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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

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, 8th April, 2024** 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 of Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor J. Hopkins - Forest of Fingal Policy - Increase of trees in 2023 and Planting Target for 2024

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the net increase of trees in 2023 in Fingal and the planting target for 2024?"

3 Councillor T. O'Leary - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any indication on when the National review of swimming facilities and policies are due to be completed and published by the Government Department of Sport, noting that all these reports are critical to accessing possible funding opportunities for a swimming pool in Fingal, in particular, an expected further call for Sports Lotto Grants in Q2/Q3 2024?"

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"To ask the Chief Executive is this Council considering putting in place a new process to consult with Disabled Persons' Organisations, as was recently announced by Dublin City Council, see link below?"

https://www.dublincity.ie/news/new-process-dublin-city-council-consult-disabled-persons-organisations

5 Councillor B. Manton - Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the results of the Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit, that was completed last year, will be made available to the public?"

6 Councillor B. Manton - Policy on Scooters in our Parks

"To ask the Chief Executive what the policy on scooters in our parks is, they are generally very fast motorised vehicles and walkers are in fear of being knocked down?"

7 Councillor S. Shovlin - Drone Delivery Services

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on drone delivery services in Fingal including what options are available to residents with concerns?"

8 Councillor A. Donnelly - Fingal County Council Customer Service wait times

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the average wait times of phone calls and information on wait times at reception in Fingal County Council's offices?"

9 Councillor C. Boland - Proposed M2 Road Development

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed M2 as it relates to Fingal and advise what impact it will have on landholdings in Fingal and state if it provides any benefit to resolving the congestion and traffic management in respect of Dublin Airport?"

10 Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive sites where full planning permission has been granted

"To ask the Chief Executive for the most up-to-date figures for 1) Total number of inactive sites across Fingal where full planning permission has been given but no construction of housing has taken place and 2) The number of dwellings granted permission on these sites?"

11 Councillor A. Graves - Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Passport

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) passport, when it will be available and what the delays are in making it available?"

12 Councillor D. Healy - Planning enforcement information uploaded to the Planning Register

"To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in getting planning enforcement information uploaded on to the planning register and have a search map option that will be available online?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Review of BoxUp Lockers

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the 'BoxUp' lockers that were trialled last summer, are there any plans to install more across the County?"

14 Councillor J. Humphreys - Grass cutting in the County

"To ask the Chief Executive that considering the amount of rain this spring and the poor conditions for grass cutting, how will this affect the extension of “No Mow May”, to please provide an insight into this matter?”

15 Report of Committees

a Quarterly Reports - Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024

c Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2024

d Report of Howth Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 2024

e Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024

16 Financial Matters

a Consideration of Draft 2023 Annual Financial Statement

b Annual Financial Statement

17 Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed grant of a permanent wayleave on land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

b Notice of proposed grant of wayleave at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland

c Notice of proposed grant of wayleave on land at Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Energia

d Notice of proposed disposal of land at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Aoibhneas

e Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

18 Declarations of Roads

a Riverwood Gardens, Castleknock, Co Dublin

b Emsworth, Kinsealy Lane, Co. Dublin

c Golden Ridge, Phase 2, Rush, Co. Dublin

d Coopers Wood, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

19 LADP/001/24 - Local Authority Development Proposal for 175 no. new Houses and Apartments, a Crèche, and associated site development works at New Road, Donabate. Notice of Intention to undertake development by a Local Authority (Fingal County Council) under Section 179A Of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)

20 Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Replacement Public Toilets at Rush South Beach, Rush, Co. Dublin

21 Authorisation of Council to issuing of polling cards for Local Electors

22 Twinning of Howth with Cap d'Ail, France

23 Chief Executive's Report

36 Councillor D. Healy - Effectiveness of Planning Enforcement - Planning Complaints

"That the Chief Executive report on the effectiveness of planning enforcement, including in tabular format, data on the number of planning complaints which lead to enforcement files, the numbers progressed within the statutory timeframes, and the outcomes of the files."

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

37 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 County Council Meeting held on Monday, 11th March, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Dennison, Kieran
Graves, Ann
Griffin, Michelle
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony

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
O'Reilly, Steve
Power, Karen
Ryan, Brendan
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Tania Doyle and Grainne Maguire.

The Mayor, Councillor Adrian Henchy presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); 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); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer), Declan Power (Senior Executive Officer), Pat Boyle, (Senior Architect), Kevin Halpenny (Senior Parks and Landscape Officer), Roisin Burke (Senior Planner).

F/83/24 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor and Members expressed their deepest condolences to Councillor Ann Graves on the recent passing of her husband, Councillor Tony Murphy on the recent passing of his father and Mary Egan, Director of Services on the recent passing of her father.

F/84/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 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 Monday 12th February 2024 be ADOPTED."

F/85/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a Appointment of one Member to The Audit Committee following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor A. Lavin and AGREED:

"That Councillor T. O'Leary be appointed to the Audit Committee."

b Nomination of one Member to Membership of Beaumont Hospital Board following the resignation of Councillor Punam Rane

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor A. Lavin and AGREED:

"That Councillor T. O'Leary be appointed to the Beaumont Hospital Board."

F/86/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 13 be ADOPTED."

F/87/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Staffing for Biodiversity Plan

F/88/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Breakdown of the funding model used for the construction of the Rivervalley all-weather pitch and flood lights

F/89/24 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Sports and Recreation Facilities in Fingal

F/90/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor S. O'Reilly - Grants available for residents living along the flight path of Dublin Airport

F/91/24 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study

F/92/24 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor C. Boland - PFAS Chemicals on daa Lands

F/93/24 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor H. Mahony - Procedure for the disposal of deceased animals on Fingal Property

F/94/24 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - Broadband exclusivity agreements in new build estates

F/95/24 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Criteria used to inform / notify the general public of permission granted to film crews for use of public property

F/96/24 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Dennehy - Fingal's Vacant Site Register

F/97/24 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor B. Ryan - Identification and Mapping of all drains in the County

F/98/24 (Agenda Item No 14)
Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024

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

b Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and RESOLVED:

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024, be APPROVED."

c Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/99/24 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/100/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15 to Glenbeigh Records Management Limited

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley and seconded by Councillor S. O'Reilly and **RESOLVED:**

"That lands at Damastown Industrial Estate, Damastown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th February 2024, be disposed of to Glenbeigh Records Management Limited, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to Oatlands Gate Lodge, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15 to Mr. Peter Cawley

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

"That lands adjacent to Oatlands Gate Lodge, Porterstown Road, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th February 2024, be disposed of to Mr. Peter Cawley, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/101/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Declarations of Roads

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/102/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

Audit Committee

a Audit Committee Annual Report 2023

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED.**

b Audit Committee Charter 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED.**

c Audit Committee Annual Work Programme 2024

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **AGREED.**

F/103/24 (Agenda Item No 19)

(PARTXI/007/23) Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for development of proposed Baldoyle Community Sports Centre and all associated site works on a site of approximately 0.575 ha at the former 'Coast' Estate Marketing Suite, located along the south of Red Arches Road, The Coast, Baldoyle Racecourse Park, Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13.

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was provided to the Members by Pat Boyle, Senior Architect, Architects Department.

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy advised the Members that one motion had been received.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor D. Healy and seconded by Councillor K. Power:

"That, given that the provision of 161 car parking spaces plus overflow parking area approved in the Racecourse Park permission was explicitly to provide for both the park and the "future community centre" and was deemed sufficient (ABP permission 311315) the proposal be varied by removing 26 of the 28 additional car parking spaces proposed, leaving the two disabled parking spaces."

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

FOR: 6 SIX

AGAINST: 23 TWENTY THREE

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Griffin, Michelle; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Humphreys, James

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Maguire, Grainne; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; McCamley, Mary; Tormey,

Aoibhinn; O'Leary, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran; O'Reilly, Steve.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Murphy, Tony.

Councillor T. Murphy informed the Mayor that an error was made while casting his vote.
The Mayor declared the vote as VOID and instructed that a roll call vote be taken again and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 6 SIX

AGAINST: 23 TWENTY THREE

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Griffin, Michelle; Carey, Ian; Power, Karen; Healy, David; Conroy, Pamela; Humphreys, James

AGAINST: Councillors Henchy, Adrian; Hopkins, Joan; Mulville, Paul; Mulligan, Dean; Hanaphy, Breda; Graves, Ann; Murphy, Tony; O'Brien, Eoghan; Kitt, Tom; Manton, Brigid; Ryan, Brendan; McCamley, Mary; Tormey, Aoibhinn; O'Leary, Tom; Lavin, Anthony; Newman, Joe; Guerin, Jimmy; Boland, Cathal; Butler, Darragh; Onwumereh, JK; O'Donoghue, Robert; Dennison, Kieran; O'Reilly, Steve.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and RESOLVED:

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), that the development of proposed Baldoyle Community Sports Centre and all associated site works on a site of approximately 0.575 ha at the former 'Coast' Estate Marketing Suite, located along the south of Red Arches Road, The Coast, Baldoyle Racecourse

Park, Stapolin, Baldoyle, Dublin 13. be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/104/24 (Agenda Item No 20)

Part 8 of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (as amended). Proposed Development of a Car & Bicycle Parking Facility at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Co Dublin

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was provided to the Members by Kevin Halpenny, Senior Parks And Landscape Officer, Planning And Strategic Infrastructure Department.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary, and **AGREED.**

F/105/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

Donabate Framework Plan

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was provided to the Members by Roisin Burke, Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure.

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy advised the Members that one motion had been received.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue:

"That the following text be inserted at the end of ACM recommendation (14), Page 54, "and commits to identify an appropriate site for the provision of same" so that the second action point will read:

"The Donabate Framework Plan supports the provision of a Multi-functional Arts, Community and Youth Facility for Donabate and commits to identify an appropriate site for the provision of same."

Following discussion, Councillor P. Mulville ACCEPTED the Chief Executives report that this wording cannot be included.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and AGREED.

F/106/24 (Agenda Item No 22)
Festival and Events Funding Scheme and What's on in Events Presentation

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. A presentation was provided to the Members by Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer, Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and AGREED.

F/107/24 (Agenda Item No 23)
Chief Executive's Report

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

F/108/24 (Agenda Item No 24)
Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy advised the Members that he and several Members were invited to New York to promote Tourism in Fingal and will be attending after St. Patricks Day events.

a Councillor A. Henchy - Fingal Public Relations Campaign on Housing

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

Following a discussion, the report was ACCEPTED.

F/109/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Conference Report

a 2024 National Planning Conference will take place on 18th and 19th April in the Theatre Royal and Tower Hotel, Waterford City

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

b The Suck Valley Way Conference is being held in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on 13th and 14th March - theme "The Rise of Loneliness on the Emerald Isle - How community development and planning may be the remedy"

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

F/110/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Correspondence

a Letter from Sligo County Council dated 6th February 2024 - Resolution - Provision of Additional Bus Services from Dublin Airport to Sligo at night

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

b Letter from Cork County Council dated 8th February 2024 - Resolution - Hospitality rated be reverted to 9%

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

c Letter from Cork County Council dated 8th February 2024 - Resolution - VAT rate for pub reduced down from 23% to 17%

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

d Letter from Louth County Council dated 19th February 2024 - Resolution - Joint Policing Committees - Local Community Safety Partnership

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/111/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS

F/112/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

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

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

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 28.

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

F/113/24 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor S. O'Reilly - Introducing a litter fine to users who dispose of disposable vapes

The report on the motion in the name of Councillor S. O'Reilly was **ACCEPTED**.

F/114/24 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor P. Mulville - Childcare/Crèche facilities in the Fingal Administrative Area

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

The Meeting concluded at 20.03.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

FOREST OF FINGAL POLICY – INCREASE OF TREES IN 2023 AND PLANTING TARGET FOR 2024

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the net increase of trees in 2023 in Fingal and the planting target for 2024?"

Reply:

In the years 2023/2024, the Council planted 1,634 trees on streets and in parks and open spaces, and 10,195 whips were planted countywide.

A total of 433 standard trees were removed from streets and parks and open spaces countywide in the winter works programme 2023/2024 due to the trees being dead, diseased, causing structural damage or located close to public lighting.

This gives a net increase of 1,201 standard trees planted over 2023/2024. The Council also distributed 10,000 tree whips to the citizens of Fingal as an initiative for National Tree Week 2024.

Source of Reply

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 03

SWIMMING POOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has any indication on when the National review of swimming facilities and policies are due to be completed and published by the Government Department of Sport, noting that all these reports are critical to accessing possible funding opportunities for a swimming pool in Fingal, in particular, an expected further call for Sports Lotto Grants in Q2/Q3 2024?"

Reply:

Currently there are two separate reports due for completion in the coming months.

The Department of Sport are developing a National Swimming Strategy which is important in terms of the future development of swimming. The strategy is currently awaiting Ministerial approval.

Separately, as part of developing a swimming facilities planning model Swim Ireland have commenced a national audit, which will be completed by the end of July 2024 and a report shortly thereafter.

Source of Reply
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 04

MEANINGFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH DISABLED PERSONS' ORGANISATIONS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive is this Council considering putting in place a new process to consult with Disabled Persons' Organisations, as was recently announced by Dublin City Council, see link below?"

https://www.dublincity.ie/news/new-process-dublin-city-council-consult-disabled-persons-organisations

Reply:

Operations Department

The Operations Department, in the course of carrying out road or footpath improvements, or works in parks or open spaces, engages with relevant stakeholders such as residents, businesses or other organisations i.e., schools. All Temporary Road Closures are advertised on consult.fingal.ie and are open to public observation. Any issues identified by Disabled Persons' Organisations in relation to the proposed works are addressed at the outset.

The Operations Department also provides a variety of services and infrastructure designed to facilitate persons with a disability to navigate the public realm, such as:

- Disabled Parking Spaces
- Dishing of footpaths
- Tactile paving at footpath crossings

- Extended “green man” sequencing at pedestrian traffic lights where required
- Wheelchair accessible public toilets
- Disability friendly benches and seats in public parks
- Communication boards and accessible play equipment in playgrounds
- Ensuring any signs or posters on public property are at a safe height for pedestrians/cyclists

Any individual or organisation may contact the Operations Department at any time in relation to issues in the public realm which pose a difficulty for persons with a disability.

Access Officer

The Access Officer is fully supportive of how Fingal County Council’s Departments currently engage with the public, including Disabled Persons’ Organisations, when carrying out public consultation on Capital Works Programmes, projects and initiatives.

Public consultation by Fingal County Council also has regard to the National Disability Authority’s “Participation Matters”, best practice guidance document, on how to engage with disability groups and persons with disabilities in a meaningful way.

This Council will continue to follow best practice guidance in terms of engaging more effectively with Disabled Persons’ Organisations.

Source of Joint Reply

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations and Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 05

SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUDIT

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise when the results of the Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit, that was completed last year, will be made available to the public?"

Reply:

The results of the Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit, which will be completed shortly and will be presented to the Area Committees in Q2 2024.

This Audit is examining sport and physical activity facilities across the county both public and private. It is focusing on current and projected needs across Fingal in relation to a wide range of sports and leisure activities including swimming. The results from this Audit will provide evidence-based data which will inform future decision-making on the provision of Sports and Physical Activities Infrastructure thus ensuring available resources are allocated appropriately.

Source of Reply
David Storey, Director Environment Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 06

POLICY ON SCOOTERS IN OUR PARKS

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive what the policy on scooters in our parks is, they are generally very fast motorised vehicles and walkers are in fear of being knocked down?"

Reply:

Regulation of E-scooters and E-bikes

Currently there is no policy in place on e-scooters. However, the Irish Government's Road Traffic and Roads Bill, 2024 which will regulate the use of e-scooters and e-bikes, is currently before the Seanad. Under this Bill, there will be classification of "powered personal transporters" that travel under 25km/h which shall be exempt from tax, insurance, registration, and licence requirements.

These vehicles will essentially be treated the same as regular push bikes. However, more powerful e-scooters and e-bikes that can reach speeds higher than 25km/h will fall under the same category as mopeds and motorbikes, and so will require insurance, registration, and licensing. These will be subject to the rules of the road that apply to mopeds and motorbikes.

It is expected that within the legislation there will also be technical and safety standards for e-scooters and e-bikes, like lighting and construction, and rules for the safe use of such vehicles in public places. Under the Bill, it is expected that several safety measures for use in public areas will be introduced including: -

- A minimum age for use of 16 years;

- Compulsory helmets for those aged between 16 and 18; and
- A ban of use on footpaths.

It can be expected that once the legislation is passed there will be a significant increase in the number of e-scooters operating in public places.

Policy - Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2017

The current Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2017 sets out restrictions on the use of Traffic, Bicycles, Skateboards etc. in public parks and open space, and although scooters are not explicitly referred to in the Bye-Laws, it is generally taken that they are "mechanically propelled vehicles" and as such are subject to the restrictions under the bye-laws:

4.6 TRAFFIC, BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS ETC.

> c) No person other than authorised officials and employees of the Council shall drive or allow to be driven or be a passenger in any mechanically propelled vehicle in the park on unauthorised routes save with the permission in writing of the Council and then only in such areas as may be designated by the Council.

The Regional Parks and Open Space Bye-Laws 2017 Section 4 sets out:

- Bicycles are permitted in parks however cyclists must give way to pedestrians at all times and may not use any route which is closed to cyclists.
- Only Fingal County Council authorised officials and employees are permitted to drive within the parks. Any other person must have written permission from the Council to drive within the parks. The maximum speed limit for all vehicles in a park or open space is 20kph.
- Scramblers are not permitted in parks.
- These Bye-Laws do not apply to members of An Garda Síochána in the course of their duty.

The Bye-Laws may be enforced by any Authorised Person or a member of An Garda Síochána, and contravention of a provision of these bye-laws can result in the issuing of a fixed payment of up to €100, or a fine of up to €1,300 on conviction.

Source of Joint Reply

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

David Storey Director of Environment, Active Travel, Climate & Sports

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ITEM NO. 07

DRONE DELIVERY SERVICES

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on drone delivery services in Fingal including what options are available to residents with concerns?"

Reply:

Three Drone Delivery Services are operating in Fingal with Manna providing services in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown while Wing are operating in Lusk.

The operation of drones, including drone delivery services, are regulated by the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA).

The IAA website https://www.iaa.ie/general-aviation/drones contains guidance on the operation of drones to ensure aviation safety.

Members of the public are encouraged to report instances on the use of drones outside these guidelines to the IAA.

Further information on Public Safety Reporting can be found at https://www.iaa.ie/safety/safety-reporting/safety-reports-by-members-of-the-public

It should be noted that drone users may comply with aviation safety rules but be in breach of privacy or security rules or may be causing a general nuisance. The IAA has no jurisdiction in these cases but reports of this kind may be reported to An Garda Síochána.

Source of Reply

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 08

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S CUSTOMER SERVICE WAIT TIMES

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the average wait times of phone calls and information on wait times at reception in Fingal County Council's offices?"

Reply:

Corporate Services are currently conducting a detailed review of the Customer Care Unit (CCU) and all services we provide. Some improvements have been made regarding the phone services and we are also considering improvements to assist the public who are attending our offices.

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

Source of Reply

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ITEM NO. 09

PROPOSED M2 ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed M2 as it relates to Fingal and advise what impact it will have on landholdings in Fingal and state if it provides any benefit to resolving the congestion and traffic management in respect of Dublin Airport?"

Reply:

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have no current plans to provide for an Upgrade of the M2. It is not currently an objective of the County Development Plan, nor listed on the Capital Works Programme.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

INACTIVE SITES WHERE FULL PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive for the most up-to-date figures for 1) Total number of inactive sites across Fingal where full planning permission has been given but no construction of housing has taken place and 2) The number of dwellings granted permission on these sites?"

Reply:

The Information provided below is extracted from the Q4 2023 Tier 1 Residential Taskforce Data (1) which records live Planning Permissions for Applications of 10 or more units and the House Count Surveys Database (2) which monitors smaller Applications, as of September 2023.

1. There are 57 In- Active Sites of ten or more dwellings in the County that have a total of 13,664 units not commenced.
2. There are a further 174 In- Active single or small sites in the County that have a total of 299 dwelling units not commenced.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) PASSPORT

Question: Councillor A. Graves

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) passport, when it will be available and what the delays are in making it available?"

Reply:

A Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Passport or similar proposal would be a national scheme under the remit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. No departmental circular regarding a passport-type scheme has been issued by the Department.

Source of Reply
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 12

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION ON THE PLANNING REGISTER

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what progress has been made in getting planning enforcement information uploaded on to the planning register and have a search map option that will be available online?"

Reply:

An electronic planning enforcement register is available for the public to view planning enforcement information, as set out in section 7 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended, at the public counter at County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin.

The electronic register contains information in relation to files dating from 2019 to date. Work is ongoing in respect of uploading files to the electronic register relating to previous years. Staff from Planning Enforcement Section are available to assist members of the public to view hard copy information in respect of these files at the public counter in the meantime.

The mapping of Enforcement files is ongoing, and it is anticipated that an electronic searchable map facility will be available for the public to view at the public counter at County Hall in the near future.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

REVIEW OF BOXUP LOCKERS

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the review of the 'BoxUp' lockers that were trialled last summer, are there any plans to install more across the County?"

Reply:

The review of the "BoxUp" lockers for the 4 Dublin Local Authorities has been completed. Following the analysis of usage patterns and placement of the eight units in Dublin, it has been agreed relocate the Fingal units to more strategic locations which will maximize the effectiveness of "BoxUp".

Two additional BoxUp units are set to be installed later this year.

Source of Reply

David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports

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ITEM NO. 14

GRASS CUTTING IN THE COUNTY

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive that considering the amount of rain this spring and the poor conditions for grass cutting, how will this affect the extension of "No Mow May", to please provide an insight into this matter?"

Reply:

Grass Cutting Season

Grass maintenance season historically commenced in mid-March and ran through to the end of October. As a result of climate change the grass cutting season has become far more difficult to predict with milder wetter winters resulting in surges in grass growth right the way through the calendar year.

Met Eireann measures 728.9 millimetres of rainfall in Dublin between July 2023 and February 2024 as compared to 402.4 millimetres in the same period in 2022/2023, an increase of 55%. This has resulted in the ground being completely saturated and has already impacted the Council's ability to commence grass cutting on all public open space lands countywide.

The area maintenance teams have confirmed that due to the rain levels that have fallen this year, that they have been largely unable to commence cutting the general public open space areas. It would be usual for the Council to commence cutting on sports pitches in late February annually, however, as the ground is already saturated, the teams have been unable to commence cutting

with the usual larger grass maintenance tractors and mowers, without the machines getting stuck and causing serious damage to the grass surface.

The Area Maintenance Teams have prioritised the sports pitch areas and have tried to cut the sports pitch areas with the smaller John Deere machines, which takes much longer. In the bulk of locations cutting with the smaller machines has been unsuccessful. It is already looking like the Area Maintenance Teams will have the same issues in early summer 2024 as was experienced in early summer 2023. The large glut of uncut grass will result in a 6 week catch up period where cut grass will look like debris on the open spaces, paths, and roads, which results in a lot of complaints from the public. It usually resolves itself once an area is cut on a few successive occasions and the grass is kept short enough.

'No Mow May'

Following the initial proposal from the 11th of September 2023 full Council meeting last year to cease grass cutting for May 2024, and with a wet spring currently being experienced, if we cease cutting for May also, it is without doubt going to cause significant ongoing maintenance issues.

Since the decision was passed last year to have a full 'No Mow May' campaign for Fingal (excluding sports pitches and roadside verges), the Operations Department and the Biodiversity Unit within Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department have had several meetings with the National Biodiversity Data Centre.

The National Biodiversity Centre has been at pains to stress that 'No Mow May' was originally designed to increase awareness with the public, to allow the dandelions to flower, which are the first food source for many pollinators. However, in most of the east of Ireland, the dandelions flower in March and April, so the National Biodiversity Data Centre are now focusing on all the other ways to protect and feed our pollinators, and ceasing cutting grass in May is not the only or best approach.

The experts in the National Biodiversity Data Centre have advised the Council that to progress a meaningful path for protection of pollinators in the County, a process of mapping all the grass areas in Fingal should be carried out with focus on identifying all the long grass areas currently maintained within the public realm. This process of mapping is progressing. The Council has also been advised that to have better buy in from the public, that the process of nominating additional managed long grass areas should come from the various stakeholders, such as the Resident's Associations and Tidy Towns groups. When

areas are proposed, they can be then assessed for suitability and potential biodiversity value.

The National Biodiversity Data Centre have also offered to give presentations to each of the Operational Area groups of elected representatives to explain the origins of ‘No Mow May’ and to outline what the next steps are nationally and what best practice is for the greater public realm for biodiversity going forward. These presentations will be planned for Mid-April 2024.

Source of Reply

Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. **15a**

QUARTERLY REPORTS OF CHAIRPERSONS' STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Councillor Tom O'Leary – Chairperson Councillor Ann Graves Councillor Jimmy Guerin Councillor Karen Power Councillor Angela Donnelly	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan - PPN	
Meeting Date	Theme/Policy issue	Update
5th March 2024	Update on Harbour Bye-Laws	A presentation was provided to the Committee giving an Update on the Harbour Bye-Laws by Mr. Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Operations. Following discussion, the Committee NOTED the update.
5th March 2024	Update on Casual Trading Bye-Laws	A presentation was provided to the Committee giving an Update on the Casual Trading Bye-Laws by Ms. Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations. Following discussion, the Committee NOTED the update.
5th March 2024	PPN Representative M.	The Motion in the name of Mr.

	Lenehan - Identify and Record Joy-Riding Hotspots within Fingal	Michael Lenehan was proposed by Mr. Lenehan seconded by Councillor O'Leary. Following discussion on the report provided, the Committee ACCEPTED the report.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Council Members	Councillor T. Kitt, Councillor D. Mulligan and Councillor T. Doyle Apologies: Councillor B. McDonagh, Councillor B. Dennehy	
Non-Council Members	Mr. D. Branagan Apologies: Mr. P. Arnold	
Meeting Date 2024	Theme/Policy issue	Update
12th March 2024	SPC Work Programme 2024	A presentation report was given to the Members on the SPC Work Programme 2024. The report was AGREED.
	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.
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	An update was given to the Members on RZLT. Following a discussion, the update was NOTED.
	Major Capital Project	A detailed presentation was

	Delivery	given to the Members on Capital Project Delivery and examples of capital project from inception to delivery. The presentation was **NOTED.**
	Development Contribution Waiver Scheme Update	An update was given to the Members on Development Contribution Waiver Scheme. Following discussion, the update was **NOTED.**
	Motion – Councillor B. Dennehy – Expected Timeline on Delivery of Objective CSO61	The Chief Executive's Report on the Motion was **ACCEPTED.**

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler; Councillor Ian Carey; Councillor Tony Murphy; 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 2024	Theme/Policy issue	**Update**
13th March 2024	Annual Work Programme Update	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. Outline of Policy & Strategy updates / implementations, Policy Developments and Reviews and Town Regeneration. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
13th March 2024	Skills Strategy Report	Presentation by Toni Hogan,

		Senior Staff Officer. Report outlined the work of the Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group throughout 2023 in line with the Action Plan focused on the delivery of the following objectives: Information, Promotion, Raising Awareness. Report **Noted** and **Accepted** by Councillors.
13th March	A.O.B	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, noted that the March SPC would be the last SPC for the current group before the Local Elections. Chairperson Councillor Darragh Butler thanked all the members of the SPC for all the hard work.

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Council Members	Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy Apologies: Cllr Brian Dennehy
Non-Council Members	James Magrane, Stephen Kennedy, Maire O'Brien, David Fahey OPW, Rory O'Leary MARA

Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
13th March 2024	Coastal Monitoring in Fingal	A presentation given by David Fahey, OPW. **Noted**
13th March 2024	Introduction to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA)	Presentation on the role of the MARA was given by Rory O'Leary. **Noted**
13th March 2024	Motion – Report on the	Motion was taken along with

	plans, proposals, and status of the OPW Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Presentation from OPW and **Noted**
13th March 2024	Motion – OPW Update, Pilot Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Motion was taken along with Presentation from OPW and **Noted**
13th March 2024	Motion – Report on An Bord Pleanála – Planning Application – Portrane/Rush	Report **Noted**

HOUSING SPC

Council Members	Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr. B. Manton, Cllr. J. Humphreys, Cllr. N. Treacy, Cllr. J. Burtchaell, Cllr. K. Dennison, Cllr. A. Henchy, Cllr. M. Griffin	
Non-Council Members	Mr. Finbarr Geaney, Mr. Anthony Cooney, Mr. Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Mr. Dayakar Reddy Komirelly	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
Monday, 25th March 2024	Confirmation & Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Housing SPC held on Tuesday, 28th November 2023	Proposed by Cllr. K. Dennison and seconded by Cllr. J. Burtchaell.
	Update on Tenant-in-Situ (TIS)	Presentation on TIS process. Statistics of Expression of Interest (EOI) applications provided. Inter LA Transboundary application process outlined in presentation. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.
	Update on Affordable Housing	Presentation highlighting the status of current and future developments under the Affordable

		Housing Scheme detailing unit availability and type in each development. Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**.
Motion	Councillor J. Burtchaell – Community Action Tenants Union (CATU) Engagement	Proposed by Cllr J. Burtchaell and seconded by Cllr J. Humphreys. Following discussion, a voting roll call was requested by the Chairperson. An equal division of the vote resulted, and the Chairperson had the casting vote. The Chairperson voted AGAINST the motion. The report was **NOTED**.

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC

Council Members	Cllr D Healy, Cllr M McCamley, Cllr J Newman, Cllr P Mulville, Cllr A Tormey, Cllr P Conroy	
Non-Council Members	Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
26th March 2024	Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024 - 2029	Presentation given by Brian Reynolds followed by discussion Agreed with Members that a briefing (hybrid) will be given to all Elected Members prior to the July Council meeting. Presentation **Noted**
26th March 2024	Environmental Inspection and Compliance Plan	Presentation given by John Daly. Presentation **Noted**

	(RMCEI)	
26th March 2024	Clothes Swap Shops Report	Report given by Catherine O'Donovan and **Noted**. Follow up with contractor re queries raised by Cllr Conroy
26th March 2024	"Greener by Default"	Motion **Agreed**
26th March 2024	Designated poster areas for the Local or General Elections within a voluntary poster free zone	Report Accepted – Cllr Conroy requested assistance to Tidy Towns to identify a designated areas in Poster Free Zones. Members agreed to put motion this request to Operations Department
26th March 2024	Staffing for Biodiversity Plan	Report **Accepted**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Council Members	Councillor Joan Hopkins – Chair Councillor John Walsh Councillor Brendan Ryan Councillor Grainne Maguire	
Non-Council Members		
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
27th March 2024	Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2023	The minutes were proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Walsh
27th March 2024	Workplan 2024	The workplan was proposed by Councillor

		Maguire and seconded by Councillor Walsh
27th March 2024	Fingal Heritage Plan 2024 – 2030	Presentation given by Christine Baker, Heritage Officer
27th March 2024	Update on Creative Ireland - Funding Call and Cruinniú na nÓg	Presentation given by Lilian Whelan, Senior Executive Librarian
27th March 2024	Local Sport & Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029	Update provided by Gerard Reardon, Principal Sports Officer
27th March 2024	**Motion** - Councillor J. Hopkins - Shared Pool Facilities Partnership Pilot with a Third-Party Agency - St. Michael's House, Baldoyle	Motion was proposed by Councillor Hopkins and seconded by Councillor Maguire

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ITEM NO. 15b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH March 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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**
One Voice Singers Swords GA 002951	€ 444.00	Microphone, Amp	YES	2023 - € 600.00	€ 444.00
Skerries Mills Community Garden GA 002979	€ 999.26	Banner, printed material Insurance Face paints Air dry clay	NO	N/A	€ 999.00

		Rental of 10 Gazebo's			
Lusk Cleaning Group GA 002955	€ 4,250.00	Planting and materials for same	YES	2023 - € 2,499.60	€ 2,000.00
St. Catherine's Residents Association GA 002962	€ 3,000.00	Wood chippings Events tent Community garden sign Insurance Community bench	YES	2023 - € 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Ravenswell Residents Association GA 002969	€ 1,400.00	Residents Insurance Shed to store lawnmower Water Butts Flower Planters	YES	2023 - € 270.00 2021 - € 1,278.40	€ 1,350.00
Oldtown Community Council GA 002947	€ 2,954.00	Hall insurance Projector Screen Shelving Leaf blower PA system Pole hedge trimmer	YES	2022 - € 3,000.00 2021 - € 1,580.00	€ 2,896.20
Loughshinny Community Association GA 002973	€ 2,366.64	2 Echo hedge trimmers 1 Echo loop handle trimmer	NO	N/A	€ 2,367.00
Rush Senior Citizens GA 002970	€ 2,438.00	Insurance Hi-Vis Vests Hot Drinks Flasks Trips Printer	YES	2023 - € 2,057.00	€ 2,438.00
Skerries Tidy Towns GA 002975	€ 3,000.00	Insurance Pollinator plants Plants for Floraville Park	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Swords I.C.A. GA 002964	€ 537.00	20 Canvas & easel The Works, 7 sets of 3 canvases 4 packs of Artist brushes,	NO	N/A	€ 537.00

		3 bottles PVA Glue 20 Quilling Sets 12 tubes of Acrylic paint 20 Embroidery			

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATION

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Skerries Bowling Club GA 002957	€ 11,322.00	Make good all water damage to building New cladding to front of building 4'' water rail to stop water penetration Remove replace interior plasterboard wall Replace 2 windows, 2 rads, paint interior €22,665.95	YES	2023 - € 3,000.00 2022 - € 2,000.00 2019 - € 2,000.00	€ 11,332.00

It was proposed by Councillor I. Carey and seconded by Councillor C. Boland.

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

Signed: Councillor I. Carey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 15c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2024

2023 Annual Financial Statement

Mr Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave the Members a presentation on the Annual Financial Statement for 2023.



AFS 2023 Capital Transfers

	Heritage Properties	1,500,000	1
	Community Centres	1,500,000	2
	Libraries	1,500,000	3
	Balbriggan Economic Regeneration	1,000,000	4
	Harbours	500,000	5
	Total	**6,000,000**	
1	Funding for heritage properties work programme as outlined in capital plan		
2	Funding for Meekstown and Baldoyle community centres		
3	Funding for library development (e.g. Skerries, Donabate etc.)		
4	FCC co-funding obligation		
5	Funding for harbours work programme per capital plan		

AFS 2023 – key drivers

Additional Income		
DHLGH Grant	3,000,000	*One off DHLGH grant to offset inflation
Expenditure		
Energy Costs	1,500,000	
Retirement costs	600,000	
Legal	(900,000)	*Planning JR's
Operations	1,000,000	
Community	840,000	
Total	**6,040,000**	

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group agreed to RECOMMEND the Capital Transfers as outlined be brought to Full Council for approval.

Local Elections 2024

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services gave the Members a presentation on the 2024 Local Elections.

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- Local Elections to be held on 7th June
- European Elections
- Referendum on Unified Patent Court

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Count Centre

Fingal Count to be held in;

National Show Centre, Cloghran, Swords

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Nominations Procedure

- Nomination Papers to be received by Returning Officer
- Between Sat 11th May and Sat 18th May
  (provisional dates)

Procedures

- Ballot Papers Printed
- Polling Information Cards Issued
- Postal Votes (dates to be confirmed)
- Special Votes (dates to be confirmed)

The Count

- All Ballot Boxes opened in RDS by County Sheriff Staff
  on Saturday morning 8th June
- Fingal Local Election ballot papers transported to Swords count centre
  - Early/late afternoon
  - Count will then commence
- Access to Count Centre strictly controlled by FCC
- Further details closer to polling day

Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED**.

Date for July Council Meeting

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services advised the Members that, due to the timing of the Local Elections and in order to facilitate the July Council meeting, Standing Orders would have to be suspended.

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.

Closing Date Notice	Date Closes	Draft Agenda	Final Agenda	Date of Meeting
07/06/2024	17/06/2024	18/06/2024	25/06/24	01/07/2024

Closing Date Notice	Date Closes	Draft Agenda	Final Agenda	Date of Meeting
14/06/2024	24/06/2024	25/06/2024	02/07/2024	08/07/2024

Following discussion, the CPG agreed to **RECOMMEND** 8th July as the meeting date to Full Council.

Request to Fly Polish Flag

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, advised the Members that following the request from the Polish Ambassador to the Mayor to fly the Polish Flag on 3rd May, the National Day of the Polish Constitution, which had been discussed at the March meeting of the CPG, it had been confirmed that 3rd May celebrates the declaration of the Constitution of 3rd May 1791, the first modern constitution in Europe.

Ms. Egan confirmed that a Flag Protocol is currently being drafted for Fingal County Council. She also advised that the request to fly the Polish flag has been received by all Local Authorities and such a request is referred to the Corporate Policy Group in each to consider and make a recommendation.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **AGREED** that the Polish flag be flown at County Hall & Civic Offices on Friday 3rd May. It was also **AGREED** that the Ukraine &

Palestine flags will be taken down on the 3rd of May to facilitate the flying of the Polish flag and be re-instated on 4th May.

Signed: Councillor Adrian Henchy
Mayor

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 15d

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services B – Strategic & General Matters) HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2024

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**
Myrtle The Coast Residents Association GA 003008	€ 1,061.00	Annual public liability insurance, 2 gazebos, Storage box for play equipment, 2 x 4L Flasks Dog poo bags for dispenser on the green, Litter hoops,	NO	N/A	€ 1,051.46

		Giant Jenga, Tug of War Rope, Hall hire for Mental Health event			
Evora Park Residents Association GA 002982	€ 2,999.47	Tools - Hedge Trimmer, Tools - Leaf Blower, Tools - Strimmer / Brush cutter Stone Entrance Sign, Insurance, Outdoor LED Lights Batteries for festive lights , Bedding plants	YES	2022- € 2,001.00 2021- € 891.20 2021 - € 729.00	€ 3,000.00
Bayside Community Association GA 003009	€ 2,127.00	Annual Liability Insurance, Outdoor Noticeboard, Golddust (gravel for orchard paths) Fine Compost 300 Garden Tools (secateurs, loppers, shears)	YES	2022- € 550.00 2021- € 2,000.00	€ 2,127.00
Talbot Bridge Club GA 003015	€ 1452.00	Insurance, Tables, Tablecloths, Boards, Cards, Table numbers	NO	N/A	€ 1,452.00
Malahide Pipe Band GA 002991	€ 960.00	Drumheads x3, Chanter Reeds x10, Bagpipe Bags x2 Insurance Cover	NO	N/A	€ 961.00

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

Signed: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 15e

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4th APRIL 2024

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**
Laurel Lodge Environmental Group GA 003027	€ 2,530.00	Insurance, Hi Vis Bibs and Vests x 30 Handi Hoops x 8 Posters x 20, Vinyl Stickers to reuse posters x 30 Label Maker x 1 Banners, Base and Delivery Cable Ties x 6 Stamp x 1	YES	2023 € 686.48	€ 2,636.07

Castleknock Tidy Towns GA 003026	€ 3,000.00	3 tier planters, baskets and delivery, Soil and compost, plants	YES	2023 - € 2,999.98 2022 - € 2,851.29	€ 3,000.00
Laurel Lodge Men's Club GA 002992	€ 2,928.00	Room Hire, Tutor	NO	N/A	€ 2,928.00
Greater Coaching Club GA 002988	€ 3,000.00	Club insurance with event cover, K North Band for May 4th and 5th, AV hire for BBQ and festival of lights, Hall rent for BBQ event	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Blakestown Community and Resource Centre GA 003014	€ 3,000.00	Clevertouch M Series 75'' Display, FLEX R Fixed Height Trolley	YES	2023 -€ 1,624.00 2022 € 3,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Coolmine Therapeutic Community GA 002965	€ 3,000.00	Compact Drill, Combi Dill Flexvolt Battery x 2, Picnic Bench, Pergola beam, Square pergola beam , Roof Pro Clear, Heavy Trellis Log Roll Edging	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
St. Brigid's Community Centre GA 002972	€ 2,859.00	Defibrillator, Square mouth shovel, Dutch hoe , Graphite outdoor bucket x 2 Paint brush set Dust sheet x 2 Yard brush Graffiti remover x 2 ,Screwdriver set, Drill bit set	YES	2023 - € 6,015.00 Multi-Purpose Facility remedial works	€ 2,918.57

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

Signed: _____

Councillor T. Kitt

Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 16

FINANCIAL MATTERS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 16a

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023 & AUTHORISATION OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE

As required under the Local Government Act 2001, Section 108, attached are a copy of the Draft Annual Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2023 for consideration at the Council meeting on the 8th April 2024.

Total expenditure for the year 2023 on the Revenue Account including net transfers amounted to €335.7m. This expenditure was funded primarily by a combination of Commercial Rates, income from Irish Water, Grants, Local Property Tax and income from goods/services. The final outturn on the Revenue Account was a surplus of €252. The credit amount has been brought forward to the 2023 accounts. At year-end, the Revenue Account had an accumulated surplus of €15.98m.

Total expenditure on Capital Account (net of transfers) for 2023 was €347.7m. This expenditure is funded primarily by grants, development levies and transfers from revenue. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2023 is €3.162bn.

The combined total expenditure for Fingal County Council between our Revenue and Capital Accounts for 2023 is €638.6m (net of transfers).

At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on 7th November 2023 (minute F/417/23) the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2023. On completion of the final accounts further movements have taken place. In line with the recommendation of the Local Government Auditor, the Council's approval is now sought to the following areas of additional Revenue Account expenditure by Service as outlined in the table below.

Service	Service description	Additional Expenditure
A08	Housing Loans	345,299
D02	Development Management	936,911
D03	Enforcement	109,579
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	49,677
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	657,632
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	5,338,872
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	23,798
E03	Waste to Energy Facilities Operations	19,987
E08	Waste Management Planning	3,126
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	19,276
F02	Operation of Library and Archival Service	654,501
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	39,804
F05	Operation of Arts Programme	1,081,301
G02	Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	468,460
G04	Veterinary Service	361
H02	Profit & Loss Stores Account	2,525
H03	Administration of Rates	224,300
H04	Franchise Costs	47,659
H07	Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	230

*The additional cost under E01 is largely driven by the repayment of a loan facility during 2023 funded from an associated credit balance.

Reflected in the above there is an additional €6m to be allocated to capital projects. This arises primarily due to additional income received from the DHLGH to offset increased costs due to inflation in addition to lower energy costs, retirement costs as well as some departmental underspends.

It is proposed that €6m is allocated to the projects identified below. These are projects that have an active pipeline of work and have been identified previously to Members as requiring additional funding from the Revenue Account.

	Heritage Properties	1,500,000	1
	Community Centres	1,500,000	2
	Libraries	1,500,000	3
	Balbriggan Economic Regeneration	1,000,000	4
	Harbours	500,000	5
	Total	**6,000,000**	
1	Funding for heritage properties work programme as outlined in capital plan		
2	Funding for Meekstown and Baldoyle community centres		
3	Funding for library development as outlined in the capital plan		
4	FCC co-funding obligation		
5	Funding for harbours work programme per capital plan		

The draft Annual Financial Statement have been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Local Government Auditor. On completion of the audit the Audited AFS and Auditors Report will be brought back to the Members for their consideration.

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Fingal County
Council



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Financial Review

Introduction:

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2023. The Annual Financial Statement have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and incorporate a Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income and Expenditure Account), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement), a Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes to the Accounts and Appendices in the prescribed formats.

Income & Expenditure Account

Overall Expenditure for 2023 on the revenue account amounted to €291m with a further €44.7M in transfers to the capital account, while income on the account amounted to €335.7m. The revenue account outturn for 2023 is €252 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.98m.

The overall expenditure reflects the continued investment in services across the County particularly in housing and operations. The income and expenditure account also reflects the continued funding to capital projects across the County.

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2023 is €3.162bn.

Capital expenditure excluding transfers amounted to €347.7m which reflects an increase of €168.4m of expenditure in 2023. This includes capital expenditure over a number of areas including housing, strategic infrastructure and active travel and is reflective of the increased pace in capital project delivery across the County.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2023 was €307.6m which reflects an increase of €18.8m from 2022. The increase in borrowings is driven by borrowing for cost rentals and the Swords Cultural Quarter project. Additional borrowing facilities were agreed by the Members during 2023 to fund the delivery of cost rental housing at Churchfields, Mulhuddart as well as the development of the Swords Cultural Quarter.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts excluding transfers for 2023 is €638.6m.

Debt Collection

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial rates continues to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2023 was extremely strong at 99.1%. The high collection rate is a key component in the Councils ability to keep pace with the delivery of services and projects across the County.

Financial Outlook

Like other organisations over the past number of years the Council has had to deal with the pandemic, international instability, and inflationary pressures. Despite this the Council's financial position remains relatively stable. As in previous years, during 2023 and as is reflected in the 2024 budget, we continue to orientate the Councils finances towards the enhancement of service and capital project delivery across the County. The ongoing support of the Members in relation to budgetary and financial matters will continue be a critical component of this into the future.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in the preparation of the final accounts.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
28th March 2024

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2023

1.1 We the Chief Executive and Head of Finance are responsible for preparing an annual financial statement in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

1.2 We are responsible for maintaining proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the local authority and enable it to ensure that financial statements prepared comply with the statutory requirements.

1.3 We are responsible for the safeguarding of assets of the local authority and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

- stated that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and the accounting policies have been applied consistently; and,
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023, as set out on pages 5 to 24, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Chief Executive

Date 28/3/2024

Head of Finance

Date 28/3/2024

Independent Auditor's Opinion to the Members of Fingal County Council

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) at 31st December 2023. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector. For this reason the statement is being referred to as a 'Statement of Funds Flow'. The financial accounts now include a Statement of Funds Flow shown after the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Notes 17 – 22 relate to the Statement of Funds Flow and are shown in the Notes on and forming part of the Accounts section of the AFS. Note 19 details Project/Non Project/Affordable/Voluntary balances, which can be either a debit or a credit balance. The funds flow assumes that these are debit balances and bases the (Increase)/Decrease description on this.

3. Accruals

The revenue and capital accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the Code of Practice.

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

Mortgage related loans have a corresponding stream of income from long term advances (i.e. monies lent by the local authority to borrowers), for the purchase of houses. Only the interest element is charged or credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

Note 7 to the accounts sets out the types of borrowing under this heading. Loans relating to assets/grants, revenue funding will not have a corresponding stream of income. Bridging finance will eventually become part of permanent funding. Loans in respect of the other

headings will have a corresponding value in Note 3. The loan repayment cost of principal and interest is funded through the annual budget process. At the end of the financial year the funding element of the principal is transferred and offset against a loan repayment reserve. This transfer is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) under the heading 'transfers to/from reserves'.

5. Pensions

Payments in respect of pensions and gratuities are charged to the revenue account in the accounting period in which the payments are made. The cost of salaries and wages in the accounts includes deductions in respect of pension contributions (including Widows and Orphans) benefits under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme") commenced with effect from 1 January 2013. Employee contributions for the Single Scheme continue to be deducted by local authorities but are remitted centrally to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The requirements of current accounting standards relating to pensions and their application to local authority accounting remains under consideration.

6. Agency and Other Services

Expenditure on services provided or carried out on behalf of other local authorities is recouped at cost or in accordance with specific agreements.

7. Insurance

The Council is substantially self-insured in the areas of public and employers liability insurance. An excess of €254,000 and €127,000 respectively operates on these policies. Ongoing provision is made in the revenue budget for the cost of the claims. In addition, an insurance fund is in place on an investment basis rather than on an actuarial basis. We are satisfied that the insurance fund will meet any current liabilities that may fall due.

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

Provision has been made in the relevant accounts for bad and doubtful debts. We have also provided for any loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

Fixed assets are classified into categories as set out in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). A further breakdown by asset type is set out in Note 1 to the accounts.

9.2 Recognition

All expenditure on the acquisition or construction of fixed assets is capitalised on an accrual basis. Fixed assets that have been constructed by developers in lieu of their development contributions that have not already been included in our fixed assets will be captured in the fixed asset revaluation process.

9.3 Measurement

A Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) incorporating all of the assets of the local authority was included for the first time in the Annual Financial Statement for 2003. The assets were valued based on the 'Valuation Guideline' issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. All assets purchased or constructed as from 1/1/2004 have been included at historical cost. Accounting policies relating to leases are currently being developed and will be reflected in the financial statements at a future date. The valuation of Local Authority Housing is only for the purposes of the AFS and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. All open spaces as at the 31/12/03 were taken on a nil value. Playgrounds taken on since the 1/1/04 have been taken on at cost. Grave spaces are valued at the net realisable value which is there selling price.

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

As set out in a revision to the Accounting Code of Practice it is policy to show fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and enhancement costs associated with Infrastructure assets are not currently included in fixed assets but will be reviewed at a future date. Due to their physical nature the vast majority of assets are unique to local authorities and are not subject to disposal. Any loss or gain associated with the net realisable value of the remaining general assets subject to disposal, are accounted for at time of disposal.

9.5 Disposals

In respect of disposable assets, income is credited to a specific reserve and is generally applied in the purchase of new assets. Proceeds of the sale of local authority houses are to be applied as directed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

9.6 Depreciation

Under the current method of accounting, the charge for depreciation is offset by the amortisation of the source of funding the asset. This method has a neutral impact on the Income & Expenditure Account and consequently the charge for depreciation and the corresponding credit from amortisation is excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

The policies applied to assets subject to depreciation are as follows:

Asset Type	Bases	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Machinery		
• Long Life	Straight Line	10%
• Short Life	Straight Line	20%
Equipment	Straight Line	20%

Furniture	Straight Line	20%
Heritage Assets		Nil
Library Books		Nil
Play Grounds	Straight Line	20%
Parks	Straight Line	2%
Landfill Sites **(*See Note)**		
Water Assets • Water Schemes • Drainage Schemes	 Straight Line Straight Line	 Asset Life of 70 Years Asset Life of 50 Years

The Council does not charge depreciation in the year of disposal and will charge a full years depreciation in the year of acquisition.

*** The value of landfill sites has been included in Note 1 under land. Depreciation represents the depletion of the landfill asset.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Grants received, relating to the construction of assets, are shown as part of the income of work-in-progress. On completion of the project the income is transferred to a capitalisation account.

11. Development Debtors & Income

Short term development levy debtors are included in Note 5. Income from development contributions not due to be paid within the current year is deferred and not separately disclosed in the financial statements.

Development contribution cash collected in 2023 due to Irish Water but not paid over to Irish Water in 2023 is shown as a creditor.

All S.49 levies received are only included as refundable deposits as the council is only acting as an agent for the Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A).

12. Debt Redemption

The proceeds from the early redemption of loans by borrowers, are applied to the redemption of mortgage related borrowings from the HFA.

13. Lease Schemes

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Assets acquired under a finance lease are included in fixed assets. The amount due on outstanding balances is shown under current liabilities and long term creditors. The sum of the digit method is used for calculating all leases.

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

Work-in progress and preliminary expenditure is the accumulated historical cost of various capital related projects. The income accrued in respect of these projects is shown in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as 'Income WIP'.

16. Related Parties

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the local authority and a related party. The main related parties for a local authority include the following:

i. Management and Personnel
ii. Council members
iii. Government Departments
iv. Local Authority Companies

Local Authority council members and key personnel are bound under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2001 and subsequent amending legislation to:

A. Furnish an annual declaration of 'declarable interests' set out in section 175 of the Act;

B. Disclose under sections 167, 178 and 179 any beneficial interests that they or a connected person has; and

C. Follow a code of conduct issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2004.

'Declarable interests' cover both financial and certain other interests such as land etc. Local authority management and personnel salary and remuneration is determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with central government policy on rates of pay. Local Authority interests in companies and joint ventures are disclosed in Appendix 8 to the Annual Financial Statements. Local Authority transactions with government departments are governed by central government controls and procedures driven by government accounting rules.

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

Details of the companies in which the Council has an interest are listed in Appendix 8.

18. Accounting for Expenditure.

Expenditure in relation to policy is accounted for in the relevant division e.g. E15 Climate Action and Flooding.
Operational expenditure is accounted for in the area where the expenditure is incurred e.g. Housing, Roads, etc. This is in line with the Local Authorities costing system where the full cost of a service/sub-service must reflect all the costs associated with the service.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.
It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.
Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2023 €	Income 2023 €	Net Expenditure 2023 €	Net Expenditure 2022 €
Housing and Building		94,865,186	97,154,193	(2,289,007)	(4,093,280)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		36,224,984	10,436,385	25,788,599	24,550,994
Water Services		17,092,162	17,117,958	(25,797)	(2,092,364)
Development Management		27,874,193	8,101,584	19,772,610	16,763,975
Environmental Services		47,991,896	11,698,921	36,292,976	35,102,047
Recreation & Amenity		55,696,686	4,155,812	51,540,874	45,793,011
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		1,555,916	485,603	1,070,313	767,008
Miscellaneous Services		9,637,628	22,006,799	(12,369,172)	11,796
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	290,938,651	171,157,255		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				119,781,396	116,803,188
Rates				154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax				9,779,302	8,698,895
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				44,726,994	43,189,500
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			252	393
General Reserve at 1st January				15,980,204	15,979,812
General Reserve at 31st December				15,980,456	15,980,204

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,564,445,686	1,463,233,189
Infrastructural		1,155,590,687	1,159,631,876
Community		102,977,088	103,257,960
Non-Operational		339,387,112	305,980,160
		3,162,400,573	**3,032,103,185**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**134,172,736**	**113,260,149**
Long Term Debtors	3	**307,245,595**	**300,403,084**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	700,196	587,836
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	63,297,783	72,077,880
Bank Investments*		397,047,942	396,214,369
Cash at Bank		10,557,934	13,543,266
Cash in Transit		2,378,576	2,091,845
		473,982,431	**484,515,197**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	163,998,096	157,647,528
Finance Leases		994,626	872,423
		164,992,722	**158,519,951**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**308,989,709**	**325,995,246**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	290,934,395	272,287,597
Finance Leases		1,832,540	1,389,771
Refundable Deposits	8	47,270,013	49,382,278
Other		118,372,931	103,121,793
		458,409,879	**426,181,440**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,454,398,734**	**3,345,580,224**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,162,400,573	3,032,103,185
Income WIP	2	151,589,606	106,031,704
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,456	15,980,204
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	124,428,099	191,465,130
Total Reserves		**3,454,398,734**	**3,345,580,224**

* Bank Investments include a sum of €2.9m re Section 49 levies for Metro North & Hansfield

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 €	2023 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**15,018,557**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		130,297,388	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		45,557,901	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	(9,724,522)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**166,130,768**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(130,297,388)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(20,912,587)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	(30,363,814)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(181,573,789)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	27,620,396	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	(26,948,696)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**671,701**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**(2,112,265)**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent	**22**		**(1,865,029)**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	333,248,796	27,770,899	1,206,481,803	314,042,088	15,594,989	1,538,988	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	202,059,449	3,183,242,609
Additions - Purchased	28,733,394	-	32,541,069	7,033,184	1,918,864	-	-	-	-	70,226,511
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	68,926,264	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,926,264
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(2,760,246)	-	(148,447)	-	(580,312)	-	-	-	-	(3,489,005)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**27,770,899**	**1,307,800,690**	**321,075,272**	**16,933,541**	**1,538,988**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**202,059,449**	**3,318,906,380**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	16,004,145	-	121,695	9,255,925	1,271,488	-	-	124,486,172	151,139,424
Provision for year	-	280,873	-	-	1,421,256	106,386	-	-	4,041,189	5,849,704
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(483,322)	-	-	-	-	(483,322)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2023	**-**	**16,285,017**	**-**	**121,695**	**10,193,859**	**1,377,874**	**-**	**-**	**128,527,361**	**156,505,807**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**11,485,881**	**1,307,800,690**	**320,953,577**	**6,739,682**	**161,113**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**73,532,088**	**3,162,400,573**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2022	333,248,796	11,766,754	1,206,481,803	313,920,394	6,339,065	267,499	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	77,573,277	3,032,103,185
Net Book Value by Category										
Operational	40,660,672	-	1,307,800,690	209,083,529	6,739,682	161,113	-	-	-	1,564,445,686
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,081,406,466	73,532,088	1,155,590,687
Community	-	11,485,881	-	90,509,276	-	-	981,930	-	-	102,977,088
Non-Operational	317,909,140	-	-	21,360,772	-	-	117,200	-	-	339,387,112
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**11,485,881**	**1,307,800,690**	**320,953,577**	**6,739,682**	**161,113**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**73,532,088**	**3,162,400,573**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

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

	Funded 2023 €	Unfunded 2023 €	Total 2023 €	Total 2022 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	84,093,100	41,904,736	125,997,836	105,408,558
Work in Progress	8,174,900	-	8,174,900	7,851,591
Total Expenditure	**92,268,000**	**41,904,736**	**134,172,736**	**113,260,149**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	89,196,407	54,315,442	143,511,849	98,466,471
Work in Progress	8,077,757	-	8,077,757	7,565,233
Total Income	**97,274,164**	**54,315,442**	**151,589,606**	**106,031,704**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	97,143	-	97,143	286,357
Preliminary Expenses	(5,103,307)	(12,410,706)	(17,514,013)	6,942,087
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**(5,006,164)**	**(12,410,706)**	**(17,416,870)**	**7,228,444**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023	2023 Loans Issued	2023 Instalments	2023 Early Redemptions	2023 Other Adjustments	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	138,710,800	6,413,525	(7,544,699)	(2,595,664)	(1,222,611)	133,761,350	138,710,800
Tenant Purchase Advances	85,515	-	(81,520)	(35,477)	112,740	81,257	85,515
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	2,655,187	-	-	13,346	(317,384)	2,351,149	2,655,187
	141,451,502	6,413,525	(7,626,220)	(2,617,795)	(1,427,256)	136,193,756	141,451,502
Recoupable Loan Advances						63,898,979	68,381,031
Housing Related Schemes						118,372,931	103,121,793
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	-
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						4	2
Other						-	-
						318,465,670	312,954,328
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,220,075)	(12,551,244)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**307,245,595**	**300,403,084**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Central Stores	67,771	60,582
Other Depots	632,425	527,254
Total	**700,196**	**587,836**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Government Debtors	17,366,095	16,440,634
Commercial Debtors	10,732,756	12,164,033
Non-Commercial Debtors	11,457,306	10,451,136
Development Contribution Debtors	40,338,614	60,273,226
Other Services	389,237	397,739
Other Local Authorities	2,242,824	5,775,140
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,220,075	12,551,244
Total Gross Debtors	**93,746,908**	**118,053,153**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(38,221,019)	(51,178,516)
Total Trade Debtors	**55,525,890**	**66,874,637**
Prepayments	7,771,893	5,203,242
Total	**63,297,783**	**72,077,880**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Trade Creditors	15,308,800	12,715,399
Grants	116,903	468,695
Revenue Commissioners	5,276,282	4,483,200
Other Local Authorities	142,743	231,234
Other Creditors	335,178	256,933
	21,179,906	**18,155,461**
Accruals	106,848,676	84,166,737
Deferred Income	19,332,916	38,833,446
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	16,636,598	16,491,884
Total	**163,998,096**	**157,647,528**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2023 HFA €	2023 OPW €	2023 Other €	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Opening Balance	275,066,339	-	13,713,143	288,779,481	310,048,971
Borrowings	48,879,675	-	-	48,879,675	12,019,650
Repayment of Principal	(14,775,530)	-	(906,697)	(15,682,227)	(17,938,714)
Early Redemptions	(7,354,654)	-	(7,051,282)	(14,405,936)	(15,010,365)
Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	(340,060)
	301,815,829	**-**	**5,755,164**	**307,570,993**	**288,779,481**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 6)				16,636,598	16,491,884
Total amounts falling due after one year				**290,934,395**	**272,287,597**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	131,235,149	-	-	131,235,149	134,102,841
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	66,816,964	-	-	66,816,964	35,753,829
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	42,101,213	-	-	42,101,213	46,784,880
Recoupable	58,143,814	-	5,755,164	63,898,978	68,381,030
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,518,690	-	-	3,518,690	3,756,902
Balance at 31st December	**301,815,829**	**-**	**5,755,164**	**307,570,993**	**288,779,481**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,636,598	16,491,884
Total Amounts Due after one year				**290,934,395**	**272,287,597**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	49,382,278	43,477,273
Deposits received	6,619,120	7,720,639
Deposits repaid	(8,731,385)	(1,815,634)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**47,270,013**	**49,382,278**

Note: Short Term Refundable Deposits are included as part of Cash Investments on the Balance Sheet

9. Capitalisation Account

The capitalisation account shows the funding of the assets as follows:

	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023 €	2023 Purchased €	2023 Transfers WIP €	2023 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2023 Revaluation €	2023 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €
Grants	634,621,581	49,818,224	68,926,264	-	-	-	753,366,069	634,621,581
Loans	163,091,058	2,320,461	-	-	-	-	165,411,519	163,091,058
Revenue Funded	14,962,301	-	-	(88,085)	-	-	14,874,216	14,962,301
Leases	11,856,234	1,828,472	-	(408,607)	-	-	13,276,099	11,856,234
Development Contributions	92,270,672	127,777	-	-	-	-	92,398,449	92,270,672
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	165,691,176	8,195,334	-	(643)	-	-	173,885,866	165,691,176
Historical	2,063,995,575	(400,620)	-	(2,908,049)	-	-	2,060,686,906	2,063,995,575
Other	36,754,013	8,336,863	-	(83,621)	-	-	45,007,256	36,754,013
Total Gross Funding	**3,183,242,609**	**70,226,511**	**68,926,264**	**(3,489,005)**	**-**	**-**	**3,318,906,380**	**3,183,242,609**
Less: Amortised							(156,505,807)	(151,139,424)
Total *							**3,162,400,573**	**3,032,103,185**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023 €	2023 * Capital Reclassification €	2023 Expenditure €	2023 Income €	2023 Net Transfers €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	184,567,691	-	27,503,647	58,208,318	(42,256,601)	173,015,761	184,567,691
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(60,446,263)	(510,089)	165,308,235	101,782,484	47,216,042	(77,266,061)	(60,446,263)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(394,341)	-	69,409,402	64,986,160	49	(4,817,533)	(394,341)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(4,274,233)	(2,449,906)	7,777,933	-	1,107,016	(13,395,057)	(4,274,233)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	153,533,357	-	15,266,857	2,485,509	14,608,756	155,360,765	153,533,357
Net Capital Balances		**272,986,211**	**(2,959,996)**	**285,266,073**	**227,462,471**	**20,675,262**	**232,897,875**	**272,986,211**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(108,469,781)	(81,521,083)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						4	2
Total Other Balances							**124,428,099**	**191,465,130**

* Capital re-classification represents the change in status and/or funding of opening capital balances.

Note (i) This represents the cumulative balance of development levies i.e. income less expenditure and transfers to date.

Note (ii) This represents the cumulative position on funded and unfunded capital jobs consiting of project (completed assets) and non project (enhancement of assets) balances. Debit balances will require sources of funding to clear.

Note (iii) This represents the cumulative position on voluntary and affordable housing projects.

Note (iv) Relates to reserves and advance funding for future Local Authority assets, insurance liabilities, other purposes and includes realised tenant purchase annuities.

Note (v) Loan related balances including outstanding principal on leases and non-mortgage loans remaining to be funded, historical mortgage funding gap, unrealised principal on tenant purchase annuities to be repaid in the future, and shared ownership rented equity.

Note (vi) Represents the Local Authority's interest in associated companies.

11. Capital Account Analysis

The capital account has been de-aggregated and is comprised of the following accounts in the balance sheet as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	17,416,870	(7,228,444)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	232,897,875	272,986,211
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**250,314,745**	**265,757,767**

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

Opening Balance at 1st January	265,757,767	262,152,604
Expenditure	347,660,515	179,234,011
Income		
- Grants	196,157,114	88,972,976
- Loans	41,337,653	-
- Other	65,912,103	63,223,126
Total Income	303,406,870	152,196,103
Net Revenue Transfers	28,810,623	30,643,071
Closing Balance	**250,314,745**	**265,757,767**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

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

	2023 € Loan Annuity	2023 € Rented Equity	2023 € Total	2022 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	133,761,350	2,351,149	136,112,499	141,365,987
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(131,235,149)	(3,518,690)	(134,753,839)	(137,859,743)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**2,526,201**	**(1,167,541)**	**1,358,660**	**3,506,244**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	209,626

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

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

	Plant 2023 €	Materials 2023 €	Total 2023 €	Total 2022 €
Expenditure	(1,852,122)	112,360	(1,739,762)	(1,482,317)
Charged to Jobs	1,852,122	-	1,852,122	1,511,877
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**112,360**	**112,360**	**29,560**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**112,360**	**112,360**	**29,560**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

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

	2023 Transfer From Reserves €	2023 Transfer To Reserves €	2023 Net €	2022 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(9,142,984)	(9,142,984)	(3,566,405)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(5,475,933)	(5,475,933)	(7,918,614)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,297,202)	(1,297,202)	(1,061,018)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	12,057,477	(40,868,100)	(28,810,623)	(30,643,071)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**12,057,477**	**(56,784,219)**	**(44,726,742)**	**(43,189,108)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

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

	Appendix No	2023 €		2022 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	92,776,770	27.6%	88,902,594	27.8%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		6,919,393	2.1%	4,493,314	1.4%
Goods and Services	4	71,461,092	21.3%	65,838,724	20.6%
		171,157,255	**51.0%**	**159,234,632**	**49.9%**
Local Property Tax		9,779,302	2.9%	8,698,895	2.7%
Rates		154,729,089	46.1%	151,293,793	47.4%
Total Income		**335,665,646**	**100.0%**	**319,227,320**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn is respect of both expenditure and income is as follows:

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET
	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €
Housing & Building	94,865,186	7,690,653	102,555,840	100,906,547	(1,649,292)	97,154,193	529,647	97,683,839	95,185,568	2,498,271	848,979
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,224,984	1,462,516	37,687,500	38,621,058	933,558	10,436,385	-	10,436,385	9,238,205	1,198,180	2,131,738
Water Services	17,092,162	1,566,199	18,658,360	21,369,290	2,710,930	17,117,958	-	17,117,958	18,664,793	(1,546,834)	1,164,095
Development Management	27,874,193	5,150,380	33,024,574	29,623,376	(3,401,198)	8,101,584	-	8,101,584	6,019,776	2,081,807	(1,319,390)
Environmental Services	47,991,896	9,768,830	57,760,727	53,701,071	(4,059,656)	11,698,921	6,837,607	18,536,528	11,038,912	7,497,615	3,437,959
Recreation & Amenity	55,696,686	13,268,491	68,965,177	62,765,265	(6,199,912)	4,155,812	(469,900)	3,685,912	3,459,249	226,663	(5,973,249)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,555,916	1,146,721	2,702,637	1,621,218	(1,081,419)	485,603	-	485,603	354,205	131,398	(950,021)
Miscellaneous Services	9,637,628	16,730,429	26,368,057	25,140,975	(1,227,082)	22,006,799	5,160,123	27,166,922	24,677,692	2,489,231	1,262,148
Total Divisions	**290,938,651**	**56,784,219**	**347,722,870**	**333,748,799**	**(13,974,071)**	**171,157,255**	**12,057,477**	**183,214,732**	**168,638,401**	**14,576,331**	**602,259**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	9,779,302	-	9,779,302	9,779,300	2	2
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	154,729,089	-	154,729,089	155,330,700	(601,611)	(601,611)
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**164,508,390**	**-**	**164,508,390**	**165,110,000**	**(601,610)**	**(601,609)**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**290,938,651**	**56,784,219**	**347,722,870**	**333,748,799**	**(13,974,071)**	**335,665,646**	**12,057,477**	**347,723,122**	**333,748,401**	**13,974,721**	**650**

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

	2023
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	252
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	(112,360)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	8,780,097
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	6,350,568
	15,018,557

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	(11,551,930)
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	1,827,408
	(9,724,522)

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	(4,423,192)
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	(9,120,824)
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(16,819,798)
	(30,363,814)

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

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(6,842,511)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(2,867,692)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	31,063,135
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	(4,683,667)
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(4,482,052)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(238,212)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	564,972
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(144,714)
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	15,251,137
	27,620,396

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2023
	€
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	(26,948,698)
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	2
	(26,948,696)

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	833,572
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	286,731
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(2,985,332)
	(1,865,029)

23. Revenue Commissioners: Level 1 Compliance Intervention Letter

In October 2022, 31 City and County Councils were issued with a Level 1 Compliance Intervention letter in respect of Relevant Contracts Tax ("RCT") in accordance with the Revenue Commissioners Compliance Intervention Framework. Since then, the Local Authorities have been liaising with the Local Government Management Agency and external specialist tax advisers to provide requested information to Revenue and to conduct the requested self-review of its RCT obligations in respect of certain contracts. This process is ongoing.

24. Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

In 2023, the Government approved additional measures under the Housing for All Action Plan to incentivise the activation of increased housing supply and help reduce housing construction costs, including the introduction of temporary time-limited arrangements for the waiving of local authority "section 48" development contributions. This waiver is reported in the capital account.
However, due to the accounting treatment of the waiver, the income figure for development contributions in appendix 5 does not agree with development contribution income figure in Note 10 in Annual Financial Statements 2023. The income figure in Note 10 is higher as it also includes the grant income from the DHLGH in respect of the waiver.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	84,473,403	79,321,464
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	18,907,712	19,173,323
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**103,381,115**	**98,494,786**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	2,397,897	2,095,053
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,478,687	2,075,119
- Contract Payments	32,470,330	28,440,300
- Agency Services	64,370,531	55,939,340
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	4,236,278	4,351,249
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,966,464	3,183,489
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	7,955,613	15,465,251
- Members Costs	495,101	412,998
- Travelling & Subsistence	879,297	712,664
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	9,096,586	5,314,843
- Energy Costs	5,900,246	5,905,295
- Other	23,268,255	22,629,286
Total	**157,515,286**	**146,524,888**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,363,964	1,266,511
- Training	1,178,155	1,003,834
- Printing & Stationery	615,184	433,133
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,969,413	2,748,585
- Other	7,394,033	6,298,806
Total	**13,520,749**	**11,750,870**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	1,938,606	1,843,755
- Other	1,397,380	1,018,368
Total	**3,335,986**	**2,862,124**
Financial Expenses	10,336,195	7,728,384
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,849,321	8,676,769
Total Expenditure	**290,938,651**	**276,037,820**

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	14,417,740	437,537	22,875,650	29,609	23,342,796
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,092,514	-	38,118	14,916	53,034
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,251,719	-	39,392	14,377	53,769
A04 Housing Community Development Support	2,199,040	-	44,057	17,239	61,296
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	3,618,006	-	21,208	477,978	499,187
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	10,305,573	6,930,966	244,226	27,076	7,202,268
A07 RAS Programme	52,947,673	50,339,242	4,765,109	6,884	55,111,235
A08 Housing Loans	5,940,099	115,237	4,958,714	11,046	5,084,997
A09 Housing Grants	4,083,187	2,931,430	14,769	4,715	2,950,914
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	3,997,798	2,754,198	6,440	2,520	2,763,158
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	702,491	537,819	16,794	6,572	561,185
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**102,555,840**	**64,046,430**	**33,024,477**	**612,932**	**97,683,839**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,690,653	-	529,647	-	529,647
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**94,865,186**	**64,046,430**	**32,494,831**	**612,932**	**97,154,193**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	10,260,843	2,820,522	180,897	63,661	3,065,080
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	13,503,037	1,957,223	101,869	36,072	2,095,164
B05 Public Lighting	4,222,507	922,997	23,151	5,929	952,077
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	4,040,049	37,939	78,084	9,424	125,446
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	3,018,781	29,050	50,648	19,819	99,517
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	888,880	-	2,187,976	61	2,188,037
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,191,697	100,000	46,997	18,390	165,387
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	561,706	-	1,745,675	-	1,745,675
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**37,687,500**	**5,867,731**	**4,415,298**	**153,356**	**10,436,385**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,462,516	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**36,224,984**	**5,867,731**	**4,415,298**	**153,356**	**10,436,385**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
C01 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	10,424,715	1,355,445	9,072,379	-	10,427,825
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,874,877	-	5,874,877	-	5,874,877
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	758,471	-	7,330	2,868	10,198
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	379	-	-	-	-
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	435,297	-	435,297	-	435,297
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	430	-	430
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	1,164,620	37,913	153,357	178,062	369,332
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**18,658,360**	**1,393,358**	**15,543,670**	**180,930**	**17,117,958**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,566,199	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**17,092,162**	**1,393,358**	**15,543,670**	**180,930**	**17,117,958**

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
D01 Forward Planning	3,393,498	-	53,045	20,600	73,646
D02 Development Management	11,622,911	33,313	2,593,246	65,819	2,692,378
D03 Enforcement	1,091,179	-	77,370	6,916	84,286
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	1,034,877	-	15,073	4,127	19,200
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	606,639	54,000	2,970	688	57,658
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	2,147,910	259,564	35,372	13,841	308,777
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	2,040,822	-	300,273	12,561	312,834
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	7,921,032	2,257,486	813,383	19,558	3,090,428
D10 Property Management	2,062,727	-	704,899	7,779	712,678
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,102,978	744,921	3,434	1,344	749,699
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**33,024,574**	**3,349,284**	**4,599,065**	**153,234**	**8,101,584**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,150,380	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**27,874,193**	**3,349,284**	**4,599,065**	**153,234**	**8,101,584**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
E01 Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	9,576,488	-	6,865,093	9,434	6,874,528
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	4,024,898	94,980	1,712,876	60,787	1,868,643
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	923,887	-	-	5,099,694	5,099,694
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,417,517	60,000	65,919	11,190	137,109
E06 Street Cleaning	8,488,874	-	154,039	60,276	214,314
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,150,708	331,870	66,854	4,974	403,698
E08 Waste Management Planning	295,426	94,900	2,616	1,024	98,540
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,764,076	-	1,183,130	16,222	1,199,352
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,147,063	-	20,431	7,995	28,426
E11 Operation of Fire Service	24,611,680	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	224,714	-	1,195,895	1,333	1,197,228
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,175,036	-	1,201,321	11,468	1,212,788
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	960,360	177,340	19,562	5,307	202,208
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**57,760,727**	**759,090**	**12,487,734**	**5,289,703**	**18,536,528**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	9,768,830	-	6,837,607	-	6,837,607
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**47,991,896**	**759,090**	**5,650,128**	**5,289,703**	**11,698,921**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	552,782	-	156,118	1,803	157,921
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	18,316,766	80,065	309,256	101,912	491,233
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	25,918,923	25,850	1,343,283	169,285	1,538,419
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	10,694,604	1,188,823	66,548	47,346	1,302,717
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	13,482,101	-	179,240	16,382	195,622
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**68,965,177**	**1,294,738**	**2,054,446**	**336,728**	**3,685,912**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	13,268,491	-	(469,900)	-	(469,900)
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**55,696,686**	**1,294,738**	**2,524,346**	**336,728**	**4,155,812**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	1,516,560	-	5,146	2,014	7,160
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	1,082,661	95,212	334,395	1,928	431,534
G05 Educational Support Services	103,416	46,665	176	69	46,909
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**2,702,637**	**141,877**	**339,717**	**4,010**	**485,603**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,146,721	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**1,555,916**	**141,877**	**339,717**	**4,010**	**485,603**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	427,025	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	21,773,900	-	3,024,029	14,180	3,038,209
H04 Franchise Costs	600,059	79,041	8,890	3,252	91,183
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	15,626	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	1,230	-	66,016	-	66,016
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,891,109	379,346	26,355	6,394	412,096
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	659,108	15,465,875	7,928,871	164,672	23,559,418
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**26,368,057**	**15,924,263**	**11,054,162**	**188,498**	**27,166,922**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	16,730,429	-	5,160,123	-	5,160,123
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**9,637,628**	**15,924,263**	**5,894,039**	**188,498**	**22,006,799**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**290,938,651**	**92,776,770**	**71,461,092**	**6,919,393**	**171,157,255**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2023	2022
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage		
Housing and Building	62,106,181	52,869,015
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446	3,914,446
Water Services	1,393,358	3,458,070
Development Management	839,063	826,286
Environmental Services	-	-
Recreation & Amenity	75,000	75,000
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	15,882,263	20,742,460
	84,210,311	**81,885,277**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	1,022,997	582,502
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media	21,600	-
National Transport Authority	929,835	891,960
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	-	-
Education	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	-	50,000
Transport	-	-
Justice	-	-
Agriculture & Marine	22,043	76,254
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	2,017,927	2,109,110
Rural & Community Development	339,704	654,748
Environment, Climate & Communications	664,110	625,407
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	3,548,243	2,027,337
	8,566,459	**7,017,318**
TOTAL	**92,776,770**	**88,902,594**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2023	2022
	€	€
Rents from Houses	27,589,483	26,233,337
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	3,992,269	3,211,678
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Uisce Éireann	15,073,191	15,293,504
Domestic Refuse	1,100,933	986,842
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	2,691,110	2,223,461
Parking Fines/Charges	2,187,819	2,107,846
Recreation & Amenity Activities	840,274	590,200
Agency Services	7,879	130,907
Pension Contributions	2,014,463	2,105,936
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,475,406	1,395,514
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,192,488	1,061,749
NPPR	576,930	1,049,374
Miscellaneous	12,718,848	9,448,376 *
	71,461,092	**65,838,724**

*Includes Library Fees/Fines re-classified .

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2023	2022
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	98,952,335	76,011,509
Purchase of Land	54,160,722	20,237,154
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	32,073,967	11,388,668
Professional & Consultancy Fees	18,889,661	13,219,015
Other	143,583,829	58,377,664
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**347,660,515**	**179,234,011**
Transfers to Revenue	12,066,680	12,718,929
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**359,727,195**	**191,952,940**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	196,157,114	88,972,976
Non-Mortgage Loans	41,337,653	-
Other Income		
Development Contributions	49,817,487	52,531,808
Property Disposals - Land	4,650,246	135,000
- LA Housing	203,000	1,751,902
- Other Property	226,230	234,015
Tenant Purchase Annuities	141,498	(3,562)
Car Parking	-	-
Other	10,873,642	8,573,963
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**303,406,870**	**152,196,103**
Transfers from Revenue	40,877,304	43,362,000
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**344,284,173**	**195,558,103**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(15,443,021)**	**3,605,163**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	265,757,767	262,152,604
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2023	250,314,745	265,757,767

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

					INCOME			*TRANSFERS*			
		Balance at 01/01/2023	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2023*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	45,026,626	199,606,651	151,263,684	21,337,653	5,209,457	177,810,793	3,039,204	538,850	(23,110)	25,708,012
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(12,033,473)	36,138,966	14,937,771	-	226,975	15,164,746	925,000	-	20,340,283	(11,742,410)
03	WATER SERVICES	10,811,421	1,031,830	-	-	1,089,351	1,089,351	-	-	436,393	11,305,335
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	134,303,923	57,988,676	21,207,851	20,000,000	58,974,224	100,182,075	8,711,100	-	(42,211,727)	142,996,695
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	21,303,306	3,128,467	513,019	-	-	513,019	2,788,500	6,837,607	(48,274)	14,590,477
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	14,103,073	32,402,705	8,199,789	-	121,941	8,321,730	6,560,000	(469,900)	21,506,435	18,558,433
07	AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & THE MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	52,242,890	17,363,220	35,000	-	290,155	325,155	18,853,500	5,160,123	-	48,898,202
		265,757,767	**347,660,515**	**196,157,114**	**41,337,653**	**65,912,103**	**303,406,870**	**40,877,304**	**12,066,680**	**-**	**250,314,745**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	Opening Arrears at 01/01/2023	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustments	Write Off	Waivers & Credits	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2023	Specific Doubtful Arrears*	% Collected
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		.=(H)/(G-J)
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	2,989,380	154,729,089	142,556	1,558,328	659,317	155,358,268	152,855,500	2,502,768	1,062,736	99.1
Rents & Annuities	7,881,300	27,406,159		-		35,287,459	26,574,072	8,713,387		75.3
Housing Loans	572,286	16,613,780		363,820		16,822,246	16,321,422	500,824		97.0

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

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

APPENDIX 8

INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

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

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classificaiton: Subsidiary/ Associate / joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Revenue Expenditure	Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	Consolidated in Local Authority accounts (Y/N)	Date of financial statements
Ardgillan Castle Ltd*	50	**Subsidiary**	186,738	- 33,381			153,356	**N**	31/12/2022
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG*	60	**Subsidiary**	519,944	- 228,743	434,999	425,836	291,201	**N**	31/12/2022
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	33	**Associate**	514,469	- 191,865			322,604	**N**	31/12/2022
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	**Associate**	395,491	- 8,449	143,128	126,611	234,103	**N**	31/08/2023
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	**Subsidiary**	-	-	-	-	-	**N**	31/05/2022
City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) Limited by Guarantee	11		977,704	- 423,864	3,035,215	2,767,980	279,017	**N**	31/12/2022
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	64,728	- 9,549	20,261	11,781	55,179	**N**	31/12/2020
Draiocht CLG.	29	**Associate**	966,731	- 566,071	1,844,743	1,755,890	400,660	**N**	31/12/2022
Drinan Enterprise Centre CLG*	75	**Subsidiary**	599,627	- 493,028	-	-	106,599	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Community & Recreation Services limited by guarantee number 373487	67	**Subsidiary**	597,428	- 544,619	1,867,194	1,867,194	36,658	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	**Subsidiary**	34,626	- 34,623	-	-	3	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	13		66,651	- 32,969	199,963	192,263	33,682	**N**	31/12/2022
Georges Square Management Limited*	50	**Subsidiary**	63,687	- 63,465	-	-	- 35,773		31/12/2022
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	25	**Associate**	413,475	- 139,263	732,038	736,874	274,212	**N**	31/12/2022
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	67	**Subsidiary**	150,299	- 7,890	43,287	48,047	114,523	**N**	31/12/2022
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	116,199	- 76,204	162,789	199,686	39,995	**N**	31/12/2022
Ladyswell Management CLG	67	**Subsidiary**	10,792	- 2,280	29,210	24,070	8,512	**N**	31/12/2022
MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED*	73	**Subsidiary**	5,464,565	- 5,319,343	3,506,435	3,343,831	145,221	**N**	31/12/2022
Montini Property Management Company Ltd by guarantee	33	**Associate**	11,049	- 1,501	6,576	7,393	9,548	**N**	31/12/2022
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	29	**Associate**	374,677	- 63,536	513,780	469,436	274,257	**N**	31/12/2022
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	40	**Associate**	218,446	- 39,674	269,113	248,490	126,272	**N**	31/12/2022
Parslickstown House Management CLG	33	**Associate**	273,833	- 86,717	625,334	604,690	100,088	**N**	31/12/2022
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	**Subsidiary**	25,147	- 3,972	34,363	25,709	21,175	**N**	31/12/2022
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG.	33	**Associate**	1,026,621	- 304,252	816,376	672,025	522,369	**N**	31/12/2022
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	25	**Associate**	180,537	- 58,390	203,578	241,188	99,647	**N**	31/12/2022
Whitestown Property Management Company CLG	33	**Associate**	27,841	- 794	8,550	7,630	8,547	**N**	31/12/2021

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 17

PROPOSED DISPOSALS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1471

25th March 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of proposed granting of a permanent wayleave on land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

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ESB Networks is seeking to acquire a permanent wayleave over 1,410 square meters approximately of land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin.

It is proposed to grant a permanent wayleave over 1,410 square meters approximately of land, as shown coloured yellow on Map No. LA-429-23 dated 7th November 2023, contained within Folio DN248110F at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin 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 purpose of the disposal is to allow for the provision of a permanent wayleave.

2. That the land comprises 1,410 square meters approximately, as shown coloured yellow on the attached Map LA-429-23 dated 7th November 2023, contained within Folio DN248110F.

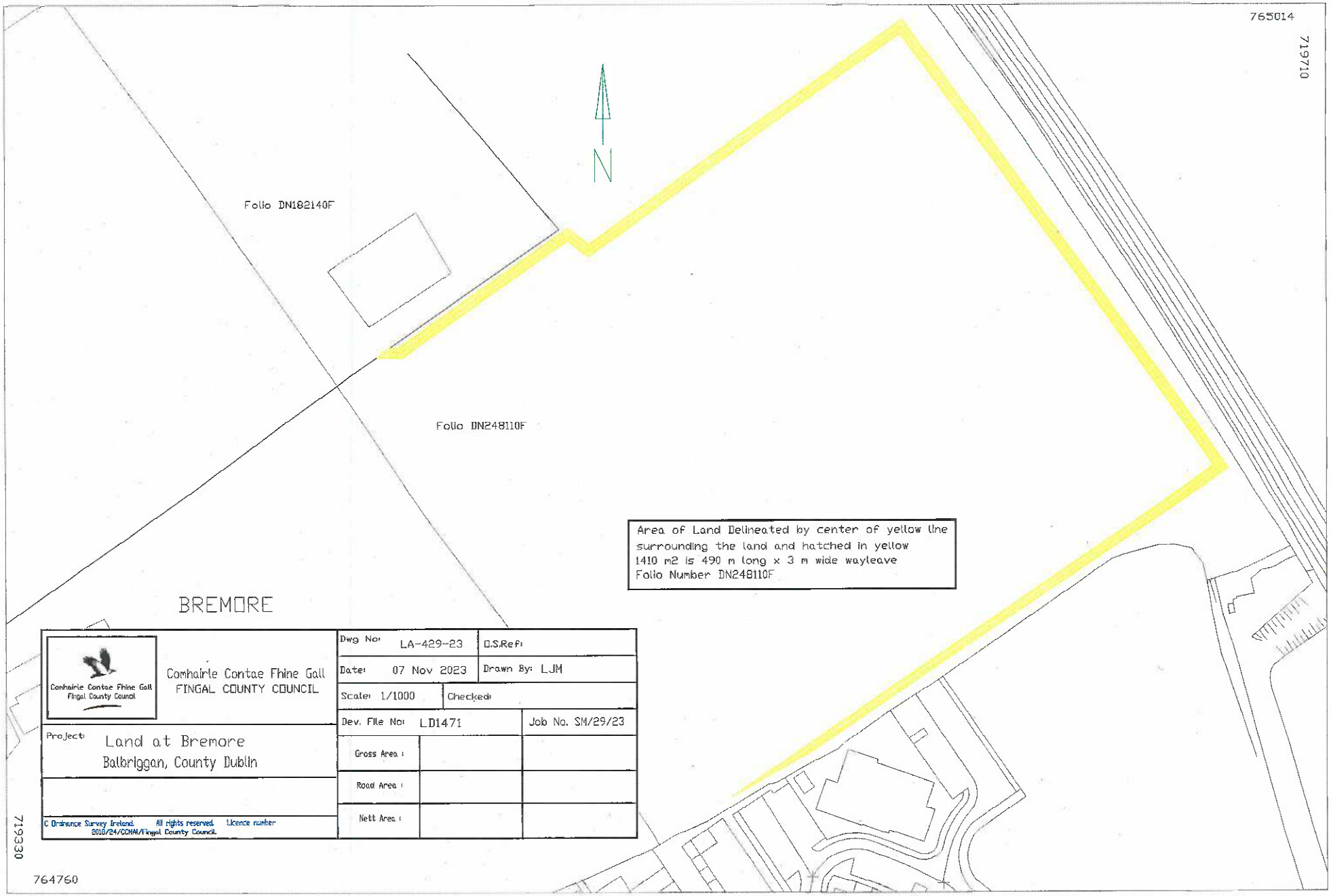
3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €12,000 (twelve thousand euro) plus VAT if applicable.

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

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from the National Toll Roads Plc on 31st May 2006 for community use purposes.

Notice is hereby given that the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th April 2024.

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


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Folio DN182140F
Folio DN248110F
Area of Land Delineated by center of yellow line surrounding the land and hatched in yellow
1410 m2 is 490 m long x 3 m wide wayleave
Folio Number DN248110F
BREMORE
719330
764760
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Project:
Land at Bremore
Balbriggan, County Dublin
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Dwg No: LA-429-23
O.S.Ref:
Date: 07 Nov 2023
Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000
Checked:
Dev. File No: LD1471
Job No. SM/29/23
Gross Area :
Road Area :
Nett Area :

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1562

25th March 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 to Gas Networks Ireland

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Gas Networks Ireland are seeking to acquire land comprising 22 square meters approximately at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 for the purpose of facilitating a wayleave and associated works for the expansion of the Dublin 15 gas network.

It is proposed, subject to the necessary statutory approvals, to dispose of land comprising an area of 22 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Map No. LA-4007-24 dated 23rd January 2024, contained within Folio DN6480 at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to facilitate a wayleave for the gas network.

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave over the land coloured yellow on Map No.LA-4007-24, comprising 22 square meters approximately.

3. That the Council will retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

4. That consideration payable shall be in the amount of €1,000 (one thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

5. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the applicant.

6. That the applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission, if required.

7. The Council shall grant a temporary works licence for an area comprising 6,967 square meters approximately, as outlined in green on Map No. LA-5007-24 for a period of 12 months with an option

to extend for a further 6 months, if required, to facilitate the construction of the wayleave. All terms and conditions shall be set out in the temporary works licence.

8. That the applicant shall carry out all necessary reinstatement works including any boundary treatments required, and that the wayleave agreement shall only be finalised if the works are completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

9. That the applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining on foot of the provision of fourteen days advance written notice to the Council and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council.

10. That the applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €800.00 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees and surveyor fees in respect of the wayleave agreement.

11. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

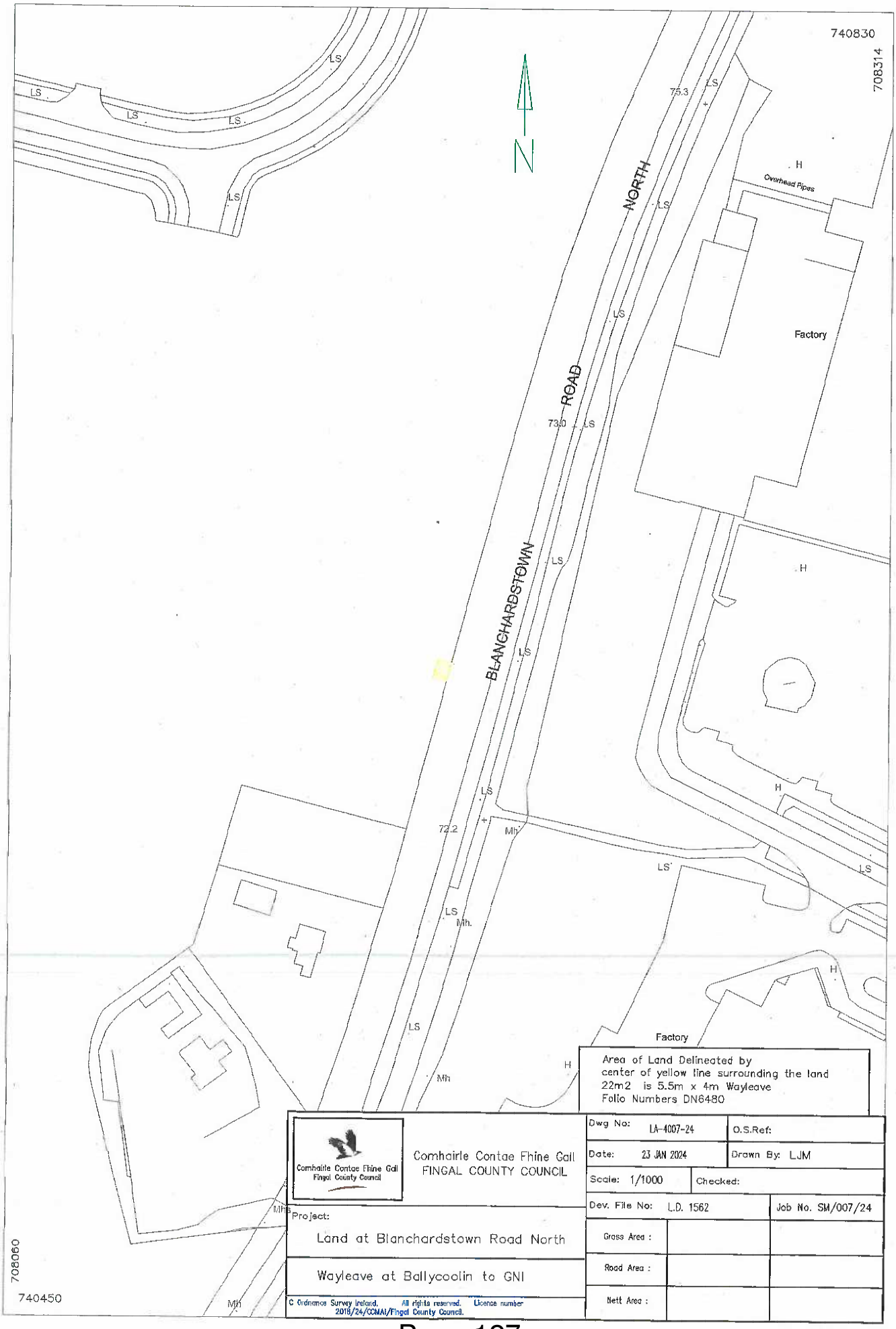
12. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

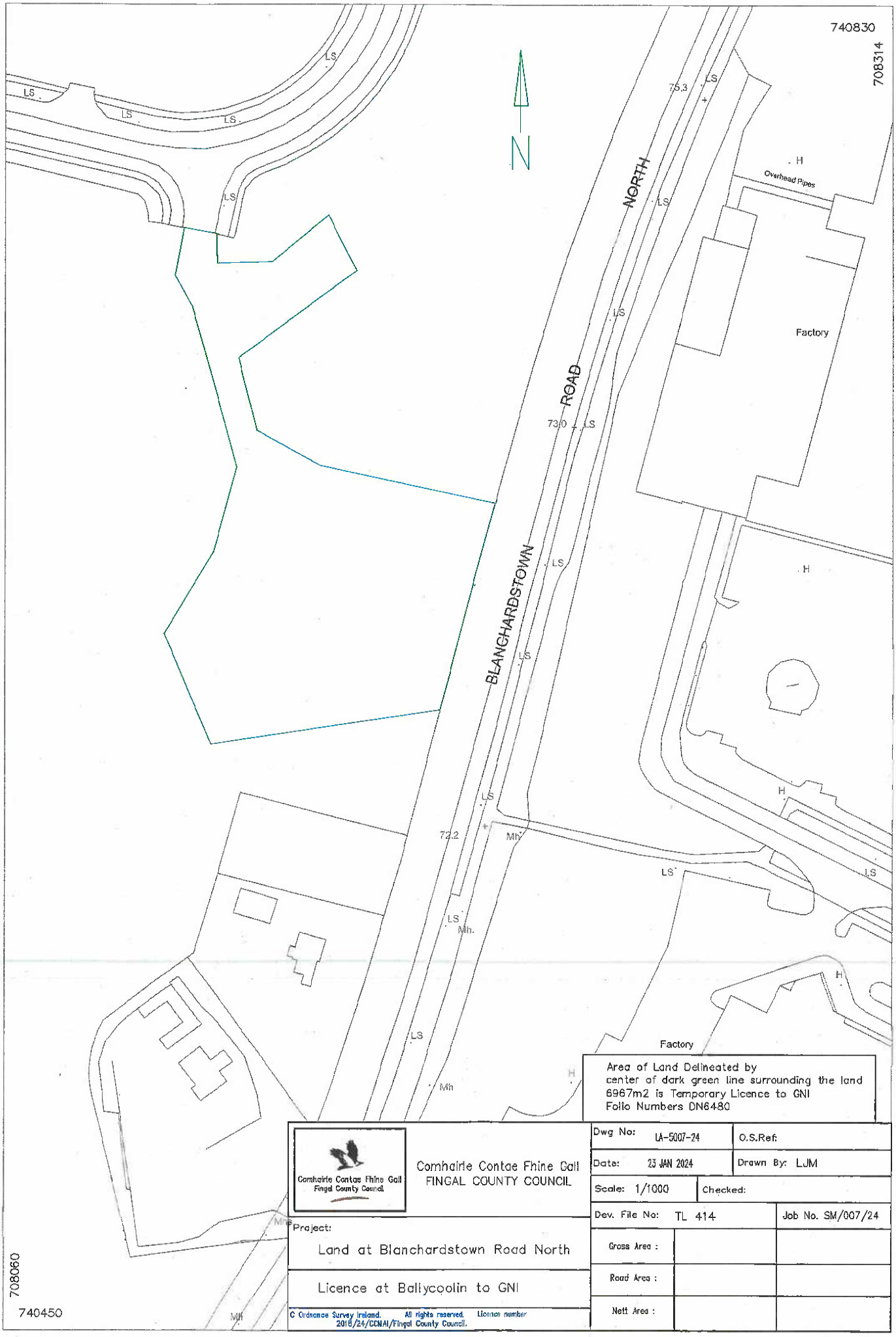
The land to be disposed of was transferred from Dublin Corporation to Fingal County Council in 1994 under the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for the 4th April 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th April 2024.

Aoife Strendar

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


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708314
NORTH
ROAD
BLANCHARDSTOWN
Overhead Pipes
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LS
H
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75.3
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708060
740450
Area of Land Delineated by
center of yellow line surrounding the land
22m2 is 5.5m x 4m Wayleave
Folio Numbers DN6480
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
Dwg No: LA-4007-24
O.S.Ref:
Date: 23 JAN 2024
Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000
Checked:
Dev. File No: L.D. 1562
Job No. SM/007/24
Project:
Land at Blanchardstown Road North
Wayleave at Ballycoolin to GNI
Gross Area :
Road Area :
Nett Area :
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Area of Land Delineated by
center of dark green line surrounding the land
6967m2 is Temporary Licence to GNI
Folio Numbers DN6480

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Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Project:

Land at Blanchardstown Road North

Licence at Ballycoolin to GNI

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Dwg No:	LA-5007-24	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	23 JAN 2024	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	TL 414	Job No.	SM/007/24
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1421

25th March 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: **Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave on land at, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Energia**

Energia are seeking to acquire land comprising 200 square meters approximately at Coldwinters, Dublin 11, for the purpose of facilitating a wayleave and associated works for the Finglas to Fieldstown cable route.

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising an area of 200 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Map No. LA-4026-24 dated 8th March 2024, contained within Folio DN184482F at Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Energia, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to facilitate a wayleave for an energy cable.

2. That the land to be disposed is shown coloured yellow on the attached Map No. LA-4026-24 dated 8th March 2024, comprising an area of 200 square meters approximately on folio DN184482F.

3. That the Council shall retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.

4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €3,300.00 (three thousand three hundred euro) plus VAT if applicable.

5. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the Applicant.

6. That the Applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission, if required.

7. The Council shall grant a temporary works licence for an area comprising of 805 square meters approximately in Folio DN184482F as outlined in orange on Map No. LA-4026-24 dated 8th March 2024, for a period of 12 months with an option to extend for a further 6 months, if required, to facilitate the construction of the wayleave. All terms and conditions shall be set out in the temporary works licence.

8. That the wayleave agreement shall only be completed if reinstatement works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

9. That the Applicant and/or System Operator shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining on foot of the provision of fourteen days advance written notice to the Council and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council.

10. That the Applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,200 (one thousand two hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees and surveying fees plus VAT in respect of the wayleave agreement.

11. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.

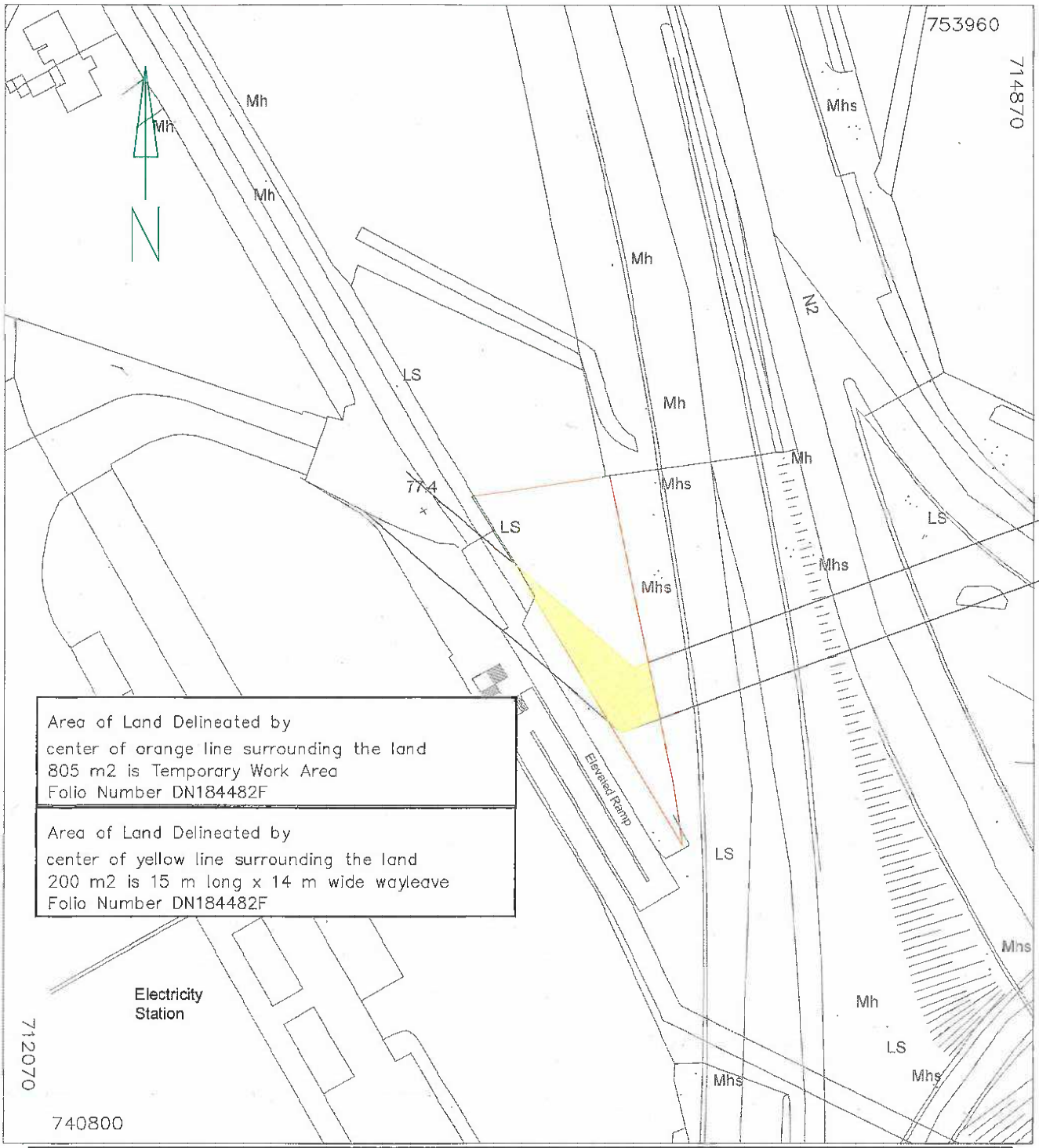
12. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired in 2008 from Bovale Developments Ltd & Caslan Developments Ltd for M50 Motorway Upgrade Motorway Scheme 2004.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for the 4th April 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th April 2024.

Roche Brendan

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



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Fingal County Council

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dwg No:	LA–4026–24	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	08 Mar 2024	Drawn By:	LJM
Scale:	1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:	LD1421	Job No.	SM/026/24
Gross Area :			
Road Area :			
Nett Area :			

Project:
Wayleave at Fieldstown to Energia

Land to be transferred to:

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1547

25th March 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan to Aoibhneas

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The Council has received a request from Aoibhneas for the provision of a facility from which they can deliver support services to their client base consisting of vulnerable women and children.

It is proposed, to dispose of land as shown outlined in red on Map No. 50263932_1 at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, 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. That the purpose of the disposal is for the provision of a support services facility for vulnerable women and children.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on Map No. 50263932_1 comprising 0.3497 acres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject land subject to a 250-year lease on the basis of a consideration of €630,000.00 (six hundred and thirty thousand euro) plus VAT and Stamp Duty (if applicable).

4. That the rent shall be €10 (ten euro) per annum, exclusive of all outgoings.

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

6. That no VAT Liability on this transaction shall arise for the Council.

7. If the land subject to the disposal ceases to be used for the provision of support services for vulnerable women and children by Aoibhneas the land shall revert to the Council.

8. That the purchaser shall pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

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

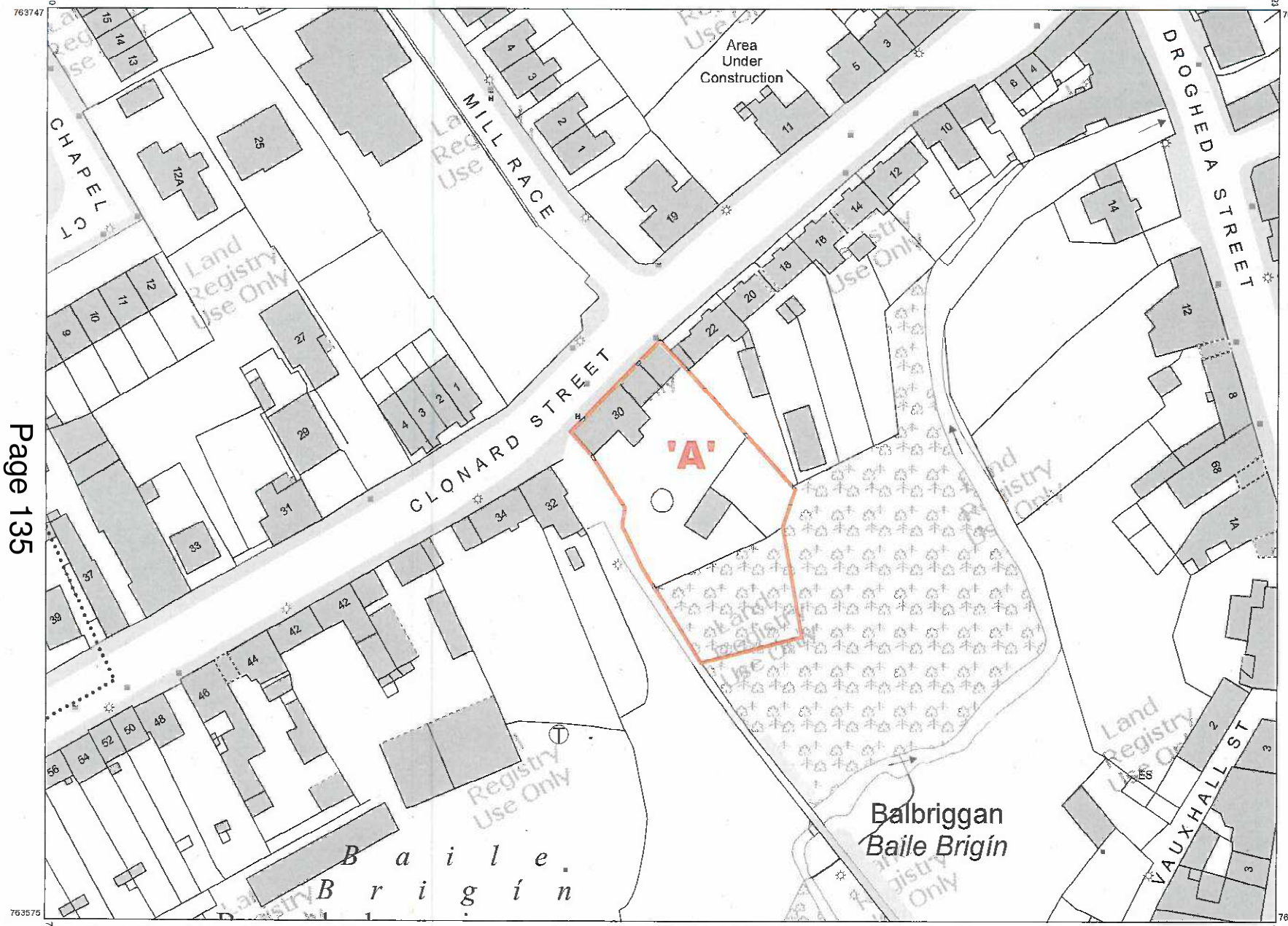
10. That all other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired in 2024 from Mary Jo McGuire and Veronica McGuire for the purpose of the provision of a support services facility for vulnerable women and children.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 8th April 2024.

Director of Services
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
Cultural Development Department

Land Registry Compliant Map



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Ludlow Architects -

Plot "A" shown outlined in RED
0.1415 Hectares

Signed -
Date-

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

ITEM NO 17e

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

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

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
Damastown, Naul, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 22/10/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55
69 Balglass Road, Howth, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 01/03/1974	£15.00 = €19.04 x 59.17 = €1126.59	€1126.59 +€130.00 = €1256.59

68 Balkill Park, Howth, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 01/04/1973	£15.00 = €19.04 x 59.17 = €1126.59	€1126.59 + €130.00 = €1256.59

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO 18

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 18a

RIVERWOOD GARDENS, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

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 – 1745
Taking In Charge – Riverwood Gardens
DED: Castleknock-Knockmaroon, TL: Diswellstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Riverwood Gardens	290m	From outside House No.6 head South for 30m to the tri-intersection of Riverwood Gardens, turn West for 56m to the tri-intersection at left, head North for 26m to the boundary of private green space of House No.45, head South for 25m to the boundary of private green space of House No.38. From the tri-intersection head East for 54m to the House No.13, head South for 25m to the boundary of private green space of House No.24, head East for 46m to the boundary of private green space of House No.18. From the tri-intersection outside House No.13, 23 & 17 head North for 28m to the boundary of private green space of House No.14.
	Total Length: 290m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1745
Taking In Charge – Riverwood Gardens
DED: Castleknock-Knockmaroon, TL: Diswellstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Riverwood Gardens	290m	From outside House No.6 head South for 30m to the tri-intersection of Riverwood Gardens, turn West for 56m to the tri-intersection at left, head North for 26m to the boundary of private green space of House No.45, head South for 25m to the boundary of private green space of House No.38. From the tri-intersection head East for 54m to the House No.13, head South for 25m to the boundary of private green space of House No.24, head East for 46m to the boundary of private green space of House No.18. From the tri-intersection outside House No.13, 23 & 17 head North for 28m to the boundary of private green space of House No.14.
	Total Length: 290m	



FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
ExF7	61.35	59.96		ExS5	61.37	60.16	
			225mm				225mm
F8	61.85	60.03		S6	61.82	60.34	
			225mm				225mm
F9	61.64	60.38		S7	61.65	60.60	
			225mm				225mm
F8	61.85	60.03		S6	61.82	60.34	
			225mm				225mm
F10	62.34	60.55		S8	61.85	60.80	
							225mm
				S9	62.01	60.54	
							225mm
				S10	62.34	60.81	

SCAN QR CODE FOR LOCATION OF RIVERWOOD GARDENS

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Feb 2024	SURVEYED BY: SB, PG & YC		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: S.Boylan	DRAWN BY: Y.Cao		SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: P.Gillespie	BC . BC 1745		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1745	REV.	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
		OS Ref.	

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Riverwood Gardens
Diswellstown Castlenock-Knockmaroon

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

HYD Hydrant

Sluice Valve

27 Riverwood Gardens, Diswellstown

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 18b

EMSWORTH, KINSEALY LANE, 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 – 1747
Taking In Charge – Emsworth, Kinsealy Lane, Malahide.
DED –Kinsealy. TL Kinsealy.

Road Name	Length	Description
Kinsealy Lane	22m	From the junction of Kinsealy Lane and Emsworth Park head North for 22m to entrance of Emsworth Park.
Emsworth Park	110m 105m 120m	Turn Left into Emsworth Park and head West for 110m to outside No.7 Emsworth Park, continue around the bend in the road and head North for 105m to end of road outside No.12 Emsworth Park. From outside No.5 Emsworth Park head North for 120m to end of road, outside No.11 Emsworth Park.

Number of Units: 16	Total Length: 357m	

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1747
Taking In Charge – Emsworth, Kinsealy Lane, Malahide.

DED –Kinsealy. TL Kinsealy.

Road Name	Length	Description
Kinsealy Lane	22m	From the junction of Kinsealy Lane and Emsworth Park head North for 22m to entrance of Emsworth Park.
Emsworth Park	110m 105m 120m	Turn Left into Emsworth Park and head West for 110m to outside No.7 Emsworth Park, continue around the bend in the road and head North for 105m to end of road outside No.12 Emsworth Park. From outside No.5 Emsworth Park head North for 120m to end of road, outside No.11 Emsworth Park.
Number of Units: 16	Total Length: 357m	



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FW DRAIN.

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAMETER
FS 8	10.11	8.71	
			225mm
FS 7	9.89	8.19	
			225mm
FS 6	9.7	7.92	
			225mm
FS 5	9.58	7.72	
			225mm
FS 4	8.98	7.07	
			225mm
FS 3	8.27	6.55	
			225mm
FS 2	7.94	6.31	
			225mm
FS 2.1	7.85	5.56	
			225mm
FS EXIST.	7.62	5.46	
			225mm
FS 3C	9.88	8.09	
			225mm
FS 3B	9.2	7.72	
			225mm
FS 3A	8.59	7.05	
			225mm
FS 3	8.27	6.55	

S.W DRAIN

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAMETER
MHS 7.2	10.910	8.620	
			225mm
MHS 7	10.02	8.480	
			225mm
MHS 6	9.890	8.360	
			225mm
MHS 5	9.7	8.160	
			225mm
MHS 4	9.360	7.91	
			225mm
ATTENUATION TANK			
			225mm
MHS 3	9.380	7.450	
			225mm
MHS 2	8.420	7.160	
			225mm
HYD BRAKE S1.	9.020	8.620	
			225mm
HEADWALL.		6.870	
MHS 9	8.840	7.60	
			225mm
MHS 8	8.480	7.33	
			450mm
MHS 1	9.020	6.960	

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Emsworth Park
TL: Kinsealy DED: Kinsealy

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

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Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 18c

GOLDEN RIDGE, PHASE 2, RUSH, 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 – 1741
Taking In Charge – Golden Ridge Phase 2
ED: Rush, TD: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
Golden Ridge Avenue	284m	From the junction of Skerries Road turn left onto Golden Ridge Avenue head West for 214m to T-Junction of Golden Ridge Walk and Golden Ridge Green. From the junction of House No.16 turn North for 32m to the North boundary wall. From the junction of House No.25 and House No.18 turn North for 38m to the north boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Walk	135m	From the T-junction of Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Green head North for 70m to the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Mews. From the T-junction of Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Green head West for 65m to the west boundary wall.

Golden Ridge Close and Mews	103m	From start point at House No. 21, head South for 23m, pass T-Junction of Golden Ridge Square, head West for 80m to the west boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Square	23m	From outside No.7on Golden Ridge Square, head West for 23m to the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Mews.
Golden Ridge Green	176m	From the T-Junction of Golden Ridge Golden Ridge Avenue and Golden Ridge Walk, head South for 40m to the T-Junction outside House No.5. From T-Junction outside House No.5 head West for 78m to the west boundary wall at House No.11 and House No.12. From T-Junction outside House No.5 head East for 58m to the east boundary wall.
Golden Ridge Drive	120m	From T-Junction outside House No.4 Southwest for 120m to the boundary of Golden Ridge Phase 1.
	Total Length: 841m	

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MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F11B	16.070	15.189		S11B	16.050	14.679	
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F11	16.370	15.025		S11	16.390	14.479	
			225mm				225mm
F10	16.560	14.888		S10	16.470	14.339	
			225mm				225mm
F8	16.910	14.687		S8	16.810	14.184	
			225mm				225mm
F5	16.600	14.240		S5	16.550	13.770	
			225mm				225mm
F3	15.550	13.976		S3	15.530	13.473	
			225mm				225mm
F2	14.770	13.120		S2	14.760	12.639	
			225mm				225mm
F4-014	12.970	11.575		HB	14.280	12.278	
F12	16.730	15.333					225mm
			225mm	S7-015	12.890	11.500	
F10	16.560	14.888					225mm
F9	17.940	16.084		Continues To Phase 1			
			225mm	S12	16.750	14.849	
F8	16.910	14.888					225mm
F6B	17.810	15.884		S10	16.470	14.339	
			225mm	S9	17.960	16.124	
F6	17.150	15.418					225mm
			225mm	S8	16.810	14.184	
F5	16.600	14.240		S6B	17.830	15.846	
F4A	16.050	14.555					225mm
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F4	15.790	14.230					225mm
			225mm	S5	16.550	13.770	
F3	15.550	13.976		S7	16.180	14.017	
Connection For Future Development							225mm
FMH15	15.530	14.133		S5	16.550	13.770	
			225mm	S4A	16.040	14.476	
FMH14	15.320	13.889					225mm
			225mm	S4	15.750	14.093	
FMH16	14.390	12.634					225mm
			225mm	S3	15.530	13.473	
FMH18	13.770	12.031		ATT MHB	14.370	12.700	
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FHM19	13.330	11.481	BD-10.631	ATT MHA	14.350	12.390	
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EX FMH	12.240	10.244	BD-9.914	HB	14.280	12.278	
Pumped Rising Main				Connection For Future Development			
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F7	16.180	14.522		SMH 15	15.490	14.090	
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F5	16.600	14.240		SMH 14	15.360	13.584	
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F19.3	13.525	12.780		S16	14.430	12.844	
			150mm				225mm
F19.2	13.645	12.860		SMH 18	13.780	12.036	
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F19.1	13.420	11.600		SMH 19	12.840	11.193	
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F19.4	13.475	12.255		SMH 19B	12.010	10.948	
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F16A	14.245	12.997		SMH34.001	11.950	10.920	
			150mm				225mm
F16B	14.145	12.705		SMH36.001	11.963	10.330	
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				SMH34.001	12.012	10.310	
				Continues To Phase 2			
				S17	14.500	12.900	
			450mm				
				S16	14.430	12.884	
				SMH 13	15.680	13.983	
			225mm				
				SMH 14	15.360	13.584	



REVISIONS

THIS DRAWING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE ESTATES TAKEN IN CHARGE/INTO MAINTENANCE

FOR INFORMATION ON SAME SEE LETTER DATED:

THIS MAP REFERS TO TAKING INTO MAINTENANCE/CHARGE ONLY THOSE ROADS AND SERVICES AS INDICATED IN COLOUR

EXCLUSIONS: COMMON AREAS IN THE DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE SHOWN ON THE 'DEED OF CONVEYANCE' DOCUMENT ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	February 2024	**SURVEYED BY:**	Liffey Developments
CHECKED BY:	D. Gormley/Y.Cao	**DRAWN BY:**	E.Finnegan(Throntons)/Y.Cao
APPROVED BY:	M.Byrne/D.Gormley	**BC .**	BC1741
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Goldenridge Phase 2

ED - Rush TD - Rush

FOUL SEWER	Foul Sewer System proposed to be taken in charge
SURFACE WATER	Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
WATER MAINS	Watermain System proposed to be taken in charge.
OTHER	Hydrant, HYD, Sluice Valve, G, Road Gulley

Area proposed to be taken in charge

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ITEM NO. 18d

COOPERS WOOD, KINSEALY, CO. DUBLIN

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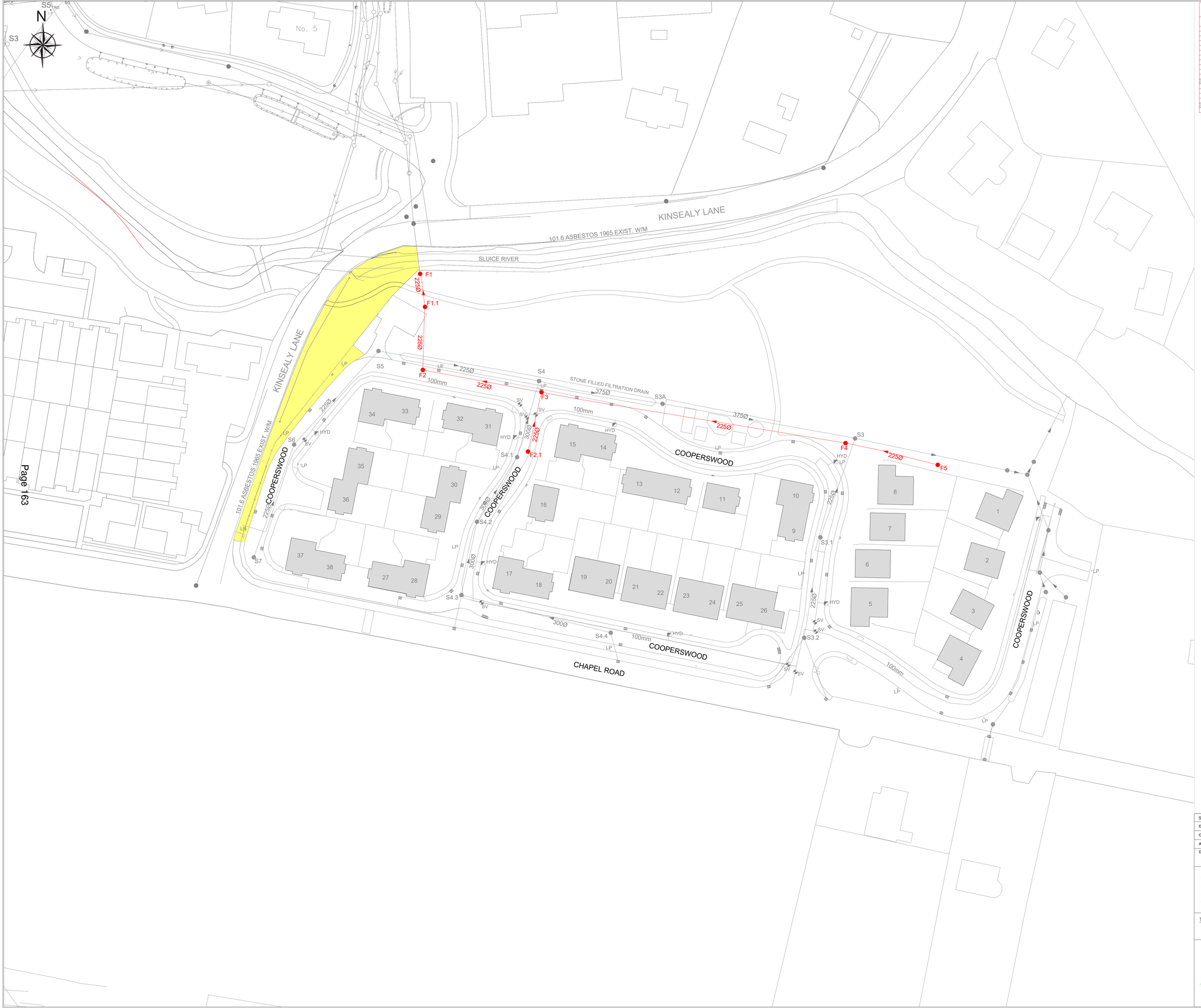
BC Number – 1748
Taking In Charge – Coopers Wood
DED: Kinsealy, TL: Kinsealy

Road Name	Length	Description
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			225mm
F 2	8.603	6.603	
			225mm
F 1.1	8.677	6.377	
			225mm
F 1	7.902	6.602	
F 3	8.518	6.828	
			225mm
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ITEM 19

Council Meeting Monday 8th April 2024

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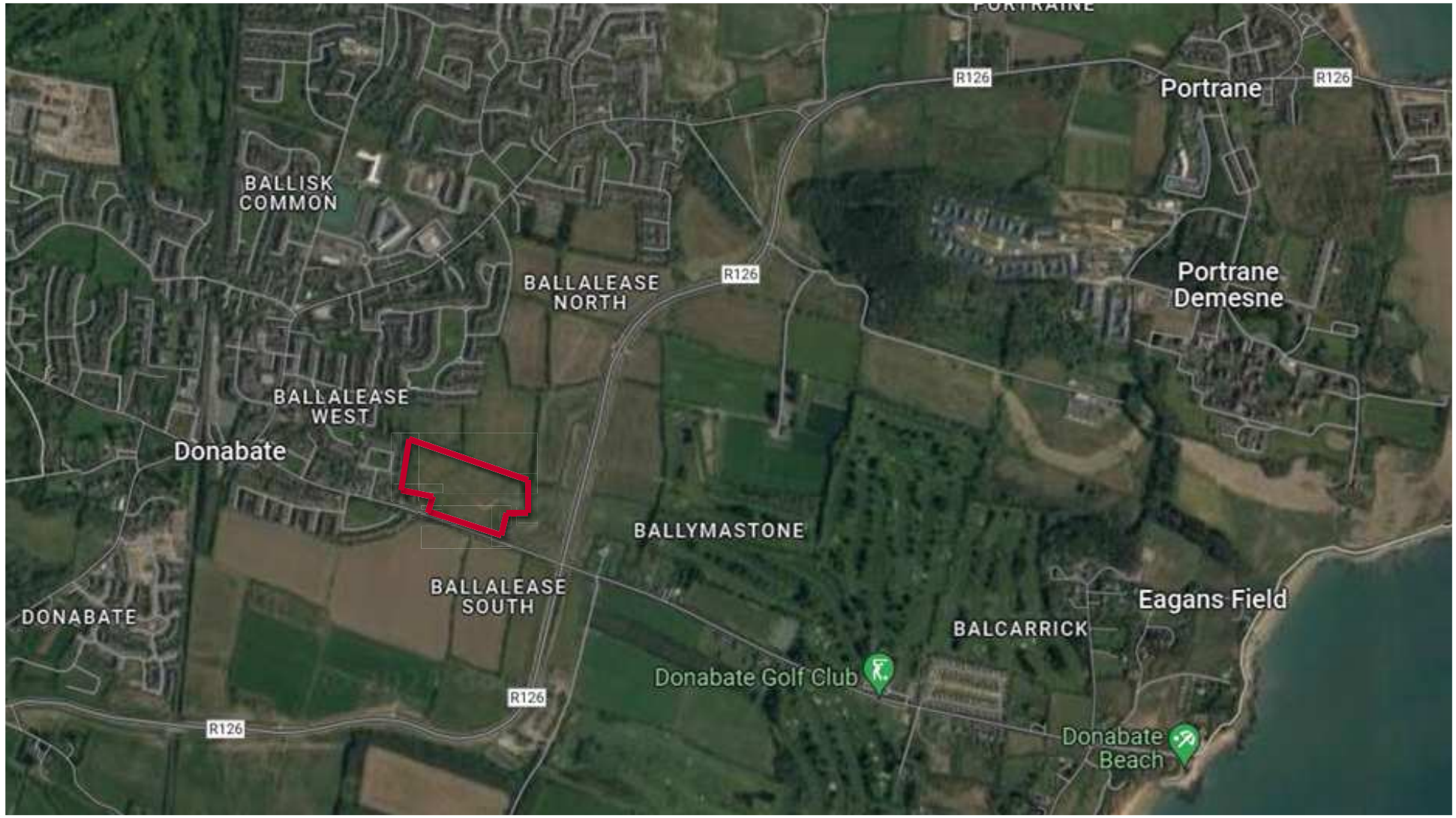
Proposed Development of 175 new residential units (houses and apartments) and a creche at New Road, Donabate.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT

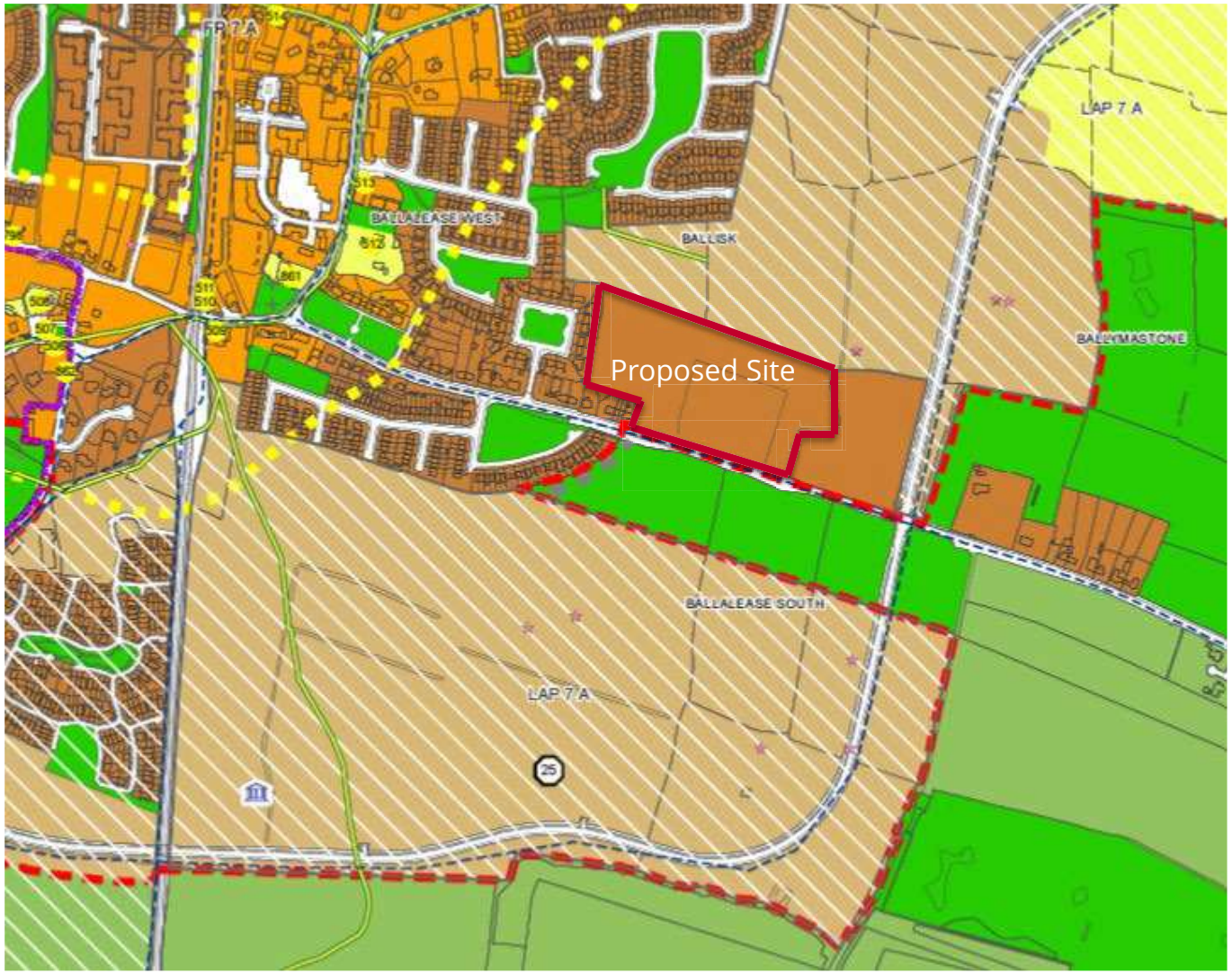
BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 179A

OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (as amended)

SITE LOCATION



FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-29: MAP 7 DONABATE/PORTRANE



RS - Residential — Provide for residential development and protect and improve residential amenity

SITE CONTEXT

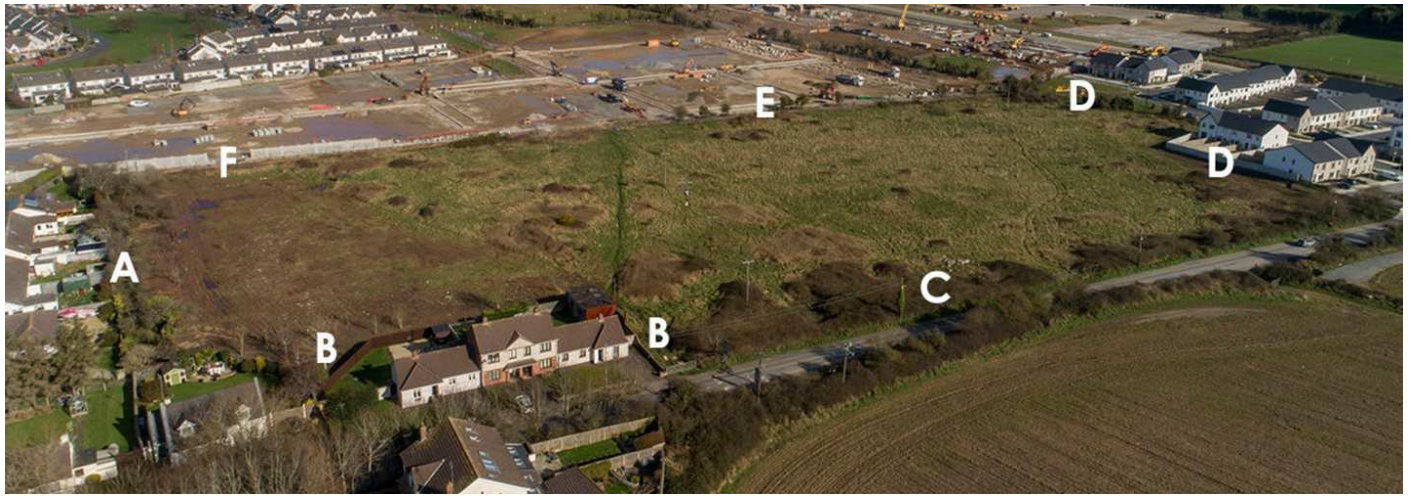
Greenfield site of 4.72ha, owned by Fingal County Council.

Topography is level with a slight fall south to north.

Surrounding Context is mainly 1- & 2 storey social & private housing.

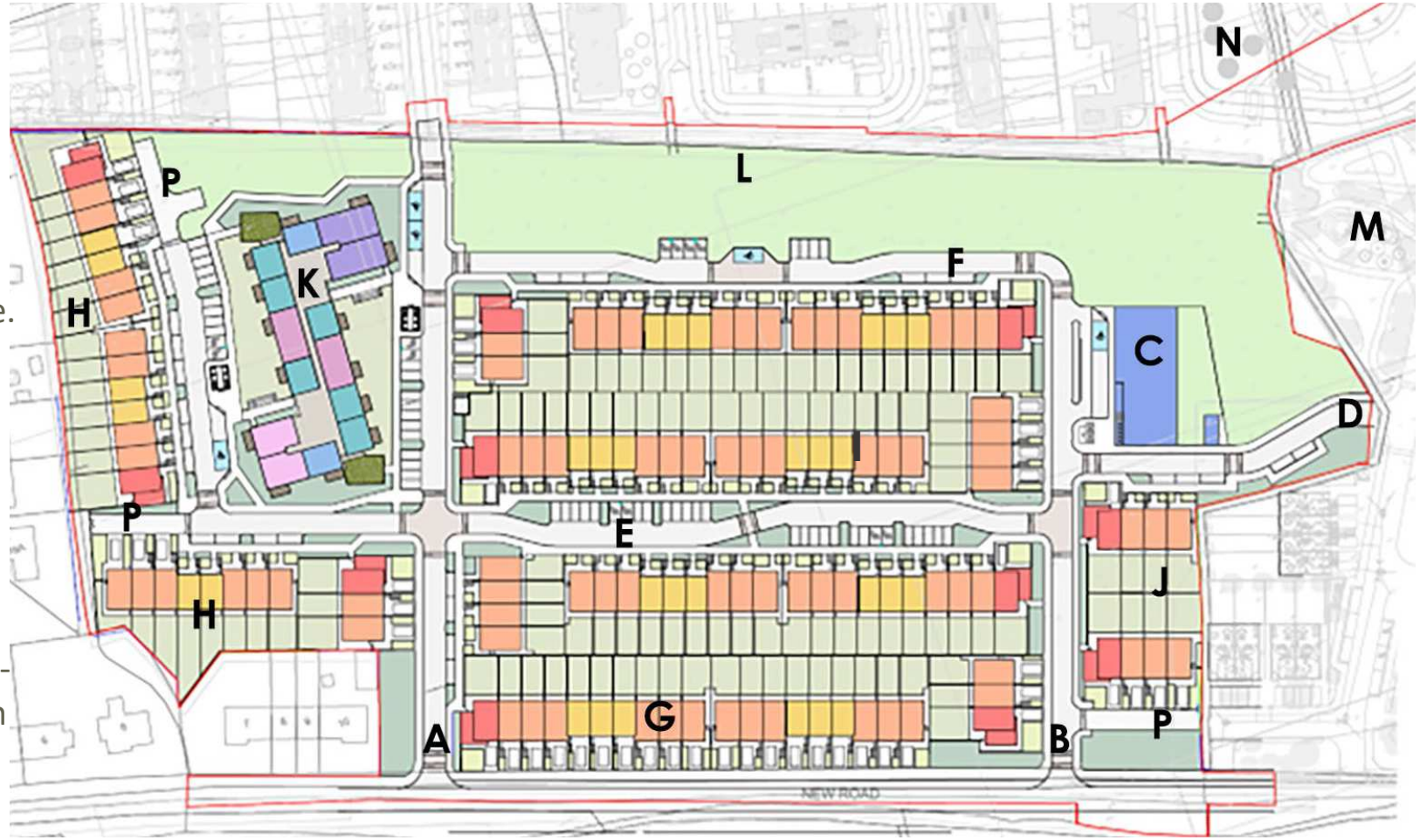
<u>Existing Boundaries</u>

A. Townland Boundary (Ballisk), hedgerow trees, open ditch. Various existing boundary walls and fences.
B. Boundary walls and fences to existing properties on New Road
C. Townland Boundary (Ballisk) along New Road - Unmanaged hedgerow with a few scattered trees
D. Townland Boundary (Ballisk) - Recently completed Lanestown View, post and panel fences and railings.
A. Open ditch to the northern boundary
B. Boundary wall to the housing development currently under construction at Ballymastone



PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. Main access road linking with the Ballymastone lands
B. Secondary access road
C. Proposed Creche
D. Road linking into Lanestown View
E. Internal east-west road
F. Internal east-west road
G. Urban block with active street frontage to New Road - urban edge.
H. 2-storey terraces backing onto existing houses
I. Urban Block with views onto Open Space
J. 2-storey terraces adjoining Lanestown View
K. 3- and 4-storey apartment block
L. Public open space 'green corridor' - links with open space in Lanestown View (M) and Ballymastone (N)
P. Shared surface 'Homezones'



AERIAL VIEWS





Existing





Proposed

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Residential Density

Residential units:	175no.
Gross site area:	4.72Ha
Net Site Area:	4.07Ha
Net Density:	**42.9 units/Ha**

Design complies with:

- Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (FDP 2023-2029)
- Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities (DEHLG, 2007)
- Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements guidelines (DoHLGH, 2024)
- Sustainable Urban Housing: Design Standards for New Apartments; Guidelines for Planning Authorities (DoHLGH, 2023)
- Design Manual for Quality Housing (DoHLGH, 2022)

Public Open Space

Public Open Space: 6090m² = 15% of net site area

Car Parking

139 total parking bays + 5 no. set down spaces

Includes 5 no. disabled bays & 12 no. street EV charging bays

Bicycle Storage

521 long stay secure bicycle parking spaces

90 no. short stay (visitor) bicycle parking spaces

Universal & Age Friendly Design

45 no. units incorporate Universal Design principles, incl. 34 no. 1-, 2- & 3-bed apartments, 11 no. 4-bed houses.

18 no. 1-bed apartments incorporate Age Friendly design principles

VERIFIED VIEWS





Existing





Proposed

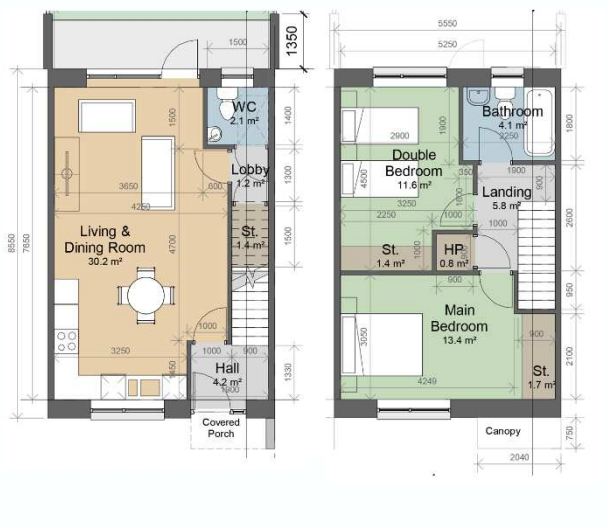
MIX OF DWELLING TYPES

- 1-Bedroom dwellings: 26 = 14.8%
- 2-Bedroom dwellings: 50 = 28.6%
- 3-Bedroom Dwellings: 88 = 50.3%
- 4-Bedroom dwellings: 11 = 6.3%

DWELLING TYPES		
Houses:	**Description**	**No.**
Type A	2-Bed 4-Person 2-Storey mid-Terraced	30
Type B	3-Bed 5-Person 2-Storey mid-Terraced	57
Type B1	3-Bed 5-Person 2-Storey end-of-Terrace	25
Type C	4-Bed 7-Person end-of-Terrace (UD)	11
	HOUSES SUB-TOTAL:	**123**

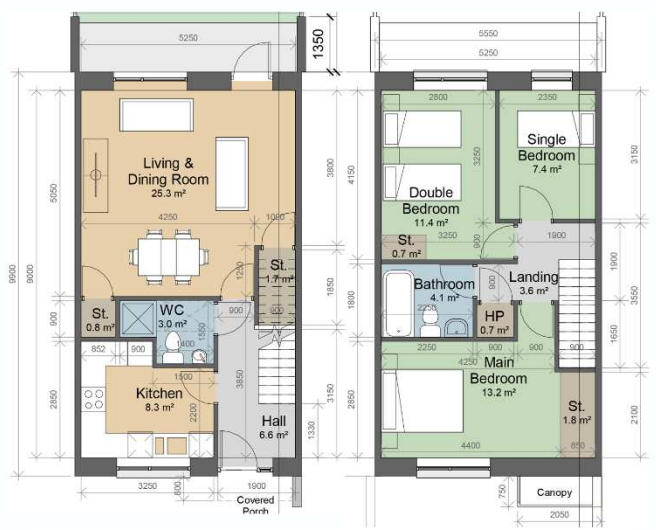
Apartments:	**Description**	**No.**
Type D	1-Bed 2-Person apartments (AF)	18
Type D1	1-Bed 2-Person apartments (UD)	8
Type E	2-Bed 3-Person apartments (UD)	6
Type F	2-Bed 4-Person apartments (UD	14
Type G	3-Bed 5-Person apartments (UD)	6
	APARTMENTS SUB-TOTAL:	**52**
	TOTALS (APARTMENTS & HOUSES)	**175**

HOUSE TYPES



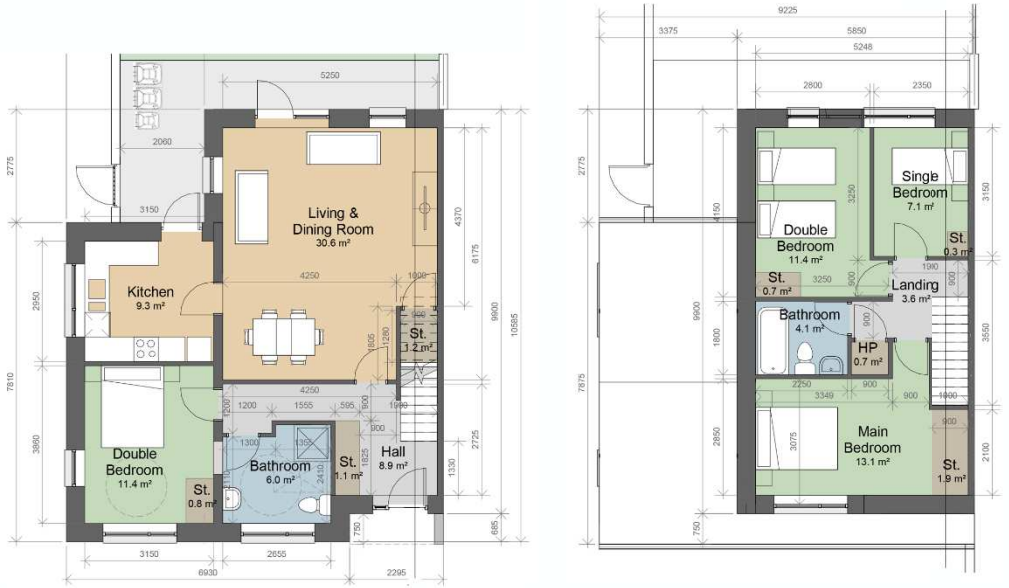
House Type A - 2B-4P-2S

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	80.3m²	80.0m²	100.3%
Aggr. Living:	30.2m²	30.0m²	100.7%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	25.0m²	25.0m²	100.0%
Storage:	4.5m²	4.0m²	112.5%



House Type B - 3B-5P-2S

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	94.5m²	92.0m²	102.7%
Aggr. Living:	33.6m²	34.0m²	98.8%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	32.0m²	32.0m²	100.0%
Storage:	5.0m²	5.0m²	100.0%



House Type C - 4B-7P-2S

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	119.6m²	110.0m²	108.7%
Aggr. Living:	39.9m²	40.0m²	99.8%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	43.0m²	42.8m²	100.5%
Storage:	6.0m²	6.0m²	100.0%

HOUSE TYPES – TYPICAL ELEVATIONS





House Block Type A



House Block Type F

External finishes:

- Coloured Render Finish
- Brickwork
- Concrete Roof Tiles
- Concrete Window Cills
- Aluclad Double Glazed Windows
- Painted Timber Entrance Door
- Low-level Brick Walls
- Steel Railings

APARTMENT TYPES



ATD-1B-2P-AF

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	47.4m²	45.0m²	105.3%
Aggr. Living:	23.1m²	23.0m²	100.0%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	11.4m²	11.4m²	100.0%
Storage:	3.0m²	3.0m²	100.0%
Private Open Space:	7.3m²	5.0m²	146.0%



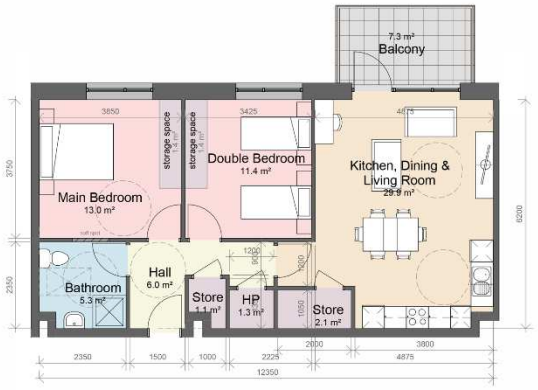
ATD1 - 1B-2P-UD

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	49.4m²	45.0m²	109.8%
Aggr. Living:	23.1m²	23.0m²	100.0%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	11.6m²	11.4m²	101.8%
Storage:	3.0m²	3.0m²	100.0%
Private Open Space:	7.6m²	5.0m²	152.0%



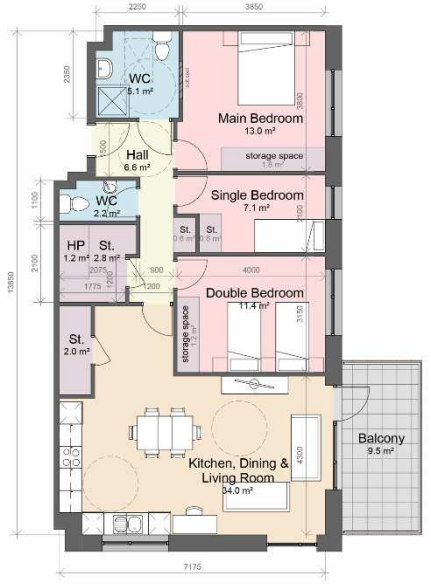
ATE - 2B-3P-UD

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	67.5m²	63.0m²	107.1%
Aggr. Living:	28.0m²	28.0m²	100.0%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	20.1m²	20.1m²	100.0%
Storage:	5.0m²	5.0m²	100.0%
Private Open Space:	7.3m²	6.0m²	146.0%



ATF - 2B-4P-UD

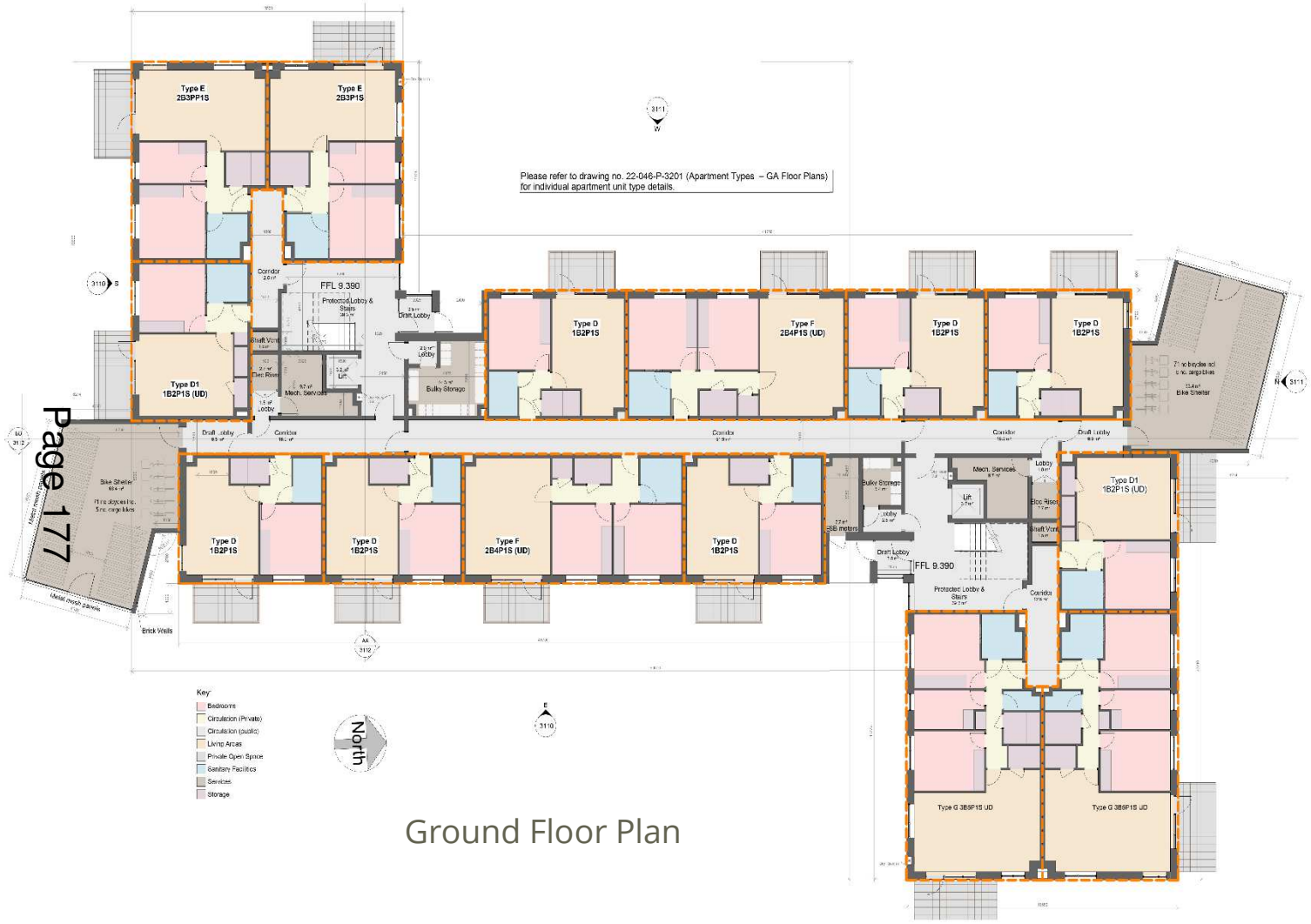
Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	75.8m²	73.0m²	103.8%
Aggr. Living:	29.9m²	30.0m²	99.7%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	24.4m²	24.4m²	100.0%
Storage:	6.0m²	6.0m²	100.0%
Private Open Space:	7.3m²	7.0m²	146.0%



ATG - 3B-5P-UD

Relevant Area	Proposed	Target	Comparison
Total Floor Area:	93.3m²	86.0m²	108.5%
Aggr. Living:	34.0m²	34.0m²	100.0%
Aggr. Bedrooms:	31.5m²	31.5m²	100.0%
Storage:	9.0m²	9.0m²	100.0%
Private Open Space:	9.5m²	9.0m²	105.6%

APARTMENT BLOCK



Ground Floor Plan



1st & 2nd Floor Plan



3rd Floor Plan

APARTMENT BLOCK ELEVATIONS



East Elevation



South Elevation

External finishes:

- Brickwork walls
- Coloured Render Finish
- Powder-coated Aluclad Double Glazed Windows
- Powder-coated Steel Balconies
- Metal Mesh Panels to Bike Stores
- Green Roof
- PV Panels



CRECHE – GROUND FLOOR PLAN



Gross Internal Floor Area: 365 sq.m.
Gross Outdoor Play Area: 340 sq.m.

The creche provides for approximately 47 childcare spaces (depending on age and service / care type)



CRECHE – ELEVATIONS & SECTION



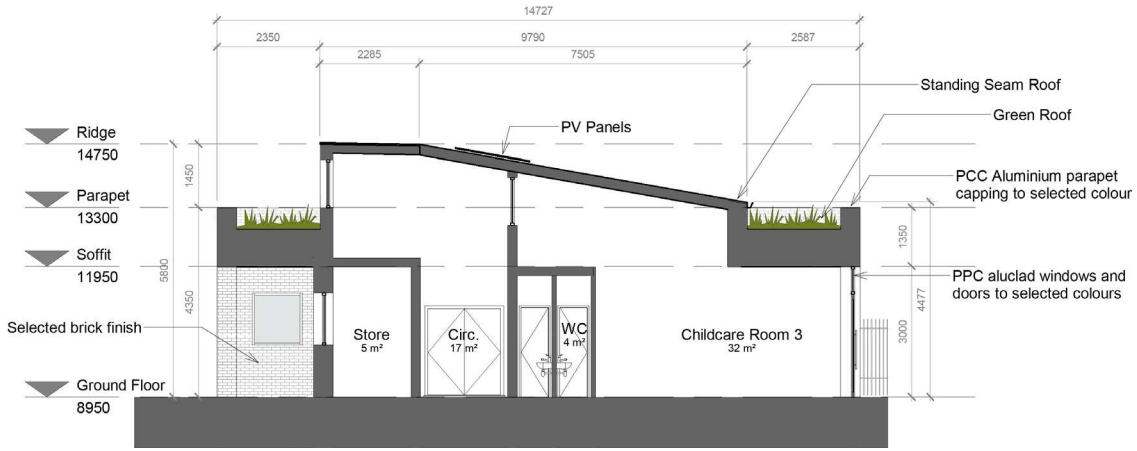
East Elevation



West Elevation

External finishes:

- Brickwork walls
- Standing Seam Metal Cladding
- Standing Seam Metal Roof
- Green Roof
- Aluclad Double Glazed Windows



Section A-A

LANDSCAPE – INDICATIVE DESIGN



Key:

1. Communal Open Space
2. Kick-about / Lawn
3. Play Area
4. SuDS Informal Play Area
5. Plaza
6. Basketball Mini Court

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 20

PARTXI/002/24

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PART XI PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) PART 8 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)
REPLACEMENT PUBLIC TOILETS AT RUSH SOUTH BEACH, RUSH, CO. DUBLIN.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT PURSUANT TO PART XI OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND PART 8 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED)

INTRODUCTION

Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (As amended) and Part 8 of the Local Government Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As amended) outlines the requirements in respect of certain classes of Local Authority Developments. These regulations apply to the proposed development by Fingal County Council to replace the public toilets at Rush South Beach, Rush, Co. Dublin.

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

- Demolition, removal and disposal of the existing structure.
- Construction of new facility including, but not limited to, foundations, external walls, roof, internal walls, fit-out, finishes, services, footpaths and ramps.
- Provision of 2 no. direct entry wheelchair accessible facilities.
- Provision of one changing places facility for enhanced universal access.
- Proposed design to have full regard to durability of the building taking into account the challenging climatic conditions of the location and to sympathetically reflect the sensitive coastal location.
- All related ground works including access paths, service connections, drainage etc.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

In accordance with the procedure pursuant to Part XI of the Local Government Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as amended, Public Notice of the Council's intention to replace these public toilets was published in the Irish Independent on the 6th of February 2024. Copies of the Site Notice were erected on site on the same date.

Public Display and Submissions and Observations Period:

Plans and particulars of the proposal were made available for inspection from Tuesday 6th February 2024 up to and including Tuesday 5th March 2024 on the website http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse and at two locations, at Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67X8Y2 and at Rush Library, Chapel Green, Rush, K56 ED95.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were accepted from Tuesday 6th February 2024 up to Tuesday 19th March 2024, either online through http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or In writing to: Senior Executive Officer, Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Operational Area, Operations Department, Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638.

The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed development which were made available for inspection, are listed in Appendix A. The period during which submissions or observations in respect of the proposed development may be made to the Local Authority has expired.

3 submissions and/or observations were received during the statutory timeframe and the main points raised have been considered in the preparation of this report. The Council wishes to express its appreciation to those who made submissions.

Content of Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

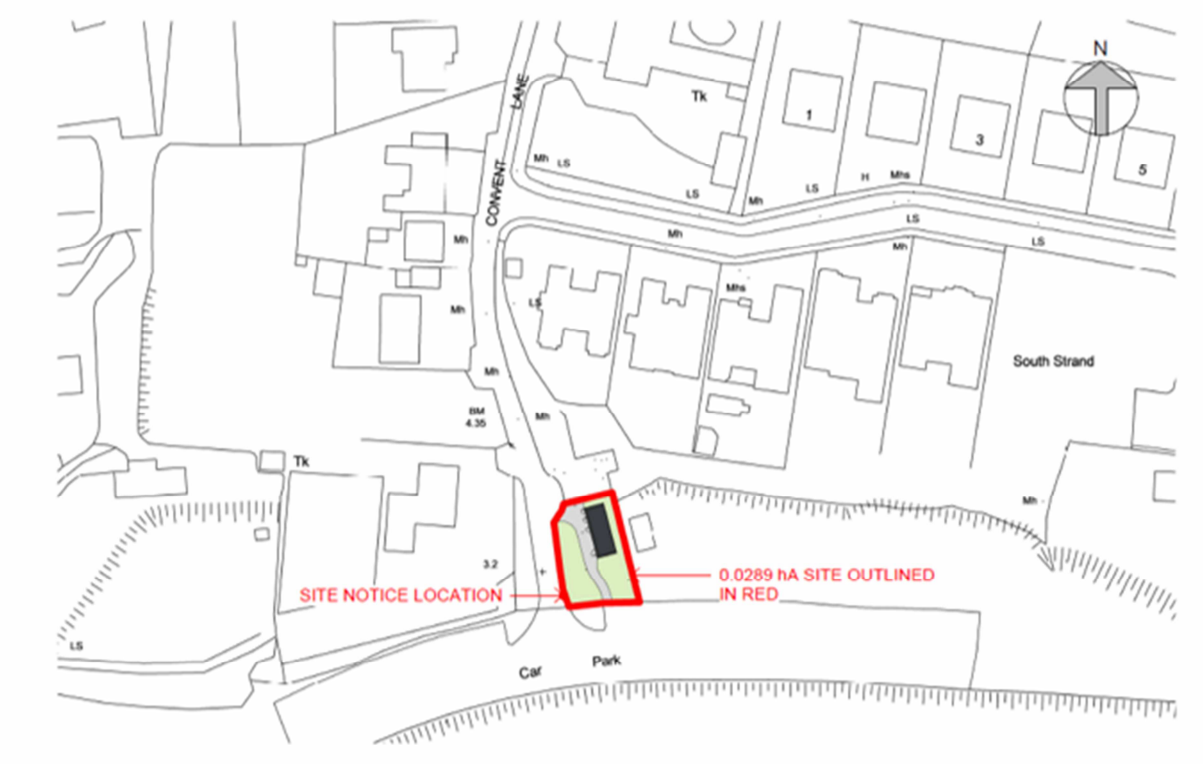
REPORT

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Site Description:

The site is on the eastern side of Convent Lane and north of the coastal carpark. It is 35m or so from the effective shoreline – the limit of high tides.

The shore at this point is rock armouring and sand on the seaward edge of the carpark and there are steps down to beach itself which is sandy.





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Planning Context:

In the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 to 2029, the site is zoned as 'High Amenity Zoning' with a stated objective to 'Protect High Amenity areas from inappropriate development and reinforce their character, distinctiveness, and sense of place. The site is located within the High Amenity Zoning.

The County Development Plan 2023 to 2029 states that "*A High Amenity zoning (HA) has been applied to areas of the County of high landscape value. These are areas which consist of landscapes of special character in which inappropriate development would contribute to a significant diminution of landscape value in the County. These landscape areas meet one or more of the*
following criteria:
¨ Contain scenic landscape of high quality,
¨ Afford expansive or interesting views of surrounding areas,
¨ Are components in important views and prospects,
¨ Are unique or special within the County,
¨ Are important elements in defining the coastal character of the County,
¨ Act as a backdrop to important coastal views,
¨ Contain important groups of trees or woodland,
¨ Are elevated or ridge sites on which development would be obtrusive,
¨ Provide public access to interesting attractive landscapes or to semi-natural areas.

The following policy and objectives relate to developments in high amenity areas:

Policy GINHP28 – Protection of High Amenity Areas
Protect High Amenity areas from inappropriate development and reinforce their character,
distinctiveness and sense of place.

Objective GINHO63 – Development and High Amenity Areas
Ensure that development reflects and reinforces the distinctiveness and sense of place of
High Amenity areas, including the retention of important features or characteristics, taking
into account the various elements which contribute to its distinctiveness such as geology and
landform, habitats, scenic quality, settlement pattern, historic heritage, local vernacular heritage, land-use, and tranquility.

The proposed development relates to the replacement of the existing toilet facility on Rush South Beach with a new facility. This will provide a higher standard of facility which is accessible and meets the needs of a broader range of beach users. The scale of the building is similar in height to the existing facility and will not give rise to any additional impact on visual amenity compared to the existing facility. Two changes are proposed in

relation to what was put on public display namely, the building finish will be charred larch which is more environmentally sustainable and the Embodied Carbon for this building will drop significantly using a timber finish versus stone. The overflow from the rainwater harvesting system will be down piped to rainwater planters. This is consistent with Objective GINHO15 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which is to limit surface water run off from new developments through the use of appropriate SUDs using nature-based solutions ensuring that SUDs is integrated into all new development in the County.

The proposal accordingly will not affect this high amenity area, would be acceptable in terms of HA Zoning and would otherwise be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

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

A total of 3 submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons or bodies who made submissions or observations include:

1. Councillor Brian Dennehy
2. John Cassidy
3. Shannon Butler

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

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

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

No recommendations or alterations to the proposal design arise from the submissions and observations received.

It is recommended that the Council proceeds with the proposed development as described in the plans and particulars contained and listed in Appendix A and subject to the two changes previously identified namely:

I. the building finish will be charred larch which is more environmentally sustainable.

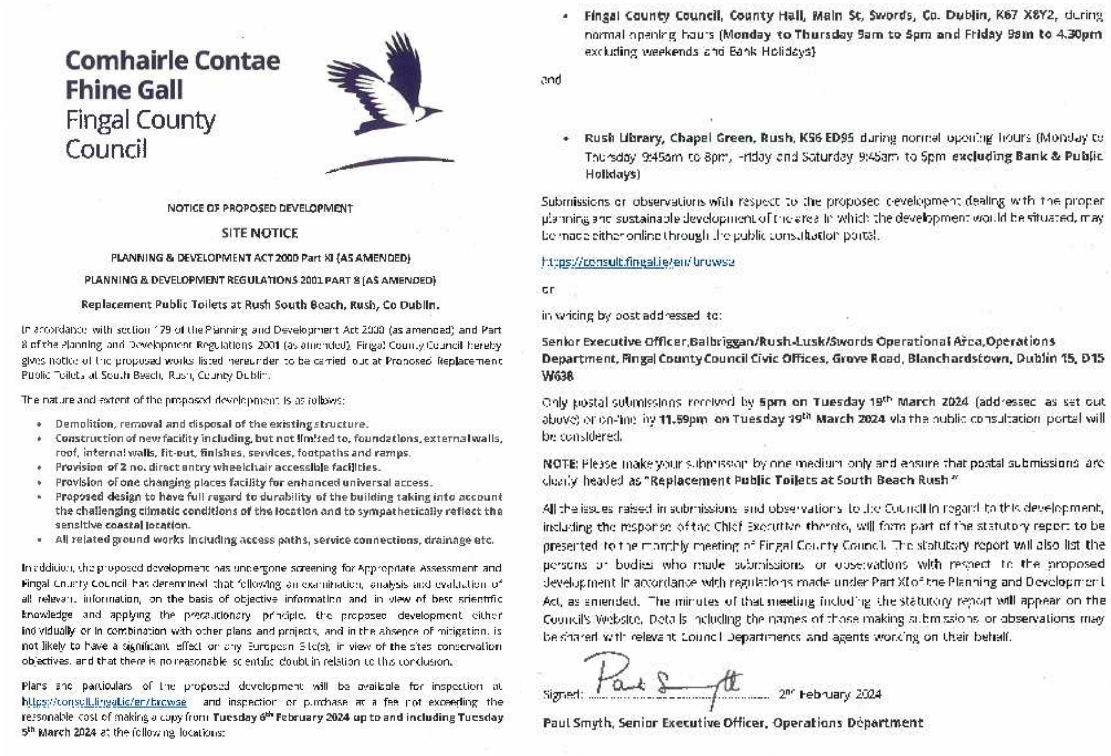
II. the overflow from the rainwater harvesting system will be down piped to rainwater planters.

APPENDIX A: Notice, Plans and Particulars of the Proposed Development

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

- Site notice
- Newspaper notice
- Plans & Drawings

Site Notice:



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

SITE NOTICE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 Part XI (AS AMENDED)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 PART 8 (AS AMENDED)

Replacement Public Toilets at Rush South Beach, Rush, Co Dublin.

In accordance with section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), Fingal County Council hereby gives notice of the proposed works listed hereunder to be carried out at Proposed Replacement Public Toilets at South Beach, Rush, County Dublin.

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In addition, the proposed development has undergone screening for Appropriate Assessment and Fingal County Council has determined that following an examination, analysis and evaluation of all relevant information, on the basis of objective information and in view of best scientific knowledge and applying the precautionary principle, the proposed development either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, and in the absence of mitigation, is not likely to have a significant effect on any European Site(s), in view of the sites conservation objectives, and that there is no reasonable scientific doubt in relation to this conclusion.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse and inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy from **Tuesday 6th February 2024 up to and including Tuesday 5th March 2024** at the following locations:

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Signed: Paul Smyth 2nd February 2024

Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Operations Department

Newspaper Notice:

As printed in the Irish Independent 6th February 2024.

Comhairle Contae
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Fingal County
Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL: NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
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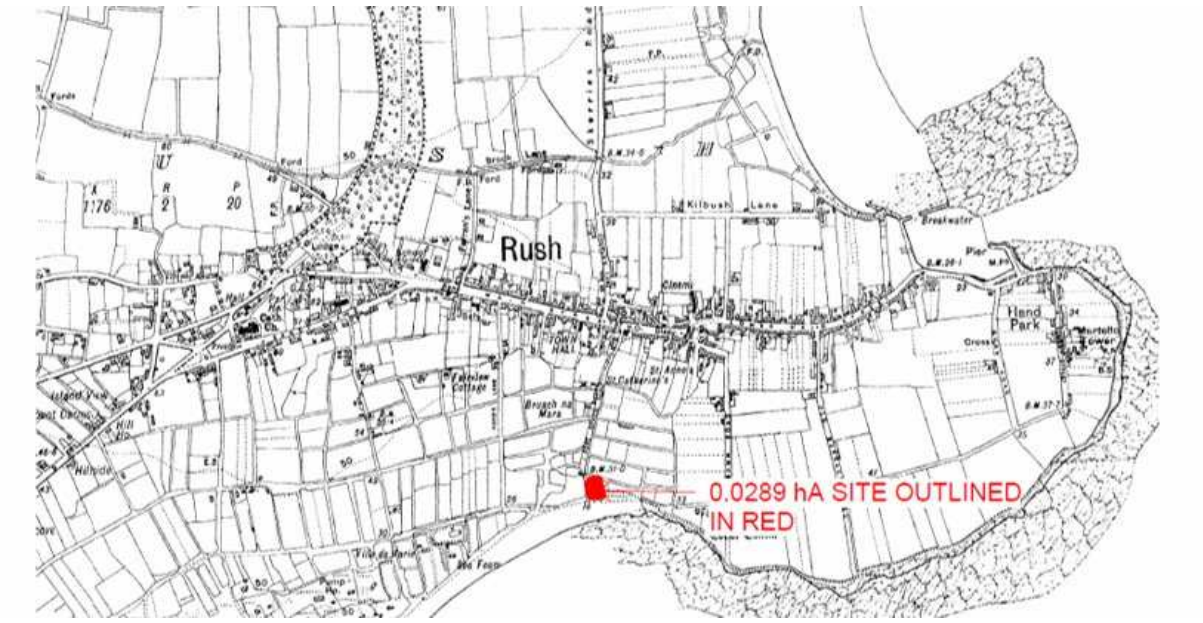
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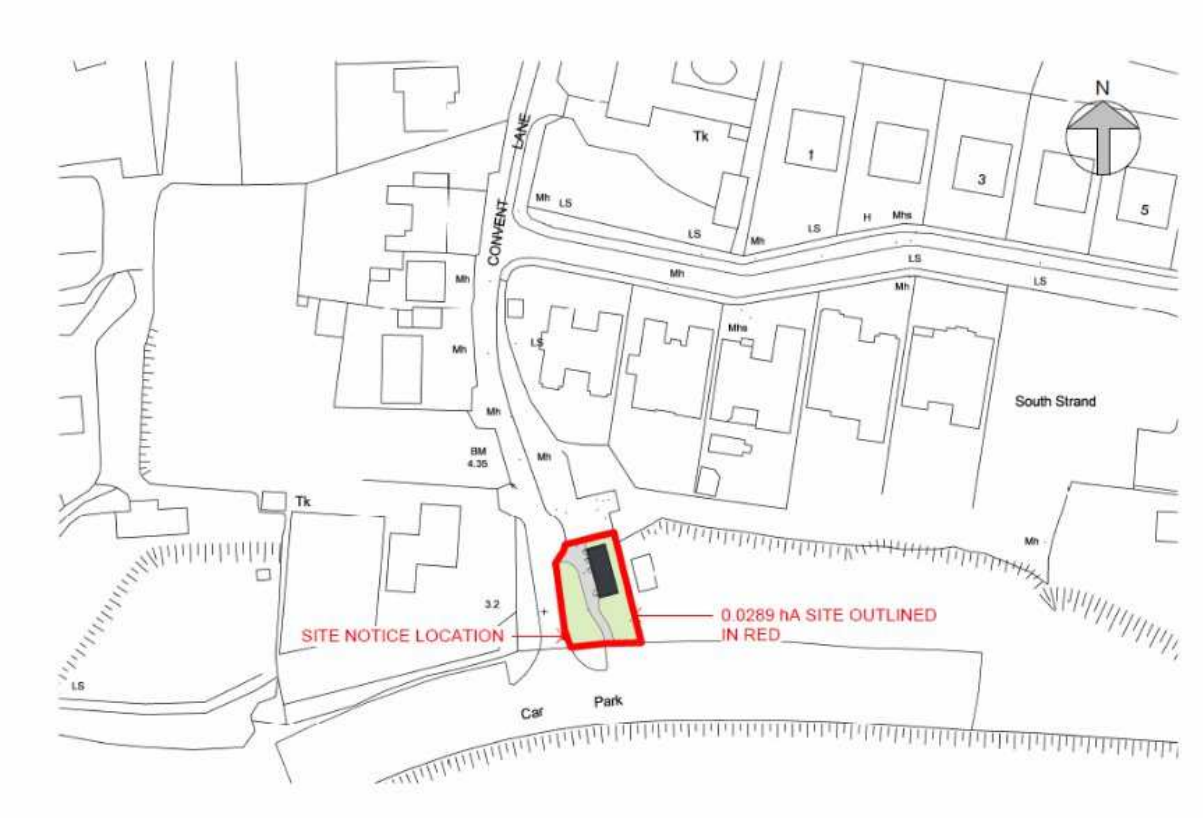
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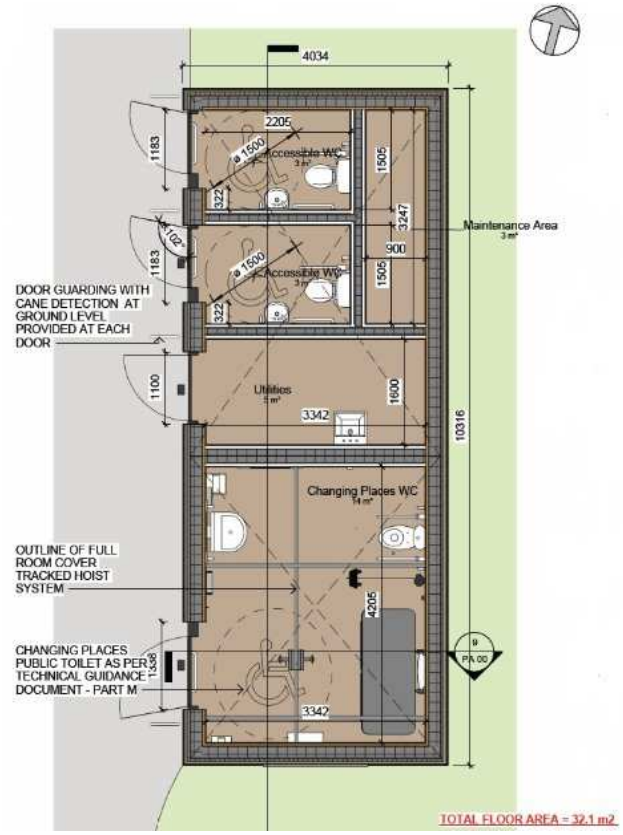




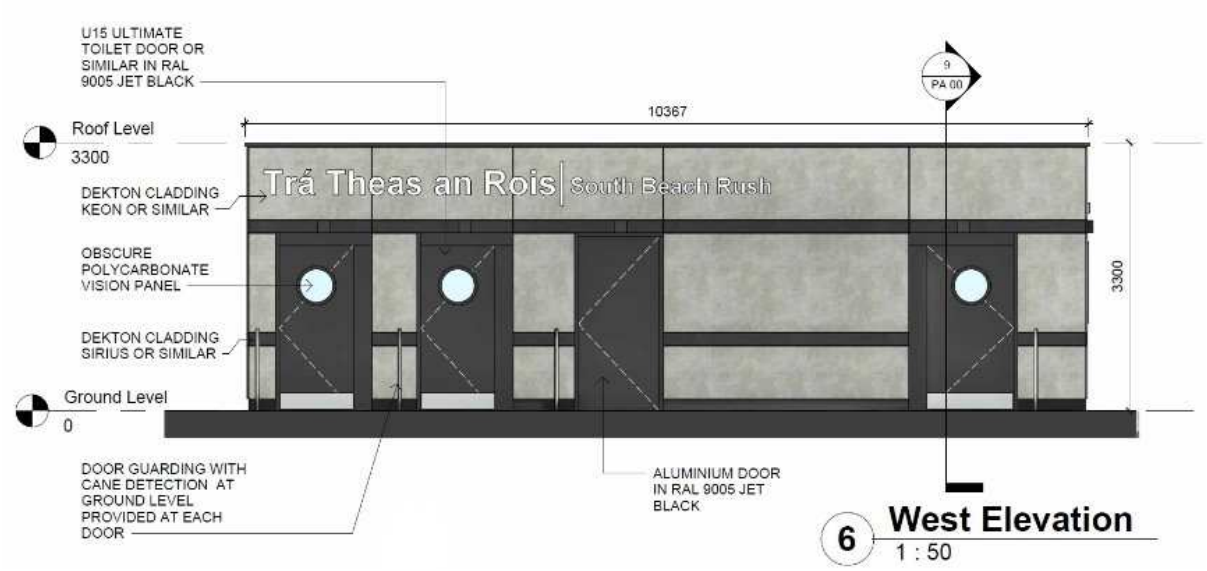
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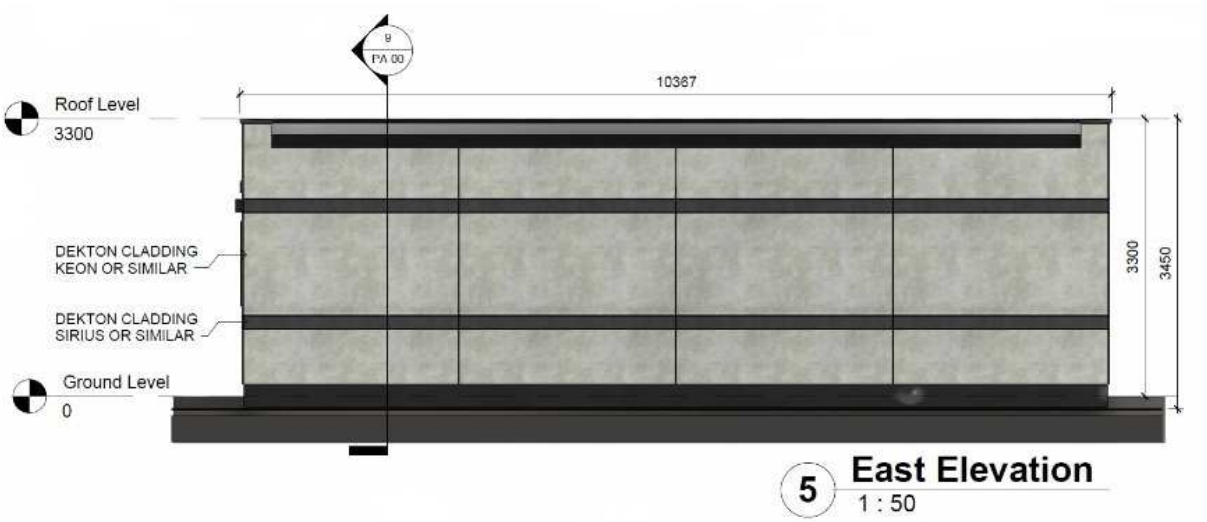
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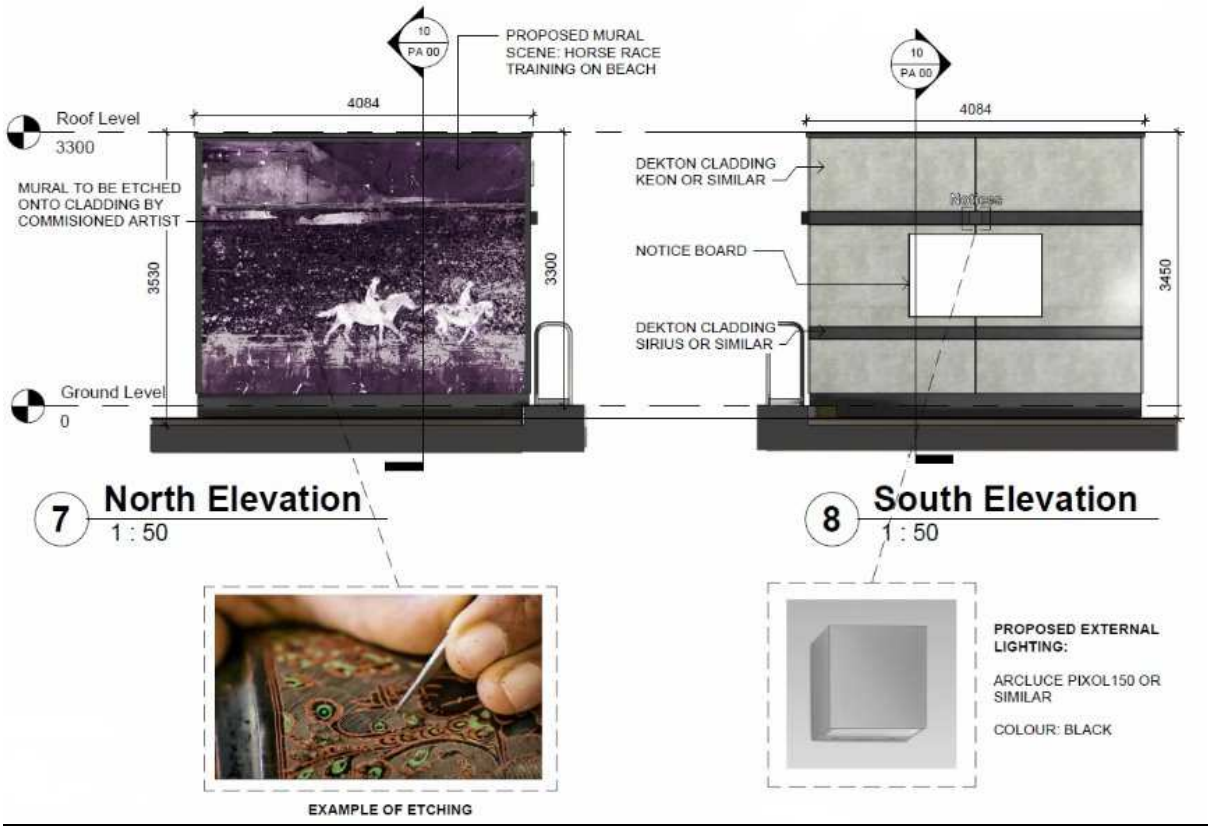
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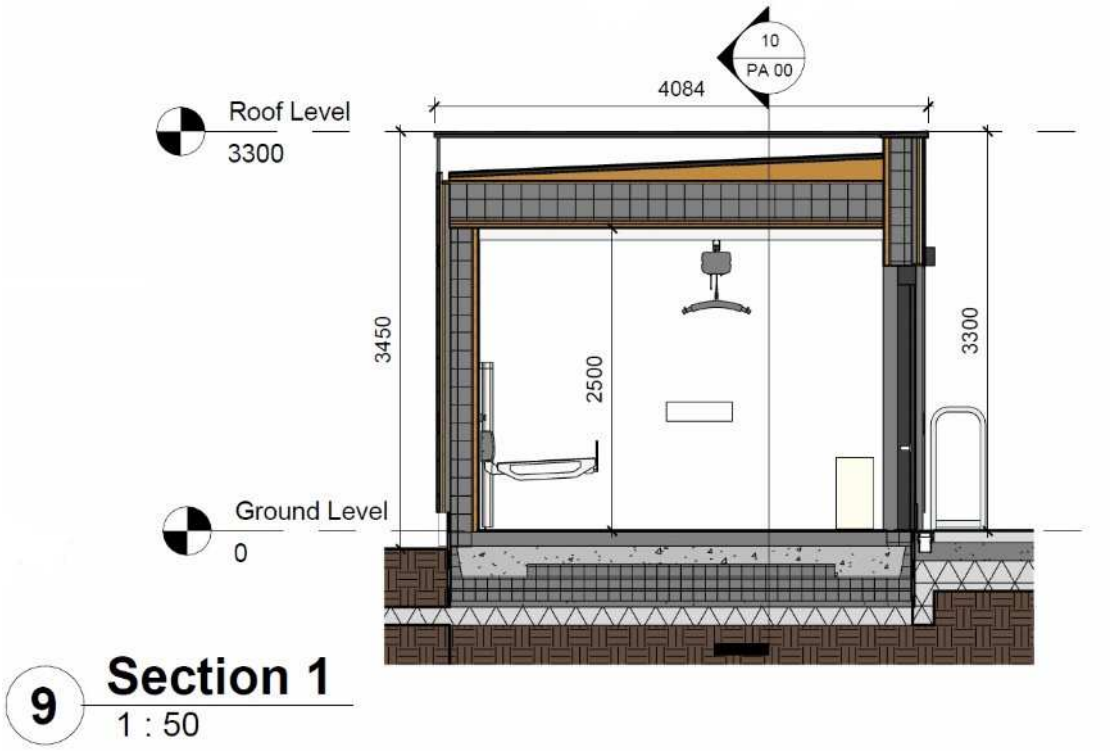
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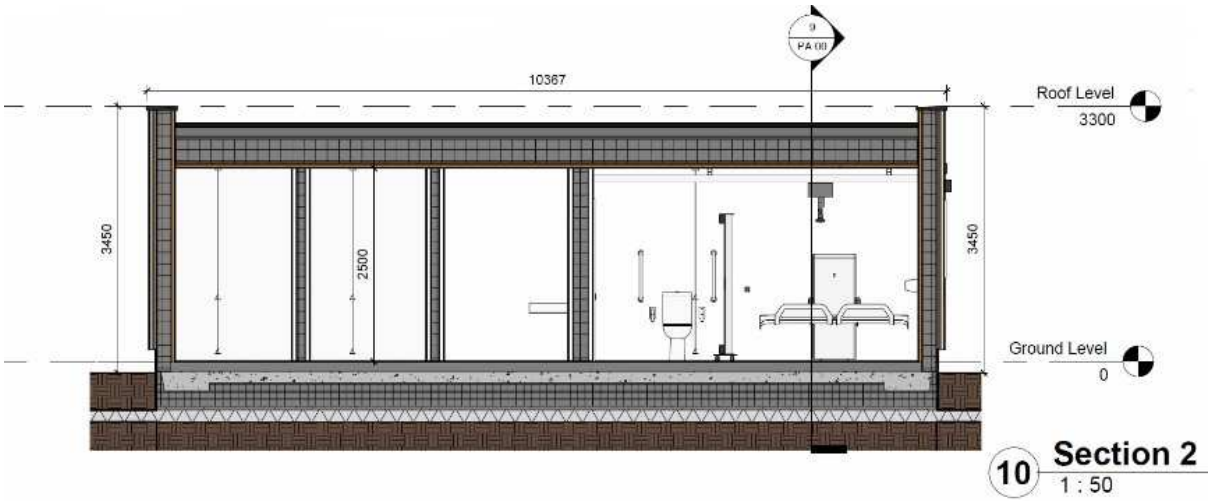
North and South Elevation View:



Section 1 View:



Section 2 View:



U15 ULTIMATE TOILET DOOR EXAMPLE



APPENDIX B: Public Consultation Submissions and Response by the Chief Executive

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

A – General & Planning Matters

The submissions and observations raised the following issues:

1. Consider including urinals in these stalls.
2. Consider including an outdoor sink.
3. Consider including an outdoor shower.
4. Consider including an outdoor tap.
5. Consider securing the facility overnight or only open while lifeguards are on duty.
6. Consider local contact to ensure correct Irish spelling used.
7. Consider provision of electronic notice board.
8. Consider provision of temporary toilets while construction underway.
9. Consider keeping existing flag poles in place.
10. Consider specification of public lighting to provide lighting on all sides.

Chief Executive's responses to the above submissions and observations:

While many of the issues raised do not relate to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area the following are the responses to the submissions made;

1. The toilet facilities provided are uni-sex and accordingly urinals are not provided in any of the proposed new toilet facilities.
2. The provision of an outdoor sink is not considered appropriate.
3. An outdoor shower facility is already in place on Rush South Beach.
4. The Council does not consider the provision of outdoor taps at public beaches to be appropriate.
5. The facility will open from 8 am in the morning all year round and will close at 4.30pm during the winter months and 9pm during the summer season.
6. The Councils Irish Officer has approved the Irish translation for the facility.
7. The provision of electronic notice boards is being rolled out at all designated beaches as part of the Capital Programme approved by Councillors.
8. Two temporary portable facilities for the 2 to 3 week building programme will be provided.
9. The existing flag poles will be retained.
10. The Councils Public Lighting Section ensures that the specification for all public lighting provided across the County maintains consistent standards from a management and maintenance perspective.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 21

AUTHORISATION OF COUNCIL TO ISSUING OF POLLING CARDS FOR LOCAL ELECTORS

Section 55 (2) of the Local Elections Regulations 1995 it is provided that "a Local Authority MAY decide that polling information cards shall issue to electors at an election".

Section 55 (3) of the Regulations provides that a decision to issue polling information cards is a reserved function of the Members.

Accordingly, should the Members wish that polling information cards be issued to electors for the forthcoming local elections, a resolution is required as follows -

"In accordance with Section 55 of the Local Elections Regulations 1995, it is hereby resolved that polling information cards will be issued to electors for the local elections to take place on Friday 7th June 2024."

Conduct of the Elections

In relation to the forthcoming Local Elections in June the following information will be of interest to Members.

The European Elections and a referendum shall be taking place in conjunction with the Local Elections. The County Sherriff is responsible for conducting the European Elections and the referendum. As the ballot papers for both elections and the referendum will be mixed together in ballot boxes, the County Sherriff

will have responsibility for the segregation, tally and distribution of the three papers.

The County Sherriff has determined that the opening of ballot boxes will take place in the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 on Saturday 8th June, commencing at 9:00am.

The Local Government Election ballot papers shall be opened, counted, and verified at this location and then transferred to the local Count Centre for sorting.

The local Count Centre for Fingal County Council will be the National Show Centre, Cloghran, Dublin K67 VF 43.

The Chief Executive has appointed Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services to be the Returning Officer for Fingal.

It is anticipated that Fingal County Council's Returning Officer will take delivery of ballot papers mid to late afternoon/early evening on Saturday 8th June at which time the Deputy Returning Officers will commence sorting ballot papers according to first preference.

Given the likely start times, it is planned that the count process will continue until approximately 12:00 midnight and re-commence on Sunday 9th June at 9:00am. It is anticipated that most, if not all, counts should be completed on Sunday, however the National Show Centre has been booked for Monday 10th June to allow for any extended counts / re-counts should the need arise.

The normal arrangements around entry to the Count Centre and will be in place i.e. –

- Entry to the Count Centre shall be controlled by Fingal County Council. Further details on access for candidates etc. will be provided in due course.

- The Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers and authorised Count staff are the only persons with an entitlement to enter the individual count areas. For obvious reasons, it will be necessary to have strict controls in place.

Planning for the election is ongoing.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 22

TWINNING OF HOWTH WITH Cap d'Ail, FRANCE

Proposal for Twinning Howth with Cap d'Ail

Introduction:

A proposal to Twin Howth with Cap d'Ail was brought before the Howth Malahide Area Committee in May 2023 by Councillor Jimmy Guerin. Following a vote by the Area Committee Meeting, this proposal was then brought before the Corporate Policy Group for review and recommendation on next steps, so this Twinning may be formally adopted and implemented.

At its meeting of 4th March 2024, the Corporate Policy Group **AGREED** that the proposal to twin Howth to Cap d'Ail is **RECOMMENDED** by the CPG and should be brought to Full Council for approval.

Background:

Cap d'Ail is a modern seaside resort with a lively shopping district on the Basse Corniche a quiet, fashionable residential area. Many people who work in Monaco live there. The population of Cap d'Ail is 4,500, while Howth has a population of approx. 8,500.

Work and friendship links between the two Communities have been ongoing for several years and were first initiated by former Mayor David O' Connor in 2015. In 2022, the then Mayor, Councillor Howard Mahony, hosted a meeting with a delegation from Cap d'Ail including their Mayor Xavier Beck.



The Mayor of Cap d'Ail meets the Mayor of Fingal at a reception and during a visit of Cap d'Ail delegation to Howth in 2022. Visit arranged by Cllr Jimmy Guerin Howth Malahide LEA

Local Government Act 2001 on Twinning

Twinning of Local Authority areas is a reserved function of the Council and is provided for in the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, as follows:

"A Local Authority may enter into arrangements for the twinning of its functional area or a part thereof or establish other similar links with any other area, whether within or outside the State. The decision to enter into an arrangement is a reserved function and the Council shall not enter into such an arrangement unless it is satisfied that the proposed arrangement is justified on the grounds:

(a) The ensuing benefits likely to accrue to its functional area and the local community,
(b) The social, cultural, and general interests of its functional area and the local community,
(c) The total cost involved."

Fingal County Council Twinning Objectives:

Twinning arrangements can cover links between districts, towns, counties, and regions with the objective of promoting friendship and goodwill between the communities involved. The basis on which a twinning proposal could be developed should include at least one of the following objectives: -

(a) To promote economic development by facilitating economic partnerships and projects to attract business investment.

(b) The development of co-operation between the communities involved together with cultural exchanges.

(c) To promote Fingal as a quality destination for visitors.

(d) The promotion of artistic and music projects.

(e) Organised sporting competitions.

(f) Meetings between youth groups and exchange events involving community groups.

Objectives Reached under the Proposal for Twinning Howth with Cap d'Ail:

Objective (a): Several people from both business communities have visited the respective regions during the last nine years. Strong relationships have been established and this has contributed to the economic development of each area.

Objective (b): Howth Celtic has sent several junior teams to participate in football tournaments. These have been extremely successful, and all the players were looked after by host families in Cap d'Ail.

Objective (c): Through many visits that have been undertaken by groups such as Visit Howth, Howth Tourism, and local restaurants this has created an awareness of Howth as a premium destination and resulted in many return visits and increased tourism in the Fingal area.

Objective (f): During the last visit to Howth by the Mayor of Cap d'Ail, he engaged with many of the youth and community groups. He attended a function organised in his honour by the local Sea Scouts and met with many community groups and local businesses in Howth Yacht Club.

For a twinning proposal to be successful, it should be developed in consultation with the communities involved, including as wide a range of community groups as possible within the areas concerned. Under this proposal for Twinning Howth with Cap d'Ail the following letters of support from Community groups have been received:

Submitted by	Title/Position	On behalf of	FCC Twinning Objective
Ronan Walsh	Head of School	Sutton Park School	3(a), (b), (d), (e), (f)
Richard Dunne		FMC Football Academy	3(b), (e), (f)
Neil Murphy	Commodore	Howth Yacht Club	3(a), (b), (c),
Carol Conway	Group Leader	Howth Scout Group	3(b), (e), (f)
Xavier Beck	Mayor	Cap d'Ail	3(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
Joel Delalande	President	USCA Football, Cap d'Ail	3(b), (e), (f)
Sean Doran		Howth Businessman.	3(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f)
Marc Patton	Chairman	Howth Community First Responders	3(b), (f)

Fingal County Council Twinning Criteria -

Twinning relationships will be considered when the following criteria can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council:

- Similarities and shared characteristics or interests identified between Fingal/area in Fingal and the twinning proposer:

Cap-d'Ail, like Howth, is a seaside community, located on the French Riviera, near the border with Monaco. Cap d'Ail is known for its beautiful coastal scenery and is a popular destination for tourists. The village has a picturesque harbour and several sandy beaches, making it a great place for swimming and sunbathing. There are also hiking trails that offer stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea. In 2019, it had a population of 4,523, similar in size to Howth.



Cap d'Ail



Howth

- Community interest in a relationship has been identified from citizens, business, community, cultural groups and sporting organisations within the proposed twinning area:

Over the last nine years there have been various visits between the locations. St Patrick's Day is celebrated in Cap d' Ail and many people travel over for these celebrations. The local soccer club, Howth Celtic have arranged trips where their junior teams have participated in tournaments and have been accommodated by host families. Former Irish international Richard Dunne also resided in Cap d' Ail and is very involved in the activities of both clubs.



Howth Celtic Under 10s Presented with trophies by Prince Albert of Monaco for travelling and participating in football tournament in Cap d'Ail 2019

- Potential cultural, educational, and economic exchanges and interaction between the proposed twinning area and the twinning proposer have been identified:

Letters received from various local groups and schools support the potential for cultural, education and economic exchanges between the proposed twinning area.

Budget:

There has been an allocation of €8,000 made in the 2024 Budget for Twinning. This will be reviewed for 2025 once a Twinning Committee has been established and a progamme of activity is developed.

Twinning Procedures

This Motion was brought to the May 2023 meeting of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, and, after a presentation and discussion, the members voted to support the proposed twinning.

A report assessing the proposal against the criteria is set out in this document for submission to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration. The CPG, having considered the report, may make a recommendation for consideration by the full Council for approval if appropriate.

**Should this proposal be recommended by the CPG/Full Council, the next step will be to facilitate the direct participation of groups and individuals in exchanges and locally organised events to in order to develop friendships between the Communities involved.

The most appropriate way to organise this is to form a Twinning Committee comprised of public representatives, representatives of local organisations and appropriate Council staff all operating under an appropriate Twinning Committee Charter which sets out the functions and responsibilities of the Committee.

Establishment of Twinning Committee for Howth and Cap d'Ail Twinning:

- Lead Council Staff Member Coordinator
- Representatives from Community Groups
- Member(s) from Howth Malahide Area Committee
- Council Staff Member from Community, Sport and EETCD and any other relevant Council Departments

This Twinning Committee will have responsibility for organising a Programme of events, visits, collaboration between the two Villages meeting the Twinning Criteria as previously listed.

If the proposal is adopted, it should be timebound:

This agreement shall come into force from the date of signature and will be valid for an initial period of two years. After two years both Fingal County Council and Cap d'Ail will evaluate the effectiveness of the agreement and decide about the future relationship, the agreement will remain in place until terminated by either side.

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the recent Easter bank holiday break.

Last month I was pleased to join the Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy at the official opening of a wonderful new facility in Millennium Park, Dublin 15, specifically aimed at providing a quality safe space for teenagers and young adults visiting the park. Ensuring teens and young adults have access to attractive and functional outdoor space in which to socialise was a key objective in delivering the project and it has been very successfully realised in this new area. The space contains the first purpose built competitive parkour facility in the country, a custom-made seating structure, chess tables, a music post and climbing poles. I have no doubt that this will be a much used and vibrant space for young adults to convene and one which be replicated in suitable locations in the county in time. I was very pleased to see yet another improvement to the park with the redevelopment of the historic Arboretum including its new outdoor classroom, seating and events area. Millennium Park is a much loved amenity for the people of Dublin 15 and beyond with it's wooded walkways, playground and lush green spaces and these improvements will certainly encourage more people to visit this fantastic space.

On March 21st, Minister for Community Development Joe O'Brien TD joined Deputy Mayor Cllr Gráinne Maguire at County Hall as she launched a new step-by-step guide to help community, voluntary and workplace settings across the county to become Anti-Racist Organisations. Developed by the Fingal Integration team in collaboration with the Immigrant Council of Ireland and supported by the Irish Network Against Racism and the Irish Human Right and Equality Commission, the guide seeks to educate organisations on how to dismantle racist practices. It is appropriate that Fingal County Council is leading with the introduction of the guide as we have one of the youngest and most diverse populations in the country with almost one fifth of our population identifying as non-Irish nationals. We all have a responsibility to foster inclusivity and celebrate diversity in our communities, educational settings and workplaces and this guide focusses on 4 key steps that organisations can employ to ensure best practice. The steps are; Introduce the idea, carry out a survey, survey response and planning and anti-racism policy and statement. I wish to acknowledge the work of the council's Community Development Department whose research and collaboration with stakeholders led to the production of this very important document which will be of great benefit to many organisations across the county.

The second series of the popular programme *TradFest – The Fingal Sessions* was launched last month at a joint event hosted by Fingal County Council, The WNET Group's arts and culture streaming platform ALL ARTS and TradFest in Fraunces Tavern, Manhattan. Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy launched the series which was filmed at the magnificent Ardgillan Castle. Presented by Fiachna Ó Braonáin of Hothouse Flowers, the second series features internationally renowned artists such as Eileen Ivers, Allison Russell, Eric and Ulrika Bibb, Caoi De Barra, Joy Clark, Muireann Bradley, Kaia Carter, Aoife Scott, Aine McGeeney, Aoife O'Donovan, Ultan O'Brien and Ultan Conlon, Thomas McCarthy, Sharyn Ward, Steo Wall, Thomas McCarthy, Paddy Keenan and Wallis Bird. Following the launch, the programme premiered on New York's WLIW21 television station and will eventually be rolled out to over 100 stations across the USA. This was an exceptional opportunity not only to showcase Fingal as an ideal tourist destination to a considerable audience but to introduce a new generation to the rich sounds of traditional Irish music as interpreted by talented performers. I sincerely hope that viewers in the States will be intrigued and engaged by the series and that visitors to Ireland will include an extended stay in Fingal in their itinerary where they will receive a warm welcome.

We have an abundance of bright, talented and ambitious secondary school students in Fingal and I was fortunate to have met many of them on March 14th at the Student Enterprise Programme Fingal final at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. Young entrepreneurs from Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan and Mount Sackville will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final on Thursday 9th May. This is a hugely popular annual programme as some 1500 students from 26 schools took part locally this year. The programme supports students to create, design and market their own business and ultimately prepare them for a future as young entrepreneurs. The level of vision, planning and ambition on display was very impressive and I would like to wish these students the very best of luck in their endeavours as they represent their schools and Fingal in May. The future certainly looks very bright with these young people forging ahead in business!

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Recruitment

People Services' recruitment of staff will continue in 2024, with a total of 34 recruitment campaigns underway year to date (January & February).

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	46
Campaigns Completed	14
Current Campaigns	32
Interviews Held to date	201
New Starters	51
Number of Current Job Offers	43

Learning & Development Update

The Learning and Development team continue to deliver high quality training opportunities for staff.

Learning and Development Quarter 1 2024	
Number of Courses Delivered	96
Number of Attendees	875
Number of Training Days	969.5
Further Education Applications Approved	5

There are several new courses this month including Procurement, Finance and Budget Management in the public sector. Throughout April courses under the following headings will be delivered:

Personal Development
Health and Safety
Business Skills
Specialised Departmental Training
Mandatory



Wellbeing Update

In April we are running Organisational Mental Health Workshops for our middle management teams grades 5, 6 and 7. This vital training will equip managers with tools to assist staff and help promote a healthy and open organisational culture with mental health and wellbeing supports.

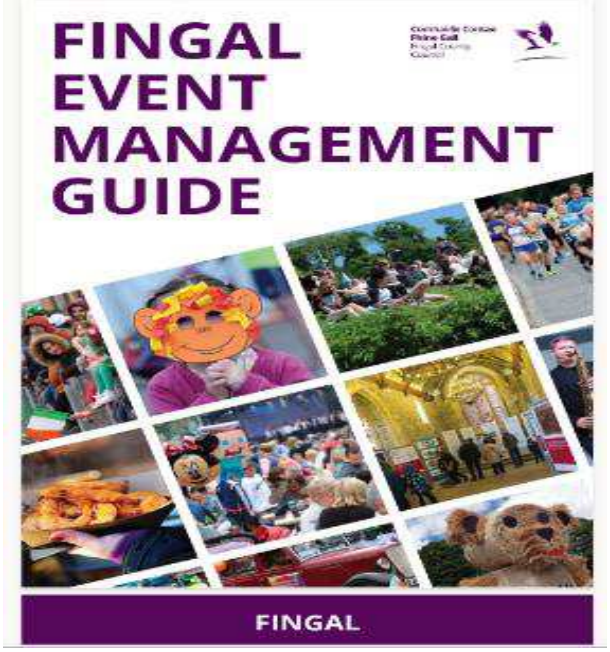
Our 'Creativity for Wellbeing' programme begins in April with sessions in high demand. For this innovative project we provide a guided art session for staff. Artistic activities such as painting have been proven to Enhance mental health, Reduce Stress, Foster Resilience, Fuel Joy.

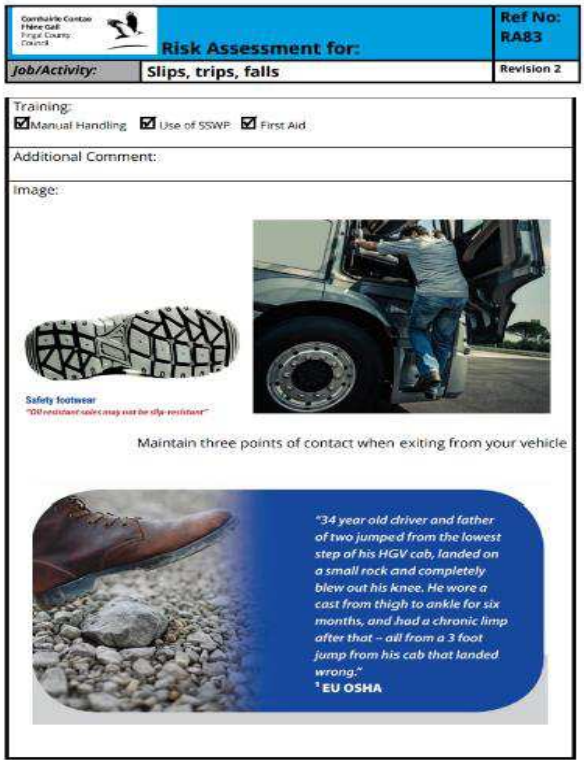
We continue to promote our Employee Assistance Service and our Staff Digital Gym with regular staff messages.

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Wellbeing Programme

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU during the month of March 2024 revised assessments and procedures across the various tasks involved in road maintenance works; landscape works encompassing use of chainsaws, shredders and grinders; and tasks involving staff working indoors specifically in relation to lighting, working with display screens, fire, slips / trips / falls and general office hazards. Site safety inspections and audits continued during the month along with VDU assessments including remote assessments. The HSU continued to field staff requests in relation to a variety of safety issues including safe management of events.





Customer Services

Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
March	8,490	1,285	1,365

Digital Services

VR for Libraries Events

The VR Champions where delighted to host three Seachtain na Geailge events in Donabate Portrane Library, Malahide Library and Blanchardstown Library showcasing the Irish language, culture, music, and dance short film Ar ais Aris. Ar ais Aris was directed by James Riordan from the Bru Theatre in Galway and has been rented by the VR for Libraries project for the month of March, through the CE Innovation Fund.



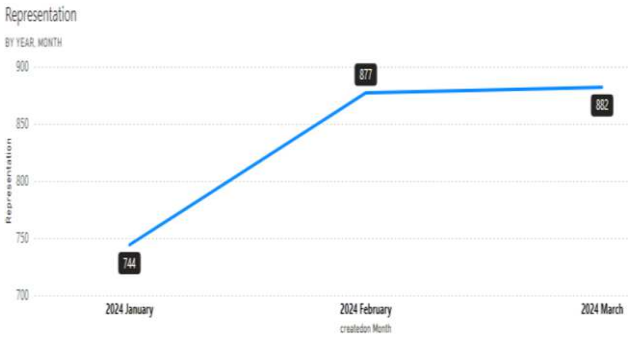
The eleven-minute-long film was enjoyed by many in the participating libraries, with some describing it as "haunting" and "extraordinary". With many of the older generation enjoying viewing the film through a different medium. "I thought it was going to be 3D glasses and viewed on a screen, that was extraordinary, so immersive" said one Malahide user.

VR for libraries is available in Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library, Malahide Library, Donabate Portrane Library and Swords Library.

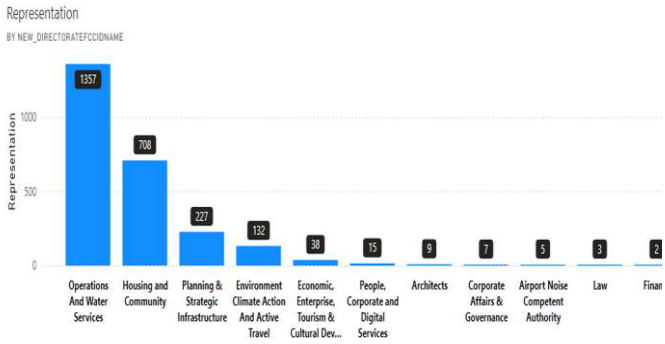


CRM

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 March – 882.



The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2024.



Communications

St. Patrick's Day Activities

On Sunday, March 17, the streets of Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Lusk, Malahide, Rush, Skerries and Swords were filled with excited spectators who cheered and waved their flags at the different parades and performance from the various community groups.

The Communication team was on the ground to capture the very essence of that colourful and beautiful day in Fingal.



Website

The fingal.ie website attracted 142,617 visitors from March 1 to March 27 which was 11,702 more compared to the figure for February. The number of page views, at 320,429, was already up by was up by 3% from February and by 26% from the same month last year. The most visited pages during March were the Events page, Planning Applications, News, Affordable Housing and Playability of Pitches.

Social Media

Different post promoting the St. Patricks Day display of activities across the county on March 17 from all participating community groups got good impressions on all our various platforms. It had a reach of over 35,000 on Facebook while on X there was a 32.76% engagement rate with one particular post. On Instagram the posts had a cumulative reach of over 5,000 and a 9.03% engagement rate. The number of followers on Facebook has risen to 34,417 while Instagram has 9,153 followers and LinkedIn has 8,834. The X platform added 41 new followers and now stands at 23,355.
The five corporate social media channels now have a cumulative following of 77,039, having risen by 1,723 from last month.



Irish Language

The 2023 return to the Irish Language Commissioner in relation to compliance with the Irish Language Requirements around Advertising was submitted in March. Fingal County Council fulfilled the requirements with regard to 25% placement of Irish Language adverts and 5% spend on Irish Language adverts in Irish Language Media. Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated with a Ceol, Craic agus Gaeilge event in County Hall where a large attendance enjoyed a wonderful evening and some of the recipients of the Gaeltacht Scholarship were also in attendance with their families.



Videos

Nineteen videos were produced during March and uploaded onto the Council's YouTube channel. They included a video about the transition to electronic process of accepting planning applications via the National E-planning portal. This video was subsequently heavily promoted by the Local Government Ireland and LGMA social media platforms.

Other videos that were produced are about the Learn to Cycle with a Disability courses; the Housing Development on Station Road, Portmarnock; St. Patrick's Day Parades and Women in Sport Week to celebrate International Women's Day.

All Videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

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National e-Planning Portal

Press Releases

Seventeen press releases were issued during March. These included the approval of the new community facility for Baldoyle and the ribbon cutting on dynamic new facilities for young people and the redeveloped Arboretum at Millennium Park as well as the launch of a new step-by-step guide to help workplaces across the county to become an Anti-Racist Organisation.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 21 media queries during March. Among the topics covered were Affordable Housing and Dublin Airport.

Building Facilities / Energy Improvements

Period Dignity – Funding 2023 and 2024

This is a collaborative project between Building Facilities, Libraries and Community which commenced in 2022 following a small trial in 2021. The Period Dignity pilot project is across 16 of FCC Community Centres, Fingal Libraries, Draiocht and available to the public in both Corporate Council Buildings.
In 2023 funding of €10,000 was received from the Department of Health, it is estimated this helped close to 8,000 Fingal residents who required period products.
Building Facilities submitted a comprehensive proposal for funding for 2024 and have received confirmation that €15,000 will be provided to the Council from the Dept of Health following the recent success of the scheme and for an increased service relating to period dignity.

Energy Management System

The latest surveillance audit for the Council's ISO 50001:2018 took place on 7th March 2024. The certification body NSAI focused on the SEU (Significant Energy Users) Public Lighting and the SEU Large Buildings (Civic Offices, Grove Road)
The Auditor also looked for updates in regards to Climate Action, Communication, Training, Internal Audits and the Energy Review.
The Audit met all aspects that were required and in the summary report there are 6 Opportunities for Improvements across various parts of the Energy Management System.

One Non-Conformity was noted - the Data Collection Plan is not fully up to date at present. This will be updated and recorded with corrective action. The Energy Team have 1 month to respond and implement an updated data collection plan.

Current Judicial Review Cases - March

Jimmy Guerin -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2022/116 JR
Kimpton Vale Limited -v- an Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2022/390 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
Ciaran O'Kelly and Dorone Paris -v- an Board Pleanala and Jacko Investments Limited and Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2023/581 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916 JR
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC-v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
Niall O'Connor and Geraldine Kiernan -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1122JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others High Court Record No 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council Record No 2023/1236 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanala, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/1206 JR
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Oifig um Sholáthar Rialtais
Office of Government Procurement

A tender for the provision of tourism, food and drink consultancy services was published on e-tenders on 15th March with a response deadline of 17th April. Once appointed, the consultants will work closely with the Tourism Development team on the implementation of the new Tourism Stategy and Fingal Food and Drink Policy.

Fingal Food & Drink Network

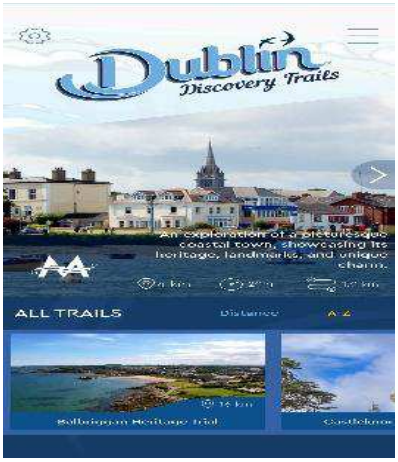




The Fingal Food and Drink Network hosted a visit to Fingal from the TU Dublin Masters in Culinary Arts Programme on 13th March. Máirtín Mac Con Iomaire, Chair of the Master's programme with a group of 25 students and teachers had a very interesting and engaging day visiting Newbridge House and Farm, McNally Family Farm, Llewellyn's Orchard and Howth Cookery School.

The network held a committee meeting on 20th March to discuss the future direction of the network, growth of the membership and upcoming events such as the input of the network at the launch of the Fingal Food & Drink Policy at Flavours of Fingal.

Digital Heritage Trail for Malahide



A new digital heritage trail for Malahide highlighting the many points of interest of historical significance around the town is now available on the Dublin Discovery Trails app.

Tourism Officers Network

The first in-person Local Authority Tourism Officers Network meeting for the entire country will take place on Friday 19th April in the Killashee Hotel, Kildare. The network is convened formally under the aegis of the CCMA. Representatives from Tourism Development section in Fingal will attend.

EVENTS

St Patricks Day 2024

Over 100,000 people viewed and 15,000 participants in the seven parades across the county including the four ran directly by the Events Unit: Swords, Blanchardstown, Balbriggan & Malahide. A fine day of weather added to the enjoyment for all. Very successful additional needs areas were utilised by a large number of local residents and visitors alike. Additional artists were used to animate the parades this year and a creative director will be in place for the 2025 parades.









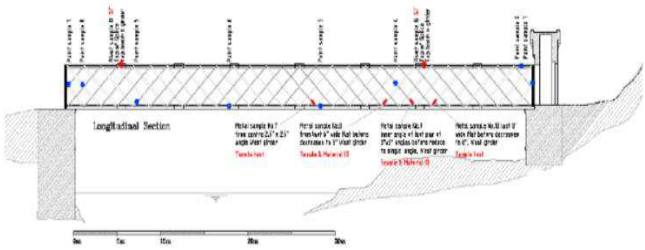




HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Guinness Bridge – Structural Stabilisation Project

The works at the bridge are now complete, and the bridge was lifted back into place last month. The structure is now preserved against the elements and has a much better appearance for visitors along the Liffey Valley. The last steps to secure the site are now underway, with the reinstatement of the fence and boundary at the site where it abuts the public realm on the lower Lucan Road.



Skerries Mills – Red Barn Project

The existing Red Barn is being demolished, and the site is being enabled for the required services to support the new multi-purpose Red Barn building. In the interim the site will be secured with a construction hoarding, which will be decorated with as much public information as possible about what the Council is developing on-site in conjunction with the local operator.



Malahide Drawing Room Restoration

A localised restoration of the small drawing room of Malahide Castle is now nearing completion. The works involved replacement of the floors, upgrading of the heating and repainting of the rooms. To preserve the authenticity of the experience the colours and materials were painstakingly research and sourced by the collections and curation Manager in Aramark. The objective is to return the room to the condition it was in circa 1900, and to consolidate and regularise various running repairs over the years. This includes assembling the collections and artwork and arranging them in a way that was previously photographed and documented.



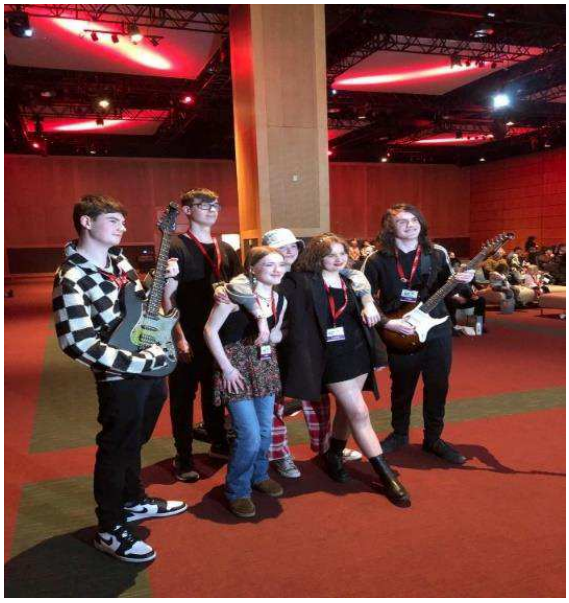
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Youth and Education

Music Generation Fingal

Music Generation celebrated its tenth anniversary this month with stakeholders and young people gathered to mark the occasion at Dublin Castle over a two-day period. We proudly presented Fingal's Balbriggan Rhapsody Project with live performances on the main stage during the Youth Celebration Day and discussed the importance of quality music education provision with national policy makers and the Director of the Arts Council of Ireland. Next up and in partnership with the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, Music Generation Fingal is delighted to offer young people aged 14 – 18 years a two-day music camp during the Easter break.

Full details available www.musicgenerationfingal.ie



Above: Balbriggan Rhapsody, a new Youth Music Group formed in Balbriggan within the Music Generation Fingal programme.

Youth Dance Research

Fingal Arts Office and Dublin Youth Dance Company are working in partnership to develop contemporary dance opportunities with, for and by young people aged 10 – 23 years from diverse and new communities in Fingal. This collaboration reflects the shared needs and interests of both partners to broaden the range of dance opportunities rooted in youth and diversity which provide equal access regardless of social, economic, or geographic factors. A countywide mapping of dance across all genres has been developed, and a deeper investigation into youth and dance in Fingal's three most populated and diverse towns (Swords, Balbriggan and D.15) is underway following the completion of a countywide Youth Survey with action research taking place in St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown and Swords Community College to date.

Orchestral Odyssey

Orchestral Odyssey is a special presentation in development for Cruinniú na nÓg 2024 and The Carnegie Library Swords. Commissioned by Fingal Arts Office and devised by musician Niall O'Sullivan in association with the Irish School Orchestra, this initiative promises to be a harmonious blend of education, music, and community engagement. It is tailored for primary school students and underscores the pivotal importance of music in a child's development.

Public Art

A busy month working with Fingal based companies to fulfill their requirements to commission public artworks as part of their planning condition. Astra Zeneca have awarded Liing Heaney to create a new work with staff at their site and Glenveigh Homes has recently shortlisted a stellar lineup of artists from Fingal's Public Art Panel who will be commissioned to make sculptural work for housing developments in Semple Woods, Donabate & Taylors Hill, Balbriggan.



Fingal County Council, Children's Books Ireland, Tyrone Guthrie Centre Bursary Award Recipient 2024



Niamh Sharkey was recently announced as the Fingal recipient of the 2024 Fingal County Council, Children's Books Ireland and Tyrone Guthrie Centre Bursary Award. Niamh Sharkey is an award-winning author and illustrator of children's books and a former Laureate na nÓg. This award provides a funded studio space for one week at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig and offers the author time and space to focus on her craft, complemented by an opportunity for creative exchange and collaboration.

Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Age & Opportunity Residency Award 2024



An open call was recently announced for the Fingal County Council, Tyrone Guthrie Centre and Age and Opportunity Residency Award. These residences aim to celebrate and support older artists at all stages of their careers working in literature and visual arts. The residencies will offer a professional visual artist and a professional writer the opportunity to research or develop new work in a funded studio at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre over two separate 2-week long residencies between July 2024 and May 2025.

County Art Collection

Fingal Arts Office has managed the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection since its establishment in 1984. Now in its thirtieth year, the Arts Office is developing a written art collection policy for the management, development, use, care and protection of the collection. The policy's purpose is to provide a clear framework outlining relevant processes, guidelines and procedures to ensure the accurate management of the collection.



An artwork from the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection was recently loaned to the Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda. *Singles Archive*, 2019 by Fingal artist Colin Martin currently features in an exhibition *Empathy Lab* by Colin Martin which runs from 02 March – 13 April 2024.



'The Banks', a landscape painting by Fingal artist Sean Molloy is due to be loaned to Balbriggan Library in early April and will be situated in the Turret room. This artwork, part of the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection, was produced for a public art commission for 'Infrastructure'. The original artwork was replicated for an outdoor mural at the Banks, Balbriggan, unveiled in 2022.

Draíocht

Draíocht's major project, NEST, formally launched on February 17th. This was the first time we gathered everyone involved in the project. Our 48 hosts (a host being a person who lives in Dublin 15), their families, our 5 visual artists, curator, 41 theatre/dance/music artists and our production team were all present. Our hosts are between the ages of 7 weeks old to 22 years old. Our 48 hosts included one class group from PobalScoil Setanta (22 children).

On March 1st, our 23 shows were performed 3 times, 69 performances in total. These performances took place in schools and homes all over Dublin 15. It is estimated that they were seen by 1,500 people.

Our Festival 'Spreacha Soar', where all of the 23 shows were performed as part of the festival with the closing evening officiated by Director of the Arts Council Maureen Kennelly where she congratulated the team on the initiative as an exemplary & groundbreaking project.

April 13th will be the final event of the NEST project. This is the day we formally handover the NEST Portrait project works to Fingal County Council's collection.



Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

As we approach the end of quarter one, TSEAC is thrilled to announce an increase in sales of 20% on the same period last year. We are also due to launch The Garden Party series for the Summer on March 29th, 6 weeks earlier than last year.

Comedy

Martin Angolo played to a 80% capacity audience on March 8th

Theatre

Seamus O'Rourke's The Empty Nest played one night only, with full capacity and a waitlist.

Cinema

Lies we Tell, filmed in Ardgillan Castle will be screened on March 28th – ticket sales currently at 55% capacity with half of them opting for the meal deal with the café. Peter Rabbit will also be screened on March 27th at 100% capacity and a waitlist, as part of TSEAC's Easter programme.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge featured a short film as gaeilge, "An Tine Bheo" and TSEAC's first Pop Up Gaeltacht, which had 20 people attend and was very well received. On St Patrick's Day itself we held a very successful open session which packed the hall and even had people waiting outside the doors to try squeeze in!

Slow Sessions and Singing Sessions

Our slow sessions and singing sessions have been well attended in person, while people from all over the world have joined us on Zoom and via live stream.

Music

Ronan O'Snodaigh and Myles O Reilly sold out with a waitlist on March 1st , More than Music with Ronan Browne and harpist Siobhan Armstrong was live in person and live streamed on youtube, with Réalta finishing up our music acts for March.

Children's Events

Céili Beag continues to sell out weekly, while our Easter Workshops in Cyanotype and Photography Storytelling, Easter Tree Creation and Bunny making all sold out with waitlists.

Heritage

On March 2nd we held an exhibition in collaboration with The National Museum, in which we displayed wooden sieves made by local Naul man Jonathan Hamilton in the 1940s. We also screened the film recorded by Kevin Danaher of the Irish Folklore Commission when he visited the Naul in 1948. We were honoured to have many of John Hamilton's family visit the exhibition.

Libraries

Launch of new 5-year Fingal Library Service Development Plan

The Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024-2029 was launched in Malahide Library on 1st March by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy. Joining the Mayor for the launch, were Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council AnnMarie Farrelly, and County Librarian Betty Boardman. The Plan sets out a clear vision for the strategic direction of library services in the County over the next five years and was drafted following an extensive consultation process.

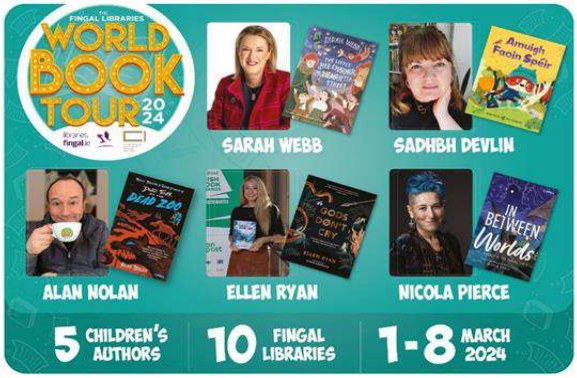


Seachtain na Gaeilge

Fingal Libraries presented events for all ages to celebrate Seachtain an Gaeilge, including Irish traditional music & singing from Antaine Ó Faracháin & Nollaig MacCarthaigh, and bodhrán playing with Niall Preston. Gaeilge i mBaile Brigín hosted a bilingual poetry evening in Balbriggan Library. The programme also featured a 3D Irish language film, Ar Ais Arís, screened on Oculus Virtual Reality headsets, and storytelling from Seosamh Ó Maolalaí and Róisín Murphy. There were several workshops for schools, including yoga sessions, comic strip drawing and drama workshops.

Fingal Libraries World Book Tour 2024

Acclaimed children's authors Alan Nolan, Sadhbh Devlin, Nicola Pierce, Ellen Ryan and Sarah Webb visited libraries and schools across Fingal to celebrate World Book Day Ireland. This was the second year of the popular Fingal Libraries World Book Tour, which gives primary school children the opportunity of meeting favourite authors. The children were gifted a copy of the author's book.



Children's programming and sensory-friendly events

Creative workshops for children in April include a graphic novel drawing course with author and illustrator Alan Nolan, spring crafts workshops with artist Kim Jenkinson, and journalling for mental health workshops with author Megan Wynne. 'Spring into Storytime' story sessions with library staff will take place as part of the national Right to Read programme, which promotes literacy and reading development. Every library will offer sensory-friendly workshops, including Sensory Slime workshops, Musical Tots and Sensory STEM workshops.

Literary Events for Adults in April

Novelist Anne Griffin will join author Dermot Bolger for a discussion of her writing life in Malahide Library. One Dublin One Book aims to encourage everyone in Dublin to read a designated book connected with the city during the month of April every year. Snowflake by Louise Nealon is the choice for 2024 and Louise will discuss her novel in the company of author Kerri Ní Dochartaigh in Blanchardstown Library.

Tyrrelstown Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries organised a Literacy Project for some students and their parents in St. Luke's N.S. in Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15. There is a large population in Tyrrelstown, many of whom do not speak English as their first language. For a four-week period, literacy expert Stephen Brett worked with a group of parents, and Colm O'Donovan with a group of children. Stephen focused on encouraging parents to read with their children for fun. The mobile library service also visited at St. Luke's each Monday afternoon, so parents and their children could join the library and select books. Alan Nolan facilitated a fun session with the children on their last week. Each child got a free bag of specially selected books from Fingal Libraries. The feedback has been very positive and there have been requests to run this project again.



Book Presentation

A commemorative poetry edition to mark the centenaries of the War of Independence and Civil War was presented to Fingal Libraries by UCD on 5th March. The presentation of edition number 53 of Grief's Broken Brow was made in Fingal Local Studies and Archives by Catherine Wilsdon, Creative Producer, Poetry as Commemoration, and Evelyn Flanagan, Head of UCD Special Collections to the Deputy Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Gráinne Maguire and County Librarian, Betty Boardman.



Creative Ireland

Ongoing Creative Ireland projects in April include sustainable arts & crafts workshops with the residents of the Moorehall Lodge Nursing Home in Balbriggan, and the Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions with the Forget-Me-Nots Choir. The Lifebio in Words and Pictures project with Dublin City University is designed to assist older people document memories through autobiography templates, memoir writing, photography, scrapbooking, and art. Creative Fingal is also supporting a shared island cross-border initiative with the Forget-Me-Nots choir. The call for Creative Communities funding remains open until 29th March. Submissions will be accessed by an evaluation panel.

Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on 15th of June. The Creative Fingal team have launched a Youth Voice survey in library branches and online to collect the views of children and young people on Cruinniú na nÓg. Creative Ireland announced additional Nighttime Economy funding to reach an older age group of 14 – 18-year-olds. Creative Fingal will collaborate with Garageland Galaxyz on an event that includes live music performances from young artists and special guests, which will stream online alongside music videos and workshops.

Story Stage at Millennium Park

On the 14th March, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy opened the wonderful new story stage at Millennium Park in Blanchardstown. Junior and senior infants from nearby Scoil Oilibhéir were the first to use the facility as storyteller Roisín Murphy recounted Irish tales and legends as Gaeilge. All attendees were given goody bags from Fingal Libraries.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Skills Strategy

Preliminary planning is underway for the 2024 "Xplore Your Future TY Expo" which will be held in The Helix, DCU on the 15th of October 2024 with procurement underway for the provision of event management support services for the event.

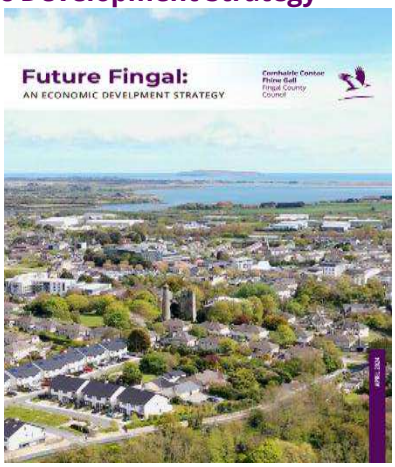


Tenders for the engagement of consultants to prepare the next iteration of the Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 have been evaluated and work on the new Strategy will commence in April.



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. Reporting for Period 1 of the Project has been completed and the identification of good practices in Fingal is in progress with key stakeholders – DRSF and Baldoyle Training Centre – which will be shared with the Project Partners and presented at the next transnational meeting scheduled to take place in Florence in April 2024.

Economic Development Strategy



Grant Thornton Consultants have completed work on the Fingal Economic Development Strategy 'Future Fingal' which was agreed at the February Council Meeting. The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy builds on the socio-economic profile prepared as part of the Fingal LECP process and sets out a vision, key opportunities and actions to support the local economy to 2040. Work has commenced as part of the Economic Development Strategy, on a Marketing Plan for the county, with consultations with key stakeholders taking place in January and February 2024. Preparations are underway for the official launch of the Economic Development Strategy in April 2024.

URBACT – EcoCore



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.

The EcoCore Project

The EcoCore Project baseline study and roadmap for the project for the next 2 years has been approved by the URBACT Secretariat. As Lead Partner, Fingal is proceeding to schedule the transnational city visits in collaboration with our Project Partners and to plan Balbriggan's small-scale actions as part of the Integrated Action Plan.

Representatives of Fingal County Council visited the partner city of Santo Tirso in Portugal to learn about the city's approach to sustainable economic development. Members of the Project Team were accompanied by Deputy Mayor Councillor Gráinne Maguire and Mr Anthony Cooney, Chief Executive Officer, Fingal Dublin Chamber, who are key stakeholders in the EcoCore Project which is focussed on the sustainable development of the Stephenstown Industrial Park in Balbriggan.





Santo Tirso has developed an international reputation as a business-friendly city and a highly attractive destination for business investment. During the visit delegates were welcomed by the Mayor of Santo Tirso, Alberto Costa, and over the course of the meeting representatives of Invest Santo Tirso shared their expertise in investment attraction and marketing, along with a number of the city's good practices in achieving sustainable economic development with the network. The City of Santo Tirso had a lot to share about investment attraction and working with business to create jobs in the local economy.





The Balbriggan Project Team is examining an application to the Urbact European Urban Initiative (EUI) to inform the development of plans for Balbriggan under the EcoCore Project which would involve an exchange of best practice in sustainable industrial development with an identified partner city.

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

Fingal Economic Development Department hosted the 5th 'Green IT Your Work' International meeting on 6th & 7th March in Balbriggan with a focus on "It's Time For Green Start" which coincided with Local Enterprise Week. Partner representatives from 7 European Countries who attended from Romania, Spain Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia and Italy attended the "Don't Wait for Opportunity" as part of the Local Enterprise Week scheduled events.

The main objective of the Green IT Your Work is to highlight the role of young people in the green transition, as well as to promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities. This event focused on businesses making their professional career greener.





The delegation had an engaging site visit to Techcrete, who aim to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Foróige Balbriggan gave an insightful presentation to the group on the first Foróige Technology Hub which is located in Balbriggan. Sinead Fox presented on sustainable measures in Fingal and the Green Schools Programme, followed by presentations by budding entrepreneurs from Ardgillan Community College who impressed the delegation with their sustainable business ideas.

Eamonn Donlyn presented on Smart Balbriggan, followed by a creative workshop in the Warehouse, Balbriggan.

The delegation also visited Cliff Farm in Howth which was facilitated by Hans Visser and Melissa Jeuken to observe the Conservation Grazing Project which effectively uses digital technology to optimise the use of livestock for landscape management.





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. Representatives from Fingal's Sports Office and Foroige attended Lasi, Romania, in February with the Portugal event taking place in April 2024.



Sustainable Fingal

The Council met with representatives from DCU and DAA in March to discuss a work programme for 2024 to progress sustainable projects. A follow-up meeting is scheduled to prioritise projects for funding applications.

Work continues on the development of 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's Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor has been completed. The Council is liaising with DBEC to consider potential funding streams to progress the implementation of the Study's recommendations and has submitted a concept proposal to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund for a priming grant for a pilot implementation of the recommendations. Fingal County Council continues to liaise with DBEC on a series of potential projects for DBEC.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council has submitted 5 no. concept proposals to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund. Concept proposals include applications under Stream 1 for Capital Infrastructure Investments in the Council's Enterprise Centres and Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

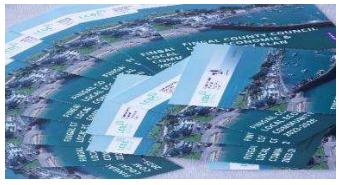
Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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 7th of February 2024 and reviewed progress on various programmes under its remit, approved the SICAP end of year 2023 review and discussed the annual plan for 2024 which has been forwarded to Pobal for review.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

The LECP was adopted by the Council in January 2024 and includes a two-year LECP Implementation Plan with actions to implement the Goals and Objectives set out in the LECP.

The LECP was launched on the 26th February 2024 by the Mayor Councillor Adrian Henchy and Minister Joe O'Brien with internal and external stakeholders attending the launch at County Hall along with Minister Darragh O'Brien.



Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development allocated a total of €220,842.98 in funding to community groups/organisations within the Fingal administrative area. The closing date for completed applications was the 8th March 2024 and the evaluation of applications has been completed and will be submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development by the deadline of 28th March for approval. An announcement of the successful projects will be made in due course by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

We Can Quit

Healthy Fingal have teamed up with Empower to deliver two pilot We Can Quit programmes with the Blanchardstown Training Centre (to start in Q1) and the Tolka River Project, Mulhuddart. The We Can Quit programme, was developed by the HSE and is aimed at encouraging people to quit tobacco/vaping. The programme with the Tolka River project started in January 2024 and will run for 10 weeks with participants enrolled both quit smoking sessions and weekly yoga sessions to encourage a healthier lifestyle.



Community Recognition Fund

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023. Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 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 the project with the Council submitting an initial drawdown in 2023 of €243,000 with a further drawdown 0f €176,000 submitted in respect of works completed to date in 2024.

In March the Council received an allocation of €1,538,573 in respect of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. The funding will support capital projects which will be delivered over the time period 2025/2026. The fund aims to recognise the contribution made by communities welcoming and hosting arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. A public funding call will issue in April 2024 and further information will be circulated on the call to the Elected Members, members of the LCDC and the Local Community Response Fora.

SICAP

The new SICAP contract for the provision of the SICAP programme over the period 2024-2028 has been awarded to Empower CLG and contracts have been signed. The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €1,520,811 and there is a separate funding provision for new arrivals to the value of €375,372. The SICAP Annual Plan for 2024 has been approved by the LCDC and reviewed by Pobal.

Leader Programme

Following the outcome of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) selection process Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership were selected to run the LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027 in the Dublin rural area. The Dublin Rural LEADER (LAG) includes rural areas in the administrative areas of Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin.

The new LEADER programme launched at the end of February, following the signing of the LEADER Funding Agreement by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys, TD. The new Dublin Rural LAG met for the first time on the 27th February 2024 and were briefed on the new LEADER Programme by Fingal LEADER Partnership.



Enterprise Centres

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie and ran and advertising and marketing campaign during Q1 2024 to promote the availability of remote working hubs within the three Enterprise Centres.

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.

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 have implemented initiatives to promote Fingal as a Remote Working Hub base for remote workers with an active marketing campaign during Q1. across various media platforms and includes an article in the Business Post, radio advertisement and significant coverage across a range of social media platforms.

Drinan Enterprise Centre is also actively promoting the availability of a bespoke creative media studio facility available for immediate booking to all individuals, groups and business interests which has been promoted by "How to Gael" bilingual pod casters who used the Creative Studio in March to record a number of their bi-lingual podcasts which coincided with Seachtain na Gaeilge.







Town Regeneration Office

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 - Growing the Local Economy, Public Realm & Infrastructure, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Integration, Health & Well Being and Community Safety. The Balbriggan Leadership Group, provides oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation. A 'Review and Renew' meeting of the Leadership Group was held in March where the new Chair, Dr. David Begg was introduced to the group following the departure of Brian MacCraith.

Tenders submitted to appoint a contractor for the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs Scheme have been evaluated. The successful contractor will be on site in April 2024. The project is to be completed on a phased basis in 2025. 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 has now progressed 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 and a temporary Pocket Park has been installed. Demolition contractors are on site and have implemented a programme of works to demolish the rear of the De Bruns Buildings. The front facade of the buildings facing Bridge Street are to be kept to maintain the street line. An Integrated Design Team has been selected and will look at preparing a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Early and on-going stakeholder engagement will take place shortly and throughout the design process.



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 is progressing the phase 2 element of the Balbriggan Tidal Pool and Swimming Platform Feasibility Study. Potential funding options and funding models will also be investigated and identified and necessary environmental studies, site investigations will form part of the phase 2 stage.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. FCC has met with local stakeholders and potential end users for the Bathhouse and Boathouse. Enabling works commenced in February. Works include full surveys and assessment of the site, which will inform the full works design and planning proposal.



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



Town Centre First – Lusk

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the new Lusk Town Team were agreed in the third quarter 2023. 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). Consultants to support the preparation of a new Town Plan were appointed to work with the Community, Businesses and Public Realm Pillars in Lusk to get their views for inclusion in the new town plan. Work on this has progressed well, with a draft of the new Town Centre First Plan for Lusk currently being reviewed, with final sign-off on the plan expected shortly. The plan will then be published.

Town Centre First – Rush

At the National Town Centre First Day held 28th February in Limerick, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphries T.D. announced that Rush had been selected as Fingal's second Town Centre First Town. The Town Regeneration Office welcomes the selection of Rush as a Town Centre First Town and engagement with the Local Elected Members, the Community and the Business Sector in Rush has begun with a view to establishing a new Rush Town Team. This new Town Team will prepare a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush. During March, there was a walk-about in Rush by the Town Regeneration Office team, local elected members, Rush Tourism and Rush Community Council.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme was launched during the Summer 2023 and the Town Regeneration Office submitted 5 applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration in November. The outcome of these applications is awaited.



In 2023, the Town Regeneration Office completed the implementation of projects in Rush, Donabate, Oldtown, Naul, St. Margaret's and Balrothery. With respect to these 6 schemes, the local authority has invested €282,276.00 in total funding drawn down from the Department of Rural and Community Development to support the revitalisation of our Rural towns.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024 was launched on the 15th March, 2024 and is seeking expressions of interest from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as "Major Town Centre", "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Under the scheme, up to 50% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. Applications to be considered for this scheme must be submitted by the 8th April, 2024.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

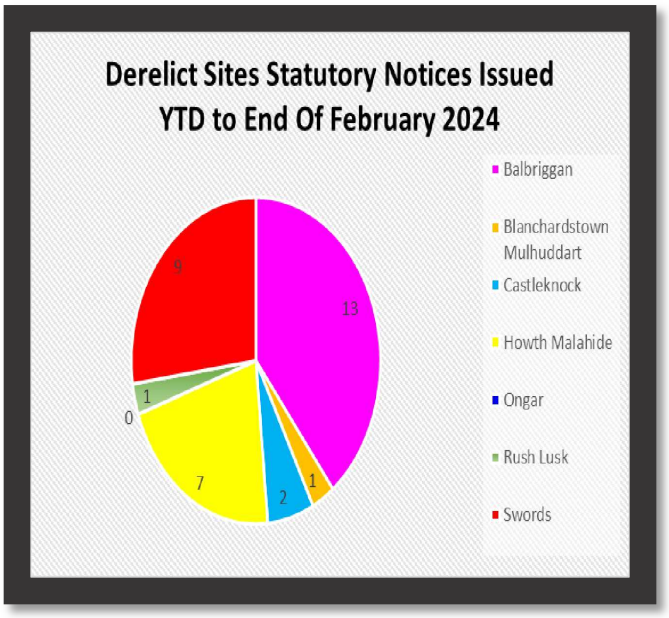
An application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for a feasibility study for facilities for sea swimmers in Skerries was successful in November. As of February 2024, the Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope.

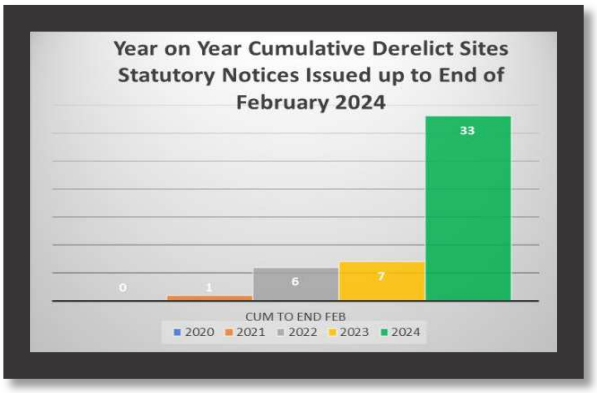
Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3

In 2023, 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 inclusion by the URDF Call 3 Fund administered by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government. A further 5 properties were approved by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government in February. These are being assessed and progressed where appropriate. A further 20 properties are under consideration to be added to the list of properties going forward.

Derelict Sites

33 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of February 2024. This equates to 71% of the total notices issued in 2023 and the team are gaining momentum as they work through referrals throughout the County.
25 new sites have been identified to the end of February 2024 which are actively being progressed in line with the Derelict Sites Act 1990.





The Derelict Sites Section actively encourage the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for March 2024 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2024



Local Enterprise Week 2024 took place on the week of March 4th to 8th. The week kicked off in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy with the Fingal Startup Bootcamp. On Tuesday the LEO in partnership with the Balbriggan Chamber hosted a networking event in the Lark, Balbriggan called "Don't Wait for Opportunity, Create it" with 3 Fingal entrepreneurs sharing their journey at the event. On Wednesday, Fingal Chamber ran a "Behind the Business" event in the Portmarnock Hotel featuring local entrepreneurs.

Thursday saw Fingal LEO present a Dublin regional event in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown, with Richard Curran as MC and covering the topic of Raising Finance. Friday celebrated International Women's Day with the Fingal Enterprising Women Network in the Roganstown Hotel, as well as the LEO sponsored Pitch Perfect event in TU Dublin, Grangegorman.







Fingal Local Enterprise Awards 2024



The Fingal Enterprise Awards competition is organised annually by the Local Enterprise Office to acknowledge the achievements of small businesses. This is part of a national competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas will compete for the National awards. The Fingal winner is Conor Halpin from PRM Assist. PRM Assist based in Dublin Airport is a global leader in innovative Passenger with Reduced Mobility (PRM) services within airport environments. Their solutions include PRM Connect, a groundbreaking API for seamless accessibility bookings; PRM Assist Portal, offering comprehensive data analytics for efficient operations; and a user-friendly mobile app empowering passengers to request assistance and engage with airports.

While focusing primarily on the UK and Ireland, they have expanded into the Middle East and plan to reach the US, Canada, and beyond – PRM Assist won the overall prize of €5,000. Each of the other finalists took away €1,000 to invest in their business:
Silvertop Ltd, T/A QBM (Baldoyle), PRM Assist Ltd (Swords); Thorn Environmental Ltd (Dublin 15); MSC Retail T/A Carol Kinsella Chocolates (Kinsealy); Lumineire Ltd, T/A Elite Woodworking Machinery (Dublin 15).

Student Enterprise Programme



Twenty-six second level schools across Fingal competed in this year's Student Enterprise Programme. Over 1300 Fingal students developed their own real-life businesses, researching, resourcing and trading services and products, with the guidance of business mentors. Judging took place over a number of months, culminating in each team displaying their ideas at individual stands at the County Final which took place on Thursday March 14th 2024 in the Crowne Plaza Blanchardstown. Hosted by well-known tv presenter Síomha Ní Ruairc, this day long event was a huge success and a super opportunity for participating teams to show case their ideas and meet the judges in person.
Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan and Mount Sackville will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final in Mullingar on May 9th.
The Fingal Student Enterprise County Final 2023/2024 was sponsored by Dublin and Dún Laoghaire ETB (DDLETB), Blanchardstown Centre, SimTech Aviation and One4All.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



As part of Local Enterprise Week 2024 and in honour of International Womens Day, the LEO's Fingal Enterprising Women Network hosted an engaging networking lunch on Friday, March 8th at the elegant Roganstown House Hotel. Renowned TV personality and accomplished Businesswoman, Anna Daly featured as guest speaker where she discussed all things media, motivation and making it happen! It was a lively day with multiple questions and insights from those in attendance and lots of time for valuable networking over lunch.

Upcoming Fingal Business Briefing Sessions

Local Enterprise Office

FINGAL BUSINESS BRIEFING

A Business Supports Briefing was held on 8th March in the Carlton Dublin Airport Hotel as part of Local Enterprise Week. Over 100 businesses attended with a high amount of interaction with the audience making it a very informal but informative session. The small business owners and entrepreneurs heard about supports and services available to them from the LEO and other State bodies as they embark on or expand their businesses. The next business briefing is scheduled for Wednesday 10th April at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Supports

Food STARTER
Best Start in Food

LEO Fingal is running the next Dublin region Food Starter programme on 8th April 2024, working with small food producers who are starting out on their food business journey. The Food Starter programme is the industry specific Start Your Own Business training for the food sector. As part of the programme, businesses are given a thorough grounding in what is required to set up their business, the health and safety implications and how to capitalise on market opportunity. Participants also benefit from the network of other food businesses on the course and leave with a new set of mentors and business advisors to help them on their journey.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €102,900 in funding across 3 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in March 2024. Seven Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €17,500 and two Digital for Business grants amounting to €9,000 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be on 24th April 2024.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR BUSINESS ACCELERATION

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

The Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme provides an exceptional opportunity for SME Owners and Managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. This highly successful "International Best Practice" training programme which commenced on March 26th is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops.

As part of the programme, the owner manager participants each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



Applications are open for the Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme, which enables 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.

A total of 24 applications have been approved in the amount of €53,504 in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher seminar will be held on Friday 17th May in Riasc, Kinsealy

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are heavily subsidised by LEO and provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. So far this year, 188 clients have availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics. The Mentoring Programme has already got off to a busy start, with 97 clients receiving expert mentoring so far this year.

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 7 MFI loan applications to date in 2024.

Training and Events

2024 training is continuing apace with over 1,350 participants in events year to date. The third Start Your Own Business course started on March 19th bringing to 36 the number of participants at the multi-day event YTD.

The second Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI course kicked off during Local Enterprise Week and is still ongoing with a class size of 12. Fingal LEO ran a Startup Bootcamp in Local Enterprise Week which is an intensive one-day course for those who wish to invest in their training for starting their business.

Internationalisation and Export Development

Export Development Programme. The purpose of this new programme is to provide clients with the skills and the confidence to identify, target and exploit new business opportunities in the Benelux Region. In addition, the TAME (Exporter) grant enables small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Seven Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) in 2024 to date.



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Balbriggan Area Parks



As part of the 'Free Tree Giveaway' for National Tree Week, approximately 2000 young trees were given away at the Ardgillan Demesne Collections Area. This year the focus was on the right tree for the right place, so the Parks staff had information available for the public to understand which varieties were best for their space.



As part of the Annual Programme of Works a recently completed new stone wall planter was constructed at the entrance to Balbriggan beach at Convent Lane Balbriggan. In line with the FCC Biodiversity Plan, a pollinator perennial planting scheme was planted in consultation with Balbriggan Tidy Towns.



As part of the 'Our Balbriggan' initiative and following recent discussions with the local elected representatives and the swimming group using Balbriggan Beach, construction has commenced to create an enhanced outdoor changing and shower area.



Recently installed modifications to the doors at public toilets in Ardgillan Demesne, to include a lighter door that is easier for children to use with a bespoke design, slide- across security door covers.



Recently planted trees in St Catherines Estate, Portico Open Space, Rush



Recently planted trees in Chapel Farm Estate, Lusk.



Recently built block and stone wall at 'The Square' Ballyboughal. This is the backdrop to a new community space currently being designed and which will form part of a future Programme of Works project.



Community Orchard Project in Balbriggan as part of the FCC Biodiversity Plan. Trees provided by Fingal and planted by Balbriggan Tidy Towns with Fingal Operations Area Team.



New Boundary wall at The Hastings Estate Balbriggan. Programme of Works 2023/24.

Swords Area Parks





As part of the 'Free Tree Giveaway' for National Tree Week, approximately 2000 young trees were given away at the Newbridge Demesne and Ward River Valley Park Collections Areas. This year the focus was on the right tree for the right place, so the Parks staff had information available for the public to understand which varieties were best for their space. Huge thanks to Swords Woodland Association, who coordinated the Ward River Valley Collection event.



Recently planted trees in the open space to the rear of JCs in Swords.

The open space connects, Mooretown Rd, Pinegrove Park, Broadmeadow Rd and Castlefarm residential estates. The tree planting compliments the recently installed new footpaths and public lighting to this space. Additional seating and perennial bulb planting are also planned.

The Swords Area Operations Team also carried out tree planting in Newbridge Demesne, Beverton open space and Ridgewood Green.

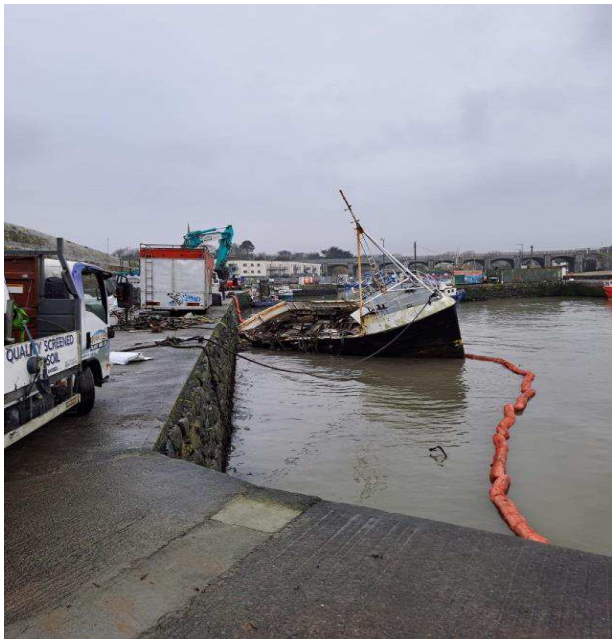




Recently installed Heritage and Wayfinding signage in and around Newbridge Demesne.

Harbours

Removal of two boat wrecks from Balbriggan Harbour.







Improved views across to East Pier, Balbriggan

Area Roads Programme
Lusk

Night time road resurfacing works at Post Office Road, Lusk as part of the Roads Programme of Works 2024.







Swords

Cleaning and straightening of signs in the greater Swords area.













Footpath Repairs along Main Street, Swords









Resurfacing works at Elmwood Road, Swords.

Kilsallaghan

Drainage works completed at Surgalstown North.





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Balbriggan

Footpath works Chapel Avenue and Chapel Gate as part of the Depot Maintenance programme.









Footpath works at New Market Green as part of Depot Maintenance programme.

Portrane

Crews adjusted pathway access points at Tower Bay, leading to below happy customer.



Garristown

Lower Road Garristown (Chapel Lane) resurfaced as part of 2024 Programme of Works.





Traffic Management Schemes

Traffic management schemes in the Balbriggan / Rush / Lusk / Swords have been out for public consultation which will conclude on 28th March. A presentation will be made at the April ACM for BRLS outlining the outcomes from the public consultation.

Public Convenience Building Programme Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area

A report on the Part VIII process for Rush South Beach public conveniences will be brought to the April meeting of the Council. Subject to approval of proposal, it is envisaged that works to install the new toilet block will commence prior to the end of Q2.

Work is continuing finalising the Final Drawings, Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening in respect of Donabate and Portrane locations. Part VIII process to commence as soon as the EIAS reports are complete. Site surveys are underway in relation to Rush North (Harbour Park), Loughshinny and Skerries Harbour (2 locations)

Howth Malahide Area

Programme of Works

The 2024 POW is currently being tendered. Road Closures have been booked for Road Inlays in April and footpath works have been tendered and will commence when suitable weather conditions allow.

Kinsealy Lane Drainage

Drainage works carried out by the FCC operations crew as part of the Kinsealy lane road upgrade.





Kinsealy Lane Nightworks:

Night works in Kinsealy lane deep patching and drainage installation.





Station Road Portmarnock

Station Road Portmarnock the installation of a new Kerb line and associated works.



Section of the road relayed as part of the works.

Malahide Demesne

Tourism Ireland promoting Malahide castle with an American film crew for the St Patrick's Day festival.





Spring has Sprung:

A Beautiful Clematis blooming over the arch at the entrance of the courtyard for the visitor centre in Malahide Demesne.



Refurbishment works to the existing Sports Pavilion and Cafe in Malahide

Series of photos showing the completion of the works at the Sports Pavilion and Café in Malahide. The public conveniences are available to the public with works completed to the accessible toilet.

New guardrails have been installed at the accesible toilet, which is now open to members of the public.

New directional fingerpost signage will be installed in the coming weeks.





Malahide Sports Pavilion





New overlay carried out outside the pavillion road.

New grass crete parking are installed at Malahide sports pavilion.

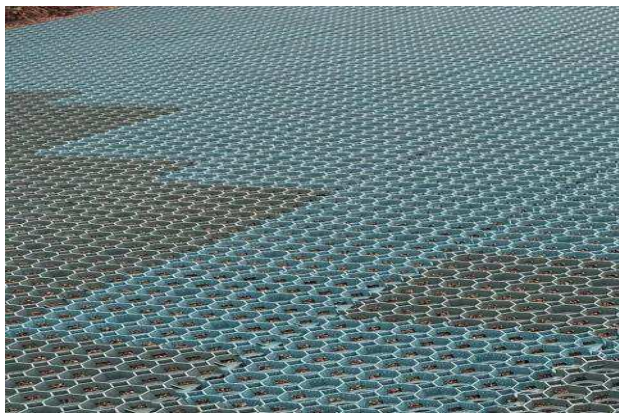
Grass reinforcement mesh or grid installation is simple and no different to the installation of any other paving system. When installed as recommended, they will also have the same functionality as other paving systems. When filled with a compost sand mix, the paver enables reinforced areas to be trafficked by pedestrians and vehicles while allowing grass growth. The plastic paving or mesh reinforces the ground and supports the loading enabling it to take additional traffic without turning into muck.

Paved areas are fully porous and permeable and will contribute towards flood prevention by allowing rain water to percolate naturally into the ground. Images below outline the install process.









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Grass Cutting has resumed in the Demesne.







Aeration Works on Par 3 and Pitch and Putt

Image below is of aeration of golf green.



Trim trail in Howth Community garden



Burial Ground Works





Completion of concrete aprons and macadam works at Saint Fintan's burial grounds as part of the ongoing ground works.





Preparation for seeding at Balgriffin burial grounds this location will be sowed with wildflower application over 3 years for full growth.

Beaches & Cleansing



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Deployment of sandbags and flood defence due to storm and high tide overtopping Howth Malahide beach fronts.



Delivery of new bins for deployment in Howth Malahide


Repointing of stone wall and pathway cleaning Baldoyle road

Public Convenience Building Programme Howth Malahide Area

A Meeting with the Howth Malahide Councillors was held regarding the new Toilets proposed for both the existing Malahide Beach and East Pier Public Toilets.

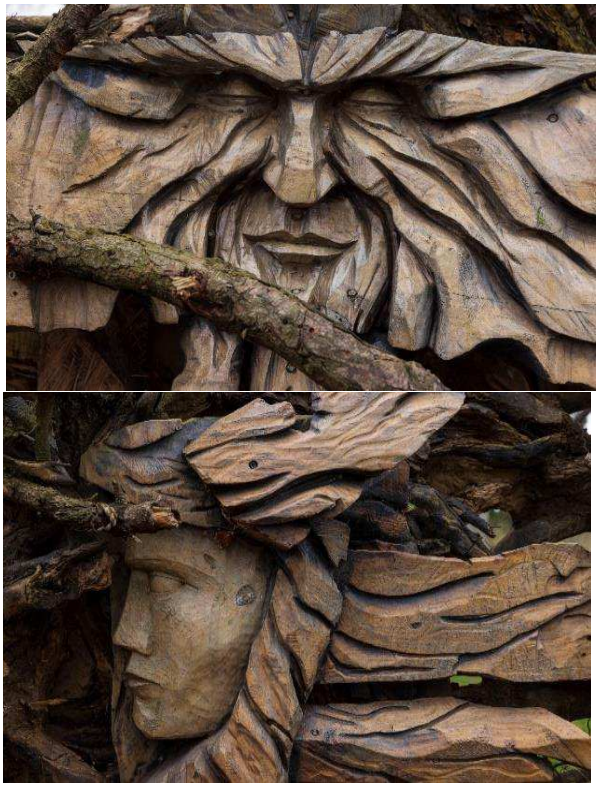
Final Drawings, Appropriate Assessment Screening Reports and Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Reports were sent to the Planning Department for Preliminary Planning Report and Determination.

These have been received and the Public Consultation Process for both Projects commenced with the advertising of the schemes on the 26th March 2024. The Public Consultation closes at 5.00pm on Thursday 9th May 2024.

Subject to approval of the proposals, the aim is to aim to commence site works at both locations by the end of Q2 2024.

Castleknock Mulhuddart Area

TREE CARVINGS – MILLENNIUM PARK



ARBORETUM, MILLENNIUM PARK

New raised platforms at the Arboretum Millennium Park have been installed in the Millennium Park to facilitate children's events.



WORKS AT AUBURN AVENUE





120 Lime trees been pruned along this stretch of road on Auburn Avenue.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE PARKOUR FACILITY







The parkour facility was officially launched by the Mayor and Chief Executive in Millennium Park on 14th March.

NEW PLAYGROUND SIGNAGE



New Interactive signage has been installed in St Catherines Park and Beech Park.

BROOKHAVEN/CORDUFF





Footpath improvement works, edging and weed removal was undertaken in the Brookhaven and Corduff Areas.

TREE PLANTING

Tree planting was undertaken in Millennium Park this month.





NEW EQUIPMENT – MILLENNIUM PARK







Various new pieces of equipment have been installed in Millennium Park at the playground area.

SHACKLETON GARDENS





New Limestone wall been built in Shackleton Gardens

HARTSTOWN PARK



Tree planting in Hartstown Park opposite dog run area was undertaken in March.

Car Parking Services
February 2024

There was a total of 1112 parking tickets issued during February 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - February 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	577
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	147
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	134
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	99
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	51
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	16
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	15
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	15
04F - EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT IN A LOADING BAY (GOODS VEHICLE)	10
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	10

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations February 2024
North Street - Swords	117
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	78
Main Street - Swords	66
Church Road - Malahide	60
South Strand Skerries	53
The Green - Malahide	53
Harbour Road - Skerries	46
Coast Road - Malahide	44
Strand Street - Skerries	42
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	35

Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 132 Interments in February 2024.



New Burial Ground signage in St. Fintan's Cemetery with revised opening times and QR code with link to Burial Ground Bye-Laws.

Kellystown Burial Ground

Tenders for the proposed works at Kellystown Cemetery are currently being evaluated.

Once the tender evaluation is complete, it is anticipated that work will commence on site, by end of May/June, subject to the successful tenderers work schedule.

In the meantime, members of the public who are waiting to place family members ashes in the planned Columbarium Wall can now register with HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie.

In advance of the completion of the Cemetery, however, burial plots, cannot be purchased in accordance with the Burial Ground Bye-Laws 2023.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

- **Road Markings – Lining**



Double Yellow Lines have been installed on Waterville Road at the back entrance to Connolly hospital.

- **Traffic Calming**



Newly installed ramp on the R121 in Hollystown

- **Signage**

A sign on the N3 located before Navan Parkway was replaced in March.



Old sign



New Sign

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Traffic Calming Ramps and Junction Build Outs**





Skerries- Junction with Barnageeragh Rd and Harrisons Bay Road- Flat Top Ramp and new pedestrian crossing

Road Markings- Lining





Garristown- Main Street-New Road markings layout



Rush- Channel Road- Traffic calming ramps and centre lining road markings renewal



Lusk - Ballealy Lane - Traffic calming ramps road lining renewal

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024

- **New Traffic Calming 2024 POW**





New Zebra crossing by Saint Fintan's NS Carrickbrack Road, Sutton, - Civil Works ongoing



Pedestrian crossing upgrade at Junction of Binn Eadair and Dublin Road crossing.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

86 vehicle and plant hires were put in place from 01/03/2024 to 22/03/2024, engaging 20 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

The Public Lighting Section will continue with the LED Programme with 99.8% of all lights now switched to LEDS.

The Programme of Works 2024 has now commenced.

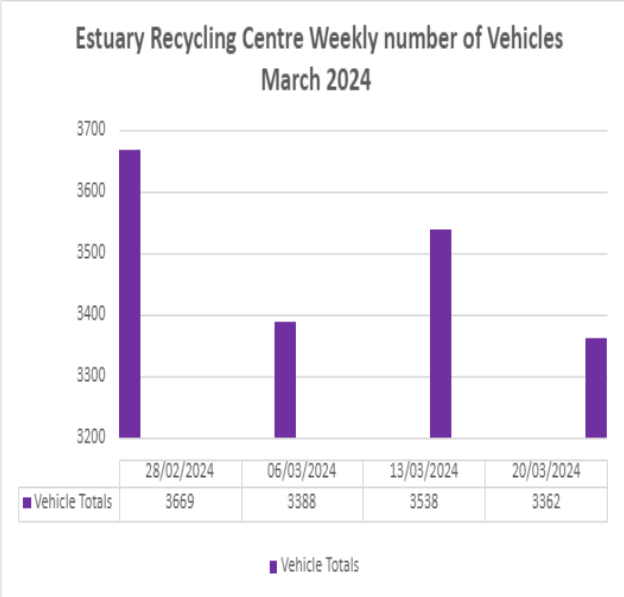
Beaches and Lifeguard Service

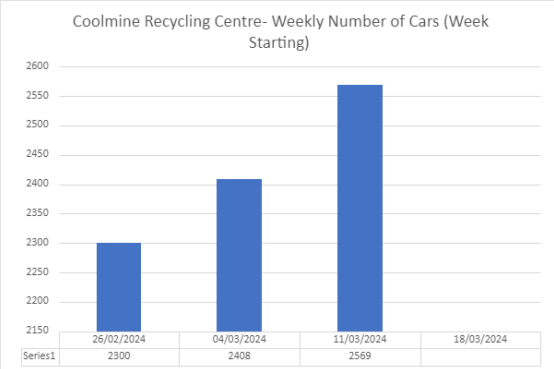
Lifeguard Service 2024

Lifeguards are recruited annually to work during the official bathing season. It is proposed to recruit 40-45 lifeguards for the 2024 season in order to maintain a full lifeguard service on Fingal beaches throughout the season. The recruitment process is ongoing with interviews taking place in the Civic Office, Blanchardstown, from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th March 2024 (inclusive). The beach lifeguard fitness test is due to take place on Velvet Strand, Portmarnock on Saturday 27th April 2024.

An offer of a position of employment is contingent on the candidate being deemed suitable at interview, successfully passing the beach lifeguard test, holding a valid beach lifeguard certificate and Garda Vetting.

Recycling Centres Update



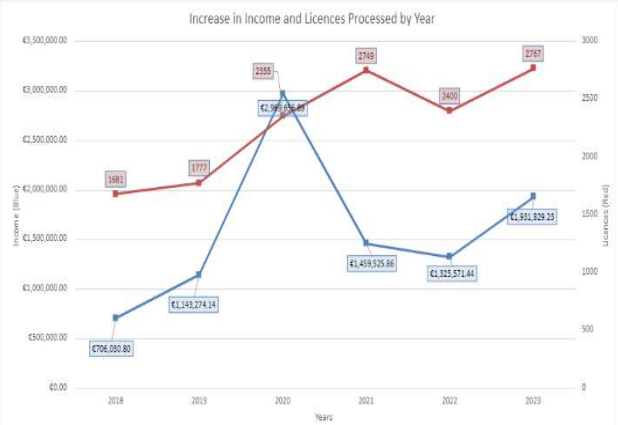


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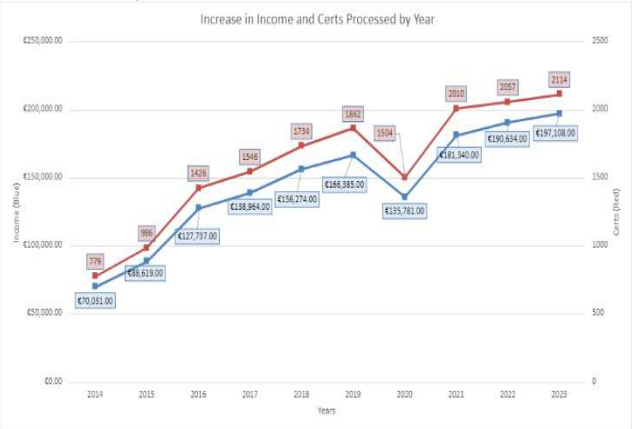
Licenses

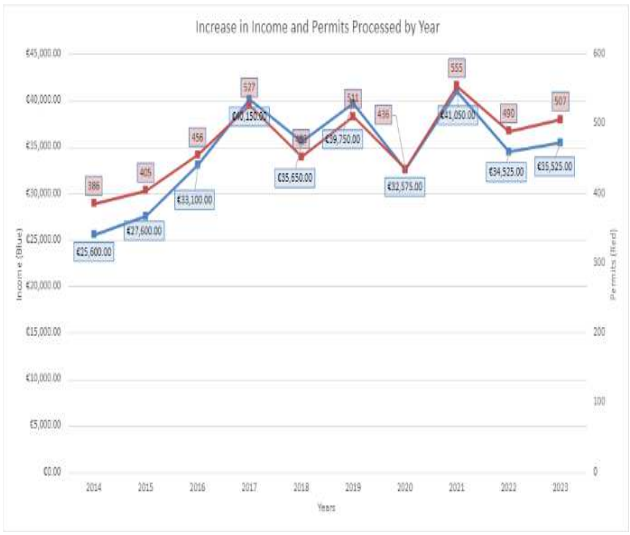
- Annual Changes in Licencing Numbers

The below charts show the increasing volume of workload of the licencing department as well as corresponding increase in income in the period.



*sharp increase in 2020 is due to major projects being completed while roads were quieter during the COVID pandemic.

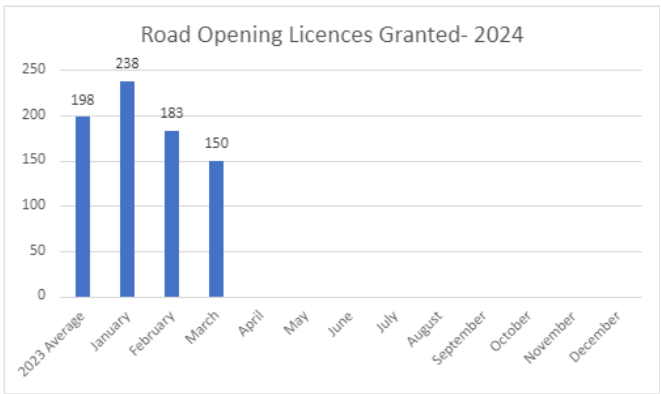


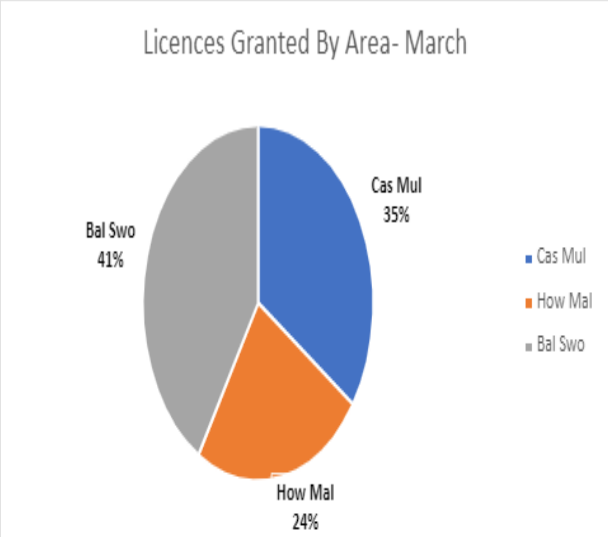


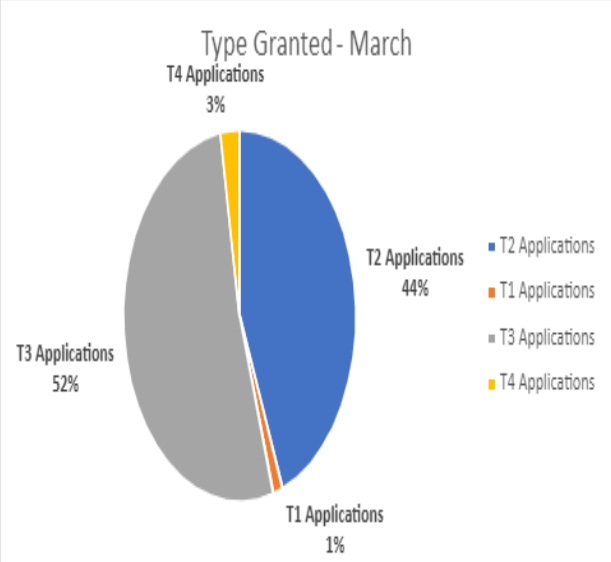
- Road Opening Licenses

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.

150 Licences were granted in the month of **between 1st March and 22nd March, 55%** of which were granted by way of **automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have received a total of 27 renewal applications for 2024/2025 trading year with a total of 11 new Casual Trading applications for available pitches throughout Fingal administrative Area covering the trading of Hot Food Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.
Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The 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





32 street furniture licences have been issued in 2024.

Any new street furniture applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.
The Operations department will continue to carry out site inspections to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders.

Storm Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at approximately €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. 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

Preliminary design reports are being updated with received survey information and updates of associated drawings. An Investigation and Optioneering report for Work Package B has just been submitted and is under review by FCC. Once agreed a GPR survey will be required to finalise design and have contract documents progressed. Investigation and optioneering, followed by design and tender documentation for Work Package A (the main works) will follow. An updated programme is due.

➢ Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipe

This project involved the laying of 235 m of new Stormwater pipeline along Bath Ave in Malahide to alleviate localised flooding and allow for future capacity. The new SW pipe connects to an existing outfall on the Coast Rd. Following completion of additional mobility and drainage works a full road reinstatement including thermoplastic lining was completed in March.







➢ Burrow Beach

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. A tender procedure for the supply of anchor blocks was terminated due to submission of non-conforming submissions and procurement is thus continuing. This means that the works window for Spring 2024 was missed, and construction has been rescheduled for Spring 2025. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants.



➢ Wendell Avenue/Heather Walk

Stormwater sewer rehabilitation works in Portmarnock are now complete. In total 200m of collapsed sections of network have been replaced in the Dewberry Park, Wendell Avenue and Heather Walk estates. Final trench reinstatement works were completed in March.

- Lusk Network Remedial Works

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It will include second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover plus reinstatement of surface.
To date Direct Labour crews have completed the first tranche of repairs on localised damaged pipelines. Sections of the network along **Station Rd & Dublin Rd** are currently undergoing camera survey works to examine its condition and confirm capacity with some additional dye testing to plot the water course and discharge point. Most of the repair/replacement will be undertaken By Direct Labour with some input by contractors. The overall project is likely to take 24 months to complete.







➢ Clonsilla/Mulhuddart Network Improvements

Following historical reports of flooding CCTV surveys were carried out to determine the condition of the Stormwater infrastructure in the **Rusheeney and Manorfield estates in D15**. So far, several large restrictions have been found and a manhole was completely blocked with household waste. Works are ongoing to remove this blockage. Additional collapsed sections have also been identified in other locations along the same network. Quotations have been sought to carry out multiple trenchless repair works using a robotic cutting machine.



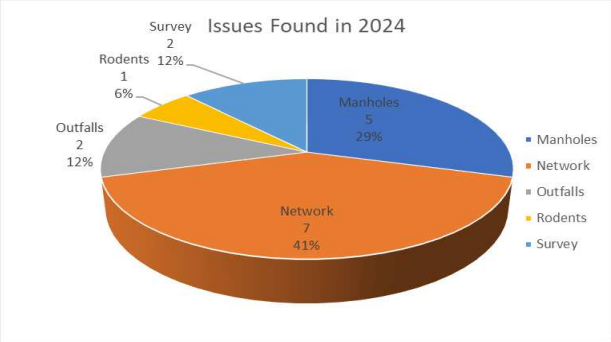


Carpenterstown Road SW Pipe Refurbishment

The procurement process has begun to appoint a Contractor to carry various remedial works including part liner repairs on damaged sections of the network along Carpenterstown Road. A tender was posted on E-tenders in March. Following tender deadline, submissions will be evaluated, and a Contractor will be appointed to carry out works on site.

- **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.



- **Storm Water Connections:**

8 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

Lusk – Barrack Lane

Following historical reports of ongoing road flooding along Treen Hill & Minister's Road. CCTV surveys were carried out and restrictions were identified along **Barrack Lane**. A new section of 300mm pipe has now been installed along the footway to replace the existing collapsed line. In total 60m of damaged and collapsed pipeline has been replaced and the roadway has been permanently reinstated. Currently a contractor is being procured to carry out an 8m trenchless liner to repair the last section of damaged pipeline.





- **Donabate**

Maintenance work was undertaken on the **Beaverstown stream** to remove restrictions and clear and overgrown ditch to create storage and to remove flow restrictions, thereby alleviating risk of road flooding. This will also enable further examination of the catchment to improve surface water management.



Assets

Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. 15 Nr manhole cover and frames (C&F) have been identified that require replacement along the Swords Rd in Malahide. A Contractor has been procured with works commencing in March. Offline replacements were carried out in the Castle Drive estate in Swords. The Stormwater unit also supplied 12 Nr manhole C&F to replace existing older poor condition assets for the recent road resurfacing on Strand Street in Skerries.

- **Water Quality**

Balbriggan – Water Quality Improvement

Final reinstatement is planned to follow the removal of previously misconnected properties to the Surface Water network in **Flemington** estate.

- **Seagrange park**

Assistance is still being given by the Storm Water Unit to *Baldoyle Tidy Towns* who had secured funding for a Biodiversity project on the Seagrange Park stream, Baldoyle.

Drainage Inspectors are still assisting with this matter. Further sampling has been requested to narrow down the area of focus or to eliminate potential sources of contamination.



Meetings/Briefings

Meeting held with Balbriggan Elected Representatives and "Save Our Sand" group on Monday 26th February with regards to Balbriggan beach

Briefing given to Howth/Malahide Councillors on the new public conveniences in Howth and Malahide Muldowney.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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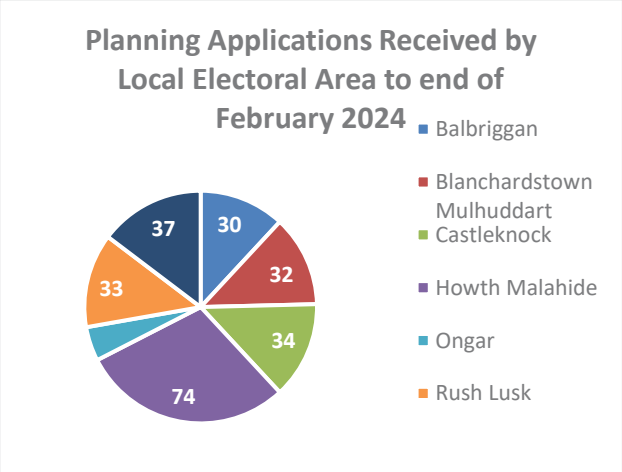
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Planning Applications

received from 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024, 70 applications were invalid leaving a total of 182 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024. There have been no Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications made to the Local Authority in February 2024. From 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024 five decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these five decisions made, three have been to grant Permission (1,020 Units). Two decisions have been made to refuse permission.

An Bord Pleanála have issued no decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024. There are five SHDs (4,577 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 219 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 29th February 2024. There have been 176 decisions to grant permission (80%) and 43 refusals of permission (20%). Included in the 176 grants there have been 15 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 96 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 20 commercial grants of permission, 5 retail grants of permission and 6 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 4 relate to developments of 2 – 20 units, 1 grant of permission in respect of housing developments of 20-50 units, 1 grant of permission in respect of housing developments of 100+ units.

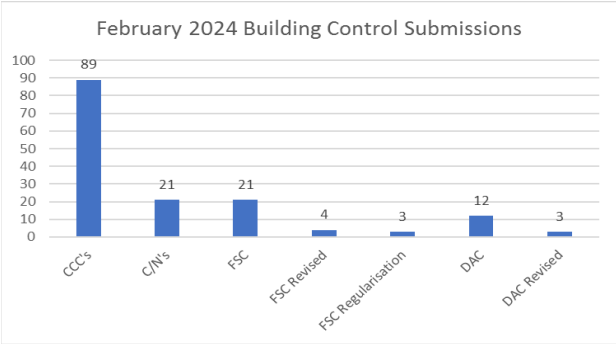
Building Control Admin

In February 2024, there were 153 building control submission made via BCMS.

This was made up of 89 Commencement Notices, 21 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 28 Fire Safety related Certificates and 15 Disability Access related Certificates.

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

The Building Control Admin team processed 147 decisions in February 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 51 decisions to grant, 1 refusal (relaxation) and 95 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

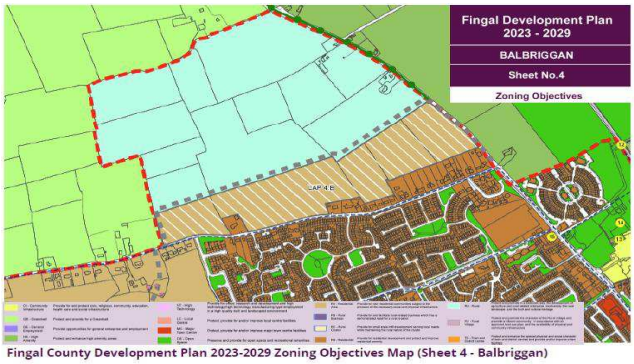
In July, the first round of Plans falling out of the development plan was agreed. This comprises Swords and Flemington LAPs, the Dunsink Plan, Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Work has begun on the Flemington Local Area Plan and the Clonsilla Framework Plan.

Flemington Local Area Plan

The proposed LAP boundary has been designated in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Local Area Plans play an important role in setting the framework for the achievement of integrated and balanced communities within a specified area. They seek to provide the optimal development framework to ensure the protection and enhancement of the existing areas, key features and the environment within an area, while providing for a high quality living environment through the use of robust urban design principles. Fingal County Council has commenced the consultation process which is a key feature of the Local Area Plan process. The pre-draft consultation period ran from 1st February to 1st March. A targeted workshop for local members, landowners and community groups took place on Friday 2nd February and a very well attended information drop in session for member of the public was held on 19th February, 4pm – 7pm in Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan.

Work has now begun on the drafting of the Local Area Plan and it is hoped to publish this in summer 2024.



Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 Zoning Objectives Map (Sheet 4 - Balbriggan)

Clonsilla Framework Plan

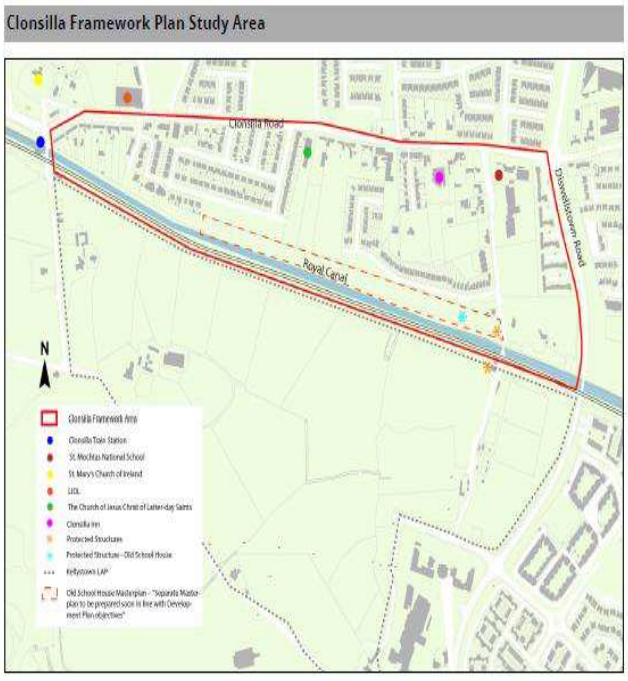
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 provides for an objective to prepare a Framework Plan for lands at Clonsilla (Plan Ref. FP 13.C).

The proposed FP boundary has been designated in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 and includes an area of land south of Clonsilla Road/Larch Grove, bounded by Diswellstown Road to the east, Callaghan Bridge to the west and extends just south of the railway tracks.

The Kellystown Local Area Plan, located to the south of the Clonsilla Framework Plan area, was adopted in January 2021 and provides for the future development of that particular area. A specific and separate Masterplan will also be prepared for the Old School House area in the near future.

Public consultation is a key element in the preparation of the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the pre-draft consultation period ran from Tuesday 6th February to Tuesday 5th March. A targeted workshop for local members and community groups took place on Tuesday 6th February and a separate information drop in session for member of the public was held on 19th February, 4pm – 7pm.

Work has now begun on the drafting of the Framework Plan and it will be published in summer 2024.



Donabate Framework Plan

Fingal County Council has prepared and published a Draft Framework Plan for Donabate, County Dublin. The draft Plan provides a vision for the Donabate town centre which will improve and enhance the Main Street area and guide careful urban improvement. The Plan will provide an opportunity to improve the public realm and setting of the town and will guide future funding opportunities. This Plan highlights the distinctive character of Donabate, its setting on the peninsula, current issues pertinent to Donabate and, lastly, outlines a programme of actions which must be agreed with the community.

The Draft Donabate Framework Plan, including SEA Statement and Screening Report for Appropriate Assessment was on public consultation until Wednesday 21st February and was agreed at the March full council meeting.





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.

On 1st February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft maps for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time.

Landowners may make submissions and submit rezoning requests regarding land identified on these maps. 1st April 2024 is the last date to make submissions regarding removal of land from the 2025 annual draft maps if considered to be outside scope, including submissions by landowners in support of the exclusion of their land where it is identified on the annual draft map that the local authority proposes to exclude such land, or challenging the date of inclusion. Submissions may also be made recommending land be included on the maps. The 31st May 2024 is the last date to make a rezoning request regarding land identified on the 2025 annual draft map

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: 3,502 Hectares
- In Scope Mixed Use Lands in Fingal: 209 Hectares

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 26/03/2024



- There were 18 building Control Inspections in March 2024 with 25 buildings inspected.
- There were 2 Section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in March and there have been no Enforcement Notices issued.
- There were no developments Taken in charge in March, however There are 4 developments scheduled for Taking in Charge in April 2024 (Riverwood Gardens Carpenterstown, Emsworth Kinsealy Lane in Malahide, Golden Ridge phase 2 in Rush and Coopers Wood in Kinsealy.
- We have 7 developments scheduled for Taking in Charge in May 2024 – Barnageeragh Cove Phase 3 in Skerries, The Park in Skerries, Hyde Court in Rush, Lusk Village in Lusk, Thornleigh in Swords, Blackwood Estate in Ongar and Fairhaven in Castleknock.

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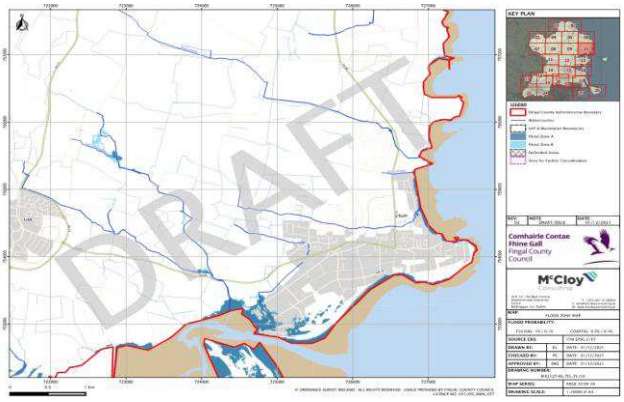


Inspecting ICF (Insulated Concrete Formwork) on a site in Rowlestown.

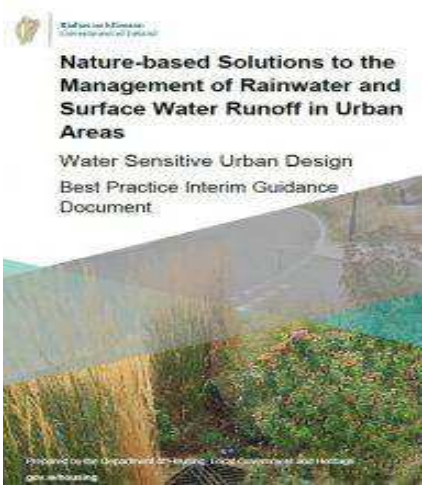


Inspecting fire stopping above a doorway in a compartment corridor in Santry.

Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section



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



Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards.

This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



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

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed at road level in late May 2024. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses and works at a lower level will continue during June.

The scheme has been delayed mainly due to the complexity of the scheme and the number of utility diversions involved. During April the traffic signals at the junction with Waterville Road will be switched on. This will allow the temporary roundabout to be removed and replaced with a new junction at the on ramp for the N3. Currently the junction at Main St is being formed into its final layout. Some of the current works which include surfacing, duct installation and road marking are being carried out at night to limit impact on traffic flow. A further update will be given in mid-April to the local Councillors. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site www.snugboroughinterchange.ie



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have installed some of the reinforced earth at the South Abutment of the proposed bridge over the railway and construction of the North abutment base is underway. Many of the culvert units for the stream under the proposed Ongar Barnhill road have been installed. A consultation for the extinguishment of public right of way on Barberstown Lane North is continuing until late April. Consultations | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal. Improvement works have been carried out to Barberstown Lane North and South during March in conjunction with the scheme. An update site briefing for local Councillors was given in mid-March.

A further update will be given in mid-April to the local Councillors. 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. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed. Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council to gather information for detailed design. The tender documentations are currently being prepared for CCTV drainage contractor and another tender documentation is currently being prepared for the Ground Investigations to inform the detailed design process and de-risk the project.



PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx 50% completed. 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.

Additional meetings again this month were held with the ESB onsite for the new connection points at 13 controlled crossing points along the project. Also, relocation of existing ESB cables has been agreed on Harry Reynolds Road.

An update project briefing for the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route was held in early March with the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area.

Another update project briefing has been arranged for early April with the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area, members of the Residents Associations and TidyTowns Committee on the progress and remaining programme of works for the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route.

To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; [Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council]



Works progressing on Harry Reynolds Road just South of Fingal Bay Business Park with Footpath/Shared Area installed recently and the Cycleway ready for surfacing.



Works progressing on Harry Reynolds Road just South of Fingal Bay Business Park with Tree Pits installed.



Works progressing on Harry Reynolds Road just north of Fingal Bay Business Park with Footpath and Cycle Track installed recently.

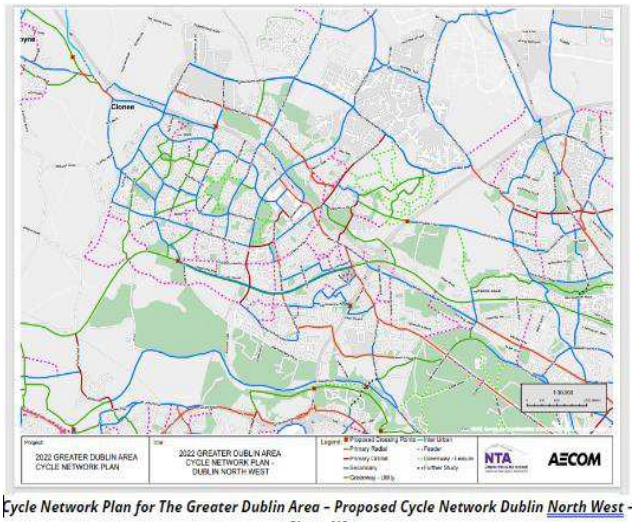


Works completed on the south side of the Hamilton Road

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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 procurement process has now moved to Stage 2 with the tender recently published on eTenders with the closing date for submissions in mid-April. 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 Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services 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 tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at Stage 2 of the procurement process. The current closing date for submissions of tender is now mid-April as an extension was granted following tenders request.



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 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.

The project is currently at preliminary design stage and requires the need to hold additional meetings with all the relevant key stakeholders to agree a revised design in line with the new National Cycling Manual. These meetings will continue over the coming months to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design, which complies with the new cycling manual, is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála.

Sutton to Malahide 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 including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. 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. These works have been procured and are scheduled to begin in April 2024. 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.

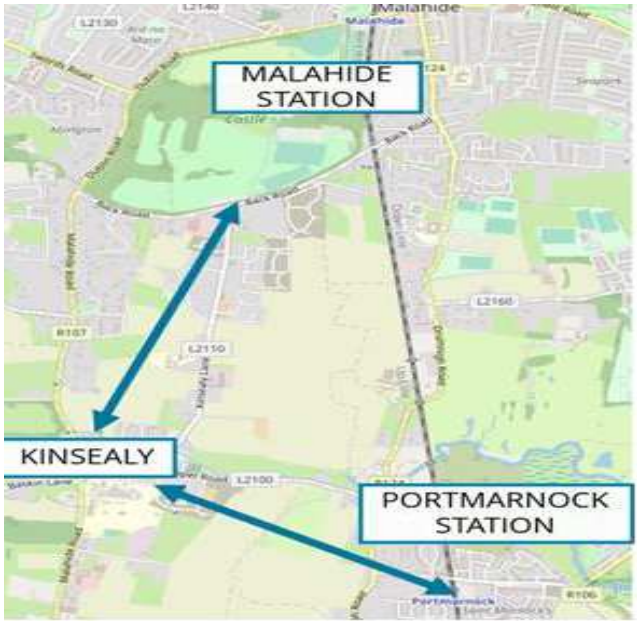


Artist's impression for section of Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

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. Traffic surveys have been completed. Topographical surveys have been completed.

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

Meetings have commenced between the Independent Agronomist and affected landowners with farming and horticultural businesses. Searches continue for potentially affected landowners who have not been identified yet.

A local consultation remains open in the Quay Street Area of Skerries and will run to the end of March. The consultation is asking residents for their preferences on traffic management options to facilitate the Fingal Coastal Way. The responses will assist in the selection of designs to be developed further.

The topographical survey of public lands is now complete and the survey data will allow designs in the town and village centres to progress. Further local consultations will be held as details are developed.



Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Design options for the northern causeway have been 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 the NTA and Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with a single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

Tender competitions are complete for a number of sub-elements of the project. Irish Rail have awarded the following contracts which will allow the construction of the main bridge across the estuary:

- OHLE 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 awarded to Global Rail Services Ltd.
- Manufacture and supply of precast concrete units for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units awarded to Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd.
- Main estuary bridge Civil Engineering Contract awarded to Jons Civil Engineering Ltd.

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. A tender competition for this piece of work was issued to the market and Archaeological Management Solutions were awarded the contract. The study is due to be completed shortly.

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage has advised that the Minister has approved the granting of the Foreshore Lease, Licence and Consent and the application has now been referred to the Chief State Solicitor's Office for drafting and execution. This is the final step for Foreshore Licence Approval.

Works to strengthen the foundations of the OHLE masts have commenced at Bisset's Strand, Malahide and are progressing. This work is to be completed in advance of the construction of the main estuary bridge. In accordance with the conditions of planning, monthly bird surveys are currently being carried out and will continue until April.

Church Fields Link Road

Works are progressing on Phase 2 of the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, including the upgrade and reconfiguration of the existing Wellview Avenue, Damastown roundabout 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.

Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road, Donabate

Fingal County Council has lodged an application to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Portrane Road Enhancement Project. Two landowner objections have been lodged with ABP in this regard. Further consultation regarding landowner concerns has resulted in one of the landowners withdrawing their objection. Consultation continues with the other landowner to try to reach an agreement. 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. Fingal County Council awaits the decision of An Bord Pleanála in this regard.

Separately, Priority Construction Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, has commenced work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement. As part of this project, a new footpath is currently being built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath will provide a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and the train station.

The project also includes drainage improvements, widening of an existing footpath nearby, resurfacing of the road and provision of new line markings, speed ramps and signage. Stop-Go traffic management is in place on Turvey Avenue with marshals on hand to bring vehicles and pedestrians safely around the works area. Work is progressing on site and the project is due to be completed this summer.





Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

License 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 nearing completion. All necessary documents have been submitted to the NTA for approval to award the contract and for funding for 2024. Construction is expected to commence in the coming months.

Donabate Transport Projects

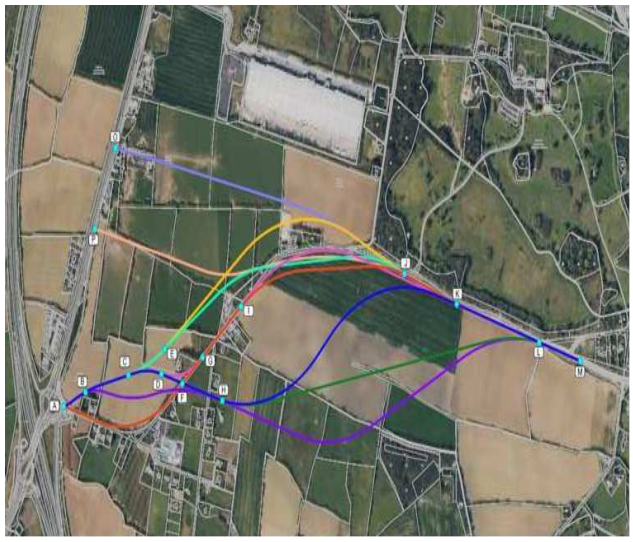
Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel 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;
- 7no. 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 including topographical surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council and Roughan and O'Donovan are currently analysing traffic data and carrying out traffic modelling on the M1-Lissenhall Interchange.

Separately, a number of potential route options have been identified for Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road. These options are shown below and will be subject to multi-criteria assessment to determine the preferred route.



Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

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.
There is a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024:

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes	Portal Opening Date
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	21	12/03/2024
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36	19/03/2024
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180	09/04/2024
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86	16/04/2024
North County Homes – various locations	FCC	16	22/04/2024
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57	26/04/2024
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96	13/05/2024

Housing Information Event - Donabate

A Housing Information Event for our upcoming private affordable sales was held on **March 7th at Donabate Golf Club.**

This event allowed potential purchasers to learn about affordable housing schemes, vacant homes grants and local authority home loans offered by the Council. There was a fantastic turnout on the night, and we have received a lot of interest.





Balleally Rise, Lusk

On February 27th, Fingal County Council announced a new affordable home purchase scheme in Balleally Rise, Lusk. Fingal County Council has agreed with Lagan Homes to deliver 21 affordable homes in Balleally Rise, Hands Lane, Lusk, Co Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 15 - 2 bed properties
- 6 - 3 bed properties

The application portal for this development opened on March 12th, 2024.

To date – 126 applications have been received.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15

On March 3rd, Fingal County Council announced a new affordable home purchase scheme in Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15. Fingal County Council has partnered with Glenveagh Homes to deliver 36 affordable homes at Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 22 - 2 bed properties
- 14 - 3 bed properties

The application portal for this development opened on March 19th, 2024.

To date – 111 applications have been received.



Church Fields, Dublin 15

Fingal County Council has agreed with GEM Construction to deliver 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 59 – 2 bed properties
- 121 – 3 bed properties

The scheme was advertised on the Fingal website and on Social Media on March 26th 2024. The application portal will open on April 9th 2024.



Sale Agreed/In conveyancing - Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan and Hayestown, Rush

Hampton Gardens Close: 14 homes are now sale agreed under an Affordable Housing Purchase Arrangement with Orchid Homes in Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.



Hayestown: 51 homes are now sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks.



Turnkey Acquisitions

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	416
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	500
Planning and Design	694
Part V	504
TOTAL	2,114

Progress of Projects on Site

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 – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Nine units have been completed and restoration works commenced on the final 5 units and are due for completion in mid-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 - construction scheme at Seatown Road, Swords – 16 dwellings

Works at Seatown Road, Swords have begun with 6 houses being demolished.



City to City Exchange

Following a successful collaboration between the Housing Delivery team and the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department, Fingal County Council were successful in an application for funding under the European Urban Initiative City-to-City exchange programme. The funding is facilitating a learning exchange between Fingal County Council and Helsinki City Council in March and May 2024. A team of five from Fingal County Council visited Helsinki in March and all members of the team gained significant learning and insight from the hosts. Housing Europe recommended Helsinki as an exemplar for affordable housing initiatives in Europe.

The city of Helsinki has a long track record of house building with the ability to influence housing supply as well as affordability. The City Council targets a balanced range of housing options for inhabitants while not being dependent on the market for delivery and also not excluding the private sector. It also prioritises new developments to be low carbon while actively retrofitting existing housing stock to become more energy efficient. A return trip to Dublin by Finnish representatives will take place in May

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. The 2024 Programme has commenced with Strandmill Phase 3.

Investigative works are ongoing in several other housing estates across the county to include them in this programme.



Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors)

Returning Dwellings to Productive Use

The number of casual voids within social housing stock which are currently in the re-let process is set out below:-

Voids for Re-letting	25th March 2024
In the letting process	49
Undergoing re-let repairs	20
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
TOTAL	**80**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle.
Works are currently reaching completion in Whitechapel Estate and Craoibhin Close/Park, works are ongoing in North County Dublin, in the following areas: Derham Park, Glover Court, The Lodge, Goldenridge and Chapel Street Flats.



Before (L) & after (R) Whitechapel Crescent

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 81 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4008 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.

Housing Loans

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) is a government-backed mortgage for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender. Interest rates are fixed for the term of the loan and loan terms are available for up to 30 years. The LAHL can be used to purchase new-build homes (including affordable homes); second-hand homes & self-build.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Income Limit** – Single Applicant = 70,000 / Joint Applicants = 85,000
- **Employment** – 2 years continuous employment / if joint application with a second earner, second earner to be 1-year continuous employment
- **Residency** - legal right to live & work in Ireland & be habitually resident in Ireland
- Insufficient Offers of finance from 2 commercial lenders
- 10% Deposit – 3% to come from own resource savings
- Satisfactory savings record
- Fresh Start Principle

Year on Year comparison (01/01/202* - 26/03/202*)	2024	2023
LAHL Applications Received	40	51
Applications Reviewed by the Credit Committee	42	30
Approval in Principle (AIP) issued	19	13
AIP Value	4.3m	2.7m
Number of Loans Drawdown	8	4
Loan Drawdown Value	1.9m	874k

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

The inspections programme for 2024 is well underway. The inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 17,000 tenancies. We anticipate specific targets for 2024 and we hope to receive these from the Department shortly. Currently, 1340 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with over 340 of them inspected in March.

Arthurstown Construction (ACL) were recently awarded the contract for the provision of services for the inspection of private rented dwellings. The team will continue to engage with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves, and the target is reached.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions have been issued to all applicants.

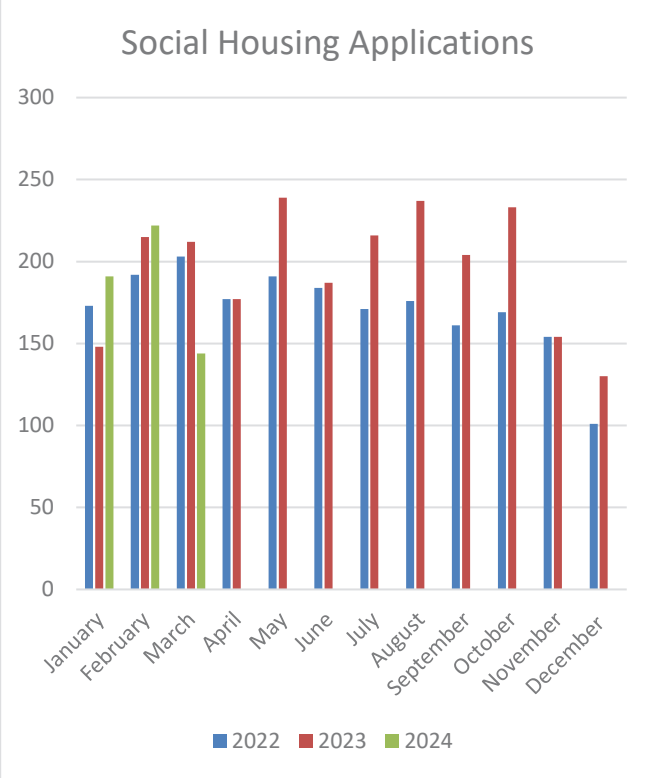
The list position is also available through the CBL portal on Fingal.ie. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password. Up to date List Position will be issued in the coming weeks. Councillors and applicants will be advised.

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.

January – March 2024	540
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051



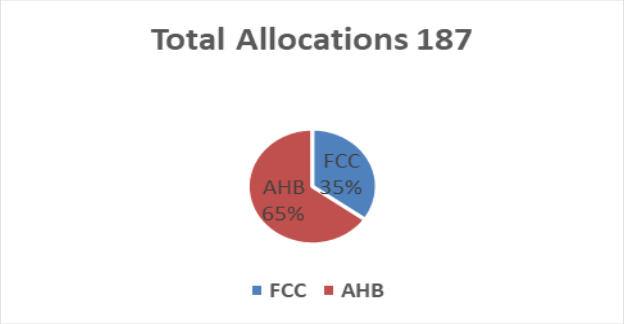
Applications received until March 25th 2024.

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.

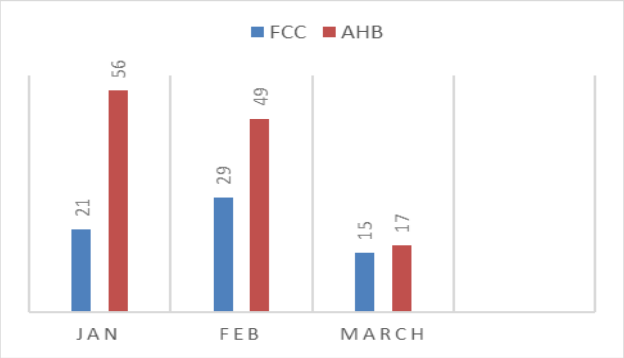
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Lettings

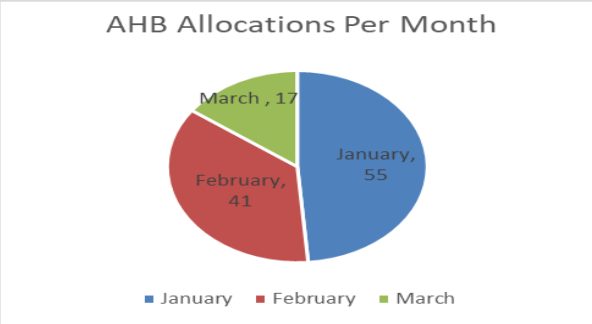


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

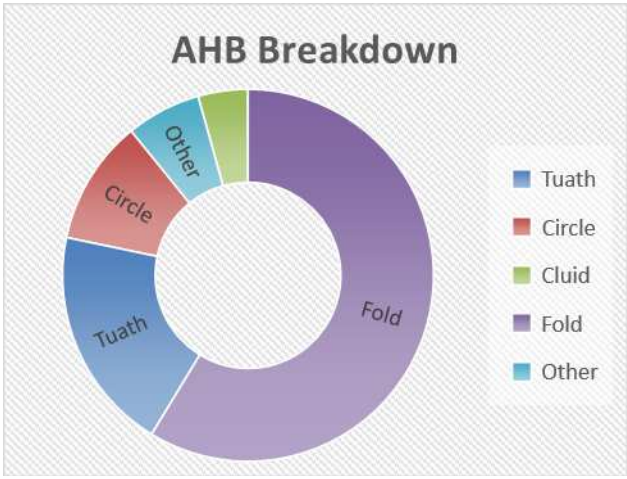
The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



122 of the **187** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **65** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



There were an additional **46** nominations made in March on behalf of FCC applicants. Lettings are awaiting confirmation of their tenancies from the AHB's.



Fold have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

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

Choice Based Lettings February Advertised

Of the 186 allocations made to date, 71 were made via Choice Based Lettings. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.



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Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During March 2024, 22 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	1	2	3
Homeless Prevention	15	4	19
Total	16	6	22

There was a total of 19 homeless prevention cases and 3 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

6 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 2 who exited emergency accommodation.

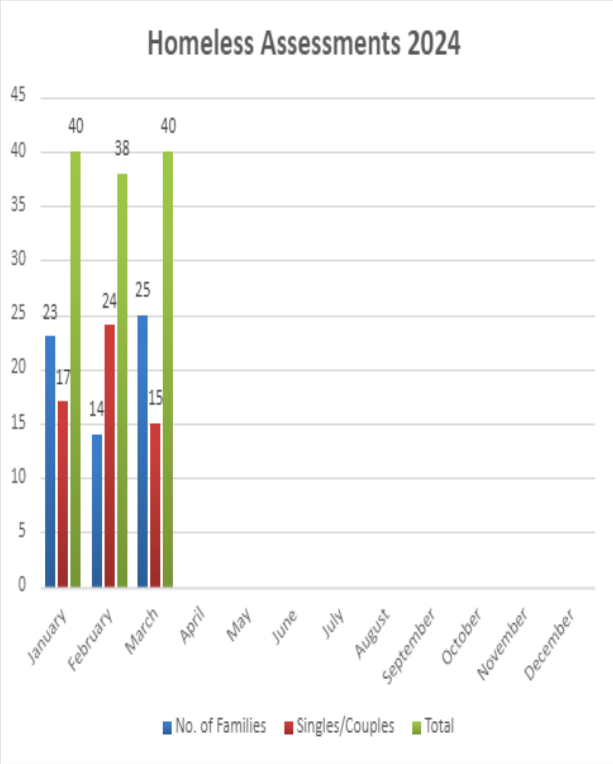
16 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 15 homeless preventions and 1 who exited emergency accommodation.

Homeless Assessments

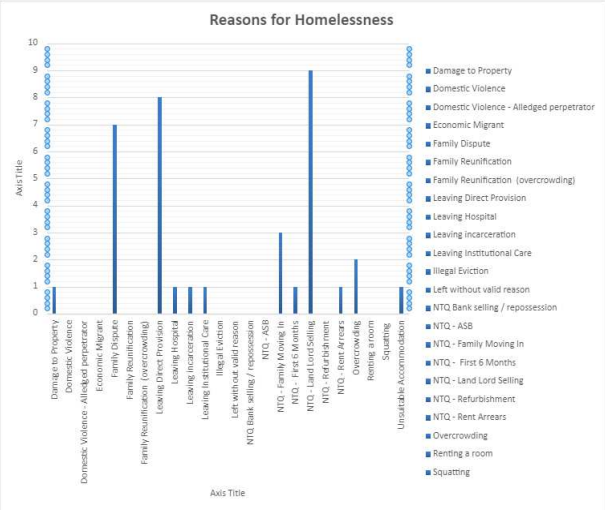
Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out..

In March 2024, there were a total of 40 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 25 families and 15 singles/couples.

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
6th – 12th March	Windmill, Porterstown, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1155	272
13th – 19th March	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1448	194
			Total	2603	466



During March 2024, of the 40 Homeless Assessments carried out, 39% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from family/relationship breakdown (19%), living in overcrowded conditions (6%) and state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 36% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team 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.

There have been 21 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024, 3 of these cases are yet to be confirmed.

6 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 2 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are currently 4 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couple and 2 males). The couple and 1 male have been nominated to Housing First tenancies in March 2024. We continue to work with the last client in an effort to secure him long term accommodation.

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.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis.

Currently 11 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, one was housed in January, a second is going through the nomination process after a property has been identified and the teams continue to liaise in relation to the other clients.

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression.**

The Plan was developed based on a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

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

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 242 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage.

A total of 77 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 71 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 306 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 neighboring 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

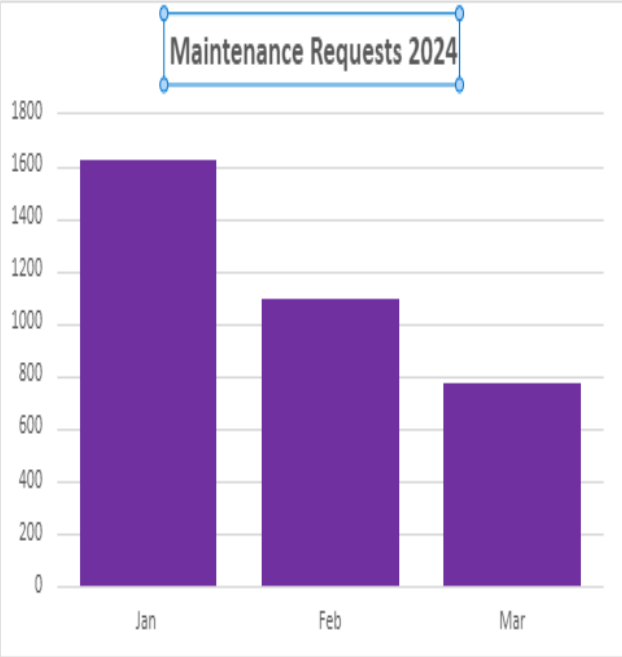
Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

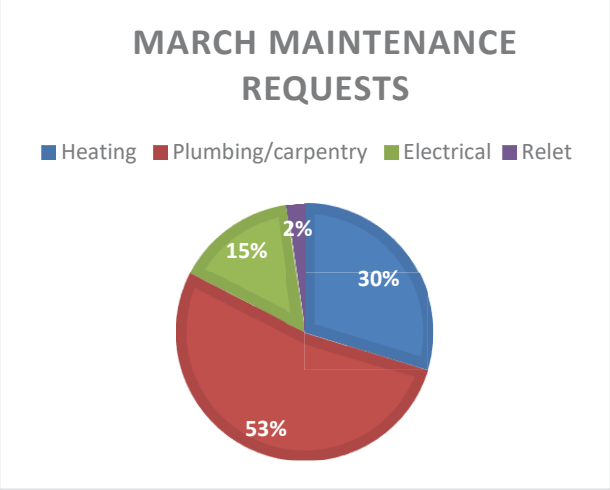
Work has begun preparing the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029. Letters of intent have been issued to relevant stakeholders with further engagement anticipated to take place over the coming weeks, with public consultation anticipated to take place regarding the Draft Plan during Summer 2024.

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





Repairs to property in Dublin 15





Bill Shelly Park illegal dumping





Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Parslickstown, Strandmill, Blackmills, Earnan's Wood, Loughshinny Drive, Lambeecher Estate and Mourne View/Close.

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.

Fingal County Council delivered 9 tenant Induction Courses throughout 2023. Further courses are expected during 2024 as new developments are completed and are ready for allocation.

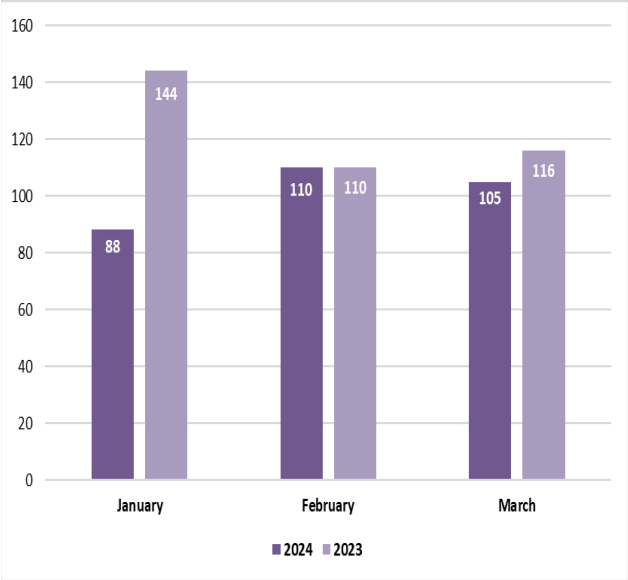
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints March 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	20	15	3	2
Rush / Lusk	21	18	1	2
Swords	23	9	3	11
Howth / Malahide	15	12	2	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	15	8	3	4
Ongar	9	5	0	4
Castleknock	2	2	0	0
Total	105	69	12	24

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1) , February (4), March (6)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	36
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	9
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	4
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**418**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Estate Inspections 2024	**321**
Estate Inspections 2023	1305
Estate Management Inspections 2024	**489**
Estate Management Inspections 2023	1666

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 Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection 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 co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community with the most recent meeting held on the 26th February 2024.

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre has been stood down as a rest centre for Ukraine Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and the building is returning to use for community activity. The centre has provided shelter and support for circa 700 Ukrainians since the war began in the main new arrivals to the country. Community Development will now carry out repair works in advance of the centre returning to community use.

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

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Grant Scheme is in utilisation to address vacancy and assist citizens in getting a home with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals. The grant can also be used to bring a vacant property back into use for the private rented market.

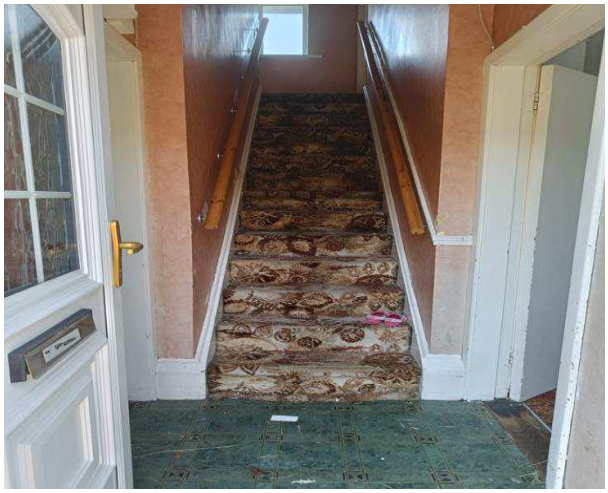
Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant

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 this change, the grant-approved property had to be the principal private residence of the grant. **113** applications have been received under the scheme with a steady flow of new applications, **55 of** which have been approved with further 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 and at Donabate Golf Club on the 7th March 2024. For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

Croi Connaithe Vacant Property Grant before and after Photos below:



Before



After



Before



After



Before



After

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Community Development Office

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.
Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.
In March/April the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

International Women's Day: Shine A Light





Over 100 women celebrated International Women's Day at the 'Shine a Light' event in Swords Castle and Park on Friday 8th March. The theme was '*Inspiring Inclusion'* and the event shone a light on the positive impact engagement and inclusion has on women in Fingal through their groups, networks and friendships.

The event, which was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, comprised of presentations from women, including Fingal County Council Chief Executive, AnnMarie Farrelly. This was followed by a warmup exercise, and a walk in the adjoining park, which was lit up for the occasion, to shine a light on women's safety.

Prioritising Mulhuddart Meeting

The Community Development Office facilitated a meeting of the former stakeholders of the Mulhuddart Priority Task Group recently. This meeting presented the Census information from 2022 with information on the development of Church Fields development. It was well attended by services and agencies to discuss potential areas of collaboration in relation to community development and ensuring that Mulhuddart remains a priority for all. The next meeting is scheduled for 13th June where stakeholders wish to continue as an information sharing network.



Voter Participation Workshops for People with Disabilities

The Community Development Office, in collaboration with Disability Federation of Ireland, is facilitating two free workshops, to support voter participation for people with disabilities. These workshops aim to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to effectively communicate their issues and concerns to Local Election candidates ahead of the Local Elections due to take place this summer. The workshops will be followed by briefing sessions with Local Election candidates in May ahead of the election date in June.



Failte Isteach Lusk



Lusk Cultural Centre has launched the latest Failte Isteach conversational English project in the north county. With support from the Community Development Office, there are now five Failte Isteach projects providing free conversational English sessions to those new to the community from a migrant background and in need of such supports in a relaxed, conversational setting. The north county Failte Isteach projects operate in Skerries, Holywell, Donabate, Howth and now Lusk.

Fingal International Women's Day









Over 1000 women and some men joined Fingal County Council to celebrate Fingal International Women's Day 2024. All 35 community events were led by local groups and ranged from information and leadership talks to workshops on self-care, fitness, mindfulness and many more. This programme provided a fantastic opportunity for women to meet, mark the occasion and extend the reach of the Community Development Office across the county.

Community Climate Action Hero Challenge



After a successful 2023 Community Climate Action Hero campaign, the Community Development Office and Global Action Plan are again encouraging community groups to get involved this year. Last year, 21 Fingal Community Groups competed and came out on top by placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd an outstanding achievement in the All Ireland Awards and together saved a combined 14,744.12 total $kgCO_2$ emissions.

The competition which takes place from the 15th to the 26th April, is fun, free, and great to do as a group.

To register visit https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge.

For more information visit https://www.fingal.ie/climateactionheros

Fingal Street Feast

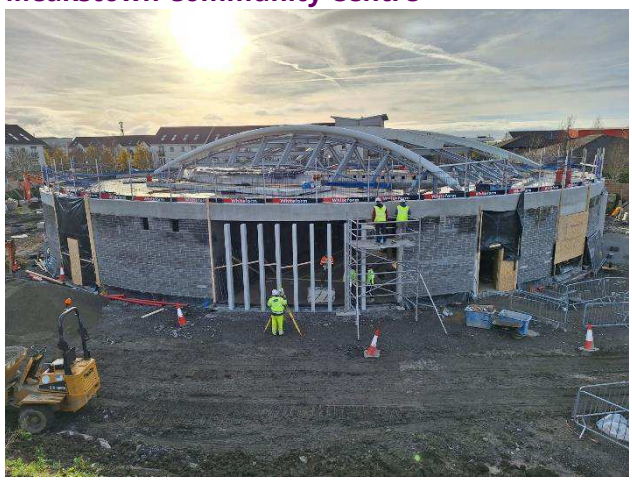


The Community Development Office in conjunction with Street Feast is encouraging local community groups to get together with neighbours to share food and enjoy some conversation and camaraderie this summer.

Street Feast is a nationwide day of street parties, community celebrations and neighbourhood lunches. In 2023, over 60 events took place in Fingal with over 5000 neighbours and friends attending. Street Feast 2024 takes place on the weekend of 25th – 26th May.

To registrar and receive a free Street Feast party pack visit https://www.changex.org/ie/streetfeast

Meakstown Community Centre



Expressions of Interest for the Board of Management of the new community centre for Meakstown have now closed. The Community Development Office is currently reviewing applications and once that process is complete, an information session will be held with the new Board of Management.

Facilities Management: Orchard Project



During Tree Week 2024, several FCC-supported Community Centres took part in the *Orchard Project*. With over 50% of the centres being those

that are signed up to *Fingal's Keen to Be Green Charter*, the initiative developed by the facilities team in the Community Development Office resulted in community centres across Fingal receiving a selection of fruit trees to develop an orchard and promote biodiversity.

The task of delivering, planting, and staking the young trees throughout *Tree Week 2024* was achieved with support provided by our Operations Department. Staff members from both departments and the community centres involved, worked together to set the varieties that included; Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry Trees. This collaborative approach ensured the project was delivered on time and is a positive example of utilising departmental resources effectively.



Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg are busy working on their project about Youth Spaces in Fingal which will include a survey.

The young people attended Dail na nÓg in 27th March and also attended online preparation sessions before the event. Seven of the young members volunteered to be guest delegates at the National Assembly on Climate, which will take place in April. One participant has been chosen to represent Fingal.

Anti-Racism Month: March 2024

To mark Anti-Racism, several exhibitions were displayed in libraries across the county for the month of March.

Art Across Cultures Exhibition



The Art Across Culture exhibition was displayed in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan libraries in March. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Irish Traveller Movement who have developed a programme on Anti-Racism awareness. Young people ranging in age from 12-18 years express in visual form what anti-racism means to them.

Library of Migrant Women Exhibition



The Community Development Office Integration Team and the Immigrant Council of Ireland have worked together for several years on the Library of Migrant Women project. This is a participatory art project created by migrant women to 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.

An exhibition of boards is on display in Baldoyle library, depicting a photo of the author, a quote and a QR code to connect to their story.

Yellow Flag Awards for Fingal Schools



The Yellow Flag programme in Fingal is supported by the Community Development Office and provides a practical series of 8 steps that brings issues of interculturalism, equality and diversity and allows schools to apply them to the day to day running of the school.

The programme works with students, staff, management, parents and wider community groups to create a school environment that celebrates diversity, promotes inclusion and challenges racism.

This year, three Fingal schools were awarded a Yellow Flag at a ceremony on Thursday 7th March in the Button Factory, Dublin 2. Pobalscoil Neasáin, Baldoyle, Bremore Educate Together Secondary School, Balbriggan and Coláiste Pobail Setanta, Clonsilla enthusiastically completed the eight-step programme over two years, providing a positive and lasting impact on the school community.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

A new Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is now operational in Fingal County Council. Its role is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community. The LAIT is led by Valerie McAllorum.

The team, alongside other FCC staff as needed, has begun planning and putting in place systems to support the work of the service. We are working with national and regional implementation and working groups have completed a series of training sessions relevant to the work of the service alongside colleagues in the Leinster region from the following agencies:

1) International Protection Support Services (IPSS)
2) International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS)
3) Irish Refugee Protection Programme (IRPP)
4) Social Inclusion and Community Unit (SICU, DRCD)
5) Community Engagement Team (CET)
6) International Protection Office (IPO)

Launch of the Step-by-Step Guide to an Anti-Racist Organisation



The Integration Team launched the Step-by-Step Guide for an Anti-Racist Organisation which was developed in collaboration with the Immigrant Council of Ireland and with support from IHREC and Irish Network Against Racism (INAR). The guide is available of our website in English, Irish and the four top languages in Fingal.

The Integration team also launched a signposting process for the reporting of racist incidences. The development of this process is part of the teams work on the SALAAM Project (Sustainable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred) EU Commissioned Project in partnership with Limerick University, DORAS, the Irish Network Against Racism and the Immigrant Council of Ireland, information including links are now in place on our website.



Ukrainian Supports



Outreach work continued in serviced accommodations throughout Fingal this month, with the Community Development Officer signposting vital services for our Ukrainian guests. Particular attention is being given to registration for voting, and direction to our Register of Electors ahead of upcoming Local Elections in June. This practice ensures true integration of our guests into Fingal county.

Age Friendly Fingal

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.

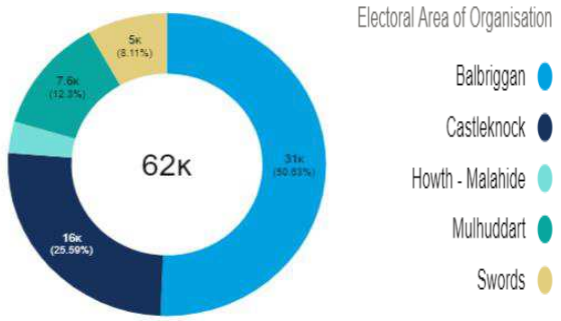
Information Event for Over 55s: Dublin 15



Approximately 160 people from across Dublin 15 attended an Information Event for over 55's on Tuesday 19th March. The event which was organised by Fingal Age Friendly took place in Blanchardstown Library. The team were delighted with the high turnout for this event and were particularly pleased to see a high proportion of males (circa 25%) attending which can sometimes be challenging to achieve. The event took place following two successful similar events in Swords and Baldoyle/Sutton in 2023, with a further event planned for later in the year in Balbriggan.

Information and advice were provided on the day by over 20 service providers. The event was advertised through a variety of mediums including social media, flyers, and direct contact with groups in the area. It is very significant that arising from a survey of 135 participants at this event, only two participants indicated that they found out about the event via social media. Once again, indicating that the best form of communication for older people is by flyers, notices and word of mouth.

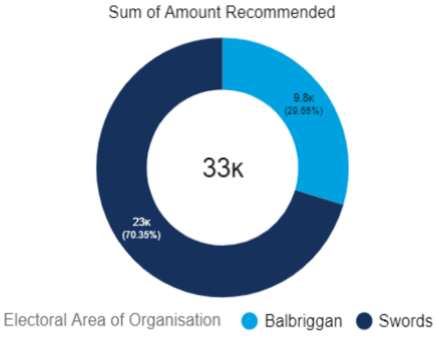
Funding
Community Activities Funding



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 30 projects to the amount of **€61,901.22 so far in 2024**

Castleknock/Mulhuddart-€23.454.75(9 projects)
Balbriggan - €31,341.50 (14 projects)
Swords - €5,021 (4 projects)
Howth Malahide- €2,084 (3 projects)

Remedial Funding



Remedial Funding has been awarded to 2 projects to the amount **of €33,054 so far 2024.**
Balbriggan - €9,800 (1 project)
Swords – €23,254 (1 project)

External Funding

In March 2024, the Community Development Office secured €7,500 from the Department of Foreign Affairs towards Africa Day initiatives in Fingal.

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BLRS Area:

R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Over March the contractor was busy carrying out drainage works on Kilhedge Lane. A number of new gully pots were added along the road to the existing drainage network to help alleviate surface water ponding.

Junction works were carried out to Ballough and Quickpenny Lane. This work included extending the left-hand turning radii to facilitate the large volume of heavy goods vehicles using these junctions daily.

Installation of bollards, lane separators, line markings and road signage are continuing as works progress. Engagement is ongoing with the local community and designers are reviewing issues raised and possible solutions. Weekly updates are provided to local councillors and through social media outlets.





Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is currently working with the Engineering Consultant to finalise the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report. Once the report has been finalised, it will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the options report, detailed drawings and screenings on the final option. The project team are working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction stage in 2024, subject to NTA approvals. 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:

The Project Team is currently working with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the progression of the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 through to the coast at Portrane.
Additional surveys are being carried out to establish further details to inform the design process. Once details of the preferred option have been finalised and completed, the preferred option will be presented to the members at local ACM later this year.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Engineering Consultant is currently working with the Project Team to finalise concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. Further Topographical Surveys are underway to assist with the decision-making process on the preferred option.
This is a complex section of road as the road widths are narrow and confined. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Cllr's later in the year.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

The Engineering Consultant has provided an options report and initial concept designs have been developed for review and agreement with relevant stakeholders before moving to the next steps. Consultation is ongoing with the relevant stakeholders including the DAA, NTA and Bus Connects project team. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2025. This 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

It is intended to run a tender competition in Q2, 2024 for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'.

Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.









Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park

The brief, and tender documents are currently being updated by the Active Travel Unit to reflect an update to the project approval guidelines issued by the National Transport Authority. As soon as this is complete, it is intended to run a tender competition in Q2, 2024 to progress this project from the design phases through to completion as soon as possible.

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The design will incorporate feedback from internal FCC stakeholders and the local Resident's Association.
A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights.

The Developer on the Seamount Road side as recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, closing the temporary footpath.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

It is intended to go to tender for the works in early Q2, 2024.

The route of the Feltrim cycle scheme is shown on the map below, commencing at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout.

The Active Travel Unit of Fingal County Council proposes to engage a consultant to provide multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the provision and improvement of infrastructure for pedestrians, people on cycles and other vulnerable road users.

The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction. An indicative route for illustrative purposes is provided below.

This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.

It is anticipated that a concept design will be completed by Q4 2024, with Preliminary Design commencing in Q1, 2025.



Scoil an Duinninigh to Waterside Footpath and Cycleway

Planning permission has been granted for the school and the Department of Education is to engage with Fingal County Council in relation to pedestrian access as a condition of the granted Planning Permission. In the interim, 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 Project Team and a workshop with the NTA. A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA and approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project has been received.

The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option.

The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

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 been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Further engagement with Meath County Council and the TII has taken place. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. 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.

A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area.

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. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. 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 has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to carry out a topographical survey has just closed with an award imminent.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for several of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

Fingal County Council has received notification of a Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. Fingal County Council's legal team is currently taking instructions in relation to this.

The Active Travel Unit intends to tender the detailed design phase of this project in Q2, 2024.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

Following a well-attended non-statutory consultation event, which was held in Balrothery Heritage Centre on 20th February 2024. Insight was gained from the public in relation to issues experienced and what they would like to see in their village.

The Consultant has issued a draft report on the back of this event and the Active Travel Unit are in the process of reviewing this report.

The next steps are to identify a list of interventions to address the issues raised during the consultation. We will look at both smaller interventions, as well as bigger moves. The resulting list will be put through a feasibility assessment.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

The project team are currently developing tender documents and a consultant's brief for Stage 2 of the tender process to appoint an Integrated Design Team to deliver active travel town plans across the county. The first project to be developed from this consultancy framework will be Skerries Town. It is anticipated to publish Stage 2 tender documents by the early April. The three shortlisted tenderers from Stage 1 will have approximately 4-weeks to submit a tender response for assessment. The evaluation board will evaluate the tenders received and aim to appoint a consultant to commence services in May 2024 for this framework.

Skerries Harbour Road:

The Preliminary Design documentation and environmental reports for this project are with the Planning Authority for pre-planning consultation and assessment. The outcome of this will establish the governance and planning route for the project with a decision expected in late March 2024. Further meetings will be arranged to update the elected members on the next steps and timelines involved. While this is an exciting project for the area, the project team are working towards bringing this project through the governance process and then to public consultation.

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 areas 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 is currently working with the Engineering Consultant to finalise the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report. Once the Consultation report has been finalised, it will be published on the Consultation Portal. Works are ongoing to finalise the options report, detailed drawings and screenings on the final option. The project team are working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction stage in 2024, subject to funding and NTA approvals.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Engineering consultant have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners in the coming weeks.

We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Beaverstown Road, Donabate:

Active Travel is currently at Construction stage for the provision of footpath to link up to existing footpath along Beaverstown Road in Donabate. These works will be substantially completed by the 22nd of March,

Landscaping and planting have been completed and the new fence has been erected.



New footpath has been poured and is curing. Some minor works to be completed over the next 2 weeks when the concrete has fully cured.

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 substantially complete 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 complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Grassed areas are also being provided in the new pavement, which will provide additional greening and drainage.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor has commenced works associated with the provision of Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure on Rathingle Road, Swords, Co. Dublin.

The Contractor is also currently progressing works to install a number of bicycle parking facilities across the Dublin 15 and Swords Areas. Further works are planned in Skerries, Rush and Balbriggan in the coming weeks.

Expressions of interest has been sent to schools, sports club and community centres in relation to the supply of bike parking facilities. These expressions of interest will be assessed over the coming weeks so that orders can be placed for delivery to these facilities in the coming months.

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 complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site in April at the following schools:

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart
Scoil Choil Community NS, Porterstown
Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

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 delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

An Taisce are due to provide the delivery plans for each of the schools in the new year that will inform the design process. Fingal County Council has procured the services of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have recently launched two public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school are now open for public feedback.

The public has been invited to review plans for changes at Rush National School on the Fingal consultation portal. A proposal has been brought forward by the council's Active Travel unit to provide a School Street in the area. This initiative is being paired with a proposal from the council's Operations unit who have proposed junction upgrade measures at the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road

which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works. Together these upgrades will reduce traffic speeds in the area and provide children walking or wheeling to school with a much safer environment, at and on the approach to the school gate.

The consultation process is now completed and the consultation report is being prepared. It is intended to update the local representatives at the next ACM meeting.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Sofa to Saddle Course

We have partnered with Age & Opportunity to roll out a six week cycling course for older adults, the course began on March 20th in Donabate Portrane Community Centre, with an indoor assessment and we had our first outdoor session on Wednesday 27th March, between the group, it had been a combined total of 124 years since any of them had cycled a bike, with the longest period participant not having cycled for 37 years, so it has been a massive success already! The course continues every Wednesday for the next 4 weeks.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability lessons continue to be extremely popular. We are continuing to roll these lessons out across County Fingal, we had two courses planned for March; one in Corduff Sports Centre starting on Saturday 2 March. and another in Luttrelstown community centre starting on Monday 11 March, but due to demand we have added a third, on a Friday in Flemington.

From May, courses will be held in Tyrrelstown, Balbriggan and Swords.

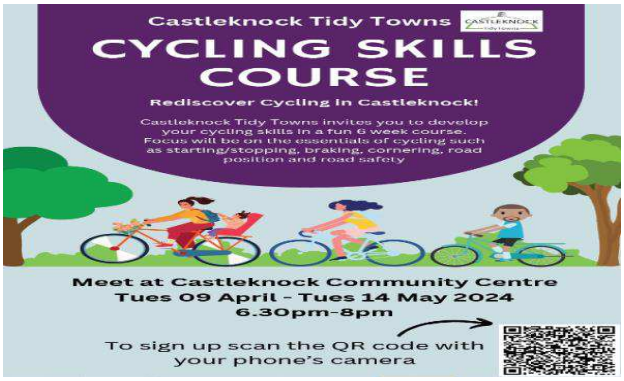
We recently shot a promotional video for this course. This is available to view on our Youtube channel Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability





Adult Cycling Lessons Castleknock April – May

The active travel unit are assisting Castleknock Tidy Towns in running cycling lessons for adults who want to get back in the saddle after taking a break, or for people who want to feel more confident on their bikes. The course will run over 6 weeks on Tuesday nights at 6.30pm, starting from Tues 09 April. The booking link can be found here https://forms.office.com/e/RYKENYYKTS



Staff eBike Trials

The Staff eBike Trials are continuing in 2024, we now have 5 eBikes available to staff for a one-month trial period.
These are
2 x Trekking Commuter Style Bikes
2 x Folding Bikes
1 x Long Tail Cargo Bike
If any staff are still interested in signing up for the eBike Trials, you can fill in the Expression of Interest form
https://forms.office.com/e/Gng6aR1LaH



Cycling Without Age

With the Seasons starting to change, our 4 Cycling Without Age Trishaws are available to book again. We have made some changes to the booking system, now, all people need to do is email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with their preferred time, date and location and we'll do the rest.

Trishaws are free to book and are available in Skerries, Baldoyle, Santry and St Catherine's Park.



eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

Our ecargo for community group scheme continues, we are working on providing a bike to Castleknock Tidy Towns and Malahide Meals on Wheels and hope to have these bikes with the groups soon. Our first Community eCargo Bike was launched in December with Baldoyle Wildtown. The cargo bike has been given to the group for a 12-month period to help them with their activities around Baldoyle. The eCargo has already been put to good use by the group to transport shovels, compost and trees during their orchard planting event in Seagrange Park in December.



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

At the end of February we launched our 5th Men's Walk & Talk Group in Baldoyle. Since its launch the group has gone from strength to strength. In March, members of our Swords Group completed



the Harbour to Harbour walk in aid of Aware. Our Groups are always on the lookout for new members, so if you'd like to join a group, or start your own just email active.travel@fingal.ie and we'll help you get going

All details of our Mens Walk & Talk groups can be found on our website
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/menswalk



Fresh Air Friday

We have launched our Fresh Air Friday Challenge, with several new Fingal schools joining the initiative. Participating schools will be entered into a fun prize draw for a trip to Flynn Park / PE Supply Pack, and some active travel goodies. Participating schools just have to register online and then walk, cycle or scoot to school each Friday! Fresh Air Fridays can help to encourage a long-term behaviour change, improve the air quality around our towns and villages while also promoting a healthy start to the day. If your school or business are interested in signing up to Fresh Air Friday, simply contact active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you get going.



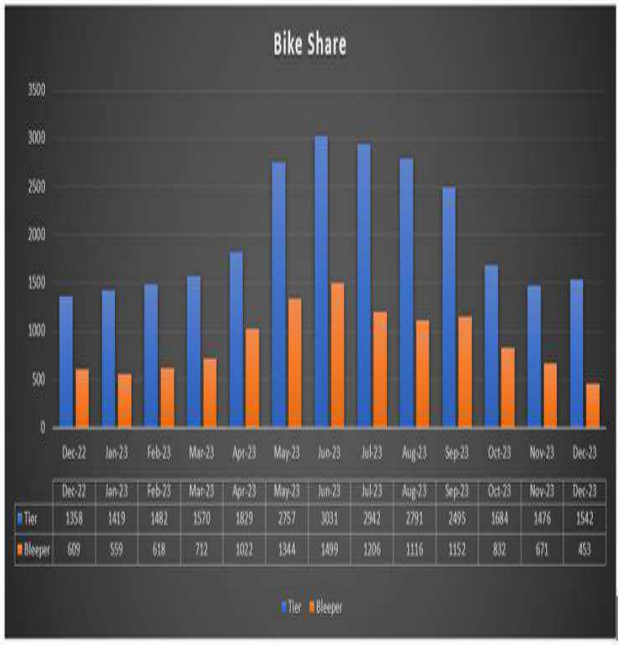
Skerries Community Car

Between Jan 14th and Feb 23rd the Community car completed 100 of 104 requested trips, with none of these missed due to a lack of volunteers/local link driver. While this is brilliant, we still feel that there is scope to increase the usage, with this in mind we have a Stakeholders meeting planned for the start of April. 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
Nov	90	70	18	2
Dec	98	90	4	4
Jan	104	100	4	0



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 are on your way!

Bleeper Bike Update February 2024; key statistics

429 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in January
453 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Fridays (18.4%) and Mondays (17%)
Hartstown and Donabate were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 196.3kg 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 are on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.

TIER Mobility February 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,142
No of Customers	474
Trips / Customer	2.4
Distance Covered (KM)	3,440
Average Trip Duration	13.9mins
Average Trip length (KM)	3km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

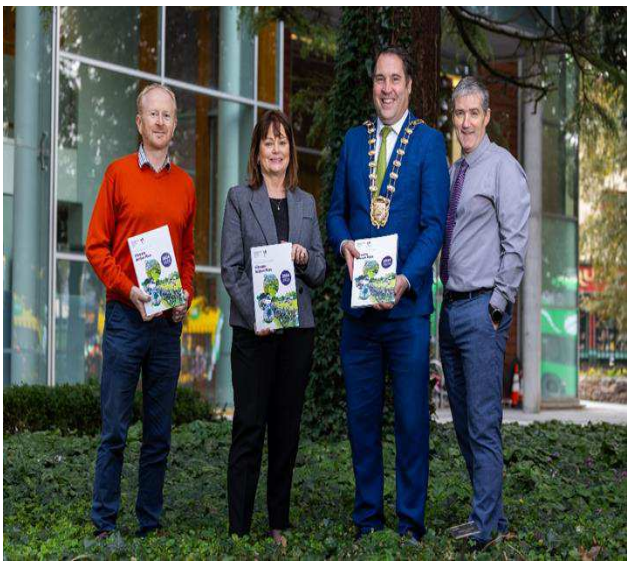
The new Climate Action Plan for Fingal has been launched that outlines innovative climate adaptation and mitigation actions which the Council intends to take over the next five-years as it strives to make the county a more climate resilient region.

The 2024-2029 plan, which demonstrates Fingal's continued commitment to climate action, includes six key theme areas, namely: Energy & Buildings; Transport; Flood Resilience; Nature Based Solutions; Circular Economy & Resource Management; and Community Engagement.

Fingal's five-year plan is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective as set out in the national Climate Action Plan, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

A copy of the plan and associated environmental reports are available for public viewing until Friday 12th April 2024 at the following locations:

- Online via the Council's website: https://www.fingal.ie/
- County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin (K67 X8Y2) Monday to Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm.
- Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, D15, (D15 W638) Monday to Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm.



Community Climate Action Fingal

The Community Climate Action Fingal Grant application process closed on 28th February. A total of 25 applications were received through the online portal. These applications represent inputs from community groups all over Fingal, many in partnership arrangements, representing climate action initiatives to the value of 1.6m Euro. All 25 eligible applications are being assessed this month and a portfolio is being prepared to submit to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications before the end of April. The Fingal allocation for grant aid is



Environmental Awareness

Green Schools

Four Green Flag school assessment visits were completed on the themes of Litter and Waste Global Citizenship, Water (x2) and Biodiversity. Deadline for Green School applications for flag applications was March 15th and the Environmental Awareness Officer has been supporting local schools in how to apply, answering queries, and helping lapsed schools invigorate the Green Schools Programme in their school.

St George's School Balbriggan Green School Committee are working towards their Litter and Waste Flag and made a creative display to encourage waste management at lunch time.



St Bracken's ETNS in Balbriggan are working towards their Biodiversity flag and created an engaging presentation highlighting how their Green Committee have created a bug hotel and have planted multiple trees in their school garden. Best of luck to all schools waiting on their assessment results!



Garden Club St Patrick's NS

Members of the garden club at St. Patrick's N.S. in Diswellstown, Carpenterstown, are thrilled with their new garden shed, which will certainly make looking after the school garden easier and more enjoyable. The school community sends their thanks to Fingal County Council who generously supplied funding for this shed.



Newsletter for Community Groups

A newsletter has been created and sent to community groups across Fingal County, promoting environmental initiatives and projects. 15 groups have been in touch as a result of this communication and are availing recycled paint with the Resdiscovery Centre.

ReLove Fashion Final

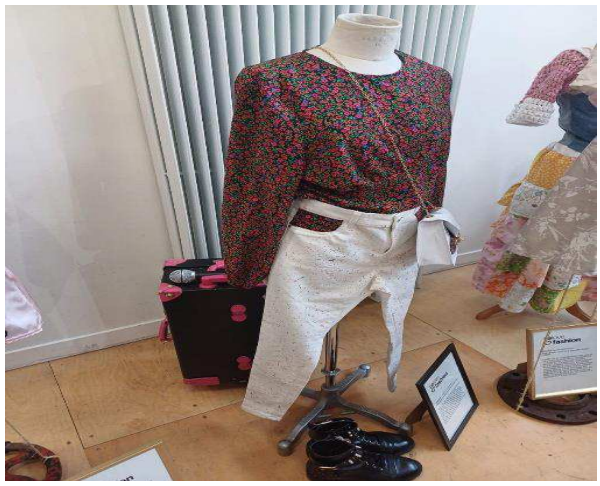
The ReLove Fashion Final took place on March 21st. St Joseph's Rush and Ardgillan CC were chosen as National finalists. The Environmental Awareness Officer provided support and funding to this school programme.

Alannah O'Reilly and Lucy Learmonth from St Joseph's Rush created a creative denim outfit:





Clara Flynn and Gemma Ennis created this creative look using old clothing donated by their teacher:





TU Dublin

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended TU Dublin's Green Flag ceremony and met with members of the Green Team committee to discuss supports in promotion of good environmental practices and in particular waste initiatives within student services areas.

The Environmental Awareness Officer facilitated a stand at TU Dublin's Green Week in which 50+ students engaged in conversations about food waste and litter management (signage for bins, battery recycling). Students were encouraged to write messages of how to live sustainably to get a free reusable coffee cup. Messages below:





TU Dublin Students at Green Week

The following community groups and schools were awarded funding for environmental projects:

- Castleknock Tidy Towns- Polytunnel
- Clonee Women's Shed- Reusable Coffee Cups and Training
- Castleknock Educate Together- Biodiversity signs for school garden
- Egg Headz Tree Mural- Donabate Community College
- Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School- Shed and composter
- Loreto College Swords- materials for school community garden
- Ballyboughal Community Council- Signs for litter and dog fouling

Green It Your Work



Sinéad Fox Community Climate Action Officer and Claire Marshall Environmental Awareness Officer joined with Toni Hogan and Áine Donlon of the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department to present to a group visiting from 7 EU countries for knowledge sharing about the role of young people in sustainability- at the Lark, Balbriggan

Community Centres and Keen to be Green

The below community centres received supplies of litter pickers, doggie dispensers and food waste caddies to support the Keen to be Green programme and to facilitate requests from community groups for clean up supplies.

1. **Mulhuddart Community Centre**
2. **Mountview Youth and Community Centre**
3. **Ongar Community Centre**
4. **Flemington Community Centre**
5. **Our Balbriggan Main Office**
6. **Holywell Community Centre**
7. **Rivervalley Community Centre**

Balbriggan Chamber

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented at the Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce's Coffee and Chats session, taking place in A.Forrall Beta Active Balbriggan. Presentation highlighted the green initiatives happening across Fingal Council and best practices around litter and waste management. The Environmental Awareness Officer also highlighted supports for businesses through the MODAS training programme.

Replay Instruments Project

Ten Fingal County schools are receiving refurbished instruments (guitars, amps and drums) as part of the Replay Instruments Project.

- **Edmund Rice Dublin**
- **Eriu Community College**
- **Lusk CC**
- **Le Chéile Secondary School**
- **Colaiste Pobail Setanta**
- **Ardgillan CC**
- **Portmarnock Community School**
- **Bremore Educate Together Secondary School**
- **Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School**



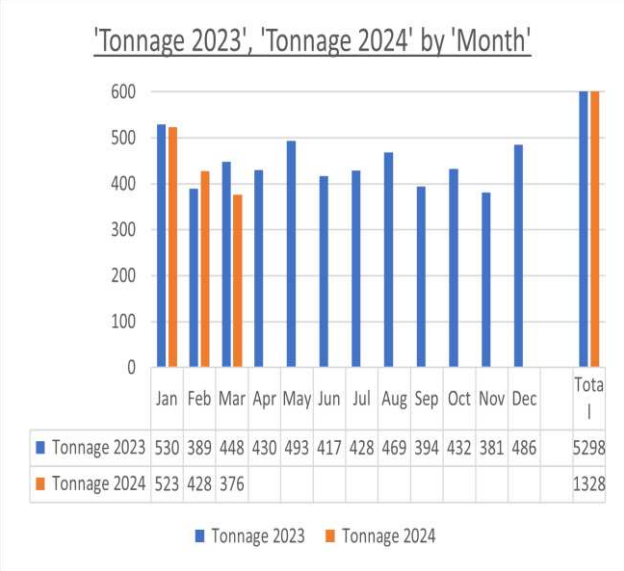


European Recycling Platform

Working in partnership with the European Recycling Platform to promote the Batteries for Barretstown School Challenge programme with schools. 15 primary schools in Fingal County have now signed up to this initiative and will receive educational materials to support teachers, biodegradable recycling bags and a battery tubes.

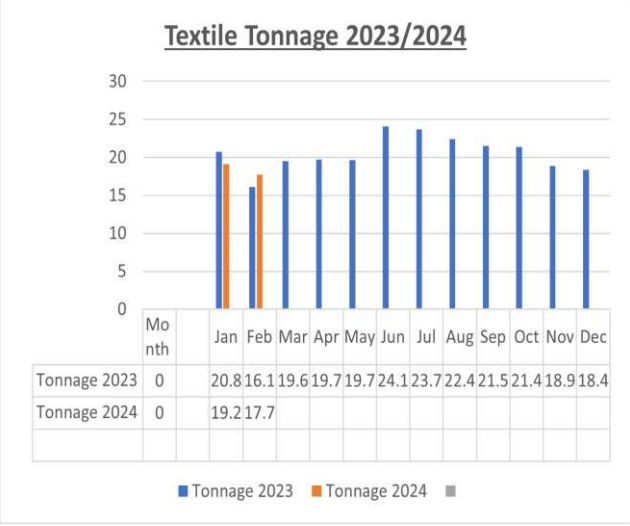
Bring Centres

Bottle Banks



Glass volumes collected in **March 2024** were **376 Tonnes**. The Glass volumes collected by comparison in March 2023 were 448 Tonnes.

Textile Banks



Textiles volumes collected in **February 2024**-the most recent data available-were **18 Tonnes**. This compared with 16 Tonnes of Textiles volumes collected in February 2023.

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Litter Management

The Litter Wardens carrying out inspection on large scale dumping in the Fingal area. They also continued with their daily patrols and carried out inspections on all known litter black spots in Fingal.





The Litter warden continued to receive several complaints regarding muck on the roads from construction sites. They carried out inspections and ensured that the roads were being keep clean of muck and that the building sites had a road sweeper in operation.

They also followed up on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were keep clean of muck.

The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, paths, and green areas in Fingal. They engaged with dog owners and dispensed dog poo bags, making people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs. They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.



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.



The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

There were 5 cases before the district court in March 2024.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.**

CRMs March 2024	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	3
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	19
Env - General Litter Issue	5
Env – Littering at Bottle Banks	3
Env – Muck on road	4
Env litter incident with witness	2
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage - Unauthorised signage	7
Env – Abandoned cars	30

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 81 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 26th March 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

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

Month	Abandoned Vehicles			Burnt Out Vehicles		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0		0	0	
May	1	0		0	0	
June	0	0		0	5	
July	0	1		0	0	
August	2	0		0	3	
September	0	3		0	0	
October	2	0		0	0	
November	2	4		1	0	
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	4	3	10	9





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 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.

There were 234 x 10 Day Notices and 40 Fines issued by the dog wardens during March 2024.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1497	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€1735	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2425	€2,100
April	0	152		42	€0	€1,500
May	0	232		98	€0	€2,956
June	0	135		53	€0	€2,700
July	0	109		35	€0	€2,644.20
August	0	140		21	€0	€1,500
September	0	125		40	€0	€3,549
October	0	241		40	€0	€1,500
November	0	91		7	€0	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	217	1597	98	477	€5657	€31,372

The Animal Welfare Section received 40 complaints in relation to dogs in March 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service during March 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	0
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	4
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	12
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	9
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	15
Grand Total	**41**

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during March 2024 in comparison with the same months in 2023. 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	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	945	635	80	65	€30,200	€21,800
February	915	562	54	58	€25,860	€19,360
March	662	561	48	55	€19,960	€18,900
April		451		41	€	€14,760
May		918		64	€	€27,320
June		516		41	€	€16,060
July		766		47	€	€21,900
August		838		51	€	€23,900
September		759		48	€	€21,900
October		670		30	€	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980
December		626		37	€	€17,700
Total for year	1860	7964	182	578	€30,200	€240,180

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 March there were 25 dogs in the shelter. During March 2024, 11 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 0 dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 11 dogs, 4 have been reclaimed by their owner, 4 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 5 have been rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. At the end of March there are 22 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 March 2023	**12**	**Dogs in Shelter at the start of March 2024**	**25**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	15	Reclaimed	4
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	4
Rehomed to Public	3	Rehomed to Public	5
PTS	2	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter end of March 2023	9	Dogs in shelter end of March 2024	22



Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.



Chris is a very friendly boy he loves meeting new people He likes his walks and is mostly good on lead he is an eight-month-old lurcher and is available for rehoming .



Sonny above waiting on his new home. He would be suitable for a home with children over 12 or a home with no children. Sonny loves his food and could be easily trained! He loves his treats.

If you are interested in adopting Chris or Sonny and feel you have a suitable home contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook!



The Control of Dogs Section has launched a campaign to circulate leaflets on Responsible Dog Ownership throughout the Fingal area. The leaflet has been shared on our website and has been circulated on social media and will also be distributed to all vets in the Fingal area. The leaflet will also be circulated by our dog wardens where they see a need to issue further information to dog owners. In addition, it has been issued to our Housing Department to give to new tenants with dogs. We will also provide a link in our emails to the public as it covers all aspects of responsible dog ownership.



Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 15 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.
In March there were 12 horses seized from the public realm, 3 of which were roaming on the Ashbourne Road and 9 which were out on the R108. These horses have not been reclaimed and will be rehomed.



Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)

The 2023 end of year report on National Enforcement Priorities Progress Reports has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency and is available here National Enforcement Priorities Progress Reports | Fingal County Council
The Environmental Inspection and Compliance Plan for 2024 has also been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency. The plan details tasks and resources available to tackle national and local environmental enforcement priorities and an annual evaluation of the plan and the execution of the plan is undertaken and published by the agency on their website.

Water Quality

The EPA and government want to increase farm inspections and have approved funding for additional staff for this purpose, Fingal have been approved for one additional staff member.

Water Framework Directive (WFD):

The Water Pollution Unit completed the first of its four annual EU Water Framework Directive river sampling rounds over two days in March. The national sampling programme is coordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency. In Fingal County Council, nineteen samples were taken from; The Balcunnin, Palmerstown, Ballough, Broadmeadow, Powerstown, Tolka, Mayne, Sluice, Ward, Ballyboghil and Delvin Rivers.

In terms of Catchment Management, the Water Pollution Unit has been assessing site suitability within the River Ward catchment with the aim to roll out and evolve the slurry / organic fertiliser spreading reconnaissance surveys which were carried out last January in the Delvin River and the Matt or Bracken River. The purpose of these surveys is to develop and implement a farm inspection programme to gauge compliance with The Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) for the protection of waters Regulations.

Investigative sampling has been undertaken on a suspected localised contamination of the Mill Stream and Turvey River while on going investigative monitoring of the Bracken/Matt continues. The source of a recent siltation issue in the River Bracken was investigated and traced back to drainage works in a field in Rowans Little.

Bathing Water:

Preparation for the 2024 Bathing Water season continues. Fingal County Council reviewed and submitted 7 new bathing water profiles for the following designated bathing area's; Balbriggan, Loughshinny, Skerries, Rush North Beach, Rush South Beach, Claremount and Portrane. The purpose of each bathing water profile is to carry out an environmental analyses of each designated areas contributing catchment and risk analyses of pollution sources within each catchment. All new profiles have been uploaded to the EPA's EDEN Portal.

Flood Protection Schemes

The OPW have issued three Scheme Viability Reports for the following schemes.

- Rush Channel Road (A new larger pipe down channel road)
- Portmarnock Bridge (Strand Road) replacement flood defence wall, embankment and replacement sluice gates)
- Malahide (automatic flood gate to be installed at the Railway bridge)

The reports conclude that there are cost beneficial schemes for Rush and Malahide but the scheme for Portmarnock is not cost beneficial. The reports will be examined in detail and further information given to members in due course.

Air & Noise Section

A new section has been setup within environment to deal with Air and Noise activities (complaints, development management, action plans) three staff have been recruited to the section in the past two months and are establishing the new section. Previous work in this area was carried out by Environmental Health Officers on secondment from the Health Services Executive however the HSE were not in a position to continue this arrangement.

Noise Action Plan (Road and Rail)

The Noise Action Plan for the Dublin Agglomeration (Road and Rail Noise) is due to go on display for public consultation in mid-April. Dublin City Council is managing the consultation process, and their consultation portal will be used to receive submissions. Following consultation, the report on the consultation will be brought to the July council meeting. A presentation was brought to Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment SPC on March 26th. As it is unlikely that an SPC meeting prior to the July Council meeting the SPC requested a briefing session for all members prior to the July Council meeting on the consultation report, this will be arranged

There will be a separate process for the Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan, which will go to consultation later in the year.

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Sports Office

Monthly Newsletter

Fingal Sports Office provide a monthly newsletter to Councillors and stakeholders to communicate what is going on in each area programme and event wise. Please find newsletter here - https://bit.ly/FingalSportUpdate

Women in Sport Week

Fingal's Sport Ireland Women in Sport Week for 2024 celebrates and promotes female participation in sports and physical activity across the region. Throughout the Women in Sport week, Fingal organised a series of events, workshops, and initiatives tailored to inspire women and girls to engage in sports. These activities included over 25 sports taster sessions, club panel discussions featuring successful female athletes and coaches, educational workshops for Sport Ireland's course coaching teenage girls, and community outreach programmes aimed at promoting inclusivity and diversity in sports. Fingal highlighted five local Fingal residing Women in Sport athletes/programme participants who take part in physical activity and sports at all levels within the community, highlighting the importance of staying in sport from a playing, officiating and volunteering capacity.



Dyspraxia Launch

On March 4th the Acting Mayor and local Councillors were in attendance at the Launch of Thrive Arch Club D15, the first DCD/Dyspraxia Group in the County. This group caters for children with motor skill and cognitive challenges and uses the medium of sports and other activities for children to thrive in a supportive environment.

The club was launched with the support of Fingal Sports staff over the last year and caters for around 20 young children. This initiative fits into the Sports Office recent strategy commitment pillar of 'improving opportunities and choices for everyone to be active'.





Coaching Girls

During Women in Sport Week, Fingal Sport Office hosted a 'Coaching Teenage Girls' Workshop. The workshop targeted four principal areas relating to drop out of sport by teenage girls

- Drop-out And Engagement in Girls' Sport and Physical Activity
- Meeting the Psycho-Social Needs of Girls in Sport
- Key Considerations for Coaching Girls 12-17 years - Body image & Maturation
- Preparing for the Challenges of Adolescence in Girls



Revive and Thrive Wrap Up

Fingal County Council, in collaboration with Active Cities Dublin, wrapped up a new Health & Wellbeing initiative called "Revive and Thrive,". The 8-week back-to-exercise programme, from January to March, gained overwhelming enthusiasm from Howth and its neighbouring areas, with all 90 slots filled with people starting their journey to living a more active lifestyle. Featuring 7 diverse classes weekly consisting of Exercise classes, Yoga classes and Saturday morning guided walks throughout Howth taking in the beautiful views it has to offer. The program has brought the community together, with heartening stories like individuals in their 70s joining their first structured exercise class. Beann Eadair's generous support has made the club bar a vibrant venue for this initiative, as Howth faces a shortage of suitable spaces. Remarkably, participants are venturing into their local GAA club for the first time, highlighting inclusivity across age groups (30s to 80+) and diverse abilities.

The programme wrapped up on March 9th with 77% of participants who started the programme seeing through to the end. The programme has since been taken on by the community with support and encouragement and there is now a community based, self-led walking group in the area as well as two weekly exercise sessions, organised and funded by locals.



Inclusive Dance for Schools

Fingal Sport Office have completed a block of inclusive dance classes for children with additional needs to attend two primary schools with the assistance of Cllr. Hopkins. The sessions are in Baldoyle community hall and fully funded by Fingal Sport. Approximately 15 children between the age of 7 and 10 years are taking part, each supported by their teachers and SNA's.



Exercise:Energise Multi-Sports Day

Fingal Sports Office was delighted to host the Exercise: Energise Multi-Sports Day in the National Indoor Arena, Abbottstown, on March 5th. The multi-Sports Day was one of the main highlights of the many activities provided and supported by the Fingal Sports Office for Women in Sport Week 2024. Close to three hundred teenage girls participated from ten secondary and community schools across Fingal. They are all participants in the Sports Office's Exercise: Energise Programme.

The aim of the Exercise: Energise Multi-Sport Day was to celebrate, inspire and support these teenage girls to be active by introducing them to a variety of sports and physical activities in a welcoming environment. Fingal Sports Office's co-funded National Governing Body Development Officers from the FAI (Football Association of Ireland), Tennis Ireland, Cricket Leinster, Leinster Rugby, and Hockey Ireland provided fun training sessions alongside activities such as Karate, Long Jump, Ultimate Frisbee, Tug O'War, Cheerleading and the day was completed with a mass Zumba session.



Exercise: Energise Video Competition

At the start of the school year Fingal Sports Office introduced a new element to the Exercise :Energise Programme a short video competition. The winner of the competition was announced at the Exercise: Energise Mult-Sports Day. The requirements for the video were that the girls produced it themselves, gave their views on why girls drop out of sport, what they enjoyed about sport and what would keep them active. The competition entries, both in Irish & English, were of a high standard with sharp editing and insight with students putting a lot of energy into their production. After long deliberation by the judging panel the winner was chosen. The winners of the competition Blakestown Community School were congratulated on their award by Councillor Tom Kitt, Chair of Fingal Sports Partnership Committee.

Women's Wellness

On International Women's Day, Fingal Sport Organised a Women's Wellbeing Day in Bayside Community Centre. The day was attended by over 50 women who got information from Active Travel, Irish Cancer Society, HSE and Dementia Ireland. These Information stands were followed by a 90min talk on women's health in relation to exercise, diet, sleep, and menopause. The talk was informative and the feedback from all participants was fantastic.



Orienteering

Fingal Sports Office supported a group from Avista Services to learn how to use a free app that allows you to orienteer yourself around the local parks in Fingal. We used Millenium Park in Coolmine Dublin 15. They practiced on a small grid first and then they were shown how to download the app and how to use it on 200m practice map and then they started the 1200m map. The group really enjoyed the session and plan to do walks in other areas over the next few months



Inter Services Soccer Blitzes

The first Football for all inter-services Blitzes for 2024 took place in FAI headquarters in Abbottstown Dublin 15. Six local disability service providers entered 10 teams to take part in this first game day of 5 across the year. FAI Football for All RDO Heather Jameson was on hand with the other Fingal based Football development officers to oversee the blitz and make sure the day was an enjoyable success.

And to make the day extra special Ireland interim manager John O'Shea of Manchester United fame came out to watch and was really delighted with what he saw. There are 4 more blitz planned in Balbriggan 23rd May, Swords September 12th, and two indoors in ALSAA October 24th and 5th December.



Fingal Athletics League

The second round of the Fingal Athletics League took place in March with a record number of schools in attendance. 26 schools and 1,200 students from the Dublin 15 area came to Porterstown Park on 19th March to participate in the annual primary schools' cross-country events. On 21st March, a further 34 schools and 1,500 students from North County travelled to Newbridge House, Donabate.

The league prioritises inclusivity and sportsmanship, providing a welcoming environment for participants to challenge themselves and connect with fellow athletes.

This year's Finals Day will take place on 24th April in ALSAA Sports Complex. We are excited to announce, that for the first time ever, we will be live streaming the entire event.



Memorise and Move

The Sports Office collaborated with Fingal's Libraries Dept to deliver the Memorise and Move programme in Blanchardstown library. This programme was aimed to raise awareness of the importance of an exercise routine for students whilst they are studying for important exams. It gives them practical ideas for implementing active break sessions to improve cognitive function which has been shown to help with their studies.

Although the uptake was low for the programme possibly due to the programme coinciding with Mock Exams a cultural of exercise during study may be developed among younger students i.e. 1st and 2nd years so that when they reach exam years they realise the importance and benefits of been physical active whilst studying. Therefore, going forward, the programme will focus on these groups in partnership with local secondary schools and Blanchardstown library and also a focus on establishing Youth Sports Forums.

Youth Sports and Physical Activity Forums

The Sport Office held its first Youth Sports Forum in Balbriggan in March. The aim of the Forum is to give young people 15-18 years a voice in their community when it comes to topics that affect Youth Sport and Physical Activity Participation.

This feedback can be brought forward then to the local clubs, community centre and partnership meetings.

The forum will also provide the students with opportunities to use their coaching qualifications as assistant coaches in Fingal Sports Office community programmes.



ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT

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The Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People & People with a Disability

The Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People & People with a Disability

This grant scheme is operated in conjunction with the Housing Department.
There are three grants available for older people and people with disabilities to help make their home safer and easier to get around. Fingal residents may apply to the Housing Grants section for grant aid under the following headings:

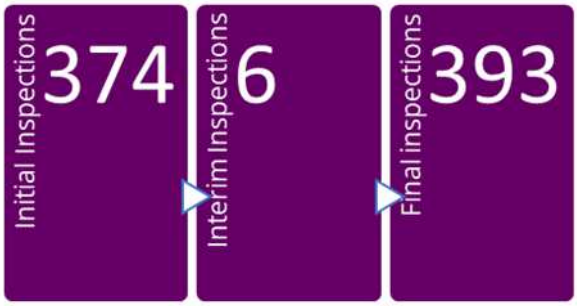
1. Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability
2. Mobility Aids Grant
3. Housing Aid for Older People Grant

The person for whom the grant is intended must meet some basic requirements for the application to be considered. That person must:

- have the grant application approved before the work starts on the home;
- live in the home when the work is completed;
- have their tax affairs in order;
- have tax clearance from Revenue if the grant is for more than €10,000;
- show that the Local Property Tax for the home is in order.

Architects Department Inspections

Once the initial application has been accepted by the Housing Grants Section, the Architects Department conducts onsite inspections at different stages of the process. These include initial inspections to assess the suitability of the home/building for the upgrade being sought, interim visits where required and then final inspections to confirm the quality of the finished job.
Our team of Inspectors carried out **621 inspections in 2022** and a total of **773 inspections in 2023.**



2023 Housing Adaptation Grant Related Inspections

Works Eligible For Grant Funding Under the Scheme

The types of works include:

- Stairlift & Hoist Installations,
- Level Access Bathroom Adaptations,
- Bathroom Extensions,
- Ramp Installations,
- Steps & Handrails,
- Grabrails & Stair rails,
- Replacement Window & Doors,
- Boiler Replacements
- Electrical Re-wiring.

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The tables below outlines key financial statics at the end.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of March 2024 is running at 43**%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€ 69.4m
Rates collected %	43%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of March is €4.3m this is c.58**%** of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€4.3m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	58%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of February is €14.2m which is c. **97.3%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €M	14.2
Percentage of budget YTD	97%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	43	
Value €m	10.25m	
Procurements ongoing at end of February		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	16	(i)
Value €m	99.84m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	43	(ii)
Value €m	127.52m	
No. of procurements at approved	10	(iii)
Value €m	3.76m	

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 MAR 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	23,074,602	105,932,600	22%	24,202,731	108,268,800	22%	-1,128,130
Road Transport & Safety	8,954,854	36,130,600	25%	2,258,256	9,056,100	25%	6,696,599
Water Services	4,083,981	14,369,700	28%	4,408,915	17,039,600	26%	-324,934
Development Management	5,189,566	20,845,600	25%	1,439,267	6,574,000	22%	3,750,299
Environmental Services	12,253,837	48,453,500	25%	2,704,969	10,947,500	25%	9,548,868
Recreation & Amenity	12,949,100	56,603,300	23%	1,424,862	4,841,800	29%	11,524,239
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	356,323	1,513,800	24%	79,638	409,700	19%	276,685
Miscellaneous Services	4,798,498	21,972,500	22%	6,305,952	29,279,600	22%	-1,507,454
Central Management Charge	12,638,859	56,075,600	23%	1,002,047	3,969,700	25%	11,636,812
Local Property Tax / GPG				3,091,575	12,366,300	25%	-3,091,575
Rates				39,786,025	159,144,100	25%	-39,786,025
	84,299,619	**361,897,200**	**23%**	**86,704,235**	**361,897,200**	**24%**	**-2,404,616**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2024

		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	57,421,953	-11,282,417	20,431,524
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	10,418,142	-712,055	21,448,497
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	634,894	-232,221	-10,902,662
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	14,474,846	-8,583,715	-137,105,564
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	1,388,742	0	-13,201,735
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	2,078,558	-77,970	-16,557,845
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	2,782,131	-3,195,686	-49,311,757
	Total	**-250,314,744**	**89,199,266**	**-24,084,064**	**-185,199,542**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 31/03/2024	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 31/03/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,384	€93,513,680	€91,206,074	€2,307,606
LOANS	€2,130,036.51	€2,141,466.71	€232,338.14	€1,909,128.57
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,048,299	€4,744,186	€5,304,113

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments
* value of debit at 31/12/2023 was €3.2m with a credit of €653,644.

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)	Contract Award Date	Original Duration (months)
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€ 56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	12
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 73,000.00	01/12/2023	31/12/2026	23/02/2024	37
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€ 90,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2024	16/02/2024	12
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€ 60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€ 70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	12
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€ 30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	3
Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€ 82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	12
Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€ 268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	3
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	14
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	11
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 1,008,052	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	48
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€ 510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€ 58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€ 154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€ 97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€ 26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	24

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€ 316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	46
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€ 120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€ 29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€ 25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/08/2024	17/01/2024	6
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€ 56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	1
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€ 43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	12
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€ 325,663.00	15/01/2024	14/12/2025	15/01/2024	23
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	3 weeks
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€ 111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	24
Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€ 32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€ 39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	14
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	€ 50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	3
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€ 79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	24

Appendix 3

2023 Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023
Complaints investigated	Litter	389
	Waste (non C&D)	638
	C&D Waste	9
	Water and Wastewater	101
	Air & Odour	37
	Noise	99
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134
	Planning Inspections	416
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463
	Waste Warning Letters	96
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101
	Other waste enforcement	52
	Water & Wastewater	29
	Air Enforcement Action	0
	Noise Enforcement Action	10
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62
	Waste	16
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**

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, 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
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	Q2 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Ballough Place, 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, Church Road, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/vqRAVUw8ZqhM75w66	**5** 5 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q2 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	**5** Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q4 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**172** (86 social, 86 cost rental).	On-Site	Q3 2023	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3A 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google	**120** (40 social and 80 cost rental).	On-Site	Q4 2023	Q3 2025

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Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
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 complete.	Q4 2023	Q1 2026
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	Tender package to be completed.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6** 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	**30** 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q4 2024	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	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	Tender package to be completed.	Q3 2024	Q4 2025
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**217**	ABP approved planning Q4 2023.	Q1 2025	Q2 2026

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	**119** 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	Enabling works to commence Q2 2024.	Q2 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	**14** 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	S179a planning process complete	Q4 2024	Q4 2025

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Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521033026946974, -6.161600488074793	**18** 2 x 1 Bed 11 x 2 Bed 5 x 3 Bed	S179a Planning process underway.	TBC	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**175**	S179a Planning process to commence.	TBC	TBC
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.	Q1 2025	TBC

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32**	Design ongoing. Surveys to commence.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	**4**	Design ongoing.	TBC	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**151 TBC**	At pre-planning stage.	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	Q2 2024

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 36

EFFECTIVENESS OF PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – PLANNING COMPLAINTS

Motion: Councillor D. Healy

"That the Chief Executive report on the effectiveness of planning enforcement, including, in tabular format, data on the numbers of planning complaints which lead to enforcement files, the numbers progressed within the statutory timeframes, and the outcomes of the files."

Report:

Planning Enforcement Statistics 2022 – February 2024:

Files Opened	2022	2023	2024 (2 months)
Enforcement Files opened	247	292	30
Miscellaneous Files opened	233	305	48
Total Complaints Received	480	597	78
Warning letters issued	228	308	30
Enforcement Notices Issued	29	79	9
Section 157's issued	2	3	0
Section 160'S issued	1	17	2
Enforcement Files closed	131	352	51

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Development

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

ITEM NO. 37

SAFE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR ALL RAILWAY STATIONS

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"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."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Transport, and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report

Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services