & Controls	29,623,401	30,635,200	1,011,799
E	Environmental Protection	53,700,999	54,123,600	422,601
F	Recreation and Amenity	62,765,299	70,260,900	7,495,601
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,621,200	1,736,200	115,000
H	Miscellaneous Services	25,141,001	24,425,200	-715,801
		333,748,700	361,897,200	28,148,501
INCOME				
A	Housing & Building	-95,185,600	-108,782,900	-13,597,300
B	Road Transportation & Safety	-9,238,400	-9,613,900	-375,500
C	Water Supply & Sewerage	-18,664,900	-17,644,900	1,020,000
D	Development Incentives & Controls	-6,019,700	-7,143,200	-1,123,500
E	Environmental Protection	-11,039,001	-11,449,800	-410,799
F	Recreation and Amenity	-3,459,200	-5,952,500	-2,493,300
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	-354,200	-417,700	-63,500
H	Miscellaneous Services	-24,677,700	-29,381,900	-4,704,200
		-168,638,700	-190,386,800	-21,748,099
	Local Property Tax	-9,779,300	-12,366,300	-2,587,000
	Commercial Rates	-155,330,700	-159,144,100	-3,813,400
	Total Income	-333,748,700	-361,897,200	-28,148,501

2024 Budget

Increased Expenditure in 2024 vs 2023 Budget

- Payroll €2.3m
  - All WFP roles budgeted for with provision for vacancy lag.

(the below are shown excluding payroll, energy costs and cmc)

- Housing €14.9m
  - P&A/CAS/LTL, Ukrainian Crisis, Croi Conaithe, Housing Maintenance, Mortgage loan and interest repayments.
- Operations €5.5m
  - Road maintenance, Traffic, Parks Pitches and Open Spaces.
- Community €1.9m
  - Community recognition fund, Community grants and facilities

2024 Budget

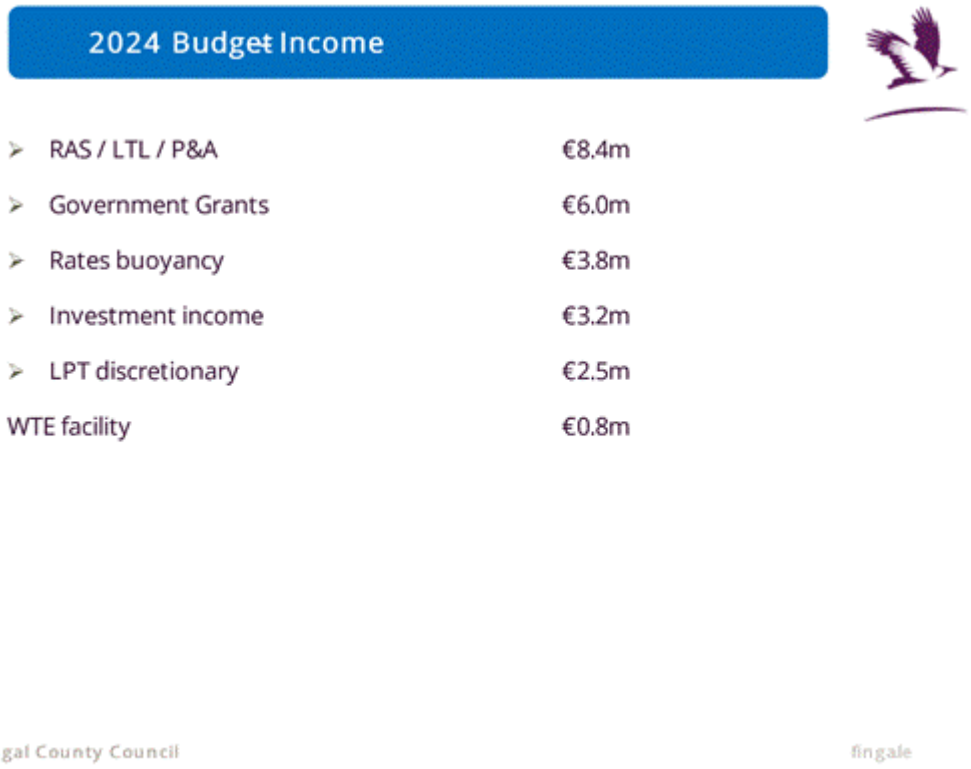
Increased Expenditure in 2024 vs 2023 Budget

- Planning and strategic infrastructure €1.7m
  - Biodiversity, Parks & open spaces, planning control, Statutory plans
- EETCD €2.9m
  - Tourism, events, arts, local development

2024 Budget

Increased/(Decrease) Expenditure in 2024 vs 2023 Budget

- Rate Refunds VT determinations €2.0m
  - Estimate funded from revaluation reserve.
- Pensions & retirement costs €1.7m
- Fire Service costs €0.5m
- Revaluation loss reserve - decrease (€3.0m)
  - Reduce allocation to reserve from €16m to €13m
- Energy Costs (€2.2m)
  - Energy cost estimate €7.2m for 2024.



Mr. Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building, under the following headings:

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Division A

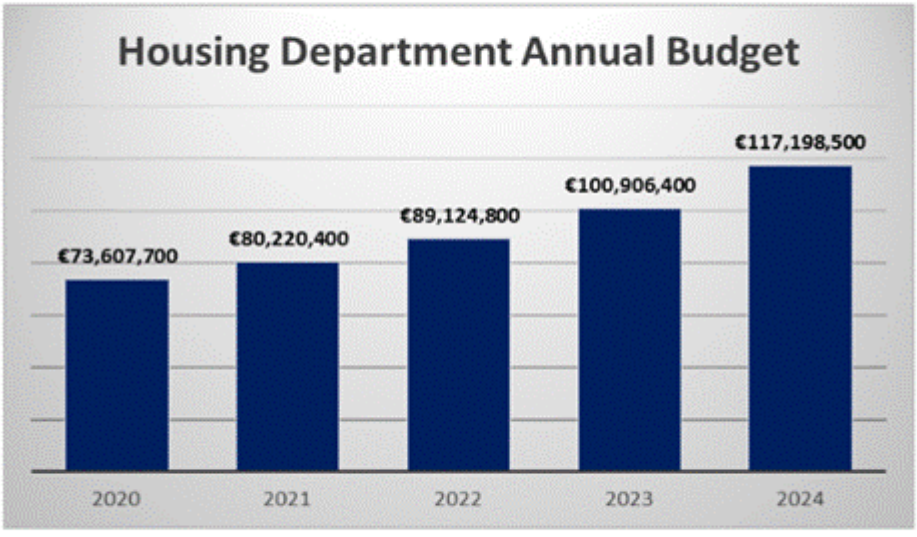
Housing and Building

Budget 2024

Expenditure €117.2m

Income €108.8m

Housing Department Annual Budget



Housing Department Annual Budget





Increase of €16.3 million or 16% in Budget 2024

Driven by an increase in housing supply, activity and operational needs.

Housing Supply
Additional housing stock:
⬆ AHB Payment & Availability €7.3m
⬆ Mortgage-to-Rent and Long-term Leases €1.3m

New Housing for All Schemes
⬆ Croí Cónaithe (Towns) Refurbishment Grant €1.6m

Housing Maintenance
⬆ Increase in Council housing stock and maintenance activity €863,000

Housing Support to AHB's





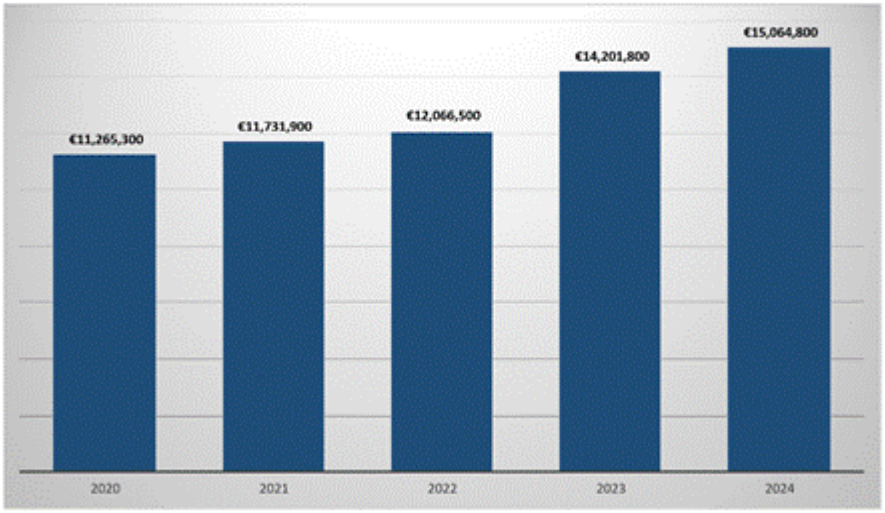
Increase of €7.3 million in Budget 2024 to fund Payment & Availability (P&A) payments to AHB's

Additional homes available to people off the Council's housing list:

- 308 new units (Turnkey and Part V) closing at the end of 2023, with full P&A payment applicable in 2024
- 415 new units (Turnkey and Part V) coming on stream in 2024, part P&A payment in 2024
- Rent reviews for c. 453 units in 2024



Housing Maintenance Expenditure



Housing Maintenance Expenditure





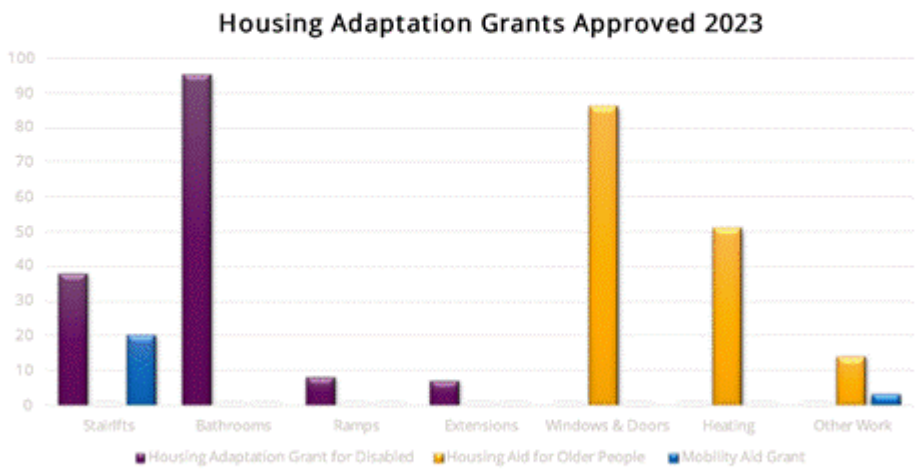


Increase of €863,000 in Budget 2024 t fund Housing Maintenance

- Over 6,600 social homes being managed between FCC-owned & leased stock
- Older stock has more complex needs
- 15,000 maintenance requests each year
- Maintenance frameworks in place to streamline work, ensure value for money & minimise impact of inflation
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Annual service of c. 5,000 boilers & heating systems
  - External painting & joinery repairs to 900 homes

Housing Adaptation Grants

Budget **€3.5m**– 322 applications approved to the end of October 2023



Housing Adaptation Grants

Examples of Works

- Stairlifts
- Bathrooms
- Mobility aids
- Ramps





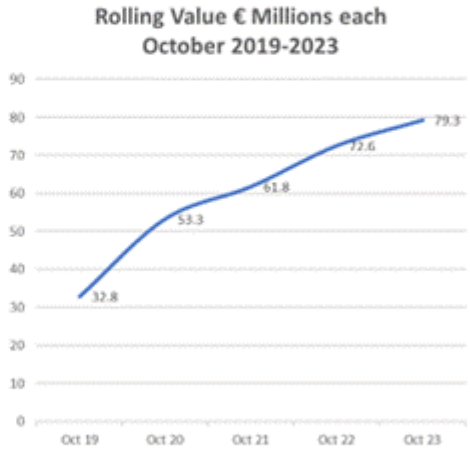






Local Authority Home Loan / Rebuilding Ireland





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Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division A is as follows:

Budget 2023	Revised 2023	Budget 2024
€2,980,000	€3,030,000	€3,030,000

Fingal County Council fingale

The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division A – Housing and Building. The Members asked questions on several aspects of the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Mr. Paul Carroll.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division A – Housing and Building.

DIVISION B – ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations, and Mr. David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety under the following headings:



Roads and Traffic Management






Regional and Local Roads Maintenance, Bridges, Area Works Programme, Footpaths, Traffic, Public Lighting, Parking,










Main Elements of Expenditure

B03 and B04 - Regional & Local Road Maintenance €25.4m

- Non-Discretionary Roads Work Programme (Local and Regional)
- Discretionary Roads Works Programme(Area Works Programme)
- Additional provision for footpaths, surface dressing, gully cleaning, winter maintenance and management of grass verges.

B05 - Public Lighting (incl. Area Works Prog) € 5.0m

B06 - Traffic Management (incl. Area Works Prog) € 5.1m

B08 - Road Safety & School Wardens € 3.7m

B09 - Car Parking € 0.9m

Area Programme of Works 2024

Regional and Local Roads (Pavement Man System) LPT

Roads Reconstruction/Restoration/Overlay €3,914,446

Area Works Programme 2024

- Roads Special Works Programme €1,306,500
- Traffic Management Works €1,200,000
- Public Lighting € 361,000*

Total €2,722,500

*Increased provision for public lighting in each area

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee December 2023/January 2024

Main Sources of Income

Anticipated Net Income from Pay & Display Schemes	€1.1m
Local Property Tax Roads	€3.9m
National Transport Ireland and TII	€1.8m
Other Income • Road Opening Licence Fees • Abnormal Loads • Taking in Charge • Hoarding Licences • Street Furniture Licences	€1.5m

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Division B

Road Transport & Safety

Active Travel

Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main items of Expenditure

School Wardens	€1,055,100
Road Safety – Service Support Costs	€721,500
Publicity & Promotion	
➢ Bike Share	€300,000
➢ Active Travel	€381,400

Road Safety, Promotion & Education

Main Sources of Income

➢ Publicity & Promotion	€20,000
**Bike Week, School Streets	
➢ Active Travel (NTA Funded)	€980,500

Road Safety, Promotion & Education









Road Safety, Promotion & Education









Walking & Cycling Officers



Fingal County Council Road Transport & Safety fingale

Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division B is as follows:-

Budget 2023	Revised 2023	Budget 2024
€ 665,000	€ 900,000	€ 900,000

Fingal County Council Road Transport & Safety fingale

The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division B – Road Transportation and Safety. The Members asked questions on several aspects of the provisions made in the Annual Budget in

relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly and Mr. David Storey.

The Council then **NOTED** the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division B – Road Transportation and Safety.

DIVISION C – WATER SERVICES

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, gave a detailed report on the provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services, under the following headings:



Uisce Éireann

- Public Body with full responsibility for delivery of all water services from Effective Date of 26th July 2023
- Fingal Service Level Agreement (SLA) no longer valid.
- Replaced by Master Co-Operation Agreement and Support Service Agreement
- Fingal Water Service Staff payroll costs provided for and recouped from Uisce Eireann in accordance with the agreed Support Service Agreement
- No provision in Division C for direct costs of delivery of water and wastewater services e.g. planthire, materials etc.
- Support Service Agreement being finalised for 2024

C0802 – Storm Water - €855,000 Maintenance of Pumping Stations, Stormwater pipes, manholes, outfalls and screens









The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division C – Water Services. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division C – Water Services.

DIVISION D – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Mr. Matthew McAleese, Director, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D – Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division D relating to Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development under the following headings:

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Division D
Development Management

Budget 2024

Revenue Expenditure €30.6m
Revenue Income €7.1m

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Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Expenditure 2024	**€13.8m**
Major element of expenditure is Payroll	€ 9.3m
Total Income 2024	**€3.1m**
Planning application fees	€1.6m
Fire Certs	€1.0m
Commencement Notices	€160K

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Planning Applications / Decisions

- 1038 applications lodged to end Sept
  - 137 applications invalid
  - 901 valid applications
- 9 Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) applications have been received and a total of 11 Decisions on LRD applications have issued. The total combined number of units granted through LRD applications was 3,211.

Strategic Housing Developments:

- To date in 2023, 17 SHD Decisions (13 Grants/4 Refusals) were made by An Bord Pleanála totalling 5,709 units granted.
- 5 SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

LargeScaleResidentialDevelopments

- 9 LRD Applications received
- 11 LRD Decisions issued - 10 granted totalling 3,211 units

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

E-PLANNING PORTAL

- Work is on-going and progressing nationally with the LGMA in relation to the introduction of ePlanning.
- Go live soft launch in Q4 of 2023 and a full rollout in 2024.
- Applicants/Agents will be able to lodge planning applications electronically, reducing the cost of printing and overall costs of lodging a planning application in person.
- Portal will enable agents to submit future applications for any local authority in the Country through the same online tool.

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Economic, Enterprise, Property & Local Development

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	5.048m	2.453m	2.595m
2023 Revised	6.622m	3.668m	2.953m
2024 Proposed	6.014m	2.862m	3.151m

Dublin Belfast ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

- Economic & Local Development Strategy
- Marketing & Promotion
- Industrial Lands Development
- Landbank Development & Property Services
- Investment & Funding Opportunities
- Enterprise Development



URBACT Driving change for better cities

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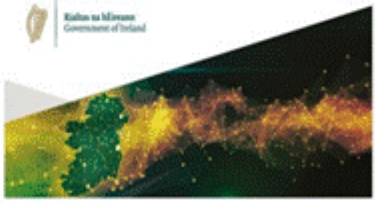
Urban & Rural Regeneration

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	1.933m	0.225m	1.707m
2023 Revised	2.191m	0.512m	1.679m
2024 Proposed	2.388m	0.625m	1.763m



- Town Centre First Principles
- URDF & RRDF Funding Schemes
- Our Balbriggan & Lusk
- Town & Village / Rural Area Renewal Programm
- Derelict Sites
- Town Centre Commercial Vacancy Initiative

Ár dTodhchaí Tuaithe Our Rural Future



Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

Tourism Development & Promotion

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	1.508m	0.102m	1.406m
2023 Revised	0.585m	0.010m	0.575m
2024 Proposed	0.943m	0.009m	0.934m



- Tourism Strategy Implementation
- Food Strategy Implementation
- Tourism Irl & Failte Irl
- Tourism Stakeholder & Sector Relationships
- Fingal Tourism Marketing & Promotion
- Flavours of Fingal (€1.051m) – moved to Div F



Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division D is as follows-

Budget 2023	Revised 2023	Budget 2024
€1,353,000	€2,953,000	€1,653,000

The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division D – Development Management. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this

division, which were responded to by Mr. Matthew McAleese and Mr. John Quinlivan.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division D – Development Management.

DIVISION E – ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations, Mr. David Storey, Director Environment, Climate & Active Travel, and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services under the following headings:



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Division E

Environmental Services

Budget 2024

Environment Division

Waste Management

- Landfills : Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt and other Historic Sites; (€2.5m)
- Recycling Facilities Collection Contract : Estuary, Coolmine and Bring Banks.

Environmental Enforcement

- Litter Enforcement;
- Waste Regulations– Permitting and monitoring Waste Recovery Facilities, Monitoring and controlling movement of waste
- Water Pollution : Bathing Waters, Farm and Septic Tank Inspections, Water Framework Directive Measures and Operational Monitoring and Trade Effluent Licencing
- Air and Noise Pollution.

Balleally Landfill to Rogerstown Park
Enabling Works

8 Work Packages designed and delivered through Consultancy framework



- Renewable Energy Feasibility Study
- Electrical Substation Upgrade
- Maintenance shed
- Fire Main

- Landfill Gas System management
- Leachate Balancing infrastructure
- Leachate Cells Pumping upgrades
- Settlement Monitoring



Litter Management

There are currently 6 Litter Wardens whose roles are to enforce the Litter Pollution Act. They also raise awareness with the public and businesses in the County regarding littering & dog fouling. 532 complaints for littering, dumping, abandoned cars & dog fouling were assigned to the Litter Warden for investigation up to 31st October 2023.





Litter Management

Fines Issued 2023	Warning Notices 2023
405	179

The Litter Wardens continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches in 2023 and its potential impact to water quality. They carried out extra inspections over the weekends in 2023, prior to planned bathing water sampling. They engaged with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags & made people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.



Bottle Banks & Textile Banks - E02

- Collection & recycling of Glass Bottle & Textiles
- Tonnages collected returning to pre covid levels
- New bottle banks were installed at the following locations:
- 1. Mick Walsh Park, Tyrellstown,
- 2. St. Peregrine's GAA Club, Coolmine, and,
- 3. Beech park, Clonsilla.



Textile Banks & Bottle Banks

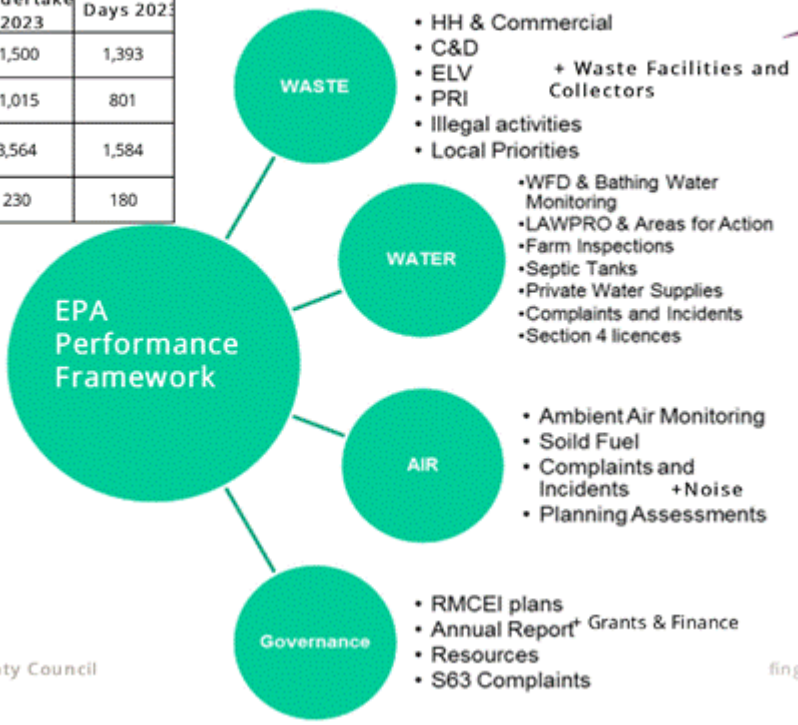






Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI)

Category	Inspection Undertake 2023	Inspectio Days 202
Waste Enforcemen	1,500	1,393
Water Pollution	1,015	801
Litter Managemen	3,564	1,584
Air & Noise Pollution	230	180



End of Life Vehicles Project





- All identified Illegal ELV sites now closed – 87 in total
- 390 ELV inspections undertaken
- 80 Enforcement notices issued
- 1,700 ELV's removed for disposal at authorized facilities
- Successful legal action taken against several unauthorised operators.

Brown Bin Apartment Project 2023 - 2024



- Project initiated in 2023 to target apartment complexes and management companies.
- Food Regulations require waste collectors to provide a separate brown bin collection service.
- Reg 10 notices issued to collectors requesting brown bin data/management company info.
- 55 property management companies identified within Fingal (10,000 apartments).
- Engagement with management companies to explain obligations.
- Investigations and inspections ongoing to confirm compliance with Regs.
- Enforcement action to encourage uptake and use of brown bins.

Phase 1: Waste Presentation ByeLaw Project





EIRCODE

Phase 1 (2023)

- Compliance with Waste Presentation ByeLaws – Participation in waste collection service.
- Customer data provided by waste collectors within Fingal ~~-~~ 89,000 households.
- Eircode appending to establish register of households with waste collection service 98.5% success
- Development of reverse register to identify households without a waste collection service.
- Production of heat maps using GIS to highlight blackspot areas.

Phase 2 (2024)

- Engagement with householders listed on reverse register.
- Enforcement action/FPN's to encourage compliance.

Environment Division

Climate Action

The budget allocation under this division covers costs associated with the following:

- Costs associated with the Climate Action section which co-ordinates activities associated with the implementation of the Change Action Plan 2019-2024 (CCAP) include Salaries, Training and ancillary staff costs.
- A financial contribution to City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema) who are financed by the four Dublin local authorities and provide technical assistance in relation to energy efficiencies and local-level energy policy, planning and projects; €140,000 support annually.

Environment Division

Climate Action Cont'd.

- Consultancy services contingency in relation to identifying and developing potential for Decarbonising Zones and District Heating within the County and for support to SEC's
- Implementation of a number of actions under the Environment division; enhancement of existing actions, and development and implementation of new actions under the CCAP; and to cover funding shortfalls.
- Climate action awareness activities and promotional material – advertising, media, consultancy, events.

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Draft Climate Action Plan





Environment Division

Environmental Awareness

- Litter & dog fouling campaigns; Materials for Adopt-a-Patch support to communities; Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Competition 16 funded community projects, Dublin Community Clean Up, Audio devices, beach workshops, murals, doggie dispensers;
- Environmental awareness workshops for communities and schools in waste prevention, ReUse, Recycling, Instruments Project, Fast Fashion and Biodiversity;
- Supporting communities: Keen to be Green Project with 32 Fingal Community Centers during the 'Water' phase
- Circular Economy: Bike Reuse and Recycled Paint for communities in partnership with the Rediscovery Centre;
- Leaf mould composting for 40 community groups;
- Green Schools program, Picker Pals, ReLove Fashion; Composting for Schools & food waste wormeries, school gardens & nature books;
- Cinema Advertising

Environmental Awareness Program



Fire Service

- Provided by Dublin City Council.
- Costs apportioned by population, households, rateable valuation.
- Provision in Fingal Budget 2024 - €25.3m
- 2024 Budget includes provision for recruit class.

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Division E

Operations





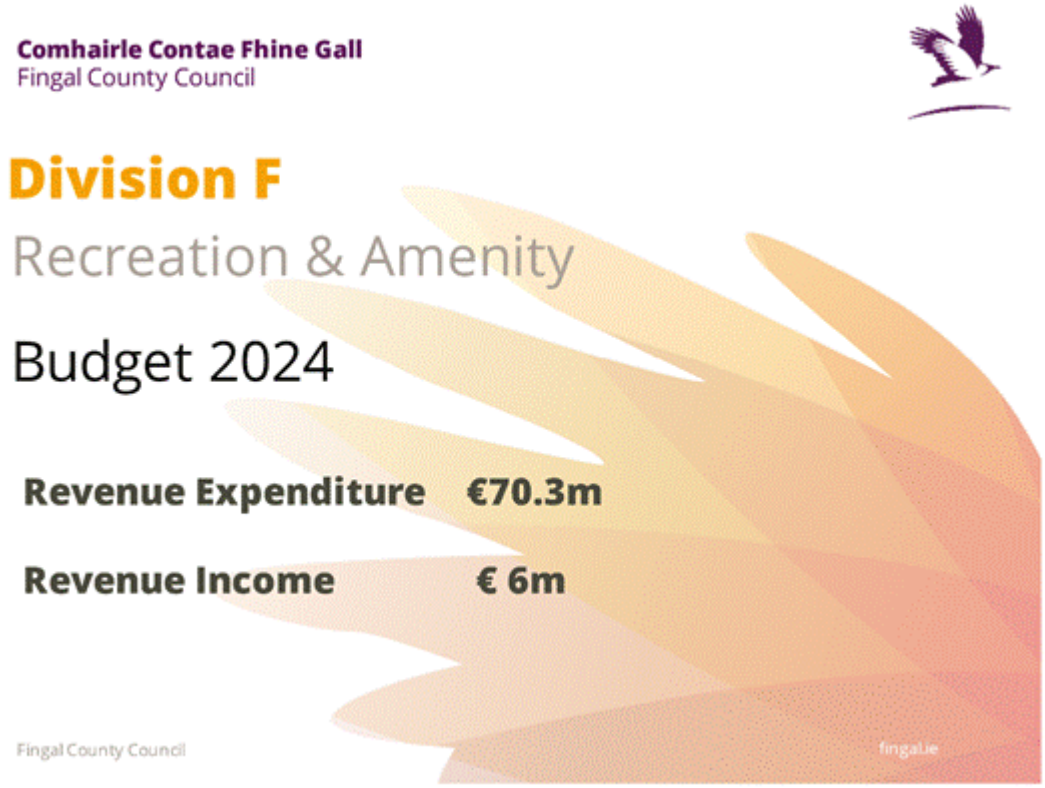
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division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly, Mr. David Storey, and Mr. Oliver Hunt.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division E – Environmental Services.

DIVISION F – RECREATION & AMENITY

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations, Mr. John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development, and Mr. Paul Carroll, Director, Housing & Community Development, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation & Amenity under the following headings:



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Operations

Outdoor Leisure Areas

Parks , Playgrounds & Beaches

€27.7m

Parks & Playgrounds









Parks, Pitches, Open Spaces, Playgrounds & Beaches

- Regional Parks – Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry, Tolka Valley, St. Catherines Lucan, Millenium and Malahide Demesne;
- All Neighbourhood and Town Parks;
- Residential Open Space;
- Talbot Gardens;
- Shakleton Gardens;
- Sports Pitches;
- Multi-Use Games Areas;
- All-weather Pitches;
- Tennis Courts; Cricket Grounds; Bowling Greens;
- Playgrounds and Skate-Parks;

Parks, Playgrounds & Beaches

- Christmas Trees, Floral Displays;
- Biodiversity Works
  - Fingal Tree Officer
  - Management of Street Trees– Approx 50,000
  - Woodland Management Plans
  - Town Biodiversity Plans
  - Wildflower Meadows
- Day to day maintenance of Beaches and protection of sand dunes;
- Lifeguard Service;
- Discretionary Parks Works Programme across the 3 areas.

Area Programme of Works 2024

Area Programme of Works Provision 2024

- Parks and Open Spaces = €963,600

Draft Area Work Programme to Area Committee December 2023/January 2024

Beaches & Lifeguard Service - €700,000





Lifeguard Service June – September 2023

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	6	1	11	2	76	22	9
Skerries South	1	1	20	0	185	24	7
Loughshinny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush South	0	0	1	0	192	24	8
Portrane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donabate	4	0	25	4	253	35	6
Malahide	2	0	5	2	415	183	13
Portmarnock	9	2	55	7	1231	210	97
Sutton	7	1	67	5	440	90	19
Howth	0	0	1	0	45	9	1
JUN-SEPT FULL RETURNS	29	5	185	20	2837	597	160

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Cultural Development - Libraries

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	11.626m	0.616m	11.010m
2023 Revised	11.248m	0.414m	10.834m
2024 Proposed	12.001m	0.690m	11.311m

Swords Cultural Quarter





- Book fund now €1,000,000
- Library Operations, events & festivals
- Opening hours at all libraries
- My Open Library expansion
- Creative Ireland
- Commemorations Programme concluding

Cultural Development - Arts

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	3.896m	0.050m	3.846m
2023 Revised	4.271m	0.050m	4.221m
2024 Proposed	4.235m	0.050m	4.185m

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- Day to Day Arts Activities
- Subvention to Irish Institute of Music & Song
- Adjustment SCQ Capital Transfer to Loan Payment
- Artists Support & Contributions
- Community Arts Festivals

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Clár Éire Ildánach Creative Ireland Programme 2017-2022

Tourism & Cultural Development
Heritage Properties / Visitor Attractions

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	2.432m	0.072m	2.359m
2023 Revised	2.331m	0.070m	2.261m
2024 Proposed	2.626m	0.577m	2.068m







- Day to Day Operation Sites as Visitor Attractions
- Protection & Conservation of Heritage
- Relationship with Management Companies & Fáilte Ireland
- Development and marketing of Heritage Sites
- Capital Transfer to fund Major Capital Works Prg

Tourism & Cultural Development
Festivals & Events

	Expenditure	Income	Nett
2023 Adopted	2.432m	0.072m	2.359m
2023 Revised	2.331m	0.070m	2.261m
2024 Proposed	2.626m	0.577m	2.068m







- 2023 Programme Expansion Maintained
- Events Programme – Increasing Costs
- Funded & Supported Community Events
- Expansion of Tradfest Fingal
- Events Partners - Sponsorship Programme
- Flavours of Fingal – moved from Div D

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Community & Sports Development Division

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Community & Sports Development



Community & Sports Development

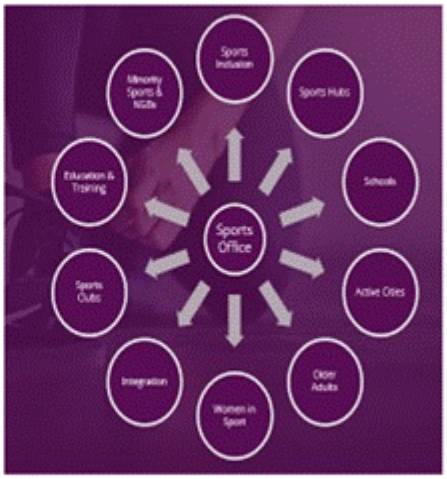
Community & Sports 2024 budget - €8.8 m (2023 - €8m)

The Community & Sports Development Sports Division work to strengthen and empower communities to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Fingal.

- **Increase in Community Centre folio management costs+ €280K**
- **Increase in Community development initiatives +190K**
- **Increase in Sports programming (inc. Active Cities) +88K**
- **Strategy development (AF & PPN) + 88K**
- **Increase in Integration supports + 25K**

Sports Development

- To increase participation in Sport & Physical Activity
- Support and deliver a range of sporting programmes, in conjunction sports NGBs, targeting key groups & pillars
- County-wide Sports & Recreation Facilities Audit
- Sports Strategy 2022-2027



Sports Development

Older Adults

- Free outdoor exercise classes in parks
- Aqua Aerobics programme
- Pitch & Putt programme
- Older adult exercise programme
- Men on the Move
- Intergeneration Bowls
- Intergenerational Cricket



Sports Development

Education & Training

- Childcare Training Workshops
- Active Disability Ireland Training
- Physical Literacy Courses
- Sport Ireland Education Courses
- Sports Conditioning Teacher training
- Nutrition Workshop Series
- School PE training Day
- Safeguarding Training
- First Aid



Sports Development

Women In Sport

- Free outdoor exercise classes in parks
- Exercise Energise programme
- Gym Fit teens
- HerOutdoors Week
- HerMoves Initatives



Sports Development

Social Inclusion

- Late Night Football League
- Traveller Play Project
- Blanchardstown Community Training Centre
- Parent & Toddler Play Group
- Promotion of non-traditional sports including beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, basketball & Olympic handball





Sports Development

Sport Inclusion

- Table Cricket
- Football For All
- Dyspraxia Sports Group
- Inclusive Zumba
- Intro to Gym
- Learn to Swim
- Community Boccia Blitz
- Active Disability Ireland Initiatives





The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division F – Recreation and Amenity. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly, Mr. John Quinlivan, and Mr. Paul Carroll.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division F – Recreation and Amenity Services.

DIVISION G – AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE

Ms. Mary T. Daly, Director, Operations and Mr. David Storey, Director, Environment, Climate Change & Active Travel, gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare under the following headings:

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Division G

Agriculture, Food & The Marine

Budget 2024

Revenue Expenditure €1.7m
Revenue Income €0.4m

Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare

- G02 Harbours – Operation & General Maintenance (Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny) - **€585k**
- Contribution to Shared Veterinary Service including Dog Warden Service - **€620k**
- Horse Seizure Service & Horse Pound Facility - **€75k**

Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours

G02 Harbours €585,200

- Operation and General Maintenance (Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Loughshinny)

Dog Shelter & Dog Warden Services

- Midland Animal Care provide dog shelter services for stray dogs picked up by the Dog Warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners. The dogs are then either reclaimed by their owners or are re-homed to members of the public or to rescue shelters.
- Number of dogs brought to shelter in 2023:
  - Strays 178
  - Surrenders 39
  - Re-claimed 63
  - Re-homed to rescue 73
  - Re-homed to public 46
  - In shelter @ 26 October 23 23
  - No of Dog related CRMs 428
  - (1 January to 26 October 2023)



Dog Wardens

- There are 6 Dog Wardens who provide a 7-day service and patrol all areas including towns, housing estates, beaches & parks
- Investigate dangerous dog reports, issue 10-day notices to owners who do not have a dog licence, issue fines for failing to produce a licence, enforce park bye laws, conduct licence checks in housing estates, attend court cases

Dog fines/Licences	2023 (to 22 October 23)
No of fines issued	458
No of fines paid	190
Total amount of fines paid	€28,749
No of annual licence purchased	7945
No of Lifetime licence purchased	600
Income from Licences	€242,900

Dog Wardens

Attendance at "Flavours of Fingal", Howth Maritime Festival, Litter Awareness Day, Balbriggan Beach, Howth Head & Harbour joint patrol with AGS.









Horse Seizure Service and Horse Pound Facility

- Under Control of Horses Act 1996, the Council has powers to collect and impound any stray horse that may cause a danger to people or property or cause a nuisance.
- Horse welfare and Inspection Programme continues on the Dunsink Landfill providing worming and chipping of horses on the site.





Transfers to Capital

The overall provision for transfer to capital requiring Council approval in Division G is as follows:-

Budget 2023	Revised 2023	Budget 2024
€150,000	€618,500	€150,000

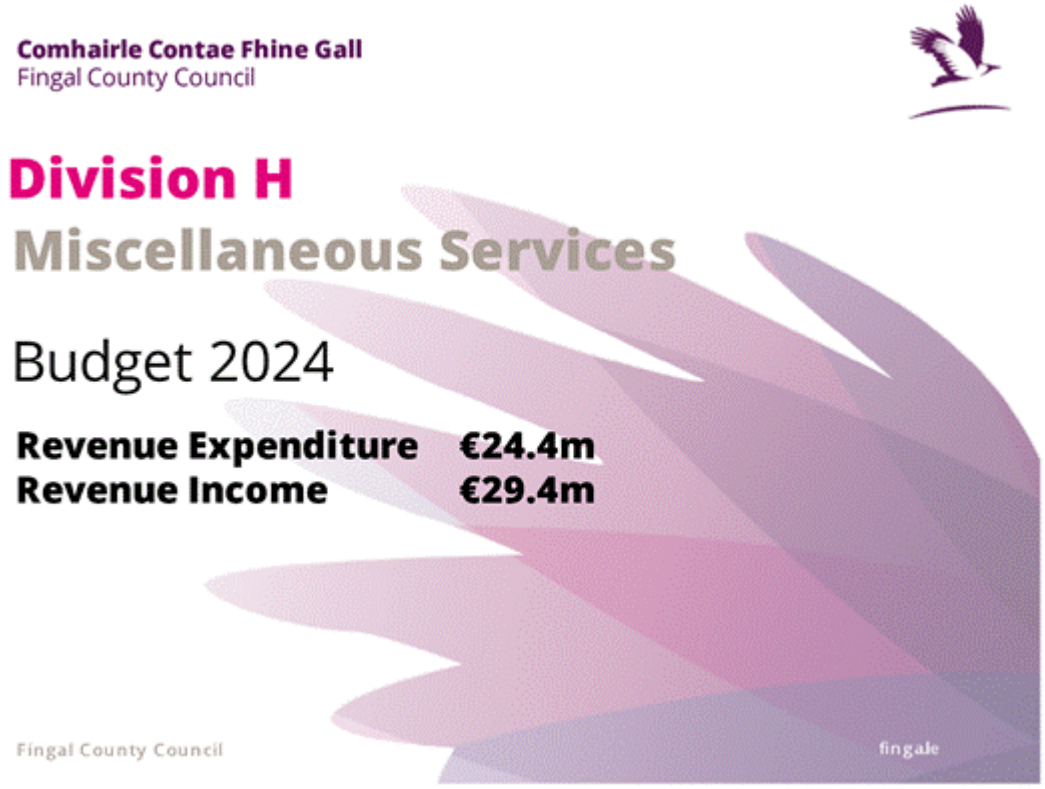
The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in

relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary T. Daly and Mr. David Storey.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division G – Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare.

DIVISION H – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, and Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance gave a detailed report on the main provisions contained in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services under the following headings:



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CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate Services

- Members' Expenses / Allowances
- Electors/Voter.ie for 2024
- Continuous development of Corporate Systems
- Building Facilities

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DIGITAL SERVICES

Digital Services

Budget 2024 - €10.1m
Budget 2023 - €10.3m



Priorities

- New services on Dynamics 365 CRM
- CE Orders Phase 2 - Digital Signatures;
- Transition to eHousing;
- Housing Loans;
- myFingal Customer Portal;
- ePlanning and associated technologies phase 2





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PEOPLE SERVICES

People Services

During 2024 the People Services Department will continue to:

- Ensure sufficient staff are in place for the continued provision of services
- Implement the Public Service National Agreements
- Ensure that the staff of Fingal are continually upskilled and cross-skilled so that they can carry out their duties in a safe and competent manner
- Implement a rigorous regime of safety inspections in order to ensure the safety of our employees and also the safety of the public affected by the delivery of Local Authority Services

Recruitment

Recruitment Programme January 2023 to October 2023	
Recruitment Campaigns Completed/Pending	83
Interviews Held to date	1750
Applicants to date	2771
Number of Appointments	303
Number of New Starters	181
Number of Leavers/Retirements	175
Number of Current Job Offers	56

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FINANCE

Miscellaneous Services

Finance

- Administration of Rates including:- €19.4m
  - Provision for rates loss arising out of valuation appeals process;
  - Refund of rates on vacant properties (30%);
  - Bad debt provisioning;
  - Rates administration.
- NPPR Income €0.4m

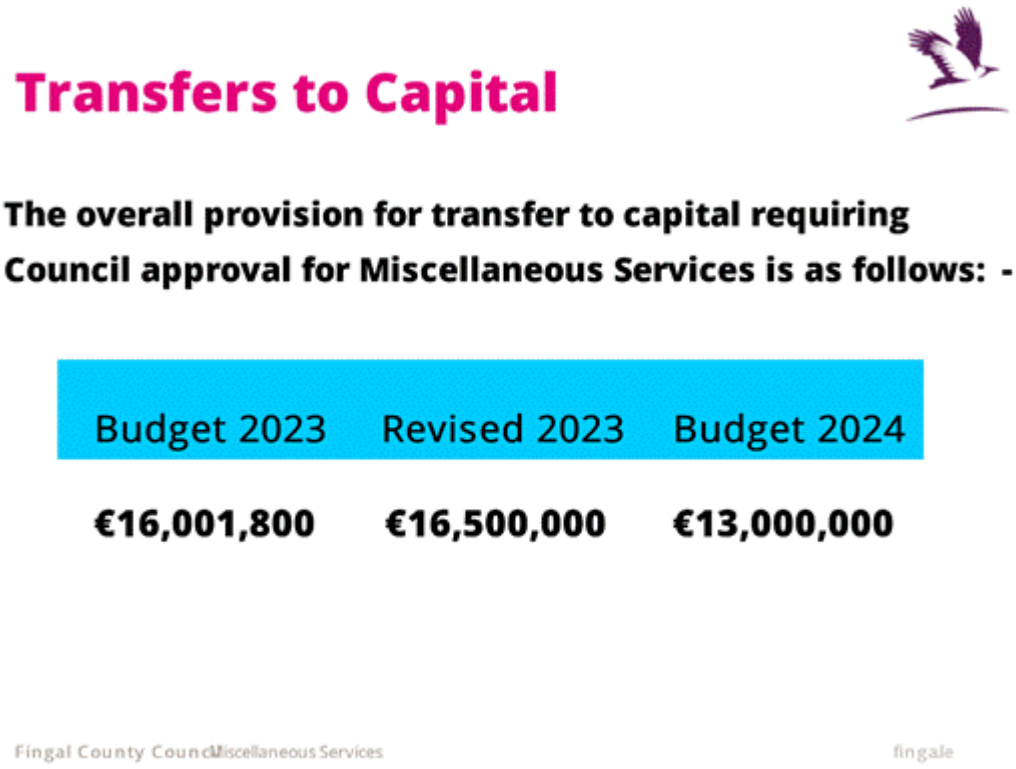
Commercial Rates - Vacancy Refund

Rates on vacant premises

- Setting of the vacancy refund rate is a reserved function to be voted on at the Annual Budget Meeting
- The Legislation requires that the Members consider the matter each year and it is recommended that a refund rate of 30% be adopted for 2024.

Recommendation

- That a refund rate of 30% apply for **2024.**



The Mayor then invited the Members to indicate if they wished to ask questions in relation to Division H – Miscellaneous Services. The Members asked questions on the provisions made in the Annual Budget in relation to this division, which were responded to by Ms. Mary Egan and Mr. Oliver Hunt.

The Council then NOTED the provisions made in the Annual Budget for Division H – Miscellaneous Services.

At 4:30pm a 15-minute break was called, the meeting reconvened at 4:45pm.

The following motion was PROPOSED by Councillor Ted Leddy and SECONDED by Councillor Tom O'Leary:

"That funding of €120,000 is diverted from within Division B, Public Lighting from (B0501) to (B0502)."

Reply:

An estimated provision of €5,066,500 is provided for within the Budget 2024 to cover public lighting operation costs and the carrying out of improvements to public lighting.

A total of €361,000 has been provided for the Public Lighting Special Works Area Programme broken down as follows:

- €212,000 Area Works Programme - €72,000 per area. Approved by Area Committee
- €149,000 Public Lighting Countywide works – Additional funding provision for public lighting requests in public realm.

The movement of €120,000 from B0501 (Public Lighting operating costs) to B0502 (Public Lighting improvements) means that rather than utilising the funds for countywide works each area committee can decide how its additional allocation is to be used.

Following discussion, the Motion was AGREED.

The following motion was PROPOSED by Councillor Joe Newman and SECONDED by Councillor Jimmy Guerin:

"It is proposed that a provision of an additional 75k be provided to the community sport and recreational budget. The additional funding is to provide for much need services for people with chronic illness, and for people who have become immobile for many reasons. This cohort of people cannot avail of many of the facilities and activities provided by the council.

It is proposed to reduce the capital transfer in F0401 by €75,000 and increase F0404 by €75,000 to provide funding to help and support people to engage in supervised physical activity."

Reply:

Funding of €45k for this programme has been allowed for in the overall sports department budget.

Following discussion, the report was ACCEPTED.

BUDGET – MOTION 1

The following Motion, which was read into the record of the meeting by the Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, was AGREED:

"That the County Council adopts for the Financial Year ending 31 December 2024, the Annual Budget set out in Tables A to F as amended by motion proposed by Councillor Ted Leddy and seconded by Councillor Tom O'Leary".

BUDGET – MOTION 2

The following Motion, which was read into the record of the meeting by Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, was AGREED:

"That the County Council determines in accordance with the budget as adopted the rate as set out in Table A to be the Annual Rate on Valuation to be levied for the Financial Year ending 31 December in 2024 for the purposes set out in Table A".

BUDGET – MOTION 3

The following Motion, which was read into the record of the meeting by Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, was AGREED:

"That the County Council approves of the transfer to the Capital Account of the sums provided for various Capital purposes in the Annual Budget for 2024 as adopted"

BUDGET – MOTION 4

The following Motion, which was read into the record of the meeting by Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, was AGREED:

"That Fingal County Council makes a scheme for the abatement of rates in respect of vacant properties in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, as amended.
Such a scheme in respect of vacant property will provide for an abatement of 30% of rates due to Fingal County Council by a liable person for the financial year ending 31 December 2024"

The Meeting concluded at 5:05pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Pamela Conroy, Joan Hopkins and Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor, Councillor Adrian Henchy presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital);David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); Oliver

Hunt (Head of Finance); Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Sheridan (Senior Executive Officer); Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer).

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.

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy, advised the Members that four emergency motions had been received prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Mayor informed the Members one of the emergency motions was ruled out of order and three of the emergency motions were ruled in order and would be considered before the end of the meeting.

F/418/23 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9th October 2023 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor H. Mahony and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 9th October 2023 be ADOPTED."

F/419/23 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and RESOLVED:

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

F/420/23 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Homes listed on the Airbnb Web site reviewed against Planning Certs

F/421/23 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor B. Ryan - Social Housing Acquisitions - Value for Money

F/422/23 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor B. Manton - Casual Trading Site - Coffee Cart Business

F/423/23 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Christmas Tree Disposal Sites

F/424/23 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor C. Boland - Tender Processing Requirements

F/425/23 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Residential Planning Permissions Granted but not Commenced

F/426/23 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Healy - Restrictions on grants for Fingal-based organisations which cross county boundaries

F/427/23 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Tormey - National Transport Authority (NTA) - Active Travel

F/428/23 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor JK - Onwumereh - Available Services this Christmas Season

F/429/23 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor J. Newman - Bike Share Initiative

F/430/23 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor P. Mulville - The need to increase the number of Homeless Family Hubs

F/431/23 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor H. Mahony - Security Arrangements - Libraries and Public Offices

F/432/23 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor H. Mahony - Brief given to Security Personnel - Libraries and Public Offices

F/433/23 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Re-introduction of Chatbot on Council's Web site

F/434/23 (Agenda Item No 16)

Report of Committees

a Report of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2023

The reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor I. Carey and RESOLVED:

"That the recommendations contained in the amended quarterly report of the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee are hereby APPROVED."

b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2023

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 24th October 2023, be APPROVED."

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

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

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

d Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023

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

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and RESOLVED:

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2023, are hereby ADOPTED."

F/435/23 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

a Report on Overdraft Accommodation 2024

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 AGREED:

"That the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the securing of overdraft accommodation on the Council's revenue account to a limit of €25m for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024."

F/436/23 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin to Mainscourt Solar DAC

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

"That the wayleave at Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin to Mainscourt Solar DAC, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 26 October 2023, be granted in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Proposed disposal of land and grant of a permanent wayleave at 169a Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

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

"That lands and grant of a permanent wayleave at 169a Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15 to ESB Networks as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 26 October 2023, be granted and disposed of to the ESB Networks in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c Proposed disposal of land at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to NABCO now known as Co-Operative Housing Ireland (CHI)

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

"That lands at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to NABCO now known as Co-Operative Housing Ireland (CHI), as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 27 October 2023, be disposed of to the NABCO now known as Co-Operative Housing Ireland (CHI) in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d Proposed disposal of land at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL)

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

"That lands at Tyrellstown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL), as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 27 October 2023, be disposed of to the Housing Association for Integrated Living (HAIL), in accordance with the terms specified therein."

e 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 P. Mulville and **RESOLVED:**

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

F/437/23 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declaration of Roads

a Cois Srutháin, Ballyboughal, Co Dublin

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

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

F/438/23 (Agenda Item No 20)

LADP/008/23 - Proposed Development of 57 no. Apartments & Associated Site Works at Holywell, Swords, Co. Dublin

It was AGREED to circulate the presentation to the Members and the notice of intention to undertake development at Holywell, Swords was NOTED.

F/439/23 (Agenda Item No 21)

Fingal Tourism Strategy

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

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised that Councillor D. Healy had submitted five amendments as follows-

1. "Howth Special Amenity Area Management Committee and Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Management Cttee are involved in addressing a range of tourism-related challenges in the Special Amenity Areas including the maintenance of paths, the protection and improvement of accesses, and the protection and restoration of biodiversity from visitor impacts."

2. "Development of measures to protect the natural environment from visitor pressure."

3. "Maintain, protect and improve accesses to beaches, to the coast and to Special Amenity Areas."

4. "Continue to engage with the maintenance and cleaning challenges associated with visitors especially on beaches and in areas with takeaway businesses and look for innovative measures to address these challenges."

5. "Address excessive traffic resulting from visitors including by promoting the use of public transport and cycling, supporting increases in the frequency of rail services on Sundays, and supporting the retention of direct rail links."

A presentation was given to the Members by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer.

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

Amendment 1 was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor K.Power

“Howth Special Amenity Area Management Committee and Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Management Cttee are involved in addressing a range of tourism-related challenges in the Special Amenity Areas including the maintenance of paths, the protection and improvement of accesses, and the protection and restoration of biodiversity from visitor impacts."

FOR :	7	SEVEN
AGAINST:	28	TWENTY EIGHT
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Walsh, John; Healy, David; McDonagh, Brian.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; O’Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; McCamley, Mary; O’Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O’Donoghue, Robert; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amendment
LOST.

Amendment 2 was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor K.Power

“Development of measures to protect the natural environment from visitor pressure.”

FOR :	12	TWELVE

AGAINST: 22 TWENTY TWO
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; Boland, Cathal; Healy, David; McDonagh, Brian.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amendment
LOST.

Amendment 3 was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor K.Power

"Maintain, protect and improve accesses to beaches, to the coast and to Special Amenity Areas."

FOR : 8 EIGHT
AGAINST: 26 TWENTY SIX
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Walsh, John; Healy, David.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amendment LOST.

Amendment 4 was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor I. Carey

"Continue to engage with the maintenance and cleaning challenges associated with visitors especially on beaches and in areas with takeaway businesses and look for innovative measures to address these challenges."

FOR :	8	EIGHT
AGAINST:	26	TWENTY SIX
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; Healy, David.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Humphreys, James; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amendment LOST.

Amendment 5 was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor I. Carey

"Address excessive traffic resulting from visitors including by promoting the use of public transport and cycling, supporting increases in the frequency of rail services on Sundays, and supporting the retention of direct rail links."

FOR :	12	TWELVE
AGAINST:	23	TWENTY THREE
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; Healy, David; McDonagh, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Maguire, Grainne; Murphy, Tony; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; McCamley, Mary; O'Leary, Tom; Shovlin, Siobhan; Lavin, Anthony; Doyle, Tania; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted; Rane, Punam.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Amendment LOST.

The report was AGREED.

F/440/23 (Agenda Item No 22)

Fingal Food and Drink Policy

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. A presentation was given to the Members by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer.

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that Councillor K. Power submitted four amendments as follows-

1. Implement a Council policy to follow the Greener by Default approach in all catering/procurement by/for Council and its franchises

2. Develop and a council policy for Fair Trade in procurement

3. Develop an ongoing consultation relationship with experts in the area of food sustainability as the policy is implemented at local level

4. Carry out a food poverty assessment in Fingal

During discussions Councillor K. Power withdrew amendment one and two. Following further discussions Cllr K. Power accepted the commitment by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, to work with Community Groups and it was AGREED to put amendment four on the LCDC Agenda.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and RESOLVED:

"That the Fingal Food and Drink Policy is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/441/23 (Agenda Item No 23)

Chief Executive's Report

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

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

F/442/23 (Agenda Item No 24)

Conference Report

a AILG Elected Member Training Day Programme Module 6 (In-Person) 16th November 2023 Tower Hotel

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

b AILG Elected Member Training Day Programme Module 6 (In-Person) 18th November 2023 Clayton Hotel

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

c AILG Annual Training Conference 2024 - 14th and 15th February, 2024 - Arklow Bay Hotel

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

F/443/23 (Agenda Item No 25)

Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - Housing for All - Local Campaigns to assist buyers and those building their own homes

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

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

F/444/23 (Agenda Item No 26)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a Letter from the Local Government Management Agency dated 12th October 2023 Re - Emergency Motion - Support for Formal Job Evaluation Process - 11th September 2023

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

b Letter from Department of Social Protection dated 22nd February 2023 received 25th October 2023 Re - Item 35 - Cllr. R. O'Donoghue - Introduction of Pilot Scheme for Artists with Disabilities - 13 February 2023

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

c Letter of acknowledgement from Office of the Taoiseach dated 25th October 2023 Re Item 33 - Cllr Graves - Moore Street 14 November 2022

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

d Email of acknowledgement received from Minister E. Ryan's office, Department of Transport, dated 25th October 2023 re Item 38 - Cllr JK Onwumereh - Additional NCT Centres 13th February 2023

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

e Email of acknowledgement from the Office of the Minister of Housing dated 26th October 2023 - Re - Housing for All, Special Meeting, Tuesday 11th April 2023

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

f Email of acknowledgement received from Minister D. O'Brien's office dated 26th October 2023 re Item 35 - Cllr. B. McDonagh - An Bord Pleanála - 14th November 2022

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/445/23 (Agenda Item No 27)

Correspondence

a Letter from Mayo County Council dated 5th September 2023 - Re - Build Time for Croí Cónaithe Scheme

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

b Letter from Clare County Council dated 12th September 2023 - Re National Car Testing Company (NCT)

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

c Letter from Leitrim County Council dated 12th September 2023 - Ash Tree Conservation Project

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

d Letter from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council dated 26th September 2023 Re - Fossil Fuel-Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

e Letter from Limerick City and County Council dated 27th September 2023 re National Treatment Purchase Scheme

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

f Letter from Limerick City and County Council dated 27th September 2023 re Cuan Mhuire Association

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

g Letter from Clare County Council dated 12th October 2023 - Resolution - Planning Condition to all New Housing Developments - Traffic Calming Measures

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/447/23 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor B. Hanaphy - Toilet Facilities in Parks

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

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

F/448/23 (Agenda Item No 30)
Councillor J. Newman - Funding for Community-Based Initiative

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor J. Newman was **ACCEPTED.**

F/450/23 (Agenda Item No 32)
Councillor C. Boland - Enforcement at daa

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

Following discussions, the report was **NOTED.**

F/451/23 (Agenda Item No 33)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Environmentally Safe Weed Removal

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

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

F/452/23 (Agenda Item No 34)
Councillor P. Rane - Textile Banks in all Fingal Areas

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

F/454/23 (Agenda Item No 36)
Councillor T. Leddy - Development of the Liffey Valley Green Space

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor T. Leddy was **ACCEPTED.**

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/457/23 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Public Housing for Nurses, Gardaí, Teachers and Others

Councillor T. O'Leary withdrew the motion.

F/461/23 (Agenda Item No)

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy, advised the Members that a fourth emergency motion had been received and was ruled in order.

The following emergency motion in the name of Sinn Féin was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That this Council recognises the fact that the position of the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland is untenable and calls on the government to support calls for her expulsion."

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

FOR :	11	ELEVEN
AGAINST:	14	FOURTEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Murphy, Tony; McCamley, Mary; Doyle, Tania; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Walsh, John; Mahony, Howard; Butler, Darragh; Dennehy, Brian; O'Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

The following emergency motion in the name of Sinn Féin, Social Democrats, The Green Party and Labour, was proposed by Councillor A. Graves and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

“Political parties on Fingal County Council have come together to speak with one voice on Palestine. We are deeply concerned at the human catastrophe in Gaza. We are urging the Irish Government to use its place in the UN and EU to demand an immediate ceasefire, to lift the siege of Gaza and allow international aid to be allowed in to Gaza.”

Following discussion, the motion was AGREED.

The following emergency motion in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

“ Noting the AlAgha family from Fingal are among those trapped in Gaza and noting the Palestinian people face a humanitarian disaster arising from the siege and bombardment from the Israeli state, this Council calls for an end to the genocidal assault on Gaza; and that the Israeli government ends its blockade and allows sufficient food, water, power and medical supplies to reach the besieged population in the strip, and also call for the release of kidnapped Irish citizen Emily Hand and all civilian hostages, as well as release of all Palestinian political prisoners detained without trial.”

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

FOR :	8	EIGHT
AGAINST:	14	FOURTEEN
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; O’Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; Mahony, Howard; Dennehy, Brian; O’Donoghue, Robert; McDonagh, Brian; Dennison, Kieran; Leddy, Ted.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

It was AGREED to extend the meeting to 20.30 to consider the fourth emergency motion.

The following emergency motion in the name of Councillor D. Mulligan was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"To ask this Council in solidarity with the Palestinian community in Fingal and across the world, as a neutral county to call for an embargo of war munitions and halting of war planes access to Shannon airport, as well as the Palestinian Flag be flown over council offices until the end of the crisis as a sign of our solidarity with the oppressed people of Palestine, many of whom are our friends and neighbours in Fingal."

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

FOR :	15	FIFTEEN
AGAINST:	5	FIVE
ABSTAIN:	0	ZERO

FOR: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Mulville, Paul; Burtchaell, John; Mulligan, Dean; Donnelly, Angela; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Tracey, Natalie; Carey, Ian; O'Brien, Eoghan; Ryan, Brendan; Walsh, John; Doyle, Tania; Dennehy, Brian; Humphreys, James.

AGAINST: Councillors Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Mahony, Howard; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion PASSED.

The Meeting concluded at 20.40pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

PROCEDURE RELATING TO TIDY TOWNS BIODIVERSITY PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process for interacting with Tidy Town groups with regard to the progression of the local Biodiversity Plans where both Tidy Towns and the Council are stakeholders, to include the minimum number of meetings, online/in person, and detailing which Council's department is responsible for this?"

Reply:

The process of the interaction between the Tidy Towns Groups, resident associations, the Operations Department and the Biodiversity Team is currently under review. The Council is keen to develop a more coherent structure of interaction and to encourage more peer-to-peer learning among tidy towns groups.

Source of Reply

Matthew McAleese, Director of Services, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 03

SALTING PROGRAMME OF ROADS ACROSS FINGAL

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what plans are in place to implement a comprehensive Salting Programme on relevant roads across Fingal, given the forecast of a bitterly cold winter, which would affect the safety standard on our roads?"

Reply:

The Council prepares a Winter Service Plan for the winter season this year running from the 15th of October 2023 to the 15th of April 2024. The Plan sets out inter alia a detailed distribution list, the priority routes, overall map of the Service Plan Area, rosters for the duty engineers and the supplementary resources available to the Council.

The Council treats approximately 640kms of the 1,363kms of road network in the County which equates to approximately 46% of the regional and local road network. In addition, winter maintenance on the National Network in the County is delivered by the concessions managed by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

During periods of cold weather, when salting of the 7 routes is required, the operations on-call crews in each area carryout the salting of between the hours of 4am and 7am in the morning and 7pm and 10pm in the evening.

Full details of the salting routes can be found on the Council's website at https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/roads-winter-maintenance

Source of Reply
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations.

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ITEM NO. 04

REED BED WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the position in respect of the deployment of reed bed wastewater treatment facilities to address the issue of facilitating the development of rural clusters without the need for individual wastewater treatments for each dwelling unit in rural cluster zoned areas?"

Reply:

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

All enquiries on water services should now be forwarded directly to Uisce Éireann the national body with full responsibility for the service.

This question can be forwarded to Uisce Éireann by the Council on behalf of the Local Representative or the Local Representative can directly contact Uisce Éireann support desk dedicated to them at localrepsupport@water.ie or by phone at 0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578.

Source of Reply

Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 05

INFORMATION OF THE NUMBER OF TENANT IN-SITU APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

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

Reply:

The 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	186	Sales have fully closed.
TIS Acquisition Under Negotiation with Landlords	54	Cases where a decision in principle has been made to acquire the property but acquisition is subject to inspection, condition assessment, valuation etc.
NoT/TIS Enquiries/Applications Under Consideration Since April, 2022	428	NoT/TIS enquiries and applications under consideration. This includes 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.
NoT/TIS Enquiries where Applications Not Proceeding to Acquisition	83 (FCC decided in 71 cases not to proceed, with a further 12 cases where the landlords decided to withdraw from the process)	Some of main reasons why applications for Tenant in-situ Acquisitions don't proceed are: • The tenant's needs are best met through existing stock. • The tenant does not meet the eligibility criteria for social housing support. • Difficulties engaging with landlords.

Source of Reply
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Department

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ITEM NO. 06

MAYOR'S TEA DANCE

Question: Councillor M. McCamley

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if the Mayor's Tea Dance is still in existence for the older population?"

Reply:

Fingal's Older Peoples Council (FOPC) supported by Fingal Age Friendly, hosted its first Annual Tea Dance, since Covid, on the 5th of October 2023 in the Shoreline Hotel Donabate. 130 people from older adult groups from across Fingal attended the dance. Bus transport was provided to and from the event.

The OPC will meet in December to agree the workplan for 2024. Based on the success of this year's event it is expected that a tea-dance will be included on the workplan for 2024.

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 07

GRANTS AND SUPPORTS AVAILABLE TO SPORTS CLUBS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for a brief outline of what grants and supports are currently available to sports clubs in Fingal?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Sport Section facilitates 2 grant schemes for local sports clubs. Below is a brief description of both strands:

1 Sport Equipment Funding Grant

The purpose of the Sports Equipment funding is to support Fingal sports clubs to develop initiatives that support and promote sport.

The maximum amount of award is €3,000. If applying for 'Equipment Grant', clubs cannot apply for our other grant scheme, the 'Youth Sports Grant', in same calendar year.

Eligible Equipment	Ineligible Equipment
Ball Stop Netting	Balls (except sponge balls)
Basketball Hoop & Stand	Boxing gloves
Boat covers	Cricket bats
Boot scraper/brushes	Cricket pads
Cones	Golf clubs

Corner flags	Helmets
Court Maintenance Brush ware	Hurls
Cricket bowling machine	Jerseys
Cricket Wickets	Personal apparel
Crowd Barriers	Shuttlecocks
Defibrillator	Snooker cues
Electronic Training Aids	Swimming Arm bands
First Aid Equipment	Table Tennis Bats
Game clocks	Tennis Racquets
Goal post carrying trollies	
Goal posts	
Golf Practice Mats	
Golf Training Aids	
Hurdles	
Kicking Tees	
Keelboat Equipment	
Lawnmower	
Lifejackets	
Mannequins	
Mobile Artificial Cricket Pitch	
Mobile tennis nets	
Multipurpose Squeegee	
Orienteering tags	
Pitch Covers	
Pitch Dividers	
Pitch Marker and Paint	
Power Washer	
Rebound Nets	
Relay Batons	
Rugby Post Pads	
Sight Screens	
Scoreboards	
Skiff Launching Trailer	

Slalom Poles	
Snooker Table	
Sport Cages	
Sports Equipment Carrier Bags	
Sport Nets	
Table Tennis tables	
Tackle Bags	
Training Bibs	
Training Ladders	
Volleyball Sets (Outdoor)	
Volleyball Cages	
Weights & GYM Equipment	

General Criteria for Groups availing of Funding: The group must be:

- A community group located in / and or have a significant operation within the administrative area of Fingal
- Comprised of at least 80% Fingal residents
- Formally established for at least 12 months and if requested must produce documentary evidence • Registered on the Fingal Community County Register
- A member of Fingal Public Participation Network
- For all project costs over €100, the application must provide a quotation. If the item is under €2,500, 1 quotation is sufficient. If the item is above €2,500, 3 quotations are required.

2 Youth Sports Grant 2023

Fingal County Council Sports Office, in conjunction with the Sport Ireland, provide funding under the Youth Sports (Small Grant) Scheme. The total funding made available by Sport Ireland is €20,000, which is divided equally amongst all successful applicants.

This scheme is open to Voluntary Sporting Organisations who have registered with the Fingal Community County Register (PPN), affiliated to a recognised NGB or disability organisation and are working with young people and based in the Fingal administrative area.

The Youth Sport (Small Grant) Scheme aims to assist existing clubs towards equipment purchase, referee/coaching fees etc., Applications that create a positive impact on participation levels, encourage diversity and integration and demonstrate sustainability within the club may have a greater chance for funding approval. This year we welcome applications from clubs that promote a circular economy (swap shop, equipment, and gear exchange). We also required clubs to acknowledge FCC, if successful in application, in their social media postings.

Successful clubs will be asked to acknowledge the funding through their social media channels.

Clubs who applied and were approved for Fingal Sports Equipment Funding in 2023 are not eligible for the Youth Sports Grant in 2023.

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 08

ROAD SWEEPER SERVICES – LEAF SWEEPING

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive what is the best approach for residents in terms of leaf sweeping/road sweeper services, is there a particular day when leaves should be swept onto the road within estates?"

Reply:

Between October and January each year, the Operations Department provides a planned and scheduled service for leaf collection. The road sweepers operate on a rolling four-week street sweeping schedule across the three Operational areas.

Priority sweeping and leaf clearance is given to public areas and regional roads which are heavily used to ensure that the main thoroughfares and heavily used routes are clear for pedestrians.

Different areas may experience different levels of leaf build depending on type and maturity of street trees in the location, so there is no single process which will apply county wide, however as resources permit, older estates with large leaf fall are cleared.

It is not always possible to strictly adhere to the road sweeping schedule due to unforeseen circumstances such as storms, emergencies etc.

Source of Reply

Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 09

AVAILABILITY OF COUNCIL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF ADJOINING LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive which Council services are reserved to residents of Fingal and which are open to residents of adjoining Local Authorities, and what reciprocal agreements this Council has with other Local Authorities in this regard?"

Reply:

The Community Development Office provides an Activity Funding Scheme which includes Summer Projects and Halloween funding to community and voluntary organisations of which 80% of members are living or working in Fingal.

The Fingal Public Participation Network accepts applications for membership from community and voluntary organisations of which 80% of members are living or working in Fingal.

Fingal community centres are open to all members of the public including residents of adjoining local authorities.

The library system is nationwide, members can use library services in any library in the country.

Services from the Local Enterprise Office are available to individuals regardless of the location of their residence. So long as the individual has a business located in Fingal (or an intent to establish a business in Fingal), they may avail of Fingal LEO services.

Operations – In general, all Operations Department services are open for use by all and not restricted exclusively for citizens of Fingal - Parks, Roads, Beaches,

Litter and Cleansing, Public Conveniences, Paid Parking, Burial Grounds, Events, Public Lighting etc.

Burial Grounds are available to purchase from persons living outside the county. The exception to this is St. Fintan's Cemetery in Sutton. Use of the recycling centres are not restricted to Fingal only and are regularly used by citizens in the adjoining authorities. Fingal Allotments - only applications from person(s) normally residing in County Fingal are considered.

The Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department provides a wide range of services principally in the area of Environmental Protection and Enforcement, Control of Dogs & Horses, Climate Action, Active Travel initiatives and Sports development. The Department also manages closed and historic landfills, a network of bring banks (bottle, aluminum & textiles) and Environmental Awareness activities including the national green schools' programme.

The majority of services provided by the Environment and Climate Action Section are reserved for residents of Fingal however the network of bring banks can be availed of by residents of adjoining Local Authority areas.

The Active Travel Unit when organising participation courses endeavour to give first preference to Fingal residents. Where it looks like capacity of these courses won't be reached, we will ask our contacts in other Local Authorities to pass the course details to their contact lists. There is no formal agreement between Local Authorities on this. We also link in directly with Disability Service providers who will advertise courses on our behalf.

For other projects and events organised by the Active Travel Unit such as Cycling Without Age and our Family Fun Days that are experience based, these are open to people from all over the Country and they are used as a way of highlighting all that is good in Fingal County Council.

Fingal also licenses two bike share companies to provide schemes in the County, namely TIER Mobility and Bleeper Bike. While the schemes are operated throughout the County, they are availed of by both Fingal residents and people visiting the County.

Source of Replies

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

John Quinlivan, Director of Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development

David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 10

REPORT OF THE INTER DEPARTMENTAL GROUP ON NATIONAL COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there has been any engagement between this Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage / Office of Public Works following their publication of the Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy, with a view to understanding the report's findings and recommendations, in particular as they relate to the situation facing our coastal communities?"

Reply:

The Council is continuing to engage with all relevant stakeholders on issues relating to coastal change. Following the publication of the Report of the Inter Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy the Council has met with the OPW to discuss the report in the context of current and future plans to address coastal change in Fingal.

Source of Reply

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 11

TRANSFER OF TENANCY

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive if a Transfer of Tenancy, the process whereby long-term rent-paying residents of a Council property can be added to a Council tenancy, is still a possibility, and to outline the criteria used to decide on such applications?"

Reply:

The application process for a Transfer of Tenancy Application is relatively straightforward and the policy is as adopted by the Council, in the Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support.

As soon as an application is received it is assessed and acknowledged. While there is no legal entitlement to succeed to a Tenancy or to add a relative to a Council Tenancy, each application is reviewed and assessed on its own merits taking into consideration the applicants housing need, rent account status, anti-social behaviour record and eligibility for housing support.

Consideration of good estate management is a significant consideration. In cases where an eligible applicant for succession of Tenancy is refused, the Housing Team will arrange to meet and discuss housing options with them.

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 12

REMOVAL OF ABANDONED CARS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive what powers, if any, the Council has in relation to the removal of abandoned cars from housing estates?"

Reply:

The Council's power in relation to removal of abandoned vehicles are describe under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act 1996.

The Council has developed the following procedure in relation to abandoned vehicles. Full details of the abandoned vehicle procedure are on our website.

To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- Vehicle Registration
- Colour / Make / Model
- Exact Location
- Period of time that vehicle has not been moved*
- Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

It should be noted that the abandoned vehicle process from initial report and inspection to final removal of a vehicle takes approximately 3 month and the vehicle must not have moved for a considerable period of time.

Please note that vehicles badly parked, vehicles involved in residential parking disputes, vehicles causing an obstruction, vehicles not taxed or insured, vehicles on private lands or private estates, vehicles that are owned by persons living in an estate or those registered outside of the state will not be considered to be abandoned.

The above apply to vehicles parked in housing estates. If the housing estate is private or the owner of the vehicle lives on the estate, the vehicle will not be deemed to have been abandoned and therefore will not be removed.

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 13

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRES

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive how many Family Resource Centres do we have in Fingal and how do we support them?"

Reply:

There are four Family Resource Centres based in Fingal. Mountview Family Resource Centre and Wellview Family Resource Centre in Dublin 15, Baldoyle Family Resource Centre in Dublin 13 and Aster Family Resource Centre in Balbriggan. The community office provides management assistance funding to Mountview Family Resource Centre as it is based in a council owned community facility. We support all resource centres with activities funding and community development supports including collaborative programme development, leveraging external funding and mentoring.

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 14

CAPITAL SPORTS FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor A. Henchy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all Capital Sports Funding applications submitted, both directly and in any partnerships, in the most recent funding programme across the County?"

Reply:

The Sport Office only has access to Sport Capital Funding 2023 applications where FCC partnered with clubs who utilise Fingal County Council's land / or are Fingal County Council Community Centres – as listed below (maximum grant amount €200,000)

Club	Project	Total Cost	Amount Applied for
St Sylvester's GAA	Gym & refurb changing facility	€538,434	€200,000
Lucan Cricket Club	Practice Pitch	€41,938	€29,356
Mountview CC	Muga	€275,656.48	€192,959.48
Lucan BMX	Starting Gate	€31,200	€21,840
River Valley Rangers	Replacement of surface on all-weather	€88,745.65	€62,121.95

	pitch		
Rush Athletic	7-a-side all weather pitch	€267,497	€187,247
Skerries Bowling Club	Green upgrade	€98,864.04	€69,204.04
Flemington CC	Accessible gym	€131,294.11	€91,294.11
Hartstown CC	Muga upgrade	€270,940.15	€189,658.10

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 15

EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FOR THE RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report, in a tabular format, the quantity of acreage per Local Electoral Area that has been granted an exemption upon application to either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

Reply:

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT.

Fingal County Council's final RZLT map for 2024 is now available on our website and at our public office at County Hall, Main Street, Swords.

The draft map was out on public display between 1 November 2022 and 1 January 2023. 121 submissions relating to 142 land parcels were received. 32 were removed or part removed from the Draft map. 83 appeals were lodged to An Bord Pleanala. A further 13 land parcels were removed, or part removed.

The details including location and site size are shown below.

Submission	APAS Ref	Area	Determination (FCC	Site Size

Number			& ABP)	(ha)
FIN-C529-RZLT-3	RZLT003/22	Rowlestown	Remove site from map - FCC	1.4
FIN-C529-RZLT-7	RZLT006/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	9.6
FIN-C529-RZLT-10	RZLT009/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	2.4
FIN-C529-RZLT-11	RZLT010/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	3.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-13	RZLT123/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-18	RZLT017/22	Skerries	Remove site from map - FCC	5.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-24	RZLT023/22	Kilmartin	Remove part of site from map – FCC & Reflect new zoning	0.0
FIN-C529-RZLT-25	RZLT024/22	Hollywoodrath	Remove part of site from map - FCC	3.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-27	RZLT126/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	1.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-29	RZLT028/22	Garristown	Remove site from map - FCC	1.0
FIN-C529-RZLT-30	RZLT029/22	Barnhill	Remove site from map - FCC	5.0 Same site as (RZLT074/22)
FIN-C529-RZLT-31	RZLT030/22	Barnhill	Remove site from map - FCC	12.6
FIN-C529-RZLT-32	RZLT031/22	Hansfield	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-43	RZLT042/22	Malahide	Remove site from map - FCC	0.006
FIN-C529-RZLT-45	RZLT044/22	Sutton	Remove site from map - FCC	0.002
FIN-C529-RZLT-46	RZLT045/22	Mulhuddart	Remove site from map - FCC	0.8
FIN-C529-RZLT-48	RZLT129/22	Rush	Remove site from map -	0.4

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FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT134/22	Rush	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.05
FIN-C529-RZLT-64	RZLT063/22	Lusk	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.7
FIN-C529-RZLT-75	RZLT074/22	Barnhill	Remove site from map - FCC	Same Site as RZLT029/22
FIN-C529-RZLT-79	RZLT078/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-81	RZLT080/22	Rush	Remove site from map - FCC	0.03
FIN-C529-RZLT-84	RZLT083/22	Lusk	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-89	RZLT088/22	Rush	Remove part of site from map – FCC & New zoning	0.0
FIN-C529-RZLT-91	RZLT090/22	Ballymun	Remove site from map - FCC	1.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-92	RZLT091/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	3.7 (same site as RZLT/121)
FIN-C529-RZLT-106	RZLT105/22	Clonsilla	Remove site from map - FCC	4.7
FIN-C529-RZLT-114	RZLT113/22	Ballyboughal	Remove site from map - FCC	0.7
FIN-C529-RZLT-118	RZLT117/22	Malahide	Remove site from map - FCC	0.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-119	RZLT118/22	Howth	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-120	RZLT119/22	Rush	Remove site from map - FCC	0.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-122	RZLT121/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	(same site as RZLT/091)
FIN-C529-RZLT-15	RZLT138/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-26	RZLT025/22	Kellystown	Remove site from map - ABP	16.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-48	RZLT131/22	Rush	Remove site from map -	0.34

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FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT051/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.52
FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT133/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT135/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-77	RZLT076/22	Portmarnock	Remove part of site from map – ABP	1.06
FIN-C529-RZLT-73	RZLT072/22	Blanchardstown	Remove site from map - ABP	0.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-87	RZLT086/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-101	RZLT100/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-116	RZLT115/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-117	RZLT116/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-121	RZLT120/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.2

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

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ITEM NO. 16

THE QUANTITY OF HOUSING UNITS PER ACRE GRANTED ON EXEMPTIONS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL ZONED LAND TAX

Question: Councillor B. Dennehy

"To ask the Chief Executive to prepare a report, in a tabular format, listing the quantity of housing units per acre per Local Electoral Area that has been granted an exemption by either An Bord Pleanála or this Council for the Residential Zoned Land Tax?"

Reply:

The areas and locations of each site removed from the draft RZLT map are shown below. The quantity of units each site would accommodate cannot be predicted as each site has site specific opportunities and constraints. That said, it is noted the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas outlines the following in relation to density:

- Section 5.4 of the Guidelines state that increased densities should be encouraged on residentially zoned lands and particularly in city and town centres, brownfield sites and alongside public transport corridors.

- Section 5.11 of the Sustainable Residential Development Guidelines states that for Outer Suburban/'Greenfield' sites within cities and larger towns, the density of development should be in the general range of 35-50 dwellings per hectare.

- Section 5.11 of the guidance also states that development at net densities of less than 30 dwellings per hectare is generally discouraged in the interests of land efficiency, particularly on sites in excess of 0.5 hectares.

- Section 6.0 of the Guidelines outlines that small towns and villages as those with a population ranging from 400 to 5,000 persons and advocates a graduated approach to the application of densities within such locations, namely: Centrally located sites: 30-40+ dwellings per hectare; Edge of centre sites: 20-35 dwellings per hectare; Edge of small town/village: 15 - 20 dwellings per hectare.

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FIN-C529-RZLT-7	RZLT006/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	9.6
FIN-C529-RZLT-10	RZLT009/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	2.4
FIN-C529-RZLT-11	RZLT010/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	3.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-13	RZLT123/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-18	RZLT017/22	Skerries	Remove site from map - FCC	5.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-24	RZLT023/22	Kilmartin	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.0
FIN-C529-RZLT-25	RZLT024/22	Hollywoodrath	Remove part of site from map - FCC	3.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-27	RZLT126/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	1.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-29	RZLT028/22	Garristown	Remove site from map - FCC	1.0
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FIN-C529-RZLT-31	RZLT030/22	Barnhill	Remove site from map - FCC	12.6
FIN-C529-RZLT-32	RZLT031/22	Hansfield	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-43	RZLT042/22	Malahide	Remove site from map - FCC	0.006
FIN-C529-RZLT-45	RZLT044/22	Sutton	Remove site from map - FCC	0.002
FIN-C529-RZLT-46	RZLT045/22	Mulhuddart	Remove site from map - FCC	0.8
FIN-C529-RZLT-48	RZLT129/22	Rush	Remove site from map - FCC	0.4
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FIN-C529-RZLT-64	RZLT063/22	Lusk	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.7

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FIN-C529-RZLT-79	RZLT078/22	Rivermeade	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-81	RZLT080/22		Remove site from map - FCC	0.03
FIN-C529-RZLT-84	RZLT083/22	Lusk	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-89	RZLT088/22	Rush	Remove part of site from map - FCC	0.0
FIN-C529-RZLT-91	RZLT090/22	Ballymun	Remove site from map - FCC	1.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-92	RZLT091/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	3.7 (same site as RZLT/121)
FIN-C529-RZLT-106	RZLT105/22	Clonsilla	Remove site from map - FCC	4.7
FIN-C529-RZLT-114	RZLT113/22	Ballyboughal	Remove site from map - FCC	0.7
FIN-C529-RZLT-118	RZLT117/22	Malahide	Remove site from map - FCC	0.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-119	RZLT118/22	Howth	Remove site from map - FCC	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-120	RZLT119/22	Rush	Remove site from map - FCC	0.5
FIN-C529-RZLT-122	RZLT121/22	Swords	Remove site from map - FCC	(same site as RZLT/091)
FIN-C529-RZLT-15	RZLT138/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.3
FIN-C529-RZLT-26	RZLT025/22	Kellystown	Remove site from map - ABP	16.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-48	RZLT131/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.34
FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT051/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.52
FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT133/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-52	RZLT135/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.2
FIN-C529-RZLT-77	RZLT076/22	Portmarnock	Remove part of site from map – ABP	1.06
FIN-C529-RZLT-73	RZLT072/22	Blanchardstown	Remove site from map - ABP	0.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-87	RZLT086/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-101	RZLT100/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-116	RZLT115/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.9
FIN-C529-RZLT-117	RZLT116/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	1.1
FIN-C529-RZLT-121	RZLT120/22	Rush	Remove site from map - ABP	0.2

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

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ITEM NO. 17

NON-ACTIVE PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of non-active sites across Fingal where planning permission has been granted but no housing development has commenced and to outline the number of dwellings for which permission had been given on these non-active sites?"

Reply:

As of Q3 this year, there are a total of 53 sites in Fingal where planning permission for more than 10 units has been granted (out of a total of 126 sites) but where no housing development has commenced.

On these non-active sites, planning permission has been granted for 13,089 residential units, of which 3,113 (23.8%) are houses and 9,967 (76.2%) are apartments.

Source of Reply

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 18

COUNCIL TENANTS IN RENT ARREARS

Question: Councillor K. Dennison

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council tenants in rent arrears, to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears and to indicate if any evictions have taken place in the last five years for non-payment of rent"?

Reply:

The no. of Council Tenants in rent arrears is 2671. This figure relates to those accounts in arrears of over €336. Debt relating to rent arrears currently stands at €9,665,516.

Fingal County Council enforced one possession order due to non-payment of rent in 2020 and 2 further possession orders have since been granted. An on-going engagement is taking place with these tenants and payment arrangements are in place.

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 19

NUMBER OF HOUSING LOAN IN ARREARS

Question: Councillor K. Dennison

"To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the number of Council housing loans in arrears and to include a breakdown on the amount and duration of arrears?"

Reply:

As of 30th November, there is €2.09m in outstanding housing loan arrears. 174 loans accounts are currently in arrears.

78 loan accounts are in arrears on their loan for more than 12 months and the total arrears for these accounts is €1.85m. This equates to 88.5% of the total outstanding loan arrears balance.

The Loan Arrears Section is actively engaging with borrowers who are in arrears on their loan account with a view to entering into an arrangement to clear their arrears in accordance with the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP).

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 20

PURCHASE OF LANDS

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to investigate the purchase at (details supplied), considering the location is in close proximity to recent acquisition by the Council and in close proximity to already established Community Centre that needs more space and will provide passive surveillance onto the park?"

Reply:

The Council has inspected the property referred to, however following internal consultation it will not be pursuing an acquisition at this time for community purposes.

The Council has been liaising with a number of other organisations regarding the best use of the property and its potential for the delivery of vital community services. In order to avoid competition for the property, which would have a negative impact on the acquisition price, the Council will not be pursuing the acquisition in order to facilitate another organisation to potentially acquire the property.

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 21

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES – DUBLIN MARATHON

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if this Council have had any discussions with the organisers of the Dublin Marathon considering the recent media reports of alternative routes under consideration?"

Reply:

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department has received confirmation that there are no plans to significantly alter the route of the Dublin Marathon and that the route through Fingal (Castleknock) will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future.

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 22

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 22a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

Matters of Organisation and Procedure and Finance

Approval of Corporate Calendar January - May 2024

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024 which had been circulated was AGREED.

Review of Standing Orders

A presentation was given to the Members by Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services. The Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly advised that further amendments to Standing Orders can be proposed at future meetings of this Committee.

Following discussion, the Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken, the results of which were:

FOR: 20 TWENTY

AGAINST: 10 TEN

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

It was AGREED that the Reviewed Standing Orders are hereby RECOMMENDED to the Council for approval.

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ITEM NO. 22b

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES' CHAIRPERSONS

ANNUAL REPORT

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANGEMENT SPC

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

8th March 2023	Electric Bikes & Scooters in Public Parks	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Angela Donnelly	
Non-Council Members		
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
6th June 2023	Online presentation of DRAFT Fingal Harbour Byelaws 2023	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. The report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Review of Pricing at the Councils Recycling Centres and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. Pending further review this item was deferred to the next TSPC Agenda in Q1 2024.
6th June 2023	Cycle Buses across the county	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Review of Traffic Management Process	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
6th June 2023	Update on EV charging implementation plan	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Jimmy Guerin	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lanigan of the Dublin Inquirer	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
4th September 2023	Online presentation of amended DRAFT Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	A discussion with questions & answers followed the presentation. It was **AGREED** that this

		item be listed for the next meeting of the CPG.
4th September 2023	Online presentation of an update on the Public Consultation Process for the DRAFT Harbour Byelaws	Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the report.
4th September 2023	Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
4th September 2023	Update on the Introduction of E-Scooters to Fingal	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**
4th September 2023	Discount for Registered Charities using Recycling Centres	Following discussion, the report was **Noted.**

Council Members	Cllr Tom. O Leary, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan – Public Participation Network Pead Golden – Tier Bikes	
Meeting Date 2023	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27th November 2023	Presentation by Peadar Golden, Ireland County Manager, Tier; Fingal County Council's E-bike provider	A presentation was provided on the E-Bikes in Fingal area, following discussion the Committee **NOTED** the report.
27th November 2023	Draft Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws	An update was provided by Mary T Daly on the Draft Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws which will be brough to the next SPC, the Committee **NOTED** the update.
27th November 2023	Draft Harbour Bye-Laws 2023 - Review	A report was presented by Paul Smyth on the Draft Harbour Bye-Laws 2023, it was **AGREED** by the Committee to bring the revised Bye-Laws to the

		Corporate Policy Group and the Full Council Meeting.
27th November 2023	Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2023 and 2024	A presentation was provided by Mary T Daly which was NOTED by the Committee.
27th November 2023	PPN Representative M. Lenehan - Council Traffic Surveys during Covid -19 Pandemic	The report was ACCEPTED by the Committee.
27th November 2023	Councillor A. Graves - Update on Park and Ride Facilities in the County	The report was ACCEPTED by the Committee.
27th November 2023	Councillor A. Donnelly - Report on Provision of Electric Vehicles Charging Points in Fingal	The report was ACCEPTED by the Committee.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS' ANNUAL REPORT

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor B. Mc Donagh (Chair), Councillor B. Dennehy, Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor D. Mulligan, Councillor T. Kitt and Councillor P. Rane	
Non Council Members	Mr Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Action
15th March 2023	SPC Work Programme 2023	A presentation report was given to the Members on the SPC Work Programme 2023. Following discussion

		the report was **AGREED.**
	Development Plan 2023 - 2029	An update on the Development Plan 2023 - 2029 and a discussion around the next stage of process following the adoption of the Plan on 22nd February 2023 was given and **NOTED**.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on LAP's and studies was given to the Members in relation to a priority list. Following a discussion, the update was **NOTED**.
	NTA – Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022 -2042	A presentation was given to the Members on Draft Transport Strategy for GDA 2022-2042. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Major Capital Project Delivery	A detailed presentation was given to the Members on Capital Project Delivery and examples of capital project from inception to delivery. The presentation was **NOTED.**
20th June 2023	Playground Audit	A presentation was given to the Members in relation to a Play Audit. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED** and agreed that further information would

		be brought to each of the ACM's specific to each LEA.
	Prioritising Plans and Projects arising out of the Development Plan 2023 - 2029	A presentation on the list of Prioritising Plans and Projects arising from the Development Plan 2023-2029 was given. Following a discussion, the Members were advised that this item would be listed on the Agenda for the CPG Meeting to be held on 26th June and then for consideration at the Full Council Meeting on 3rd July. The presentation was **NOTED**.
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	A presentation was given to the Members on RZLT. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.
	Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 -2026	A presentation was given to the Members on the Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 -2026 Following a discussion and agreement on two action points the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Motion – Councillor B. Dennehy – Update on the Draft Sustainable Swords Strategy	The Chief Executive's Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**
5th September 2023	Transportation Planning in the Development	A presentation report was given to the Members on Transportation Planning in

	Management Process	the Development Management Process. Following a discussion the report was NOTED.
	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on LAP's and studies was given to the Members in relation to a priority list. Following a discussion the update was NOTED.
	Green Roof Policy	A presentation was given to the Members on a Green Roof Policy and the benefits. Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	A presentation was given to the Members on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and the progress to date throughout the County. Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.
	Flood Risk Assessment	A presentation was given to the Members on Flood Risk Assessment. Following a discussion the presentation was NOTED.
	Presentation from Fran Whelan CEO – Action Ireland Trust – Update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project	A presentation was given to the Members with an update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project and an outline of the success of the project to date, acknowledging Fingal

		County Council for their support. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**. The support of the Members of the Committee for the project was also **NOTED.** It was **AGREED** that a request would be brought to the CPG to explore how the Council could continue to work with Action Ireland Trust to support the project.
	Motion Councillor B. Dennehy – Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) – AI090490	The Chief Executive's Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**
Council Members	Councillor B. McDonagh (Chair), Councillor B. Dennehy, Councillor D. Mulligan and Councillor T. Kitt **Apologies:** - Councillor P. Rane, Councillor T. Doyle.	
Non Council Members	**Apologies:** - Mr. Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Action**
5th December 2023	Major Studies/LAP's	An update on Major Studies/LAP's was given to the Members. Following a discussion the update was **NOTED.**
	Fingal Greenways/ Cycleways	An update was given to the Members on Fingal Greenways/Cycleways and the progress to date throughout the County.

		Following a discussion the update was **NOTED.**
	Update on Taking in Charge	A presentation was given to the Members on taking in charge updates throughout the County. Following a discussion and agreement to write to SEAI the update was **NOTED.**
	Update on Biodiversity Action Plan	A presentation was given to the Members titled 'Update on Biodiversity Action Plan'. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Motion: Councillor B. Dennehy – Report on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)	Following discussion the Chief Executive's Report on the Motion was **NOTED.**

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HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, Cllr. Natalie Tracey, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Kieran Dennison, Cllr. Adrian Henchy
Non-Council	Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly

Members	

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
March 27th March	**Housing** **Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 29/11/2022**	
	Update on Housing Delivery	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets and planned developments.
	Update on Fingal's Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026	Presentation on objectives/strategies and demands of housing disabled people.
	Update on Local Authority Home Loans	Presentation on changes to scheme and statistics to date.
	Notice to Quits and Preventing Homelessness including Tenant in Situ Acquisitions	Report on advice and supports to tenants on available options.
	Motion – Cllr. J. Burtchaell Response to Lifting of Eviction Ban	Following discussion, a vote was taken. The result of the vote was 4 in favour and 2 against.
	Motion – Cllr. B. Manton Housing upgrades for RAS tenants	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, , Cllr. Natalie Tracey, Cllr. Daniel Whooley, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Kieran Dennison, Cllr. Adrian Henchy
Non-Council Members	Mr. Finbarr Geaney,

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
Monday 26th June	Minutes of meeting of the Housing SPC held on 27/03/2023.	
	Update on Housing Delivery	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Vacant Homes grants update	Presentation on various vacant home schemes and projects completed to date
	Preventing homelessness, Notice of termination and Tenant-in-situ acquisitions update	Update on the current status of the TIS applications and completed acquisitions
	Fingal Cost Rental Housing	Presentation on social and affordable housing delivery in Fingal
	Motion – Cllr. B. Manton Distribution of Housing	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**
	Motion – Cllr. J. Burtchaell Increased percentage of Part V social housing in large scale residential developments	Following discussion, the report was **AGREED**
	Motion – Cllr. D. Whooley Explanation of, and reforms to, Fingal's housing and population projections	Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. Brigid Manton, Cllr. James Humphreys, Cllr. John Burtchaell, Cllr. Kieran Dennison, Cllr. Adrian Henchy
Non-Council Members	

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

Council Members	Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Tracey Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy.
Non-Council	Mr. Finbarr Geaney

Members	

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
Tuesday 28th November 2023	Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting held on 26/09/2023	
	Housing Delivery Update	Presentation outlining the delivery statistics to date, targets, and planned developments.
	Advance Purchase Turnkey Update	Presentation outlining potential developments, proposal types and funding.
	Fingal Cost Rental Tenure	Presentation on Cost Rental Scheme to include delivery targets, eligibility, and benefits of scheme.
	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	Presentation on objectives/strategies and demands of housing disabled people.

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MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Eoghan O'Brien (Chair), Councillor Brian Dennehy, Councillor Robert O'Donoghue, Councillor Ann Graves, Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Karen Power, Councillor David Healy, Councillor Tom O'Leary, Councillor Adrian Henchy
Non-Council	Maire O'Brien PPN, James Magrane IFA

Members	

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
22 March 2023	Preservation of the Dunes – Velvet Strand Portmarnock	A presentation was given by Maire O'Brien and noted.
22 March 2023	Setanta Windfarm Project	A presentation was given by Deborah Coleman and Martin Sweeney. This was followed by Q&A with the members. Presentation noted
22 March 2023	Motion – Analysis of Coastal Erosion from Balbriggan to Howth	Report accepted
22 March 2023	Motion - Policy for Management of Beaches and Dunes	Report accepted
22 March 2023	Motion – Power generated by off-shore Turbine Farms	Report accepted
22 March 2023	Motion – Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide & Baldoyle Estuaries	Report accepted
29th June 2023	Climate Action plan update	Presentation given by Ronan O'Reilly, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment giving an update on the Climate Change Action Plan NOTED
29th June 2023	Harbour Byelaws	Presentation on draft harbour byelaws 2023 was given by Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer Operations and members informed of consultation period 15.6.23 – 31.7.23
29th June 2023	Motion – Coastal Impact from the placement of Coastal Wind Turbines	Report Accepted

29th June 2023	Motion - Permanent Coastal Measures for Rogerstown (Rush and Portrane)	Following discussion, the report was accepted
29th June 2023	Update on Marine Legislation MAP – Marine Area Plan for Fingal Coast and clarity on Foreshore Licences	Report Accepted
21st September 2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws update	Martina O'Connor, Administrative Officer Operations Department gave an overview on the submissions received during the recent Draft Harbour Byelaws consultation period. Members were advised that a full report will be brought to the next SPC meeting. Noted
21st September 2023	Motion – Nature Based Solutions in the Protection of Dunes and Beaches	Following discussion the report was accepted
29th November 2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws	Report on submissions presented to Members. Report Noted
29th November 2023	Headed Item & Motion – Dune and Beach Management for Coastal Protection	Headed item & motion were taken together. Beach cleaning operations to be reviewed. Report Noted.
29th November 2023	Monitoring of Beach sand Level and Dune Erosion along the Coast of Fingal	Written invitation to issue to OPW to give presentation at future SPC Mtg. Report Noted.
29th November 2023	Presentation – initial Concept Plan for the Renewable Energy Port – Gormanston Co Meath	A written invitation to be issued to Drogheda Port Company Bremore Proposal Team to make a presentation to the SPC Members on the

		concept plan for Renewable Energy Port at Gormanston, Co. Meath. Motion Agreed.
29th November 2023	Pedestrian Boardwalks by the Sea	Motion Agreed.

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ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Ted Leddy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin; Councillor Breda Hanaphy; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Anthony Lavin.
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
21st March 2023	Local Enterprise Office Fingal – outputs 2022 and plan for 2023	Presentation by Oisin Geoghegan, Head of Enterprise Fingal. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st March 2023	Tourism Strategy Update	Presentation by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer. Improvement Plan to be finalised April 2023, draft Strategy & Marketing Plan and SPC review/feedback in May 2023 and SPC sign off in June. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st March 2023	Food Policy Update	Presentation by Declan Power. Development of draft

		policy due in April 2023, review and development of final policy in May 2023 and creation of final document for publishing in June 2023. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st March 2023	Fingal Festival Feasibility & TASCQ CLG Partnership Funding Update	Presentation by Declan Power. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.** Proposed to hold two live concerts simultaneously in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown July 2023.
21st March 2023	Shackleton Mills Update	Presentation by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect on Conservation Works at Shackleton Mills. It was agreed a tour of the site would be of benefit for the local council members to see the current condition of the site.
21st March 2023	Councillor D. Butler - Swords Castle Markets	Report provided by Declan Power. **Motion proposed by Councillor Butler and accepted by Councillor Mahony.**
21st March 2023	Councillor H. Mahony - Stall Concessions in Fingal	Report provided by Declan Power. **Motion proposed Councillor Mahony by and accepted by Councillor Butler.**

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Breda Hanaphy; Councillor Anthony Lavin;

	Councillor Ted Leddy; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin;
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
21st June 2023	Work Programme Update	John Quinlivan, Director of Services reported that the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Fingal Food policy will be discussed at the next SPC meeting in September. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Fingal Economic Strategy	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Fingal Economic Strategy will be complete by year end 2023. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Local Economic & Community Plan	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan. Consultation commencing on LECP and draft LECP will be presented at next SPC meeting in September with approval at full Council meeting by end of 2023. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Stephenstown Economic Zone	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan. Fingal's application to URBACT successful. Fingal to be Project Lead on EcoCore Project. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Fingal Skills Strategy Review	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan. Fingal Skills Strategy Steering Group seeking nomination from

		SPC. Skills Expo to be held 3rd October in The Helix. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring	Report provided by Aoife Sheridan. 2 funding applications lodged on sustainability projects under MoU. Work commencing on an action plan under Circular Cities Declaration. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
21st June 2023	Regeneration/Town Centre First	Presentation by Declan Ryan, Senior Executive Officer. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Anthony Lavin; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy;
Non-Council Members	Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
12th September 2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer reported that the Fingal Tourism Strategy is approaching completion and envisaged it will be shared with SPC members for review and approval by the end of October which was agreed by members present. It will then be presented at full Council Meeting on the 13th November 2023. **Report noted and accepted by**

		Councillors.
12th September 2023	Fingal Food Policy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer reported that the Fingal Food Policy is approaching completion and envisaged it will be shared with SPC members for review and approval by the end of October which was agreed by members present. It will then be presented at full Council Meeting on the 13th November 2023. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
12th September 2023	Local Economic & Community Plan / Economic Strategy Update	Presentation by Lorcan Blake from Grant Thornton. It was proposed that the draft Economic Development Strategy will be presented to the SPC scheduled for Oct with a view to agreement and submission to CPG and full Council at the November meetings. LECP will be presented at the next SPC in November and subject to approval by EMRA it is proposed to be brought to the December Council meeting. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
12th September 2023	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	Presentation by Daragh McGreal from KPMG on the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor partnership. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
12th September 2023	DBEC – SPC Nomination	Three elected member nominations required on the DBEC partnership. The nominees representing Fingal

		County Council will be Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy, Councillor Howard Mahony and Councillor Tony Murphy. **This was agreed and accepted by Councillors.**
12th September 2023	Fingal Skills Strategy – SPC Nomination	One elected member nomination required on the Fingal Skills Strategy, Implementation Group. The nominee will be Councillor Tony Murphy. **This was agreed and accepted by Councillors.**
12th September 2023	Update on Expo (Oct) and Skyla Project Visit (Nov)	Ms Aine Donlon Kavanagh, AO EETCD gave an update on the Interreg Europe Skyla Project and pending partner visit and an update on the upcoming XPLORE Your Future – TY Expo in the Helix. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Anthony Lavin; Councillor Ted Leddy; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy;
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Ms Yetunde Joyce, PPN.

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
23rd October 2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on the Fingal Tourism Strategy. It was agreed with the SPC members present that it would be brought to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) on 6th November and to full

		Council on 13th November 2023. The Fingal Tourism **Strategy was recommended for adaption by SPC members present.**
23rd October 2023	Fingal Food & Drink Policy	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on the Fingal Food & Drink Policy. It was agreed with the SPC members present that it would be brought to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) on 6th November and to full Council on 13th November. **The Fingal Food & Drink Policy was recommended for adaption by SPC members present.**
23rd October 2023	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	Presentation by Andrew Webb & Lorcan Blake from Grant Thornton Consultants. The draft LECP Framework will be presented at the LCDC meeting on the 25th October 2023. It was agreed that the draft Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) would be submitted to the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) for consideration at their December meeting. The SEA/AA Screening and LECP Implementation Plan is in preparation for circulation and discussion at sub-committee level in November. Subject to EMRA's commentary it is proposed that the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) will

		be brought to the Council's Area Committee Meetings and the next meetings of the SPC & LCDC before being brought forward to the CPG and then to full Council meeting in December 2023/January 2024 for adoption. The draft LECP document will be circulated to the SPC members following the meeting for further comments.

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin; Councillor Anthony Lavin; Councillor Howard Mahony; Councillor Tony Murphy;
Non-Council Members	

Meeting Date 2023	Theme/Policy issue	Update
30th November 2023	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	Presentation on the LECP by Lorcan Blake of Grant Thornton Consultants. It was proposed that the draft Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) will be presented to the December ACM's with a view to being presented to the January Council meeting for adoption. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
30th November 2023	Economic Development Strategy	Presentation by Lorcan Blake of Grant Thornton Consultants outlining

		feedback and progress to date on the Fingal Economic Development Strategy. It is anticipated that the Strategy will be brought to the January Council meeting for consideration. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
30th November 2023	Fingal Skills Strategy	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan Senior Executive Officer, on the progress of the Fingal Skills Strategy: • Video was played of the "Xplore your Future" Expo in October in The Helix showing the event highlights along with feedback from students, teachers and exhibitors. The event was very well received. A review of the event with the Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group recommended another 1day event to be held by the Council in The Helix in October 2024 for the same TY target audience. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.** Interreg Europe SKYLA

		Project Presentation by Aoife Sheridan Senior Executive Officer on progress with the Interreg Europe Skyla Project. Updates and the partner visit to Fingal in November where policy workshops were facilitated along with visits to the Baldoyle Training Center and DCU Campus. The next project meeting will be held in Italy in April 2024. Report noted and accepted by Councillors. Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 New chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy to be agreed in Q1 2024. In 2024 the Council will focus on expansion of and participation in the sectoral sub-groups. Workshops will also be facilitated in Q1 2024 to identify and address key sectoral problems. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.** SPC Members also expressed to their gratitude and appreciation to the outgoing chairperson Siobhan Kinsella of The Noel Recruitment Group for her dedication and work on the development and implementation of the Fingal Skills Strategy.

30th November 2023	Policy Programme 2024	John Quinlivan, Director of Service, EETCD presented the proposed policy programme for consideration in 2024, which outlined the areas of policy. The SPC will further consider the proposed policy programme in Q1 2024

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ITEM NO. 22c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023

LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

This item was DEFERRED to January meeting of CPG.

TWINNING

Ms. Nikki Halleran, SEO, Corporate Services gave a verbal report to the Members in relation to Twinning.

While some work is required on existing twinning arrangements, the proposal to twin the Village of Howth with Ville Cap d'Ail will be a cross-departmental project, requiring an action plan and specific objectives and following discussion the Corporate Policy Group AGREED to recommend an action plan would be prepared for the new year.

SCHEDULE OF CPG MEETINGS – JANUARY TO MAY 2024

The following schedule of meetings was AGREED:

Monday 8th January @ 5:00pm

Tuesday 6th February @ 5:00pm

Monday 4th March @ 5:00pm

Tuesday 2nd April @ 5:00pm

Tuesday 7th May @ 5:00pm

Signed: Councillor Adrian Henchy
Mayor

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ITEM 22d

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE
SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Baldoyle Forum CLG GA 002856	€2,800.00	Oven, Toaster, Catering Hot water Urn, Laptop 2 Selfie Stick Adapter, Mouse Projector Screen Coffee Machine Pop Up	YES	2021 - €1,640.00	€2,912.33

Portmarnock Integrated Arch Club GA 002871	€3,000.00	Memory foam ball, colour changing led, scooter board, spinning top, marble run, soft play bag, whizzy dizzy, build and balance starter kit walking board set, roller tunnel	YES	2020 - €1,760.00	€2,620.90

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 22e

MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE SERVICES B MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Tyrellstown Community Centre GA 002866	€ 1,228.00	Ricoh Printer Scanner, Black Toner, Magenta Toner Cyan Toner, Yellow Toner	YES	2022- € 1,308.00	€ 1,228.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA 002882	€ 2,658.00	Filing Cabinets, Computer Equipment	YES	2022- € 2,995.00	€ 2,658.00
Dromheath Residents Group GA 002884	€ 475.00	Insurance, Advertising	NO	N/A	€ 475.00

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
St. Brigid's Community Centre GA 002720	€ 12,030.00	3 PVC A rated doors 3 PVC A rated windows	NO	N/A	€ 6,015.00

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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ITEM NO. 23

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 23a

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government Circular: Housing 30/2017, advised of the availability of capital funding for the construction or acquisition of social housing to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) such as homeless persons, elderly persons, and people with a disability, with a particular emphasis on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living. All proposals must comply with the terms of the CAS scheme as set out in memorandum VHU 2/02 and must reflect actual housing need as identified in the latest Housing Needs Assessment.

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

Approved Housing Body	***Location***	***Category of Need***	***No. of Housing Units of Accommodation***	***Approved Funding €***
Focus Housing Association	Huntstown, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€274,395***
Focus Housing Association	The Mills, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€326,400***

Focus Housing Association	Mount Symon, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€423,631***
Marillac Housing Association	Phibblestown, Clonee, Dublin 15	Disability	2	***€296,999***
Peter McVerry Trust	Allendale, Ongar, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€317,747***
Peter McVerry Trust	Annaly Grove, Ongar, Dublin 15,	Homeless	1	***€322,202***
DePaul Housing Association	Whatley Hall, Clonee, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€297,407***
Focus Housing Association	Delhurst, Ongar, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€325,450***
DePaul Housing Association	Allendale, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€319,591***
DePaul Housing Association	Belgree, Tyrellstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€270,653***
HAIL Housing Association	Rosehaven, Castleknock, Dublin 15,	Homeless	1	***€385,770***
DePaul Housing Association	Waterville, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€302,415***
DePaul Housing Association	Allendale, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€249,493***
HAIL Housing Association	Hayworth, Ongar, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€355,752***
Focus Housing Association	Seagrave, Citygate, Dublin 11	Homeless	1	***€326,082***
HAIL Housing Association	Station Court, Coolmine, Dublin 15	Homeless	1	***€321,569***

The housing bodies listed in the above table are Approved Voluntary Housing Bodies for the purpose of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992. Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992, the Council may give financial assistance to approved voluntary organisations to provide housing

accommodation, or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992.

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

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ITEM NO. 24

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1549

29th November 2023

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Proposed disposal of land and grant of wayleave at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, to ESB Networks

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An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of a substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction which requires the disposal of land and the granting of a permanent wayleave at Old Road, Hayestown Rush, Co. Dublin.

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising approximately 9 square meters approximately outlined in red, for the construction of a substation and to grant a wayleave comprising 6 square meters approximately, hatched yellow as set out in Drawing No LA-4107-23 dated 31st October 2023, contained within Folio DN204F to ESB Networks, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The land to be disposed of comprises 9 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4107-23 dated 31st October 2023.

2. The permanent wayleave comprises 6 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4017-23 dated 31st October 2023.

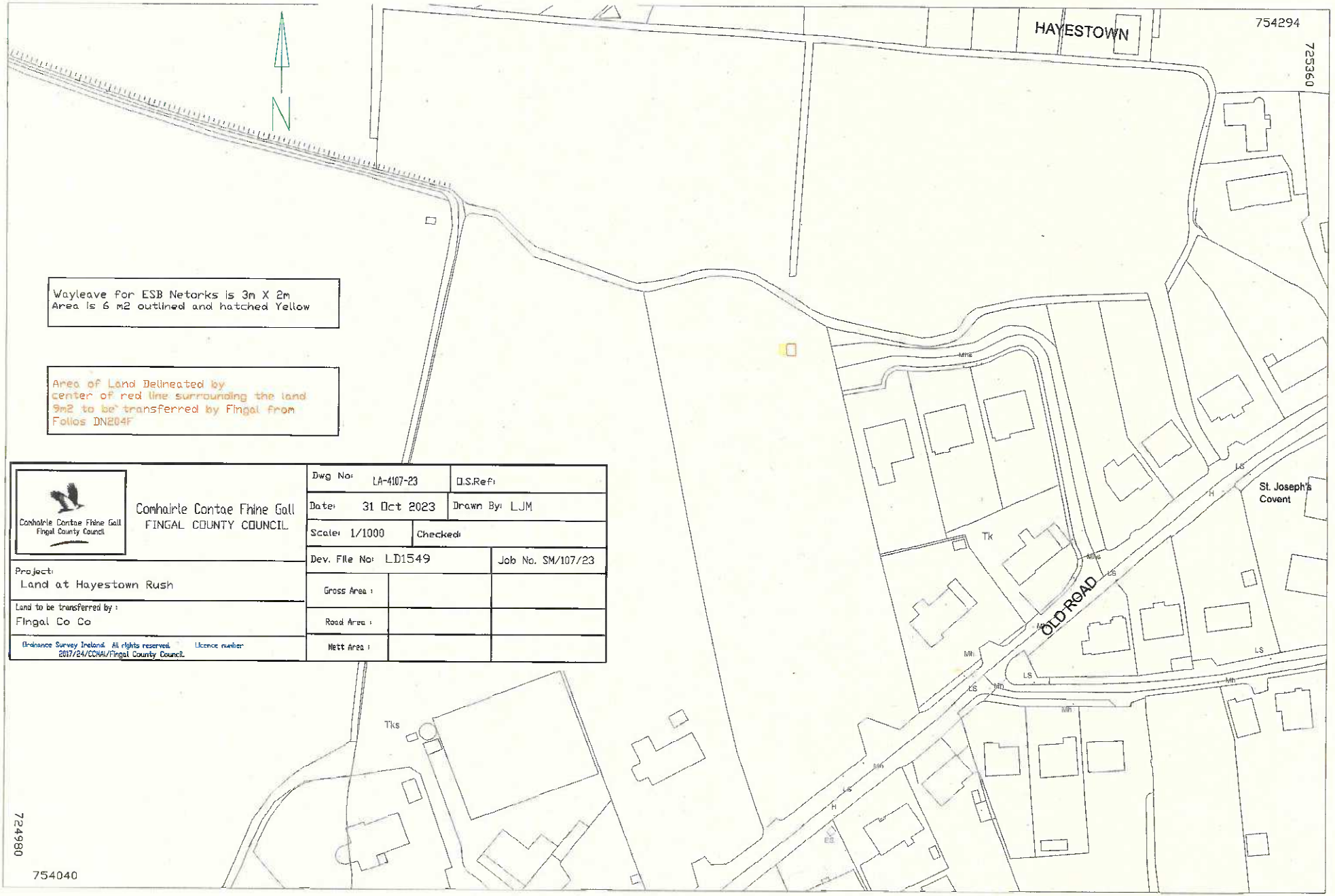
3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT and stamp duty (if applicable).

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from SPV Limited in 2019 for housing purposes.

A special briefing on this matter was given to the Members of the Balbriggan/Swords/Rush-Lusk Area Committee on Tuesday 28th November 2023.

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


HAYESTOWN
754294
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Wayleave for ESB Netarks is 3m X 2m
Area is 6 m2 outlined and hatched Yellow
Area of Land Delineated by
center of red line surrounding the land
9m2 to be transferred by Fingal from
Folios DN204F
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Dwg No: LA-4107-23
O.S.Ref:
Date: 31 Oct 2023
Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000
Checked:
Dev. File No: LD1549
Job No. SM/107/23
Gross Area :
Road Area :
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Project:
Land at Hayestown Rush
Land to be transferred by :
Fingal Co Co
Ordnance Survey Ireland. All rights reserved. Licence number 2017/24/CCMA/Fingal County Council.
St. Joseph's
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ITEM NO. 25

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 25a

GLEN ELLAN ROAD EXTENSION, SWORDS, CO DUBLIN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1739
Taking In Charge – Glen Ellan Road Extension
DED –Swords TL Swords

Road Name	Length	Description
Glen Ellan Road	117m	From the junction of Glen Ellan Road and Westmill Lane heading east to the entrance of the Gate.
Park Avenue	40m	From the junction of Glen Ellan Road and Park Avenue heading north to House No.9 on Park Avenue.
	Total= 157m	

Footpath	Length	Description
Footpath along the south side of Glen Ellan Road	343m	Footpath along the south side of Glen Ellan Road, starts from the junction of Glen Ellan Road and Westmill Lane heading east to the entrance of the Bunbury Gate Avenue.
Footpath along the north side of Glen Ellan Road.	112m	Footpath along the north side of Glen Ellan Road, starts from the junction of Glen Ellan Road and Westmill Lane heading east to the entrance of the Gate.
Footpath along Park Avenue	40m	Footpath along the Park Avenue, starts from the junction of Glen Ellan Road and Park Avenue, heading north to the House No.9
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	Total= 495m	



STORM SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S68	25.49	23.682	
			225mm
S69		22.745	
			225mm
S1.1.2		24.300	
			225mm
S1.1.1		23.511	
			300mm outfall
			375mm
S4	26.25	24.20	
			375mm
S5	25.83	23.51	
			375mm
S6	25.52	22.87	
			375mm
S7	26.00	22.16	
			375mm
S8	24.70	21.78 17.89	
			375mm
S9	23.23	17.70 20.03 17.09	
			375mm
S10	23.08	20.36	
			375mm

FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F78		23.170	
			225mm
F79		22.576	
			225mm
			225mm
F14A	26.344	23.624	
			225mm
F14	25.972	17.09	
			500mm

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: September 2023	SURVEYED BY: Y.Cao	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: D.Gormley	DRAWN BY: Y.Cao	SCALED DIMENSIONS TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . 1739	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.	

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

Scan for Location of Glen Ellan Road

TAKING IN CHARGE Glen Ellan Road Extension
Swords Swords

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
Watermain System Proposed to be Taken In Charge

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ITEM NO. 26

LADP/009/23 - Proposed Development of 119 no. Apartments, Creche & Associated Site Works at Mayeston, Poppintree, Dublin 11

Presentation to be circulated in advance of Council Meeting on Monday 11th December 2023

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024

Our Mission

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

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Introduction

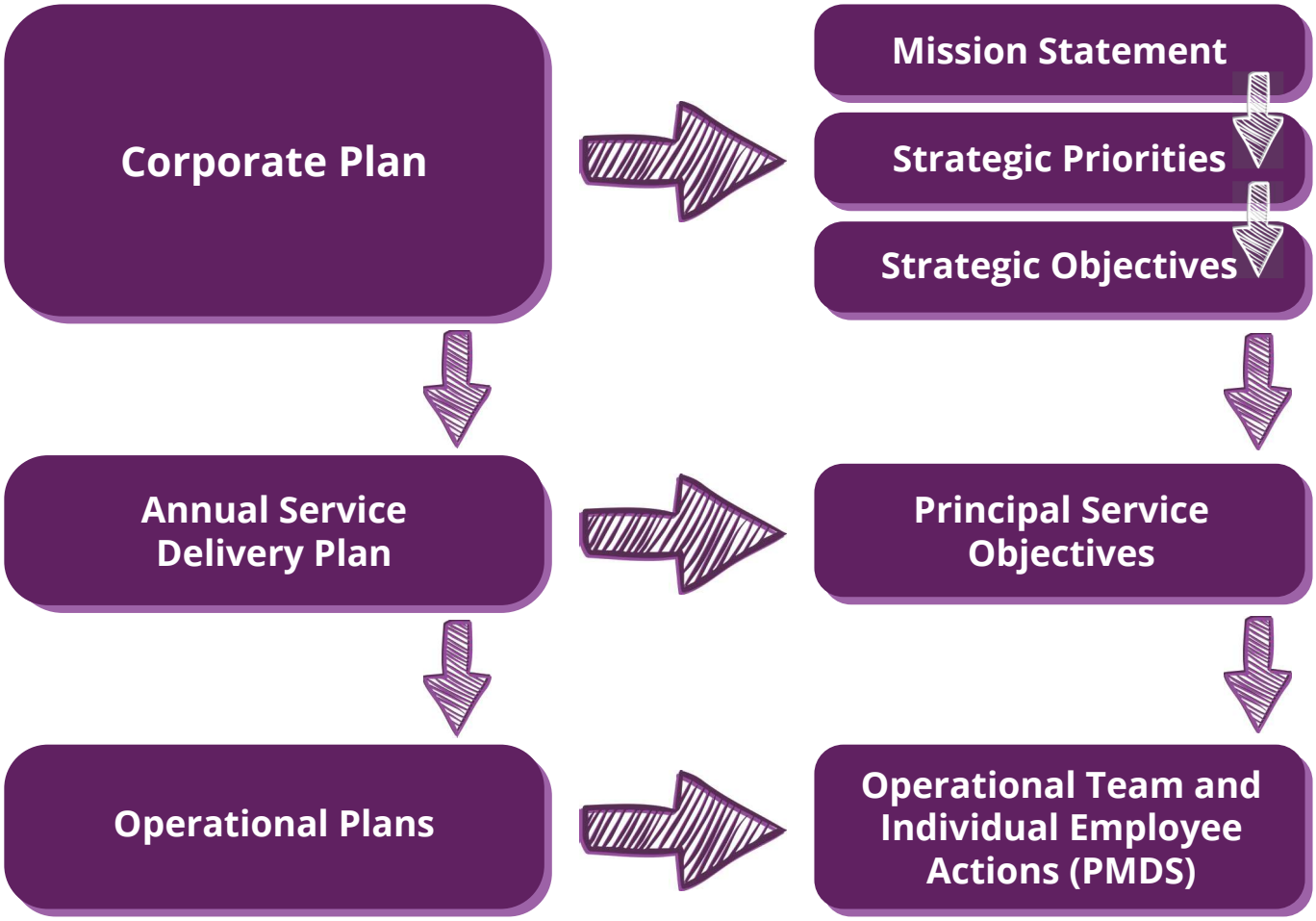
Fingal County Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024 is formulated and adopted by the Members of the County Council in the context of the overarching vision of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024.

The Service Plan sets out the principal services the Local Authority intends to provide to the public in the period to the end of 2024. Alongside these principal services, the Plan sets out the service funding, service delivery objectives, performance measurements of these services. In doing so, the Plan is a reference point for the citizens of Fingal for information on the services and performance standards that they can expect from their Local Authority

Organisational Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives of Fingal County Council over the five year term of office of the Council. The Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal service delivery objectives and priorities for each individual year. These service objectives then cascade into Operational Team Plans and the Objectives and Actions of individual staff members through the PMDS Process.

The figure below sets outs of the Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives in the business planning structure:



The Priorities and Objectives set out in the Corporate Plan provide the framework within which services are to be delivered by the Executive of the Council. This Service Delivery Plan sets out how these priorities and objectives will be progressed in 2024.

Organisational Structure

Fingal County Council's services are arranged around a number of main functional Departments. The principal services are provided through the following service delivery Departments:

- Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development
- Environment, Climate Action Active Travel & Sports
- Housing and Community
- Libraries
- Operations
- Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

These Departments are supported by enabling departments within the organisation which, though not charged with direct service provision, provide essential supports across all Departments in order to facilitate the service provision and work programmes.
The Support Departments are:

- Architects
- Corporate Services
- People Services
- Digital Services
- Finance
- Law

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Organisational Resources

The Budget for the year ending 31st December 2024 was presented to and approved by the Members on 7th November 2023 and it provides for a total expenditure of €361.9m.

Division	Service Description	Expenditure (€)	% of Budget	Spend per head of population (€)
A	Housing and Building	117,198,500	32.38	355.99
B	Road Transport and Safety	43,149,700	11.92	131.07
C	Water Services	20,367,900	5.63	61.87
D	Development Management	30,635,200	8.47	93.05
E	Environmental Services	54,123,600	14.96	164.40
F	Recreation and Amenity	70,260,900	19.41	213.42
G	Agriculture, Health, Welfare and Education	1,736,200	0.48	5.27
H	Miscellaneous Services	24,425,200	6.75	74.19
		361,897,200	**100.00**	**1,099.26**

The Council's overall objective for the 2024 Budget continues to be the sustainment of quality services in order to keep pace with the continued growth and development of the County. In addition, the Budget continues to put funding in place to deliver required infrastructural investment across the County.

Staffing resources available to the council as at December 2023 are as follows:

Employee Category	**Total**
Clerical/ Administrative	712
Managerial	11
Outdoor	606
Professional/ Technical	318
Total	**1647**

Recruitment activity has continued this year with a total of 91 competitions held in 2023. Opportunity to progress within the sector, the public service generally and the private sector in a highly competitive recruitment environment has continued and significant levels of staff turnover have arisen.

Implementation and Monitoring

This Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal services the Council proposes to deliver by the end of December 2024 within existing constraints on funding and resources.

The Plan will be monitored by the Executive Management Team and progress on matters will be reported through the monthly Chief Executive Report at the Council Meetings.

Performance will be measured through the Baseline Data Measurements set out in the Corporate Plan.

Service Departments

Community

Community Development Division

The Community Development Division work in partnership with a broad spectrum of voluntary community groups, agencies and service providers to strengthen and empower communities to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Fingal. These sustainable partnerships enable and empower communities through a suite of supports and initiatives which promote and develop inclusive, self-reliant, sustainable and vibrant communities.

Community Development Office:

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

- Inter-agency Support
- Community Development Support
- Strategic Support
- Facilities Support
- Funding Support

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

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2023 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	648,800
F04	Community and Recreational Development	6,355,300
Total		**7,004,100**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Community Development	• Number of Community Development Supports.
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	• Number of Community facilities supported.
Continue to manage the up keep and renovation of older community facilities	• Number of allocations of remedial funding for non-council owned facilities. • Number of Community facilities capital projects commenced.
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities	• Total number of community funding programmes awarded.
Fingal Public Participation Network	• Number of PPN member groups.

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (EETCD) promotes local employment, productivity enhancement and export-led growth by working in partnership with local businesses, chambers of commerce, state agencies for enterprise and tourism, community groups and higher education institutes.

Policy initiatives are developed and implemented across key areas of investment promotion and facilitation, economic, industrial and local development, skills development, sustainable business, tourism development and marketing, the regeneration of towns and villages through a place-making and Town Centre First approach, urban and rural development, participation in EU programmes and local enterprise support.

The Cultural life of the county will continue to be supported by the Arts and Events Offices providing extensive programmes and support the County's two arts centres, Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Centre, the Creative Ireland programme and the economic and community development potential of festivals and events.

Fingal's Local Economic & Community Plan sets out an overarching framework for economic and community work in Fingal. A new LECP has been developed and will be adopted and implemented in 2024.

In parallel Fingal prepared an Economic Development Strategy for the county, consulting with relevant stakeholders during 2023 which complements the LECP and it's implementation will be a priority objective in 2024. Alongside these Strategies a new LEADER Local Development Strategy for rural areas commenced in 2023 and will be implemented in 2024.

Following the success of the Xplore Your Future Skills Expo a further Skills Expo will be delivered in 2024. A new Fingal Skills Strategy will be developed in 2024 building on the recommendations of the original strategy.

Active participation and support regional economic initiatives under the Dublin Belfast Economic Partnership (DBEC) and European initiatives will continue in 2024. Projects in Interreg, Urbact and EU CERV Programmes.

The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 will move to implementation stage. A Marketing Plan for investment attraction and tourism purposes in will be devised for roll out in 2024.

These strategies complement the Local Enterprise Development Plan 2021-2024, which is delivered by the Local Enterprise Office with funding provided by Enterprise Ireland. The network of Enterprise Centres in the county will continue to receive support.

The work programme of the EETCD Strategic Policy Committee, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the functioning Enterprise Centre Network and the Visitor Attractions – Heritage Properties will continue to be supported.

The monitoring and responding to demand for investment land and acquisition of lands for current and future needs will remain a priority.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	752,300
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	919,700
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	479,000
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	3,074,500
D10	Property Management	609,900
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	15,000
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	106,000
F05	Operation of Arts Programme / Festivals & Concerts	10,202,800
J101	Property Management	205,500
Total		**16,364,700**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T2.SP4.SO25 • T2.SP5.SO29 • T3.SP6.SO32 • T3.SP6.SO33 • T3.SP6.SO34 • T3.SP6.SO35	AP-ED-1	Foster a strong local economy, promote environmentally sustainable business and support the management and development of the corporate estate	• Support economic development in County. • Prepare new Economic Development Strategy for County. • Support environmentally sustainable economic development in County and promote the circular economy. • Support regional economic development through DBEC Partnership. • Support and progress the development of the Council's industrial, infrastructural, housing and recreational land holdings through project delivery, property acquisitions and disposals. • Implement Fingal Skills Strategy Objectives and support sectoral skills development. • Establish and deliver Fingal Skills Expo.
• T3.SP6.SO32 • T3.SP6.SO33 • T3.SP6.SO34 • T3.SP6.SO35	AP-ED-2	Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal; **A)** To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses **B)** To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	• Economic Impact - Number of jobs created. • Financial Activity – Number of grants approved. • Training – Number of participants on Start your Own Business Courses. • Number of start-up enterprises supported in Fingal's Enterprise Centres.

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T1.SP2.SO16 • T1.SP3.SO19 • T1.SP3.SO20	AP-ED-3	Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER	• Programmes delivered effectively. • Prepare new LEADER Local Development Strategy.
• T1.SP2.SO14 • T1.SP3.SO19 • T1.SP3.SO20 • T3.SP6.SO33 • T3.SP6.SO34 • T3.SP6.SO35	AP-ED-4	Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development to drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	• Support LCDC and implement LECP Objectives. • Prepare new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). • Implement Healthy Ireland. • Participation and delivery of EU Projects. • Progress delivery of projects under various funding streams.
• T1.SP1.SO5 • T1.SP2.SO11 • T1.SP2.SO12 • T1.SP2.SO14	AP-ED-5	Implement Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan and Town Centre First Regeneration Policy	• Progress & Implement the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan's Objectives . • Delivery of URDF Funded Projects. • Progress & Implement actions under Smart Balbriggan objectives. • Prepare and implement Town Centre First Plans and Town Centre First Health-checks. • Take a proactive approach in dealing with derelict sites and vacancy. • Identify and avail of opportunities for Regeneration Initiatives - Town Centre first, URDF & RRDF. • Devise new Streetscape and Shopfront Improvement Schemes across the County.

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T3.SP7.SO36 • T2.SP4.SO26 • T2.SP4.SO27	AP-ED-6	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the county	• Number of visitors to the county (Fáilte Ireland). • Revenue from Tourism (Fáilte Ireland). • Delivery of Marketing/Social Media Campaign. • Delivery of actions in the Dublin Coastal Plan. • Delivery of Fáilte Ireland funded initiatives. • Creation of new Fingal Growth Tourism Strategy.
• T3.SP7.SO37 • T3.SP6.SO33	AP-ED-7	Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination	• Implementation of new Fingal Food Policy & Strategy. • Grow the Fingal Food Network group.
• T3.SP7.SO38	AP-ED-8	Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties	• Number of visitors to Heritage Properties. • Continued Capital Investment in 2024 in line with Capital Programme. • Number of heritage led tourism related events across the properties in collaboration with our Operators.
• T3.SP7.SO39 • T2.SP5.SO29 • T2.SP5.SO30 • T3.SP6.SO33	AP-ED-9	Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events	• Continued Capital investment in 2024 in line with Capital programme. • Number of events being run online and onsite across the properties. • Cross selling strategies and visitor satisfaction surveys. • Number of events at the Heritage Properties. • Number of events funded under the Council's Scheme of Financial Assistance. • Delivery of a quality programme of cultural, educational, recreational and family fun events. • Support environmentally sustainable events in the County.

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T1.SP1.S06	AP-ED-10	Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025	• Number of Arts Programmes delivered. • Number of Artists Support Scheme Grant. • Number of Arts Grants. • Subsidies for Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Arts Centre paid. • Work with the Steering Committee to progress the arts and cultural elements of the Swords Cultural Quarter.
• T1.SP1.S06	AP-ED-11	Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	• Percentage of Actions of the framework agreement delivered.

Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

The Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department provides a wide range of services principally in the area of Environmental Protection and Enforcement, Control of Dogs & Horses, Climate Action, Active Travel initiatives and Sports development.

The Department also manages closed and historic landfills, a network of bring banks (bottle, aluminium & textiles) and Environmental Awareness activities including the national green schools' programme.

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI) details the planned activities of environmental enforcement and regulation by the Council in the areas of Waste, Water, Air, Noise and Litter. It supports the regional waste management planning offices in the preparation of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy.

Active Travel is a priority for the Department as part of its ongoing commitment to Climate Action. The Department also manages a road safety section and the school warden service.

The Sports Office aims to help people get active and remove barriers to sport and physical activity that may exist.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	3,070,800
E02	Recovery and Recycling Facilities Operations	3,919,200
E05	Litter Management	1,799,000
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,572,000
E08	Waste Management Planning	346,100
G04	Veterinary Service	1,034,500

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	904,100
E11	Operation of Fire Service	25,347,600
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,700,000
E15	Climate Change and Flooding	1,083,400
Total		**41,776,700**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Implement the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021	• See EPA annual report.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	• Compliance with EPA Licence or certification.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution	• EPA rating for local authority enforcement produced annually.
Enforce Waste Regulations	• EPA rating for local authority enforcement produced annually.
Operate Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Servies Operate a Horse Control Service	• Number of dogs rehomed or reclaimed. • Number of horses rehomed or reclaimed. • Number of Dog Licenses purchased.
Operate Litter Warden Service	• Number of patrols completed. • Number of Investigations (CRM raised) completed.
Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	• EPA rating for local authority enforcement produced annually.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Program	• Number of green flags awarded to schools. • Number of Environmental Awareness and Waste Reduction Awareness campaigns delivered.
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan	• Completion of Annual Report on Climate Action Plan. • Delivery of Climate Action Awareness campaigns.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	• Tons of Glass Collected and recycled. • Number of Bottle Banks site in Fingal.

Active Travel:

The Active Travel Strategy was adapted in 2023 and is now being used by key decision makers in Fingal County Council to inform choices that influence how people travel in the County. It focuses on several key elements which include:

- Strategic Planning/Input into statutory plans and strategic infrastructure
- Provision of protected cycle lanes
- Review of Towns and Villages for active travel measures, provision of connectivity to facilitate and encourage active travel
- Provision of bicycle parking throughout the county
- Collection and analysing of data pertaining to active travel projects
- Mapping and recording active travel infrastructure such as bike parking and cycle network
- Tracking and recording requests for active travel measures for consideration on future programme of works
- Preparation for future innovations in mobility/e-mobility schemes
- Researching, promoting, and delivering mobility projects including:
  - -Cycle Training
  - -Bike/eBike Sharing
  - -E-Cargo Bike Scheme
  - -Community Car
  - -Mobility Hubs
  - -Promotion of Active Travel initiatives
- Road safety:
  - -Safe Routes to School programme/Delivery of the SRTS Programme in collaboration with An Taisce
  - -School Wardens
  - -Preparation of and implementation of Fingal's Road Safety Plan
  - -Publicity of Road Safety

A programme of works has been rolled out and further developed for future years which will be allocated across the county in a fair, transparent, and equitable manner.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B0801	Road Safety School Wardens	1,055,100
B0802	Road Safety Publicity and Promotion	691,200
B0899	Service Support Costs	1,941,600
Total		**3,687,900**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Strategic Planning	• Inputs to statutory planning processes such as the current review of the County Development Plan.
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design & construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects	• Progress and deliver protected cycle lanes from NTA funded works programme 2024.
Towns & Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel	• Progress and deliver active travel review/public realm projects from NTA funded works programme 2024.
Connectivity/Permeability – review & enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users	• No. of infrastructure interventions delivered on foot of a request for connectivity enhancements which promote active travel for all users.
Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the school wardens.	• No of schools signed up to the Safer Routes to School Programme and percentage of projects completed. Management of the school warden service to ensure and effective and efficient service to schools in the county.
Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan	• Publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan.
Mobility & Behavioural Change – rolling out various Active Travel projects & event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	• Support Bike Share/Bike Week and all events which promote active travel in the County. • Support and promote walking as a mode of active travel in the County.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Provision of Bike Parking	• Increase the amount of bike parking available to cyclists throughout the County.

Sports Development Office

Fingal County Council Sports Office is part of Sport Ireland's network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs). The aim of the LSP Network is to help people get active and remove barriers to sport and physical activity that may exist.

The Sports Office undertakes a wide range of actions with the aim of increasing sport and physical activity participation levels in their local communities

Actions included:

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

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

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,826,300
Total		**1,826,300**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Sports Development	• Number of specific programmes with emphasis on target groups (school/ youth sports; women in sport; older adult programmes and disability sports). • Number of clubs, coaches, volunteers and supported partnerships between local sports clubs, community-based organisations and sector agencies developed. • Number of targeted programmes, events and initiatives to increase physical activity and sports participation.

Housing

The Housing Department is responsible for the implementation of the actions set out in the Government's "Housing for All" a New Housing Plan for Ireland.

The plan has four pathways to achieve housing for all and plans to deliver a steady supply of housing in the right locations with economic, social and environmental sustainability built into the system. It plans to deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs. This will require the Council to work in collaboration with the construction sector and other important stakeholders who will be key to its success.

The Council is also committed to the delivery of appropriate housing solutions for people with disabilities and the delivery of homeless services including prevention services remains a priority for 2024.

The Housing Department is cognisant of its statutory obligations and is committed to ensuring that it adheres to the current legislation and regulatory frameworks.

The management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock including the efficient turnaround of vacant properties is key to our housing service delivery.

The Housing Department carries out its statutory functions in relation to Private Rented Standards in the private rented market and further services are provided to private householders by way of housing loans and adaptation grants.

The Housing Department is also responsible for the implementation of specific actions in accordance with the following:

- Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 – 2024
- Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021- 2026
- Equality Action Plan 2021
- Migrant, Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024

While the capital investment in the provision of social housing is contained in the Council's Capital Programme, the revenue budget also plays a part in the delivery and support of social housing under the under the four pathways of Housing for All.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
A01	Maintenance and Improvement of LA Housing Units	15,064,800
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,281,800

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,337,400
A04	Housing Community Development Support	2,470,300
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	3,622,300
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	11,033,900
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	63,598,800
A08	Housing Loans	5,875,700
A09	Housing Grants	5.850,100
A11	Agency and Recoupable Services	4,307,300
A12	HAP Programme	756,100
Total		**117,198,500**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council area in line with Housing for All	• Combined total number of dwellings provided and data for each delivery type.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Delivery and management of homeless services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024	• Number of adult individuals considered to be long-term homeless. • as percentage of the total number of adult individuals either using emergency accommodation or sleeping rough in a given period. • The number of adult Individuals, families and their dependents accessing emergency accommodation in a given period. • The number out of those individuals who, at a given time, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months. • The number of households who exit emergency accommodation to a tenancy on a quarterly basis.
Administration of Housing First in Fingal County Council	• No. of Housing First Tenancies in place.
Management and maintenance of Housing Stock to include Voids & Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programmes	• Percentage of local authority housing vacant. • Number of Voids. • Average re-letting times and costs. • Expenditure and maintenance costs for Council owned stock.
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 -2024	• Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Plan 2019 – 2024.
Facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme	• In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all local authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2023 there were approximately 18,304 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal administrative area. • An annual inspection target of 25% of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. • As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 6,113 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2022.
Deliver sufficient and appropriate housing solutions for disabled persons	• Achieve national targets for the provision of suitable housing for people with disabilities.
Support the provision of mixed tenure, quality and affordable housing.	• Planning approvals granted for mixed tenure schemes.

Library Services

The Libraries Department operates 10 branch libraries, Local Studies & Archives, 4 mobile library vans and a housebound service. Libraries in Fingal are progressive and innovative and provide accessible, democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces in which people can meet, engage, create and learn. Library staff organise an extensive range of cultural, educational and recreational events and activities throughout the year and since the start of 2022 co-ordinate the Creative Ireland programme for Fingal.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund library services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	11,361,100
Total		**11,361,100**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T1.SP1.SO7	AP-L-01	**Space and Place** Fingal Libraries will provide welcoming, democratic, safe and sustainable hubs at the heart of our communities. We will work in partnership with other departments, to develop and maintain library buildings that meet the highest standard of construction, energy efficiency and service delivery.	• Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024-2029 published. • Construction phase of the Swords Cultural Centre Library started. • Skerries Library re-opened following refurbishment and extension process. • Donabate Library re-located to Ballisk House. • Improvement works to Baldoyle Library started.

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T1.SP1.SO4 • T1.SP1.SO7 • T1.SP1.SO8	AP-L-02	**Engagement and Collaboration** Fingal libraries will engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse and relevant services and programming. We will communicate our plans and programmes through all mediums and look to engage with various models of delivery.	• Programming and services to marginalized groups, ensuring relevance through consultation, delivered. • Library services and programming promoted via social media and through traditional methods.
• T4.SP11.SO7 • T4.SP11.SO49	AP-L-03	**Access and Inclusion** Fingal Libraries will provide accessible and inclusive places for all to visit. We will improve opening hours through the My Open Library system and continue to develop special collections, digital and other resources that meet the needs of the County's diverse population.	• 'My Open Library' in operation at Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries. • Services provided to give access to new technologies and to support people in navigating the digital world. • Book collections, both physical and electronic, enhanced by increased book fund spend.
• T1.SP1.SO8	AP-L-04	**Culture and Knowledge** Fingal Libraries will provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities to reflect the lifelong learning needs of a changing society. We will reflect national programmes across themes of creativity, literacy, sustainability, age friendly initiatives.	• Full programme of creative and cultural events delivered, including the Festival of History and the Fingal Children's Literature Festival. • National programmes such as Write to Read, Summer Stars, and Healthy Ireland at your Library delivered in Fingal.

Corp Plan Ref	ASDP Ref	Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
• T1.SP1.SO4 • T1.SP1.SO8	AP-L-05	**Creative Fingal** Implement delivery of the Creative Fingal strategy 2023-2027 in line with high level strategic priorities identified during the consultation process. The identified strategic priorities for Fingal include the following areas: • Town centre first • Changing demographics • Digitisation and ongoing transformation • Making cities and counties great places to live, work and invest in Climate Action	• A diverse range of community led and inclusive creative and cultural events supported across Fingal. • Creativity in Older Age and the Shared Island initiatives supported. • A programme of events for Cruinniú, the national day of creativity for young people, delivered.

Operations

The Operations Department is responsible for the management, maintenance and improvement of the public realm in the County as follows:

- Regional & Local Roads
- Regional and Local Parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports facilities
- Public open spaces
- Domestic Recycling Centres
- Surface Water
- Street Cleaning
- Harbours
- Beaches
- Burial grounds
- Fleet Management
- Public Lighting
- Allotments
- Public Conveniences
- Litter Collection

The Operations Department deals with severe weather events, provides for the implementation of traffic management measures, and undertakes tree management and maintenance. It is also responsible for the making and implementation of byelaws, the management of road opening licences and temporary road closure orders, operation of car parking services and management of events, including the concerts at Malahide Castle.

These services will be delivered by the Operations Department on a daily basis through the implementation of the 2024 Programme of Works, a variety of planned and response work programmes, as well as, dealing with the day-to-day operational challenges which cover the diverse range of services and functions carried out by this Department.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B05	Public Lighting	5,066,500
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	5,126,100
B09	Car Parking	993,100
B10	Support to Roads Capital Programme	2,124,100

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B11	Agency and Recoupable Services	696,100
D06	Community and Enterprise Function (JPC)	39,000
D10	Property Management (Allotments)	84,000
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	3,919,200
E06	Street Cleaning	8,867,500
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	2,866,300
F01	Leisure Facilities Operations	726,300
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	27,794,500
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	585,200
H06	Weighbridges	26,400
Total		**€84,370,200**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety	• Improved rating in the Pavement Surface Condition Index. • Flooding. • Road Safety. • Management and maintenance of street lighting. • Car parking services.
Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches and Recreational Facilities	• Delivery of approved Programme of Works. • Management of regional parks and open space in accordance with the Open Space Strategy for Fingal. • Management of street trees in accordance with the Fingal Tree Strategy.
Management and maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds	• Ensure safe use of the harbours and maintenance of the harbour structures. • Management and development of existing and new burial grounds.
To support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate	• Provide the necessary supports through the licencing and other statutory processes of major commercial and community events in Fingal.

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department plans and supports the sustainable development of the County though the Fingal Development Plan and the development management process. The Department also plans and delivers strategic infrastructure.

The Department manages the planning application, planning enforcement and building control functions of the Council. It develops the parks and green infrastructure of the County and progresses transportation and water services planning functions to deliver strategic infrastructure. It liaises with regional and national bodies on an ongoing basis to advance this delivery. It is responsible for the preparation of plans to enable the medium to long term development of the County.

These include the Fingal Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Masterplans, strategic roads and regional open space proposals. It carries out building inspections in respect of new development and derelict sites. It continues to ensure that the Housing Estates are built to the Taken in Charge standard. It has objectives relating to the assessment of strategic flood risks and the protection of the built heritage of the County. It also maps and compiles data in respect of development in the County to inform policy and decision-making at local and national level.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road Maintenance/Improvements	85,100
B10	Support to Roads Capital	1,048,300
C08	Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	292,300
D01	Forward Planning	1,694,800
D02	Development Management	5,147,800
D03	Enforcement	729,000
D08	Building Control	1,227,200
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	841,100

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	213,700
E12	Fire Prevention	215,800
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	1,865,300
F04	Community Sport and Recreational	420,200
Total		**13,780,600**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical and green) in the County	• Implementation of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Capital programme. • Ongoing progression of Parks Infrastructure Projects. • Recreational Park facilities including sports hubs, public play areas, greenways and roads infrastructure etc. • Heritage Landscapes and Gardens restoration and management.
Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations and Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations	• Support and advise the building industry through the promotion of a culture of compliance to enhance Building Standards in the County. • Manage BCMS, Targeted inspections, Enforcement.
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development	• Continued activity in planning enforcement, i.e. number of warning letters and enforcement notices issued, cases referred to Court.
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	• All planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process	• Manage the Taking-in-charge process to ensure that minimum standards met for areas to be taken in charge.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County	• Progression of the policies and objectives of the newly adopted Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029. • Delivery of agreed Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Studies to deliver housing and economic development. • Contribute to the economic and social development of the County.
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens	• Contribute to the development of sustainable transport policies. • Ongoing progression of Part 8 projects and FCC capital programme. • Engagement with other stakeholders. Facilitate the delivery of MetroLink, BusConnects and DART Expansion. • Sustainable development at Dublin Airport.
Promote and Protect Biodiversity	• Implement actions of: The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, The All Ireland Pollinator Plan, "Keeping it Green - an Open Space Strategy for Fingal", "Forest of Fingal– a tree strategy for Fingal." • Implement the Dublin Bay Biosphere Programme of Works. • Overseeing the implementation of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan. • Establishment of the Liffey Valley SAAO committee.
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland	• Delivery of critical infrastructure to support housing delivery.
Develop a Coastal Management Policy	• Work with the Coastal Liaison Group to address coastal change in Fingal including costal erosion and coastal flooding.
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County	• Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. • Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023. • Work cross departmentally to develop integrated protection and promotion of heritage. • Continue supporting Heritage as an amenity for Fingal.

Water Services

All Public Water services, water treatment and supply and the provision of wastewater (foul sewer) services is now the responsibility of Uisce Eireann. Uisce Eireann took over the management and direction of the local authority water services staff on the 26th July 2023 and under the new Support Service Agreement (SSA) which will be finalized between the Council and Uisce Eireann, the Council will, during 2024, continue to meet all payroll costs for all Fingal Water Services staff under C01 Water Supply and C02 Waste Water Treatment.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
C01	Water Supply	10,688,700
C02	Waste Water Treatment	6,196,900
C04	Public Conveniences	1,027,200
C05	Grants for Individual Installations	15,500
C06	Support to Water Capital Programme	353,700
C08	Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services	2,086,200
Total		**€20,367,900**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Recoupment of all Fingal County Council Water Services staff payroll costs from Uisce Eireann	• Support Service Agreement between Fingal County Council and Uisce Eireann agreed and costs recouped.
Management & maintenance Public Conveniences	• Management and maintenance of all public conveniences throughout the county ensuring that public toilets are clean, safe, and available to the public.
Management and maintenance of the Stormwater Network	• Operation and maintenance of all stormwater infrastructure including storm water pumping stations, pipes and manholes and stormwater outfalls and screens.

Support Services

Architects

The Architects Department is responsible for the provision of Architectural Services to Fingal County Council. This consists of architectural design, conservation, urban design, building procurement, project management, quantity surveying and cost management services. In addition, the Department promotes architectural standards and advises on issues related to the built environment.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives	• Annual work programme agreed with client Departments.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives	• Built heritage of the County protected.
To engage with relevant government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council	• The interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection	• Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording.
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council's Climate Change Action Plan	• Painting, joinery maintenance and other planned maintenance programmes completed. • Response maintenance services completed. • Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance carried out. • Void houses are inspected, tendered and repaired promptly. • Climate Change and Retrofit initiatives implemented.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly	• Accurate professional budgeting of projects. • Accurate recording of tender prices and claims. Accurate recording and processing of payments within set timelines.

Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides services to the Members so as to allow them perform their duties as elected representatives of the citizens of Fingal. The preparation and circulation of all agendas, Council minutes, payment of Members expenses,
preparation of the Register of Electors and dealing with customer complaints will all continue during 2024.

Services to the public through the Council's Customer Care Unit will continue to be enhanced during 2024 and the Communications Section will develop its role further in internal and external communication. The coordination of the activities of the Major Emergency Management Unit will also continue throughout 2024.
Facilities Management will continue to maintain and improve the Council's offices
and libraries.

The Corporate Governance Unit provides support to the Executive Management Team and other Council Departments. The Unit includes Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Internal Audit and supports the work of the Executive Management Team in achieving Corporate Governance objectives.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council	• The number of Council and Committee meetings serviced and statutory requirements adhered to.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation through Customer Care Unit (CCU)	• All customer contacts dealt with and council properties maintained to required standards. • Number of interactions by CCU by phone, email and in person.
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service	• Number of complaints processed within required timeframes.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	• Implementation of Communications Strategy. • Number of page visits to the Council's website and social media accounts.
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme	• Delivery of the Irish Language Scheme Implementation Plan and improved availability of services through the Irish language.
To ensure all Corporate Buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard	• All upgrades and maintenance requirements are carried out within agreed timelines, budget and in Health and Safety requirements.
To promote best practice in corporate governance	• Full support to Executive Management Team.
To ensure that data and information held by the Council is protected and accessible	• Number of requests processed within required timeframes.
To promote good governance through effective internal audit functions and provide assurance to the Council, Management and the Audit Committee through the delivery of the Annual Internal Audit (IA) Plan	• Number of IA reports completed. • Number of Audit Committee meetings held. • Number of governance meetings with departments.
To provide Major Emergency Management	• Number of meetings with regional working/ sub groups. • Number of training events arranged.

Digital Services

Digital Services plays a crucial role in strategically harnessing information technologies within the Council to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of various business areas in achieving their objectives.

We facilitate the delivery of services to citizens, staff, and elected representatives through a diverse range of channels, including front desks, mobile devices, the Internet, and cutting-edge technologies such as Microsoft Cloud, GIS and Web services. These digital innovations are driving a profound transformation in how Council services are delivered, ushering in a new era of efficiency and effectiveness. As the scope and availability of cloud technologies widens, data governance, and investment and implementation of the latest security updates and policies has become an increasingly significant focus in Fingal.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management	• Innovative solutions provided for corporate value, citizen value and value for Elected Members.
To implement best practice in IT governance	• Best practice achieved in IT procurement, data protection and IT governance.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services	• Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public	• Provide support service for up to 1,600 Staff, 40 Councillors, other public representatives and members of the public.
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society	• Digital Strategy deliverables will support Fingal's digital transformation and improve the way we will work and do business in Fingal.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes	• Analyse requests and deliver approved IT systems efficiently.
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Council's Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals	• Develop and implement an Enterprise Architecture framework which will provide a strategic context for the evolution of IT in the Council.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council	• Provision of a Digital Workplace that will improve employee engagement and enable us to continuously improve the way we work.
Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing	• Develop and implement a portfolio governance process and project methodology processes which will form the structure for the management and prioritisation of IT projects.
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected	• Information assets and technologies are adequately protected.

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for oversight and management of the Councils finances. This includes monitoring and control of income and expenditure in all areas, arranging borrowing and leasing requirements and treasury management. The Finance Department aims to ensure that the overall finances of the Council are managed prudently.

The Department is divided into a number of distinct areas:

1. Revenue Collection (Rates/PEL/NPPR).
2. Accounts payable and treasury management.
3. Procurement.
4. Financial Management & Control, Capital Management and Agresso MS7 support.
5. Insurances.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/ NPPR/)	• Ongoing monitoring of collections.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management	• Ensure all receipts and payments are managed correctly and are valid.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies	• Have a robust claims management process in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored	• Budget reviews and ongoing engagement on budgetary issues with departments throughout the year.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	• Presented to Members annually.
Production of Annual Budget	• Budget presented to Members annually and agreed within statutory timeline.
Production of Annual Financial Statement	• Completion of the Annual Financial Statement in the statutory timeline.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	• Council is compliant with Public Procurement requirements.

Law

The Law Department provides an in-house legal service to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments in relation to the Council's statutory functions.

The principal services are in the areas of:

- conveyancing
- litigation
- code enforcement
- debt recovery
- local government
- legal advice

Ongoing training continues to be provided to staff in the areas of professional development, legal knowledge and I.T.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments	• High quality legal advice and services provided.

People Services

The People Services Department's core activities include recruitment, staff training and development, staff welfare and wellbeing, industrial relations and staff engagement, health and safety, wages/salary administration and superannuation.

During 2024 the Department will continue with its recruitment campaigns to attract and retain staff to fill necessary posts. The Department will also promote staff training and development, staff welfare and wellbeing, good employee engagement and staff participation, good attendance and health and safety in the workplace.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organisation	• PMDS implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Scheme as normal business process.
To implement a program that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace	• Staff wellbeing activities implemented with the assistance of a Staff Wellbeing Officer through a Wellbeing strategy. Equality and Diversity is integrated into normal business processes of the organisation.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources	• Staff vacancies filled in a timely manner. An annual training programme implemented on-line and in person. Proactive attendance management in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment	• There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety audit and accident investigations in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.

Competent Authority

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) is responsible to monitor, assess and regulate the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport. This function is carried out within the requirements of EU and Irish legislation, which provide for the application of the Balanced Approach to aircraft noise management where a noise problem at Dublin Airport is identified.

The Competent Authority's functions include the promotion of the sustainable development of air transport and improvement of the noise environment around the Airport.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

All costs incurred by the Competent Authority are fully recoupable from daa. The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2024 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E1302	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,700,000
Total		2,700,000

The Competent Authority shall prescribe by regulation the airport levy to be paid having regard to the costs incurred or reasonably expected to be incurred in the performance of its statutory functions and any surplus of airport levy income shall be offset against costs for the subsequent such year or returned to the airport authority.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2024:

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified	• Noise situation at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with statutory requirements and regulatory decision published.

Service Delivery Objective	Performance Measurement
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed	• Planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed within statutory timeframes.
Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions	• Compliance with statutory requirements.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER 2023

ITEM NO. 28

DRAFT STANDING ORDERS

At the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 13th of November 2023 it was agreed that the Draft Standing Orders be recommended to the Council for approval.

To give effect to revised Standing Orders, it is required that a majority of the Members of Fingal County Council agree to the following:

"It is hereby resolved that the revisions contained in the draft Fingal County Council Standing Orders (November 2023) be adopted as the Standing Orders of Fingal County Council".

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Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Draft Standing Orders

November 2023

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

1. In these Orders "Council" means "The Council of the Administrative County of Fingal."

2. "Councillor" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor of the Administrative County of Fingal.

3. "Representative" means a person nominated by their Organisation and appointed to the position of representative of Strategic Policy Committee by the elected Members of Fingal County Council.

4. "Member" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor or selected to the position of representative of a Strategic Policy Committee.

5. “Mayor/Méara” means Mayor/Méara so elected at the Annual Meeting.

6. "Cathaoirleach" means the Councillor presiding at any meeting of the Council or of a Committee or Sub-Committee, Corporate Policy Group, Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee.

7. The "Chief Executive" means the Chief Executive for the Administrative County of Fingal or, in their absence, their duly appointed Deputy.

8. The membership of the Council shall consist of the Councillors of Fingal County Council.

9. The membership of the Corporate Policy Group shall consist only of the Mayor of the Council and each Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committees.

10. The membership of each Area Committee shall consist only of the Councillors for the Electoral Area represented by that Area Committee.

11. a) Each Member of the Council shall be a member of at least one Strategic Policy Committee.

    b) The membership of each Strategic Policy Committee shall consist only of the Councillors selected by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee and the representatives nominated by their organisations and appointed by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee.

12. In counting clear days, where the number of days’ notice does not exceed seven, Sundays and Christmas Day are not counted. If notice exceeds seven days, Sundays and Christmas Day are to be counted. Unless otherwise stated, the word "month" when used in resolutions of the Council, Standing Orders and regulations of the Council, shall mean a calendar month.

MEETINGS

13. The Members of Fingal County Council will meet as set out below:

    a) Annual General Meeting - Annually
    b) Budget Meeting – Annually and as required.
    c) Ordinary Meeting – Monthly
    d) Special Meetings – As required / requisitioned as per these Standing Orders

14. The Standing Committees of the Council are established as follows:

    a) Corporate Policy Group.
    b) The Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee
    c) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee
    d) Transport and Infrastructure Management Strategic Infrastructure Policy Committee
    e) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee
    f) Housing Strategic Policy Committee
    g) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
    h) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee
    i) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee
    j) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
    k) Howth/Malahide Area Committee
    l) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

    Standing Committees will meet as set out in these Standing Orders, as agreed by resolution of the Council, and as may be agreed by the Committees.

15. An Audit Committee is established as per the Regulations governing the business of Audit Committees and is subject to such Standing Orders specific to the Audit Committee as agreed by resolution of the Council.

QUORUM

16. At meetings of the Council, eleven Councillors shall be a quorum.

17. At meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, three Members shall be a quorum.

18. At meetings of the Area Committees the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords – 6 Councillors
    b) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar – 5 Councillors
    c) Howth/Malahide – 3 Councillors

19. At meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    b) Housing SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    c) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

d) Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
e) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
f) Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 6 Members, three of whom shall be Councillors

20. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order Nos. 18, 19 and 20, the quorum for any other Committee of the Council (including sub-committees) shall be not less than one quarter of the membership of such Committee or three Members, whichever is the greater, two of whom must be Councillors provided however, that should the membership of any such Committee be less than eight, the quorum shall be two, one of whom shall be a Councillor.
If, after fifteen minutes of the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Cathaoirleach of that Committee on the day the meeting has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a Motion signed by a quorum of the Committee, giving at least five days' notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the Committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the Motion.

21. When, during any meeting, it is stated by a Member to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, that less than the quorum of Members are present, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall adjourn the meeting for a maximum of five minutes after which the Meetings Administrator shall call the roll and shall record the names of the Members in attendance, and when it appears that the number of Members present is less than the quorum the meeting shall rise and the business not disposed of by such meeting shall be set down to be disposed of at the next meeting. Whenever a meeting of the Local Authority is abandoned owing to failure to obtain a quorum the names of those present at the time and place appointed for such meeting shall be recorded by the Meetings Administrator and they shall for all purposes be deemed to have attended the meeting.

ATTENDANCE / RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

22. Every Member physically attending a meeting shall sign their name in the attendance book provided for the purpose. Members attending remotely will have their attendance recorded by the roll call and/or by record of the virtual forum being used for the meeting.

The Mayor/Cathaoirleach will at the outset and at any reconvening of a meeting call for a roll call of participating members and ensure that they can see and/or hear those in attendance. Any Member participating remotely shall also confirm at the outset and at any reconvening of the meeting that they can see and/or hear the proceedings. The minutes of each meeting shall be the official record of such attendances.

Each Member participating remotely shall ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings, in accordance with Standing Orders that apply.

Members leaving the meeting should advise the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. Should a Member(s) remote connection fail the meeting should continue, provided the meeting remains quorate.

If the connection is successfully re-established, then the remote Member(s) will be deemed to have returned at the point of re-establishment.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

23. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee or section of a Sub-Committee during the consideration of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or professional interest. The Member shall disclose the nature of his or her interest to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and the Meeting Administrator at or prior to the meeting before discussion or consideration of the matter commences. Any Member who declares a disclosable pecuniary or other beneficial interest in any item of business that would require them to leave the meeting must advise the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and Members at the time of departure and this shall be recorded in the minutes. Their departure will be confirmed by the Meeting Administrator, who will invite the relevant member to re-join the meeting at the appropriate time.

24. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee or section of a Sub-Committee during the consideration of any matter in which any person, with whom the member has any immediate family/business relationship, is concerned.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

25. In every year in which a Local Election is held, the Annual meeting shall be held on the 14th day after polling day. In every other year the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held, in the month of May or June as the Members of the Council shall by resolution agree.

26. At an Annual Meeting in an election year the Meetings Administrator shall read out the names of the persons duly elected as Members of the Local Authority.

ELECTION OF MAYOR / CATHAOIRLAIGH

27. The first business at every Annual Meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and they shall come into office immediately after their election and shall, unless they earlier resign, continue in office (subject to their death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Council) until their successor has been elected. The procedure for the election of the Mayor is set out in Section 36 and 37 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

28. At each Annual Meeting, or at such meeting as may be agreed by resolution of the Members, the election of Cathaoirleach/Chairperson for each of the Area Committees shall take place.

29. At the first Annual Meeting following the election of the Council, the election of Cathaoirleach/Chairperson for the Strategic Policy Committees shall be listed on the Agenda.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING TIMES

30. Ordinary monthly meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month commencing at 5.00 p.m. to conclude at 8.00pm or at such other day or time as the Council, by resolution, may decide, except for July, when the monthly meeting shall be held on the first Monday of the month.

31. The Council shall meet not less than once a month, but no ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held in August. A Budget Meeting shall be held during the period prescribed by regulation.

32. Ordinary meetings of the Standing Committees shall meet as follows, and on such days as agreed by the Council, unless otherwise determined by the Council:

a) **Corporate Policy Group** shall meet at such days and times as agreed by the Committee and Mayor.

b) **Strategic Policy Committees** shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.

c) **Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee** during the following months – February, April, June, September, November and December - prior to a Council Meeting and at a time deemed necessary by the Mayor for the business of the meeting to be concluded.

d) **Area Committees**

i) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords monthly at 2.00pm. to conclude at 6.00pm

ii) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar twice monthly at 3.30pm to conclude at 6.00pm

iii) Howth/Malahide monthly at 3.00pm to conclude at 6.00pm.

33. When at a meeting of the Council, Corporate Policy Group, Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee or Strategic Policy Committee all the business set down for such meeting has been transacted, the meeting shall then conclude without question from the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, subject to the provision that all meetings of the Council shall terminate at a time not more than three hours from the time appointed for the commencement of that meeting. Business not reached shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. Any motion included in such business may be withdrawn by the proposer on notification.

34. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, voting in pursuance of proposals to put the motion or decisions to vote made before the time appointed for the termination of a meeting shall proceed. In such circumstances, the meeting shall terminate on declaration by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the results of such voting.

35. The Mayor of the Council may decide, before the end of the Council meeting, and with the agreement of the majority of the Members present, to extend the current meeting or adjourn the Council meeting to a date before the next Council meeting, for the purpose of concluding some or all of the business set down for the Council meeting that has not been transacted. Any extension to a meeting should be for a specific time period.

36. An ordinary meeting of an Area Committee shall finish when all the business for such meeting has been transacted, and if all the business has not been transacted by 6.00 p.m., the meeting shall end, and any outstanding business shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF MEETINGS

37. The Chair at every meeting shall be taken within ten minutes after the time set for the meeting. In the absence of the Cathaoirleach of an Area Committee at its meeting, the majority vote of Councillors present shall decide who shall be Cathaoirleach. In the case of meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committee or in their absence some other Councillor - Member will take the Chair. At all other meetings, in the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, a Councillor chosen by a majority of the Councillors present and voting at the commencement of business shall preside as Acting Cathaoirleach, and in that capacity shall have the same powers, rights and duties as are, under Standing Orders, possessed by the Mayor.

38. If, after fifteen minutes after the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of that Committee on the day the meeting has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a Motion signed by a quorum of the Committee, giving at least five days' notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the Committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the Motion.

39. All meetings of the Council shall be at County Hall, Swords or at such other place as the Council may decide.
Such other places may be at:
- an external venue used to accommodate meetings of the Council.
- an electronic, digital, or virtual location, web address or a conference call telephone number or a combination of the above to provide for physical and/or remote attendance by Elected Members.

40. A meeting to be valid must be:
(a) Properly convened after proper notice from the Meetings Administrator
(b) Properly constituted; that is
    (i) With properly appointed person in the Chair
    (ii) With a quorum present
    (iii) Must be held in accordance with Standing Orders, Articles or Regulations governing its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

41. Public Notice of the place, date, and time of a meeting, other than a Local Authority Budget meeting, shall be displayed not less than three clear days before the day of the meeting in, or at the principal offices of the Local Authority in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

The Notice shall include the agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the agenda can be inspected and in the case of a Special Meeting shall include or be accompanied by a copy of the requisition.

42. An agenda paper setting out the business to be transacted shall be furnished to each Member three clear days before the date of a meeting. Members shall notify the Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.

43. If a Member does not receive notice of a meeting it shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

44. A Special Meeting of the Council, as it relates to the functions and activities of the Council, may be called at any time by the Mayor, or if the office of Mayor is vacant or the Mayor is unable to act, by the Deputy Mayor, of their own motion or upon a request addressed to them and signed by at least five Members of the Council.

If the Mayor does not act on such request within seven days after its presentation, a Special Meeting for the purposes defined in it may be called by any five Members of the Council, on the expiration of these seven days, provided that not less than three clear days shall elapse between the date of the summons convening a Special Meeting and the date of the Special Meeting, and the meeting may be called for the time that the Mayor or Members request. During a Special Meeting all Standing Orders will apply (reference Standing Order No. 74 to 78)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

45 a). The Order of Business at all but Special, Budget or Annual Meetings shall be as herein set down and shall only be altered in cases of urgent and important business and only then by a majority vote on suspension of Standing Orders or at the discretion of the Mayor. The functions of meetings of the Council shall be comprised solely of reserved functions and policy matters affecting the whole county.

a) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
b) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001.
c) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
d) Confirmation of Minutes.
e) Appointment of Members to various Committees.
f) Questions
g) Consideration of reports of the Corporate Policy Group and Committees.
h) Other business prescribed by Statute, Reserved Functions, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council for transaction at that meeting.
i) Business arising from the implementation of Section 44 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or such other business as may, from time to time, become urgent for the implementation of the Council's powers in accordance with Statute.
j) Headed Items/Business submitted by the Chief Executive.
k) Chief Executives report – Will be taken as the last Headed Item on the Agenda
l) Business submitted by the Mayor.
m) Correspondence and matters not for discussion.
n) Notices of Motion – Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;

(i) Business not reached at previous meeting
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt

0) Notices of motion – Non-Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are not within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;
(i) Business not reached at previous meeting.
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer.
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt.

p) Other business as set forth in the agenda paper.

45 b) The order of business for the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee should include the following items:

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Questions
3. Matters of Organisation and Procedure
4. Finance Matters to include:
(i) Monthly report on both Income and Expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account
(ii) Report on all Strategic Financial matters facing the Council
5. Motions

The rules for the submission of business, questions and motions that will apply to this Committee will be as applied to Full Council meetings of Standing Order No. 50 and No. 66.

It shall be a function of the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee to fix periodically:
a) The dates and times of meetings of the Council and its Committees.
b) Meetings of the OP&F shall be held without admission of the press or public.
c) Minutes of the OP&F shall not be placed on the Council agenda, but a report of the Chairperson shall be placed on the agenda outlining business.
d) Any decision of the OP&F which requires confirmation by resolution shall be placed on the Council agenda by the Chief Executive as a headed item.

46. All items appearing on Council agendas, and which require to be proposed and seconded, other than those items specifically entered by Members, shall be taken to be proposed and seconded by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor unless there is a particular reason why the item should not be proposed and/or seconded by the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

47. Minutes of every meeting shall be drawn up in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001.
The Minutes shall include:
a) The date, place and time of the Meeting
b) The names of the Members present at the Meeting
c) The names of the Senior Employees of the Local Authority present
d) Reference to any report submitted to the Members at the Meeting

e) Where there is a roll call vote, the number and names of Members voting for and against the Motion and of those abstaining
f) Particulars of all Resolutions passed at the Meeting
g) Such other matters considered appropriate.
The Minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach at such meeting, and shall be kept by the Council, and no Minutes shall be submitted for confirmation unless a copy thereof shall have been previously, and at least one day before the meeting, transmitted to every Member of the Council/Committee after which such Minutes shall be taken as read when the question that they be confirmed shall be put from the Chair, unless a Member requests that any part be read in order to determine whether it is an accurate record, provided that no entry shall be made in the minutes of any protest or expression of dissent, save in the form of a Motion or amendment.

48. Any discussion of the Minutes except as to their accuracy is out of order, and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible on matters arising out of the Minutes, and for information only and not for discussion.

QUESTIONS

49. Written questions by Members, which are received in advance, are permitted to be put to the Chief Executive relating to the business of the Council or the Executive functions of the Chief Executive.

50. Each Councillor may submit one question for the Council meeting, and one additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a Motion. Each Councillor may submit seven questions for an Area Committee meeting and two questions shall be allowable in lieu of two Motions, providing that there is no Motion which was not reached at the previous meeting or an adjourned Motion which will take precedence (reference Standing Order No. 66 and No. 67)

51. Before being formally put and answered, questions must be approved by the meeting on Motion without debate. Questions shall be framed in such a way as to elicit information or a report on a matter.

52. Questions shall not involve argument, nor contain any matters, except such as are strictly necessary to explain such questions. Questions must relate to a specific subject or aspect of a service only and if applicable to a locality, must be confined to a single instance or application and may not be omnibus.

53. Matters referred to in Questions will not be discussed or debated and any further information or clarification may be followed up outside of the meeting's agenda either directly with the relevant Department or through the Corporate Services Department who will follow up with the relevant Department. Supplementary questions are not allowed. A question which has been fully answered may not be renewed.

54. Where the subject matter relates to a Local Area and not to Policy issues, questions, and Motions in connection with these issues should be submitted only to the Area Committees.

55. Any questions which in the opinion of the Meetings Administrator are unreasonable, unsuitable in form, frivolous, or derogatory to the dignity of the Council may be disallowed.

56. With the consent of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, urgent and important questions may be put without notice in exceptional circumstances, if the information required is readily available.

57. The latest day for submission of questions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council or any one of its Committees shall be nine clear working days before the date of the meeting. Only those questions which are received before midnight on that day will appear on that agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

58. A copy of every report of the Corporate Policy Group or of a Committee to be submitted to the Council shall, before the submission thereof, be transmitted to every Member of the Council at least three days before the Council meeting, save in cases of urgency when the reading of the report to the Council shall suffice.

59. Where several items are dealt with in a Report it shall be in order, to submit by reading any item or items requiring urgent consideration.

60. A Report may without notice:

(a) Be adopted
(b) Be postponed for consideration
(c) Be referred back to the Committee from which emanated for re-consideration and further report with or without instructions
(d) Be amended.

61. Every report of a Committee of the Council shall be signed by the Cathaoirleach of the Committee or by the Councillor in the Chair when the report was adopted. A motion to adopt a report of a Committee or to sanction any proceeding or recommendation of a Committee shall be proposed by the Cathaoirleach of that Committee or, in their absence, by one of its Members. A report recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless it contains or is accompanied by a statement setting out the expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS / CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

62. (a) Under the item Chief Executive's report members shall be allowed ninety seconds to make a contribution. Within their contribution Members shall only be allowed to refer to matters of policy and/or countywide relevance**.** No area specific matter shall be allowed to be raised by Members during their contribution.

(b) The Management Report (Chief Executive Report) shall be circulated 3 days prior to the ordinary meeting of the Council.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR/CATHAOIRLEACH

63. At each monthly meeting of the County Council, the Mayor may submit, two Motions in addition to their right, as a Member to submit one question and one Motion in the ordinary way. The additional Motions will be listed under Mayor's Business on the agenda and the question and Motion received in the ordinary way will be listed by date and time submitted.

64. At each meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee and the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, the Cathaoirleach may submit one Motion in addition to their right, as a Member to submit two Motions and seven questions in the ordinary way. The additional Motion will be listed under Cathaoirleach Business on the agenda and the questions and Motions received in the ordinary way will be listed by date and time submitted.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

65. The agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain Notice of Motions where Notice is submitted in advance of the Meeting and in accordance with these Standing Orders.

66. The Agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain no more than one notice of Motion from any one Councillor, including an adjourned Motion.

67. The Agenda paper for an Area Committee meeting shall not contain more than two Motions for any one Councillor, including an adjourned Motion.

68. Each Member of the Council may submit an original Motion relevant to the business of the Council on giving notice through the Meetings Management System, to the Meetings Administrator. The latest date for submission of Motions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council, or any one of its Committees, shall be nine clear working days before the day of the meeting, except for County Development Plan meetings where, because of the nature and volume of the Motions, additional time may be required to allow for consideration by the Chief Executive. Only those notices of Motion which are received before midnight of that day will appear on the agenda paper.

69. A notice of Motion recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless the Council has before it at the same time a report from the proper officer setting out the estimated expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the Motion.

70. Each Council Member and each representative on the Strategic Policy Committees will be confined to submitting one Motion only for each Strategic Policy Committee meeting agenda. The submission of questions for such agendas will not be permitted.

71. Every notice of Motion (and any notice of amendment thereto) shall be relevant to some question which affects, or may affect, the services of the Council, the administration of the County or the interests of the people of the County. A Notice of Motion shall be written in a concise and transparent form to set out a clear proposal for action or express an opinion to be put before a Committee for approval that addresses a single issue. Motions should not be omnibus in nature, relate to a particular subject only and shall not apply to a variety of services affecting a single area. A Notice of Motion containing more

than one issue shall be divided by the Meetings Administrator in consultation with the Member who submitted the Motion, or if the Member cannot be contacted, in consultation with the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and each matter listed shall count as a separate Motion.

72. If any Notice of Motion of which notice has been duly given relates to a matter normally dealt with by a Committee or comes within the terms of reference of any Area Committee or Committees, it shall be referred to such Area Committee or Committees as the meetings administrator may determine. Any dispute on such reference shall be determined by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

73. Any notice, which is seriously technically out of order, or contains unbecoming expressions, may be excluded from the agenda by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach**.** The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall reference the Standing Order under which the Motion is deemed out of order.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

74. The following Motions may be made without notice at a meeting:

a) On matters expressly required by Statute to be done at the meeting
b) On matters arising directly out of a Report presented at the meeting. The Motion must be directly relevant to a substantive issue addressed within the report. Members should reference the section and page number of the report their Motion relates to
c) For, or on, the appointment of a Committee to which business specified is to be referred
d) For the resolution of the Council into a Committee of the whole Council
e) For a variation of the order of business
f) For the adjournment of the meeting
g) For the suspension of a Standing Order or of Standing Orders in respect of any specified rule or rules
h) For the appointment of a Cathaoirleach of the day, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and/Deputy Mayor being absent.
i) Motion to reconsider (Standing Order No. 81)
j) Emergency Motions (Standing Order No. 79)

MOTIONS

75. The proposer of a Motion or an amendment not printed on the agenda paper shall, before moving same, deliver a copy in writing to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. For a Member attending a meeting remotely the Motion or amendment not printed on the agenda paper shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meetings Administrator.

76. A Motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the meeting.

77. Discussion on any Motion is restricted to the subject of the Motion put to the Council. Members may not, under cover of any Motions authorised by these Orders, discuss any other subject.

78. If a Member is not present at a meeting when their Motion is reached on the agenda paper, the Member may move the Motion, when duly seconded, without debate before the end of the meeting when they are present at the meeting. The Chief Executive's report is accepted in such cases and is subject to the agreement of the Members.

EMERGENCY MOTION

79. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders a Motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent or emergency business related to a function of the Local Authority and where due to its seriousness and the imminence of the matter gives rise to an unexpected, urgent and/or potentially dangerous situation requiring immediate action of Council within its statutory functions.

Emergency Motions must be submitted to Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meeting Administrator by:
(i) 10am on the morning of the Full Council Meeting
(ii) 4pm on the working day prior to the Area Committee Meeting,
unless related to an issue that has arisen after these times on the day in question.
In exceptional circumstances the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may consider Emergency Motions received outside of these timelines.

Any such Motion must set out the clear reasons why the Motion cannot be dealt with by way of Motion to an ordinary meeting of the Council or a Committee. If the Emergency Motion is deemed Out of Order, it should not be read into the record of the meeting. Any such proposed Motion requires the support of two-thirds of the Members present subject to the number voting in favour of the Motion being not less than half of the total number of Members of the Authority or Committee. The Motion shall not be considered until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

SIMILAR OR RESCINDING MOTIONS

80. When any Motion or Resolution has been disposed of by the Council, it shall not be for any Councillor to propose a similar or rescinding Motion within a period of six months without the consent of not less than three-fourths of the Councillors of the Council.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

81. A Member may move a Motion to reconsider a Motion of which they were the proposer and where the Chief Executive's report was accepted by the proposer and where no vote has taken place. Such a Motion, if seconded, may only be considered where a clear misunderstanding of the content of the Chief Executive's report is explained by the Member. The consent of three quarters of the members of the whole Council, will be required for a

Motion to be reconsidered. Such a Motion may only be proposed during the meeting at which the original Motion was considered.

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

82. An Amendment may:

a) Omit certain words
b) Omit certain words and insert or add others
c) Insert certain words
d) Add certain words.

83. An amendment shall not involve such substantial alteration of the Motion as to make it a new Motion.

84. An amendment shall not commit the meeting to anything more onerous than the original Motion.

85. An amendment must be formally moved and seconded before any discussion or vote can be taken.

86. At a physical meeting an amendment must be in writing clearly stating the proposed alteration and signed by the proposer and handed to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. If the amendment is submitted by a Member attending a meeting by virtual means it shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meetings Administrator.

87. An amendment shall not be moved after the original Motion is put to the Council

88. The proposer of an amendment may be permitted by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to reply.

89. If there is an equality of votes and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach does not exercise their casting vote the Amendment is deemed not carried.

90. When a Motion and an amendment remain before the Chair, the amendment shall be first put, and shall be disposed of before any other amendments can be moved. When an amendment is agreed, the original Motion shall disappear and the amended Motion shall become the Motion under consideration, upon which a new Amendment may be moved. When an amendment is lost, another amendment to the original Motion may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any one time before the Chair. Notice of any number of amendments may, however, be given.

91. A Member may propose an amendment to any amendment being considered to a Motion before the Council. Any amendment proposed to an amendment under consideration is subject to Standing Order No. 82 to 90.

In such cases, the question of making an amendment to the amendment shall be considered and put first. When affirmed, the amendment stands amended and is then considered as the proposed amendment. When lost, the first proposed amendment is considered.

RULES OF DEBATE

92. All Members are bound to act in accordance with the Ethics Framework and Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members, to co-operate with the orderly conduct of meetings, the direction of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and in a manner that is respectful of colleagues.

93. Members must bear in mind that discussions at Council Meetings are not privileged. No Member may make false statements, impute improper motives, or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the Council, Employee of the Council, or any other person. Any Member having made such statements or used such objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when requested by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to do so, shall be called upon by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to withdraw from the meeting.

94. A Member while speaking shall address themselves to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. Any Member participating in a meeting remotely must, when they are speaking, be able to be heard and seen, by all other Members in attendance, and the remote participant must, in turn, be able to hear and see, those other Members participating.

95. A Member speaking is not to be interrupted except on a point of order, but they shall give way to a Member desiring to make a personal explanation with the consent of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. A Member who speaks shall confine their speech strictly to the matter under discussion. A ruling of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach on a point of order, or on the admissibility of a personal explanation, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

96. The proposer of a Motion shall be allowed to speak to the Motion for not more than three minutes and for a further three minutes in reply to the debate, the speech of any other contributor shall not exceed two minutes.

97. On matters of exceptional importance, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may consent to the continuation of a speech for an additional three minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the meeting and shall be for a definite period.

98. Members of the Council shall address and speak of each other in the Council by the respective titles of “Mayor”, “Cathaoirleach" or "Councillor".

99. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach may allow a Member to speak a second time, but only after every Member who desires to do so shall have spoken once.

100. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall call a Member to order for irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language, imputations of motives, reflections of a personal character upon another Member or employee, or any breach of order, and may direct such Member, if speaking, to discontinue their speech.

101. In the event of a grave disorder at the meeting, or of persistent disregard to the authority of the Chair, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall protect the meeting in the conduct of its business by directing the Member or Members causing such disorder, or disregarding such authority, to retire for any period up to and including the remainder of the meeting or for a shorter period.

102. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach so directs a Member to retire, and the Member does not retire immediately, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall give directions for the removal of the Member and such other directions as are necessary for restoring order to the proceedings.

103. If the Mayor/Cathaoirleach considers that the meeting, owing to disorder, cannot continue, they shall have power to adjourn the meeting for a short interval.

DETERMINATION/VOTING

104. Subject to any statutory provision requiring the recording of the names of Members voting for or against a motion, voting may be:

(a) By voice when it is obvious that the meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting.
(b) By show of hands. If any objections as to the correctness of the results are made a poll may be demanded
(c) By a division, i.e., a regular count of the Members for or against the motion.

105. Every matter at a meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Members of the Council voting on the matter, unless otherwise stated by Statute or included in Standing Orders, and, in the case of an equal division of votes, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

106. When voting on a Motion is by a roll-call division, there shall be an interval of three minutes between the decision to take the vote and the actual vote itself should any Member so request. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall determine when this interval has elapsed.

107. No Motion or amendment shall be put to the Council unless it has been duly proposed and seconded. A Motion may be proposed either by the Member in whose name it stands, or in their absence, by any Member authorised by them to propose it on their behalf. If a Councillor is not present to propose their Motion at a full Council meeting, the Motion shall retain its position on the schedule of Motions for the next full Council meeting unless removed by the Councillor concerned.

108. Verbal/Written reports to Motions will be presented as such by the Chief Executive only where a Motion has been proposed and seconded. Once the Motion is put to the Council, reports will be made available to Members for the purpose of discussion at the meeting and are only published to the public record where Members have concluded consideration, debate and decided/voted on the Motion in question.

109. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach has not formally declared the result of a vote or is in doubt as to whether their declaration is right or wrong, they are entitled to take a second vote on the matter especially if they consider that through some misunderstanding the first vote did not properly represent the sense of the meeting.

110. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach cannot give their first vote after they have ascertained the number of votes for or against a Motion. They can only then give their casting vote.

COMMITTEES

111. The Council and every Committee are authorised to furnish to the Press reports of its proceedings.

112. The Chief Executive shall summon a meeting of any standing or special Committee on the request of its Mayor/Cathaoirleach, or any three of its Councillors or whenever they shall deem it necessary that such Committee shall meet.

113. In the event of the Council deciding to empower any special Committee to do any act without further reference to the Council, the resolution of appointment shall be in conformity with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001.

114. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of every Committee by such Officer of the Council assigned to attend the Committee. Such minutes shall give the names of each Member present.

115. All questions in Committee shall be determined by a majority of such Members of the Committee as vote and in case of an equal division of votes the Cathaoirleach shall have a casting vote in addition to their vote as a Member of the Committee.

116. Committees may appoint Sub-Committees of their number for facilitating the transaction of business, who shall report to the Committee, but such Sub-Committees shall not have power to transact any business without express authority from the Committee.

117. Each Member of a Committee is to be notified of every meeting of that Committee.

118. The Council may from time to time appoint any Special Committee for specific purpose, and may, set out terms of reference for this Committee.

119. The Council may, at any time, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council for the transaction of business, to be specified in the resolution. The quorum of a Committee of the whole Council shall be eleven**.**

120. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No.14, meetings of any standing or special Committee shall not, without the authority of the Committee, be open to the public or media.

121. A meeting of the Council shall take precedence over a meeting of any Committee.

122. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 123, recommendations of the standing Committees numbered a) to l) inclusive, as set out in Standing Order No. 14, on reserved functions and policy matters shall come before the Council for consideration by way of report, otherwise, the proceedings of each Committee shall come before the Committee for confirmation and re-affirmation at its next meeting.

123. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees, numbered c) to i) in Standing Order No. 14, shall come before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

124. Members of a Strategic Policy Committee shall not be entitled to nominate a substitute to attend Strategic Policy Committee meetings in their place. In the event of a member failing to attend 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee in any year, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved by the Council, the Council and/or nominating sector shall be asked to review the matter. Council Members of another Strategic Policy Committee may attend meetings with the permission of the Chairperson and may speak with the permission of the Chairperson but are not entitled to vote.

125. Vacancies in Committees shall be filled by the Council at any ensuing meeting of the Council.

126. Members of Standing Committees numbered j), k) and l), in Standing Order No. 14 may submit two Motions and seven questions for each meeting of the Committee subject to the provision that an additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a Motion, providing that there is no Motion which was not reached at the previous meeting or an adjourned Motion which will take precedence (reference Standing Order No. 50 and No .67)

127. Where the Council otherwise directs, it shall be a function of the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee to fix periodically the dates and times of meetings of the Council and its Committees.

128. Site visits within the County shall be approved by the County Council, or by the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee, as the case may be.

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

129. In any consideration of the making of the Development Plan, all amendments suggested by the Chief Executive, or the Members shall be specifically listed on the agenda for the relevant meeting as headed items or Motions as appropriate and in such way as clearly to identify the area or purpose involved.

VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

130. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 132, or of any other Standing Order relating to the submission of Motions, at a meeting held to consider submissions/observations and the report of the Chief Executive made under Section 12(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, or to make the proposed plan in accordance with the provision of Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Motions to make such proposed plan with or without amendments (including Motions for a specific amendment or amendments) as provided for in the aforesaid Section 12(10), as amended, may be made without notice at such meeting.

131. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 69 and No. 74(b) in any consideration of a Variation to the County Development Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in Section 13 the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all modifications proposed by the Members shall be by way of Motion submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such a way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Variation has commenced, no further Motions can be submitted or proposed.

LOCAL AREA PLANS

132. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 69 and No. 74(b) in any consideration of a Local Area Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all amendments suggested by the Members shall be by way of Motion, submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Local Area Plan has commenced no further Motions can be submitted or proposed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, RESIGNATION, VACANCIES, ETC.

133. A Councillor may, at any time, in writing, signed by them, and delivered to the Chief Executive of the Council, resign their membership of the Council.

134. If a Councillor is absent from meetings of the Council for more than twelve months, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved of by the Council, the Councillor will be deemed to have resigned.

135. A Member of any Committee who is absent from all meetings of the Committee in any twelve months shall, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved by the Council, be disqualified and be ineligible for re-election.

136. A casual vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

137. Where a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party Member, the vacancy shall, be filled by a person nominated by the Member. In the case of a casual vacancy being caused by the death of a non-party Member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of the Member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the Member or a child of the Member.

MAKING OF APPOINTMENTS

138. Subject to observance of any statutory requirements in relation to the making of appointments, the following procedure shall apply:

a) If the number of nominees, duly proposed and seconded, exceeds the number of appointments to be made, then each Councillor will be entitled to vote by ballot for not more than the number of appointments to be made.

b) Nominees securing the greatest number of votes shall then be declared to be appointed in order until the number of vacancies has been filled. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees for one or more remaining vacancies, there shall be a further ballot or ballots as necessary, on the basis set out in sub-paragraph (a) above, between the tied nominees for the vacancy or vacancies have been filled.

c) If following a ballot or a number of ballots there remains two or more tied candidates for one or more vacancies, the remaining vacancy or vacancies shall be filled successively by a ballot between the remaining tied candidates, each Councillor having a single vote, and in the event of a further tie, the Mayor shall have a casting

vote after each such ballot. Should the Mayor following such ballot not exercise their casting vote, the person to be appointed shall be determined by lot.

d) If the number of nominees duly proposed and seconded is equal to or less than the number of appointments to be made, the nominees shall be declared to be appointed.

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONGRESS, ETC.

139. Councillors and representatives attending on behalf of the Council at meetings of Associations, Conferences, or Congresses shall report to the Council upon any matter discussed at such meetings, which, in their opinion, is of interest to the Council.

DEPUTATIONS

140. The Council may set aside days on which Deputations shall be received.

141. Any person/persons wishing to address the Council, must apply in writing to the Deputations Administrator, at least seven clear days before the day for Deputations, setting out the matters they wish to discuss. No Deputation shall exceed five persons in number and the maximum duration of discussion between a Deputation and the Council Members and officials shall be forty minutes. A person/persons may only meet with the Council once within any six-month period unless the Council specifically agrees to same.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

142. Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order.

143. A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council.

144. Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council.

145. Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council.

146. At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members.

COMMON SEAL

147. The Common Seal of the Council shall be kept securely by the Council. The Seal shall only be affixed to any document either by resolution of the Council or a signed order of the Chief Executive. Whenever the Seal is affixed the Mayor or an employee of the Authority nominated in writing for that purpose by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Mayor, shall be present and shall testify the fact by their signature to an entry in the Seal Book specifying the document or documents sealed.

148. The Common Seal may be affixed by the Mayor to any documents going abroad which do not in any way relate to the Council, at any time, without resolution of the Council.

VISITORS

149. Attendance of the public at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Visitors may be present at meetings of the Council in the visitor's area, unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines and they may report and publish the proceedings of the Council. Visitors may also be present at all meetings of the standing Committees numbered j), k) and l) of Standing Order No.14.

150. Visitors shall only be admitted to any meeting of the Council or Standing Committee after they have been signed in by a Councillor. A Councillor may only sign in one visitor to any meeting if the visitor's area has available capacity. When, upon the expiration of a quarter of an hour after the time for which any meeting is convened, accommodation for visitors is not fully occupied, further visitors, not exceeding the number for which accommodation is available, may be admitted at the direction of the Meetings Administrator.

151. Visitors and Media are to maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance.
(i) All mobile phones during Council or Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting.
(ii) No cameras of any kind or sound recording or communication equipment may be used by visitors at meeting.
(iii) All Reports/Replies on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iv) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.
Visitors are the responsibility at all times of the Councillor who has signed them in. Disorderly persons may be removed by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

152. In the event of a disorderly person refusing to leave the public gallery, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may invoke the sanction provided for in Standing Order No. 102 and No. 103, against the Member who has signed the visitor in.

GRANTING OF CIVIC HONOURS

153. Nominations for a person or persons to be granted a civic honour/reception will be made by the Mayor to the Council, and the decision to confer a civic honour/reception on any person or persons will be made by resolution of the Council.

MOBILE PHONES / SOCIAL MEDIA

154. All mobile phones during Council or Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting. Failure to comply with this order will result in a fine of €50 for every time a mobile phone rings.

(i) No cameras of any kind, sound recording, or communication equipment may be used at meetings, except for the purpose of the Council webcast.
(ii) All Report/Replies on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iii) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.

MEDIA

155. Attendance of media personnel at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Only Accredited Media are allowed access to meetings of the Council and must operate in designate areas of the Council Chamber or meeting room. The numbers and types of media personnel to be admitted to a meeting will be agreed in advance of the meeting by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

Accredited Media will be facilitated in person at the following meetings of the Council a), b), c) and d) of Standing Order No. 13. Accredited Media may also be present at meetings of standing Committees numbered j), k), and l) of Standing Order No. 14. Media must apply by email to press@fingal.ie for accreditation, (subject to Standing Order No. 120).

Media must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance and comply with rulings of mobile phone and social media of Standing Order No. 151 and No. 154.

REMOTE/HYBRID MEETINGS

156. a) All Standing Orders in place are applicable to Remote/Hybrid meetings.
b) Members should notify their Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.
c) The Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the meeting should attend in person, if unable to do so in the first instance, the Deputy Mayor chairs the meeting and in their absence, the Mayor nominates another member who is attending the meeting in person as the Chair (reference Standing Order 37).
d) Members should allow sufficient time to establish a connection prior to the commencement of the start of the meeting to allow themselves to test the connection.
e) Members should keep their cameras on for the duration of the meeting and ensure that no confidential papers are seen on video feed or that there is no other persons

present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings.
f) Members must mute their microphone unless they are recognised by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and invited to speak.
g) Members are advised to use an appropriate headset.
h) Members who wish to speak should use the notification process as directed by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and speak when invited.
i) The rules of debate as set out in Standing Orders 92 to 103 will apply.
j) The meetings platform chat facility must not be used for private conversations between Councillors.
k) When referring to a specific report, page or slide, Members should mention the report, page, or slide so that all Members have a clear understanding of what is being discussed.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

157. A ruling of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach on any question or their interpretation of the Standing Orders shall be final. Should any question, doubt or dispute arise as to the area or functions or functioning of a Committee or as to the application of standing orders to a Committee, the matter shall be determined by the Mayor of the Council whose decision shall be final.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

158. Any standing order or Standing Orders may, at any time by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present at the meeting of the Council or standing Committee, such meeting consisting of not less than one-half of the Members of the whole Council or standing Committee then present, be suspended, on a Motion duly made, for the purpose of any specific business then before the Council or Standing Committee, and defined in the suspensory Motion, save that no such Motion may be made until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

Subject to the Mayor's consent the decision whether or not to suspend standing orders should go to a vote without debate.

MATTERS NOT COVERED BY STANDING ORDERS

159. The Mayor shall have power to deal with any matter not covered by Standing Orders.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

160. These Standing Orders may only be amended or repealed by Motion of the Council and agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council.

DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS

161. The foregoing Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended, or repealed.

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Introduction

What do we mean by heritage?

Our heritage is what we have inherited from the past, to value and enjoy in the present, and to preserve and pass on to future generations. It comprises: **the tangible -** our archaeological, historical sites, buildings, monuments, historic demesnes, artefacts, and archives; **the natural -** our seascapes, waterways, landscapes, geology, flora, and fauna; and **the intangible** – including our customs, sports, folklore, crafts, skills, and traditions.

About the Heritage Plan

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2023-2029 sets out a vision for protecting our shared heritage for all the people of Fingal and all the relevant agencies and groups within the county. The plan is underpinned by the principle of shared responsibility for heritage. Connecting with and celebrating our heritage, in all its diversity, promotes well-being and adds to a sense of belonging. Heritage in part of who we are.

In Fingal we have a growing, relatively young, and ethnically diverse community, a unique history and rich heritage. From our coastline landscape and biodiversity to our archaeological sites, historic houses and demesnes, and agricultural, industrial, and maritime traditions, we are surrounded by heritage. Our rich cultural heritage is reflected in our use of traditional skills, language, folklore, and music. This plan is to enable everyone to connect with the unique and diverse heritage on our doorstep by encompassing all aspects of heritage and highlighting how they intertwine and connect.

The Heritage Plan is a framework set out under six themes or areas of focus to guide the community, the Council and all stakeholders working across Fingal to protect, share and celebrate our unique heritage. These priorities were identified in consultation with the community and stakeholders across the local government, state, and non-governmental sectors. The Plan outlines a series of actions and outcomes for each theme.

Supporting Heritage

This is the fourth Heritage Plan for Fingal and will build on the work done to date to protect and celebrate our heritage. The following are some examples of projects delivered or supported by the Heritage Office, ranging from printed publications, to videos, digital maps and virtual tours exploring heritage themes form traditional skills and featuring the stories of people and places to climate action for heritage.

The Fingal Thatch Project and Report

The Fingal Thatch Project 2022 was designed to capture and preserve the story of thatch in Fingal for future generations, from the thatched dwellings past and present to those who lived in them, and all the traditions associated with thatch in Fingal. Through videos and a Storymap, the Fingal Thatch Project also aims to share the thatcher's and communities' memories, photos and

documentation relating to this vernacular heritage. See https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-thatch-project-and-report

Fingal's Heritage from Above

The is a series of films featuring the heritage sites of Fingal that was launched during Heritage Week 2020. A collaboration between Mark Broderick, Digital Officer and Christine Baker, Heritage Officer the series begins with the stories of the Skerries Islands and continues with Drumanagh Promontory Fort and Newbridge Demesne.

Skerries Islands: https://youtu.be/AbtzS1YxRHI

Drumanagh Promontory Fort: https://youtu.be/pDR_k2DTe5s

Newbridge Demesne: https://youtu.be/jKPc16v1LcQ

Balbriggan: https://youtu.be/UQbdtv9oxi8

Snapshots of Fingal's Past

Snapshots of Fingal's Past presents photographs that capture Fingal's past and the stories that lie behind them. This heritage project takes the form of an online exhibition featuring the stories of people, places, sports, and traditions submitted by the people of Fingal. Members of the Fingal Heritage Network also present stories from their areas.

To view the Snapshots online exhibition, go to https://youtu.be/-uWnyVcCjJk

Fingal Heritage X Climate

Fingal Heritage X Climate Project is looking at the ongoing impact of climate change on the many heritage sites around the county including assessing the risks it poses to them and planning for their future. Fingal Climate Action Toolkit provides participants in Fingal with some tools required to aid in monitoring the impact of climate change on the heritage assets of the county.

Visit https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-conservation for more information on Fingal's heritage projects. Appendix 1 of this plan lists a range of potential projects that are the continuation of long-standing projects or have been suggested through the consultation process.

Policy context for Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2029

Implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan will be informed and contextualised by a range of policies and plans at international, national, and local level.

At international level

- **United Nations' Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs)** as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Transforming our World.
- **UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage** (Paris, 2001)
- **Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage of Europe** (Valletta 1992)
- **Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe** (Granada, 1985)
- **Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance** (Burra Charter, 1979)

At national level

- **The Heritage Act 1995.**
- **Project Ireland 2040, The National Planning Framework (NPF)**[1] is the Government's high-level strategic vision for shaping future growth and development in the entire country over a 20-year period, which identifies heritage as a strategic investment priority, recognising 'Enhanced Amenities and Heritage' as a National Strategic Outcome.
- **Heritage Ireland 2030**[2] a framework for the protection, conservation, promotion, and management of Ireland's heritage for the next decade and beyond.
- **Our Place in Time**, **Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023–2028** underpinned by six strategic pillars; Leadership and Stewardship; Climate Change and Biodiversity; Research; Partnership; Communities; Education and Engagement.

At County level

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the County acknowledges, supports, and reinforces the integral role heritage, culture and the arts play in sustaining and creating attractive, vibrant, and engaging places to live, work and enjoy.

- **Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030** puts forward an ambitious programme of a hundred actions to reverse the decline in biodiversity by 2030.
- **Fingal County Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024** includes undertaking a Climate Change Risk Assessment of Fingal's Cultural Heritage to identify and survey the architectural and archaeological heritage sites and designed landscapes at risk.

[1] Project Ireland 2040, The National Planning Framework gov.ie - National Planning Framework - Ireland 2040 Our Plan (NPF) (2018) (www.gov.ie)
[2] Heritage Ireland 2030 gov.ie - Heritage Ireland 2030 (www.gov.ie)

- **Fingal County Council Corporate Plan 2019-2024**
- **Fingal's Culture and Creative Strategy 2023-2027**
- **Fingal Local Community and Economic Plan (pending)**
- **Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023-2029**
- Fingal Food and Drink Policy 2023 – 2029
- **Fingal County Council 2019-2025 Arts Plan**
- **Fingal County Council Library Development Plan 2024-2029**
- **Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019-2024**
- **Blas: Fingal's Food Strategy - Framework for project delivery 2023-2026** ~~**(pending)**~~

Our Values

These are the values and guiding principles that will underpin the work carried out under this Heritage Plan.

Protect: We will protect and celebrate our unique places and stories.

Include: Our plan is for everyone living in Fingal and is enriched by diverse voices.

Cherish: Cherishing our heritage through best practice and recording is fundamental to healthy place-making, sustainable development, and climate action.

Collaborate: We advocate for the integration of cultural heritage into projects outside the heritage sector and will collaborate with partners and communities to develop new creative opportunities to share heritage.

Strategic Objectives

The Fingal Heritage Plan sets out six strategic objectives and themes around which we will focus our efforts for the next six years, with corresponding actions and desired outcomes for each. These themes were arrived at following a review of implementation of the previous heritage plan, and a process of consultation. The plan is focussed on inputs from the Fingal Heritage Forum, other relevant agencies, and the community in relation to priorities and key themes that should be addressed.

1 Protecting our Place

We will conserve, manage, protect, and enhance the archaeological, architectural, natural, and cultural heritage of the County, which are valuable and finite resources, through good management, sensitive interventions, and sympathetic development. We will protect our heritage and nurture a sense of place through collaboration and community engagement.

Action	Outcome
1.1 Collaborate on the implementation of the Fingal County Biodiversity Plan 2022 – 2030; the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan (forthcoming); the Forest of Fingal - A Tree Strategy for Fingal 2023-2032 and the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2023-2029	Integrated implementation of Heritage, Biodiversity, Tourism and Climate Action Plans.
1.2. Promote best practice for heritage by ensuring that the requirements of relevant national and EU legislation are met by the Council and through guidance and training at community level.	Mainstreaming of heritage in policy and practice.
1.3. Build capacity for practice of traditional skills and community-led heritage projects at local level by developing a series of workshops, demonstration days and events for famers, vernacular and historic building owners, local communities and interested individuals.	Inclusive ways for people to enjoy learning about and getting involved with their local heritage.
1.4. Continue to work with the owners of archaeological sites to conserve archaeological monuments utilising the Community Monuments Fund.	Custodians are supported in protecting and consolidating archaeological monuments for the future.
1.5. Build capacity within the Heritage Office for implementation of the Heritage Plan and to resource heritage protection and public engagement.	Improved delivery and increased capacity for heritage services in Fingal.
1.6. Continue to resource and review the implementation of existing Conservation Management Plans and encourage the use of the conservation management plan process for heritage assets in both the private and community sectors.	The conservation (management) plan process is the foundation for managing heritage places and sites in Fingal - whether these are in public, private or community ownership and care.

1.7. Collaborate with Fingal Leader to support and develop best practice guidance for heritage-based community-led enterprise projects.	Protection and promotion of heritage through community-led enterprise projects.

2 Sharing our Stories

Share stories of places and people, and connect with the whole community through high quality, relevant, interpretation and communication which is locally focussed, cocreated or community led.

Action	**Outcome**
2.1. Support community-led Heritage Audit & Interpretation Plans for an integrated holistic approach to local heritage identification and interpretation. 2.2. Develop toolkits for community-led projects, provide best practice guidance (Fingal Heritage Signage and Trails Guidance 2021) and training events. 2.3. Facilitate the learning/sharing of traditional skills in relation to built, maritime and natural heritage. 2.4. Promote funding opportunities for local, community-led heritage projects.	The community is enabled to share and celebrate local stories, traditions, and heritage through authentic and appropriate community-led interpretation and heritage projects, informed by robust research.
2.5. Holistic implementation of recommendations of Heritage Audits & Interpretation Plans. 2.6. Raise public awareness of cultural heritage and improve legibility by providing appropriate interpretation at buildings, areas, sites, villages, and towns. 2.7. Promote and enhance the understanding of the heritage of Fingal through the development of talks, exhibitions, and publications; increase digital access through interactive maps, videos, virtual exhibitions, and podcast and through the development of cultural tourism products. 2.8. Promote understanding of biodiversity as part of our heritage by highlight the biodiversity aspects of Fingal's heritage properties, demesnes, designed landscapes and sites in guides, leaflets and online materials.	The community and visitors are connected to stories of Fingal's places and people through high quality, relevant, interpretation and communication of heritage which is locally focussed.
2.9. Support capacity building projects and events within communities of place and interest and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience between communities.	Expansion of the Fingal Heritage Network.
2.10 Continue to record fieldnames and placenames to preserve traditional and historic names and local knowledge and inform new place naming.	Preserve old placenames and fieldnames of Fingal, and their meaning into the future.

2.11 Leverage opportunities to address shared heritage themes across departments e.g., Arts, Architects, Heritage, Libraries, Tourism, Biodiversity and Community e.g., Working with the Fingal Arts Office and practitioners to integrate artistic interpretation as a way for people to access heritage.	An integrated approach to supporting heritage projects.

3 Climate Action for Heritage

Take urgent climate action to ensure that we protect our past and our future.

Action	Outcome
3.1. Use the findings of the *Fingal Cultural Heritage and Climate Change Risk Assessment* to develop appropriate adaptation, mitigation, and palliative methodologies for heritage assets in in the Council's ownership.	Coordinated, collaborative, evidence-based mechanisms to develop resilience, adapt or mitigate the impact of Climate Change on the archaeological and built heritage of the County.
3.2 Support and develop citizen science projects such as *Fingal Heritage X Climate* as a means of monitoring climate change impacts on Fingal's heritage assets and raising public awareness of the value of heritage for the community, enterprise, sustainability and well being	
3.3. Co-operate with other agencies in the assessment of the potential for climate change to impact on coastal, riverine, inter-tidal and sub-tidal sites and their environments including shipwreck sites.	

4 All Our Voices

Diverse voices, both today and from the past, make up the distinctive and unique multicultural heritage of Fingal, and are reflected in our music, oral histories and traditions. We will facilitate all voices, past and present being heard.

Action	Outcome
4.1. Work with communities and stakeholders to cocreate heritage projects that are relevant and accessible to underserved audiences. 4.2. Work cross departmentally within the Council and leverage the opportunities presented by Creative Fingal, to develop and implement innovative, integrated ways of public engagement with heritage, targeting new and underserved audiences across all social, ethnic and age groups with programmes and events.	Projects that include and represent the heritages of new, diverse, and historically unrepresented communities.
4.3. Work with a range of stakeholders including schools, youth groups, heritage organisations and heritage sites to cocreate initiatives that support young people engaging with their local heritage in ways which they find relevant and appealing e.g., heritage themed competitions for primary and secondary schools, events locally in Youth Cafés or music venues, intergenerational local heritage/oral history projects.	Enhanced opportunities for young people to engage with local heritage in relevant and appealing ways, both in school and during leisure time.
4.4. Work with Fingal Local Studies and Archives to leverage the extensive collections and information on local history to engage young people in interactive and enquiry-led ways.	

4.5. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to promote and develop existing programmes for schools (for both teachers and learners), which support delivery of the current and evolving curricula and subject specifications at primary and post primary level e.g., Heritage in Schools Scheme, Fingal Creative Schools, Department of Education accredited teacher Summer Courses.	
4.6. Undertake an audit of folklore collections and oral histories of the people of Fingal to enhance our understanding of our people and their stories.	Heritage projects that recognise, share, and celebrate our oral history and the connection it provides to place.
4.7. Identify opportunities to incorporate Gaeilge and the range of spoken languages in Fingal into heritage plan implementation e.g., Create an Irish language events page on the Fingal website. 4.8. Identify opportunities to collate the songs and music heritage of Fingal and celebrate local musicians and their legacy.	Language, oral traditions, music and intangible heritage that reflect our community, past and present, are celebrated, and recognised as part of our heritage.

5 Creating Knowledge

Build knowledge through research, and audits to inform evidence-based approaches to heritage management, and authentic, relevant, and relatable interpretation and best practice guidance.

Action	**Outcome**
5.1. Continue to identify knowledge gaps and collect and share heritage data (basic research, thematic surveys, and reports), to archive this data according to best practice guidance.	An enhanced, accessible knowledge base on Fingal's heritage informing management, interpretation, and best practice.
5.2. Ensure heritage research presented by the preparation of Local Area Plans, Environmental Assessment Reports and other planning and policy frameworks and strategies, is accessible and adds to our knowledge.	
5.3. Continue to support and develop the Fingal Community Archaeology Programme and the dissemination of findings of licenced archaeological activity in Fingal through the Dublin County Archaeological GIS project, publications, public lectures, and events.	
5.4. Collaborate with the Conservation Office to identify and develop audit, research, and dissemination projects e.g., 20th century-built heritage.	
5.5. Undertake audits of historically significant elements of community heritage and the public realm such as kerbstones, postboxes and historic water pumps.	

6 Accessible Heritage

Facilitate the local community and visiting tourists engaging with heritage by maximising access in terms of physical sites and assets, beyond social barriers, and in the digital context.

Action	Outcome
6.1. Accommodate and improve universal access to Council owned heritage sites open to the public, where possible, while ensuring the archaeological, architectural, and ecological heritage significance of the site is taken into account when providing such access and is not damaged or compromised.	Removal physical, social and cultural barriers resulting in improved access for all to the heritage of Fingal.
6.2. Research current heritage audiences to identify ways to increase cultural engagement for minority groups such as people with disabilities, members of the Travelling community and LGBTQ+ community members and identify ways of removing barriers to accessing and celebrating heritage for all.	
6.3. Document Fingal heritage and biodiversity and ensure that all partners have access to the data, insights and expert guidance required to inform decision-making and guide future investment.	
6.4. Support access to heritage data in the digital context by enhancing online resources and mapped data.	
6.5. Explore the use of innovative and emerging technologies to promote Fingal's heritage and engage with a wide range of audiences.	

Implementation

Fingal County Council is a key partner and will lead delivery of many projects and actions with the support and input of a range of stakeholders. Collaboration cross-departmentally within the Council, and with a range of other agencies and organisations will be required to effectively implement the Heritage Plan.

An implementation plan will be developed each year, setting out specific actions. Each year the Heritage Officer will prepare a report on progress in implementation of actions to inform the priorities for the following year, acknowledging that many projects undertaken are multi-annual. The annual progress reports will be presented to the Heritage Forum and submitted to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of Fingal County Council.

Adequate resourcing, through provision in operational and capital budgets, across all Departments of Fingal County Council, will be required to implement the Heritage Plan. Specific finance requirements will be addressed on an on-going basis as part of planning for implementation.

Evaluation at the end of the plan delivery period will allow the results of the plan to be quantified.

Appendix 1. Potential Projects

The following potential projects are reflective of the feedback from the public consultation; align to objectives of other relevant plans or have been suggested by stakeholders. The undertaking of projects will be clarified through the annual implementation plan process and dependant on the resources available.

Protecting our Place
Actively seek sites for applications to the Community Monuments Fund and the Adopt a Monument Scheme.
Update County Dublin Archaeology GIS Project in 2025.
Update Managing Fingal's Archaeological Resource for internal stakeholders
Examine efficacy of the policy of preservation in situ of archaeological sites in open space including protection, condition, maintenance and awareness.
Update and publish the Fingal Industrial Heritage Survey to outline the history of the development of industry in the County
Assess the condition of all Protected Structures within the Council's ownership and pilot a management/maintenance plan as a template for these structures.
Pilot a disaster risk management plan for a Council owned heritage property to serve as a template for other historic buildings in the Council's ownership
Promote effective ongoing maintenance of historic homes in digestible leaflet form.
Produce a thematic architectural survey of places of worship in Fingal and a review of adaptive re-use case studies.
Identify Fingal owned sites requiring Conservation Management Plans
Develop proposals for submission to the Historic Towns Initiative.
Heritage-led regeneration-training and community engagement workshops with the newly formed regeneration office.
Identify suitable Marine and coastal heritage projects
Traditional skills training and workshops such as traditional ironwork, working with lime, dry stone walling and hedgelaying.
Support the Biodiversity office in mapping townland boundary hedgerows on green infrastructure maps.
Sharing our Stories
Support community-led Heritage Audit & Interpretation Plans
Provide Community Heritage Audit Tool Kit and Training
Explore potential for heritage initiatives based on local and doorstep such as sustainable food production and foraging, and traditional uses of local trees and plants.
Explore potential collaborations with UCD's National Folklore Collection.
Project/training around old local crafts and piseoga, stories from the oral tradition, and the Irish language or the old Fingal language
Heritage conservation, making people aware of our heritage and what it is through historical tours of our area.
Revitalise the Fingal Fieldnames project
Explore the potential for niche heritage-based tourism products
Explore the feasibility of joining the ICAN Network-community based history programme
Ensure heritage stop off points, links and views are incorporated into Fingal Coastal way
Climate Action for Heritage
Pilot a project to map the history of rivers and floodplains in Fingal
Undertake Climate Change animation to reach younger audiences
Revisit climate change risk assessments in face of new evidence and updated methodologies
Explore traditional land management skills for biodiversity e.g. scythe meitheal at Drumanagh

Support and expand citizen science projects such as *Fingal Heritage X Climate* as a means of monitoring climate change in Fingal
Develop resilience and adaptation strategies for the built and archaeological heritage in the Council's ownership
All Our Voices
Under an intergenerational Schools Manuscripts Folklore project
Undertake child-based interpretation of heritage projects
Fingal Sound Map-collection of sounds and stories from around various towns
Carry out a baseline audit of oral history collections relevant to Fingal to identify gaps and support new oral history initiatives based on best practice.
Identify opportunities to celebrate the heritage of local musicians, writers and artists of note.
Develop an oral history programme of capturing Fingal voices and memories across the community in line with Irish Oral History Network guidance.
Support Heritage themed competitions and events for primary and secondary schools.
Create an Irish language events page on the Fingal website
Creating Knowledge
Continue Blas-Fingal's Food Heritage project
Fingal's Sporting Heritage
Support the research and fieldwork for Buildings of Ireland volume: Dublin Suburbs and County.
Explore the transport heritage of Fingal-from aviation, railways, canals, motorsport etc.
work with communities to continue the series of Heritage Guides and Heritage from Above for sites, villages and towns across Fingal
Support synthesis and publication of archaeological excavations in Fingal.
Grow and develop the Fingal Community Archaeology Programme
Stained Glass Windows of Fingal Study
Fingal's Textile Heritage
Investigate feasibility of digitising important Glass Lantern Slides held by historical societies for greater access
Develop a marine themed project with a skills element e.g. boat maintenance
Undertake audits of historically significant elements of community heritage and the public realm such as kerbstones, postboxes and historic water pumps
Develop with the Conservation Office a 20th century-built heritage project.
Support graveyard recording work with local communities.
Promote awareness of Fingal's industrial, military, maritime, aviation, canal and railway heritage.
Examine initiatives and scientific developments such as aDNA and rare breeds research that will contribute to our understanding of Fingal's agricultural heritage.
Accessible Heritage
Heritage of Disability
Document the heritage of new communities in Fingal.
Explore digital, creative, guided approaches, podcasts, temporary and permanent outdoor trails, enhancing existing interpretation, celebrating key viewpoints and improving the setting of / access to heritage features through place-making and orientation.
Explore sensory needs and initiatives in heritage interpretation.
Integrate with digital opportunities, developments and initiatives in order to ensure strong communications for both visitors and residents of Fingal.
LGBTQ+ Heritage Project
Explore social histories through historical events

Appendix 2. Fingal Heritage Services

Fingal County Council has a team of professional staff across a range of Departments that collaborate to deliver an integrated approach to managing, protecting, and promoting all aspects of heritage.

Heritage Officer

The Heritage Office is based in the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Department, and working with the Fingal Heritage Forum, leads the formulation and implementation of the County Heritage Plan. The Heritage Officer supports the Fingal Heritage Network and other community groups, co-ordinates the Council's input to National Heritage Week administers the Community Monuments Fund.

Contact: Christine Baker, Heritage Officer
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Biodiversity Office

The Biodiversity Office consists of four staff led by the Biodiversity Officer. The main role of the Biodiversity Officer is formulating and implementing the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, which provides a framework for biodiversity action for the period from 2022-2030. The plan aims to halt the loss of biodiversity in Fingal by focussing the efforts and resources of Fingal County Council and other nature conservation groups to respond to the escalating ecological crisis and climate emergency.

Contact: Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer
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Conservation Office

The Conservation Office which s staffed by two, is based in the Architects Department, and advises Council staff, owners, and the general public on the architectural heritage of the County, including Protected Structures (RPS), Architectural Conservation Areas [ACAs] and Fingal's surviving historic and vernacular buildings.

Contact: Helena Bergin, Architectural Conservation Officer (Senior Executive)
Laura Johnstone, Architectural Conservation Officer (Executive)
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~~**Fingal County Archives Service**~~

~~Fingal Archives provide research facilities at Fingal Local Studies & Archives to anyone interested in the history of local government in Dublin County, in family, social, or local history. The Archives hold both public and private-created records and archives.~~

~~*Contact: Karen De Lacy, Archivist*~~
~~*Tel: 01 8704496*~~
~~*Email: Archives@fingal.ie*~~

~~**Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section**~~

~~The Fingal County Libraries Local Studies Section is open to the public daily. Fingal Local Studies was set up to collect, preserve and make available reference material to facilitate the study of the rich historical heritage of Fingal.~~

~~*Contact: Catherine Keane, Senior Librarian*~~
~~*Tel: 01 8704495*~~
~~*Email: Catherine.Keane@fingal.ie*~~

Fingal Local Studies & Archives
Fingal Local Studies & Archives are based at 46 North Street, Swords. The service collects, preserves and makes available historic records relating to Fingal and Dublin generally by transfer, donation and purchase. Outreach includes exhibitions, publications, talks, the Fingal Festival of History and participation in Heritage Week and Culture Night.
The **Local Studies** collections include photographs, postcards, maps, artwork and an extensive printed collection of local history books and periodicals, reference works, directories and general genealogical and historical books. The **Archive** contains records of local government in County Dublin from 1775 to the present day including the Turnpike Trusts, County of Dublin Grand Jury, Poor Law Unions, Rural District Councils, Howth Urban District Council, Balbriggan Town Commissioners, Dublin County Council and a variety of private collections including the Hely-Hutchinson Papers, Holmpatrick Papers and Hone Papers.
This friendly and efficient service is available to anyone interested in local, social or family history in Fingal and Dublin generally.

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Management of Fingal's Heritage Properties

The Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Department are responsible for the management of Fingal's diverse and unique Heritage Properties. The Department oversees the day-to-day management of the properties that are currently open to the public and their requirements for capital investment to safeguard their future for the enjoyment of the generations to come; these are Malahide Castle & Gardens, Malahide Casino, Newbridge House & Farm, Ardgillan Castle, Skerries Mills and Swords Castle.

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Appendix 3. Methodology and Contributors

How was the Plan developed?

Following a review of the previous Fingal Heritage Plan, we embarked on a comprehensive process of engagement and consultation. A two stage public consultation was undertaken.

Stage 1: Pre-Draft Consultation-April-May 2023

In order to gather the views of as wide an audience as possible, an online survey was hosted on the Fingal County Council website (www.fingal.ie) was promoted to the public, community groups and other organisations in Fingal through social media. The survey was also shared with Fingal Public Participation Network, and organisations involved in the Fingal Integration Forum.

Drop-in sessions were held during May 2023 in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Libraries and Newbridge House and Demesne, where members of the public were invited to complete the survey online using their phones (paper copies were also available). Consultation meetings and workshops were held with the Fingal Heritage Forum, the Fingal Heritage Network and Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (with the kind assistance of Foróige).

A total of 266 participated in the online survey, which consisted of prompts and open questions designed to identify their priorities for heritage action up to 2030 and explore ideas around the importance of heritage, the key themes that should be addressed by the plan, and key challenges to managing and protecting Fingal's heritage. A full report on the pre-draft consultation was circulated to the Fingal Heritage Forum, presented to the Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity SPC and is available at ???@fingal.ie

To summarise participants recognise heritage as important for a wide range of reasons, primarily relating to an attractive historical environment, a sense of place and community, shared social history, and cultural connections. Heritage is important for wellbeing and identity and the value of heritage as a finite resource and in terms of tourism, sustainability, and economic benefit was acknowledged.

Respondents to the public survey and other stakeholders consulted, identified conservation, and caring for heritage sites (e.g., monuments, protected buildings, historic graveyards, natural heritage sites) as a priority theme for the Heritage Plan. A focus on local heritage e.g., vernacular buildings, recording oral histories and placenames also emerged as a popular theme among survey respondents and the local history and heritage groups involved in the Heritage Network[3]. A wide range of sub-themes such as marine and coastal heritage, agricultural heritage, sport, food, traditional skills, Irish language, and industrial heritage also emerged as valued and important during consultation.

Not surprisingly for a county which is growing rapidly and has a young and ethnically diverse population, raising awareness, communicating heritage, and engaging everyone including young

[3] The Fingal Heritage Network brings together heritage groups from around the county to work together and pool information and resources. The network also represents the views of its members and seeks to inform policy making in Fingal County Council and other relevant organisations Heritage Groups and Societies | Fingal County Council

people and new communities was seen as a key theme for the plan. Raising awareness that heritage encompasses biodiversity, cultural heritage, and stories of how we lived highlights how heritage extends beyond monuments, archaeology, and architectural heritage.

Recording the heritage of Fingal through research, audits and inventories, and training and education programmes (e.g., traditional skills, biodiversity) were also identified as important and there is a strong level of interest in taking part in practical heritage projects or training.

Climate change, which is a theme across all aspects of Fingal County Council's policies and operation to 2030 and beyond, was identified as a priority by many. The recently completed climate change risk assessment for heritage will inform the Heritage Plan.

Heritage is a key driver of tourism in Fingal and integrated approaches to delivery of tourism and heritage projects can support accessible and inclusive community engagement. Heritage based community-led enterprise projects also offer potential in this regard.

Respondents to the survey perceive the key challenges facing Fingal's heritage as pressure from development, lack of awareness or engagement and lack of funding, resources, and capacity for managing and protecting heritage.

Stage 2: Draft Heritage Plan Consultation- August -~~September~~ October 2023

The Draft Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was formulated to reflect the views of the public and stakeholders expressed during Stage 1 of the consultation process. The Draft Plan set out a vision and strategic objectives for our shared heritage. It includes all types of heritage, how they interlink and connect and how we can best protect and access our heritage. Submissions and observations were invited via the consultation portal https://consult.fingal.ie or in writing.

Timed to take advantage of the rise in public awareness for heritage, following Heritage Week 2023 the consultation period for the Draft Plan extended from Wednesday 23 August to Wednesday 04 October 2023 (inclusive). The consultation process was promoted extensively via the Fingal Communications Unit, the fingal.ie website and through social media. A live online webinar with the Heritage Officer took place on Tuesday 26th September, which was recorded and could be viewed, subsequently. A total of 10 submissions were received.

Contributors

Thank you to all who contributed their time, ideas and thoughts during the engagement process

The following organisations responded to the pre-draft consultation survey and gave their consent to be included in the list of contributors:

Skerries Mills *Baldoyle Wild Towns* *Ballyboughal Community Council* *Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society* *Ballyboughal Tidy Towns* *Blanchardstown Castleknock History Society* *Cllr Adrian Henchy* *Dublin Climate Action Regional Office* *Fingal Comhairle na nÓg* *Fingal Heritage X Climate 2021* *Fingallians GAA* *Hackett Agricultural Consultants* *Gaelcholaiste Reachrann* *Irish Farmers Association*	*Inbhir die Drive and Close Residents Association* *Loughshinny Community Association* *LoveLusk* *Lusk Community Council* *Naul Community Council* *Ongar Village Residents Association* *Porterstown Village Residents Association* *Resurrecting Monuments* *Rush Tourism* *Scoil Seamus Ennis* *Swords Men's Walk and Talk Group* *The Ward Valley Heritage Group* *Local An Taisce group (working title)*

Fingal Heritage Forum

Thank you to the members of the County Heritage Forum Steering Group for advice and guidance during the making of this plan.

The Fingal Heritage Forum, facilitated the Heritage Officer, inputs to the preparation and implementation of a Heritage Plan for Fingal to protect local heritage, and increase awareness, appreciation, and enjoyment of this valuable asset among the community. Membership aims to be representative of the diversity of the Fingal population, reflecting gender, geography and cultural interests and may be drawn from local government, local development, state agencies, educational institutions, landowner/farming representatives, community and voluntary groups, and heritage organisations/groups. The Forum members bring a range of expertise and experience to the process of working in partnership to protect Fingal's heritage.

Current membership

Cllr. Pamela Conroy, Fingal County Council *Cllr. Brendan Ryan, Fingal County Council* *Cllr. JK Onwumereh, Fingal County Council* *Cllr. Cathal Boland, Fingal County Council* *Cllr. Howard Mahony, Fingal County Council*	*Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Fingal County Council* *Elaine O'Sullivan, Fingal Tourism, Fingal County Council* *Eilish Harrington, Fingal LEADER* *Roisin O'Callaghan, Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI)*

Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council *Karen de Lacey, County Archivist, Fingal Local Studies & Archives* *Catherine Keane, Senior Librarian, Fingal Local Studies & Archives* *Sarah O'Neill, Arts Office, Fingal County Council* *Helena Bergin, Conservation Officer, Fingal County Council* *Fionnuala May, County Architect, Fingal County Council* *Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks Superintendent, Fingal County Council* *Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Fingal County Council*	*Tom Condit, National Monuments Service* *Thomas Murphy, Fingal Heritage Network* *Richard Williams, An Taisce* *Mairead Stack, National Parks, and Wildlife Service (NPWS)* *Charlotte Sheridan, The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)* *James McGrane, Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)* *Brian Arnold, Fingal Public Participation Network* *Dr Jessica Smyth, School of Archaeology, UCD* *Teresa Bolger, Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland (IAI)*

Heritage Plan co-ordinator: Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, FCC

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
CEP	Community Enhancement Programme
CAF	Community Activities Fund
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DRCD	Department of Rural and Community Development
DSP	Department of Social Protection
DETE	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
EETCD	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
ESF	European Social Fund
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLP	Fingal Leader Partnership
IP	Implementing Partner
LAG	Local Action Group
LEADER	'Liason Entre Actions de Developpement de l'Economie Rurale' 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LDC	Local Development Company
LECP	Local Economic Community Programme
LES	Local Employment Services
LDS	Local Development Strategy
MABS	Money Advice & Budgeting Service
NEETS	Not in Education Employment or Training
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPN	Public Participation Network
PI	Programme Implementer
SICAP	Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
TUS	Community Work Placement Initiative
UESS	Ukraine Emergency Support Services

This report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2, Section 128B (1)(i) Local Government Act 2001, as Inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: *"to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submit"*

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Chief Officer and Chairperson Joint Statement





Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The LCDC has primary responsibility for co-ordinating planning and overseeing local and community development funding and the preparation and review element of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effects to the commitments in 'Putting People First'. LCDC's were established in each local authority administrative area. Each LCDC has the responsibility of developing, coordinating, and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

Fingal LCDC provides governance, oversight and coordination of a number of programmes and funds, including the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Healthy Ireland Fund and various Community Enhancement funding streams which were administered by the LCDC secretariat. SICAP facilitates communities to work collaboratively with stakeholders using a broad range of supports and interventions to tackle poverty and promote social inclusion and equality at a local level. The LCDC is also central to the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, which supports the local rural development in the rural areas of Fingal, Dublin Dun Laoghaire (DLR) and South Dublin.

Oversight and co-ordination of the programmes is supported and augmented by Fingal County Council, Pobal, the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Health.

The Public Participation Network (PPN) is another cornerstone of the LCDC. The four PPN representatives on the LCDC link back to the PPN, providing input into decisions taken by the LCDC and allowing the voices of PPN member groups to be heard. This link is vital to the relevance of the LCDC for our communities and a valuable and positive contribution to civic life in Fingal.

During 2022, the LCDC continued to monitor the implementation and progression of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP 2016-2021). The changing landscape for individuals and communities due to Climate Change, Brexit, the continuing fall-out from the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Ukrainian crisis and the cost-of-living crisis all brought new challenges which were successfully met by the LCDC and its stakeholders.

Fingal is in a strong position to develop and grow. Many LCDC supported initiatives administered in 2022 will be the foundation for the development and success of our local communities well into the future.

The annual budget for SICAP 2022 was €1,383,217. A contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL) 2014-2020 and the Youth Employment Initiative. The SICAP Programme Implementer, Empower, achieved its two key performance indicators (KPI's) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

The arrival of Ukrainians displaced from their homes because of the Russian invasion impacted significantly on SICAP 2022. Empowers' response was swift and practical as they responded to the needs of Ukrainian arrivals.

We would like to commend the huge response of the staff, particularly over the double bank holiday in March when the first Ukrainians arrived into Ireland. The DRCD allocated a further fund of €189,502 to Empower to support additional actions to meet the needs of Ukrainians arrivals.

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) in the Dublin area. The LAG is responsible for designing and implementing the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS). The allocated fund for the Dublin Rural area is €6.37 million and of this €4.74 million is available for local projects in the region. During 2022 the LAG continued to support community groups and enterprises in the aftermath of Covid 19.

The Healthy Ireland Programme continued delivery in 2022 with the support of the Healthy Ireland Committee and Fingal LCDC. The many community support grant schemes administered by Fingal County Council and Fingal Childrens & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) during 2022 helped our communities in maintaining services as we emerged from the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Fingal LCDC also administered the Community Activities Fund of €301,042 under the Community Enhancement Programme in 2022.

We would like to commend the Director of Services, Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Department, and staff of the directorate for their work in supporting the LCDC and partnerships with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups.

Finally, we would like to thank the LCDC members for their continued support during 2022 and for their excellent response to the challenges of delivering the various programmes during 2022.

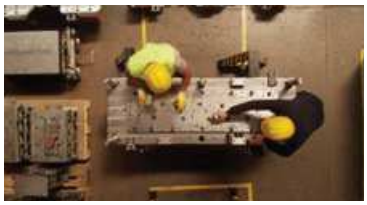
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Members of Fingal LCDC attending the first 'in person' meeting post Covid 19

(L-R) Ian Lennon, Geraldine Rooney, Raghu Nath, Dr.Pat O'Connor, Felix Gallagher, Aoife Sheridan, Cllr. Cathal Boland, Cllr. Mary McCamley, Eilish Harrington, John Quinlivan, Seamus Hughes & Laurence Ward (Seated)

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', including the establishment of LCDC's in each local authority administrative area, for the purposes of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
• A clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as key element in supporting sustainable communities
• Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LCDC ARE
• Prepare and arrange for the implementation of the Community element of a six year Local Economic and Community Plan
• Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the development of local community development programmes
• Review, monitor and revise actions and strategies set out to achieve the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities.
• Improve the co-ordination of all public funded local and community development programmes in the administrative area

Note: Section 1288 of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDC's

The functions of a local authority regarding promoting the interests of communities as set out in Section 66 of the 2001 Local Government Act, delegated to LCDCs, section 128(2)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee Members 2022



CLLR. CATHAL BOLAND

Cathal has 23 years' service as a Fingal Councillor (Rush Lusk Local Election Area). He served as Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the Local Authority on two occasions and Area Chair on numerous occasions.

A member of County Dublin VEC from '84 to 2004. He Chaired the Committee and many school Boards and The County Voluntary Youth Council. He also Chaired the Establishment Committee of the Tallaght RTC. (Inst' of Technology).

Cathal served on the County Enterprise Board. He is an Institute of Directors member. His background is as a Senior Manager in the Service industry and in recent years operated a General Management Consultancy, He has experience of Directorships across Voluntary Community and Commercial enterprises.



CLLR. MARY MCCAMLEY

Mary McCamley became a councillor for Fingal County Council in 2012 and has represented the area as a member of the labour party. Mary was mayor of Fingal during the years 2017/18 and has chaired the Area Committee Meeting on two separate occasions. Living in Mulhuddart since 2002, she originally lived in Finglas and retired from Connolly Hospital in 2012 having worked in the EHB and HSE all her working life. Mary is a grandmother and mother to two sons. She is a keen gardener when she has the time to potter and loves reading as a type of relaxation.



CLLR. JOAN HOPKINS

Joan lives and works in Baldoyle as a Community Development Manager of Baldoyle Forum, a registered charity. She has 20 years' experience working in Banking and Finance. Joan holds a Masters' Degree in Organisational Behaviour. Joan is a founding member and chairperson of Baldoyle Tidy Towns. Joan is passionate about biodiversity and making our communities more sustainable and liveable. Joan grew up working in her family's local business and wants to support businesses within the community.



JOHN QUINLIVAN

John Quinlivan is the Director of Services of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development in Fingal County Council. John has over 30 years of experience in local government, working in 6 Local Authorities in rural, urban, and metropolitan areas and in that time he has been involved in every function of local government. His current role is to advance the economic, community and cultural development of Fingal.



OISIN GEOGHEGAN

A Master of Business Studies graduate of University College Dublin, Oisín Geoghegan is the Head of Enterprise in Fingal County Council, since April 2014. Prior to this appointment he served 14 years as Chief Executive at Fingal County Enterprise Board. Oisín previously held managerial positions in Export Sales and Marketing for Irish and Scandinavian manufacturers of industrial equipment in the food processing sector operating in the UK and Ireland. He previously served as Chairperson of the Network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices and has many years' experience chairing various enterprise development strategy groups and national committees.



PAT O'CONNOR

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Social Sciences, law, and Education in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Technological University Dublin . Pat holds a doctoral degree from the University of Manchester and has been involved in further and higher education for over 30 years. Pat's teaching interests extend across business, accountancy and humanities and he has extensive experience in programme design and review in higher education. His research interests include higher education, research methodology and community development. Pat's community contributions include Chair of the Board of Management of St Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff and coach at Hartstown Huntstown Football Club.



UNA CAFFREY

Úna is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Úna's role is to support FCYPSC in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies in Fingal to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people.

Úna is a firm believer in working together to achieve better outcomes for children and young people and supports the participation of children and young people to inform the work of FCYPSC.

Úna brings to FCYPSC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardo's, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Úna coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal. Úna holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dublin Institute of Technology and a post grad in child protection from Trinity College Dublin.



IAN LENNON

Ian Lennon was elected to the LCDC in 2020 as a representative of the Community Voluntary Interest pillar of the Fingal PPN. Ian is the current chairperson of Naul Community Council and has actively volunteered in the community since 2017, having a passion for participatory practice, rural development, community-led initiatives, heritage-led regeneration, research and placemaking.

Holding a BSc (Hons) in Architecture, Ian is a current postgraduate Master of Architecture Student TU Dublin, previously volunteering with the Architecture Association of Ireland, Irish Architecture Foundation. Having previously participated in EU & US cultural exchange programmes.

As a resident of Naul, working at The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, a non-profit organisation, for the past 5 years, Ian is invested in creative community initiatives in Fingal.



AMAKA CHUKS

Amaka is an Employment Officer of the Irish Refugee Council. Amaka is passionate about people's empowerment in teams of guiding the non-so privileged to gain control over their lives.

She is interested in a process that encourages individuals to be aware of the power they possess to actualise their dreams. She has demonstrated this experience in supporting people across different spectra of life especially (migrant women) through her work with the Irish refugee council. She has displayed enthusiasm also through her work with Home- Start the UK's leading support for family and children and her work and advocacy with African Voice in Moston United Kingdom.

She is aware of the barriers that might keep people from being their best and actualise their potential. She has a BA in Social and Community Development and level 8 in Adult Guidance, Theory and Practice from Maynooth University.



FELIX GALLAGHER

Felix Gallagher is Social Inclusion Manager for Empower. Felix has 30 years' experience working in the Social Inclusion Sector. Felix is passionate about empowering the most hard-to-reach and socially excluded in our society to ensure their voices are represented in developing anti-poverty and social inclusion strategies.

Felix has a BA in Business & Economics, Diplomas in Community Development & Leadership, and Supervisory Management.



SEAMUS QUIGLEY

Shay is the area manager for the Employment Services Division of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) in North Dublin. He has 20 years' experience in all aspects of DSP services and is a graduate of Dundalk IT, Institute of Public Administration and the National College of Ireland. He sits on various committees in North Dublin and has a strong interest in GAA and soccer.



ELLEN O'DEA

Ellen O'Dea is Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing in the HSE Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County since November 2016. From 2002 she has worked in management roles within the HSE, previous roles include General Manager for Primary Care and Disability Services, Primary Care Manager & Occupational Therapy Manager. She has a particular interest in community participation in health and in supporting Healthy Communities. Ellen has a BSC (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.



RAGHU NATH

Raghu works for Ireland Telugu association which is a non-profit, voluntary organization devoted to promote integration through Arts, Sports and Culture into mainstream of Ireland and also intends to identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of Ireland's Indian Community.

Ireland Telugu association organize several key programs such as IT Boot Camps, Health in your Hand Programs & Youth empowerment within our community for the benefit of immigrant People. I am very instrumental and pivotal for delivery off this project very regularly.

I also collaborate closely with the community policing to ensure crime and security issues are responded to in a timely and effective manner. I have participated number of workshops held at local garda in partnership with Joint policing committee for well-being of community and in building positive partnerships, through initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert.



GERALDINE ROONEY

Geraldine Rooney is a Development officer with the Blanchardstown Center for Independent Living who provide services that are underpinned by the philosophy of independent living. All activities are aimed toward promoting independence, choices, options, rights and empowerment for people with disabilities. Inclusion of people with disabilities is her passion and she has been involved with local community groups for the last thirty years, working in BCIL for the last nineteen years, Geraldine graduated from Maynooth University with a certificate in Disability Studies and is involved with the Dublin 15 Disability Peer Support Group which supports people with Disabilities to take part in their community and have their voices heard. The vision for Ireland is one where people with disabilities have freedom, choice and control over their lives and full participation in an inclusive society as equals. Her interests include travel, reading and soccer.



ADELINE O'BRIEN

Adeline O'Brien has worked in the not for profit and social enterprise sector for twenty years. Roles have ranged from Development Director (Cork Opera House) to Director of the Fundraising Institute of Ireland and CEO of an Education & Training facility for at risk young people and their families in Dublin 10. Adeline was a founding Director of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Company, and a founding member of the Dublin 10 Restorative Practice steering group.

Adeline worked as consultant in the not-for-profit sector particularly in the areas of Governance, Strategy and Management, Work & Organisational Psychology / Behaviour. Adeline also provided support in terms of crisis management, operational quality audits and evaluations. Adeline was appointed CEO of Blanchardstown Area Partnership in January 2017 and is leading a change management process including renaming the service to Empower CLG.



BRÍD WALSH

With early careers in Irish Rail and Aer Lingus Bríd is the HSE Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinator for North Dublin. She holds a 1st class hons MSc in Health Care Manage-ment, UCC and M.Sc. in Social Science from Trinity College among other 3rd level courses from UCD and the NUI. She plays a leadership role in national and regional structures including as chairperson of both the national network of Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Coordinators in Ireland and the National DRIVE Oversight Com-mittee and member of National Oversight Committee for the Drugs Strategy, the Healthy Fingal subgroup and others.



ANTHONY COONEY

Anthony Cooney is CEO of Fingal Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Chamber is affiliated to Chambers Ireland and is representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region.

Anthony has more than 25 years' experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland specialising in the acquisition and management of "Recurring Income" organisations.



LAURENCE WARD

Laurence is a dry stock farmer near Oldtown, North County Dublin. His passions are GAA football and farming. He is a member & chairperson of Fingal Local Community Development Committee. Laurence is also a member and chairperson of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Laurence has taken a new role as a member of the Farm Business Committee of the Irish Farmers Association.



EILISH HARRINGTON

Eilish Harrington is the CEO with Fingal LEADER Partnership since September 2018. In this role Eilish works with her team to deliver the LEADER programme across rural Dublin, Rural Social Scheme for Co. Dublin, Care & Repair Service in the North County, Ability and Tús Programmes in the Fingal area. She has a background in Community Development and brings experience and knowledge in this field to her role in FLP. Eilish graduated with a BA Honours Degree in Public and Social Policy from NUI Galway. After her studies she worked with Special Olympics Munster as a Development Officer and as Co Ordinator of EmployAbility Services West Cork.

Resigned Members of Fingal Local Community Development Committee



EMER O'GORMAN

Director of Services Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development

Chief Executive Nominee to Fingal LCDC
October 2018 - April 2022
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CLAIRE SHANAHAN

Department of Social Protection
LCDC Member
November 2020 – October 2022



Fingal Public Participation Network



Fingal Public Participation Network Members
(LR) Raghu Nath, Geraldine Rooney, Ian Lennon.

Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal Public Participation Network (formally known as Fingal Community Network) is the local Public Participation Network and therefore is Fingal's new framework for public engagement. It will provide the structure to facilitate the two-way flow of information between the Local Authority and Community, Voluntary and Environmental groups. The network will enable residents of Fingal and community organisations to influence plans and policies for the future development of the County.

The FPPN brings together all groups and organisations working on a community and voluntary basis in Fingal. Being part of the FPPN gives your group the opportunity to participate at decision making and policy development level. Membership is FREE and as member community group you will benefit from



CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2022

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Cathal Boland	**Local Authority Member** Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk	Fingal County Council
Mary McCamley	**Local Authority Member** Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	Fingal County Council
Joan Hopkins	**Local Authority Member** Howth/Malahide	Fingal County Council
John Quinlivan *Replaced Emer O'Gorman April 2022*	**Local Authority Official** Chief Executive's Nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisin Geoghegan	**Local Authority Official** Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor	**State Agency** Higher Education Institute	Technological University of Dublin
Seamus Quigley *Replaced Claire Shanahan Oct 2022*	**State Agency** Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Department of Social Protection
Una Caffrey	**State Agency** TUSLA	TUSLA Child and Family Agency
Ellen O'Dea	**State Agency** HSE	HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing
Amaku Chucks	**Community Voluntary Interest** The Bold Women Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Ian Lennon	**Community Voluntary Interest** Naul Community Council	Fingal Public Participation Network
Raghu Nath	**Social Inclusion Interest** Ireland Telugu Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Geraldine Rooney	**Social Inclusion Interest** Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Fingal Public Participation Network
VACANT	**Environmental Interest**	Fingal Public Participation Network
Bríd Walsh	**Community Interest**	North Dublin Regional Drugs & Alcohol Task Force
Felix Gallagher *Replace Adeline O'Brien April 2022*	**Local Development**	Empower
Eilish Harrington	**Local Development**	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Laurence Ward	**Farming and Agriculture**	The Irish Farmers Association
Anthony Cooney	**Business and Employers**	Chambers Ireland

PUBLIC (STATUTORY) | PRIVATE (NON-STATUTORY

LCDC FUNDING 2022

The Community Supports Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2022

The Community Activities Fund (CAF) under the Community Enhancement Programme was launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development on 11th November 2021 by the Minister for Rural and Community Development (DRCD), Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

The CAF was administered by Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

The Community Activities Fund, a once-off fund supported groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with:

- Operating and running costs such as utility bills, rental/lease costs and insurance bills.
- The cost of repairs and improvements to facilities, purchase of I.T. equipment, furniture, tools, signage, training equipment etc.

Fingal County Council was allocated €301,042 in funding for community & voluntary groups across the county. This total amount comprises, €183,970 Current funding for us towards running & operating and €117,072 in Capital funding.

The LCDC evaluation committee agreed the criteria and recommended 30% of total funding be ring-fenced to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less.

The projects were evaluated under the following headings:

- Expected impact arising from funding
- Degree of disadvantage of the area/group
- Deliverability

Three categories of disadvantage were identified:

- Groups operating in disadvantaged areas
- Group supporting disadvantaged people
- Groups disadvantaged from funding sources

228 groups/organisations submitted applications totalling €833,382.25 for a Capital fund of €117,072.00 and Operating & Running costs of €183,970

All completed applications were evaluated (viewed & discussed) by the LCDC Evaluation Committee and 111 groups were recommended for CAF Capital funding and 101 groups were recommended for CAF Current (Non-Pay) funding for use towards running/operating costs, with the approval of the LCDC.



HEALTHY IRELAND

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 is the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation. It is being implemented on a local level as part of Fingal's Local Economic and Community Plan. The scheme is being administered by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) under the remit of Fingal County Council on behalf of the Department of Health.



Fingal County Council received an initial funding of €334,460. Further funding of €41,574 was received during the period Jan to May 2022 to extend the roles of the Social Prescriber and Healthy Ireland Coordinator. A further fund of €15,000 was also granted to extend the role of the Social Prescriber until December 2022. While the Covid 19 pandemic caused many restrictions and hurdles in implementing the actions, each group found a way to continue with their project. Round three was successfully completed at the end of May 2022.

The Healthy Ireland programme of work in Fingal is supported by a Healthy Fingal subgroup of the LCDC.

The following table outlines the grants awarded in Round 3 (June 2019-May 2022)

GROUP NAME	€ AMOUNT AWARDED	PROJECT
Aster Family Centre	10,000	Young Persons and Parents Club
Aster Family Centre	10,000	Homework Club
Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative	15,000	Cyber Safety
Foróige	46,360	Health & Wellbeing
Mulhuddart Community Centre	15,000	Activities for 5–9-year-olds
Empower	55,797	Social Prescriber
Empower	99,527	Healthy Ireland Coordinator
Empower	30,000	Community Engagement

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FUND

GROUP	€ AMOUNT	PROJECT
Children & Young People's Services Committee	32,050	Mental Health Projects
Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education Training Board	32,050	Recover College
Various Groups across Fingal were awarded small grants	Small Grants Scheme 30,000	Various

Healthy Ireland is a government led initiative aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone in Ireland. The Healthy Ireland funding for Fingal 2022 was spread over two funding periods Round 3 (Jan-May 2022) and Round 4 (Jun – Dec 2022) with an additional €15,000 available as part of a social prescribing fund which ran from April – Dec 2022.



The Healthy Fingal Coordinator developed a Community Engagement and Communications Plan for Healthy Fingal which included undertaking brand awareness activities, creating a quarterly newsletter and information gathering. The first quarterly newsletter was published in early April 2022 and used community/sports activities to promote Healthy Fingal through the distribution of merchandise at events such as Community Centre Open Days, Men on the Move, Junior Park Run, Hello, How Are You Day. Healthy Fingal flyers were distributed through Fingal Libraries, Fingal Community Centers, HSE CH09 and Empower and pull-up banners have been distributed to continue to promote and raise awareness of the Healthy Fingal brand.

Empower, under the auspices of Healthy Fingal implemented a Social Prescribing Programme (SPP) for Fingal, to follow on from our Social Prescribing scoping action in the previous round. The funding was used to appoint a part-time Social Prescribing Coordinator and although Covid-19 restrictions required the service to initially be delivered online instead of in-person, Corduff Primary Care Centre did hold a regular clinic throughout 2022. Healthy Fingal supported several projects throughout 2022 which were delivered by Aoibhneas Domestic Abuse Support, Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative Summer Project, Empower, Foroige, Mulhuddart Community Centre, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB, Crosscare and Empower.



At the end of May 2022, Keira Brett the Healthy Ireland Coordinator from Empower, stepped away from the role. The position was advertised as a three-year contract through Fingal County Council. Niall McGuirk, was appointed as the new Healthy Fingal Coordinator in December 2022. Niall's focus for 2023 will be around the reduction in smoking and vaping and a reduction in binge drinking.

In June 2022 Fingal County Council signed the funding agreement for Round 4 of the Healthy Fingal Programme with an initial fund for 2022-2025 of €175,000 awarded to Fingal County Council.

HEALTHY IRELAND FUNDING SCHEDULE 2022

GROUP	€ AMOUNT
HIF Social Prescribing 1st April to 31st December	15,000
HIF 1st June to 31st December 2022	40,000
HIF 2023	40,000
HIF 2024	40,000
HIF 2025	40,000
TOTAL	175,000






SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Fingal LECP
Local Economic and Community Plan

SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2022



The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides a stronger and clearer role for local government in eco-nomic development and community development.

Local Economic and Community Plans (LECP) support the sustainable development of our counties. First described in Putting People First: Action Plan for Effective Local Government and then formalised in the Local Government Reform Act 2014, they form the local element of the national development framework and support collaboration to increase the quality of life in our communities. This has never been more important as we look to support a sustainable recovery from the impact of the pandemic.

The primary aim of the LECP is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and sup-port the economic development and the local and community development of Fingal, both by the Local Authority directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders. The LECP is an important way to set out how Government and other stakeholders can work together to en-sure that their initiatives, programmes, and projects support an improved quality of life for people living and working in the county. Part of the statutory responsibilities assigned to the Minister for Rural and Community Development (DRCD), under the Local Government Reform Act of 2014, is to support the de-velopment and implementation of the LECP.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) is charged with oversight of the Economic Elements of the LECP. Both Departments have worked together to develop guidelines to enable and support integrated planning for both community and eco-nomic elements as envisaged in the legislation. The process also included a broader consultation with input from other Government Departments, Local Authorities, Public Participation Networks (PPNs) and other members of the relevant Local Authority Committees, the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) and the Strategic Policy Committees (SPC). Fingal County Council looks forward to working with all stakeholders to support the development, through the LECPs, of strong integrated local frame-works that will provide the foundation for economic and social recovery and support sustainable develop-ment across the country over the next six-year period.

The overall vision for Local Government, "to promote the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities".

The process for the development of the LECPs will initially consist of four broad phases: preparation, pub-lic consultation, development of High-Level Goals, objectives and outcomes, and finalisation of the LECP, in 2023. This will be followed by a fifth phase for implementation that will include the Implementation Plan process and a sixth stage of monitoring, evaluation and review of the plan.







SECTION 3
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018-2023

Ireland's European Structural and Investment Funds Programmes 2014–2020
Co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Union
European Union
Investing in your Future
European Social Fund
European Union
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

SECTION 3
Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2018-2023

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for harder to reach groups and individuals.

Delivery of SICAP is overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. SICAP aims to address poverty, long term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The budget for 2022 was €1,383,217 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL). The programme implementer achieved its two Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for 2022 (see table 1 below) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.
The Horizontal Themes of SICAP are Equality Community Development and Collaboration.

These themes are fundamental to Fingal LCDC and Empowers' values and are evident through the strategies reviews, programme planning and daily delivery.

2022 – 2 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)				
Goal		Target	Actual	%
Goal 1	LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS	45	45	100%
Goal 2	INDIVIDUALS	685	701	102%

Empower applies a person-centred approach to individuals under Goal 2 of SICAP. This allows individuals explore their options and identify the best course of action for them. The personal action plan agreed with a caseworker helps them jointly identify supports needed as part of their engagement with SICAP.

Based on completed personal action plans the needs more frequently identified among SICAP target groups included:

- Counteracting digital/food/fuel poverty
- English language skill deficits
- CV and interviewing
- Self-employment mentoring supports
- Access to affordable early-years services
- Lack of awareness of public health supports
- Housing supports



Empowers response to the Identified Needs of Individuals and Groups

FOOD POVERTY

Food Poverty is defined as the 'inability to have an adequate and nutritious diet due to issues of affordability or accessibility'. Target groups typically spend more of their overall budget on basic food essentials. Empower collaborated with Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group and the Vincent de Paul to provide a Traveller Foodbank. A Traveller Outreach Worker helped provide food parcels and fuel vouchers to the 7 Traveller Halting Sites in Dublin 15. Empower has also supported delivery of food parcels to the Roma community in Fingal.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Classes were provided to New Communities, who made up 53% of the caseload in 2022. Both structured and conversational Failte Isteach Classes took place.





ONE STEP CLOSER

One Step Closer offered job-seeking skills and training, in groups or on a one-to-one basis.

160 people received supports digitally or via workshops. 97 people set up their own business and 56 received follow up self-employment supports for businesses started in previous years.



EARLY YEARS SERVICES

Mulhuddart Parent and Child Group support young families. The local community centre provides a space to meet other families, receiving parenting support and information. Members of the group come from a broad range of ethnicities. Tyrrelstown Stay and Play Group meet up to support the development of their children and combat isolation. Empower also helped groups successfully source funding from Fingal County Council.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Balbriggan Integration Forum, a volunteer-led group believes developing positive intercultural relationship enriches the quality of lives in the area. A SICAP staff member aided the group, including supporting integration, educational needs as well as voter education and active citizenship. Team Zimbabwe is a football club and support group. They act as an information and support service as well as providing health and fitness training. SICAP supported them with equipment and links to the FAI, Healthy Fingal Coordinator and the Fingal Public Participation Network. A SICAP staff member links in with the Corduff Women's Group providing information on activities, funding, healthy eating, DIY, arts & crafts and a HSE approved wellbeing programme. Empower was successful in leveraging g funding from different government department which helped support the target groups of SICAP.





SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

In total SICAP supported seventeen social enterprises in 2022. 45 full-time and 36 part-time jobs were supported. These include Afro Diaspora Centre, Aster Family Resource Centre, BASE Enterprise Centre, BEaT Enterprise Centre, Eggheadz, Grow Remote, Huntstown Community Centre, Ladybird Lane Childcare Service, Loving and Affectionate Family, Musicantia CLG, One Step Closer, Parlickstown Childcare Facility CLG T/A Little Learners Creche, Phoenix FM, Way2Work Ireland and Work Equal.

EMERGING NEED 2022

'Children and Families' was the chosen theme for the emerging need 2022. In total, 1,473 young people and children and 856 parents and guardians benefited through activities encouraging access to further education & training, family supports, preschool as well as welfare & wellbeing supports.

SICAP Response to the Ukrainian Crisis



Empower first became aware of Ukrainian refugees in Fingal on Wednesday 16th March. Refugees approached a SICAP worker. Their needs were a ssessed quickly. The SICAP team established the Empower Ukrainian Emergency Support Service (UESS). The flexibility of SICAP allowed Empower to respond immediately. Central to this was the transformation of the Empower Head Office into a Ukrainian Community Hub. Over the next four days, the double St. Patrick's Day Public Holiday weekend, SICAP staff worked tirelessly to transform our premises. On Monday 21st March, within five days of their arrival, we were fully operational.

In June 2022 the government announced a budget of €5m in funding for SICAP in recognition of the ongoing contribution made to the local community response to the crisis. Empower received a contribution of €189,502.

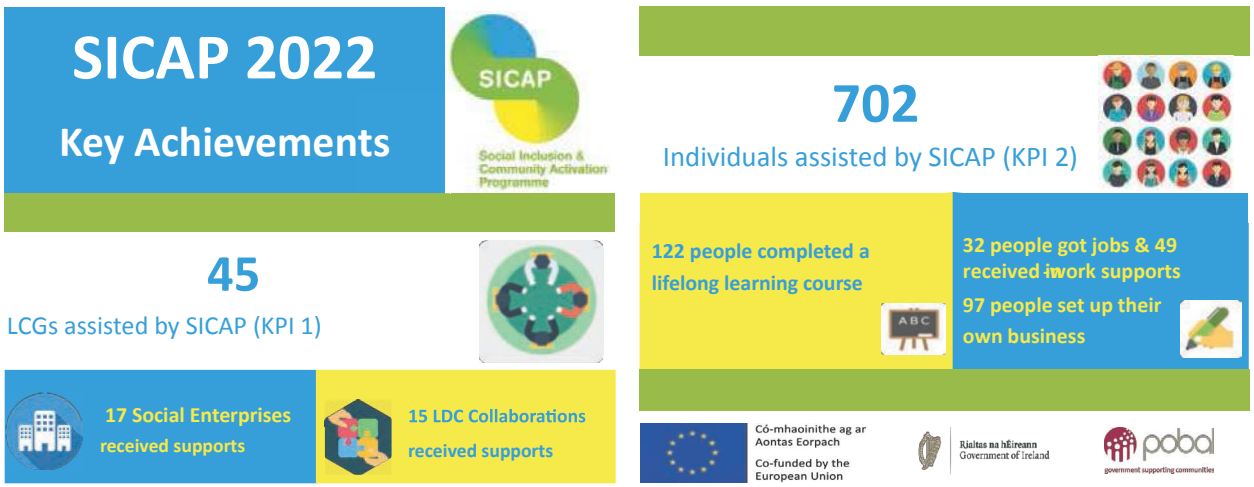
The number of refugees in emergency accommodation across Fingal continued to rise. The lack of transport to access services was identified as a major barrier. SICAP engaged a bus service to collect refugees from their accommodation and bring them to amenities including the Post Office, Banks, Library, Citizens Information, DSP & shops. Other supports included establishing a Greeting Area, Social Spaces and a Parent & Toddler Room.

Key ongoing actions undertaken by Empower include establishment of English language classes, Ukrainian Jobs Club and opportunities to engage social with local communities.





Members of the Ukrainian Community enjoy a visit to Newbridge House Donabate & a trip to the Ukraine versus Ireland match in the Aviva Stadium



SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

2018-2023 #SICAP

Providing the building blocks for local and community development in Ireland

WHAT WE ACHIEVED!



3193 PEOPLE
ACROSS FINGALWERE ASSISTED ON A 1-TO-1 BASIS

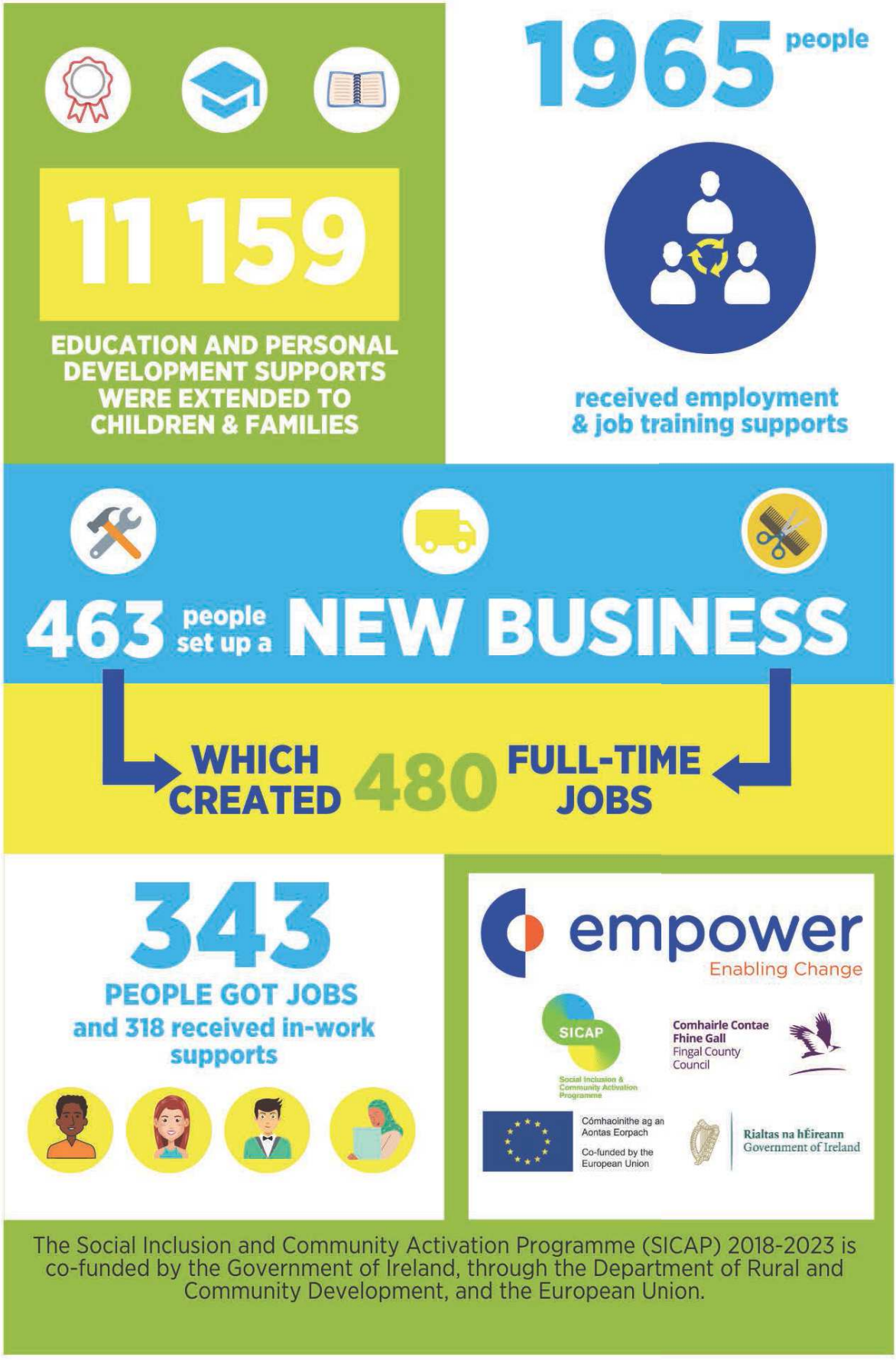
67.5%
WERE UNEMPLOYED

44%
WERE FROM A JOBLESS HOUSEHOLD

90
LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE

34
GROUPS SUPPORTED INTO DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES

1526
PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN FREE LIFE-LONG LEARNING COURSES


11 159
EDUCATION AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORTS WERE EXTENDED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES
1965 people
received employment & job training supports
463 people set up a NEW BUSINESS
WHICH CREATED 480 FULL-TIME JOBS
343
PEOPLE GOT JOBS
and 318 received in-work supports
empower
Enabling Change
SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Cómhaoinithe ag an Aontas Eorpach
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The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018-2023 is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Union.






SECTION 4
Dublin Rural LEADER 2014-2022

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas

Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

SECTION 4

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group

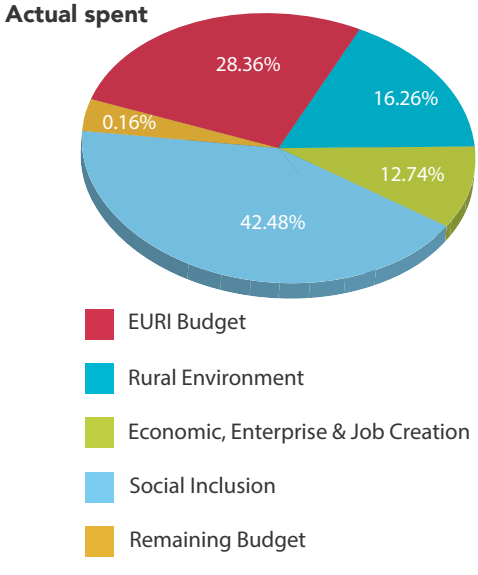
The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014–2022 in the Dublin Rural Region. The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas.

2022 was a positive and productive year for Dublin Rural LEADER. The funding continued to support community groups and enterprises in the aftermath of Covid-19, enabling them to adapt their offerings and diversify to meet new needs. The LAG approved projects across all themes and committed the entire Transitional Budget. The LAG submitted an Expression of Interest for the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme and were successful to proceed to the next stage of developing a new Local Development Strategy for Rural Dublin which will shape the next programme.

A breakdown of the projects approved in the 2021- 2022 LEADER Transitional Programme:

- Total number of projects approved under the Transition Programme was 36 to the value of €1,523,776 - €896,422 in 2021 & €627,354 in 2022.
- **Theme 1:** Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation - 6 Projects, value: **€194,393**
- **Theme 2:** Social Inclusion - 15 Projects, value: **€648,336**
- **Theme 3:** Rural Environment - 4 Projects, value: **€248,187**
- **EURI Projects:** 11 Projects, value: **€432,860**
- Dublin LEADER total money committed to date: **€6,580,651** (2014-2021 LEADER Programme plus Transition)
- Claims paid out to date: **€4,422,316.69** - 67%

2021- 2022 LEADER Transitional Programme	
Transitional Programme Budget	977,283
Withdrawn Projects	42,549
Decommittal added to Main Budget in 2022	72,015
EURI Budget	434,348
Total Budget	1,526,195
Expenditure	
1 Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation	194,393
2 Social Imclusion	648,336
3 Rural Environment	248,187
4 EURI	432,860
Total Spend	1,523,775
Remaining Budget	2,420



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Lambay Estate Ltd
Project Name:	EURI – Renewable Energy Optimization at Lambay Island
Theme:	Rural Environment – Development of Renewable Energy
Area:	Fingal
LEADER Funding	€120,961

Project Description
Lambay Island is an offshore island 3 miles from the coast of north county Dublin. It is part of Fáilte Ireland's UltraLuxe market and attracts tourism from all over the world. The island is classified as an off-grid system from the point of view of its electrical supply and this is generated on the island using wind turbine and solar panels, a battery bank, and a backup generator.

Increased tourist requests and the reopening of the island for functions after the Covid 19 pandemic ended all visits to the island for approximately 18 months, has required that the island upgrade its renewable energy facilities to both cope with increased visitor numbers and to further decarbonize the energy load on site. LEADER funding assisted with the capital expenditure of additional solar PV panels to increase renewable energy generation on the island, renew the associated battery facility to ensure the matching of load and resources on the island and the upgrade of monitoring and reporting facilities on the island to make the carbon-free nature of the island more accessible and marketable by the island operators to visitors and guests alike.



Promoter Name:	Man O 'War GFC
Project Name:	Man O 'War GFC Community Walkway Project
Theme:	Social Inclusion – Basic Services
Area:	Lusk, Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€36,037.50

Project Description

Man O 'War GFC developed a walkway track around the perimeter of the grounds for use by the local community. The walkway is approximately 1km in length circling the full inside perimeter of the grounds. The walkway will be available for use by the local community, Man O 'War club members and local businesses such as Country Crest and Oberstown Detention Centre, both of whom are directly beside the club grounds.



The recent COVID-19 pandemic highlighted several ways that the club could serve the local community more and the development of a walkway is one such way. Developing this facility will bring more of the community into their grounds for more than just Gaelic games. It will serve the local community, many of whom are elderly, by provisioning a safe place free of traffic to get exercise. It would also be possible to facilitate organised walking groups, for example, men's walk and talk groups etc. The pandemic has highlighted how isolation for many has a detrimental effect on individuals and by creating a walking hub, the club will be providing an avenue and an opportunity for people to meet up for exercise.



Promoter Name:	Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG
Project Name:	Smart Village Training for Rural Dublin
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation – Rural Towns
Area:	Fingal/ South Dublin /Dun Laoghaire
LEADER Funding:	€49,962.60

Project Description

This training programme will train up to 60 people across 6 Villages in Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The Smart Villages training programme will inform participating communities, support evaluation of current resources and capacity, and enable planning for the future. This journey will be applied, as appropriate, to different thematic development areas:

- Digital Transformation
- Community Multi-Service Hubs
- Climate Change, Renewable Energy and Emission Reduction
- Health and well being
- Networking leadership and Communication tools for Communities and Businesses.
- The Circular Economy- Tourism and Social Economy

This programme will build capacity across the Dublin Rural LEADER catchment in the area of Smart Village concepts which will feature in the new 2023-2027 LEADER Programme.



Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) Members 2022

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME
Statutory	Local Authority Member, Fingal LCDC	Cllr. Cathal Boland
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	John Quinlivan
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	Oisin Geoghegan
	Higher Education Authority Fingal LCDC	Dr. Pat O'Connor
	Local Authority Official, South Dublin LCDC	Colm Ward
	Local Authority Member, South Dublin LCDC	Cllr. David McManus
	Local Authority Member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Non stat	Farming and Agriculture, Fingal LCDC	Laurence Ward *(Chairperson)*
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Tricia Nolan
	Environmental Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Justin Byrne
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Prof. Mary Corcoran
	Local Development, Fingal LCDC	Felix Gallagher
	Local Development (Implement Partner), Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington
	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown – LCDC	Sharon Commins
	Social Inclusion Interest, Fingal LCDC	Geraldine Rooney

John Quinlivan replaced Emer O'Gorman
Felix Gallagher replaced Adeline O'Brien
Ann Lynch Fingal LCDC and Mark Fox Dun Laoghaire LCDC resigned

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 31

2023 ARTS ACT FUNDING

Applications have been received under the bursary entitled the '*2003 Arts Act*'. Fingal County Council allocates funding annually under the 2003 Arts Act Grant Scheme to assist the development of the 'arts' in Fingal.

The 'arts' means any creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, and architecture, and any medium when used for those purposes.

The Arts Act grant scheme is intended to assist groups, persons, and organisations in the following.

- stimulating public interest in the arts
- promoting the knowledge, appreciation and encourage practice of the arts
- improving standards and development in the arts in the county

Events supported under this scheme should aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

A total of eight eligible applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office and an external advisor. Having examined the applications, the panel has recommended eight awards amounting to a total sum of €52,750.

LIST GROUPS AND AWADS

It is proposed to make funding available to the following organisations in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amounts set out here under and the approval of the Members is now sought: -

APPLICANT	EVENT NAME	AWARD 2023 Q4
The Bleeding Pig	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival 7th - 17th September 2023	€12,370
Corrig Hill Films	Short Film Rush-based Film Production Company.	€5,500
Coolmine Musical Society	Seussical the Musical	€12,000
Baldoyle Musical & Dramatic Society	Production of Panto in January and Musical in April 2023	€4,000
Skerries Traditional Music Weekend	Traditional Music Weekend in June 2023	€6,000
Forget Me Nots Choir	Music and Dance Affected by Dementia	€2,000
Castleknock Music Festival	Music Festival held in Farmleigh House and St. Brigid's Church	€9,380
St. Mary's Secondary School	Musical Matilda	€1,500

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YOUTH SPORTS GRANT REPORT

The Sports Office invited sports clubs throughout Fingal to apply for a grant under the Youth Sport (Small Grant) Scheme, which is part funded by Sport Ireland. This year's Funding Scheme focuses on funding the purchase of equipment to enable sports clubs to continue to provide activity to young people in a safe and fun environment.

Every sports club, who qualified under the scheme and those on the Fingal Community Network and Sports Office databases were written to and invited to apply. A promotional campaign was run through Fingal's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and the grant scheme was promoted by the Sports Office's Sports Development Officers.

Successful applicants were required to meet the following criteria:

- be situated within the boundaries of Fingal
- be a member of the Fingal PPN
- 80% of members residing in Fingal
- have sport for young people (under 18yrs) as its primary focus
- operate as a 'not for profit' club or organisation that is open to public membership
- have a voluntary management committee with elected officers
- be affiliated to a Sport Ireland recognised National Governing Body
- have a bank account in its own name and adequate insurance cover for all aspects of their activities
- carry out their activities ensuring compliance with current legislation
- have policies and practices that are inclusive and encourage participation regardless of gender, race, or ability.
- operate under the basis of best practice for children in sport, any club member involved with the youth activities of the club must have attended or be registered to attend a Safeguarding Child Protection & Awareness Course and the club's designated Children's Officer must hold the Sport

Ireland/ Irish Sports Council accredited Children's Officer Certificate and provide certificate number

- keep written records and registration of members. The records must be available to the Fingal County Council Sports Office on request.
- be established a year or more
- the club was not awarded Sports Equipment or Community Activities Funding in 2023
- the club did not have an open application for Sports Equipment in 2023

The Youth Sport (Small Grant) Scheme aims to assist existing clubs towards equipment purchase, referee/coaching fees etc., Applications that create a positive impact on participation levels, encourage diversity and integration and demonstrate sustainability within the club may have a greater chance for funding approval. This year we welcome applications from clubs that promote a circular economy (swap shop, equipment, and gear exchange).

Additionally, we require clubs to acknowledge funding received from Fingal County Council to club members and the wider community in media outlets including newsletters / Facebook and twitter.

27 applications were received and 3 of these were ineligible for the following reasons:

- Sport Equipment or Community Activities Funding was awarded in 2023
- Applying for the Sports Equipment Funding instead
- Had an open application for Sports Equipment Funding in 2023
- Not an official sports club (or have sport as their primary focus)

Having examined all eligible applications, it is recommended to award a grant of €833 to the following 24 sports clubs at a total of €19,992 from the Sport budget.

Once approved the payments will be made before the end of December.

	Organisation Name
1	Castleknock Lawn Tennis Club
2	Phoenix of Ballyboughal Boxing Club
3	PSLC Junior Badminton Club
4	Red Rox Baseball Club
5	Round Towers Lusk GAA Club
6	Swords Basketball Club
7	Phoenix Junior Badminton Club

8	Lir Swim Club
9	Swords Manor FC
10	St Vincent's Water polo Club
11	St Ita's AFC
12	Donabate Portrane Special Olympics Sports Club
13	Lucan Cricket Club
14	North County Cricket Club
15	Skerries Athletic Club
16	O'Dwyers GAA Club
17	Garda Westmanstown Gaels
18	Skerries Lawn Tennis Club
19	Sutton Lawn Tennis Club
20	Balscadden Football Club
21	Innisfails Karate Club
22	Trackside Lawn Tennis Club
23	Donabate Portrane Tennis Club
24	Balrothery Tennis Club

TOTAL FUNDING €19,992.00

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Chief Executive's Foreword

With the festive season almost upon us, it is an opportune time to reflect on the past year in terms of work and projects undertaken on behalf of the people of Fingal as well as making provision for the years ahead. Reflecting on the year, we have certainly had a busy, challenging and productive 12 months.

Earlier this year, Fingal County Council delivered a Development Plan that will be in effect until 2029 and which will provide for the creation of sustainable, socially integrated and economically vibrant communities with a focus on maintaining strategic greenbelts and rural settlements. The future direction of Fingal as a place to live, work, visit and do business is set out and clearly envisaged for the duration of the plan.

A robust and ambitious annual budget of €361.9m was presented for 2024 representing investment in over 900 projects countywide and a spend per head of population in Fingal of €1,099. Adoption of the Budget sees an additional €28.1m available from that received in the budget for 2023 and guarantees service delivery across all departments.

As always, provision of housing, associated infrastructure and amenities remained a priority in 2023 with work starting on housing developments including Balmoston in Donabate which, when completed, will provide 1,200 quality homes linked into to an excellent road network and a top class recreational hub. Overall, Fingal County Council will deliver around 3,300 new build social homes before 2026, as well as a further 1,000 affordable purchase and cost rental homes over that same period.

I am very pleased that another milestone has been reached in the development of the Swords Cultural Quarter as tender documents have been published. Although there has been significant progress already made through enabling works, it is envisaged that construction of the building which will include a county library, theatre, gallery, arts spaces, a maker space, and a café will commence in Q2 next year.

Providing for the financial, economic, social and strategic direction of the county is an undertaking made possible only through diligent work, consultation and collaboration and I am very grateful to the Elected Members and staff of the council who liaised with stakeholders, communities and business owners and worked tirelessly throughout the year to bring plans and initiatives to fruition.

2023 was another fantastic year in terms of staging of festivals, concerts and most recently, festive Christmas Markets. In June, Malahide Castle and Gardens once again opened up for the series of 7 concerts where thousands of fans enjoyed musical stalwarts such as Depeche Mode, Sting and Florence + The Machine. With provision for bicycle parking and links to bus and train networks, Malahide is the perfect location for concertgoers and indeed we are already looking forward to the 2024 series of concerts!

It was a pleasure to welcome so many visitors to Flavours of Fingal in Newbridge Demesne in July where we showcased the best of Fingal with stands from local food producers, live entertainment, children's entertainment and the ever popular Fingal Village where departments highlighted the many services we provide to the people of Fingal.

Being recognised for excellence is indeed an honour and it is a source of pride for all of us in Fingal County Council that in 2023 Hartstown Park in Dublin 15 was awarded a Green Flag from An Taisce. This very popular park is a haven for visitors of all ages with an all-weather pitch, cycling and walking trails and children and adults exercise areas. The awarding of the green flag brings to seven the number of green flags achieved by Fingal parks this year which is a great testament to the dedication of the staff who sustainably manage these parks for the enjoyment of all. Staying with horticulture, 'A Breathing Space for Fingal' won a coveted gold medal at this year's Bord Bia Bloom – a phenomenal achievement. The garden, which was visited by President Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina, comprised of a stunning collection of more than 3,000 perennial plants and mature trees which were used to create a forest bathing space. This remarkable garden is now permanently located in a Community Garden in Lanesborough Park, Meakstown in Dublin 15 and serves as a lasting tribute to all those who endured hardships during the challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Each year the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. This year I am very pleased that Fingal County Council won the award in the Communications category for our 3D/Virtual Reality Models of Public Realm Projects.

In recent weeks, towns and villages across the county have been decorated and illuminated in preparation for the season. In Dublin 15, Shackleton Gardens were transformed into a spectacular wonderland as the Festive Lights Show enchanted visitors each day. It was a visual treat for all ages as immersive projections and vibrant colours lit up this beautiful location. Christmas Markets all across Fingal have also bestowed on us that uniquely festive feeling with a vast array of stalls from artisan food producers, skilled craftspeople and artists all offering visitors the opportunity to support local businesses and pick up exceptional gifts for friends and family.

On behalf of the Executive Management Team and the Elected Members, may I wish you all a very peaceful and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Total Recruitment Campaigns	91
Campaigns Completed	72
Current Active Campaigns	19
Interviews Held to date	2013
New Starters	194
Number of Current Job Offers	48

Learning and Development

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

October Completed Courses	
Number of courses	64.5
Number of Attendees	727
Number of Training Days	597.5

New Courses

In November, we launched a Competency-based Interview Skills Course, catering to both indoor and outdoor staff through in-person sessions and live webinars. This training fosters personal development, empowering our current staff to advance within the organisation.

Fingal County Council Learning & Development
Empowering Excellence

Climate Action Raising Awareness Training

In November, our second round of climate action training for outdoor staff marked a key National KPI for Local Authorities and fulfilled commitments in our Climate Action Plan. Over a two-week span, 163 outdoor staff participated. We extend gratitude to operations staff and depots for efficiently managing high attendance while maintaining operational services.



December Learning and Development courses being delivered.

Business and Interpersonal Skills
Ignite Staff Development Programme
Team Building Training
Grade 5 Management Development
Grade 6 Management Development
Managing Aggressive behaviour
A-Z of Local Government
Diversity and Interculturalism
Getting the most from PMDS
Staff Induction
MS Teams Training
Public Works Training

Health and Safety
Safepass
Driver CPC module 5
Manual Handling
Woodchipper

Wellbeing
Mental Health First Aid
Digital Gym information session.

IT
Basic IT Skills

Wellbeing Update

On November 20th and 21st, we conducted another impactful round of Mental Health First Aid Training. In 2023, we've already empowered 50 staff through this invaluable course, with plans to train more in 2024. This aligns seamlessly with our wellbeing strategy, fostering an open organisational culture around mental health.

mental health first aid IRELAND

Fingal County Council Digital Gym.

On November 20th, we launched our exclusive Digital Gym for staff, a collaboration with Spectrum Life. Offering diverse fitness classes, including Yoga, Pilates, HIIT, Combat, and more, our platform ensures accessibility and flexibility. This initiative reflects our commitment to holistic well-being, empowering staff to enhance physical and mental health seamlessly.

Employee Assistance Service

We communicated the annual usage figures of our Employee Assistance service to our wellbeing champions and committee. With an average uptake of 5.3%, typical for an organisation our size, the primary concerns raised by staff will remain the central focus of our 2024 wellbeing program.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU carried out 21 site safety inspections and audits for the month of November, 15 VDU assessments for office and remote based staff along with carrying out incident investigations and sending out 8 draft ancillary safety statements for consultation with staff including a risk assessment of indoor air quality. Staff queries to the HSU continued throughout November with the majority of queries pertaining to remote VDU assessments. The staff health and safety quiz draw [a health and safety week initiative] took place mid-November with a total of six winners drawn.

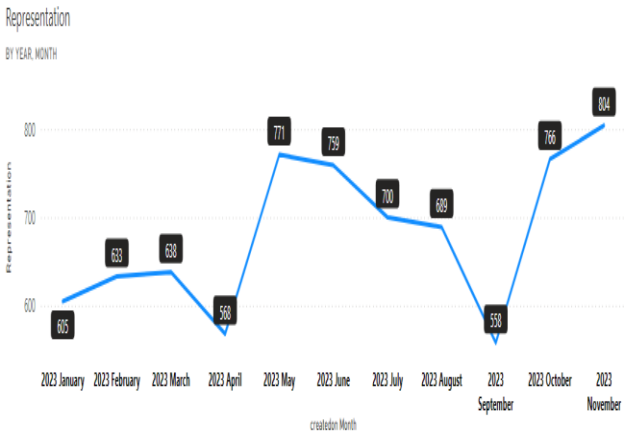


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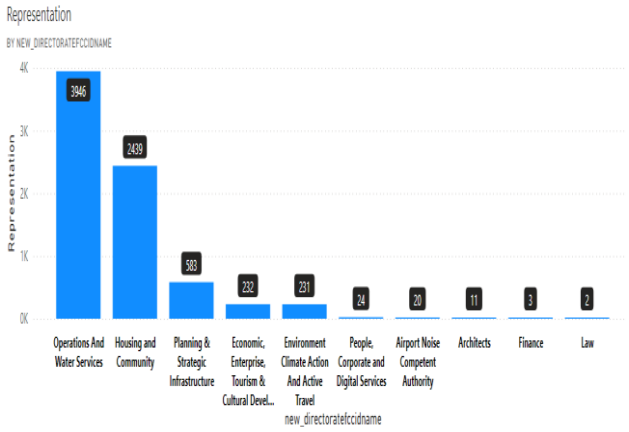
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
November	16370	380	1698

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 for November – 804



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



Digital Services

Digital Services

- **Digital Working**
- **Digital Services Infrastructure & Support**
- **VR for Libraries Launch**
- **Smart City Expo**
- **The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Governments Awards win**

VR for Libraries Launch

The VR for libraries project launched in Blanchardstown Library on Tuesday 14th of November. Attended by the Mayor of Fingal, CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Director of Service Mary Egan and Betty Boardman County Librarian, along with some of the VR champions and a TY class from Blakestown CC.

The TY students had a chance to experience VR, many for the first time. They enjoyed time using some of the curated apps on the VR and one of the 3D planning models.



After speeches from Lisa Deacon, project manager, Fingal Mayor Adrian Hinchey, and CE AnnMarie Farrelly the project was officially launched and open for public use.



They VR for libraries project went down very well with the TY students, with comments of thanks and "we will be back to try more" as they returned to school. The survey done on the day reflected this.

Smart City Expo

Fingal County Council was represented at this years Smart Cities Expo World Congress in Barcelona. Held each year, the Expo is the world's biggest and most influential event on urban innovation. It connects leaders from industry, governments and academia to move cities towards a better future. Aishling Hyland, Digital Programme Officer showcased FCC projects and gave a talk on Smart Dublin, an initiative of the four Dublin local authorities.



The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Excellence in Local Government awards was held on Thursday 23rd of November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry. The Digital Services Department was shortlisted in the Communications category for Use of 3D Models & VR experiences to Enhance Planning Consultations. Happily, FCC scoped the top prize in the communications category.



The Waterford Crystal trophy was accepted by Aishling Hyland Digital Services, Mayor of Fingal Adrian Hinchey CE AnnMarie Farrelly, Aoife Sheridan, Economic Development and Lisa Deacon Digital Services. It was a happy night for the team.

Communications

Website

There were 124,182 visitors to the fingal.ie website during November and 287,440 page views. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 55 seconds. Those figures bring the total number of visitors to the website this year to 1,352,037 which is already 24,664 more than the total figure for 2022. The most popular pages during the month were Planning, Christmas Markets, Contact Us, Pitch Playability and Libraries

Press Releases

There were 18 press releases issued in November. These included the welcoming of a Global Award for our Senior Parks and Landscape Officer Kevin Halpenny, the passing of the 2024 budget by councillor, and the issuing of the tender for the iconic building that will house the new library, theatre and gallery in the Swords Cultural Quarter. Another press release promoted the Christmas Markets in Swords Castle, Bremore Castle and Shackleton Gardens while others promoted Clean Air Week, the Annual Adventure Tourism Conference and Fingal Inclusion Week.

Videos

Eight videos were published during November and these included the provision of VR Headsets for Libraries, Turvey Nature Reserve, Fingal's Food Heritage, Active Travel and Swords Festival of Fire. Videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

Social Media

Social Media was used to deliver messages to residents during Storm Debi which hit Ireland on November 13 and resulted in a Red Storm Alert for Fingal.

Facebook remains the Council's most popular social media platform with 32,391 followers. The top post was the announcement of the Christmas Markets which reached 34,282 people, had 35,560 impressions and generated 4,335 clicks.

X, which was formerly known as Twitter, has 23,119 followers and during November there was an engagement rate of 1.6% from 269,800 impressions.

LinkedIn has 8,061 followers, Instagram has 8,382 followers and the You Tube channel has 1,190 subscribers.

The five corporate social media channels now have a cumulative following of 73,143.

Shop Local

A Shop Local for Christmas campaign has been rolled out in the lead up to Christmas. It features advertisements on bus shelters, social media and local print media urging people to shop within Fingal.



Events

The Communications Unit provided event management support to the Housing Department for a morning briefing with financial advisers and also assisted Corporate Services with the Mayor's event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The Unit also hosted an East Region Major Emergency Management workshop and training exercise in County Hall, Swords, for Media Liaison Officers from the three principal response agencies.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 27 media queries during November. Topics included the Peter McVerry Trust, Dog Attacks, Storm Debi, Planning and Dublin Airport.

Building Facilities

Energy Team

SEAI Awards 2023

Members of the Energy Team represented Fingal in attended the SEAI Awards 2023 in November, where Fingal County Council were finalists in the category 'Leadership in the Public Sector Decarbonisation and Energy efficiency"

Fingal were selected as one of 3 Finalists in this category, and while we didn't win on the day, it was a great achievement for Fingal to be selected as one of the top 3 finalists.
Across all 11 categories there was 141 entries in total.

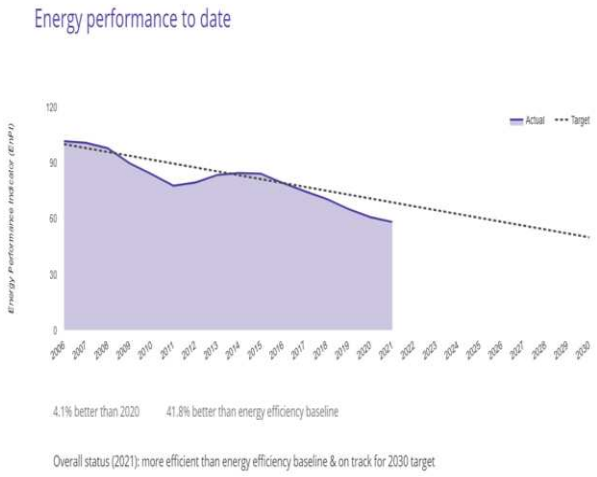


Fingal County Council – Annual Energy Statement 2021

On the 6th of November 2023 the SEAI released the Annual Report 2022 on Public Sector Energy Performance.

The report which captures 2021 data shows that the 345 public bodies and 2,898 schools who reported collectively improved their energy efficiency by 31.5% since 2009.

Fingal's Energy Performance to date is shown in the graph below. Fingal Energy savings since energy efficiency baseline is at a rate of 41.8% of our overall 50% reduction required by 2030.
This information is based on the data reported by the Council for 2021 through SEAI's public sector energy monitoring and reporting (M&R) system.



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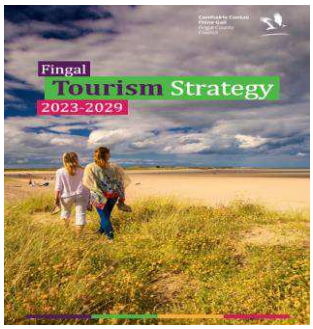
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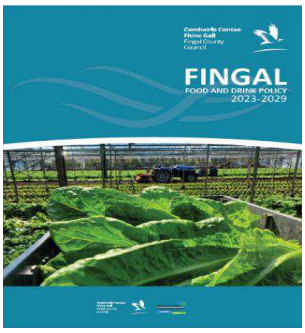
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
TOURISM AND FOOD STRATEGIES





The Fingal Tourism Strategy was agreed and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy was adopted at the November Council meeting and plans to launch both documents are underway.

Fingal Food & Drink Network



To round up all the events and initiatives of the year, and to acknowledge the support of Fingal County Council, FFDN will issue a newsletter to members and potential members in early December 2023

The Network held its final meeting of the year on 28th November. They discussed plans for 2024 including potential familiarisation trips to the Boyne Valley and Belfast Food trail in early 2024.

Tradfest Reception



At an evening reception on 29th November in County Hall, the Mayor welcomed key stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality sectors, local tourism groups and representatives from the traditional Irish music community in Fingal to celebrate and promote the upcoming Tradfest concerts taking place across Fingal at the end of January 2024.

Dublin LA Tourism Network

A meeting of key tourism personnel from the 4 Dublin local authorities took place in SDCC at Tallaght Stadium on 23rd November. This meeting was a great opportunity to share information in respect of each LA's tourism strategies, address concerns and challenges in areas such as branding, tourism data analysis and collation for the Dublin region, promotion of Dublin by Failte Ireland and consider options for further collaboration.

IAAT Conference in November





Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) held its Annual Two-Day Conference at the Castleknock Hotel on 21st & 22nd November. The 2023 Adventure Tourism Conference was supported by Fingal County Council as the main event sponsor, Tourism Northern Ireland and Fáilte Ireland. The IAAT conference included a day of adventure activities followed by talks, guest speakers and discussion panels with industry leaders.

IAAT hosted a Fingal Tourism Showcase & Networking event on the first evening of the conference. The Mayor formally welcomed delegates to Fingal and mingled with guests and participants from across Fingal's tourism businesses. The showcase event was a great opportunity to meet tour operators, activity providers, and successfully highlighted the best of tourism offerings in Fingal.

EVENTS

Festive Events in Fingal 2023



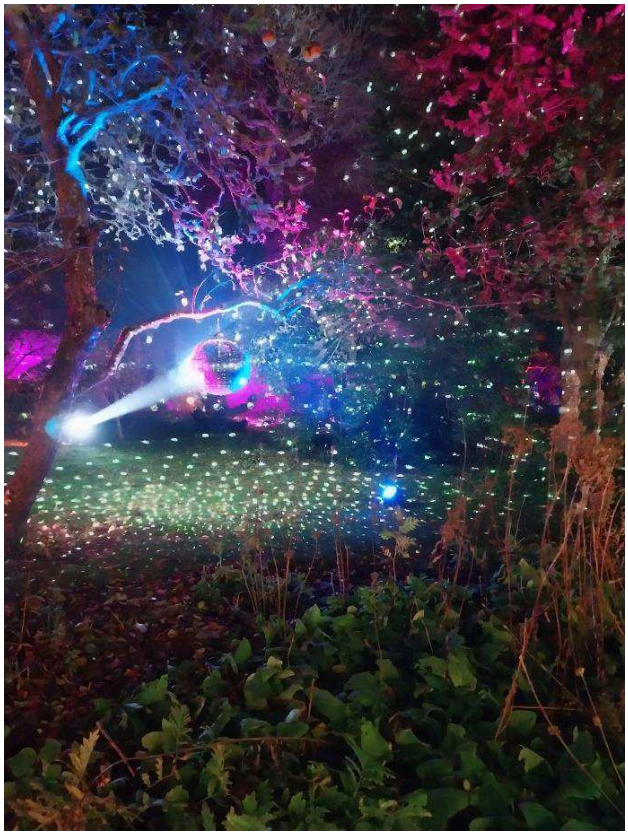
The Events team is busy delivering events across the county for the Festive Season including Christmas Markets, Lighting Ups, Malahide Santa Parade and Festive Lights Show in Shackleton Garden, Clonsilla.

All information on Festive Events can be found at www.eventsinfingal.ie/christmas



The Festive Light Show in Shackleton Garden began on the 20th of November and has been extended until 10th of December. This years show is bigger and better than last year.





Festival & Event Funding 2024



The 2024 Festival & Event Funding Scheme was launched on the 29th of September. With over 100 funding awards given out this year covering an impressive array of events and festivals the scheme will be open until the end of January 2024. So far 18 groups are in the process of submitting applications, we would encourage groups to apply early.

St. Brigid's Day 2024



We are pleased to confirm that we have organised exciting daytime activities on a similar scale to last year. Additionally, we are diligently working on an evening concert featuring talented female artists to be held in St. Brigids Church. Due to the unpredictable weather in February these events will be indoors in local community facilities. We will communicate all the event details once they are confirmed.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Ardgillan Castle and Gardens – RTE Nationwide Feature





Ardgillan Castle and Gardens featured on RTE Nationwide which was aired on the 3rd November. Anne Cassin the presenter of the show was given a tour of the Castle and Gardens which covered exciting things happening in the Castle, such as the recently completed restoration project of the roof and windows, artists' studios, as well as the recently launched art gallery.

Newbridge House – Roof and Window Conservation Works







The roof and window conservation works on Newbridge House are now substantially complete. Scaffolding has been dropped in line with the completion of the external works. Internal plaster repairs and redecorating are near completion, and work is currently underway putting all the interiors back to their original state. The tours are expected to reopen to the public in early December.

Swords Castle Halloween Spooktacular

On the 30th of October Swords Castle hosted an event run by the DAA and their event management company, which was focussed on local families from the Swords area. The event had spooky guests, scary storytelling, a pumpkin patch, and a Halloween disco. All sorts of Ghouls and Goblins showed up and a good evening was had by all. The feedback from all involved, and the Castle guides was very positive and more young people got their first visit to the Castle grounds.







Malahide Castle – Wonderlights





Ireland's biggest ever immersive light show experience "Wonderlights" has returned to Malahide Castle and Gardens with a brighter, bolder and more eye-catching display. The operator on-site has received huge positive feedback for the quality of the display this year. Particular attention has been placed on illuminating gardens this year with a 'The Magic of Winter' theme, which brings the beauty of the winter garden to life. Wonderlights returned to Malahide Castle on the 10th of November and will run until January 2nd.

The full experience can be booked at:

https://followfoxevents.digitickets.ie/event-tickets/50554?catID=49716&branches.branchID=2120

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

ARTS
Youth and Education

Exploring & Thinking Dublin Local Authority Partnership Malahide Castle

The Exploring & Thinking Early Childhood Arts Partnership held a Practice Sharing Day at Malahide Castle on November 16th. Artists in receipt of local authority support gave presentations on their work, followed by guest speaker Suzanne Zeedyk (UK) -a developmental psychologist and research scientist interested in the importance of connection in our early years, who gave a presentation on what the science tells us about early brain development. Dr Zeedyk and an invited panel of artists discussed the role of the arts in human development and society followed by an open floor dialogue with the audience sharing practice and experience. We welcomed members of the Arts Council, educators, policy makers, arts managers and others with an interest in early childhood arts and had a very successful event. *https://www.fingal.ie/events/exploring-thinking-practice-sharing-event*





Youth Dance Feasibility Study, Public Consultation

Fingal Arts Office and Dublin Youth Dance Company invite young dancers and dance enthusiasts to contribute to a survey which aims to map youth dance engagement in Fingal.
The online survey is part of a collaborative research and development project between FCC Arts Office and DYDC. The purpose of the project is to map youth dance activity in Fingal and to explore the development of a contemporary youth dance programme for children and young people aged 10-23 years old. Informed by extensive stakeholder consultation and research, the project will culminate in a feasibility study for the development of contemporary dance opportunities with, for and by children and young people (aged 10-23 years) from diverse and new communities in Fingal.
The survey seeks to gather insights, ideas and perspectives from children and young people who are living in Fingal and/or currently participating in formal or informal dance activities in Fingal of any type.

Survey Link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYDC-Fingal-Youth-Dance-Survey The closing date for responses was **Sunday 3rd December 2023**.



Public Art

Decade of Centenaries Commission – Turning of the Tithe by Sophie Daly

We marked the final chapter of the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media funded Decade of Centenaries Programme with a new work by Fingal Artist Sophie Daly titled ***Turning of the Tithe***. The work was created in partnership with the libraries and archive team and forms part of the exhibition and publication *Politics, War & Revolution – 1912-2023*.This animated work reflected on the often silent losses during this period of history where the plight of mothers losing sons in the fight for Irish Freedom was all but forgotten.The artist originally from Lusk, had her own connection to the Decade of Centenaries having attended the Thomas Ashe Primary School and having relatives that were part of Fingal's History.The work, the book and the exhibition was launched in County Hall by Cllr Adrian Henchy Mayor of Fingal. The animation will tour with the exhibition to libraries in 2024.





James Earley – Mural Commission – Snugborough Road Interchange

Artist James Earley has been appointed following a limited competition to deliver a new mural for the underpass of the Snugborough Road Interchange. The proposal was presented and supported by local councillors as part of the progress meeting updates on the interchange project with our colleagues in engineering and construction partners BAM. The work will commence in December this year and will be completed by January 2024. (Sample of previous work).



Fingal Arts Office Awards

MART Graduate Studio Award

The Fingal Arts Office Graduate Award Opportunity 2024 in Partnership with MART Gallery & Studios was recently announced.

As part of an ongoing commitment to professional artists Fingal County Council's Arts Office are offering a Graduate Studio Award at MART for one year with inclusion in MART'S Annual Exhibition Award show in 2024.

This residency will be offered to one graduate. The opportunity is part of a series of initiatives by Fingal Arts Office to promote and support the professional practice of emerging artists. It will provide an ideal environment for the development of creative projects, development of a graduates practice and an opportunity to network with other artists. The Residency Includes:

- 12 Months Free Studio at MART Studios Harolds Cross - beginning January 2024
- €800 towards production of work.
- A place in MART's Annual Awards Exhibition, where the artist will join a group exhibition and receive an artist fee and materials & technical fee and marketing support from MART.



Draíocht

Draíocht was nominated by Fingal County Council to represent the Council in the Creative Place category of 'The Pride of Place' awards. We are delighted that on the evening of the Award Ceremony on November 10th, Draíocht placed in that category and we brought home an Award for the County.



The September to December period is traditionally the busiest season in a venue. Over this time, the Draíocht staff team have delivered shows with Dublin Fringe Festival, 2 shows with Dublin Theatre Festival, Coolmine Musical Society as well as a full programme of comedy, music, film and work for children, the exhibition and artist's studio programme, the children/youth arts programme, artists supports and residencies, preparation for the ambitious NEST programme, the Community Centre Choir and other projects. The development of our 2024 to 2029 Strategy was in addition to the above.



The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre
Youth and Family

Thanks to the funding from Fingal County Council, we had a successful line up for our Halloween events the first week of November. We hosted a Kite Making Workshop and an Owl Log Workshop, in addition to our inaugural Frightening Folklore trail, which took place after dark in Chapel Lane, adjacent to the centre. Families were led by Droch Ola, who introduced them to a variety of other spooky friends.

The same week we ran a Family Scarecrow Building workshop, with all proceeds for entries going to Barnardos Children's charity.

As part of Fingal Inclusion week, we ran an Intergenerational Art Workshop for children and grandparents, in which they created a beautiful Robin Collage.





Music

The 4 of Us performed two sold out shows on the 3rd and 4th November.

Donal Clancy also performed his Folk and Blues Revue on November 11th, while Jo Beth Young and Serious Child brings her Irish tour to TSEAC on November 18th.

Our Singing Sessions returned after a hiatus, led by local singer Fergus Callihane and Macdara Yeates, with guest singer Kevin Coneff of The Chieftans. This was a fully hybrid event which was accessible on Zoom, in person and via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Below are some of the statistics of where people tuned in from, with over 1600 views on Facebook alone.



Theatre and Comedy

We have had two sold out Comedy Gigs scheduled for November – a collective of comedians on November 10th including Karl Spain and Shane Daniel Byrne, and Chris Kent on November 30th. Seamus O'Rourke returns to TSEAC on November 29th for a sold out The Ballad of Mossy Flood.

Film

Numbers for our film audience has been growing throughout November, with many availing of the our Dinner and Show ticket, in collaboration with the Cottage Café.

Workshops and Art

Vaida Varnagiene opened her Unseen City exhibition on November 4th. Her paintings are vibrantly coloured with an architectural appeal, and has been resonating with visitors to the gallery.

We kick off the Christmas season on November 26th with our Christmas Crafternoon Teas – at this sold out event, participants will partake in a Christmas decoration making workshop followed by a fireside afternoon tea supplied by the Cottage café.

LIBRARIES

Fingal Libraries featured twice on RTÉ!

Blanchardstown and Garristown Library featured on RTÉ television in two separate programmes, both of which aired during the same week in November. The very popular Fingal Makerspace Repair Café which is based at Blanchardstown Library appeared on Heated - a brand new six-part climate series.

The TV programme which is produced by indiepics for RTÉ, seeks out inspirational stories about ordinary people making significant differences in their communities. The Repair Café is a wonderful community initiative run by Fingal Libraries allowing people to breathe new life into their broken household items by meeting up at the Fingal Makerspace to mend, learn, and connect, with the primary aim of building a more sustainable future.

As part of the Autumn Winter programme of Events at Fingal Libraries, the Rediscovery Centre visited Garristown Library for Science Week 12th – 19th November) for an Engineering workshop. The RTÉ News2Day programme came along to film Ms. Keogh's 4th class from Garristown National School who were invited to Garristown Library to enjoy the interactive workshop. RTÉ News2Day is a daily local and international news stories for kids.



Virtual Reality available at your local Fingal Library

Blanchardstown Library was the home to a golf course, a racket ball court, loads of graffiti, and the historically famous house of Ann Frank on Tuesday 14th of November, as virtual reality (VR) enthusiasts helped launch the VR for Libraries project. VR enthusiasts were joined by TY students from Blakestown Community School for a showcase and demo of VR headsets. The event was officially launched by Mayor of Fingal, Adrian Henchy and Fingal County Council Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly. VR for Libraries is a collaborative project with Fingal Libraries and Digital Services and sees the introduction of VR technology to Fingal Libraries and access to free 3D modeling gaming software Unity Learn. The pilot project will see twelve VR headseets in five libraries

along with access to Unity software through Fingal Library PCs. Call into the following libraries and ask for the VR Champion who will be very happy to assist: Blanchardstown, Balbriggan, Swords, Malahide and Donabate Libraries.



From TY to TV – A Screenwriting Workshop Series with Dave Rudden and the Students of Fingal Community College

Following the success of the Fingal Festival of Children's Literature, a 3-part Screen writing workshop is currently running with author Dave Rudden and the TY Students of Fingal Community College. The series of workshops will lead the students through the key elements of crafting a story – character, setting, plot, pacing and editing. The overall framework of the workshop rests on the process by which an idea is turned into a project for screen. To celebrate the end of the project, film producer Ali Doyle (Black 47, Evil Dead Rise) will come in to assess the students' work and give them encouragement and industry tips. Dave Rudden is a writer of young adult fiction, juvenile fantasy and science fiction, and is best-known for his Knights of the Borrowed Dark. A full set of Dave's trilogy will be gifted to each student. The book-gifting element of the Festival is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Community Recognition Fund.

Spring 2024 Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries

Fingal Libraries Spring 2024 programme of events will be unveiled early in the new year. The range of talks and workshops scheduled from January to April 2024 will reflect national and library led programmes around themes such as culture, creativity, heritage, financial wellness, healthy living, and science and will be reflective of the diverse and specific needs of our citizens across Fingal. This year's programme will include:

- An 'In Conversation' event with best-selling authors Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen of the Aisling series of books.
- Author and playwright Dermot Bolger talking with Anne McGriffin about her latest novel.
- A special One Dublin One Book 2024 event with author Louise Nealon.
- Financial wellness workshops funded by Europe Direct.
- A 4-week programme of talks with The Sustainable Life School to inspire us to kick start a more sustainable lifestyle.
- Smart Phone/Tablet classes.
- A full programme of Healthy Ireland at your Library events to inspire and motivate people to lead a healthier 2024.
- A range of family sensory friendly events.
- A series of Fingal Maker Space workshops which will facilitate STEAM learning in an informal setting for school students.
- An array of events to encourage older people to meet and interact with others at their local library.
- A full programme of events to celebrate women as part of the celebrations for St Brigid's Day 2024.
- The Fingal World Book Tour 2024 with a fun and interactive schools and libraries programme.

Watch out for the Fingal Libraries Spring 2024 brochure which will be available at your nearest library.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 1st November. The Chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy, Siobhan Kinsella, stepped down as chair of the Fingal Skills Strategy and Council officials and members of the Skills Strategy Group all expressed their appreciation for her dedication to the Fingal Skills Strategy and all her work which was instrumental in the publication and implementation of the Strategy.



The Implementation Group discussed the success of the Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix on the 3rd October and acknowledged the excellent work of the event managers on the day, the fantastic collaboration between the education/training providers, public services and private businesses on the day and the positive feedback received from exhibitors, teachers and TY students. Plans for a further Expo in 2024 were discussed and will be brought to the next SPC meeting and the next Implementation Group meeting in January 2024.







The Group also reviewed plans for the Interreg SKYLA Project Partners visit in November, progress towards the next iteration of the Skills Strategy and work programmes for the sectoral sub-groups in 2024.





The SKYLA Project "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition" is a 4-year project which focuses on enhancing the role of VET in smart specialisation sectors. Projects partners include Italy, Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Greece and Belgium. Work has commenced on a communication strategy and stakeholder engagement plan.

Representatives from the project partners visited Fingal on the 7th & 8th November where representatives engaged in a policy workshop and project work relating to the policy challenges and opportunities that each of the partners is facing. The visit included keynote addresses to the partners from Nora Condron of Solas on skills forecasting and Natasha Kinsella of the Dublin Regional Skills Forum (DRSF) on the work being done by DRSF in engagement with industry stakeholders and developments in Ireland in micro-credentials and apprenticeships.

Site visits for the partners were facilitated by DDLETB at Baldoyle Training Centre where new developments in training provision were showcased and a site visit to DCU where partners heard about DCU's work in the fields of sustainable aviation, climate action, water quality and citizen science initiatives.





Economic Development Strategy

Grant Thornton Consultants continue work to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Fingal. A presentation was made to the September meeting of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development SPC on the approach and timelines for delivery of the Strategy. It is anticipated that the draft Strategy will be launched in Q1 2024.

Fingal County Council is leading the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain. Fingal County Council as Lead Partner and the Lead Expert have commenced city visits to prepare baseline studies of all partner cities with the cities of Balbriggan, Villena, Ormoz, Dubrovnik, Tuusula, Parnu, Kekava, Albu Iulia and Santo Tirso completed.

The first transnational city visit to Balbriggan took place on the 20th – 22nd November with representatives from all the partner cities engaging in project work, discussion of the roadmap for the project for the next 2 years, workshops on gender, digital innovation, active travel, DBEC and regional collaboration and the Fingal Skills Strategy. Site visits around Balbriggan were organised for the partners and there were peer review and feedback sessions.















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.

European Commission | Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

Green It Your Work

The fourth Green IT Your Work meeting will take place in the Larnaca, Cyprus in December 2023. Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland.

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

Work is continuing 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 aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe.

Work continues on the project with partners from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Romania.

Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland and the Sports Office again to organise the 2nd set of Woodlands for Health walks. The programme will see the HSE mental health services in Swords & Balbriggan avail of the opportunity to introduce service users to walking in Newbridge Demesne while availing of mental health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the demesne. The walks are taking place every Friday and run until 24th November.

Woodlands for Health

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Sustainable Fingal

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL An initiative of Fingal County Council

The Council collaborated with DCU and DAA to submit two funding applications on sustainable projects, however the applications were not successful, work has commenced to re-orient the projects into other funding streams.

The Mayor signed the Circular Cities Declaration for Fingal County Council, which was approved by the Council at its meeting in January. Work is in progress to develop an action plan to advance the objectives of Circular Cities in Fingal. Fingal's profile has been published on the Circular Cities website and the first annual report on Fingal's transition to the circular economy under the Circular Cities Declaration was submitted in October 2023.

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Fingal County Council was 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. DBEC's ambition is to use innovation hubs to encourage the development of new and existing high-growth businesses to stimulate sustainable and climate-conscious growth along the Corridor. The Council is leading on the project with the support of the eight local authorities and two universities of the DBEC partnership. The feasibility study has been completed and will shortly be submitted to the Department. Drawdown of the eligible funding has been completed.

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 LCDC met on the 25th October 2023 to consider progress on the LECP and other matters.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

Consultants Grant Thornton have prepared the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewed the last LECP, drafted high-level objectives and facilitated the consultation process with the public and key stakeholders and incorporated feedback on the draft LECP. The 2-year Implementation Plan of the LECP (2023-2028) has been drafted for consideration.

A series of stakeholder consultation sessions on the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028 were held during November on the draft LECP which was also submitted to the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) for their input. It is anticipated that the LECP will be brought to the January 2024 Council meeting.

Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund (CSF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal was allocated €341,875 in funding for groups across the county. More than 270 applications were received from community and voluntary groups in Fingal for the current and capital funding streams by the submission deadline of 10th February 2023. The evaluation of the applications is completed, and payments of the grants to community groups/organisations is ongoing.

Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) was launched in January 2023 and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Fingal submitted project proposals to DRCD for approval on the 15th March 2023.

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

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

All projects are required to be complete by 18th October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of project with the Council submitting an initial drawdown on October 26th of €178,000 in respect of works completed during 2023.

SICAP

The resources and staff of the Fingal SICAP Programme continue to be leveraged to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme continues to help in the response to this crisis and is a central resource to the work of the Ukrainian Refugee Community Response Forum. Additional funding has been received from the DRCD to help with the delivery of services to Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal and additional staffing resources from the Ukrainian community have been employed on the ground to assist with this. The Fingal SICAP Programme has been allocated €304,369 in 2023 specifically for Fingal's Ukrainian Refugee Response with an additional allocation of €65,000 recently granted.

Procurement for SICAP programme period 2024-2028 has been completed and it is anticipated that contract execution will take place in December.

Leader Programme

In December 2022, 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.

Fingal LCDC was successful in Stage 1 to run the next LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 for the Dublin Rural LEADER LAG and submitted the new Leader Development Strategy for evaluation in Stage 2. In October 2023 the Council was advised that the Dublin Rural LAG and the implementing partner Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG have been approved to deliver the new Programme.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

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

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



All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/ individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered.

Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

Demand for the new Remote Working Hubs in BASE and Beat remain strong following the Connected Free Voucher Scheme run in 2022.

Fingal County Council was approved for €50,000 in new funding to promote Remote Working Hubs in the County under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Marketing Measure. A cross-departmental team within the Council is implementing initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers.

Drinan Enterprise Centre is promoting the availability of a bespoke media studio facility available for immediate booking to all individuals, groups and business interests.



TOWN REGENERATION

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group and its five pillars, who meet regularly, to progress work across a range of economic and social measures including:

Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety.

The Balbriggan Leadership Group, which is chaired by Professor Brian MacCraith, provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. The Leadership group receive updates on workplan objectives from all five pillar Chairs at Leadership meetings. A review of the Our Balbriggan Programme, its delivery timelines and governance structures will commence shortly, where the programme will be realigned to the national URDF funding timeframe 2024 – 2030. As part of the review process, a combined workshop of the Community Integration Health & Wellbeing Pillar and Safe Balbriggan has taken place, with the result of the workplan being fed back to the pillar group members.



The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs scheme is anticipated to be on site to commence end of Q1. 2024 and be completed on a phased basis in 2025. Tender request to source a suitable contractor to deliver the project were issued on e-tenders on October 9th with tender submissions due by 20th November. Irish Water are currently on site in the Quay Street Car Park to complete upgrade works on the pumping station located there, with alternative car parking currently available at Bath Road/Balbriggan FC & Bremore Castle. Communications to this effect have been issued on social media and other local channels in Balbriggan.



Part 8 Planning Permission for 2-4 Dublin Street was granted approval at full Council in October and the project will now progress to detailed design phase. 2-4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan and the Fingal Arts Office.



Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed. Work on the installation of a temporary Pocket Park has commenced at the site. Landscaping, street furniture and fencing are due to be completed in early December. Annexes at the rear of DeBruns buildings are in the process of being demolished. An Integrated Design Team will be appointed shortly to assist in determining the options for the long-term use and design of the site in line with site constraints. The evaluation of tenders received for this IDT is almost complete.

Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have delivered a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour.

The main Harbour upgrade works and shoreside services are complete, with some lighting improvements awaiting final completion further to new electricity connections.

The programme office working with the architect's department have initiated the Boathouse & Bathhouse Conservation & Sustainable Re-Use Project as part of the wider URDF Coastal and Promenade project. Work will commence shortly on enabling Works, followed by procurement of topographical and measured buildings survey, a full ecological study and then preparation of developed design and pre–Part XI Planning proposal.



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.





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



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the new Lusk Town Team has been agreed. Together with the Town Team there are three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability (to include Vacant & Derelict Buildings).

The consultants to support the preparation of a new Town Plan have been appointed and are working with the Community, Businesses and Public Realm Pillars in Lusk to get their views for inclusion in the new town plan. Work on this progressing well, with a draft of the new Town Centre First Plan for Lusk currently being reviewed.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched during the Summer and the Town Regeneration Office submitted 5 applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development in November.



The Regeneration Office has completed the implementation of the Rush Streetscape Scheme. The Council had been approved for €100,000 in funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the Rush Streetscape Scheme and 30 properties in the centre of Rush have been supported with funding.

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

An application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for a feasibility study for facilities for sea swimmers in Skerries was successful in November.

The Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant or derelict properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. An initial 19 properties under this fund have been approved for purchase by the URDF Call 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. Reports for derelict sites can be made to derelictsites@fingal.ie .

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 November 2023 are as follows:

Management Development Programme



The second Leadership for Growth programme concluded in November 2023 with participants now working on their work-based assessments which is a plan for their business. On completion of these WBA's the business owners will be invited to a graduation ceremony to mark their achievement in completing the programme. A number of these businesses are already working

with LEO Fingal on their expansion plans.

Fingal Business Network



Local Enterprise Office Fingal are delighted to host our Christmas Fingal Business Network Lunch at the Roganstown Hotel and Country Club. We have guest speaker Aine Kerr lined up to share her "Top Tips for Business Success" with our Fingal Entrepreneurs and business owners. The Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy and Fingal County Council Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly will open the event and there will be Q&A followed by lunch and networking. This will be the final networking event of 2023 from Fingal Local Enterprise Office and we are looking forward to meeting all of our local businesses for what promises to be an inspirational afternoon.

Fingal Business Briefing

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The next monthly Fingal Business Briefing will run on December 6th 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 the LEO and other state agencies. Year to date, 259 individuals have attended a business briefing in 2023.

Fingal Chamber Business Awards 2023



Fingal Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Business Awards at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry on Friday 10th of November. Local Enterprise Office Fingal were delighted to sponsor the award for Business of the Year (Start up / New Business) which was won by Prints of Ireland, founder Heather Gilroy. There was also a special commendation for Platform55, founders Michelle O'Keeffe and Tracy Gunn. There were many other Local Enterprise Office Fingal clients nominated and winners in other categories such as Dylan Smith of QedON who was awarded Young Business Person of the year.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The first approval under the new Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme was granted in September 2023. The scheme, which is being rolled out throughout the 31 Local Enterprise Offices, will enable small businesses to invest in technologies and equipment to make their businesses more energy efficient. The grant will cover up to 50% of the costs to a maximum amount of €5,000. The goal is to reduce the impact of small businesses on the environment and help them to reduce costs to enable them to become more competitive. As part of the process, applicants complete the Green for Business Programme, a customised initiative whereby the business develops a strategy to become sustainable.

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 75 applications have been approved in the amount of € €163,925. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held in the new year.

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. In 2023 to date the clinics have offered one-to-one advice and guidance to 904 clients in Fingal. The Mentoring Programme continues with a total of 248 clients receiving mentoring year to date.

November Mentor Meeting

LEO's panel of expert business mentors gathered in the Carton Hotel Dublin Airport at the end of November for a networking meeting and update on LEO activities.

Expert Mentors, Dominic Mullan and Tony McNally gave an informative presentation on InterTradeIreland's offerings including the Innovation Boost Programme, which offers Republic of Ireland based SME's funding to work jointly with a college in Northern Ireland on an innovation project.

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 14 MFI loan applications YTD.

Training and Events

Training courses in November covered various topics including our regular Start your own business course. We have had 300 people attending a course or briefing since the beginning of October. The planning is now underway to launch the curriculum for Q1 2024. The "Start Your Own Business" Courses continue to fill up quickly, and we have seen strong demand for a course on Canva which was launched recently and booked out in less than a week. In early January, LEO Fingal is running a special workshop for the craft businesses which are attending Showcase exhibition in the RDS and we will have James Stewart from Celtic Candles as guest speaker to give first hand hints and tips to the exhibitors.

118 participants have embarked on one of 10 SYOB programmes year to date. There were a further 84 participants in the SYOB Bootcamp in Local Enterprise Week and 113 at the U-Start programme for Ukrainian nationals earlier in the year.

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, the 8 successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Stories by Ola (Skerries), Moss of the Isles (Swords), Nicola Weldon (Balbriggan), Clémence Prosen Art & Design (Balbriggan), Rob Stears Illustrations (Castleknock), Waylon & Flo (Skerries), Luxie Kids (Trading as BabyDub, Donabate). These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) meeting met on 18th October and approved €123,700 in funding across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. Year to date €681,900 has been approved across thirty-seven applications from Fingal businesses. A further 2 Agile Innovation grants to the value of €101,000 have also been approved in 2023. The next EVAC meeting is Wednesday 13th December.

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Balbriggan Area Parks

Balbriggan Area Parks



Recent upgrading to landscaping in small Bridge Park, Ballyboughal as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Newly installed seating Ardgillan Demesne woodland walk to playground.



Newly widened and resurfaced pedestrian pathway at Orlynn Park, Estate Lusk as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Newly installed seating within Glebe Park Balrothery.

Swords Area Parks



Newly constructed pedestrian entrance and footpath in Newbridge Demesne opposite Semple Woods Estate on Hearse Road Donabate.



Recently installed natural Chestnut Fencing to compliment newly landscaped area at the entrance to Portrane Beach as part of 2023 programme of Works.





Newly installed Rainwater harvesting container at Broadmeadow Community Garden as part of 2023 programme of Works.



Loughshinny Harbour

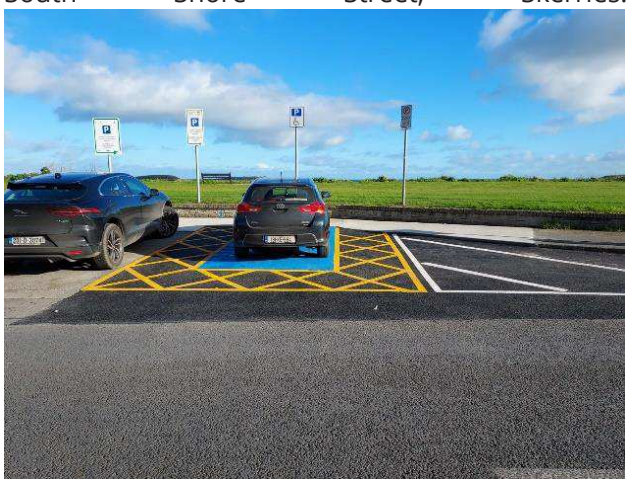
The spray concreting of Loughshinny Harbour.





Skerries

Newly constructed disabled parking space on South Shore Street, Skerries.



Newly defined car parking space and redesigned entrance to beach at Quay Street in Skerries.



Newly storm drainage installed on Strand Street in Skerries ahead of resurfacing works.





Balbriggan

Rebuilt section of wall at Chapel Gate, Balbriggan, completed by inhouse bricklayer.

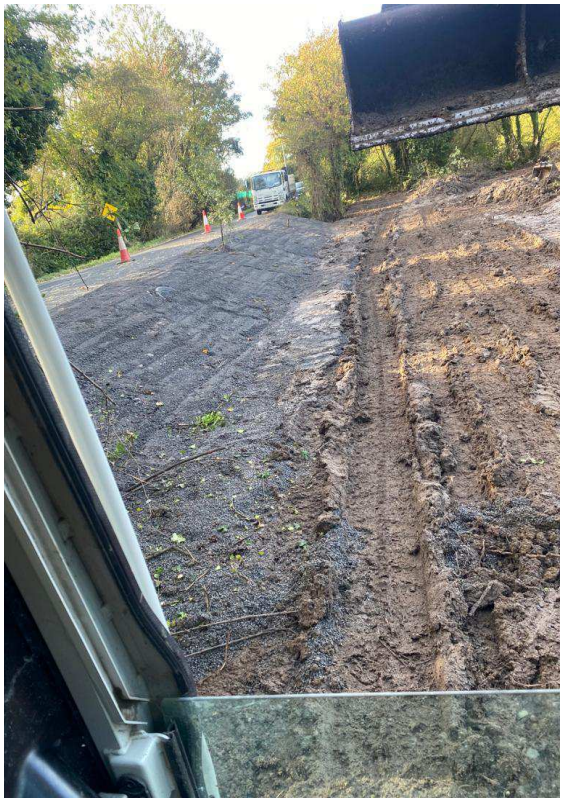




Reynoldstown

Collapsed section of roadside bank on R122 at Reynoldstown - piped and stabilised. Roadside fencing has since been installed.





Garristown

Drainage works being completed at Garristown.



Howth Malahide Area

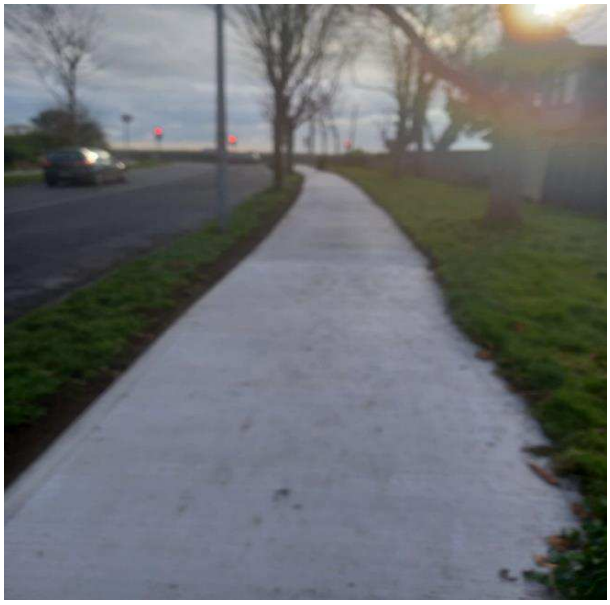
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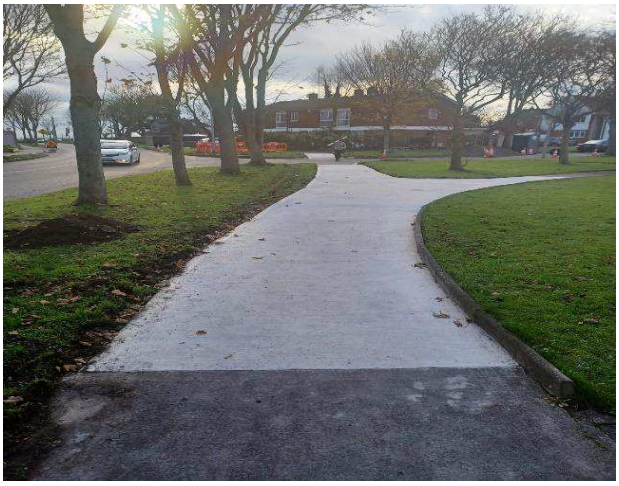
Work on the 2023 Programme of Works in the Howth Malahide area is nearing completion. Most items of work have been completed with the remainder in progress. Road Inlay works and footpath works are also ongoing throughout the area.

Roads Works & Footpath Works in Howth Malahide area

Bayside Footpaths POW 2023 throughout the area – various photographs























Streamstown Lane Kerbing and Inlay 2023 POW

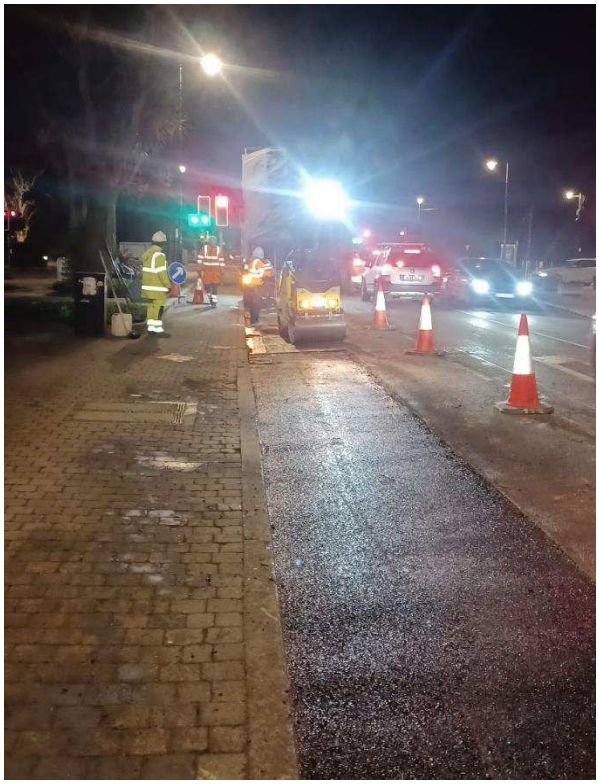




Streamstown Lane, Kerbing and Inlay 2023 POW



Swords Road, Malahide - Capital Programme 2023. Inlay Kerb and Footpath Widened





Roads Crew Repairing Potholes, Sutton Cross

Roads Crew Footpaths Ashley Rise Portmarnock











Footpaths Willie Nolan Road, Baldoyle POW 2023



Road Inlay, Parkvale, Baldoyle 2023 POW

Malahide Demesne

- **New signage**

New signage throughout key locations directing members of the public to the village.







➢ Festival of Fire

Festival of Fire was a huge success on Halloween night, where revellers young and hold came to enjoy the fireworks displays.









➢ Golf Pavillion

New bin storage area and path recently completed at the golf pavilion.





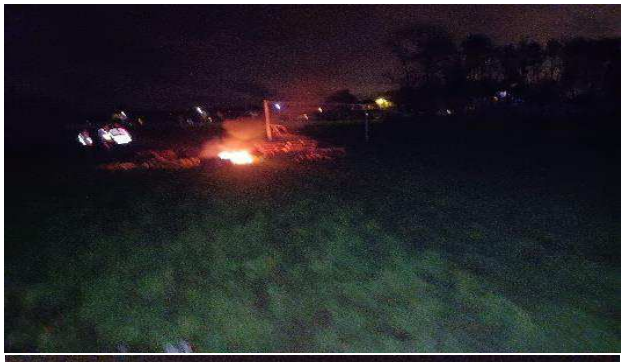
Parks & Open Spaces

➢ Halloween Night

Halloween night brought it normal problems. Below is the afterhours crew breaking up and removing burning fires at request of Garda.



JCB attempting to break up fire at Racecourse Park





Full Load removed from Seabury Park that was stacked up around goal posts. Fire put out with minimal damage done to pitch because Operations Crew actions.



New handrail on Tramline.





Burial Ground Works

- **Balgriffin Cemetery**

Works are continuing the upgrading of the boundary wall at Balgriffin cemetery as seen below.



Laying of boundary wall foundations at Balgriffin cemetery





Balgriffin burial grounds ongoing hardcore works to assist funeral traffic vehicles and foot fall.

Beaches, Cleansing and Storm Support Works

High Rock, Coast Road





Preparations to replace ladder at high rock due to storm damage.







Refurb and painting of our planter boxes in Fingal and Balgriffin Burial Grounds.



Drainage and flood relief works at St Fintan's burial grounds.

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CASTLEKNOCK MULHUDDART Area

New Wood Carvings





Carvings from what remained of an Oak Tree (over 100 years old) where only its trunk remained.

The wooden carved structure is located on the Green Open Space, Portersgate Estate, Clonsilla.

Eco-Toilet, Porterstown



An Eco-toilet has now been installed this month in Tyrrelstown Park, beside the playground for use by all park-users.

STORM DEBI - 13th November

Following Storm Debi, a number of trees were felled and damaged in the D15 area.





Fallen trees at Strawberry Beds Road





Clearing of trees at Littlepace Drive Open Space.





Fallen tree removal been carried out at River Road, Dublin 15

Erection Of Christmas Trees





Castleknock Village





Blanchardstown Village



Tyrellstown

New Park Benches





New Park Benches have been placed in Beechpark, Clonsilla and Corduff Park.

Waterville Park



Ongoing works are being carried out at Waterville Park.

Porterstown Park

Works in Porterstown Park include:

- Top dressing of overflow car park Porterstown Park
- Ongoing work on the extension of football pitches at Porterstown Park





Castleknock



Tree Pruning been carried out by crews in Castleknock.

Parkor Facility – Millennium Park



Work is well underway in Millennium Park , Dublin 15 with the installation of Fingal Co. Co. 's first dedicated Parkor facility.
The project will also integrate a teen space ensuring that the recreational needs of young people are met through the development of youth-friendly and safe environments whilst also promoting relevant qualifications/standards in the provision of recreational activities.

Car Parking Services

October 2023

There was a total of 1274 parking tickets issued during October 2023.

Breakdown of Parking Offences
Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - October 2023
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	640
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	132
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	129
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	128
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	85
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	42
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	21
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	19
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	17
08C - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A MEDIUM STRIP	11

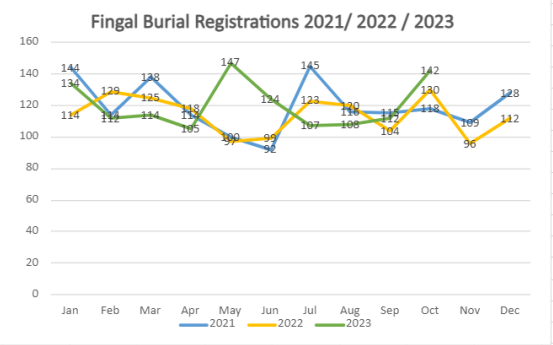
Main Ticketing Locations:
Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations October 2023
North Street - Swords	119
Main Street - Swords	76
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	66
Church Road - Malahide	56
The Green - Malahide	53
Harbour Road - Skerries	52
South Strand Skerries	51
Coast Road - Malahide	48
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	44
Strand Street - Skerries	40

Burial Ground Services

At the Council meeting on 9th October 2023 the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023 were made by resolution of the Council. These Bye-Laws came into force on 8th November 2023.

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 142 Interments in October 2023.



Traffic Operations County-Wide

The 2023 Program of Works has been progressing well in each Administrative Area.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart 2023 POW

Works on the new Traffic Signals in Dublin 11 & 15 are progressing well.

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The Zebra Crossings on the roundabout on Carpenterstown Avenue and Laurel Lodge Road were made operational on the 23rd of November. Each arm of the roundabout has a raised zebra crossing, which will enhance pedestrian safety at this location.









New four-arm raised zebra crossings on Carpenterstown Avenue/Laurel Lodge Road

- **Road Markings – Lining**



Double yellow lines added on Castleknock Avenue at the rear of the pedestrian crossing.



KEEP CLEAR road marking added at the entrance to Hazelbury Park.

Balbriggan/Swords Area Traffic



R125 Airside Eastbbound – Traffic Calming - New Speed Reader Sign.





R125/Rathbeale Road Westbound at Kettles Country House Hotel – Traffic Calming - New Speed Reader Sign.



Hilltown Road, River Valley, Swords – Ramp Repair



River Valley Road at Church, Swords – Speed Cushion Repair



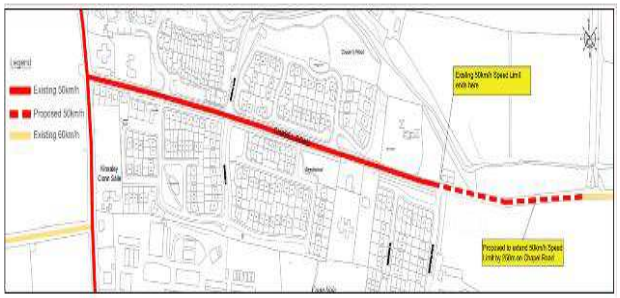




Continuing works ongoing at

- *Dublin Road, Lusk on the New signalized pedestrian crossing,*
- *Loughshinny- New signalized pedestrian crossing in progress.*
- *Loughshinny- New pathway connecting new signalized pedestrian crossing to the village.*

Howth/Malahide Area – Traffic



Extension of 50KPH Speed Limit Zone in Chapel Road Kinsealy with new signs installed.



Completion and activation of new traffic signals with MOVA system at Swords Road/Malahide Road Junction as part of the 2023 POW





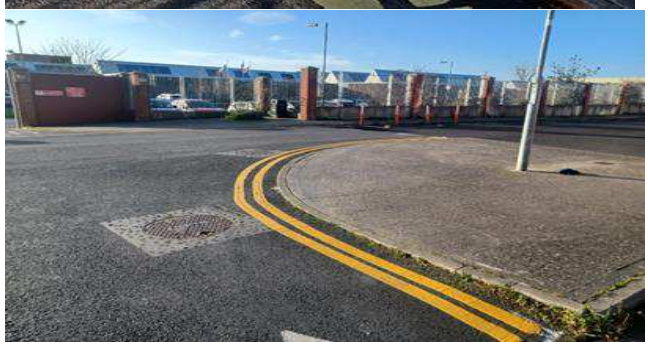
Five ramps Installed along Chapel Road -Kinsealy following activation of the Street Lights on the 20/11/23



Examples of Road Marking and signage completed works in October 2023

Below: New Plastic Bollards and Double Yellow LInes installed outside entrance to Scoil Neasain – Baldoyle





Below: Additional SLOW Markings for Greenfields Road with new Double Yellows and lining refreshed at junction of Church Road/Greenfields Road





Below: New Signage at Seamount Road/Mountfield Lodge junction and along Seamount Road-Malahide





Additional Speed Limit Sign for Blackwood Lane



Below: New Double Yellow Lines for Texas Lane/Old Yellow Walls Junction and New New speed roundels for College Street Baldoyle.





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

100 vehicle and plant hires were put in place from 01/11/2023 to 30/11/2023, engaging 28 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme in 2023 with 99.4% of all lights switched to LEDS.

100% of new Decorative LED fittings have been installed in towns and villages across the county.





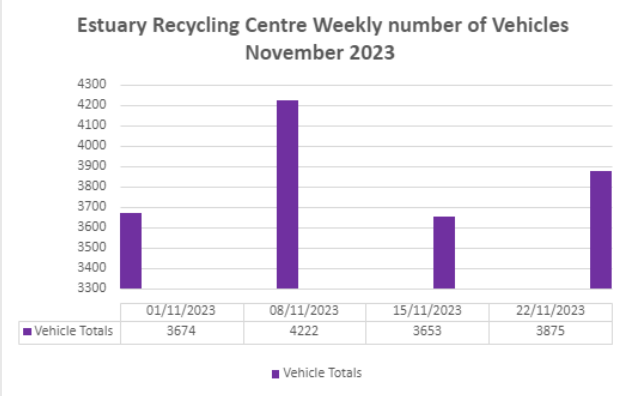
The Public Lighting Area Works Programme is well under way across the county with several jobs complete. (Mourneview Estate - Skerries,) (Red Arches – Car park, Baldoyle) (Manorfields Pedway, Ongar).

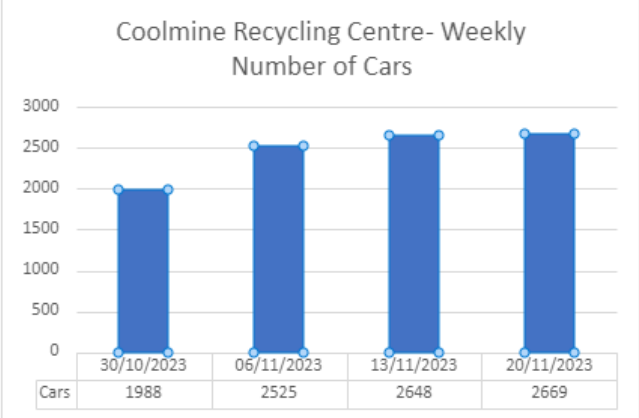
Christmas Trees



Public lighting is working along with parks to have all Christmas trees lit in time for the Christmas period.

Recycling Centres Update



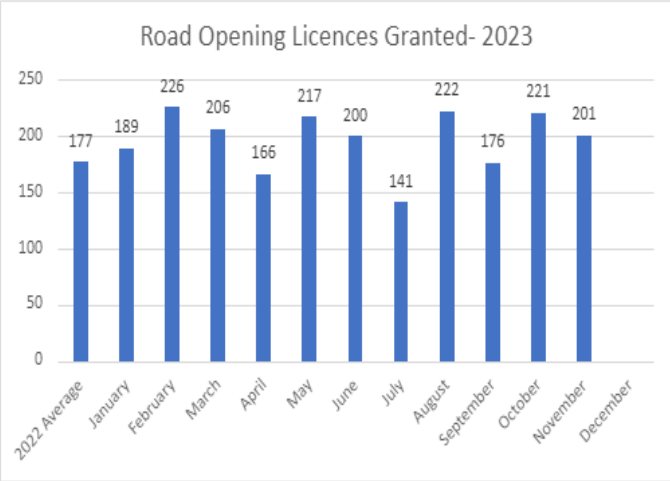


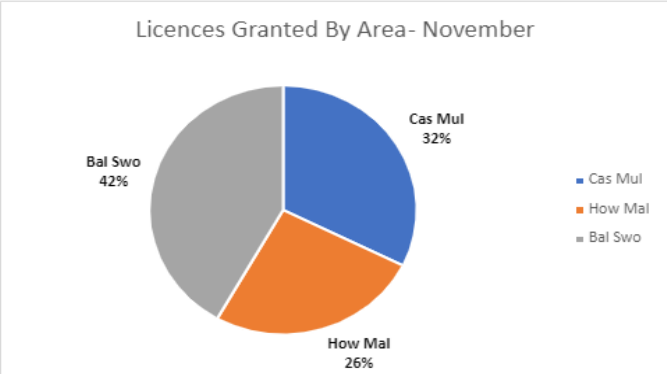
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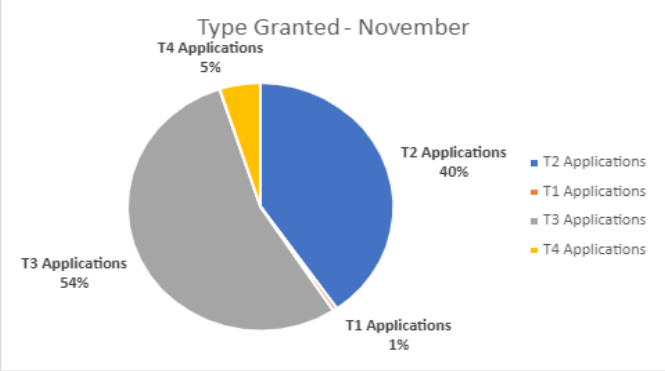
- **Road Opening License's**

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.

201 Licences were granted in the month of **November**, **59%** 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.

Covering Hot Food/Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.

Fingal County Council is currently in communication with several interested parties who are interested in taking up additional pitches throughout the county, site inspections have been arranged.

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

Street Furniture Licences



Fingal County Council currently have 34 valid Street Furniture Licence's throughout the county: 1 in Castleknock/Mulhuddart, 6 in Balbriggan/Swords and 27 in Howth/Malahide, this is a significant increase on previous years.

We are currently in communication with several applicants regarding the issuing of new SFL licences, pending site inspections in the coming weeks.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations department have now fully completed 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.

The Castleknock/Mulhuddart Operations Department have carried out over fifteen site inspections this year with further planned before Christmas.

Storm Water

- **Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025**

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects adopted in the 2023-2025 Stormwater Capital Program. The 3-year program includes 14 projects initially valued at approximately €3.63 Million, and being kept under review. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

Topographical and Manhole Surveys are complete and satisfactory. Flow and CCTV surveys are complete. Optioneering and Investigation Report for WPB has been completed and must be submitted for FCC review. Preliminary design reports are being updated with survey information and updates of associated drawings. Additional fees to be approved.

- **Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe**

This project involved the laying of a new Stormwater pipeline along Bath Ave in Malahide to alleviate localised flooding and allow for future capacity. Construction works were completed on schedule on 24th November following a 10-week window road closure. In total 235m of pipe was laid, the existing network on Grove Road has been connected to the new network, 9 new gullies and 1 Nr pepper pot have been installed and 6 new manholes have been constructed. The new SW pipe is tied into an existing outfall on the Coast Rd. Some accommodation works remain and final reinstatement works to follow.







- **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. A request for tenders issued in early December for advanced materials purchasing. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants.

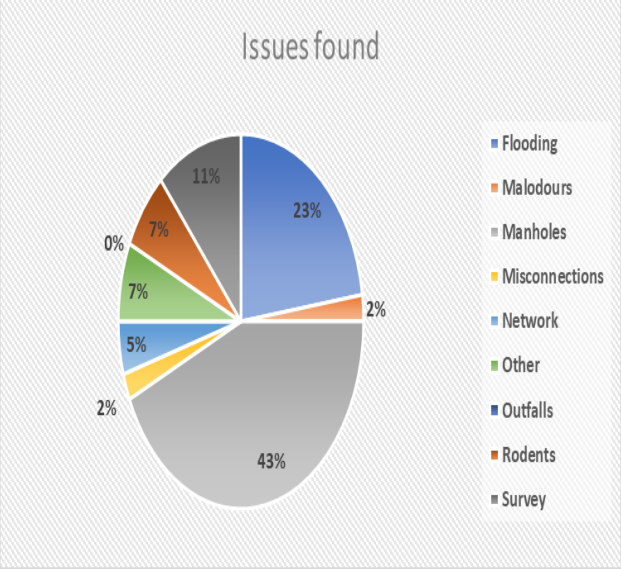


- **Ongar Development Stormwater Remedial Works**

Remediation works on the drainage network in **Ongar** following its Taking in charge are 95% complete including additional works identified following inspection by the Drainage section. The works are being undertaken by Formac Contractors with design and supervision by OCSC Consulting Engineers. The initial contract was for 5 months starting in April 2023. As-built drawings are being developed for issue in due course.

- **Storm Water Maintenance**

Maintenance of the network and much of the capital works programme is generated by inspections which are tabulated on a Works Planner. The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



To support Storm Water Preventative maintenance, a contractor has been procured with a Jet Vac Recycler truck and CCTV camera van. Survey works are ongoing in the in the Blanchardstown & Castleknock areas.

The manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. Assets have been replaced in **Malahide and Howth Main St**.

Additional CCTV surveys are being carried out in **Rusheeney and Manorfields** estates to determine the Storm Water network condition ahead of works planned in November. These works will include of trenchless techniques and robotic cutting.



A contractor is being procured to undertake various remedial works including part-liner repairs on damaged sections of the storm water network along **Carpenterstown Rd** in Castleknock.

CCTV surveys are currently being undertaken in **Georgian Village** to determine the cause of road flooding. A contractor has been procured to carry out mapping, robotic root removal and condition reports.

Following recent reports of road flooding along **Treen Hill & Minister's Road**. CCTV surveys were carried out and restrictions in the network around Kilhedge Lane have been identified. The results of these surveys have been. it is proposed to lay 60m of 300mm dia pipe along Minster's Rd to replace collapsed and damaged sections. Materials are being procured for Direct labour to commence implementation in January 2024.





SW Pipelines in the **Ballykea** area of Loughshinney have been surveyed and jetted and a large amount of debris removed from a culvert, in response to recent flooding.

Quotations are being sought to carry out maintenance on the **Beaverstown Stream** to remove restrictions and to increase carrying capacity during heavy rainfall.

- **Biodiversity**

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 15 new connection applications have been processed in 2023.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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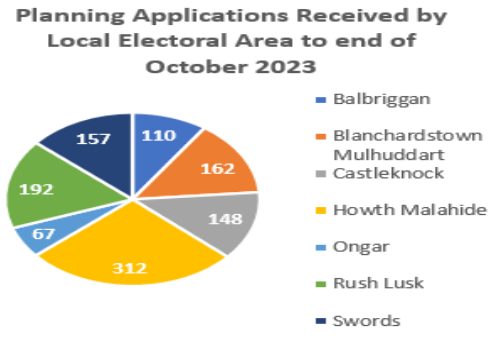
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Planning Applications

There have been 1148 planning applications received from 1st January 2023 to 31st October 2023, of these 147 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1001 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2023 to 31st October, 10 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications have been made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2023 to 31st October 2023 thirteen decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these thirteen decisions made, eleven have been to grant Permission (3,791 Units) one decision has been made to request further information and one decision has been made to invalidate an application.

An Bord Pleanála have issued 17 decisions (4 Refusals & 13 Grants - 5709 units) on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st October. There are five SHD's (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.

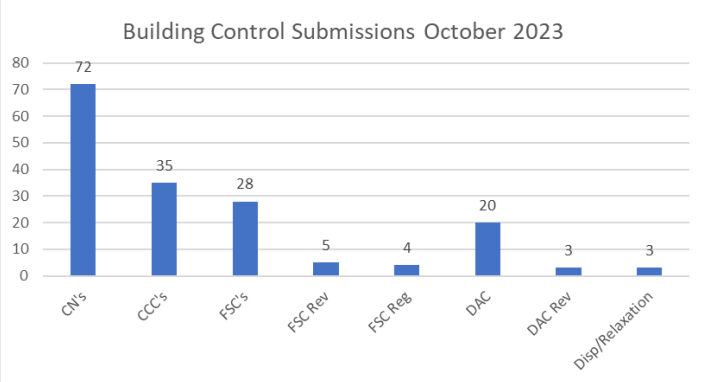


Planning Decisions

A total of 1011 planning decisions have been issued to 31st of October 2023. There have been 833 decisions to grant permission (83%) and 178 refusals of permission (17%). Included in the 833 grants there have been 64 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 465 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 71 commercial/retail grants of permission and 42 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 21 relate to development of 2 – 20 units, 6 relates to 20 – 50 units, 7 relate to 50 -100 units and 8 which relate to development of 100+ Units.

Building Control Admin

In October 2023, there were 170 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 72 Commencement notices, 35 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 37 Fire Safety related Certificates and 26 Disability Access related Certificates.
Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation & Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.
The Building Control Admin team processed 159 decisions in October 2023 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 60 decisions to grant and 99 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

In July, the first round of Plans falling out of the development plan was agreed. This comprises Swords and Flemington LAP's, the Dunsink Plan, Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Work has begun on the Flemington Local Area Plan and the Clonsilla Framework Plan.

The Draft Donabate Framework Plan is almost complete and will be published this month, subject to the outcomes of the environmental assessment consultation which is ongoing.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land that is subject to RZLT.

Fingal County Council's final RZLT map for 2024 is now available on our website and at our public office at County Hall, Main Street, Swords.

The map includes lands that meet the relevant criteria for inclusion on the map as set out in the current legislation.

In Scope Residential Lands in Fingal: 3,519 Hectares

In Scope Mixed Use Lands in Fingal: 209 Hectares

Residential Zoned Land Tax will be charged annually from 1 February 2025 onwards (subject to the passing of Finance (No.2) Bill 2023). The tax will be administered by the Revenue Commissioners and landowners will have to register for the tax.

There is no opportunity to make submissions in respect of land identified on the final map published on 1 December 2023.

There will be a chance to make submissions in respect of land on the draft revised final map for 2025 during 2024. A draft revised final RZLT map for 2025 will be published by 1st February 2024.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 30/11/2023

- There were 11 Building Control Inspections in October 2023 with 15 buildings inspected.
- There were 2 Section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in November and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- There was 1 road taken in charge at the Council meeting of the 13th of November 2023 (Cois Sruthain).
- There is 1 development up for taking in charge at the December Council meeting (Glen Ellan Road Extension) and 1 development up for taking in charge in January 2024 (Bay Meadows Phase 2)
- The Taking in Charge request for the Drynam Estate has been validated and taking in charge drawings are being prepared. It is intended to advertise this estate for taking in charge early in 2024.
- The bondholder has agreed to undertake some further small works in Thornleigh Estate in Swords in order for Fingal to release the remainder of the bond. These works should be carried out shortly.
- The Ongar Remediation works contract are almost complete. O'Connor Sutton Cronin are managing these works on behalf of Fingal County Council. The remaining works in Ongar to be carried out are for Irish water and will take circa 2 months. Formac and O'Connor Sutton Cronin have been engaged to carry out the remediation works in Mount Eustace and Cruise Park to bring these estates to a taking in charge standard. These works are starting in December and will take approximately 2 months.
- Works are ongoing in the Gallops housing estate by a contractor carrying out "Taking in Charge" works for Fingal County Council.



Checking window board height in a house in Carpenterstown (Part K)



Checking a house in Ballyboughal for wheelchair access (Part M)

Transportation Planning

Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed in March 2024. The last element of the scheme to be completed will the shared active travel route through the underpasses. The scheme has been delayed mainly due to the complexity of the scheme and the number of utility diversions involved. In early December all traffic will be diverted onto the new N3 overbridge to allow the old bridge over the N3 to be given new waterproofing and resurfacing.

The works on the old bridge will continue into February next year. Following this new traffic signals and the new junction layouts/ new pedestrian crossings will be put in operation. Works for completion of the retaining walls between the new cycle friendly underpasses near Waterville junction will continue along with an art feature. It is intended that by mid-December some additional capacity improvements to help traffic flow will be in place. Resurfacing at the N3 off ramp was carried during overnight closures at the end of November. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site www.snugboroughinterchange.ie

Ongar Barnhill Link Road

Bam Civil Ltd. are completing the site compound and have carried out preliminary works in advance of the main works. Meetings have taken place with Irish Rail to advance the construction of the new bridge over the railway line. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill



PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Project

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings. 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. Meetings with a developer on a new access onto the R132 has also taken place. Modelling the impact of this junction is currently being undertaken. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works is progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The work is ongoing and progressing well at three locations on the project on Hamilton Road, Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122 and at Moylaragh Road. Another meeting has been arranged for December in relation to progressing the art installation piece with Fingal's Art Officer, Local Councillors, Tidy Town Committee members and Our Balbriggan to progress the process of developing a theme and guidance's on commissioning of the art installation. Additional meeting with the ESB in November onsite following the agreement of the new connect point at 12 Controlled crossing points along the project. Also, relocation of existing ESB cables has been agreed on Harry Reynolds Road.



To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website has been setup which will be updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council



Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area. The closure date for submission was late October. The assessment of the tender submissions for Stage 1 is currently underway and the letters of intent will be issued in December moving the procurement process to Stage 2. Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

PSI 063 Granard Bridge

A tender brief is currently being prepared for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tendering for this project will form part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 1 of the procurement process.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

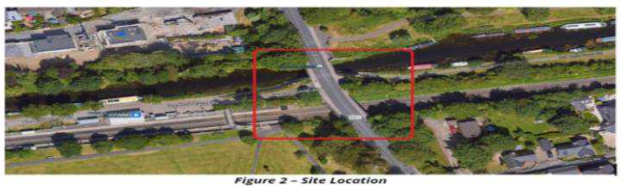


Figure 2 – Site Location

PSI – 004 Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with landowners and with key stakeholders the National Transport Authority and Waterways Ireland along the route of the greenway to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also. Following this process, the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in mid-2024.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design. The new manual draws on the experience of delivering cycling infrastructure across Ireland over the last decade, as well as learning from international best practice, and has been guided by the need to deliver safe cycle facilities for people of all ages and abilities. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works will be required along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed. A tree surveyor will be procured in the coming months and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out. Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition.



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 to Barry transportation. The appointed consultants are currently progressing the Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes Projects. The Options Selection phase is progressing on two routes, Kinsealy Lane and Chapel Road/Station Road to determine the draft preferred routes. A survey has been procured to carry out traffic surveys. This is programmed for December. In addition, a surveyor has been procured to carry out topographical surveys. Briefings will be undertaken with the local members at the next milestone stage. Non-statutory stakeholder consultation which will include road users will be targeted for 2024 whilst targeted stakeholder consultation, for example with potentially affected landowners, will be undertaken as needed.



Fingal Coastal Way

Liaison with landowners and residents' groups along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way continues. Appointment of a contractor for the topographical survey of public lands is progressing. This survey will allow design in the town and village centres to be progressed. Affected landowners with farming and horticultural businesses will be informed in the coming weeks with regard to the appointment of the scheme agronomist, at which point further liaison meetings will be held along the route. Searches continue for potentially affected landowners who have not been identified yet.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Design options for the northern causeway are continuing to be developed using recently acquired ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract conducted over the summer months. These options will then be workshopped with Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensure the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

Tender competitions for a number of sub-elements of the project are advancing through the procurement process including;

- Tender competition for a precast concrete manufacturer for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units has ended and tenders are now being assessed.
- Main estuary bridge Civil Engineering contractor - tender responses for this difficult and time constrained works package are currently being evaluated.
- OHLE strengthening works contractor, strengthening works to the foundations of the overhead electrical systems associated with the Dart which must be completed in advance of the bridge and ramp construction.
- The Underwater Archaeology Unit in the Department of Local Government and Heritage have requested that Fingal County Council undertake an underwater archaeology desktop assessment as part of planning and foreshore commitments, the tender pack for this piece of work has been issued to the market with the competition due to close in December.

We continue to work with and engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on the Foreshore application as we await a final outcome.



Church Fields Link Road

Works are continuing on phase 2 of the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, including the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue and the installation of 670m of high quality pedestrian and cycling facilities through the eastern parklands linking up with existing networks and future proposed facilities in the vicinity





PSI-026 Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project and two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard.

Further consultation regarding landowner concerns is ongoing, with one of the landowners having now agreed to withdraw his objection. 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 shortly.

Separately, Fingal County Council has completed 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 imminently with construction work due to commence in early 2024.

PSI-027 Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

The detailed design for the construction of a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line at Corballis, Donabate has been approved by Iarnród Éireann and the Commission for Railway Regulation. The new bridge will cross over the railway line, facilitating a safe and segregated pedestrian and cycle route and will enhance connections between the development lands at Corballis, Donabate Village, the railway station and Newbridge Demesne. Heads of terms have been agreed and necessary licence agreements are being finalised with the developers of adjacent lands to facilitate access to, and construction of, the bridge. Procurement for a main contractor for the works is ongoing and construction is expected to commence in Q1 2024.

Donabate Transport Projects

Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with TII, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- Donabate Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local

projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Work on the initial data-gathering, concept development and option assessment stages of the Donabate Transport Projects is underway. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Balbriggan Pocket Park

Balbriggan Pocket Park will open on 7th December. Located on a previously derelict site on Balbriggan Main Street, the Pocket Park will greatly improve the physical and visual amenity of the streetscape at this location.





Play Space Meakstown

The development of the major new playground located at Lanesborough Park is progressing well in spite challenging weather conditions. It is planned to open the facility early next year.







Heritage Officer

BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project



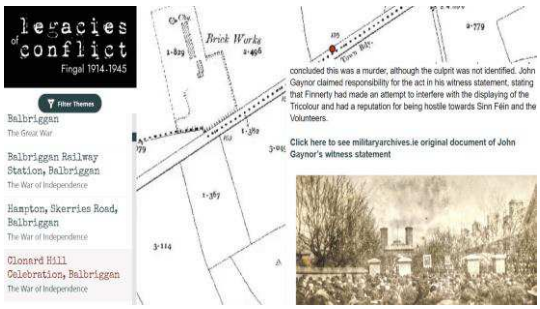
Phase 1 of the project has been completed. The project explores, records the traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices that surround how we produce and consume food. Food memories, photos, and recipes from the community are shared on our digital map and a framework document for further phases of the project has been formulated. Lesson plans and food trees have been developed for primary schools and the first of our videos focusing on the dining, kitchens, recipe book and walled gardens of Newbridge Demesne was filmed by FCC Digital Officer Mark Broderick. To see all and access links go to https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage



Legacies of Conflict Memory Map

The Legacies of Conflict Memory Map legaciesofconflict.fingal.ie went live as part of Innovation Week. It is a digital map and is a way of sharing the information gathered thus far, pertaining to the conflict era 1914-1945 in Fingal.

You can zoom into your own area and just point to the pin or search according to one of the six themes listed. Many of the entries have links to further information such as the Military Archives and reading resources.



Digging Drumanagh 2023

An important element of the Digging Drumanagh project is dissemination. The Heritage Officer spoke at the following;

- 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast
- Trinity College Dublin Archaeology Society
- Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland Conference
- Roman Finds Group-New Research on Finds from the edges of Roman Britain and Beyond Conference
- Rush & Loughshinny Historical Society



Community Monuments Fund 2024



The Community Monuments Fund 2024 is currently open. Funding which is 100% is prioritised for owners, custodians, communities and local authorities for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments.

The impact of climate change is increasingly evident and maintenance and repair is the key to building resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of a changing environment. Details and applications forms are available at https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/362a1-community-monuments-fund-2024-call-for-projects/

The fund is administered by the Heritage Office for the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Grants

Recoupment of the County Heritage Plan grants totalling €37,250 received by the Heritage Office from the Heritage Council has been made.

- €17,250 Fingal Food Heritage 2023
- €10,000 Digging Drumanagh 2023
- €10,000 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030



Recoupment of the grants made by the Community Monument Fund 2023 for Fingal, totalling €498,239.30

Stream 1 (Works)

- €120,000 St Columba's Towers, Swords
- €120,000 Malahide Church & Graveyard
- €113,971.38 Balrothery Tower House
- €120,000 St Mary's Church & Graveyard, Clonmethan, Oldtown

Stream 2 (Surveys, Plans)

- €24,267.90 Mulhuddart Church and Graveyard Conservation Management Plan.

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council are making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County.

Our pipeline for affordable housing over the coming years is below:

Affordable Housing Pipeline	Units
Dun Emer, Lusk - Completed	39
Hayestown, Rush – In Progress	52
Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan – In Progress	18
Kilmartin Grove Phase 1-Coming Soon	20
Ballymastone, Donabate – Coming Soon	286
Church Fields, Mulhuddart – Coming Soon	260

Fingal County Council is also actively engaging with Developers for opportunities to collaborate on Turnkey developments that are suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	307
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	413
Planning and Design	1,112
Part V	271
TOTAL	2,103

Progress of Projects on Site

43 homes delivered in Lanestown View, Donabate in partnership with Circle Housing Association



29 homes delivered in Stapolin, Baldoyle in partnership with Respond Housing Association





Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Nine units have been completed and the restoration works commenced on the next 5 units and are due for completion in mid-2024.





Fingal County Council – Update on Affordable Housing Scheme at Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan
18 Affordable Units

18 homes have been made available for sale under an Affordable Housing Purchase Arrangement with Orchid Homes in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The development is progressing well with completion expected in early 2024. 6 of the 9 no. 1 bedroom apartments are sale agreed and 9 no. 2 bedroom duplex units are all sale agreed. The portal remains open to further applications for the 3 remaining no. 1 bedroom apartments. Applications can be made through www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Fingal County Council - Affordable Housing Scheme at Hayestown, Rush
52 Affordable & 10 Social Units

Works are continuing with Phase 1 of the affordable units at Hayestown, Rush which is due for completion in early 2024. Phase 1 consists of a total of 26 units – 24 affordable private homes & 2 social homes.









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

Works are continuing on the 31 units in Lusk being constructed by Tuath Housing. This development is due for completion in early 2024.







Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings
Works are progressing at Bowden Court, Swords.



Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings
Works at Ballough Place, Lusk are progressing without significant delays.



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

Works are progressing at Monastery Court, Lusk and the scheme is on track for completion in Quarter 2, 2024.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Clonsilla Road project and handover is expected this December.



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

Works are nearing completion at the Sheepmoor project and handover is expected this December.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Work has been completed on 103 properties to date in Strandmill Estate, Barnewall Estate, Rivermeade, and Glasmore Court. Works on a further 19 properties are currently underway in Strandmill Estate, Glasmore Park, and Whitestown Gardens.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other housing estates across the county to include them in this program.



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	30th November 2023
In the letting process	52
Undergoing re-let repairs	24
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	8
TOTAL	**84**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting




Domville Woods – Before (L) and after (R)

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are reaching completion in Corduff Close, Corduff Cottages, Corduff Crescent, Corduff Green, and Corduff Place. Works are continuing in Domville Woods.

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 318 new tenancies in 2023 to date with approximately 3907 tenancies set up since HAP began in 2017.

The HAP team is 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 at 01 8905000 via the CCU or through email at 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 is 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 two Possession orders with 5 others currently before the courts. We have recently resolved one case to a satisfactory conclusion for both the tenant and the council. Regarding the two possession orders secured, both tenants are engaging with the team to address their areas.

The Rents team encourages any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions. However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council needs to take further action.

Local Authority Home Loan

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) continues to be popular among people who are unable to secure funding from commercial lenders to allow them to purchase a home with 503 applications received.

The loan application process has been augmented by updates to our online loan application portal which has been upgraded in recent weeks to allow for easier submission of documentation and clearer information on what is required. Applicants can still submit a loan application and required documentation by post if they wish to do so.

49 borrowers have drawn down a total of 9.3m in Local Authority Home Loans since the introduction of the scheme in January 2022.

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie



Private Rented Inspections

For 2023, following the rollout of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2023 was set at 4,576, equating to just over a quarter of 18,000 registered tenancies within Fingal.

The team successfully reached 100.42% of the 2023 target by the end of quarter three. 5451 inspections took place across a total of 4595 dwellings. 966 re-inspections were carried out in October and November to improve compliancy. As a result of this, at the end of November 2023, 24% of properties inspected in 2023 are now in compliance.
The team will continue to work with the contractor for the last month of the year to further improve the compliance figures.
Additionally, preparations are underway for the first batch of 2024 which will be due for inspection in the first week of January.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

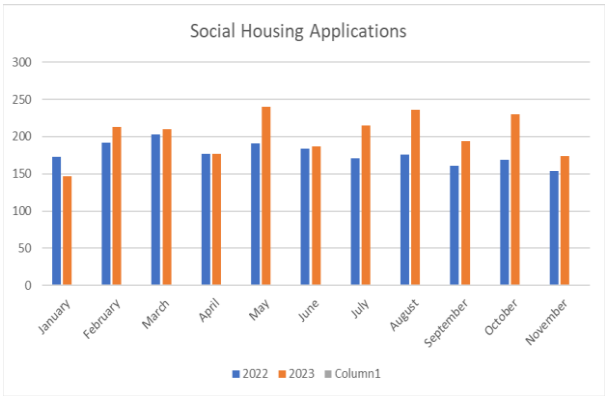
The list position is also available through the CBL portal on Fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Changes to Income Eligibility Thresholds

By Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023.

Housing applications received year to date.

Jan - November 2023	2,223
Jan - November 2022	1,952



Housing Support Appeals

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

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

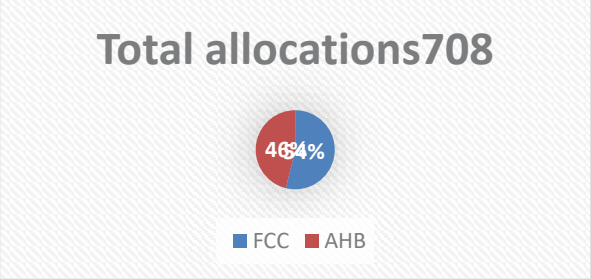
Housing Needs Assessment

Following Circular 26/2023 as released on 5th July 2023, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage by 29th November 2023.

Letters Issued to applicants on 15th September to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the Online HNA System in 2022, applicants have been advised to complete the assessment where possible online. This system went live on Monday 18th September 2023 with initial uptake positive and was closed on Wednesday 22nd November.

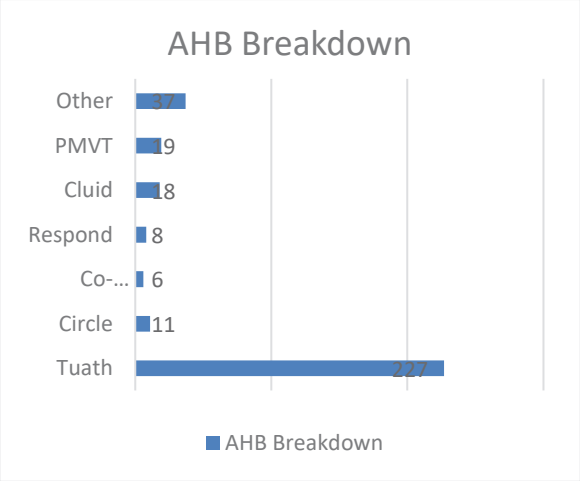
The assessment was complete with the Summary Return submitted to the Department on 28th November 2023.

Lettings



The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2023. 327 of these allocations have been in collaboration with a number of Approved Housing bodies. The other 381 properties allocated were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

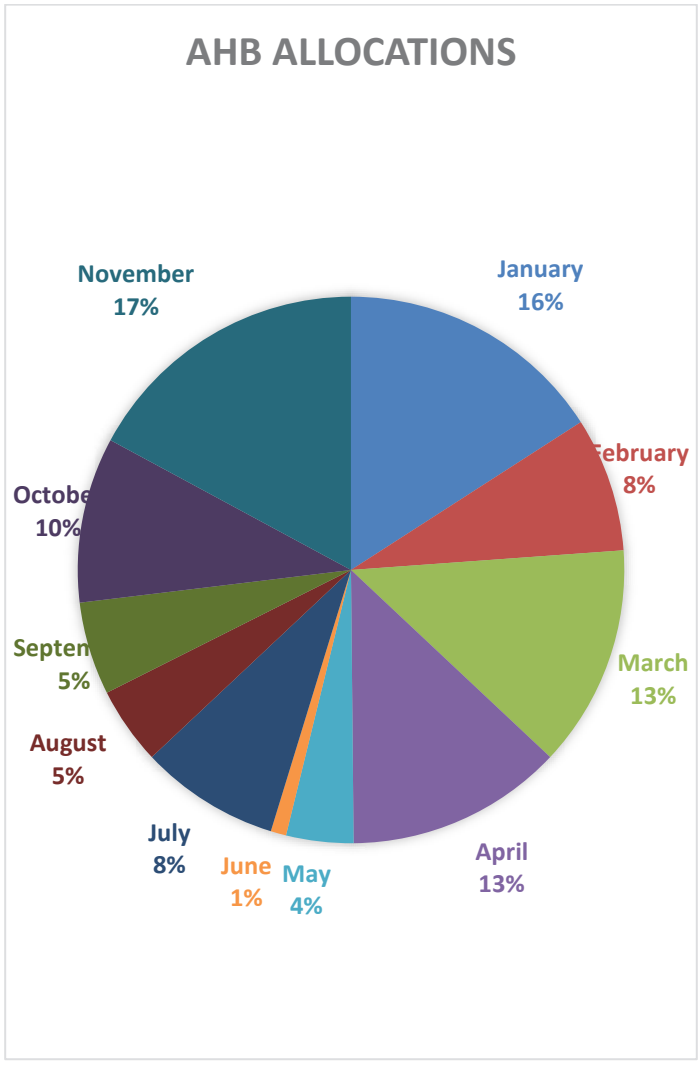
Of all the 708 allocations made to date, 363 were made via Choice Based Lettings.



This chart portrays a breakdown of the AHB'S, reflecting the nominations sent to them during 2023 thus far. Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council in 2023. Of the 327 allocations in collaboration with the approved housing bodies, Tuath housing association received 227.

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

Total Allocations to date in collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies was 327, the below diagram portrays the monthly allocations.



Choice Based Lettings November Advertised Properties

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
1st – 7th November	Parslickstown Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	968	100
8th – 14th November	Wellview Avenue, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	854	60
22nd – 28th November	Barnewall Avenue, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	994	168
22nd – 28th November	Domville Woods, Santry, Dublin 9	3	Duplex	687	65
			Total	3503	393

Respond Housing association have taken delivery of 29 properties in Baldoyle Dublin 13, these properties were advertised using the choice-based lettings portal and receive a high level of interest. Fingal County Council and Respond are working together closely to ensure all properties are allocated in a timely manner.

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

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2023

During November 2023, 34 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

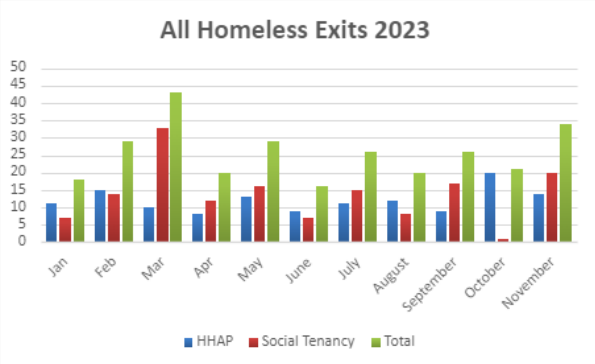
Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	Total
EA	2	0	2
Homeless Prevention	12	20	32
Total	14	20	34

There was a total of 32 homeless prevention cases and 2 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

20 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases.

14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 12 homeless preventions and 2 who exited emergency accommodation.

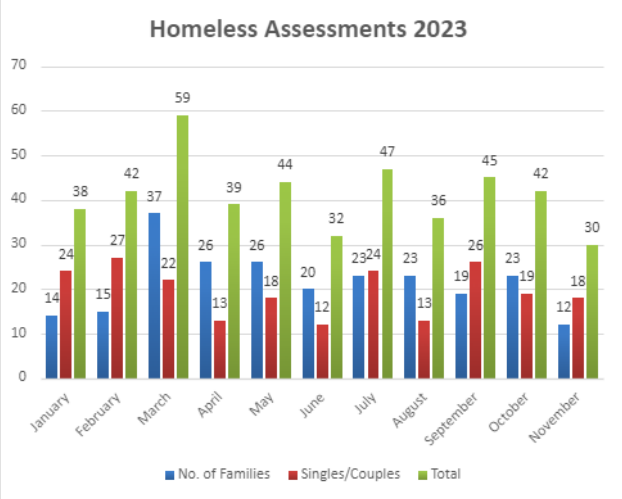


Homeless Assessments

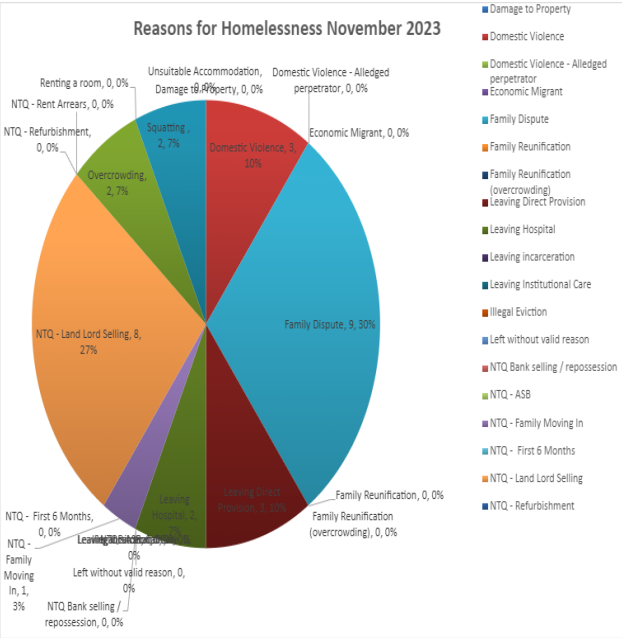
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In November 2023, there were a total of 30 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 12 families and 18 singles/couples.

To date in 2023 there have been a total of 454 full homeless assessments completed.



During November 2023, of the 30 Homeless Assessments carried out, 30% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from living in overcrowded conditions (7%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 33% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below



There are also a considerable number of people making contact stating that they are Homeless due to family breakdown (30%).

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 continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. 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 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 Coordination 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 is monitored until the needs of the reported rough sleepers are met and the cases can be closed.

Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24

In the event of cold weather or any emergency event in Dublin, the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) coordinates the response to homelessness on behalf of the four Dublin Local Authorities. To meet the increase in demand for homeless services and have the appropriate contingency plans in place for cold weather conditions, the DRHE is activating the Cold Weather Strategy 2023/24 in the Dublin Region.

The Cold Weather Strategy focuses on expanding the current capacity to meet the increasing demand for emergency accommodation whilst also providing a targeted response for people who are long-term rough sleeping.

Increase in emergency accommodation for singles/couples

In partnership with DRHE service providers, capacity for singles and couples has been increased and these beds will be available on a phased basis throughout the winter months. As these beds come on stream, they will be made available as needed, depending on the demand for homeless services on any given night. Equally, they will provide vital capacity if an extreme weather event occurs. For all households assessed by an LA as requiring access to temporary accommodation, all residential services now operate on a 24-hour basis, with meals provided on-site and/or cooking facilities. The total additional capacity is 330 permanent beds and 40 extreme weather beds. The permanent beds are operated on a 24-hour basis with meals provided onsite.

Enhanced services operational during cold weather conditions

DRHE services operate throughout the year to support people who are sleeping rough. During the cold weather period, services are enhanced to mitigate the health risks that cold weather poses. The cold weather provides opportunities for more assertive engagement with long-term, entrenched rough sleepers and hard-to-reach groups, aimed at placing them in appropriate and long-term accommodation. Enhanced services operating for this cold weather period include:

- Dublin Street Outreach service provided by the Dublin Simon Community. The team provides a service 7 am – 1 am Mon- Fri and 9 am – 1 am Saturday and Sunday.

- The Outreach Mobile Health Clinic, operated by SafetyNet and funded by the HSE, delivers services two nights a week (Tuesday & Thursday) and every second Friday morning with the Dublin Outreach teams, to support rough sleepers with complex medical needs. This Outreach clinic offers a comprehensive primary health care service targeted at people who are experiencing homelessness in Dublin.

- The DRHE, Dublin Simon Outreach Team, Housing First, the HSE and An Garda Síochána will continue to work closely together during the winter period with the same goal of improving outcomes for people who may be sleeping rough.

- The DRHE has 40+ emergency beds that can be activated during extreme weather conditions or adverse events.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.

All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

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 continue 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, 39 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 109 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 54 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 303 queries 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. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme 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 contact the landlord about the purchase of the 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.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing 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 Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:

Freephone : 1800 707 707

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

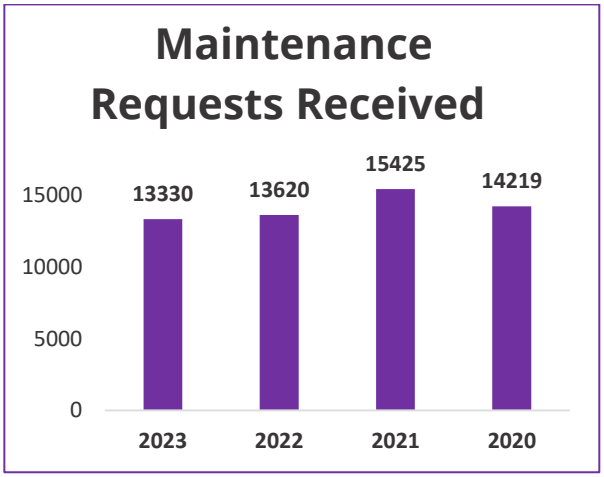
Traveller Accommodation

Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2023 Programme of work is 90% complete, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Drumheath, Fortlawn, Wellview, Dun Saithne, cardy Rock, St Paul's and Patrick's Grange.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

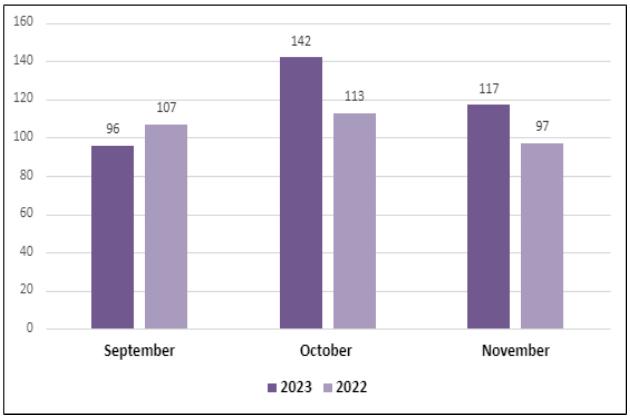
The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit

ASB Caseload Management

November 2023	Complaints Received	Active Investigations
Balbriggan	12	9
Rush / Lusk	9	8
Swords	21	8
Howth / Malahide	20	16
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	31	9
Ongar	17	11
Castleknock	7	5
Total	117	66

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2023 – 2 (Jan), 3 (Feb), 2 (March), 2 (April), 1 (May), 1 (June), 2 (July), 4 (August), 3 (September), 1 (October), 2 (November).

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2022-23



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2023	91
Interviews Held 2022	101
Tenancy Alerts 2023	21
Tenancy Alerts 2022	39
Tenancy Warnings 2023	4
Tenancy Warnings 2022	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	**1552**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2022	**1673**
Estate Inspections 2023	**1305**
Estate Inspections 2022	1086
Estate Management Inspections 2023	**1666**
Estate Management Inspections 2022	2109

Tenant Induction Courses 2023

Fingal County Council are currently delivering Tenant 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.

8 Tenant Induction Course have been completed to date for the developments listed below. The final course is scheduled for Monday 11th December 2023.

- Kilhedge
- Wellview
- Liscappagh
- Churchfields

Housing Ukraine Response
Those Fleeing the Conflict in Ukraine

The Government is committed to delivering a humanitarian response to welcome people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and seeking protection in Ireland.

Web resources with useful information on support and accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and the wider Fingal community are shown below:
www.gov.ie/ukraine
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The Council's Fingal Ukraine Response Forum chaired by the Mayor continues to meet regularly to coordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community. The most recent meeting of the Ukraine Response Forum was held on the 23rd November 2023.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre continues to provide accommodation and support to Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary protection. In the main occupants are new arrivals to the country. The centre is presently operating at full capacity with various statutory agencies linked with the centre to provide support to the new arrivals.

Supported by the Council and the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) over **402 persons** have moved from the Liam Rodgers centre to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation across the county and country with arrangements finalising concerning further moves to OfferAhome\pledge accommodation. An additional **200 persons** have moved along to varying other forms of accommodation in the main to state contracted accommodation.

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at

https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.ie

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation. See website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com for further information.

Vacant Homes.

Three dwellings are currently advancing through the CPO process, one of which has a large associated site. An Bord Pleanála has confirmed that the CPO is to operative concerning 2 of these properties.

Sale closed last month on a property in the Dublin 15 area under the Buy and Renew Scheme with the property now in the pre-let repair programme for social housing stock. Another dwelling is at sale agreed stage under the Buy and Renew scheme.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals.

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria now allowing for properties built pre-2008 to qualify and grants increasing to €50k (vacant) and €70k (vacant and derelict).

The scheme now also allows for a grant for approved properties to be rented on the private market when refurbishment is complete. Before the recent change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant-approved owner.

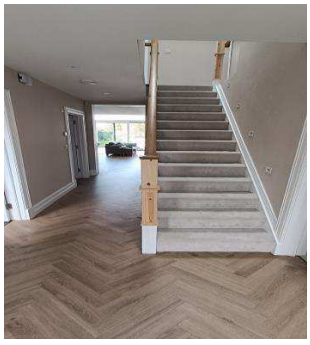
To date, **80 applications** have been received under the scheme, **40 of** which have been approved with other applications moving to the approval stage. In addition, staff are engaging with numerous other expressions of interest which have the potential to lead to further applications.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team who have been present at various Housing Information Events most recently the event held in the Crown Plaza, Hotel, Santry on the 1st December 2023. For enquiries on the scheme and on vacant properties generally, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie

Croi Connaithe Vacant Property Grant Photos



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Fingal Inclusion Week 2023

Fingal Inclusion Week 2023 is an initiative led by Fingal County Council, Fingal County Council Integration Office. 2023 is the fifth year of Fingal Inclusion Week. Around 70 events took place across the County of Fingal from Monday the 13th of November to Sunday the 19th of November. All Fingal Inclusion Week events are free to attend and open to everyone.

Fingal Inclusion Week aims to:

Highlight the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Fingal.

Raise awareness of the barriers experienced by citizens of Fingal that lead to social exclusion.
Promote an understanding of inclusion in Fingal and celebrate diversity across the county.

Keen To Be Green Communities Skerries



Fingal Inclusion Week saw the launch of Keen To Be Green Communities Project in Skerries. The opening event, hosted by Sustainable Skerries, was a ***Welcome to Skerries walk*** which was a 90-minute scenic tour of some of the eco-friendly sites in the town. Over 10 different nationalities attended the event.

Sustainable Skerries are a key stakeholder in the project along with Skerries Tidy Towns, Skerries Community Garden and Skerries Cycling Initiative, all of whom have engaged with the Community Development office to plan the project, which will see the groups working together to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices and a circular economy throughout Skerries.
Throughout the Skerries Cycling hosted a free bike repair workshop and launch a 5-week beginner cycling course to 15 locals, with the help of FCC Active Travel as well as the Community Office.

Black Raven Pipe Band Free Adult Piping & Drumming Course 2024



Black Raven Pipe Band in Lusk launched a free Adult learning course during Fingal Inclusion Week which will offer free drumming and piping tuition to 20 new participants throughout 2024. The programme was officially launched by Band Vice President Cllr. Rob O'Donoghue at an event held in Lusk Cultural Centre on 18th November 2023.

The Programme will not only provide the new skills to 20 members of the community but will help to increase membership for the band to allow them to continue to perform locally and also compete internationally to continue their legacy in the Lusk Community, which dates back to 1910. This legacy was demonstrated at the launch as it opened with a performance using 100-year old restored pipes, donated by the Meehan family.

Balbriggan Social Inclusion Week Tour



The Balbriggan Inclusion Week Committee highlighted the strong collaborations within the community through a 'Social Inclusion Week Tour'. This tour had 6 stops ending with community services and local community showcase and included

1. **The Black & Irish Podcast in Our Balbriggan Hub**;

2. Food Poverty Tour with Empower, The Men's Shed, The Health Inclusion Hub, Aster Family Resource Centre with a Connect Cafe;
3. Balbriggan Traveller Project 'Cultural Tea & Chats';
4. Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop with Garda Domestic Abuse Coordinator and Sonas;
5. Foroige services with participatory workshops.
6. The services and local community showcase solidified the strong community and services in Balbriggan and brought about further collaborations into the future.

The Balbriggan Social Inclusion Tour committee worked well in development stronger connections between services, agencies, Fingal County Council, An Garda Siochana, and the community by sharing information and highlighting the positive work that communities, agencies and other organisations are involved in to reduce social exclusion and poverty in Balbriggan.









Art Across Cultures Exhibition



Fingal Integration Team in collaboration with Irish Traveller Movement developed a programme on Anti-Racism awareness. Young from 12-18 years across Fingal were asked what anti-racism means to them and to express this in a visual way. The exhibition showcases the responses in a vibrant and colourful way. The exhibition was showcased at Lusk Cultural Centre during the Fingal Inclusion week.



Library of Migrant Women Exhibition



The Library of Migrant Women is a participatory art project created in which migrant women tell stories of their journey from their homeland to Ireland. It features 11 stories written by migrant women about the social issues that affect them daily, their work to transform their lives, and the lives of those around them. The Fingal Integration team hosted the Library of Migrant Women exhibition. in Balbriggan Library as part of Fingal Inclusion Week.



Swords Women's Shed Celebrate Fingal Inclusion Week



The Swords Women's Shed celebrated Fingal Inclusion Week with various events throughout the week. The sheds mission of uniting women was to the key objective with inclusive events for everyone to enjoy. The week commenced with tea and chat, tennis in Swords town park, and 'Walk and Talk' around the village. Meditation and Pilates Classes were organised for members to give it a new activity a go. Garda Sargent Kenny gave an informative talk to the women's shed on crime prevention. The week of celebrations concluded with a trip to Ballyboughal Pitch & Putt Club.

Swords Men's Shed "Minding their Hearts"

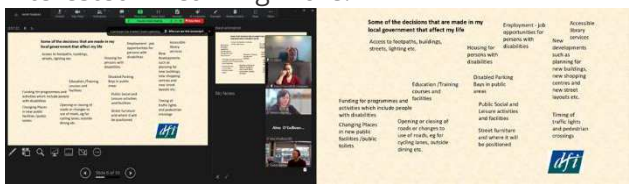


Members of Swords Men's Shed took the historical trail around Swords as part of their celebration for inclusion week. The theme for the week was minding their hearts with a visit by Irish Heart mobile health unit and a night walk through the village.

Introduction to Local Government: Training for People with Disabilities

As part of Fingal Inclusion Week, an introduction to local government workshop was held with the aim of targeting people with disabilities or those working with people with disabilities. This was also an opportunity for community groups to meet the new Fingal Access Officer Cathal Kearney and engage with our colleagues in Corporate to learn how to check the register and to register to vote. To make the session as inclusive as possible, Irish Sign Language interpreting was also made available.

A recording of the session is available for those interested in learning more.



Rush Tidy Towns Sustainability Workshop

Rush Tidy Towns delivered an interactive workshop for all ages at the Rush Community Centre. The workshop focused on the 17 themes of combating Climate Change and was attended by many groups from the Rush area, who are all supported by the FCC Community Office, including Rush Men's Shed, Rush Senior Citizens and several residents' associations.
Over the next few weeks Rush Tidy Towns are working with the Community office to prepare a funding application towards the sustainable development of the town.



Failte Isteach Donabate trip to Botanic Gardens

Failte Isteach Donabate, the volunteer- led conversational English project, organised an educational trip to the Botanic gardens in Glasnevin. Supported by the Community Office almost 40 students and tutors from the project engaged in a walking tour and recreation at the Gardens. The students included several from Ukrainian rest centres in Donabate and Swords along with Failte Isteach students who take part in the weekly classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Donabate /Portrane Community Centre.



Mulhuddart Winter Fest



Mulhuddart Winter Fest took place in Mulhuddart Community Centre on Friday 17th November. This event aimed to highlight groups and supports available in Mulhuddart including Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, Mulhuddart Men's Shed and more. Attendees were treated to entertainment from Festival in a Van which was kindly supported by Fingal Libraries and Creative Ireland funding. The bike repair clinic was sponsored by Active Cities.

Balseskin Information Event



The Community Office partnered with Jesuit Refugee Service to run an information event at Balseskin, National Reception Centre. The event saw almost 30 national organisations such as Ruhama, Legal Aid Board, Failte Isteach , Akidwa, Sanctuary Runners and others host information stands on-site in Balseskin.
Cllr. Adrian Hency, Mayor of Fingal, Minister Joe O'Brien, the Fingal Integration Officer and members of the Community Development team attended this event in support. Residents of the reception centre attended the event and welcomed the engagement with the range of services and agencies on the day.

Fingal She Leads



Fingal She Leads held an open forum to plan their 2024 activity. Next year, the project will be looking towards the upcoming local elections and specifically how to engage and increase the participation of women. The project proposes to host a series of workshops across Fingal. The workshops will involve capacity building training, information speakers and will culminate in the development and presentation of the Fingal Womens Manifesto to candidates running in the local election.

Trip to the Klimt exhibition



Fingal Community Department organised a trip to the Klimt exhibition for the Ukrainian D15 Older and Wiser group and their D15 Irish counterparts. The attendees enjoyed an immersive exhibition. Spirits were so high on the return to a social lunch in Draoicht that a singsong broke out, with our guests singing Molly Malone in Ukrainian and our Irish contingency joining in for the chorus. A memorable day that has sparked plans for several integrated craft & choir get togethers.

Launch of Fingal Seniors Connect Initiative



The launch of Fingal Seniors Connect was a highlight of Inclusion week for Fingal Ukrainian Supports. This innovative project is made possible by the generous support of Age Friendly Skerries, having donated Acorn tablets, previously used during Covid by residents of local nursing homes, allowing Ukrainian participants to access virtual English classes and communication tools. The donated Acorn Tablets have been upgraded and the functions translated into Ukrainian to ensure ease of access and absolute inclusivity for the participants in the programme.

The support of Age Friendly Skerries is a testament to the power of inclusion & the impact that community groups can have on the lives of those in need.

Community Development

Failte Isteach Swords



Failte Isteach, Swords continues to expand and in November welcomed new students to learn English. The weekly classes in Holywell Community Centre now host almost 20 students from all over the world. The classes which are facilitated by the Community Department and led by volunteers take place each Monday morning. They are open to anyone who wishes to learn English or improve their conversational English.

Holywell Residents Association Community Clean Up



Supported by the Community Development Office, the residents and community of Holywell, Swords took to the streets, paths, and flower beds of their estate on a bright November morning.

Thanks to the Operations Department and the litter depot at Holywell Community Centre, the group were well prepared for planting, tidy-up and leaf collecting.

Pride of Place 2023



The competition run by Co Operation Ireland looks at the best examples of community development on the island of Ireland.

And Draoicht Arts Centre in Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 was awarded a runners up prize in the Best Creative Place category, North and South, winning out over many others for the excellent outreach work they do with families and young people in Dublin 15 and beyond.

Fingal was represented by three groups at the finals in Armagh, with Garristown and the Broadmeadow Community Garden in Swords also flying the flag for Fingal at the event.

The Finals Award Ceremony was attended by the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, the Deputy CE and representative of the FCC Community Office and the three groups involved in this year's competition.

Cricket4All Competition



On Sunday 19th November, the second Fingal Cricket4All Competition took place in North County Cricket Club. Three intergenerational teams of different abilities competed against each other for the coveted Fingal Cricket4All Trophy.

A break in the competition provided an opportunity for participants and their families to enjoy the traditional cricket teas. All participants were presented with Cricket Leinster/Fingal Cricket4All medals. Prior to the competition, the Ireland U19 men's team popped in to wish the participants well in the competition.



Facilities

Building Upgrades Hartstown Community Centre

Anticipation is building as the Board, staff and users of Hartstown Community Centre are gearing up for the builders to arrive on site in early 2024 to carry out a comprehensive renovation of the centre. This will require the centre to close for approx. 12 months, however FCC will be providing temporary accommodation and staffing cover to allow the 2 childcare services to operate fully and safely during the closure.

Collaboration with the community facilities in Dublin 15 have been demonstrated fully, as the staff have been busy liaising with other FCC supported community centres across Dublin 15 to ensure that groups will not be left out during the closure.

The Board and Staff are looking forward to welcoming the community into the improved centre in 2025, with an increased focus on Community Development initiatives and a new Coffee Dock in place.

Accessible Reception at Parslickstown House

Parslickstown House was successful in securing 25k under the Community Centre Investment Fund. FCC Architects Dept and Community Department worked in partnership with the board of management to explore maximising the reception space. On completion the space will be will be fully accessible. This will allow for the creation of an employability hub in the house. Works are currently underway and are due to reach completion in mid- December.

Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



During the 2023 Youth Conference, Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg identified their key issues of concern and agreed on the main topic of focus in 2024 which will be **Lack of spaces/facilities for younger people**. After the AGM an information meeting was held to provide further information to young people who may wish to get involved with the FCNN, resulting in 7 new members.
One member has been involved in creating a short video to promote the work of Comhairle na nÓg nationally. Another member attended a branding presentation and got a sneak peak at the new Comhairle branding that will be introduced next year.

Fingal PPN Plenary

The Fingal PPN Plenary took place on Tuesday 21st November in the Radisson Blue Hotel, Dublin Airport. It was a successful, productive, well attended meeting with plenty of engagement from all there.
The focus of the Plenary was on improving the work of the PPN and its engagement with the community groups of Fingal to provide effective input into the policy decisions of the strategic policy committees, Joint Policing Committee and the Local Community and Development Committee of Fingal County Council.

Thrive Balbriggan

The FCC Community Office continues to work with Thrive Balbriggan on a new mental health initiative which aims to encourage the community of the town to thrive in a positive mental health sense.
The initiative, supported by Mental Health Ireland is inspired by similar in New York and London, and builds on community activities and engagements to support and nurture people's mental health.
Although just a short time in operation Thrive Balbriggan has been shortlisted in the top three Volunteer Ireland Awards which will take place on 2nd December. The FCC community office working with thrive is actively looking at expanding the project to other parts of Fingal.

Ukrainian Supports

Social excursion with Carnegie Seniors to Malahide Lions

Fingal Ukrainian seniors currently residing in Carnegie Hotel, Swords, paid a visit to their new friends, the Malahide Lions to have afternoon tea and a few rounds of Bingo to celebrate Inclusion Week.



Age Friendly

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

Representative Honours await Fingal Cricket4All Participants



Cricke4All an intergenerational project, was first introduced in 2023 by the Community Department in collaboration with Cricket Leinster with funding from DCEDIY and continued in 2024 with support from the Community Department, Sports Department and Age Friendly Fingal. Due to the success of the Fingal Cricket4All Initiative, Cricket Leinster has decided to develop a Cricket4All Leinster team to travel to Manchester in early 2024 to participate in an international Table Cricket Competition.

Without this project, Cricket Leinster would not have been able to talent ID and develop players for this team. This will be the first team to represent Ireland abroad at a Table Cricket Competition. It is a great opportunity for participants to represent Leinster. Exciting times ahead for this group of enthusiastic cricketers.

Shared Island Intergenerational Project



The collaboration with the Community Department and Linking Generational Northern Ireland continues to progress. The project in Balbriggan is now firmly established with a core group of young people aged 12-14 from Foroige and a group of older people living close to the town who are involved in various local groups.

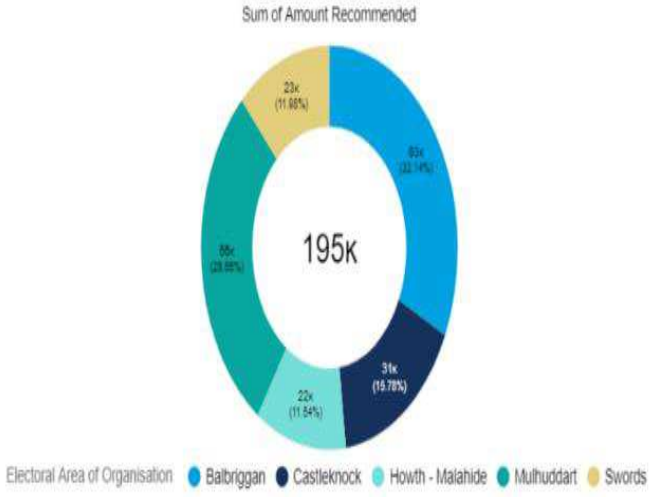
The group have identified a number of challenges for residents in Balbriggan, particularly younger and older people with hidden disabilities. The group have agreed that the need for a safe space in the town, to take a break or just sit and watch the world go by is the challenge they will address. They are currently working on a survey of their peers to ascertain what this space would like.

On Friday 17th November, the group participated in a walk of the town to identify suitable places and spaces. While the plan was for the older participants to talk about the history of the town, it transpired that one of the younger members of the group has a keen interest in history and preceded to point out places of historical interest, much to the delight of the older people.

The next event for the group is a site visit to a sensory garden in Kildare and a welcome room in Parslickstown House, Dublin 15.

Funding

Activities Funding (up to 24th Nov)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 91 projects to the amount of €194,645 in 2023.

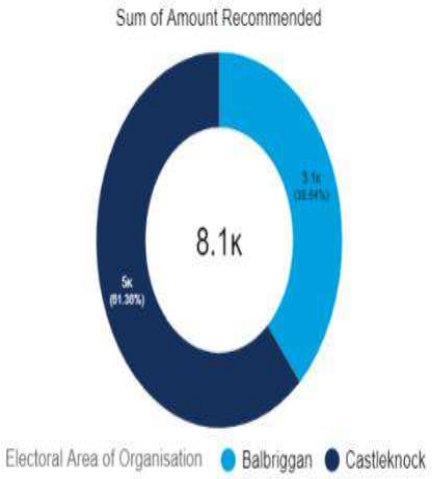
Howth Malahide – €22,462K – across 11 projects

Swords - €23,317.00 - across 11 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart - €86,307.85 – across 39 projects

Balbriggan - €62,558.59 - across 28 projects

Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme



Remedial Grant Funding has been awarded to 2 projects to the amount of €8,139.00 in 2023

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart - €4994 – across 1 project

Balbriggan - €3,145 – across 1 project

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Protected Cycle Lanes

BLRS Area

St Cronan's Ave and Brackenstown Road Protected Cycle Lanes

This project is now moving towards substantial completion with most of the works, landscaping, street furniture, new crossing points and junction upgrades complete. Snagging works will be continuing over the next number of weeks following walk through with our Operations and Parks Department.

We recently had the official opening of the scheme with local Cllrs, Minister Darragh O'Brien, representatives from the NTA and the project Team in attendance, together with Senior Management from FCC.

Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy says 'Creating local Active Travel connections is vital. The children attending school at St. Cronan's will grow up making their way to school under their own team, whether it be cycling or walking, and will learn that choosing Active Travel is best for their mind and body as well as being best for the planet.



R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge lane

The contractor has been busy completing all civil works in advance of the road resurfacing works that are planned to commence on the 26th November. The resurfacing works will be completed from Corduff School to Quickpenny Lane and will be done during the evening and night-time to minimise disruption to locals, businesses and Corduff School. Letter notifications were issued to residents and landowners in advance of the works and regular updates will be provided through councillor weekly updates and social media channels. The contractor is aiming to have approximately 75% of the project complete before the Christmas break with only minor civil works to be complete in the new year such as bollard installation, road markings, signage, and final reinstatements. Traffic Management will be maintained throughout the works, and this will be changing daily to keep up with the works as they progress. This project will provide safe walking and cycling infrastructure in this area and will be part of the overall network identified ion the Dublin Cycling Network Plan as we roll out the programme of works over the coming years from Active Travel.





Seatown Road Swords:
The Project Team together with the Engineering Consultants are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report which will be published on the Consultation Portal in the coming weeks. Works are ongoing to finalise the detailed design and Tender documents with the aim to go to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on the ground and progressing with the Construction stage in early 2024. This project will provide segregated walking and cycling infrastructure from the R132 at Swords through to the estuary and connectivity to Malahide along the estuary.

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 has appointed an Integrated Design Team to work on the concept and preliminary designs for the project. A traffic and topographical survey consultant have been appointed to the project and is currently working with the project team to complete the traffic survey to inform the design process.

The Project Team have programmed to develop the concept designs by the end of the year so that they can be agreed with relevant stakeholders before moving to the next steps in early 2024. Further updates will be provided over the coming months.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of requests for funding for the 2024-2025 programme is ongoing by the Active Travel Unit, including for a review of the existing road network in Baldoyle. This review will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street.

It will comprise an advancement of a previous study for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network. A brief will be developed for consultants in the coming months, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.

Once a further study and preferred option has emerged from the process, it is envisaged that the scheme will progress, subject to funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA

The design brief has been finalised for this connectivity project. Internal consultation with other FCC departments has taken place. The Active Travel Unit are in the process of finalising the remaining tender documents.

The next step is to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the Feasibility/Options Selection stage.

Enabling works to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue, including footpath works, tree surgeon works, new access points into the school and the provision of ramps are now complete.





Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

Meetings have taken place with the Resident's Association and comments from residents, the Active Travel Unit and internal FCC stakeholders have been taken on board.

A brief and tender document are now being prepared to progress the project from the design stages through to completion as soon as possible.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

Design brief is complete, and the remaining tender documents are being finalised.
It is expected that the works will go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 2023.

Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access. However, a footpath, dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route to/from the school and the Feltrim Road.

BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Active Travel team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA for approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. Further engagement is taking place with the NTA in this regard.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. The design consultant has reviewed the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team and have submitted the latest draft report for consideration. Engagement has taken place with the NTA to cater for new bus lay-bys on Littlepace Road.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project is now concentrating on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements. The project is proceeding to preliminary design where a road safety audit will commence on the latest drawings.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.

Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting is to take place to discuss the initial

contracts and other proposed projects over the lifetime of the framework.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

The Chief Executives report for the Part VIII is now being prepared and it will be presented to the area meeting and full Council in January 2024.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Ramboll have been appointed as consultant, and a kick-off meeting has taken place. Fingal County Council have met the consultant on site for an initial orientation of the area.
Ramboll have begun the process of information gathering with a view to collecting data and conducting initial surveys in Q1, 2024.

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 have recently published the Consultation Report for the project together with the ESRI report that was carried out on Active Travel best practice Nationally and Internationally. This report will inform the overall design process when the integrated design team is appointed in the near future. The Skerries Active Travel Plan will provide an overall plan for Skerries going forward and is expected to identify several projects that we can take forward for development, through various works streams and funding bodies.

Skerries Harbour Road:

The Project Team together with the Integrated design team have been developing preliminary 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. It is intended to go initially to Pre-Planning with the proposals to establish the governance and planning route for the project. The decision on this is expected in early 2024.

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. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.
Other projects are being progressed in the area at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.
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:

The project team and the 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 detailed design and Tender documents with the aim to going to the market in the coming weeks for a Contractor to complete the works proposed on

the ground and progressing to Construction stage during early 2024.

Rush South Beach:
The project team and the Engineering consultant are currently preparing concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, and we are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:
This connectivity piece provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123. This will provide a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123. Works are nearing substantial completion and snagging is due to take place.









Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:
Dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route between the Summit Inn and Bus Stop 567. This work has been completed.

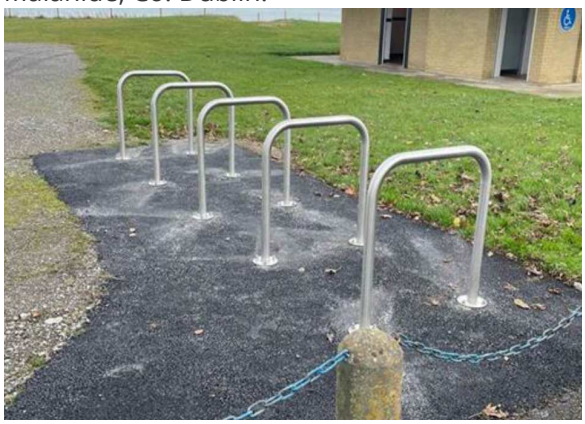
Offington, Howth:
Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is underway at three junctions in Offington, Howth: The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users.

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, Skerries, Howth-Malahide and Dublin 15 in the coming weeks.

The contractor has completed the installation of 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands and a bicycle repair station have been installed on the Baldoyle to Portmarnock Greenway, Co. Dublin. This provides 8 additional bicycle parking spaces in the Baldoyle area.



18 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Malahide Area. 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at the Beach Car Park and 5 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands at the Public Toilets, Coast Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin.



4 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Swords Area. 2 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at Hilltown Way, Swords, Co. Dublin.



8 bicycle parking spaces have been provided in the Portmarnock Area. 4 Bicycle Parking Sheffield Stands have been installed at the Beach Car Park, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin.



From the expressions of interest received from schools and sports clubs earlier this year we have managed to procure a supplier who will be delivering the bike racks to the schools and clubs who submitted a request. The Active Travel Team and the supplier will be in touch directly with the relevant parties to notify them when the delivery will be taking place over the coming month.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 contract is finalising snags at each of the 5 schools. 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 has recently carried out some snagging and maintenance work to the Rain Gardens and addressed 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 has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.





Bayside Junior & Senior School

Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.





Scoil Choilm CNS

Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. These initial works took place before the new school year starts to alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start during Q1 2024.



Round 1 – Tranche 2

Detailed Design is nearing completion for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.) with a view to progressing to construction in Q1 2024. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.

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 in the new year that will inform the design process. Fingal County Council are in the final stages of procurement of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Children taking the Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability course in Sutton will have their last lesson on Monday 27 November. Courses are continuing across the County with the most recent course starting in Diswellstown Community Centre on Thursday 23 November, with the last session finishing on Thursday 21st December. We are currently finalising our schedule for 2024 and will circulate the dates and venues as soon as possible.





Staff eBike Trials

The Staff eBike Trials are currently on going, there are now 5 eBikes on loan, that are a mix of trekking and folding bikes and we are looking at adding further eBike options in January 2024.

We recently took delivery of two new Kuma F1 Folding eBikes that are proving a very popular choice for the trials.



Skerries Cycling Lessons

As part of the Community Departments Keen to be Green Initiative we have assisted in setting up cycling lessons for adults in Skerries. This 5 week course is taking place from Kellys Bay in conjunction with Skerries Cycling Initiative. By week 2, the majority of the group had progressed to on road sessions and the course has provided a new sense of freedom for the participants.



Cycle Friendly Employer Audit

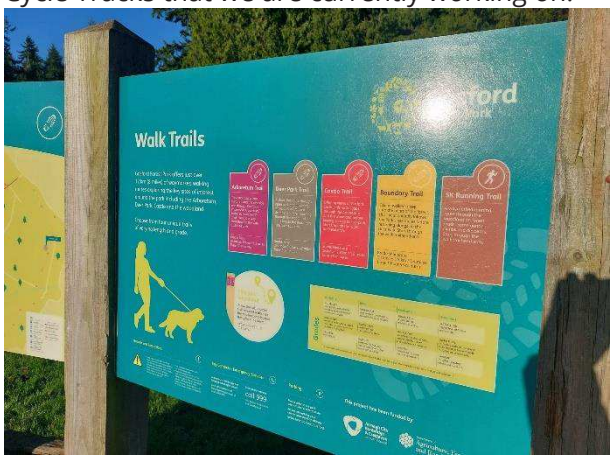
We recently undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The independent audit took place across the Swords and Blanchardstown Offices and looked at the bike facilities on offer to staff. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high sliver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.

Leading Lights Award – Junior School Warden Programme, Rush National School

Rush National School has been awarded a Leading Light Award in the Education Primary Category for its Junior School Warden Programme. The awards ceremony will take place in the, RDS Concert Hall on Thursday, 7th December.

Gosford Park Site Visit

Our Walking and Cycling Officers recently met with representatives from Ulster Cycling to look at Community Bike and Walking Facilities in Gosford Park, Co Armagh. The site visit showed some of Cycling Irelands work around accessible cycling, recreational hubs and educational facilities. We have taken some great learnings from the visit that we hope to be able to implement in Fingal at our Learn 2 Cycle Tracks that we are currently working on.





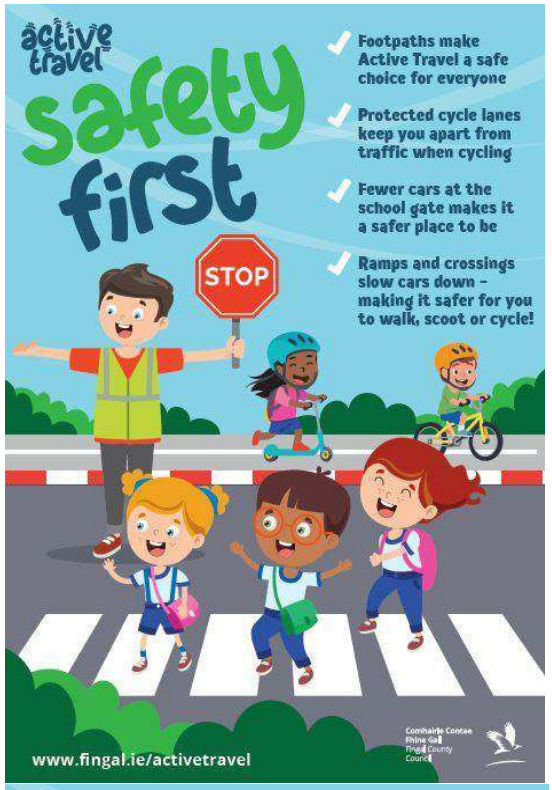


Clean Air Week

As part of our work with Green Schools, we promoted their Clean Air Week Campaign from 20th – 24th November. The week focused on educating people about the importance of reducing traffic around schools, not idling engines and using more sustainable forms of travel where possible.

We also used it as an opportunity to revamp our schools' resources page and we coincided it with the release a recent animation project that we have been working on with students from TU Dublin

Some of the resources can be seen below and our animation is also available to watch on **https://www.fingal.ie/news/free-school-resources-celebrate-clean-air-week**





eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

We recently put out an Expression of Interest form to local businesses and community groups who would be interested in taking part in a 12 month trial that would see them receive an eCargo bike for their local deliveries, volunteering or other jobs. The response was very good, and we are hoping to have all our eCargo Bikes out with local businesses and community groups in early December.



IAAT Conference

The Active Travel team, in partnership with the Sports Office were present at the Irish Association of Adventure Tourism Conference for the Tuesday night Showcase Event in Castleknock Hotel, it was a brilliant opportunity to meet a cohort of local and Irish Businesses who have sustainability at their core. The conference was organised and sponsored by Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Department and was a brilliant example of the progressive nature of both Fingal County Council and the small adventure tourism businesses operating here.



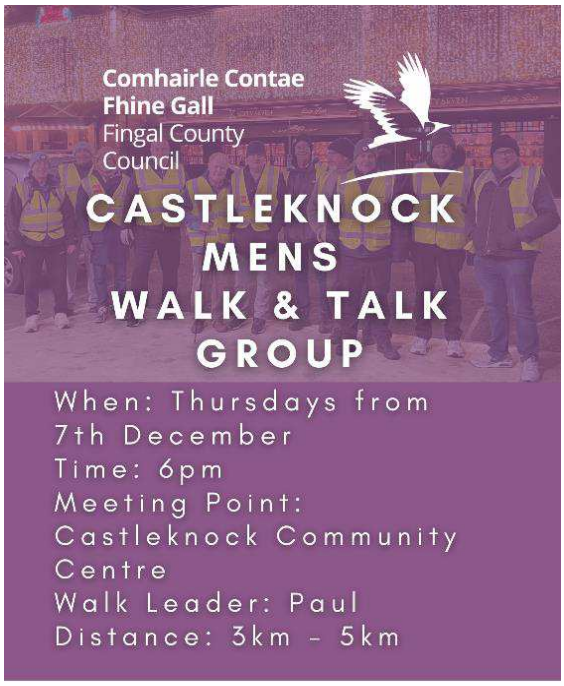
Special Education Cycle Training Course

As part of goal of making independent cycling attainable to all we recently donated a number of bikes to the Autism unit of Hansfield ETNS in Dublin 15. The six bikes will be housed within the ASD Unit and be available to Staff for one to one cycling lessons throughout the week. The donation coincides with the Schools undertaking of the Cycle Right Training Course and the tutor is able to give tips on teaching people to cycle. We hope to expand this course in 2024 to include an online training course for teachers and SNA's. The Bikes are all refurbished bikes that have been donated from The Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun, a great example of the circular economy in action.



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

Our newest Men's Walk & Talk Group Kicks off on Thursday 7th December in Castleknock. The Group is open men of all ages and will meet at Castleknock Community Centre. The Walks will be led by a local Volunteer Walk Leader covering between 3km – 5km depending on the ability of the group. There is no need to register, just show up on the night. There will be tea and coffee for the group afterwards in the Community Centre as well. We are always on the lookout for walk leader volunteers who would be interested in supporting a Walk and Talk Group in their area.



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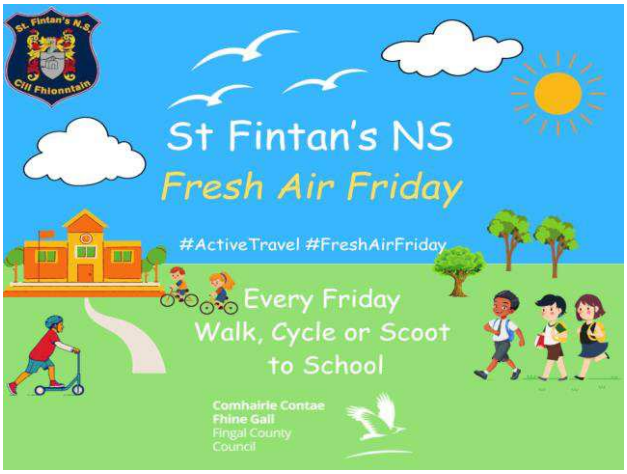
Malahide Christmas Lights Parade

On Sunday 26th November we assisted the Events unit in transporting Santa around Malahide as part of the Christmas tree lighting event. Santa was one of the many people who have enjoyed a Cycling Without Age Trip around Fingal this year so far, we are looking forward to our next trip with Santa in Baldoyle on Sunday 3rd December!



Schools Active Travel Talks - St Fintans NS, Sutton

St Fintans in Sutton are the newest Fingal school to sign up to take part in the Fresh Air Friday Campaign and as part of that our Walking and Cycling Officers met with Students from 1st Class to 6th Class to talk about the importance of sustainable transport, road safety and our new school resources. We're always looking for new schools to get invovled in the Fresh Air Friday campaign.



The Skerries Community Car

The Community Car in Skerries had 102 requested trips in October, we have recently brought on board new volunteers that has significantly helped in reducing the missed demand on the Community Car. We are always in need of additional volunteers for the Community Car, if you are interested in learning more, please contact active.travel@fingal.ie

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trips	Appoint. Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
Feb	106	90	12	4
Mar	108	58	34	16
Apr	114	80	16	18
May	65	34	11	14
Jun	50	26	8	16
Jul	50	33	7	10
Aug	130	52	28	50
Sep	128	66	30	32
Oct	102	68	22	14



Bike Share Schemes

Bleeper Bike

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!



Bleeper Bike Update October 2023; key statistics

832 bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in October
827 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in October
Highest usage recorded Sundays (18.3%) & Saturdays (16.3%)
Castleknock and Howth/Malahide were the most popular starting points
Estimated emissions avoided in Oct – 557kg of CO2

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 October 2023; Key Statistics

Metric	June
Trips	1,684
No of Customers	773
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	5673km
Average Trip Duration	15.5 min
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4 km

The number of active vehicles were reduced across the County in the week leading up to and during the October midterm break to reduce the likelihood of vandalism.

Blanchardstown remains the most popular location for eBike Share in Fingal.

At the end of October 2023, we have had 31,228 Bike Share trips across Fingal between TIER and Bleeper Bike. We are currently working on a Bike Share plan to increase this number in 2024.

Climate Action

An extensive public consultation process for Fingal's Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 ran for 6 weeks from mid-September and a series of public information events were hosted to actively engage with and inform the public and other stakeholders of the Draft Plan.
The Public Consultation process has now closed, and submissions are being assessed. A CE Report is being prepared for the Climate Action SPC and for Council. This will be presented to Councillors in January.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Awareness

The Leaf Mould Initiative was rolled out to 38 community groups in Fingal, 140 leaf cages were set up in areas with high leaf fall. This 'bio-circular economy initiative' uses leaves to create quality compost locally and reduces transport emissions associated with the Council collecting leaves in trucks. Winter Tree planting took place in 9 Fingal schools facilitated by Dale Treadwell naturally Wild.
Blanchardstown Tidy Towns volunteers filling their new leaf cages.



The Fingal Instruments Project gave 7 Guitars to Transition Year students on a tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre, and to the Coolmine Rehabilition Centre, Dublin 15. Repaired Bikes from the Recycling Centre and the Rediscovery Centre were given to the Migrant Reception centre in Fingal.

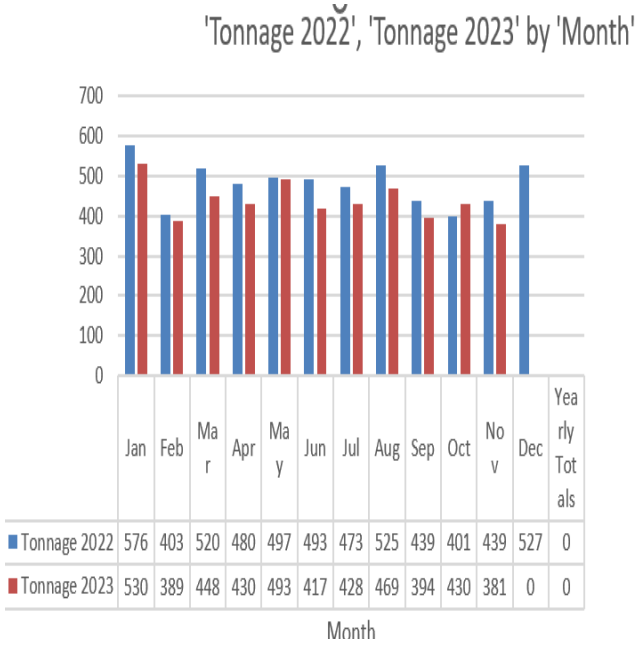




Fingal County Council has funded 52 Global Action Plan workshops in 28 schools since September. These include Biodiversity, Climate Action, Wide about Waste, Circular Economy, Fast Fashion and Life Below Water. The Green Schools Travel Flag was raised by students at Loreto College to celebrate their achievements in Active Travel and reducing emissions associated with commuting to school. Councillors Ian Carey, Brigid Manton and Joe Newman attended the event.



Bring Centres



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly Totals
Tonnage 2022	576	403	520	480	497	493	473	525	439	401	439	527	0
Tonnage 2023	530	389	448	430	493	417	428	469	394	430	381	0	0

Bottle Banks

Total Glass volumes collected in November 2023 were **381 Tonnes**. This compares with a Glass collection figure of **439 Tonnes** of Glass collected in November 2022.

Textile Banks

Total textile volumes collected in October 2023 were **21.42 Tonnes**. This compares with a figure of **18.79 Tonnes** collected in October 2022.

Litter Management

In November as part of their role to increase the public interest in keeping their areas clean and free of the litter, the Litter Wardens completed their Litter Pollution surveys which measures the composition and extent of litter pollution in the Fingal County Council area.

They also continued with their daily patrols and carried out 276 inspections on all known litter black spots in Fingal.

They ensured that the roads were being kept clean of muck and that the building sites had a road sweeper in operation and followed up

on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were keep clean of muck.





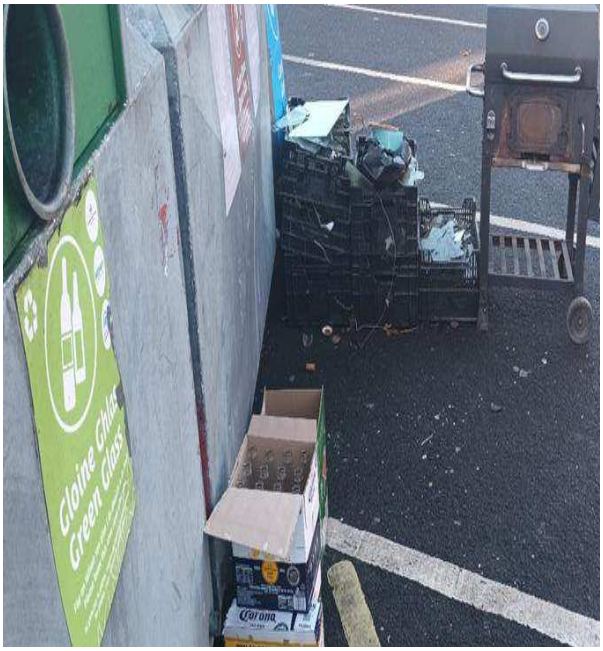
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The Litter Warden conducted walking patrols, engaging with business regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. They also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts.



Two new Variable Message Display VMS units were installed at Peter & Paul Church carpark, Balbriggan and Fingal Cemetery, Balgriffin displaying NO DUMPING - AVOID €150 FINE BRING YOUR BAGS & CARDBOARD HOME WITH YOU.



The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

2023	Fines / notices issued	
Month	Fines	Warning Notices
Nov	44	6

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

CRMs November 2023	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	2
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	49
Env - General Litter Issue	16
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Env – Littering at Bottle Banks	18
Env- (crisp bags, cig butts etc)	2
Env litter incident with witness	5
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	2
Env – Abandoned cars	21

Abandoned Vehicles

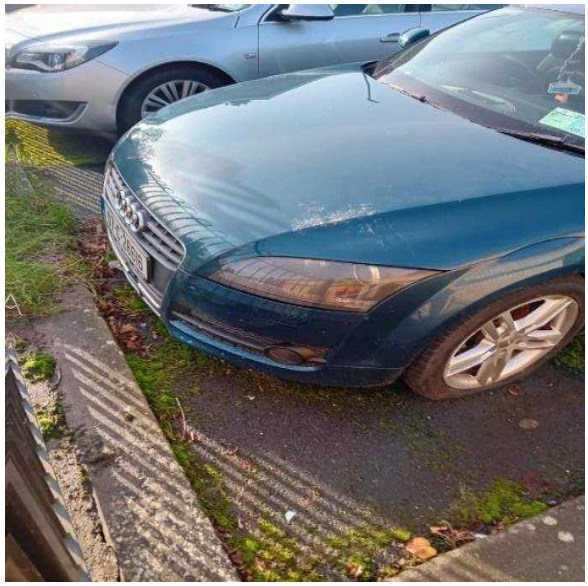
There have been 351 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2023 – 28th November 2023. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

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 persons reporting the vehicle.

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles





2023	Abandoned Vehicles Removed as of 24/11/23	Burnt out Vehicles Removed as of 24/11/23
January	0	1
February	1	0
March	1	1
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	5
July	1	0
August	0	3
September	3	0
October	0	0
November	4	0
TOTAL	**10**	**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 byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. 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. 91 10 Day Notices were issued by the dog wardens during November 2023. 7 fines were issued during November 2023.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2022	2023	22	23	22	23
Mar	48	97	5	29	€300	€2,000
Apr	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
Aug	446	140	24	21	€1200	€1,400
Sept	385	125	24	40	€1,300	€2,849
Oct	511	241	108	40	€1400	€1,500
Nov	187	91	71	7	€3,420	€1,000

The Animal Welfare Section received 35 complaints in relation to dogs in November 2023.

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased from March to November 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
Mar	458	561	47	55	€15,740	€18,900
Apr	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
Aug	1025	838	61	51	€29,040	€23,900
Sept	850	759	88	48	€29,320	€21,900
Oct	873	670	78	30	€28,380	€17,600
Nov	644	662	46	41	€19,320	€18,980

FINE PAYMENTS

Year	Fine Payments Received
1 January 2023 to date	€29,949
2022	€15,400
2021	€1,200

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



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 November there were 26 dogs in the shelter. During November 2023, 21 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and no dogs were surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 47 dogs, 2 have been reclaimed by their owners, 14 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 6 have been rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. At the end of November there are 24 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a **Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter** and **Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter** which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.



Dogs in Shelter at the start of November 2022	15	Dogs in Shelter at start of November 2023	26
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	21
Surrendered by owners	6	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	9	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	11	Rehomed to Rescue	14
Rehomed to Public	8	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of November 2022	12	Dogs in shelter at the end of November 2023	24



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.

The total number of dogs entered through the shelter from 1st January 2023 to date is 232, compared to 222 entered to the shelter for the full year 2022.

Molly is a beautiful Springer Spaniel Two years old and is available for adoption in the shelter



Nugget is a little Jack Russell who is two years old and is a quiet calm girl and is available at the shelter.





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 filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.



Water Quality
Bathing Water:

On the 21st of November 2023 Fingal County Council met with the EPA to discuss water quality improvements at Balbriggan Front Beach since the finding and removal of significant pollution sources from the River Bracken during the summer of 2023.

The EPA acknowledged that the removal of the misconnections in Balbriggan has resulted in a definite improvement in water quality in the river.

Fingal County Council requested the EPA to consider reclassifying the designated bathing area considering the significant improvements.

The EPA advised that if Fingal County Council can maintain improvements in water quality through 2024, then the Balbriggan Bathing Area will qualify to be considered as a Designated Bathing Area undergoing a "change" in status in 2025 and potentially reclassified in 2026

Fingal County Council is continuing to carry out weekly sampling of the River Bracken in an effort to try and identify and remove other potential pollution loads in the river.

EU WaterFramework Directive:

Fingal County Council is meeting with the EPA on the 6th of December 2023 to review Fingal County Council's recent River Surveys and associated findings in the River Delvin. Fingal County Council finds that at least 1 of the EPA Q value river sampling sites on the river does not have the required ecological potential to achieve Good Status and therefore warrants a thorough analysis.

Historical Landfills

Construction Works at Balleally continues with Works Package 9 namely the planning, design and construction of a purpose-built maintenance shed almost completed and scheduled to be completed by year end 2023.

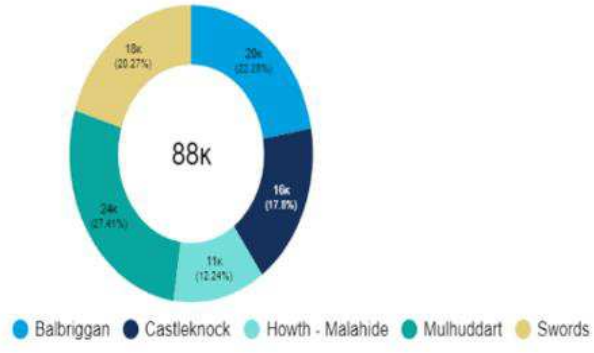
Fingal County Council has also just received detailed works programmes for WP8, the decommissioning of the on-site leachate plant and WP10, the installation of a new fire hydrant and service main which are both scheduled to be completed in Q1 2024.

SPORTS OFFICE

Sport Equipment Funding (up to 24th November 2023)

Sport Equipment Funding has been awarded to 34 projects to the amount of €88,275.99 in 2023

Howth Malahide – across 4 projects	€10,801.95	–
Swords /Balbriggan across15 projects	€37,565.80	–
Castleknock/Mulhuddart- across 15 projects	€39,908.24	–



Primary School Initiatives and Saturday Hubs

November saw the continuation of the Fingal Sports Primary school initiatives. These activities included Sports Conditioning, Try Track and Field and GAA Handball targeting over 1200 children in D15, Balbriggan and Skerries. The GAA Handball have developed a club/school link with St.Brigids GAA and our Try Track and Field and Sports Conditioning programme continue to feed our Community Multi-Sport Hubs in D15 and Balbriggan every Saturday.



Teen Library Exercise Survey

This November the Teen Library Exercise Survey was launched in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries. The survey is a brief questionnaire aimed at gathering insights and preferences of teenagers regarding exercise and physical activities available to them in the library. The aim is to understand how we can better support teenagers and offer some respite during study periods in the library.

The outcome of the survey is to develop a physical activity programme that caters to the needs of teen library users, with the intention of it being introduced in February 2024.



Marathonkids Final Mile Events

On the 14th and 15th November, we hosted the MarathonKids Final Mile events in Morton Stadium, Santry. 5,000 5th & 6th class primary school students from Fingal, Dublin City and South Dublin came together over the 2 days to complete their last mile of an 8-week programme. The programme which started in September, incorporates daily runs, physical & mental health education, nutrition and exercise. The students recorded daily updates in their digital workbooks and learned about subjects linked to the Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) module of the student's curriculum.



Cricket Leinster Coaching Update

One of Cricket Leinster's priorities moving into 2024 is ensuring the growth in participation is matched by the growth in coaches to safely run and inspire our youth and club coaching programmes. In conjunction with Cricket Ireland, four coaches linked to three Fingal clubs attend The King's Hospital school over two recent weekends to complete their 'Core Coach' coaching course. 'Core Coach' is the fifth step of seven levels of coaching badges available to Leinster and Fingal coaches in what has been a major overhaul to help coaches find the level and training they wish to coach at. Fingal club representatives Chuka Abu & Adrian Harper (Balbriggan CC), John Devane (North County CC) and Bilal Awan (Castleknock CC) attended the Core Coach course, with Bilan, age 19 one of the youngest present (below)



FAI Inclusion Week

During Inclusion Week in Fingal, a diverse range of football events highlighted the sport's inclusivity. The Walking Football Santry Tournament featured teams like Swords A, Swords B, Happy Feet Leixlip, Hartstown Huntstown FC, Willow Park Athlone, and Kilcoole, with Swords A emerging as winners in a lively evening of 3-4 matches, engaging 50 participants aged 50-77. In the Disney Playmakers programme, 120 girls were seamlessly integrated into local clubs, marking the first step in their development pathway. The Future Stars initiative involved 50-60 girls aged 8-10 in multi-week sessions, establishing links with local clubs for continued community involvement.

Girls in Green saw 8 new players, aged 14-16, complete a 10-week programme, training with a local Fingal club and securing league participation, with added funding for gear. Futsal in the Yard reached 300 students, providing a session led by the local officer, upskilling teachers for future events. Show Racism the Red Card engaged 130 students, and the Community Football League thrived with 125 participants during peak hours. In Men's Shed Football Sessions, 20 men, including retirees, played and socialised through Walking Football, emphasising the social aspects.





Learn to Swim

Fingal's Under 23 Legacy Learn to Swim programme in partnership with Swim Ireland has concluded its first term! 24 young swimmers took their first strokes towards a lifetime of aquatics. The energy and enthusiasm they've brought to each session have been truly inspiring. The programme will continue now with the second term having started in early November! Here's what some of our budding swimmers had to say about their experience:

" The sessions have been very helpful for my daughter to be more confident in the water. I have seen a huge difference in her ability." - Kemi

" I really enjoyed the lessons, the coaches were really nice and helped us to learn at a pace we were comfortable with. The classes were well structured and pushed us far enough to learn a lot during the past six weeks." – Sasha





Come and Try Aquatics

Building on the momentum of the Under 23 European Swimming Championships, the National Aquatic Centre was available to the community to plunge into the world of aquatics with Swim Ireland and Fingal County Council at a Come and Try Session with 76 signed up to take part!

Taking place on November 18th at the National Aquatic Centre, this was a taster-sessions to introduce swimming, diving, water polo, and lifesaving.





Boccia Inclusion Week

During Inclusion Week, Fingal Sport Office hosted our first Boccia Blitz in Alsaa. Boccia is a sport similar to bowls but played indoors with leather balls. The blitz was attended by over 100 people, mainly people with disabilities from various disability day services as well as an older adults group. Mayor Henchy attended the afternoon and got involved in a game or two. The event was successful and there are plans to make it a monthly occurrence.



A Moment for Me

Fingal Sports Office in conjunction with Swords Celtic Football Club are running a 5 week yoga and movement programme for the parents of children who take part in the weekly Football For All session. Football For All is a specific session for children with disabilities and typically the parents of these children will stay at the club for the hour of training. Providing a yoga session on site allows the patents to have some 'me' time while also getting active.



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This project was funded through the Heritage Council 'Heritage Stewardship Fund.'

Heritage Stewardship Fund

The objective of the Heritage Stewardship Fund is to support and build the capacity of staff who play a key role in the heritage infrastructure of Ireland. They are vital to the delivery of national policy and plans. Such staff may be operating in organisations whose core remit may not be fully focused on heritage, but which may have an impact on heritage, or which may possess significant collections of portable objects, archives or buildings and habitats.



Mausoleum at St. Margarets Graveyard

Historic Stone Tombs in Fingal

Fingal Conservation Office was aware of the significant number of important historic tombs in Fingal. No audit had been carried out on the tombs to establish their current condition and consequently there was no system in place for their management and repair. An application was made to the heritage council to enable the engagement of a Conservation Consultant to survey graveyards in Fingal that are managed by Fingal County Council. Fingal was successful in the application and commissioned a consultant to carry out the survey during this summer.

Survey and Findings

99 tombs were recorded in 19 historic graveyards maintained by Fingal County Council. Some graveyards have quite a number of these tombs for example there are 20 tombs at St Fintan's in Sutton and 15 tombs at Holmpatrick in Skerries.



Table Tomb at St. Fintans Graveyard in Sutton

The surveyed tombs were divided into 9 categories - *Table, Coped, Chest, Effigial, Pedestal, Wall Monument, Mausoleum, Ledger, Slab and Railed Enclosures.*



Railed Enclosure Tomb

Of the graveyards surveyed, 20 tombs were identified as requiring urgent repairs in 12 different graveyards. These will be prioritised for repair under suitable programmes in consultation with the Heritage Office and the Operations Department subject to funding streams. The projects will be project managed by the Conservation Office and the Architects Department.

St. Margarets Graveyard - Heritage Week Talk

As part of the project, a well-attended talk was held at St. Margarets Graveyard. This was hosted by the Consultant during Heritage week on the 19th of August. There was clear interest from the local community for the repair of the mausolea at St Margarets and this showing a clear mandate from the public to continue this valuable work.



Heritage Week Talk at St. Margarets Graveyard

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The table below outlines key financial statics at the end of October & November 2023.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of November 2023 is running at **96%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €M	149.3
Rates Collection %	96%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of October is €26.4m this is c.**92%** of the overall collection for same period in 2022.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted €M	26.4
Levies collected as % of 2022	92%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of October is €69.1m which is c. **97%** of budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	69.1
Percentage of budget YTD	97%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	254	
Value €m	83.7	
Procurements ongoing at end of November		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	130.4	
No. of procurements under evaluation	45	(ii)
Value €m	112.3	
No. of procurements at approved	20	(iii)
Value €m	130.5	

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 NOV 2023

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	83,562,137	90,151,700	93%	86,714,902	94,681,700	92%	-3,152,765
Road Transport & Safety	30,022,766	32,392,400	93%	9,339,371	8,698,800	107%	20,683,395
Water Services	16,963,041	14,994,900	113%	16,151,801	18,028,400	90%	811,240
Development Management	19,211,400	19,874,200	97%	5,199,170	5,480,800	95%	14,012,229
Environmental Services	42,365,238	48,361,500	88%	10,136,682	10,542,200	96%	32,228,556
Recreation & Amenity	45,920,405	49,953,500	92%	2,511,412	2,386,500	105%	43,408,993
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,447,221	1,380,600	105%	371,160	340,100	109%	1,076,061
Miscellaneous Services	21,783,843	22,836,300	95%	24,403,812	24,576,200	99%	-2,619,969
Central Management Charge	43,527,591	53,803,600	81%	3,531,470	3,904,000	90%	39,996,121
Local Property Tax / GPG				8,964,358	9,779,300	92%	-8,964,358
Rates				142,386,475	155,330,700	92%	-142,386,475
	304,803,642	**333,748,700**	**91%**	**309,710,613**	**333,748,700**	**93%**	**-4,906,971**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/10/2023

		Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/10/2023 €
A	Housing & Building	-45,026,626	177,893,032	-122,807,191	10,059,215
B	Road Transport & Safety	12,033,473	23,170,409	-16,811,303	18,392,579
C	Water Services	-10,811,421	772,615	-1,008,164	-11,046,970
D	Development Management	-134,303,923	24,144,933	-49,495,721	-159,654,711
E	Environmental Services	-21,303,306	3,858,121	-1,533,515	-18,978,700
F	Recreation & Amenity	-14,103,073	25,205,949	-16,283,041	-5,180,165
H	Miscellaneous Services	-52,242,890	15,955,359	-15,125,075	-51,412,606
	Total	**-265,757,766**	**271,000,418**	**-223,064,010**	**-217,821,358**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/11/2023				
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Balance at 30/11/2023 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€3,146,921	€6,601,823	€5,127,619	€1,474,204
LOANS	€2,030,260	€2,093,033	€240,689	€1,852,343
RENTS	€9,426,987	€9,665,516	€4,527,656	€5,137,860

* 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
Operations	Urgent Essential Works to the Malahide Road	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	€ 402,800.00	27/11/2023	31/03/2024	4	30/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Fingal Coastal Way Topogrpahical Survey	Apex Surveys	€ 49,400.00	01/09/2023	30/11/2023	2	29/11/2023
Operations	Installation of Pipework and all ancillary services for the connection of a new water supply to Shackleton Gardens	GMC Utilities Group Ltd.	€ 60,686.00	16/11/2023	15/12/2023	1	22/11/2023
Digital Services	Annual ComplyKEY Premium Support	ComplyKEY	€ 44,246.00	01/01/2024	01/01/2025	12	21/11/2023
EETCD	Mural Artwork Snugborough Road Interchange Infrastructural Works	Iverna	€ 45,000.00	04/12/2023	20/12/2023	1	20/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Taking in Charge Works for the Mount Eustace and Cruise Park Estates in Tyrellstown	Formac Construction	€ 234,323.00	01/11/2023	28/02/2024	4	17/11/2023
Housing	Demolition Works at 30-32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 150,000.00	30/10/2023	22/12/2024	14	15/11/2023
Operations	Butterfly Pupae for the Tropical Butterfly House in Malahide Demesne	Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Tropical House	€ 36,000.00	01/08/2023	31/07/2024	12	14/11/2023
Operations	Installation of a replacement portal and related ancillary services at Newbridge Demesne	Larry Kane Steelworks Ltd	€ 97,600.00	01/11/2023	30/04/2024	6	14/11/2023
Operations	Construction of a replacement Farm Animal Shed at Newbridge Demesne	Dowcon Ltd	€ 105,726.00	01/11/2023	30/04/2024	6	14/11/2023
Operations	Construction of a new Boundary Wall at Balgriffin Cemetary	Clar Con Construction Ltd	€ 123,566.00	08/11/2023	05/12/2023	1	08/11/2023
Community	Supply & Installation of temporary Accommodation for Childcare at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown	Cpac Modular	€ 173,260	01/10/2023	31/12/2024	15	07/11/2023
Corporate Affairs	Webcasting Services	Public-I Group	£ 109,446.00	24/11/2023	23/11/2025	24	06/11/2023
Planning and Strategic	Preparation of a Local Area Plan for Flemington, Balbriggan	RMLA Ltd	€ 57,937	15/11/2023	14/11/2024	12	06/11/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for Fingal Remote Working Hubs Brand Identity & Marketing Campaign	Ripple Marketing	€ 45,000	02/10/2023	01/03/2024	5	01/11/2023
Operations	Mechanical Planting of Bulbs and Wildflowers Countrywide	Flower your Place	€ 240,185	02/10/2023	03/11/2023	2	26/10/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3 - 8 meters at Various Locations in Bayside, Co. Dublin	Joe Duke & Co. Ltd	€ 49,020.00	20/11/2023	15/12/2023	1	24/10/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Sections of the R105, Sutton Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 129,477.00	06/11/2023	01/12/2023	1	24/10/2023
Operations	Shared Bituminous Cycle & Footpath and existing concrete footpath works at Balgriffin Park	Formac Construction	€ 160,951.00	08/11/2023	01/12/2023	1	24/10/2023

Housing	Provision of New Modular Accommodation Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Cpac Modular	€ 97,325.00	23/10/2023	23/12/2023	2	23/10/2023
Operations	DE vegetation of 16 Fingal Bridges	Triur Construction	€ 39,720	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	23/10/2023
EETCD	Clearing Hazardous/Dangerous Rubbish and Site Clearance at Rathoath Road, Dunsink Finglas	G & K Kearns Developments Ltd	€ 127,096	11/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	20/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 90,000	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	19/10/2023
Active Travel	Supply and Delivery of Bicycle and Scooter Parking Equipment for Schools and Clubs in Fingal Area	Pittman	€ 27,006.00	21/09/2023	21/03/2024	6	18/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Services for Roof Maintenance and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	€ 26,200	05/09/2023	04/09/2024	12	16/10/2023
Operations	Supply, Delivery and erection of individual Christmas Trees for the Christmas Season 2023	King Tree Services	€ 46,443	27/10/2023	22/12/2023	2	12/10/2023
Operations	Purchase of requirement for 4 Ford Transit Vans	Henry Ford & Son Ltd.	€ 86,976	10/10/2023	09/10/2024	12	11/10/2023
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services	G4S	€ 32,445	09/09/2023	08/03/2024	6	11/10/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of one lane of Greenfield Road in Howth	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 62,522	16/10/2023	10/11/2023	1	09/10/2023
Planning and Strategic	Supply & Install New Boundary Fencing at Hampton Lands, Ardgillan Demesne, Balbriggan	Irish Fencing Services	€ 151,467	01/09/2023	01/04/2025	18	26/09/2023
Planning and Strategic	Installation of SeeBees at the Burrow, Portrane, Co. Dublin	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 75,987	01/10/2023	30/11/2023	2	25/09/2023
Operations	Road Salt for the 2023/2024 Winter Season	Salt Sales Company	€ 161,795	01/10/2023	31/12/2023	3	25/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Quantity Surveying Services for the proposed development at Ballymastone Recreational Hub	Levins Associates	€ 30,900.00	01/11/2023	31/05/2024	7	22/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Ward River Regional Park Historic Structures - Brick Arch and Walled Garden Sheds	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 295,808	10/09/2023	09/02/2024	5	21/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 2 - 10 sq meters at Roselawn Road, Walk & Court, D 15	Formac Construction	€ 39,125	01/10/2023	01/11/2023	1	19/09/2023
Operations	Footpath Works, Paddys Hill, Portmarnock	Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€ 71,370.00	18/09/2023	13/10/2023	1	18/09/2023
Operations	Resurfacing of Drynam, Seatown & Lissenhall Footbridges	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 228,756	31/08/2023	30/01/2024	5	14/09/2023
Operations	Solar Power Signage	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 31,185	11/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	14/09/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works, Dublin Road, Swords	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 163,656	25/09/2023	25/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
Operations	Loughshinny Harbour Refurbishment Works	Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 158,498	01/10/2023	22/12/2023	3	13/09/2023
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Malahide Castle	Pioneer Fire & Security for Upgrade	€ 70,871	01/10/2023	14/10/2023	2 weeks	11/09/2023
Digital Services	NEC Application Programs for which the RDBA Service is being provided : NEC Housing	NEC Software Solutions	€ 66,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	07/09/2023
Housing	Churchfields, Damastown Ave, Mulhuddart, D 15 Watermain Diversion	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 625,173	11/09/2023	04/12/2024	15	06/09/2023
Operations	Football Pitch Extension at Porterstown, Dublin 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 45,000	01/09/2023	01/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Network, Tolka Valley	KT Civil Engineering	€ 28,000	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	06/09/2023
Operations	Path Extension, Delwood Park, D 15	KT Civil Engineering	€ 33,000	01/09/2023	01/11/2023	2	06/09/2023
EETCD	Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 48,900	08/05/2023	07/02/2024	9	06/09/2023
EETCD	Provision of Multi Disciplinary Consultancy Services for Industrial Zones, Infrastructure & Public Realm Projects in respect of the Economic Zone & Industrial Landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates	€ 317,182	01/08/2023	31/07/2025	24	06/09/2023
ANCA	Legal Services for Aircraft Noise Competent Authority	A & L Goodbody LLP	€ 1,000,000	01/09/2023	31/08/2025	24	05/09/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of a Pocket Park at Bridge Street, Balbriggan	Peter O'Brien & Sons Landscaping	€ 41,535	28/08/2023	23/09/2024	13	05/09/2023
Active Travel	Requirement for Engineering Consultancy Services for Active Travel Pathfinder Swords to Airport Quick Build	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 225,775	21/08/2023	20/08/2026	36	05/09/2023
Operations	Engineering Consultancy Services for Dredging of Balbriggan Harbour	Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	€ 287,130	18/09/2023	17/09/2026	36	04/09/2023
Operations	Demolition and Remediation Works of a bridge Structure at Grallagh	Triur Construction	€ 44,265	01/09/2023	30/09/2023	1	04/09/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R109, Lower Lucan Road	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 658,619	01/10/2023	01/12/2023	2	01/09/2023
Community	8 Week running programme for 5th and 6th class students in Primary Schools	Marathon Kids	€ 26,900	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	01/09/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath & Bituminous Cycle Track Installation at Northwood Avenue, Santry, Dublin 9	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 44,250	25/09/2023	25/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches Deerpark Road, Drive & Avenue, D 15	Citius Ltd	€ 34,990	15/09/2023	15/10/2023	1	31/08/2023

Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works Northwood Avenue, D 9	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 130,351	11/09/2023	11/10/2023	1	31/08/2023
Operations	Caretakers agreement to manage and operate the concession Malahide Recreational Facility, located in the Pavillion Building, Malahide Demesne	Aramark Northern Europe	€ 126,465	01/09/2023	31/12/2023	4	31/08/2023
Libraries	Supply & Installation of 3 Tovertafel Unit to include 2 year licence, warranty, service and staff training	Homecare Medical	€ 28,510	01/07/2023	01/07/2025	24	30/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Burrow Beach, Portrane	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 202,343	17/07/2023	17/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Malahide, Muldowney	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 329,129	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
Operations	Design & Build Public Conveniences and Associated Works at Howth East Pier, Co. Dublin	Lidan Innovations Ltd	€ 447,089	17/07/2023	16/07/2024	12	29/08/2023
EETCD	Provision of Services for the Co Ordinator and Delivery of the Student Enterprise Programme for Fingal Local Enterprise Office	Real Events Management T/A Real Nation	€ 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 e	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
Environment, Climate Action	Supply Anti Littering Devices at Locations in Fingal	RiteView Solutions	€ 25,120	01/03/2023	28/02/2024	12	18/08/2023
Planning and Strategic	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
Planning and Strategic	Main Works Contract of the Ongar to Barnhill Road Scheme	BAM Civil Limited	€ 16,823,243	14/08/2023	18/04/2025	20	15/08/2023
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
Active Travel	Work on the R132 Cycle Lane Scheme (Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane)	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 2,202,117	31/07/2023	31/12/2024	19	11/08/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Conservation Repairs to Malahide Church and Graveyard, Malahide Demesne	James Francis Haughey Building Contractors	€ 128,974	08/08/2023	31/10/2024	15	08/08/2023
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
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works R125, Clonsilla Road Junctions at Coolmine and Blanchardstown, D 15	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 170,971	25/08/2023	25/11/2023	3	01/08/2023

Digital Services	Backup & Disaster Recovery services for Office 365 & SharePoint Online	Sureskills Ltd	€ 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	23/08/2023	12	01/08/2023
Environment, Climate Action	Provision of a Management Service in respect of Glass Bottle Banks in the Dublin Area	Glassco Recycling Ltd	€ 520,000.00	01/08/2023	31/10/2023	3	28/07/2023
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	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
Operations	Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Ticket replenishment of Pay & Display Parking Machines	Actavo (Sierra Support Services Group)	€ 50,000	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Operations	Provision of Enforcement and Legal Services to FCC for Parking Services	Parkrite	€ 182,184	01/07/2023	30/11/2023	5	24/07/2023
Housing	24 Hour Security Service at Liscappagh Estate, Dublin 11	ABM	€ 127,458	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	€ 209,089	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
Housing	Actuarial Services for the replacement of Fingal County Councils Housing Loans System	Mazars	€ 43,750	03/07/2023	03/12/2023	6	10/07/2023
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install temporary Traffic Management Equipment for 2 Car Parks in Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 39,120	06/07/2023	06/07/2024	12	07/07/2023
Planning and Strategic	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	€ 188,842	24/07/2023	03/11/2023	5	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
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Multi-disciplinary Engineering Consultancy Services for Donabate Transport Projects Active Travel Routes Design Services	Roughan & O'Donovan Ltd	€ 690,814	19/06/2023	19/06/2025	24	**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	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
Operations	2023 Road Network Machine Survey Services	PMS	€ 37,676	14/06/2023	31/10/2023	4	14/06/2023
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	€ 92,860	04/07/2023	05/09/2023	3	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	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	€ 86,000	01/06/2023	31/05/2024	12	01/06/2023
Operations	Cleaning & Maintenance Services for all public conveniences within Fingal County Councils Administrative Area	Healthmatic Ltd	€ 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	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
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Emergency Lighting Works	Norton Electrical Ltd	€ 186,995	01/06/2023	01/09/2024	15	**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
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Disposal of Waste from Site to the rear of Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 45,929	06/06/2023	06/07/2023	1	16/05/2023
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	Supply & delivery of All-Inclusive Carousel in Santry Demesne Playground	Spraoi Linn Ltd	€ 26,350	03/05/2023	03/08/2023	3	05/05/2023
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	€ 852,077	01/06/2023	01/09/2023	3	03/05/2023
Operations	Road Inlay & Ancillary Works on the R125 County Boundary to Lispopple Cross	D.M. Morris Limited	€ 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	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	€ 43,850	24/04/2023	24/11/2023	7	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	Jons 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	Supply of specially cut limestone blocks for the completion of the parapet on Bremore Castle Gate House	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	€ 36,486	25/04/2023	04/08/2023	5	12/04/2023
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction at Pinewood & Ashfield Green Residential Estates, Huntstown, D 15	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 37,815	30/04/2023	30/05/2023	1	12/04/2023
ousing	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	Ongar Development Remedial Works	Formac Construction	€ 919,532	01/05/2023	30/09/2023	5	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	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	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
Housing	Environmental Risk Assessment Site at Sillogue, Ballymun	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	€ 35,463	01/02/2023	31/12/2024	23	10/02/2023
EETCD	Catering Services at Newbridge House Visitors Centre, Donabate	Brambles Deli Café Ltd	€ 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	€ 475,935	11/07/2022	31/08/2023	13	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		
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	Gateway 2 Report has been 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. A second Draft options report has been submitted by consultant and been reviewed by Active Travel.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €185,000	The options report and relevant drawings for Auburn Ave and Dunsinea Lane have been submitted to the NTA in compliance to the Gateway 2-5 Hold Point requirements. A Draft options report has been submitted by consultant for Dunsink Lane and currently been 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	The Chief Executive's report is now being prepared and it is anticipated that this will be presented to the meeting of the County Council in January 2024.
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	The consultant has begun the process of information gathering with a view to collecting data and conducting initial surveys in Q1, 2024.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park €300,000	A brief and tender documents are now being prepared to progress the project from the design stages through to completion as soon as possible.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €350,000	Enabling works to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue, including footpath works, tree surgeon works, new access points into the school and the provision of ramps are now complete. The next step is to run a tender competition to appoint a design consultant for the Feasibility/Options Selection stage.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €90,000	Stage 2 of the tendering process complete and tender assessment has taken place. Contract documents to be signed in coming weeks.
FCC/22/0030	Station Road Portmarnock Footpaths and Cycleway €150,000	Works have reached substantial completion.

FCC/ 23/XXX	Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside footpath and cycleway €220,000	Planning permission has been granted for the school and Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council on planning conditions related to pedestrian access. However, a footpath, dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route to/from the school and the Feltrim Road.
FCC/ 23/XXX	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure €120,000	Design brief is complete, and the remaining tender documents are being finalised. It is expected that the works will go to tender for a design consultant in Q4 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 are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed design nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
FCC/23/XXX	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School €200,000	Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
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 nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
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 is nearing completion for the Tranche 2 schools (4 no.), including Pope John Paul II NS. It is envisaged that this work package will go to construction in Q1 2024, and Pope John Paul II NS is currently scheduled to be the final Safe Routes to School scheme implemented in this package. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.
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 nearing completion to enable procurement of works contractor. Contract documents are being finalised to engage a contractor for the works.

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** 4 x 1Bed 4 x 2 Bed 3 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social	Infill Sites in Dublin 15 https://goo.gl/maps/UqNat8GX7BBo8cEh8 (169a Clonsilla Road) https://goo.gl/maps/Q2Mvqau7RceRHDXy5 (Sheepmoor shop site)	**2** 1 x 2 Bed 1 x 3 Bed	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** 13 x 1 Bed 18 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place (Former Leonards Garage), Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Monastery Court (Katies Hunts), Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5 x 2 Bed	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** 17 x 2 Bed 45 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	**11** Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**172** 432 units, of which 20% are social and 20% affordable	On-Site	Q3 2023	Q2 2025

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	**300** 27 x 1 Bed 118 x 2 Bed 136 x 3 Bed 19 x 4 Bed	Sod-turning ceremony expected in Q4 2023.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13** 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works package ready. Design team tender to be evaluated in Q4 2023.	Q4 2023	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	**36** 36 x 2 Bed	Design ongoing, Tender package to be completed in Q4 2023.	Q1 2024	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6** 3 x 2-bed house 3 x 1-bed house	Planning granted.	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Junction of Blakestown Road and Huntstown Way, Dublin 15 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	**30** 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Conveyancing completed with planning permission.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	**8** 4x 1 Bed 4x 2 Bed	Boundary issues being resolved	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Miller Glen, Swords	**20**		TBC	TBC

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**217**	Pre-planning and design stage. Part 10 planning application for 217 units was lodged to ABP in June. Awaiting a 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** 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	S179a Planning Process underway.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**121** 37 x 1 Bed 72 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	S179A Planning process about to commence.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Remount, Lusk 53.521033026946974, -6.161600488074793	**18** 2 x 1 Bed 11 x 2 Bed 5 x 3 Bed	S179A Planning process.	TBC	Q3 2025

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**160** All Houses	S179A Planning process.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	**14** 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Surveys progressing.	TBC	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O'Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	**80-120**	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	**34**	Design team have been appointed.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**200**	Design Masterplan to be completed Q3 2023.	Q1 2025	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32** 10x1Bed 10x2Bed 12x3Bed	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Dublin 15	**3**		TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	**4**	Design stage Q4 2023.	TBC	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**172**		TBC	TBC

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

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Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	**82**	On-site	Q1 2024
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Alanna Homes	Long Term Leasing	Hansfield	**159**	Delivered	Q4 2023

Appendix 5

External Funding – Community and Sports Development

Funding Source	Grant Scheme	Name of Group	Stats	Amount Awarded	Date of Award
Pobal	Community Services Program	Parslickstown House	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
Pobal	Community Services Program	Blakestown Community Resource Centre	Concept documents approved gone to application stage		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Mountview Youth and Community Centre – All weather pitch upgrade & LED lighting	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Hartstown Community Centre All weather pitch upgrade	Application submitted		
DDTAS	Sports Capital 2023	Flemington Community Centre – Accessible Gym	Application submitted		

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CONFERENCE REPORT



NMCI's Seafarer's Conference 2024 on the 22nd February 2024 in the Castletroy Park Hotel in Co. Limerick.

Simply Blue Group | NMCI's Seafarer's Conference 2024 Announced - Simply Blue Group

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

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ITEM NO. 35a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

LETTER OF APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT TO EMERGENCY AND FRONTLINE SERVICES

MOTION:

"That the Chief Executive, in light of recent events in Dublin City Centre, join with the Mayor on behalf of the Elected Members, write a strongly worded letter of appreciation and support to our emergency and frontline services, and their representative bodies, in recognition of our gratitude for the invaluable work they do every day, 24/7, in keeping our communities safe, this letter to include: An Garda Síochána, the Ambulance Service, Dublin Fire Brigade, all public transport providers/workers, frontline Local Authority workers and medical staff, including nurses, doctors and health care assistants."

REPORT:

If the Motion is passed a letter will be drafted and signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Elected Members for circulation to the emergency and frontline services and their representative bodies as outlined in the motion.

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

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ITEM NO. 36

CORRESPONDENCE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

14th November, 2023.

Our Ref: November23 - 21/AR/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the November meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should issue to the Minister for Finance, Minister for Health and the Taoiseach and be circulated to Oireachtas Members and other Local Authorities:

"Today I want to encourage all of you to urge the Minister for Finance to take immediate action in introducing Primary Medical Certificates (PMCs) to all individuals with physical disabilities.
I also call upon the members of the Seanad to initiate a commencement debate emphasizing the critical necessity for the Minister for Finance to issue PMCs to all those with physical disabilities.
In recent weeks, I have received numerous heartfelt communications from individuals across our county. These messages have come from parents and family members who share a common belief with me - that the widespread issuance of PMCs to individuals with physical disabilities could significantly enhance the quality of life for these individuals and their families.
I understand this is not the first time this issue has been brought to the attention of the Minister, or the Ministers before him, and undoubtedly it will continue to be raised with the ministers who follow.
People born with physical disabilities often endure a multitude of health challenges, including heart problems, early onset arthritis, chronic pain, conditions such as Lupus, MS, Syringomyelia, visual and hearing impairments, bronchial issues, and a compromised immune system, to name just a few.
The introduction of PMCs for all those affected would go a long way in aiding families by providing improved access to transportation for hospital and doctor visits, granting individuals a modicum of independence necessary to maintain their spirits.
The current criteria for obtaining a Primary Medical Certificate is archaic and no longer applicable to the myriad of complex disabilities diagnosed on a daily and weekly basis. A Primary Medical Certificate should be a top priority, not an arduous and exasperating process.
We must recognise that individuals with disabilities deserve our unwavering support and assistance. They should not be treated as second-class citizens but should receive the necessary support to help them navigate each day with reduced pain and improved quality of life. A Primary Medical Certificate is a vital document that confirms severe and permanent disability.

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísí Tacaíochta
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The existing criteria, defined in the Finance Act 2020, no longer suffice. We must advocate for a radical overhaul of the Finance Act in 2024 to adapt to the evolving needs of individuals with disabilities.
Our government must actively champion the rights of people with disabilities and provide more than mere table scraps in terms of support and recognition. It is crucial that we facilitate the application process for a Primary Medical Certificate through Local Health Offices.
In conclusion, let us unite in our resolve to make a difference in the lives of individuals with physical disabilities by pushing for the introduction of Primary Medical Certificates. Let us demonstrate our commitment to equality, compassion, and progress for all members of our society."

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

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Hi all

I would be grateful if you could bring this to the attention of your Meetings Administrator.

Dear Meetings Administrator.

At a recent meeting of Cavan County Council, the elected members passed a resolution asking that I write to Cavan GAA to express their opposition to a proposal to remove Cavan from the Allianz Hurling League in 2025 along with counties Fermanagh, Leitrim, Longford, and Louth. The members stated that this is complete discrimination because we have fewer than five senior hurling clubs in our Counties.

The members asked that I circulate same to each local authority asking that they support the motion.

Regards

Corporate Services

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ITEM NO. 37

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: 16 November 2023 11:05
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: HPLG-MOBO-04023-2023

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Office of the Minister

16th November 2023

RE: HPLG-MOBO-04023-2023

Dear Ms. Halleran,

I wish to refer further to your correspondence dated 19th October 2023, and prior correspondence, to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, regarding the resolution passed by Fingal County Council in respect of An Bord Pleanála.

I wish to explain at the outset that the role of the Minister in relation to the planning system is, primarily, to provide a policy and legislative framework under which the planning authorities, An Bord Pleanála and the Office of the Planning Regulator (the OPR) perform their statutory planning functions. The legislative framework chiefly comprises the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended (the 2000 Act) and the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended (the 2001 Regulations).

An Bord Pleanála (the Board) is the national independent statutory body with responsibility for the determination of planning appeals and direct applications for strategic infrastructure and other developments under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and certain other Acts.

Minister O'Brien received the Report into the management of conflicts of interest and relevant disclosures by the Deputy Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála in relation to certain Decisions of that Board from Mr. Remy Farrell on the 27th of July 2022. On the 15th August 2022, on the advice of the Attorney General, the Minister referred the report to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), An Garda Síochana (AGS) and the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO).

On 24th August 2022 the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) initiated their review of An Bord Pleanála's (ABP) systems and procedures as part of its reviews programme. The review, which was undertaken by independent planning experts from other jurisdictions and Conleth Bradley S.C, was carried out in two parts in line with the Terms of Reference. The Phase 1 report, dated 3 October 2022, and the Phase 2 report, dated 16 December 2022, have been published on the OPR's website:

- https://www.opr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/OPR-Review-Report-Phase-1-of-ABP-Review.pdf
- https://www.opr.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Phase-2-Review-Report-FINAL.pdf

In order to uphold trust in the planning system and maintain its on-going functionality, Minister O'Brien concluded that a range of actions were required which involved both immediate and medium/longer term actions, to underpin confidence in the capacity of the Board to make planning decisions in a fair manner, supporting the values of independence, impartiality and integrity as articulated in its statement of strategy. With regard to this, Minister O'Brien obtained Government approval for an Action Plan for An Bord Pleanála which outlines a series of specific measures to address the recommendations contained in the Phase 1 Report of the Office of the Planning Regulator's (OPR) review of An Bord Pleanála's (ABP) systems and procedures. The Department is committed to ensuring the implementation of all actions contained in the Action Plan for An Bord Pleanála as a matter of priority.

A copy of the Action Plan for An Bord Pleanála is available at the following link: https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/236345/bb740cc8-e659-4bfd-a012-9c380f9ce2ca.pdf#page=null

The Planning and Development and Foreshore (Amendment) Act 2022, which was signed into law in December 2022, addressed certain initial matters which required immediate action on foot of the Action Plan for An Bord Pleanála, Phase 1 of the Office of the Planning Regulator Review of An Bord Pleanála and other matters relating to addressing board vacancies and the board's case load in light of its new marine functions, including:

- Providing for the position of Interim Chairperson with all the powers of the permanent Chair for up to a year,
- Providing for a suitable, independent, objective and transparent procedure by which recommendations may be made to the Minister in relation to the recruitment and appointment of ordinary members of the Board through an open competitive process,
- Increasing the maximum limit on the number of ordinary members of the Board from 10 to 15, so as to ensure that the increasing caseload can be managed, and the appropriate quorums and suitable allocation of casefiles can be assured,
- Expanding the provision to appoint temporary ordinary board members to allow for the appointment of serving or former civil servants, public servants, or employees of the Board for a term of up to a year,
- Clarifying and streamlining the investigative powers of the Chairperson under Section 110 , and
- Removing the option for a two member Board quorum so that the minimum quorum will be at least three.

Arrangements are being put in place for the new Board member appointment process, and in the interim temporary board members are being assigned. The total number of Board members serving in An Bord Pleanála is now 15, including an interim Chairperson, the maximum now provided for under the legislation.

"Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland" sets out a number of objectives with the aim of improving the functioning of the planning system including the comprehensive review and consolidation of planning legislation. This review, which was led by the Attorney General, contained a number of key proposals in relation to An Bord Pleanála. In this regard, the new Planning and

Development Bill was agreed by Government on 3rd October 2023 and was published on the Departments website.

The Bill outlines the proposed new structure for the Board, which will be renamed as An Coimisiún Pleanála. The new Bill contains a number of provisions reflecting this new organisational structure and will clearly outline the role of –

- Planning Commissioners – who will be responsible for all decision making regarding consents and applications made to it under the new Bill.
- The Governing Body - which will be responsible for the governance and organisation of the body.

The Bill also provides for the introduction of statutory mandatory timelines for all consent processes, including appeals and consent applications made to An Bord Pleanála. Where the Board fails to make decisions with these timelines, it will be subject to fines. It is intended that the timelines for the Board will be introduced on a phased basis, starting with those for Strategic Infrastructure Developments (including energy projects).

Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides that, where a question of law arises, any person may apply to the High Court for leave to seek a judicial review of a planning decision made by the Board.

Any such application for judicial review does not involve the courts adjudicating on the merits of a proposed development from the perspectives of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and/or effects on the environment. All Board planning decisions can be subject to applications for Judicial Review to the High Court but on a point of law only.

An Bord Pleanála takes full cognisance of any settled legal adjudication in relation to its decisions and seeks to apply any principles from those to its application of its statutory decision making role.

Since the establishment of An Bord Pleanála in 1977, planning legislation has clearly assigned final responsibility for decisions on planning appeals to the Board of An Bord Pleanála. The role of the Board is to consider the Inspector's report, along with all other relevant application documentation and submissions from third parties including observers, in order to come to a final decision. Where the Board's conclusion differs from that of the inspector, the decision must include the reasons for so differing in order to ensure transparency in the decision making process.

Section 147 and 148 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – Declaration of Interests
All board members are required to make a declaration of certain interests under Section 147 at least once a year. The register of interests is available for public inspection.

Under Section 148, where a member of the Board has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any appeal, contribution, question, determination or dispute which falls to be decided or determined by the Board under any enactment, he or she shall disclose to the Board the nature of his or her interest and shall take no part in the discussion, consideration or decision-making in relation to the matter.

Failure to comply with the relevant subsections of Sections 147 and 148 is an offence under Section 147(11) and Section 148(10). As such, if any person believes they have evidence of non-compliance with these Sections of the Act, it is open to them to make a complaint to An Garda Siochána.

All members of An Bord Pleanála serve in positions subject to the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, including the making of annual declarations where appropriate. The Standards in Public Office Commission process complaints in relation to compliance with those Acts.

I trust the above is of assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

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ITEM NO. 38

ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP / SUBCOMMITTEE – OFF-LEASH AREAS

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

"That the Chief Executive establish a working group or subcommittee to examine the provision of "off leash areas" within the County, membership to include Councillors, officials, and other interested parties."

Report:

There are currently dedicated Dog Off Leash areas in Malahide Demesne, Ardgillan Demesne, St Catherine's Park, Millennium Park, Newbridge Demesne, Ward River Valley Park and an additional one planned for Santry Demesne. The management of these area is in accordance with the adopted Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws.

Dogs can also be walked and exercised off leash in all the larger neighbourhood parks throughout the County before 11am in the morning and up to one hour before dusk. Dogs may be exercised off leash in residential open spaces any time once kept under 'effectual control.' At all times in all areas, dogs must be kept under 'effectual control' and follow the full guidance of 'Control of Dogs Regulations 1998'.

It is considered appropriate that any proposals for additional dog off leash areas are examined and considered in accordance with the Revenue and Capital Budgets within each Local Electoral Area and discussed within each Area Committee structure. As agreed at the June 2021 Council meeting all new

proposals for off leash areas are to be brought to the relevant Area Committee for discussion.

The establishment of any additional formal committees is a Reserved Function of the Council in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

Committees of the Council are established by Resolution in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended. Standing Order 114 outlines the following: - In *the event of the Council deciding to empower any special committee to do any act without further reference to the Council the resolution of appointment shall be in conformity with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.*

Source of Report

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 39

DIFFERENTIAL SURFACE AROUND CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion: Councillor P. Conroy

"That the Chief Executive adopts a policy of creating a differential surface around cycling infrastructure on footpaths, such as bike repair stations, Sheffield stands and painted shared bike parking spots, so that those who are blind or visually impaired, are aware of potential obstacles and can avoid them.

Report:

Based on recent engagement from disability stakeholder groups and in light of the recently published National Cycle Manual, the Active Travel unit is reviewing future cycling infrastructure, including bicycle parking and repair stations, to avoid any potential obstacles and raise awareness of their locations.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 40

INCENTIVISING SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing strategies to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by reviewing current policy, investing more in infrastructure, coaches and youth motivation packages."

Report:

Fingal County Council's *Local Sports and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029* was presented for consideration by the Elected Members at the meeting of the Full Council on 9th October 2023 where, following discussion the plan was agreed by the elected members. The development of the plan involved extensive consultation during which some 1300 submissions were received, 23 key stakeholder interviews and six thematic workshops were undertaken, alongside extensive desktop research by the Community and Sports Development Section.

This plan sets out the key strategic priority areas which the Sport Section will focus on over the next six years in relation to supporting and promoting sports development in Fingal. At the heart of this plan is a targeted focus on increasing participation in sport and physical activity across the county for all. In doing so it builds upon the vast array of Fingal County Council supported facilities and initiatives which encourage Active Living in Fingal and identifies areas for future growth and development alongside opportunities for collaboration with key stakeholders.

The plan was developed to ensure alignment with national sports policy and to be reflective of the needs of the various communities, organisations and clubs in Fingal.

The overarching theme of “Inspiring Active Lifestyles for all in Fingal” speaks strongly to the promotion and development of sport and physical activity across the Council. This plan adopts a whole of Council approach and tasks all council departments that have responsibilities in this area including Planning and Strategic Infrastructure, Community and Sports Development, Active Travel and Operations with adopting a council wide approach to addressing the need to promote, develop and support routes to more active lifestyles for all in Fingal.

This plan represents a new and more focused, whole of Council approach to supporting Sports and Physical Activity in Fingal and its implementation will promote, deepen and broaden sports development in the County.

In parallel the Council is currently undertaking a countywide audit of Community, Sports and Physical Activity infrastructure to identify future areas of need in relation to infrastructure development. This audit is due to report in the first quarter of 2024 and it will inform future decision-making in this area. The Council continues to support applications for sports capital where possible and this function has also been recently transferred to the Sports Section to ensure greater cohesiveness in the application process.

In relation to youth focus and coaching supports the Council will continue to work in partnership with the various National Governing Bodies and with emerging minority sports clubs to support participation and good practice initiatives over the lifespan of the new Sports Plan with particular focus on maximising opportunities for increasing participation with all stakeholders.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 41

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE PROGRAMME – LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive considers that this Council partners with the local Lions Club to deliver their Message in a Bottle programme in the county."

More info for Motion:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtGZHoRJruo

Report:

Age Friendly Fingal have contacted the Lions Club district supervisor and have made arrangements to purchase a quantity of Message in a bottle, containers for distribution to attendees at Fingal Age friendly events. The district supervisor has also agreed to attend Fingal OPC Conference and Age Friendly information events to provide information on the message in a bottle programme to attendees at those events

Fingal Age Friendly will continue to engage with the Lions Club and work in partnership with them to promote and encourage the use of the Message in bottle container by older aged citizens across Fingal.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 42

TOILET AND CHANGING FACILIITES FOR ALL PARKS AND PITCHES

Motion: Councillor P. Rane

"That the Chief Executive carrys out a synopsis and implements toilet and changing facilities in all parks and pitches across Fingal, so that clubs and residents involved in physical activities can comfortably change and use facilities when needed, this is especially hard when there are no facilities available for children involved in group activities, children should not be expected to either go home or walk into public shops and areas to avail of facilities."

Report:

Fingal County Council currently has 172 publicly maintained sports pitches located in 50 separate locations countywide. Many of the sports pitches in the larger regional parks do have public toilets close by, however some of our sports pitches are located in residential open spaces. In such circumstances it would simply not be possible to commit to providing public toilets within this type of open space.

Many of the larger and newer open spaces coming into charge will be planned within the Sports Hub model, that will future proofed with both parking and public toilet provision. As areas develop, it may be possible to retrofit public toilet provision into some of the larger public open spaces that accommodate a number of sports disciplines serving a wider number of people. These areas would have to be assessed on a case by case basis and would be subject to consent in accordance with Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2021.

Source of Report

Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 44

REVIEW OF DOG RUNS IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive conducts a review of the dog runs in Fingal with a view to their size, the ground surface, access paths, access to water, access to bins, maintenance plans and facilities for dog owners such as adequate seating, as parks with dog runs have no off leash times for dog owners, it is vital that dog runs are as accessible as possible for dog owners, many of whom have no alternative other than to use them, if they wish to give their dogs a run."

Report:

A review will be carried on all of the Fingal County Council owned dog off leash areas, with a focus on accessibility, measure of size, availability of water, presence of seating, bins and signage. The review will be completed by end of Q1 2024.

Source of Report

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 45

MAP OF CURRENT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING AREAS

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723 and Question 4 October 2023 Council meeting, provide a map of the current Fingal County Council Housing areas, a detailed map which can be "zoomed" in on, and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, similar to the map for the Dublin City Council administrative area."

Report:

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

These areas of choice are under review in conjunction with the update of the Allocation Scheme Social Housing Support which will be presented to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee in the coming months.

Source of Report:

Paul Carroll, Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 46

DESIGNATED POSTERING AREAS

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That this Council, in line with our commitments to reducing resource use, environmental impact and litter, and noting

a) the commitment in the Programme for Government to task the Electoral Commission which reads

"We will…task the new Electoral Commission to examine the issue of the use of posters at elections and referendums within 12 months of its establishment and consult on placing limitations on the number of posters that can be used or fixing certain locations for their use, the Government will legislate for its recommendations in advance of the 2024 Local Elections."; and

b) the discussion in Seanad Éireann on the Regulation of Display of Electoral and Polling Posters and Other Advertisements Bill 2022, in May 2022 when the Seanad agreed that the Bill be read a second time on 30th June 2023,

write to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform to express this Council's willingness in principle to participate in a process of establishing designated areas for the display of posters in a manner similar to that envisaged in the Bill which is in line with common practice in many other European countries, whether as part of a nationwide approach or as a pilot."

Report:

If the motion is passed, the Council will write to the Minister for Housing Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform and when a response is received, the Council will be informed.

Source of Report:

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

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ITEM NO. 47

HOSPITAL ACCESS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Motion: Councillor B. Manton

"That this Council consults with the Department of Transport and Local Link to ensure a transport service for people travelling to hospitals e.g., St. Joseph's Hospital and Cappagh Hospital where people on very low incomes are having to take taxis to their appointments?"

Report:

If the Motion is passed the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Transport and TFI Local Link – Transport for Ireland to provide a report and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services