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Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday 7th May 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, 13th May, 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 8th April 2024

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor J. Hopkins - "Register to Vote" Drive

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for pop ups at events or specific Register to Vote drives and, if possible, to provide details, refer to in person events and not social media?"

3 Councillor S. Shovlin - 30km per hour Speed Limit for Urban Areas in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the introduction of the new 30 km per hour speed limit in all urban areas in Fingal?"

4 Councillor B. McDonagh - Historical Land Transfer

"To ask the Chief Executive what the process is to rectify a situation where the last recorded owner of a piece of land states it was transferred to the Council, but where the Council has no record of taking ownership, and how can this be rectified quickly?"

5 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Council Construction Cost to Build Three Bed, Two Bed Houses and One and Two Bed Apartments on Council land

"To ask the Chief Executive what the average construction costs are for the Council to build the following types of dwelling on its own land: •3-bedroom house; •2-bedroom house; •1 and 2 bed apartments?"

6 Councillor J. Burtchaell - Number of Vacant Dwellings both Public and Private

"To ask the Chief Executive for the estimated number of vacant dwellings that exist in Fingal, both public and private?"

7 Councillor B. Manton - Debating Competition to be Organised and Sponsored by this Council

"To ask the Chief Executive if a debating competition could be organised and sponsored by this Council for schools in the area, debating promotes skills in young people that they will never get from a screen and would be excellent for developing skills required in a next generation of politicians?"

8 Councillor D. Healy - European Investment Bank Loan Facility

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the loan facility which the Council has with the European Investment Bank, (EIB), to list any projects which the Council has considered putting forward for EIB funding and to set out the reasons that no loans have yet been taken out under this facility?"

9 Councillor A. Tormey - Identify Rights of Way - Fingal Development Plan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the work underway to identify Rights of Way, as committed to in the Fingal Development Plan?"

10 Councillor C. Boland - Farm Sales within the Precinct of a Farm

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the status of a farmer selling their own produce within the precinct of their farm?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Preferred Route of the Fingal Coastal Way

"To ask the Chief Executive whether genuine concerns raised by residents will be given due consideration as the emerging preferred route of the Fingal Coastal Way progresses to the final design and which will become the preferred route to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission?"

12 Councillor B. Ryan - National Transport Authority's Cycle Network Plans - Fingal Coastal Way

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate to what extent she has worked with the Department and/or the National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to ensuring "cohesion with the NTA's Cycle Network plans" in Fingal wherever the Fingal Coastal Way enters urban areas, as is required under the section on Urban Greenways in the Department's published "Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways"?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Commercial Rates for Kiosks in Private Car Parks

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation of the methodology used to calculate commercial rates for companies

operating kiosks in private car parks, including the criteria and factors considered in the assessment, any differences from rates applied to other businesses, and the appeals process available for businesses to challenge their assessed rates?"

14 Councillor J. Humphreys - Review of the Citizen Charter

"To ask the Chief Executive, considering it has been 12 years since Fingal County Council last updated its Citizen Charter and in light of the recent Citizens Assembly on Local Government, are there any plans to update the Citizen Charter to reflect current needs and best practices?"

15 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Waste Management Compliant with Fair Competition Practices

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if waste management business in the county is compliant with fair competition practices?"

16 Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024

c Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2024

d Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024

e Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2024

17 Financial Matters

18 Proposed Disposal of Properties

19 Declarations of Roads

a Blackwood, Ongar, Dublin 15

b Fairhaven, Castleknock, Dublin 15

d The Park, Skerries, Co Dublin

e Hyde Court, Rush, Co Dublin

f Lusk Village, Lusk, Co Dublin

g Thornleigh, Swords, Co Dublin

20 LADP/002/24 Local Authority Development Proposal for 274 no. new Houses, Apartments and Duplexes and associated site development works at Rathbeale Road, Swords. 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)

21 Part XI/004/24 Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Replacement Public Toilets at Malahide Beach, Malahide, Co. Dublin

22 Part XI/005/24 Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) Replacement Public Toilets at Howth East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin

23 Draft Annual Report 2023

24 Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2023

25 Summer Project Funding Programme for 2024

26 Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024

27 Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2024 for Professional Fingal Artists

28 Chief Executive's Report

29 Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

a Councillor A. Henchy - St. Patrick's Day Parades - Early Engagement with Disability and Sensory Stakeholders

"That the Chief Executive pays tribute to the Events Team, and everyone involved in the very successful St. Patrick's Day parades across Fingal, and, in making further progress for next year’s St. Patrick’s Day parades, to look for early engagement with Disability and Sensory stakeholders to work on making this wonderful national event even better by improving the environment for this very important section of our local community."

30 Conference Report

a AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) 21st March 2024 - Southern Region Hotel Kilkenny - "Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"

b AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) 23rd March 2024 - Northern & Western & Midlands & Eastern Region Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone - "Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"

c 2024 Buildings Action Coalition Summit 8th -10th April 2024, The Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

d ICLEI Europe is further recognising the importance of water resilience and the Blue Economy at the upcoming European Urban Resilience Forum (EURESFO) held in ICLEI Member Valencia (Spain) from 26-28 June. It will be one of the conference's main thematic areas of focus, devoting sessions to water-based adaptation solutions, policies and regulations on water resilience, and accelerating the transition to a blue economy

31 Correspondence

a Letter from Clare County Council dated 24th March 2024 - Extension of Community Employment Schemes until the age of 70 years

b Letter dated 2nd April 2024 from Westmeath County Council re Support for the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA)

c Letter from Louth County Council dated 18th April 2024 - Good Friday Agreement - Cross Border Bodies

32 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS
STATUTORY
FUNCTIONS

33 Councillor A. Tormey - Register of Management Companies

“That the Chief Executive maintain a rolling record of the management companies for the industrial estates, apartment blocks, and housing estates, including their contact information, this can be organised by operational area.”

34 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Fingal County Wide Sports Recognition Event

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a county wide sports recognition event to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by recognizing the role of volunteers, coaches, clubs, youth motivation programmes as well as private investment in infrastructure development."

35 Councillor E. O'Brien - All-weather Playing Facilities Across Fingal

"That the Chief Executive puts plans in place to address the deficits in all-weather playing facilities across the county, putting specific focus on areas where football, GAA and rugby clubs rely entirely or predominantly on Fingal County Council pitches for playing matches."

36 Councillor A. Donnelly - Dedicated Phone Number to Report Anti-social Behaviour

"That the Chief Executive considers the introduction of a dedicated telephone number for residents who are victims of anti-social behaviour, whether they are council tenants or are being victimised by council tenants, residents finding themselves in this position feel isolated and abandoned and contacting the Council and/or An Garda Síochána can be a very complicated process therefore, a point of contact would be very beneficial to ease the concerns of these residents."

37 Councillor H. Mahony - Accessible Playground Equipment for all Playgrounds constructed from 1st January 2024

"That this Council considers that all playgrounds constructed in Fingal from 1st January 2024 will include a full range of play equipment suitable for children with special needs."

38 Councillor A Lavin - Vacant and Derelict Grants received by this Council in 2023

"That the Chief Executive outline how many applications were received by this Council for the Vacant Property Refurbishment / Derelict Grants in 2023 and outline at what stage they are now at."

39 Councillor C. Boland - The Council's Management of Planning Enforcement Files - daa

"That the Chief Executive provides a comprehensive report on the

Council's management of the Planning Enforcement files and related files as they pertain to the operation by daa of their operations in Fingal."

40 Councillor P. Conroy - "Inclusive, Accessible and Equitable Play for All" Play Spaces

"That the Chief Executive outline her plan to retrospectively implement the application of the "Inclusive, Accessible and Equitable Play for All" section of the Space for Play - A Play Policy for Fingal, given that this section states that "central to this policy is the recognition that all children have a fundamental right to play and to enjoy an equitable quality of experience of play, from this understanding stems the guiding principles of best practice that all play spaces within Fingal should be implement".

41 Councillor J. Newman - Autism Friendly Town in Fingal

"That the Chief Executive liaise with the Director of Services of the relevant department to put in place a formal process with the Autism Organisation, AsIAm, to encourage the creation and development of an autism-friendly community in Fingal".

42 Councillor S. Shovlin - Pitch Playability Review

"That the Chief Executive arranges a midweek pitch playability review?"

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

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

45 Councillor K. Power - Wastewater Discharge Licence Application and Representation System

"That the Chief Executive seeks to establish an online Wastewater Discharge Licence application and Representation System, similar to the GIS mapped Planning Application viewer, where applications for Local Authority regulated wastewater discharge licenses, under the Local Government (Water Pollution Acts, 1977 and 1990, Local Government (water pollution) regulations 1978 and 1992, are

available for the public to view and make representations/submissions online."

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

46 Councillor D. Mulligan - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

"That this Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, if passed, a letter should be sent to all Local Authorities, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment."

47 Councillor T. O'Leary - Increase funds for Fingal Sport and Community Facilities via Sports Lotto Fund

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Finance and, in particular, to the Minister for Expenditure, Paschal Donohoe, requesting that substantial extra funds be allocated to the National Sports Lotto Fund, noting that the National Development Plan is under review we must plan, fund and put in place new and extra sport and community facilities for our communities and the projected growing population in Fingal and Ireland."

48 Councillor P. Mulville - Primary Care Centres in this Council's Administrative Area

"That the Chief Executive report on the number of Primary Care Centres in this Council's administrative area, the location of each, and the current position regarding discussions between this Council and the Health Service Executive (HSE) regarding the locations for new Primary Care Centres, including where the Council is working with the HSE to either identify and / or provide sites for same, in the context of the Development Plans and Local Area Plans."

49 Councillor A. Graves - Increase resources and Funding for the operation of the Tenant in-Situ funding Scheme

"That this Council calls on the Departments of Housing, Finance and Public Expenditure to increase resources and funding for the operation of the Tenant in-Situ (TIS) purchase scheme by at least 400%, Council officials claim that the TIS scheme is working, but tenants and landlords report long delays and poor communications, about 200 properties have been brought to the closing stages of the

process, but there are over 6000 people on this Council's housing waiting lists, so much more is needed if this Scheme is to be anything more than a sticking plaster."

50 Councillor S. O'Reilly - Legislation regarding Household Waste Collection

"That this Council request that legislation to be brought in for Fingal Council to control the market for household waste collection, to introduce competitive tendering or provide the collection itself."

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 8th April, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carey, Ian
Conroy, Pamela
Dennehy, Brian
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Graves, Ann
Griffin, Michelle
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Healy, David
Henchy, Adrian
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Kitt, Tom
Lavin, Anthony

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
Mahony, Howard
Manton, Brigid
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
O'Reilly, Steve
Power, Karen
Ryan, Brendan
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Treacy, Natalie
Walsh, John

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), Carmel Brennan (Senior Architect).

F/127/24 (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.

F/128/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2024 be ADOPTED."

F/129/24 (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 2 to 14 be ADOPTED."

F/130/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

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

F/131/24 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Swimming Pool Feasibility Study

F/132/24 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor P. Mulville - Meaningful consultations with Disabled Persons' Organisations

F/133/24 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor B. Manton - Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit

F/134/24 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor B. Manton - Policy on Scooters in our Parks

F/135/24 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Drone Delivery Services

F/136/24 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor A. Donnelly - Fingal County Council Customer Service wait times

F/137/24 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor C. Boland - Proposed M2 Road Development

F/138/24 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive sites where full planning permission has been granted

F/139/24 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor A. Graves - Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Passport

F/140/24 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor D. Healy - Planning enforcement information uploaded to the Planning Register

F/141/24 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Review of BoxUp Lockers

F/142/24 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor J. Humphreys - Grass cutting in the County

F/143/24 (Agenda Item No 15)
Report of Committees

a Quarterly Reports - Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

The reports by the Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on the 2nd April 2024, be **APPROVED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on 3rd April 2024 are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/144/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Financial Matters

a Consideration of Draft 2023 Annual Financial Statement

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor H. Mahony, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and **AGREED.**

b Annual Financial Statement

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

F/145/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

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

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

"That the grant of a permanent wayleave on land at Bremore, Balrothery, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 25th March 2024, be granted to ESB Networks, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

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

"That the grant of wayleave at Blanchardstown Road North, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 25th March 2024, be granted to Gas Networks Ireland, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

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

"That the grant of wayleave on land at Coldwinters, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 25th March 2024, be granted to Energia, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

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

"That lands at 30 Clonard Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 25th March 2024, be disposed of to Aoibhneas, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

e Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/146/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

Declarations of Roads

a Riverwood Gardens, Castleknock, Co Dublin

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

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

b Emsworth, Kinsealy Lane, Co. Dublin

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

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

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

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

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

d Coopers Wood, Kinsealy, Co Dublin

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

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

F/147/24 (Agenda Item No 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)

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Carmel Brennan, Senior Architect.

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that five motions were received.

The following motion in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy:

"That the Chief Executive commits to identifying a location for the provision of a community, cultural and entertainment space, as outlined in Objectives 6.7 and 6.12 of the Donabate Local Area Plan and further to this, the Chief Executive, also provides a detailed update, including timelines, in relation to ongoing community projects for the Donabate Portrane area, including at the existing Community Centre & Ballisk House (Former Credit Union building) which Fingal County Council purchased in 2022."

Following discussion, Councillor A. Henchy **ACCEPTED** the verbal report.

The following motion in the name of Councillor A. Henchy was proposed by Councillor A. Henchy and seconded by Councillor B. Dennehy:

"That the Chief Executive commits to carrying out an examination of the subject scheme with a view to increasing the provision of community space together

with the creche building. This Council owned site represents an opportunity for the provision of additional community facilities and I would request that further consideration should be given to this, for example there is a real opportunity to increase the size of this building by making it two storey, multipurpose in its usage instead of a single storey Creche."

Following discussion, Councillor A. Henchy ACCEPTED the verbal report.

The following motion in the name of Councillor P. Mulville was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy:

"That this agenda Item be deferred, and that the meeting recommends the scheme be re-designed and brought back before council at a future date with the inclusion of a clearly identified site for the provision of a dedicated Arts, Cultural and Youth Centre."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Following discussion, the Mayor Councillor A. Henchy called for a 3 minute break.

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

FOR: 5 FIVE

AGAINST: 24 TWENTY FOUR

ABSTAIN: 5 FIVE

FOR: Councillors; John Burtchaell; Joan Hopkins; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Robert O'Donoghue.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland ; Darragh Butler; Brian Dennehy; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Ann Graves; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; David Healy; Tom Kitt; Anthony Lavin; Grainne Maguire; Howard Mahony; Brigid Manton; Mary McCamley; Eoghan O'Brien; Tom O'Leary; John-Kingsley Onwumereh; Steve O'Reilly; Karen Power; Siobhan Shovlin; Aoibhinn Tormey; Natalie Treacy; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Adrian Henchy; James Humphreys; Brian Mc Donagh; Joe Newman; Brendan Ryan.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

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

"That the Chief Executive bring forward the meeting already agreed with the Crossroads Committee from Donabate and Elected Members to hear proposals that would be compatible with the objectives of Fingal Development Plan, Donabate Local Area Plan, Council Housing Policy and Section 179A (5) of the Housing Act 2000 as amended."

Councillor R. O'Donoghue ACCEPTED the verbal report.

The following motion in the name of Councillor T. O'Leary was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Lavin:

"Noting the campaign of an Arts, Cultural and Youth Centre that Fingal County Council identifies a suitable site in council ownership or acquire a site for such a centre in Donabate and scope out the required size of building, the capacity of the building (e.g. 150-200 seater theatre?) and uses therein and identify the minimum site size required, car parking required and bring a proposal to the relevant council committees for approval and agreement and identify the funding required for this proposal and where it might be sourced."

Councillor T. O'Leary ACCEPTED the verbal report.

The report on the Local Authority Development Proposal for 175 no. new Houses and Apartments, a Crèche, and associated site development works at New Road, Donabate, was NOTED.

F/148/24 (Agenda Item No 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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was provided to the Members by Mary T Daly, Director of Services.

It was proposed by Councillor. B. Dennehy, seconded by Councillor. R. O'Donoghue and **RESOLVED** that –

"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) for proposed development and replacement of Public Toilets at Rush South Beach, Rush, Co. Dublin, be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/149/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

Authorisation of Council to issuing of polling cards for Local Electors

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.**
It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland, seconded by Councillor D. Healy, and **RESOLVED** that –
"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 7th June 2024."

F/150/24 (Agenda Item No 22)

Twinning of Howth with Cap d'Ail, France

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Nikki Halleran, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services.

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that motions were received.

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

"To ask the Chief Executive to postpone the vote on the twinning of Howth with Cap D'Ail until such time as proper, full, open, publicly advertised consultation has taken place with the all the local population and residents regarding this twinning proposal."

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

It was AGREED to extend the meeting to conclude item 22 and the Chief Executives Report.

Following discussions, Councillor J. Hopkins submitted an amended motion.

"That the vote be postponed on the twinning of Howth with Cap D'Ail until such time as proper, full, open, publicly advertised consultation has taken place with all the local population and residents regarding this twinning proposal."

The amended motion was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins and seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

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

FOR: 8 EIGHT

AGAINST: 24 TWENTY FOUR

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Ann Graves; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Natalie Treacy.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland; Darragh Butler; Brian Dennehy; Jimmy Guerin; David Healy; Adrian Henchy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Anthony Lavin; Grainne Maguire; Howard Mahony; Brigid Manton; Brian Mc Donagh; Joe Newman; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; John-Kingsley Onwumereh; Steve O'Reilly; Karen Power; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Aoibhinn Tormey; John Walsh.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion LOST.

The report was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and RESOLVED that-

"That the Twinning of Howth with Cap d'Ail, France is hereby ADOPTED."

F/151/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Mayor Councillor A. Henchy advised the Members that a motion has been received.

The following motion in the name of Councillor J. Humphreys was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That this Council reverses the decision made on September 11th, 2023, to implement a No Mow May policy on open spaces in the County, and instead, adopts a strategy based on the recommendations of the National Biodiversity Data Centre, including comprehensive mapping of grass areas and promotes the buy-in of resident associations, community organisations, and residents to support the original intention of No Mow May."

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

FOR: 17 SEVENTEEN

AGAINST: 14 FOURTEEN

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Angela Donnelly; Ann Graves; Breda Hanaphy; Adrian Henchy; James Humphreys; Anthony Lavin; Brian Mc Donagh; Dean Mulligan; Joe Newman; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; Steve O'Reilly;

Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Aoibhinn Tormey; Natalie Treacy; John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Cathal Boland ; Darragh Butler; Brian Dennehy; Jimmy Guerin; David Healy; Joan Hopkins; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Howard Mahony; Brigid Manton; Paul Mulville; Eoghan O'Brien; John-Kingsley Onwumereh; Karen Power.

The Mayor then DECLARED the Motion PASSED.

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

F/152/24 (Agenda Item No 36)

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

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

The report was ACCEPTED.

F/153/24 (Agenda Item No 37)

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

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

The report was ACCEPTED.

The Meeting concluded at 20.23.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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ITEM NO. 02

"REGISTER TO VOTE" DRIVE

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for pop-ups at events or specific Register to Vote drives and, if possible, to provide details, refer to in-person events and not social media?"

Reply:

In the lead up to the closing date for registering to vote in the June elections we will be advertising in local newspapers and magazines across the County. The adverts will also be encouraging people to vote in the Local Elections. Adverts will be placed on bus shelters across the county. There will also be a Social Media campaign to remind people to register before the deadline on May 20th and also to vote on June 7th.

A number of Register to Vote events were carried out since July 2023, to encourage and engage electors to register to vote and update their details. These events included Flavours of Fingal County Show, visits to third level institutes – TU Blanchardstown and DCU along with a campaign drive in Blanchardstown, Charlestown and Pavilion Shopping Centres.

Register of Electors staff also took part in Social Inclusion week, Disability Ireland Electoral Registration Workshop and visited Balseskin Reception Centre and Nursing Homes within the Fingal area.

Source of Reply

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 03

30KM PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT IN URBAN AREAS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the introduction of the new 30 km per hour speed limit in all urban areas in Fingal?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's current Speed Limit Bye Laws were adopted in 2021. On foot of the Department of Transport (DoT) National Speed Limit Review, published in September 2023, there are primary legislative changes that need to be passed and statutory guidelines will have to be updated to enable the implementation of the DoT review recommendations. This legislation (Road Traffic Bill 2024 Bill No. 4 of 2024) was passed on the 17th of April 2024.

The Road Traffic Bill 2024 proposes to amend the penalty points system, reduce certain default speed limits to give legislative effect to the recommendations of the aforementioned National Speed Limit Review, miscellaneous amendments regarding traffic signs, amendments to the rules on intoxicant testing, as well as making several miscellaneous technical amendments.

Following the passage of this Bill into law, technical guidelines will then be issued to Local Authorities to allow work to commence. It is expected that the 30 km/h introduction of speed limits in urban areas will be examined as part of this process.

It is envisaged that work, depending on the guidance being issued, on the speed limit review will commence in the latter half of 2024, but this will focus on local (rural) roads with a speed limit of 80 km/h as per direction from the Department

of Transport. Focus will then shift to the urban areas and national secondary roads.

Source of Reply

Mary T Daly Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 04

HISTORICAL LAND TRANSFER

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive what the process is to rectify a situation where the last recorded owner of a piece of land states it was transferred to the Council but, where the Council has no record of taking ownership, and how can this be rectified quickly?"

Reply:

In a situation where the Council has no executed deeds of acquisition or records of ownership of a particular piece of land and seeks to register ownership of that land with Táilte Eireann, the Council is required to gather records on the chain of ownership and/or provide evidence of the Council having a history of responsibility for the land, this may include records of maintenance carried out on the land by the Council. A legal process for an application of registration would then be lodged with Táilte Eireann with the accompanying documentary evidence.

It should be noted that there is currently a backlog of registration applications with Táilte Eireann and that the registration of title to the Council on any particular piece of land may be impacted by this and take a number of months to complete.

Source of Reply

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

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ITEM NO. 05

COUNCIL CONSTRUCTION COST TO BUILD THREE BED AND TWO BED HOUSES AND ONE AND TWO APARTMENTS ON COUNCIL LAND

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive what the average construction costs are for the Council to build the following types of dwelling on its own land: •3-bedroom house; •2-bedroom house; •1 and 2 bed apartments?"

Reply:

	2 Bed House	3 Bed House	4 Bed House	1,2,3 Bed Apt
Average All-In Cost	€275,000.00	€330,000.00	€420,000.00	€450,000.00

These are average indicative costs based on a sample of Fingal County Council projects over the last 18 months. Apartment costs are shown as an average for 1, 2 and 3 beds due to the mix of unit sizes within apartment block construction. The figures include associated costs such as site development and utilities costs, consultancy, project management, legal and site supervision fees as well as VAT. They are based on Fingal County Council's own construction programme and do not include mixed-tenure sites.

Source of Reply

Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 06

NUMBER OF VACANT DWELLINGS - BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Question: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"To ask the Chief Executive for the estimated number of vacant dwellings that exist in Fingal, both public and private?"

Reply:

Some 4,884 residential units were deemed vacant as per the 2022 census, corresponding to 4.2% of overall residential housing stock in Fingal, compared to a nationwide figure of 7.7%.

The Central Statistics Office states: "*The Census definition of a vacant dwelling is a point in time indicator taken on Census Night as to whether the property was inhabited or not on Sunday 03 April 2022. Census vacancy should not be used as a measure of long-term vacancy or compared directly with vacancy figures produced by other sources which may use different definitions or methodology*." Accordingly, this figure also includes properties that are vacant due to being in the conveyancing process or undergoing building and renovation works.

A more detailed survey dataset provided to Fingal County Council by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage led to the survey of 671 potentially vacant private residential units. Following on-site surveys by staff from the Housing & Community Department, 284 of these premises were confirmed as vacant and we are engaging with the owners with a view to bringing the properties back into occupancy through, for example, the Croí Cónaithe grant scheme.

In terms of Council owned stock, there are 158 units vacant in the re-let repair and allocation process with many of these properties undergoing repair and upgrade works to facilitate new tenants.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

DEBATING COMPETITION TO BE ORGANISED AND SPONSORED BY THIS COUNCIL

Question: Councillor B. Manton

"To ask the Chief Executive if a debating competition could be organised and sponsored by this Council for schools in the area, debating promotes skills in young people that they will never get from a screen and would be excellent for developing skills required in a next generation of politicians?"

Reply:

There are several Not for Profit and corporate-sponsored debating initiatives and competitions catering for National and Second Level Schools in the County and nationally. In addition, the Irish Schools Debating Council promotes and advances debating, argument, public speaking, oratory, and policy analysis, as disciplines learned and practised by secondary school students including selection, preparation and coaching of students for the World Schools Debating Championships.

As such, there appears to be sufficient opportunity for young people to become involved in debating as an activity, and whilst the Community Development Department can provide support or feed into these initiatives if appropriate, it is considered that it would fall outside of the Department's remit to organise additional debating competitions.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

EUROPEAN INVESTMEANT BANK – LOAN FACILITY

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the loan facility which the Council has with the European Investment Bank, (EIB), to list any projects which the Council has considered putting forward for EIB funding and to set out the reasons that no loans have yet been taken out under this facility?"

Reply:

As Members were advised previously the 5-year facility with European Investment Ban (EIB) debt facility came to an end in December 2022. There was no drawdown in the period of the debt facility as any required funding for eligible projects was funded from the Council's own resources or other external funders.

The Members authorised borrowings for a number of projects during 2023 which was sourced from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA). A new facility could be put in place with the EIB in the future if it is required.

Source of Reply
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 09

IDENTIFY RIGHTS OF WAY – FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Question: Councillor A. Tormey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the work underway to identify Rights of Way, as committed to in the Fingal Development Plan?"

Reply:

Section 6.5.6.3 of the Development Plan outlines the approach for Public Rights of Way.

Based on the legislation, only existing Public Rights of Way for which their existence is well established and, where possible, documented, should be included under the narrow definition of Section 10(2) (o) of the Act.

During the Development Plan process and an examination of expected public rights of way, difficulties arose in conclusively establishing the legal status of the routes. For example, it became apparent there are a number of permissive rights of way across the County, where we expected to find public rights of way. Further difficulties arose where the right of way or the property itself was unregistered and again conclusive proof was not available.

This issue is recognised in the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR's) case study paper CSPO1 – 'Public Rights of Way and the Local Authority Development Plan' wherein it is advised that where doubt arises as to whether a way is a PROW or not when researching the legal status of rights of way, case law suggests that unless conclusive proof is available, a prudent approach should be adopted.

Over the lifetime of this Plan, we will endeavour to add to this list within the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Policy

CMP11 states *'Protect public rights of way as set out in Table 6.2 that give access to areas of natural beauty or recreation'* and Objective CMO14 further states *'Identify further Public Rights of Way during the lifetime of the Development Plan and to update the 'Public Rights of Way' mapping.'*

The scoping and briefing of a process to identify further existing public rights of way in the Development Plan is ongoing. Section 15 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, states that *'...a Planning Authority shall, not more than 2 years after the making of a Development Plan, give a report to the Members of the Authority on the progress achieved in securing the objectives'* of the Plan. This ongoing process will contribute to this report and will be provide a commentary on the progress achieved since the adoption of the Plan.

It is also noted a right-of-way not included in the Development Plan does not affect its validity.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

FARM SALES WITHIN THE PRECINT OF A FARM

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the status of a farmer selling their own produce within the precinct of their farm?"

Reply:

The Fingal Development Plan acknowledges the importance of the agricultural sector to the County and supports farming, horticulture and other farm based economic activity as important sources of income and sustainable economic diversification of a scale and nature appropriate to rural areas.

Appendix 7 of the Development Plan defines a farm shop as *the use of a building, or part thereof, and/or land for the sale of produce derived from the attendant farm or surrounding local farms. A farm shop is of a scale and nature such that it sells a particular range of goods relating to the direct provision of local farm produce to the local community. It should be noted that caveats apply to farm shops according to the applicable zoning.*

The provision of farm shops is permitted in principle in the rural zonings of Green Belt, High Amenity and Rural, where the bulk of the produce is produced on the farm. A planning application would be assessed against the policies of the Fingal Development Plan and other planning criteria.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

PREFERRED ROUTE OF THE FINGAL COASTAL WAY

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive whether genuine concerns raised by residents will be given due consideration as the emerging preferred route of the Fingal Coastal Way progresses to the final design and which will become the preferred route to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission."

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way will be a high quality, safe, attractive, and environmentally sympathetic coastal walking and cycling route linking Donabate, Rush, Loughshinny, Skerries and Balbriggan and the wider North Fingal area.

This proposed rural and urban greenway, which is being progressed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and likely to cost in excess of €50m, will encourage tourism and recreation while offering an attractive alternative transport choice for school children and commuters, bringing significant environmental, economic and health benefits to the wider community.

A number of public consultations have taken place to date including:

- Opportunities and Constraints Public Engagement, November – December 2019;
- Stage 1 Route Options Assessment Public Consultation, April – May 2021;
- Throughout 2021 and 2022 standalone meetings and discussions were held with landowners and residents' groups who came forward and engaged with the project team through the Stage 1 Consultation;

- Emerging Preferred Route Public Consultation, October – December 2022;
- Traffic Management Survey for Residents of Quay Street Area, Skerries, January – March 2024;
- Ongoing meetings with agricultural landowners;
- Ongoing meetings and correspondence with residents and Councillors.

After each consultation, concerns are collated, assessed and considered by the design team to determine what further consultations are needed locally or if sufficient information has been gathered to progress to the next stage of design and to inform the next stage of design where appropriate and feasible.

Reports on larger consultations are published on The Fingal Coastal Way website.

The following local consultations are planned for Quarters 3 and 4 in 2024:

- Rush Area including South Shore Road, Bawn Road and Kilbush Lane;
- Barnageeragh Area, Skerries;
- Quay Street Area, Skerries.

These consultations, together with the outcome of negotiations with agricultural landowners, will allow the preferred route to be decided. Considerable work is required to progress the design from that decision to the level of detail required for a planning application.

The Fingal Coastal Way is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and this scheme follows their Project Appraisal Guidelines and is currently in Phase 2: Option Selection.

Phase 3: Design and Environmental Evaluation will be completed ahead of a submission to An Bord Pleanála.

The Project Liaison Officer is available for residents to discuss any concerns at any time. Given the number of different areas affected by the Fingal Coastal Way and the extent of public engagement required, the design of some areas will move ahead faster than others.

The Fingal Coastal Way team intends to continue to engage with landowners and residents ahead of a last non-statutory public consultation on the full scheme ahead of the application to An Bord Pleanála.

Following this public consultation, a Planning Application for the full route of The Fingal Coastal Way will be made to An Bord Pleanála and will include an Environmental Impact Assessment Report.

Source of Reply

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 12

NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY'S CYCLE NETWORK PLAN – FINGAL COASTAL WAY

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate to what extent she has worked with the Department and/or the National Transport Authority (NTA) in relation to ensuring "cohesion with the NTA's Cycle Network plans" in Fingal wherever the Fingal Coastal Way enters urban areas, as is required under the section on Urban Greenways in the Department's published "Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways"?"

Reply:

The Fingal Coastal Way will be a high quality, safe, attractive and environmentally sympathetic coastal walking and cycling route linking Donabate, Rush, Loughshinny, Skerries and Balbriggan and the wider North Fingal area. The proposed rural and urban greenway, which is being progressed in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and likely to cost in excess of €50m, will encourage tourism and recreation while offering an attractive alternative transport choice for school children and commuters, bringing significant environmental, economic and health benefits to the wider community.

The *Fingal Coastal Way Feasibility Study Options Assessment Report, November 2022* was prepared by the scheme engineering consultant, Atkins, and provides information on how the scheme fits within national, regional and local strategic policies.

The *Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways 2018 and National Cycle Network 2022* are included in the policies considered in the report. Excerpts from the report are provided below:

In the Strategy for the Future Development of National and Regional Greenways 2018, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport recognises the benefits that can arise from the further development of Greenways in Ireland, as a tourism product with significant potential to attract overseas visitors, for local communities in terms of economic benefits, and for all users as an amenity for physical activity and a contributor to health and wellbeing. This strategy aligns with recent Government strategies and policy documents, including the National Planning Framework which supports the role of Greenways as part of Ireland's tourism product and its contribution to rural development. The objective of this Strategy is to assist in the strategic development of nationally and regionally significant Greenways in appropriate locations constructed to an appropriate standard to deliver a quality experience for all Greenways users. It also aims to increase the number and geographical spread of Greenways of scale and quality around the country over the next 10 years with a consequent significant increase in the number of people using Greenways as a visitor experience and as a recreational amenity. It sets out guidance to project promoters on matters including strategic nature, length, design standards, accommodation works and early consultation with communities and landowners along proposed routes.

There has been no revision to this document since 2018.

The National Cycle Network (NCN) aims to link towns, cities and destinations across Ireland with a safe, connected and inviting cycle network, encouraging more people away from their cars and onto their cycles. A draft of the network was developed by TII and a public consultation has been undertaken with detailed plans for the roll out of the NCN to follow. The NCN will act integrate and complement other cycle infrastructure and networks, both existing and planned to provide a comprehensive series of networks across Ireland. The Fingal Coastal Way is clearly identified as part of a longer route that runs all the way along the east coast.

The National Cycle Network Plan was published in 2023 and shows the Fingal Coastal Way route as in the draft available in 2022.

Fingal is not included in the NTA's CycleConnects – Ireland's Cycle Network as it is included in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Cycle Network Plan 2022 which was

published in January 2023 and references the Fingal County Development Plan. The GDA Cycle Network Plan contains high level maps showing the Fingal Coastal Way route as a Greenway with Utility and Leisure objectives shown in different sections.

Source of Reply

Matthew McAleese, Director Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 13

COMMERCIAL RATES FOR KIOSKS IN PRIVATE CAR PAKS

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an explanation of the methodology used to calculate commercial rates for companies operating kiosks in private car parks, including the criteria and factors considered in the assessment, any differences from rates applied to other businesses, and the appeals process available for businesses to challenge their assessed rates?"

Reply:

The annual rates liability of a commercial property is calculated as A x B, where A is the Commercial Valuation of the premises, as determined by Tailte Éireann (formerly the Valuation Office) and B is the ARV as set for the following year by the Council at the statutory Budget Meeting. The same ARV (multiplier) is used to determine the rates liability for any rated property within the County, regardless of the nature of the property.

The Council has no role in relation to the valuation of properties, as this statutory function is carried out by Tailte Éireann. Tailte Éireann is an independent Government agency under the aegis of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which provides a Property Registration System, Property Valuation Service, and National Mapping and Surveying Infrastructure for the State. Any queries in respect of the valuation of a commercial property, including details in respect of appealing an existing valuation, can be addressed to Tailte Éireann via their website https://www.tailte.ie/en/valuation/

Source of Reply

Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 14

REVIEW OF THE CITIZEN CHARTER

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive considering it has been 12 years since Fingal County Council last updated its Citizen Charter and in light of the recent Citizens' Assembly on Local Government, are there any plans to update the Citizen Charter to reflect current needs and best practices?"

Reply:

Corporate Services are in the process of carrying out a detailed review of the Customer Care Unit (CCU) and other customer services we provide. As part of this piece of work the Citizen Charter will be reviewed and updated.

Source of Reply

Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 15

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMPLIANT WITH FAIR COMPETITION PRACTICES

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if waste management business in the county is compliant with fair competition practices?"

Reply:

The definition of "fair competition" is not clear. The competition act does have a definition of "dominant position" and it is an offence to abuse a dominant position in the market.

The executive is not able to determine if there is an abuse of dominant position, normally it is competitors of a firm who make a complaint on this issue.

The issue of whether the market is competitive is a different issue and has been reported on by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission whose report is available here.

https://www.ccpc.ie/business/research/market-studies/household-waste-collection-market/

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

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ITEM NO. 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 16a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024

MATTERS OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE AND FINANCE

Finance Matters

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the Members on the Financial Standing of the Council, including the Standard Monthly Report on both income and expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account and matters affecting Council finances.



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**

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**

Rates report to 31/3/2024

Opening Arrears at 1/1/2024	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustment	Write Offs	Waiver	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/12/2023	2024 collection %	2023 collection %
2,579,534	160,578,018	(6,258)	(273,789)	15,137	162,892,642	69,378,963	93,513,680	43%	27%

Payroll 2023	Actual to 29/2/2024	Outturn 29/2/2024	Variance	% of Outturn
Wages	4,355,847	4,755,700	399,853	92%
Salaries	9,895,094	9,883,200	(11,894)	100%
Total Salaries and Wages	**14,250,941**	**14,638,900**	**387,959**	**97%**
Pensions	2,837,445	2,913,333	75,888	97%

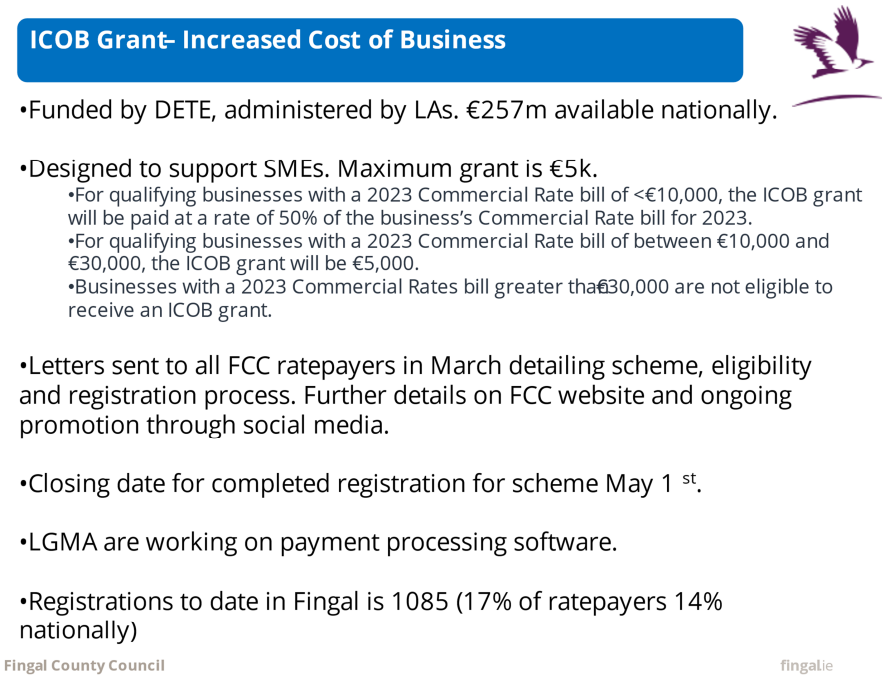




	Heritage Properties	1,500,000	1
	Community Centres	1,500,000	2
	Libraries	1,500,000	3
	Balbriggan Economic Regeneration	1,000,000	4
	Harbours	500,000	5
	Total	**6,000,000**	
1	Funding for heritage properties work programme as outlined in capital plan		
2	Funding for Meekstown and Baldoyle community centres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

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 report was AGREED by the Members.

Local Elections 2024

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

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Local Elections 2024

Mary Egan
Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

April 8th, 2024

Polling Day 7th June

- Local Elections
- European Elections
- Referendum on Unified Patent Court

Fingal Count Centre

National Show Centre, Cloghran, Swords

Relevant Dates

Ministerial Order dated 5th April 2024

- Polling Day: 7th June
- Hours of Polling: 7.00am to 10.00pm

Relevant Dates

Latest date for inclusion on Register of Electors

Monday, 20th May 2024

Online application on **Voter.ie** or
Submit a form to Fingal Co. Co.

Relevant Dates

Application for inclusion on Postal Voters List
Application for inclusion on Special Voters List

Saturday, 1th May 2024

Online application on **Voter.ie** or
Contact registerofelectors@fingal.ie for details

Relevant Dates

Receipt of Nomination Papers

Nomination Papers to be received by Returning Officer

11th May to 18h May

Public notice will be given of times and application requirements

Process

- Postal Votes – Deadline Saturday, 11th May
- Special Votes – Deadline Saturday, 11th May
- Nominations 11th – 18th May
- Register of Electors closes – 20th May
- Ballot Papers Printed
- Polling Information Cards Issued (subject to approval)

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 on Saturday afternoon
- Count will then commence
- Access to Count Centre strictly controlled by FCC
- Further details closer to polling day

Access to Count Centre

- Access to Count Centre will be strictly controlled
- Determined by the number of candidates and capacity of venue
- Each candidate will be given a number of passes
- Press/media will also be accommodated

Meeting Dates

- Annual Meeting — Friday, 21st June
- July Council meeting — Monday, 8th July (to be agreed)

Fingal County Council Dept. Name fingal.ie

Training for Councillors

After Polling Day:

- New Councillors issued with laptops, email accounts, login details, etc.
- Training on use of IT systems, process & procedures including Standing Orders
- Introductions to CE and Senior Management

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Following discussion, the presentation was NOTED.

Date for July Council Meeting

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services outlined for the Members the timeline in relation to a date for the July Council Meeting.

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, it was **AGREED** to hold the July meeting on Monday 8th July.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 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**
The Bold Women Association GA 002989	€ 3,000.00	Room Hire, Music, Photographer/ Video, Insurance, M Cee / Purpose Movement, Banners (pull up and wall), Posters, Flyers, Prints, ZOOM,	YES	2022- € 700.00	€ 3,000.00

		Equipment hire			
Rivervalley Community Club GA 003004	€ 3,000.00	Portable Stage 2mx 2m	YES	2022 - € 2,774.00 2021 - € 1,640.00	€ 2,462.73
Churchfield Residents Association GA 002980	€ 1,462.61	Plants, Herbs, Pots, Compost, Beach Cobble, Solar Lights, Bouncy Castle	YES	2023 - € 501.00 2022 - € 1,274.00 2022 - € 880.00	€ 1,462.00
Brookfield Park Rush Residents Committee GA 002998	€ 1,416.16	Public Liability Insurance, Pop-Up Gazebo, Paint, brushes/weed killer/ plants/flowers	NO	N/A	€ 1,019.00
Taylor Hill Residents Association GA 002976	€ 3,000.00	Gazebo, Table and Chair Hire Summer, Children's Entertainer, Gazebo, Table and Chair Hire XMAS, Children's Entertainer XMAS, Insurance	YES	2023 - € 3,000.00 2022 - € 2,000.00	€ 3,000.00
Lusk Action Group GA 003025	€ 3,000.00	Rental of sound equipment for musicians, Rent picnic benches for the food trucks, other costs	YES	2023 - € 3,000.00 2021 - € 1,600.00	€3,000.00
Ashton Broc Residents Association GA 003033	€ 1,500.00	Insurance, Biodiversity	YES	2022 - € 1,500.00 2021 - € 1,414.31	€ 1,375.00
Sustainable Skerries GA 003029	€ 3,000.00	Open Orchards Signage Design, Eco Festival Photo Challenge Exhibition, Eco Festival Videography	YES	2023 - € 1,514.00	€ 3,000.00

Swords Tidy Towns GA 003020	€ 1,561.91	New 1000G Clear Polythene, tape & labour, Insurance renewal inclusive of 5% levy	YES	2023 - € 1,721.00	€ 1,803.00
Balbriggan Senior Citizens Welfare Club GA 002999	€ 3,000.00	53-seater bus X 2	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
Skerries Historical Society GA 002995	€ 1,596.00	Lenovo Thinkbook Laptop	YES	2022 - € 441.58	€ 1,441.00
Round Tower Lusk GAA Club GA 003007	€ 2,943.00	External AEX, AV Speaker, Laptop for Presentation, Tablet for Community Nursery	YES	2022 - € 2,988.90	€ 2,943.00

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 Harp GAA Club GA 002758	€ 18,950.00	Resurfacing areas of the main grass pitch with a hybrid knit.	YES	2023 - € 3,000.00 - Activity Funding 2022 - € 2,000.00 - Activity Funding 2022 - €12,000.00 -Remedial Grant	€ 14,475.00

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

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

Signed: Councillor I. Carey
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 16c

HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(SERVICES B – STRATEGIC & GENERAL MATTERS) HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 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**
Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden GA-003005	€3,000.00	Treated sleepers for allotment.	€3,000	2023	€3,000.00
St. Samson's Community Group GA-003032	€2,024.90	BHP Insurance, Calendars, Gazebo, Folding table, Three hot flasks, Storage box	€2250	2023	€2,024.90
Howth Bridge Club	€819.00	Acer laptop and software Playing cards full	N/A	N/A	€819.00

GA-003043		replacement.			
15th Dublin Malahide Scout Group/Sea Scouts GA-003050	€3,000.00	Buffalo Folding Propane Gas Barbecue, Timber storage box for BBQ, Calor 35mm Jumbo Low-Pressure Butane Cli, 2 Moonlight Bell tents, 13Personal Flotation Devices	N/A	N/A	€3,000.00
Portmarnock Community Association GA-003083	€2,228.00	Compost Garden Bark Mini Grade, Perennials Seasonal Planting	€2,549	€2549	€2,228.00

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey

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

Chairperson: Councillor E. O'Brien
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 16d

REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR (SERVICES B – STRATEGIC & GENERAL MATTERS) HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024

Application for Funding

Application 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
Dublin 15 Gardening group GA-003030	**€3,000**	**Polytunnel + Installation + Raised Beds Ground barrier - prevent dust inhalation.**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**€3,000.00**

		Workshops (1 per quarter) **Conditioned Soil** **Insurance** **Rent**			
D15 Toy Library Stay & Play GA-003085	**€3,000**	**1 Reptile Entertainer Visits** **1 Sensory Bus visit** **2 Science Shows** **Purchase of Minion Mascot** **Group Insurance** **First Aid Training** **Room rental** **Printing** **Science museum**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**€3,000.00**
Dublin Football For Fun GA-003044	**€2,307**	**Gaming van** **DJ** **Entertainer** **One-year Public Liability Insurance** **Photographer** **Function room** **Entertainment (food and drinks)**	**€1,790**	**2023**	**€2,806.00**
Meakstown Community Council GA-003080	**€3,000**	**First Aid support** **Event organiser**	**€3,000**	**2022**	**€3,000.00**
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA-003079	**€2,745**	**Carnival Games Package** **DJ Services** **Face painters and balloon modelling** **Bubble House (3 hours maned)**	**€2,995** **€2,658**	**2022** **2023**	**€2,745.00**
Corduff Sports Centre GA-003042	**€3,000**	**35 half barrel planters** **Compost, Fertilizer and lime** **Plants** **Labour & Delivery**	**€1938** **€2400**	**2022** **2023**	**€2,999.98**
Irish Red Cross Dublin 15 Branch GA-003071	**€2,171**	**Vacuum Mattress** **Laerdal Suction Unit**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**€2,171.00**
Practical	**€3,000**	**Mulhuddart Phase**	**€3,000**	**2022**	**€1,891.50**

Language Service GA-003076		**1-3 Room Hire Tyrellstown Phase 1-3 Room Hire Insurance**	**€3,000**	**2023**	
Luttrellstown Community Centre GA-003088	**€300**	**Tutor Fee**	**€2,721 €1,200**	**2022 2023**	**€300.00**
Blanchardstown Village Tidy Towns GA-002984	**€3,000**	**Polytunnel essentials Hi Vis Vests Laptop Insurance Web-site design and set-up Long Decking Planters Gloves**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**€3,000.00**
Strawberry Beds Residents Association GA-003046	**€2,892**	**First Aid Kit Summer Entertainer Magic Show Summer Event Foot darts Biodiversity Event**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**€769.00**

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 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 16e

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 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**
Castleland Park RA GA 003010	€ 1,418.00	Stationery, Planters restock, Gazebo, Hot Water Dispenser, Room Hire (Meetings), Printing costs, Storage boxes	NO	N/A	€ 1,658.00

Balrothery Heritage CLG GA 002993	€2,970.00	Graphenstone Lime based paint, LED lights, Timber farm gate, Gate post, Paint brushes, Trays & accessories.	NO	N/A	€2,970.00
St. Patrick's Parish Hall GA 003037	€3,000.00	4 mics, stands & mic cables Hard case for 5 Microphones 2 No. active 2-channel di-boxes/splitters 22-channel mixer & hard case 2No. active subs, speakers, rods & cable 2 No. active stage monitors 6No. speaker covers 2 No. 3m aud	YES	2022 -€ 3,000.00 2021 -€ 1,780.00	€3,000.00
Holywell Swords Residents Association GA 002985	€ 939.00	Lawnmower, Strimmer Leaf blower, Hedge cutter Masonry paint, Weed hoe Snips	NO	N/A	€ 939.00
Malayalee Indians (MIND Ireland) GA 003036	€ 3,000.00	Marquee Hire for Festival Event	YES	2023 -€3,000.00 2020 -€ 800.00	€ 3,000.00
Balscadden District Community Council GA 003086	€ 2,968.76	Community Newsletter Publication, Weibang Lawnmower Model WB455SC, Echo Hedge trimmer Model HC-2320, 2X Husqvarna	NO	N/A	€ 2,969.00

		Strimmer 129C, Echo Handheld Blower Model PB-2620, 2X Wheelbarrows			
153rd Lusk Scouts Group GA 003081	€ 3,000.00	Lifepak CR2 USB, Polycarbonate Cabinet with Keypad, Acer Aspire 5 AMD Ryzen, Philips GoPix1 mobile projector	NO	N/A	€ 3,000.00
38th Rush Scouts Group GA 003034	€ 3,000.00	Event shelters with sides Orienteering control cards x 10 Orienteering starter kit 174 Asos laptop, Microsoft word package, Flag and spikes and poles, B&Q painting and tools equipment, HomeStores cleaning and storage twin pack	YES	2023 -€ 3,000.00 2022 -€ 1,500.00	€ 3,000.00
Lusk Ladies Shed GA 003094	€3,000.00	Courses in craft activities	NO	N/A	€1,500.00
Mourne Celtic Football Club GA 003018	€ 995.00	Penalty shootout Carnival game Buzzwire game Blue Flower wall Beanbag toss Photographer	Yes	2023 - €1,354.00	€ 791.00
Ballyboughal Community Council GA 003100	€3,000.00	2 Mics Sound System Mixer Speaker	NO	N/A	€3,000.00
Ballyboughal	€4,140.00	Hedge laying	NO	N/A	€3,000.00

Hedgerow Society GA 003099		Workshop Art Materials, and Teaching Expert Led Bee Nature Walk			
St Joseph's Family & Friends Association, Portrane GA 003084	€3,000.00	Community & Voluntary Insurance, Wellness Clubs Activity Resources & Hanging Basket Planting Day	NO	N/A	€3,000.00
Lusk Tidy Towns Association GA 003095	€2,893.15	Public Liability Insurance Holestar Planter with Bracket x 10, Self-Watering Pathway Planter, Holestar Liners x 10 Winter Bedding Swift Boxes x 2	NO	N/A	€2,756.00
Glasmore Park and Windmill Lands Residents Association GA 003022	€ 3,577.00	Defibrillator, Defibrillator storage box, Event catering	NO	N/A	€ 2,107.28

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**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously?**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal**

	of this Application	Items	Y/N		Executive and rationale for Approval
Wild Geese GAA GA 003092	€ 40,000.00	Upgrade and repair of necessary systems and the building structure	NO	N/A	€ 38,675.00
St Maur's GAA Club GA 003016	€ 19,375.00	Wireless Fire Alarm Installation, Emergency Lighting Installation	YES	2023 -€ 2,995.00 2021 -€ 2,000.00	€ 14,688.00

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Skerries Town FC	€3,000	Purchase of portable lights, battery, charger and carrier bag	N/A	N/A	€3,000
Swords Rugby	€3,000	Purchase of	N/A	N/A	€3,000

Club		portable lighting for training area			
Swords Special Olympics Club	€2,893	Purchase of stackable chairs and benches to assist with their Special Olympics basketball matches for spectators and subs benches	N/A	N/A	€2,893

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

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

Signed: Councillor I. Carey
Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 17

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 18

PROPOSED DISPOSALS

No Business

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19

DECLARATION OF ROADS

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19a

BLACKWOOD, ONGAR

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 – BC 1746
Taking In Charge –Blackwood, Ongar Chase, Dublin 15.

DED Blanchardstown-Blakestown. TL Philbblestown

Road Name	Length	Description
Blackwood Lawn	231m	From the Ongar Distributor Road at Blackwood, Ongar Estate Entrance head west 88m to outside No. 4 Blackwood Lawn, head south-west 143m to outside No. 19 Blackwood Lawn and junction of Blackwood Park including turning bay.
Blackwood Place	145m	From Blackwood Place and junction of Blackwood Lawn, outside No. 1 Blackwood Place head south-east 95m to outside No. 5 Blackwood Place, head north-east 50m to outside No. 8 Blackwood Place including turning bay.

Blackwood Park	405m	From Blackwood Park and junction of Blackwood Lawn, outside No. 1 Blackwood Park head south-east 70m to outside No. 5 Blackwood Park, head south-west 185m to outside No. 12 Blackwood Park including turning bay, head north 150m to outside No. 1 Blackwood Park.
Blackwood Close	55m	From Blackwood Close and junction of Blackwood Park, outside No. 1 Blackwood Close head north-west 55m to outside No. 6 Blackwood Close including turning bay.
Blackwood Mews	90m	From Blackwood Mews and junction of Blackwood Lawn, outside No. 5 Blackwood Lawn head north-east 90m to outside No. 4 Blackwood Mews including turning bay.
Blackwood Drive	315m	From Blackwood Drive and junction of Blackwood Mews, outside No. 1 Blackwood Drive head east 75m to outside No. 4 Blackwood Drive, head north-east 120m to outside No. 9 Blackwood Drive, head west 75m to outside No. 14 Blackwood Drive, head north-east 45m to outside No. 19 Blackwood Drive.
Blackwood Crescent	358m	From Blackwood Crescent and junction of Blackwood Drive, outside No. 1 Blackwood Crescent head north 125m to outside No. 9 Blackwood Crescent, head south-east 165m to outside No. 20 Blackwood Crescent, head west 68m to outside No. 23 Blackwood Crescent.
No. of Units = 108	Total Length = 1599m	

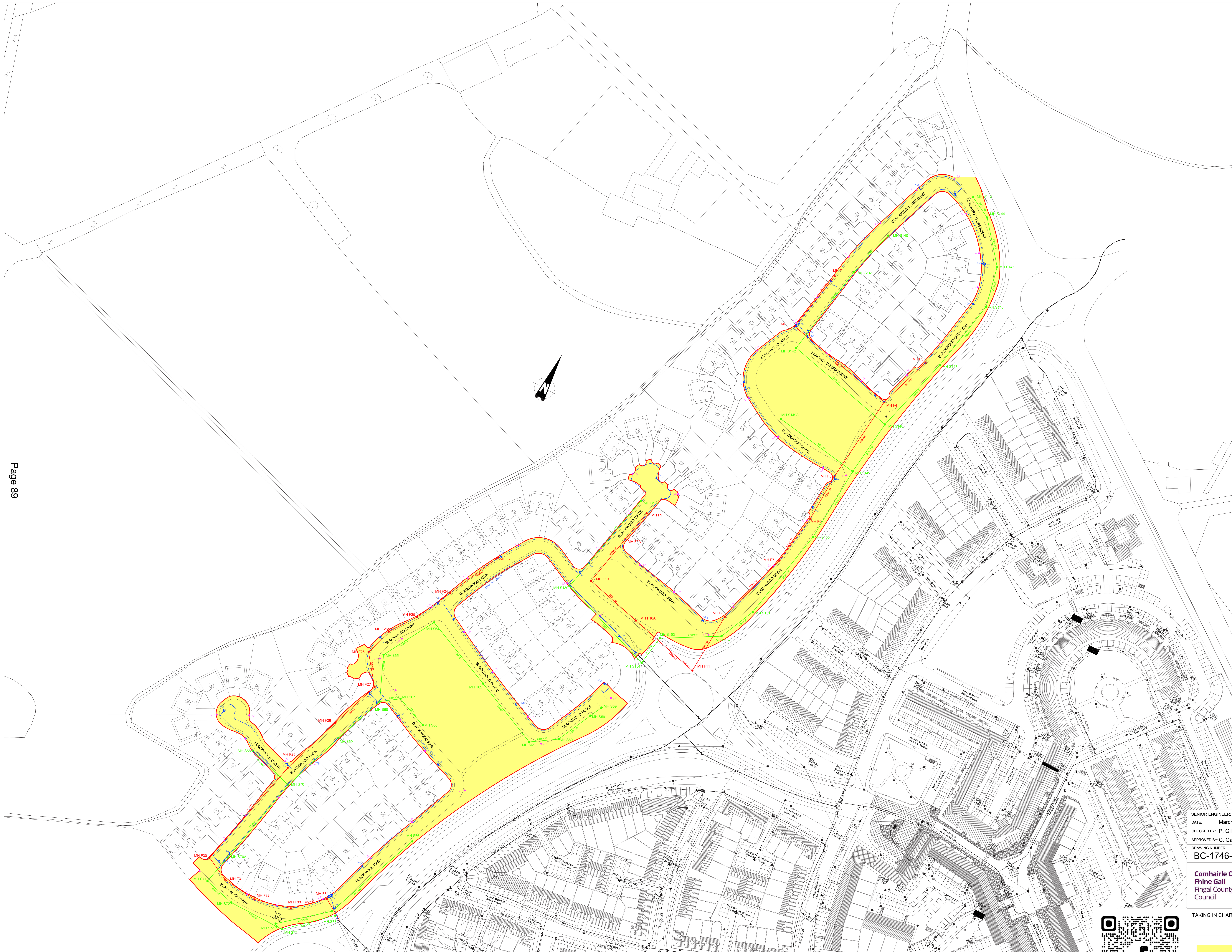
Road Schedule

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Blackwood Park	405m	From Blackwood Park and junction of Blackwood Lawn, outside No. 1 Blackwood Park head south-east 70m to outside No. 5 Blackwood Park, head south-west 185m to outside No. 12 Blackwood Park including turning bay, head north 150m to outside No. 1 Blackwood Park.
Blackwood Close	55m	From Blackwood Close and junction of Blackwood Park, outside No. 1 Blackwood Close head north-west 55m to outside No. 6 Blackwood Close including turning bay.
Blackwood Mews	90m	From Blackwood Mews and junction of Blackwood Lawn, outside No. 5 Blackwood Lawn head north-east 90m to outside No. 4 Blackwood Mews including turning bay.
Blackwood Drive	315m	From Blackwood Drive and junction of Blackwood Mews, outside No. 1 Blackwood Drive head east 75m to outside No. 4 Blackwood Drive, head north-east 120m to outside No. 9 Blackwood Drive, head west 75m to outside No. 14 Blackwood

		Drive, head north-east 45m to outside No. 19 Blackwood Drive.
Blackwood Crescent	358m	From Blackwood Crescent and junction of Blackwood Drive, outside No. 1 Blackwood Crescent head north 125m to outside No. 9 Blackwood Crescent, head south-east 165m to outside No. 20 Blackwood Crescent, head west 68m to outside No. 23 Blackwood Crescent.
No. of Units = 108	Total Length = 1599m	



Blackwood Estate, Ongar Chase

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
MH S59	64.95	63.45	225mm
MH S59A	65.10	63.40	225mm
MH S60	65.20	63.30	225mm
MH S61	65.46	63.24	225mm
MH S62	65.03	62.59	225mm
MH S64	64.44	62.57	225mm
MH S65	64.89	62.38	300mm
MH S66	65.31	63.66	225mm
MH S67	65.06	63.44	225mm
MH S68	64.95	62.14	375mm
MH S69	64.70	62.02	375mm
MH S70	64.13	61.95	375mm
MH S58	64.53	61.98	225mm
MH S70A	63.76	61.76	375mm
MH S71	63.63	61.70	450mm
MH S72	63.91	61.61	450mm
MH S73	64.28	61.47	450mm
MH S77	64.55	61.34	450mm
MH S74	64.29	61.48	225mm
MH S75	64.85	62.31	225mm
MH S76	65.15	63.97	225mm
MH S77	64.55	61.34	450mm
MH S78	64.83	61.16	450mm
MH S138	64.24	61.58	225mm
MH S139	64.33	62.03	225mm
MH S140	64.26	63.33	225mm
MH S141	64.50	63.17	225mm
MH S142	64.53	62.78	225mm
MH S143	64.16	62.95	225mm
MH S144	64.22	62.80	225mm
MH S145	64.40	62.69	225mm
MH S146	64.55	62.50	300mm
MH S147	64.71	62.28	300mm
MH S148	64.53	62.00	375mm
MH S149	64.20	61.80	375mm
MH S149A	64.29	62.44	225mm
MH S150	63.98	61.61	375mm
MH S151	63.95	61.54	375mm
MH S152	64.05	61.45	375mm
MH S153	63.74	61.13	375mm
MH S154	63.80	60.92	450mm
MH S156	63.62	60.67	450mm

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
MH F1	64.55	62.96	225mm
MH F2	64.37	62.64	225mm
MH F3	64.69	62.46	225mm
MH F4	64.45	62.18	225mm
MH F5	63.89	61.83	225mm
MH F6	63.88	61.71	225mm
MH F7	64.18	61.47	225mm
MH F8	64.06	61.02	225mm
MH F9	64.32	62.54	225mm
MH F9A	64.09	62.28	225mm
MH F10	64.07	61.99	225mm
MH F10A	63.82	61.65	225mm
MH F11	63.49	60.77	225mm
MH F23	64.56	62.89	225mm
MH F24	64.29	62.41	225mm
MH F25	64.40	62.20	225mm
MH F25A	64.69	62.08	225mm
MH F26	64.77	61.93	225mm
MH F27	64.93	61.75	225mm
MH F28	64.80	61.57	225mm
MH F29	64.01	61.32	225mm
MH F30	63.57	60.85	225mm
MH F31	63.77	60.74	225mm
MH F32	64.04	60.54	225mm
MH F33	64.33	60.41	225mm
MH F34	64.58	60.28	225mm
MH F36	64.58	59.65	225mm

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: March 2024	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY:	S. Boylan	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC .	BC 1746	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1746-1001 REV.	SCALE:	1:1000 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	3128-B / D	

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TAKING IN CHARGE Blackwood Estate, Ongar Chase

Phibblestown Blanchardstown-Blakestown

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – BC 1737
Taking In Charge –Fairhaven, Castleknock, Dublin 15.

DED Castleknock Park. TL Ashtown

Road Name	Length	Description
Fairhaven Road	393m	From the Castleknock Road at Fairhaven Estate Entrance head north 100m to No. 30 Fairhaven Road, head north-west 95m to outside No. 37 Fairhaven Road and junction of Fairhaven Avenue. From No. 18 Fairhaven Road head north-west 33m to No. 17 Fairhaven Road, head north-east 165m to No. 1 Fairhaven Road.
Fairhaven Avenue	344m	From Fairhaven Avenue and junction of Fairhaven Road, outside No. 29 Fairhaven Avenue head south 120m to outside No. 5 Fairhaven Avenue including turning bay, turn left (east) 35m to No. 1 Fairhaven Avenue. From Fairhaven Avenue and junction of Fairhaven Road, outside No. 29 Fairhaven Avenue head north 85m to outside No. 40 Fairhaven Avenue. From No. 40 Fairhaven Avenue head south-east 37m to No. 42 Fairhaven Avenue. From No. 40 Fairhaven Avenue head south-east 67m to No. 52 Fairhaven Avenue including turning bay.
Fairhaven Walk	238m	From Fairhaven Avenue and junction of Fairhaven Walk, outside No. 2 Fairhaven Walk head north-west 238m to outside No. 54 Fairhaven Walk including turning bay.
Fairhaven Close	135m	From Fairhaven Close and junction of Fairhaven Road, outside No. 11 Fairhaven Road head north to 135m to No. 21 Fairhaven Close including turning bay.

Fairhaven Court	80m	From Fairhaven Court and junction of Fairhaven Road, outside No. 5 Fairhaven Road head north to 80m to No. 9 Fairhaven Court including turning bay.
No. of Units = 183	Total Length = 1190m	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19b

FAIRHAVEN, CASTLEKNOCK

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.

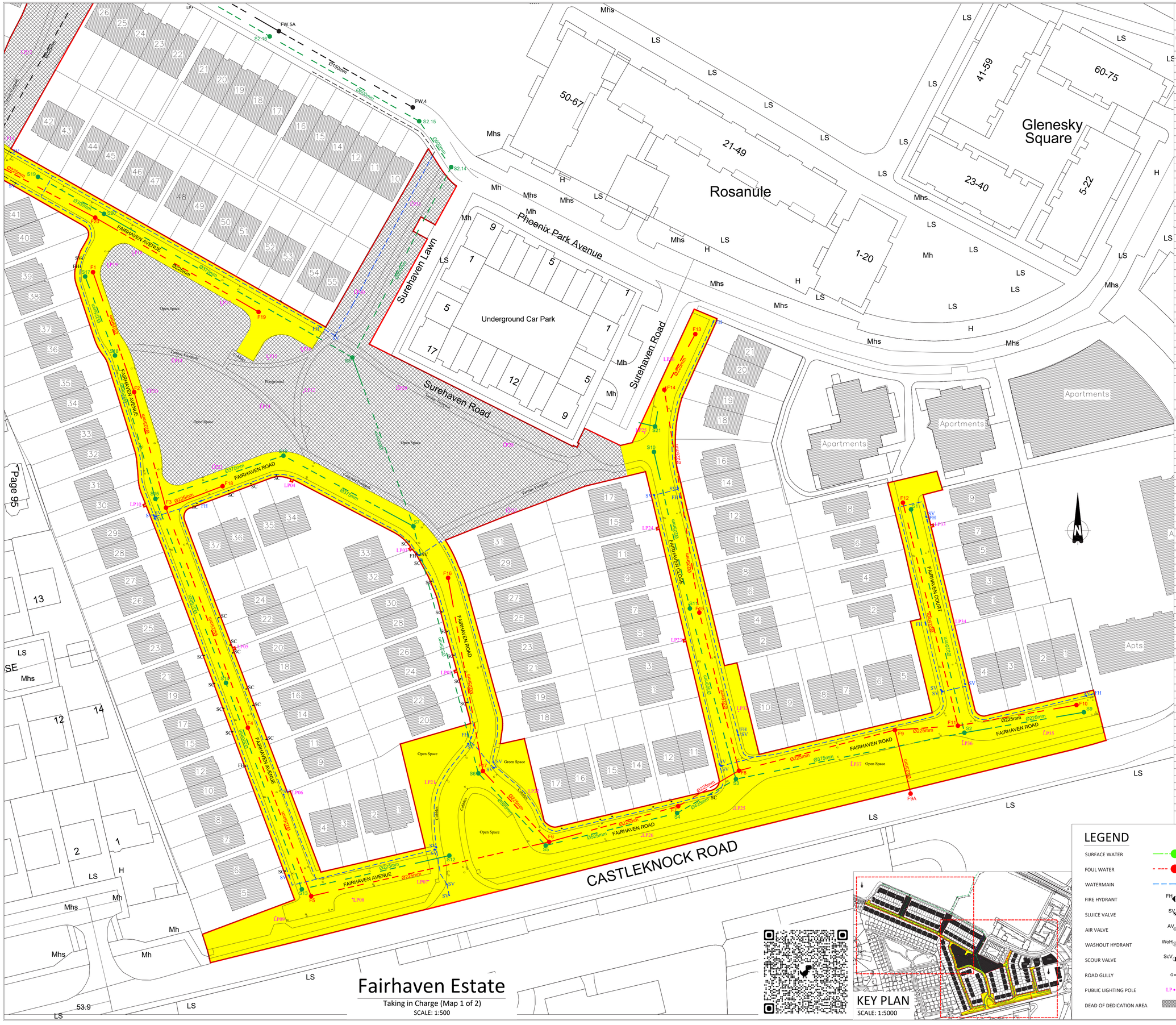
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SURFACEWATER LINE

MH No.	Cover Level	Invert Level		From MH No.	To MH No.	Line	Length	Pipe Size
		Inlet	Outlet					
S2.1	54.25	52.95	52.95	Gullies	S2.2	S2.1-S2.2	53.30	300Ø
S2.2	53.96	52.69	52.69	S2.1	S2.5	S2.2-S2.5	50.15	375Ø
S2.5	53.76	52.48	52.48	S2.2	S2.7	S2.5-S2.7	67.67	450Ø
		52.48		S2.4				375Ø
S2.7	52.98	51.37	51.37	S2.5	S2.8	S2.7-S2.8	86.05	600Ø
		51.37		S2.6				300Ø
S2.8	53.05	51.30	51.30	S2.7	S2.9	S2.8-S2.9	41.68	600Ø
S2.9	53.06	51.24	51.24	S2.8	S2.10	S2.9-S2.10	51.29	600Ø
		51.24		S2.16				600Ø
S2.10	53.62	50.73	50.73	S2.9	S2.11	S2.10-S2.11	31.56	600Ø
S2.11	52.30	50.43	50.43	S2.10	S2.12	S2.11-S2.12	53.78	600Ø
S2.12	51.13	50.23	50.23	S2.11	S2.13	S2.12-S2.13	46.06	600Ø
S2.13	49.66	46.06	46.06	S2.12	S2.13A	S2.13-S2.13A	63.40	900Ø
		46.71		Public Area				450Ø
S2.13A	-	41.84	41.84	S2.13	Public Drain	-	-	900Ø
S2.6	53.36	51.81	51.81	Gullies	S2.7	S2.6-S2.7	84.25	300Ø
S2.14	54.80	51.80	51.80	S8 (Phase 1)	S2.15	S2.14-S2.15	16.06	600Ø
S2.15	54.16	51.69	51.69	S2.14	S2.16	S2.15-S2.16	49.38	600Ø
S2.16	53.42	51.36	51.36	S2.15	S2.9	S2.16-S2.9	56.66	600Ø
S2.3	54.32	53.05	53.05	Gullies	S2.4	S2.3-S2.4	60.53	300Ø
S2.4	54.04	52.73	52.73	S2.3	S2.5	S2.4-S2.5	55.00	375Ø
S1	55.41	54.12	54.12	Gullies/Apts	S2	S1-S2	79.42	225Ø
S2	54.75	52.97	52.97	S1	S3	S2-S3	67.00	375Ø
		53.06		S9				225Ø
S3	55.09	52.76	52.76	S2	S4	S3-S4	19.52	425Ø
		52.99		S11				300Ø
S4	54.97	52.69	52.69	S3	S5	S4-S5	38.88	525Ø
S5	54.78	52.56	52.56	S4	S6	S5-S6	28.36	525Ø
S6	54.73	52.51	52.51	S5	S7	S6-S7	73.32	525Ø
S7	55.01	52.28	52.28	S6	S8	S7-S8	51.57	600Ø
		52.50		S16				375Ø
S8	55.26	52.11	52.11	S7	S2.14(Ph2)	S8-S2.14 (Ph2)	61.61	600Ø
		52.11		S20				375Ø
S9	54.53	53.32	53.32	Gullies/Apts	S2	S9-S2	34.82	225Ø
S10	55.51	53.66	53.66	Gullies/Apts	S11	S10-S11	46.14	225Ø
S11	55.30	53.34	53.34	S10	S3	S11-S3	50.76	300Ø
S12	54.57	53.46	53.46	Gullies	S13	S12-S13	43.50	225Ø
S13	54.42	53.32	53.32	S12	S14	S13-S14	63.13	300Ø
S14	54.76	53.06	53.06	S13	S15	S14-S15	56.61	375Ø
S15	54.66	52.91	52.91	S14	S16	S15-S16	39.03	375Ø
		52.91		S18				225Ø
S16	54.74	52.61	52.61	S15	S7	S16-S7	42.52	375Ø
S17	54.96	53.64	53.64	Gullies	S18	S17-S18	24.26	225Ø
S18	54.72	53.31	53.31	S17	S15	S18-S15	42.79	225Ø
S19	54.49	53.40	53.40	Gullies/Phase 2	S20	S19-S20	21.73	300Ø
S20	54.58	53.22	53.22	S19	S8	S20-S8	82.46	375Ø

Note : Pipe lengths quoted assuming pipes lines are straight

FOUL SEWER LINE

MH No.	Cover Level	Invert Level		From MH No.	To MH No.	Line	Length	Pipe Size
		Inlet	Outlet					
F2.1	54.26	52.87	52.87	Houses	F2.2	F2.1-F2.2	35.57	150Ø
F2.2	54.06	52.46	52.46	F2.1	F2.3	F2.2-F2.3	43.68	150Ø
F2.3	53.84	52.12	52.12	F2.2	F2.7	F2.3-F2.7	22.34	225Ø
F2.7	53.74	51.85	51.85	F2.3	F2.10	F2.7-F2.10	71.23	225Ø
		51.85		F2.6				225Ø
F2.10	52.97	51.31	51.31	F2.7	F2.11	F2.10-F2.11	85.74	225Ø
		51.31		F2.9				150Ø
F2.11	53.04	50.86	50.86	F2.10	F2.12	F2.11-F2.12	40.35	225Ø
F2.12	52.99	50.65	50.65	F2.11	F2.13	F2.12-F2.13	46.28	225Ø
F2.13	52.69	50.37	50.37	F2.12	F2.6	F2.13-F2.6	7.04	225Ø
F2.8	53.34	51.93	51.93	Houses	F2.9	F2.8-F2.9	57.11	150Ø
F2.9	53.06	51.50	51.50	F2.8	F2.10	F2.9-F2.10	25.17	150Ø
F2.4	54.36	52.91	52.91	Houses	F2.5	F2.4-F2.5	38.00	150Ø
F2.5	54.16	52.51	52.51	F2.4	F2.6	F2.5-F2.6	40.83	150Ø
F2.6	53.94	52.21	52.21	F2.5	F2.7	F2.6-F2.7	38.46	225Ø
FW.3	54.39	51.50	51.50	Phase 1	FW.5	FW.3-FW.5	73.99	225Ø
FW.5	53.07	50.87	50.87	FW.3	FW.6	FW.5-FW.6	47.20	225Ø
		50.94		FW.5A				150Ø
FW.6	53.19	50.29	50.29	FW.5	FW.6A	FW.6-FW.6A	28.65	225Ø
		50.29		F2.13				225Ø
FW.6A	52.72	49.87	49.87	FW.6	FW.7	FW.6A-FW.7	63.11	225Ø
FW.7	50.82	48.92	48.92	FW.6A	FW.8	FW.7-FW.8	48.70	225Ø
FW.8	50.50	48.70	48.70	FW.7	FW.9	FW.8-FW.9	93.41	300Ø
FW.9	52.09	48.22	48.22	FW.8	FW.10	FW.9-FW.10	95.25	300Ø
FW.10	51.26	47.79	46.82	FW.9	Public Sewer			300Ø
FW.4	53.98	52.18	52.18	Houses	FW.5A	FW.4-FW.5A	44.27	150Ø
FW.5A	53.44	51.44	51.44	FW.4	FW.5	FW.5A-FW.5	55.32	150Ø
F1	54.96	53.88	53.88	Houses	F2	F1-F2	36.42	225Ø
F2	54.65	53.51	53.51	F1	F3	F2-F3	34.46	225Ø
F3	54.65	53.21	53.21	F2	F4	F2-F4	67.43	225Ø
		53.21		F18				225Ø
F4	54.71	52.72	52.72	F3	F5	F4-F5	51.66	225Ø
F5	54.48	52.20	52.20	F4	F6	F5-F6	70.12	225Ø
F6	54.77	51.92	51.92	F5	F7	F6-F7	38.47	225Ø
		51.92		F17				225Ø
F7	54.97	51.76	51.76	F6	F8	F7-F8	20.20	225Ø
F8	55.02	51.68	51.68	F7	F9	F8-F9	46.31	225Ø
		15.68		F15				225Ø
F9	54.79	51.53	51.53	F8	F9A	F9-F9A	18.84	225Ø
		51.53		F11				-
F9A	54.62	51.39	50.96	F9	Public Sewer	-	-	450Ø
F10	54.58	53.17	53.17	Houses/Apts	F11	F10-F11	34.60	-
F11	54.80	52.44	52.44	F10	F9	F11-F9	18.13	225Ø
		52.44		F12				225Ø
F12	55.47	54.14	54.14	Houses/Apts	F11	F12-F11	65.98	225Ø
F13	55.72	54.23	54.23	Houses	F14	F13-F14	18.29	225Ø
F14	55.57	53.62	53.62	F13	F15	F14-F15	64.79	225Ø
F15	55.28	52.87	52.87	F14	F8	F15-F8	46.81	225Ø
F16	54.97	53.06	53.06	Houses	F17	F16-F17	56.40	225Ø
F17	54.68	52.05	52.05	F16	F6	F17-F6	27.84	225Ø
F18	54.53	53.63	53.63	Houses	F3	F18-F3	17.60	225Ø
F19	54.92	52.99	52.99	Houses	F20	F19-F20	54.23	225Ø
F20	54.62	53.53	53.53	F19	-	Phase 2 /Houses	-	225Ø

Note : Pipe lengths quoted assuming pipes lines are straight

LEGEND

- SURFACE WATER
- FOUL WATER
- WATERMAIN
- FIRE HYDRANT (FH)
- SLUICE VALVE (SV)
- AIR VALVE (AV)
- WASHOUT HYDRANT (WoH)
- SCOUR VALVE (ScV)
- ROAD GULLY (G)
- PUBLIC LIGHTING POLE (LP)
- DEAD OF DEDICATION AREA

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	Mar 2024	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan
CHECKED BY:	C. Gallagher	DRAWN BY:	S. Boylan
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1736
DRAWING NUMBER:	BC-1737-1001	REV.	
		SCALE:	1:500 @ A1
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Fairhaven Estate, Castleknock (1 of 2)
Castleknock-Park Ashtown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

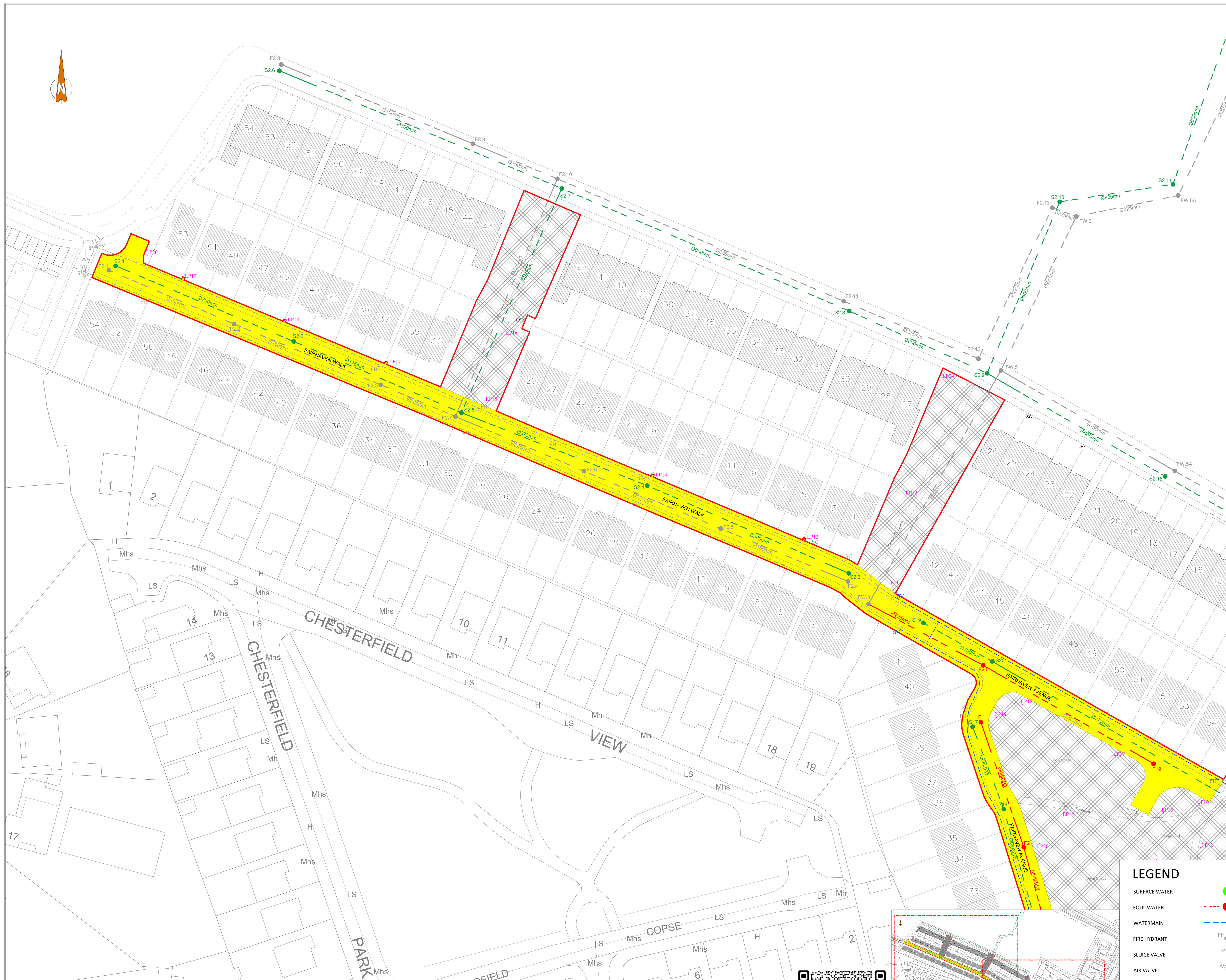
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SURFACEWATER LINE

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S2.2	53.96	52.69	52.69	S2.1	S2.5	S2.2-S2.5	50.15	375Ø
S2.5	53.76	52.48	52.48	S2.2	S2.7	S2.5-S2.7	67.67	450Ø
		52.48		S2.4				375Ø
S2.7	52.98	51.37	51.37	S2.5	S2.8	S2.7-S2.8	86.05	600Ø
		51.37		S2.6				300Ø
S2.8	53.05	51.30	51.30	S2.7	S2.9	S2.8-S2.9	41.68	600Ø
S2.9	53.06	51.24	51.24	S2.8	S2.10	S2.9-S2.10	51.29	600Ø
		51.24		S2.16				600Ø
S2.10	53.62	50.73	50.73	S2.9	S2.11	S2.10-S2.11	31.56	600Ø
S2.11	52.30	50.43	50.43	S2.10	S2.12	S2.11-S2.12	53.78	600Ø
S2.12	51.13	50.23	50.23	S2.11	S2.13	S2.12-S2.13	46.06	600Ø
S2.13	49.66	46.06	46.06	S2.12	S2.13A	S2.13-S2.13A	63.40	900Ø
		46.71		Public Area				450Ø
S2.13A	-	41.84	41.84	S2.13	Public Drain	-	-	900Ø
S2.6	53.36	51.81	51.81	Gullies	S2.7	S2.6-S2.7	84.25	300Ø
S2.14	54.80	51.80	51.80	S8 (Phase 1)	S2.15	S2.14-S2.15	16.06	600Ø
S2.15	54.16	51.69	51.69	S2.14	S2.16	S2.15-S2.16	49.38	600Ø
S2.16	53.42	51.36	51.36	S2.15	S2.9	S2.16-S2.9	56.66	600Ø
S2.3	54.32	53.05	53.05	Gullies	S2.4	S2.3-S2.4	60.53	300Ø
S2.4	54.04	52.73	52.73	S2.3	S2.5	S2.4-S2.5	55.00	375Ø
S1	55.41	54.12	54.12	Gullies/Apts	S2	S1-S2	79.42	225Ø
S2	54.75	52.97	52.97	S1	S3	S2-S3	67.00	375Ø
		53.06		S9				225Ø
S3	55.09	52.76	52.76	S2	S4	S3-S4	19.52	425Ø
		52.99		S11				300Ø
S4	54.97	52.69	52.69	S3	S5	S4-S5	38.88	525Ø
S5	54.78	52.56	52.56	S4	S6	S5-S6	28.36	525Ø
S6	54.73	52.51	52.51	S5	S7	S6-S7	73.32	525Ø
S7	55.01	52.28	52.28	S6	S8	S7-S8	51.57	600Ø
		52.50		S16				375Ø
S8	55.26	52.11	52.11	S7	S2.14(Ph2)	S8-S2.14 (Ph2)	61.61	600Ø
		52.11		S20				375Ø
S9	54.53	53.32	53.32	Gullies/Apts	S2	S9-S2	34.82	225Ø
S10	55.51	53.66	53.66	Gullies/Apts	S11	S10-S11	46.14	225Ø
S11	55.30	53.34	53.34	S10	S3	S11-S3	50.76	300Ø
S12	54.57	53.46	53.46	Gullies	S13	S12-S13	43.50	225Ø
S13	54.42	53.32	53.32	S12	S14	S13-S14	63.13	300Ø
S14	54.76	53.06	53.06	S13	S15	S14-S15	56.61	375Ø
S15	54.66	52.91	52.91	S14	S16	S15-S16	39.03	375Ø
		52.91		S18				225Ø
S16	54.74	52.61	52.61	S15	S7	S16-S7	42.52	375Ø
S17	54.96	53.64	53.64	Gullies	S18	S17-S18	24.26	225Ø
S18	54.72	53.31	53.31	S17	S15	S18-S15	42.79	225Ø
S19	54.49	53.40	53.40	Gullies/Phase 2	S20	S19-S20	21.73	300Ø
S20	54.58	53.22	53.22	S19	S8	S20-S8	82.46	375Ø

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FOUL SEWER LINE

MH No.	Cover Level	Invert Level Inlet	Invert Level Outlet	From MH No.	To MH No.	Line	Length	Pipe Size
F2.1	54.26	52.87	52.87	Houses	F2.2	F2.1-F2.2	35.57	150Ø
F2.2	54.06	52.46	52.46	F2.1	F2.3	F2.2-F2.3	43.68	150Ø
F2.3	53.84	52.12	52.12	F2.2	F2.7	F2.3-F2.7	22.34	225Ø
F2.7	53.74	51.85	51.85	F2.3	F2.10	F2.7-F2.10	71.23	225Ø
		51.85		F2.6				225Ø
F2.10	52.97	51.31	51.31	F2.7	F2.11	F2.10-F2.11	85.74	225Ø
		51.31		F2.9				150Ø
F2.11	53.04	50.86	50.86	F2.10	F2.12	F2.11-F2.12	40.35	225Ø
F2.12	52.99	50.65	50.65	F2.11	F2.13	F2.12-F2.13	46.28	225Ø
F2.13	52.69	50.37	50.37	F2.12	F2.6	F2.13-F2.6	7.04	225Ø
F2.8	53.34	51.93	51.93	Houses	F2.9	F2.8-F2.9	57.11	150Ø
F2.9	53.06	51.50	51.50	F2.8	F2.10	F2.9-F2.10	25.17	150Ø
F2.4	54.36	52.91	52.91	Houses	F2.5	F2.4-F2.5	38.00	150Ø
F2.5	54.16	52.51	52.51	F2.4	F2.6	F2.5-F2.6	40.83	150Ø
F2.6	53.94	52.21	52.21	F2.5	F2.7	F2.6-F2.7	38.46	225Ø
FW.3	54.39	51.50	51.50	Phase 1	FW.5	FW.3-FW.5	73.99	225Ø
FW.5	53.07	50.87	50.87	FW.3	FW.6	FW.5-FW.6	47.20	225Ø
		50.94		FW.5A				150Ø
FW.6	53.19	50.29	50.29	FW.5	FW.6A	FW.6-FW.6A	28.65	225Ø
		50.29		F2.13				225Ø
FW.6A	52.72	49.87	49.87	FW.6	FW.7	FW.6A-FW.7	63.11	225Ø
FW.7	50.82	48.92	48.92	FW.6A	FW.8	FW.7-FW.8	48.70	225Ø
FW.8	50.50	48.70	48.70	FW.7	FW.9	FW.8-FW.9	93.41	300Ø
FW.9	52.09	48.22	48.22	FW.8	FW.10	FW.9-FW.10	95.25	300Ø
FW.10	51.26	47.79	46.82	FW.9	Public Sewer	-	-	300Ø
FW.4	53.98	52.18	52.18	Houses	FW.5A	FW.4-FW.5A	44.27	150Ø
FW.5A	53.44	51.44	51.44	FW.4	FW.5	FW.5A-FW.5	55.32	150Ø
F1	54.96	53.88	53.88	Houses	F2	F1-F2	36.42	225Ø
F2	54.65	53.51	53.51	F1	F3	F2-F3	34.46	225Ø
F3	54.65	53.21	53.21	F2	F4	F2-F4	67.43	225Ø
		53.21		F18				225Ø
F4	54.71	52.72	52.72	F3	F5	F4-F5	51.66	225Ø
F5	54.48	52.20	52.20	F4	F6	F5-F6	70.12	225Ø
F6	54.77	51.92	51.92	F5	F7	F6-F7	38.47	225Ø
		51.92		F17				225Ø
F7	54.97	51.76	51.76	F6	F8	F7-F8	20.20	225Ø
F8	55.02	51.68	51.68	F7	F9	F8-F9	46.31	225Ø
		15.68		F15				225Ø
F9	54.79	51.53	51.53	F8	F9A	F9-F9A	18.84	225Ø
		51.53		F11				-
F9A	54.62	51.39	50.96	F9	Public Sewer	-	-	450Ø
F10	54.58	53.17	53.17	Houses/Apts	F11	F10-F11	34.60	-
F11	54.80	52.44	52.44	F10	F9	F11-F9	18.13	225Ø
		52.44		F12				225Ø
F12	55.47	54.14	54.14	Houses/Apts	F11	F12-F11	65.98	225Ø
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F14	55.57	53.62	53.62	F13	F15	F14-F15	64.79	225Ø
F15	55.28	52.87	52.87	F14	F8	F15-F8	46.81	225Ø
F16	54.97	53.06	53.06	Houses	F17	F16-F17	56.40	225Ø
F17	54.68	52.05	52.05	F16	F6	F17-F6	27.84	225Ø
F18	54.53	53.63	53.63	Houses	F3	F18-F3	17.60	225Ø
F19	54.92	52.99	52.99	Houses	F20	F19-F20	54.23	225Ø
F20	54.62	53.53	53.53	F19	Phase 2 /Houses	-	-	225Ø

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LEGEND

- SURFACE WATER
- FOUL WATER
- WATERMAIN
- FIRE HYDRANT
- SLUICE VALVE
- AIR VALVE

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Fairhaven Estate, Castleknock (2 of 2)

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO.19d

THE PARK, SKERRIES

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 – 1281
Taking In Charge – The Park

ED: Skerries, TD: Townparks

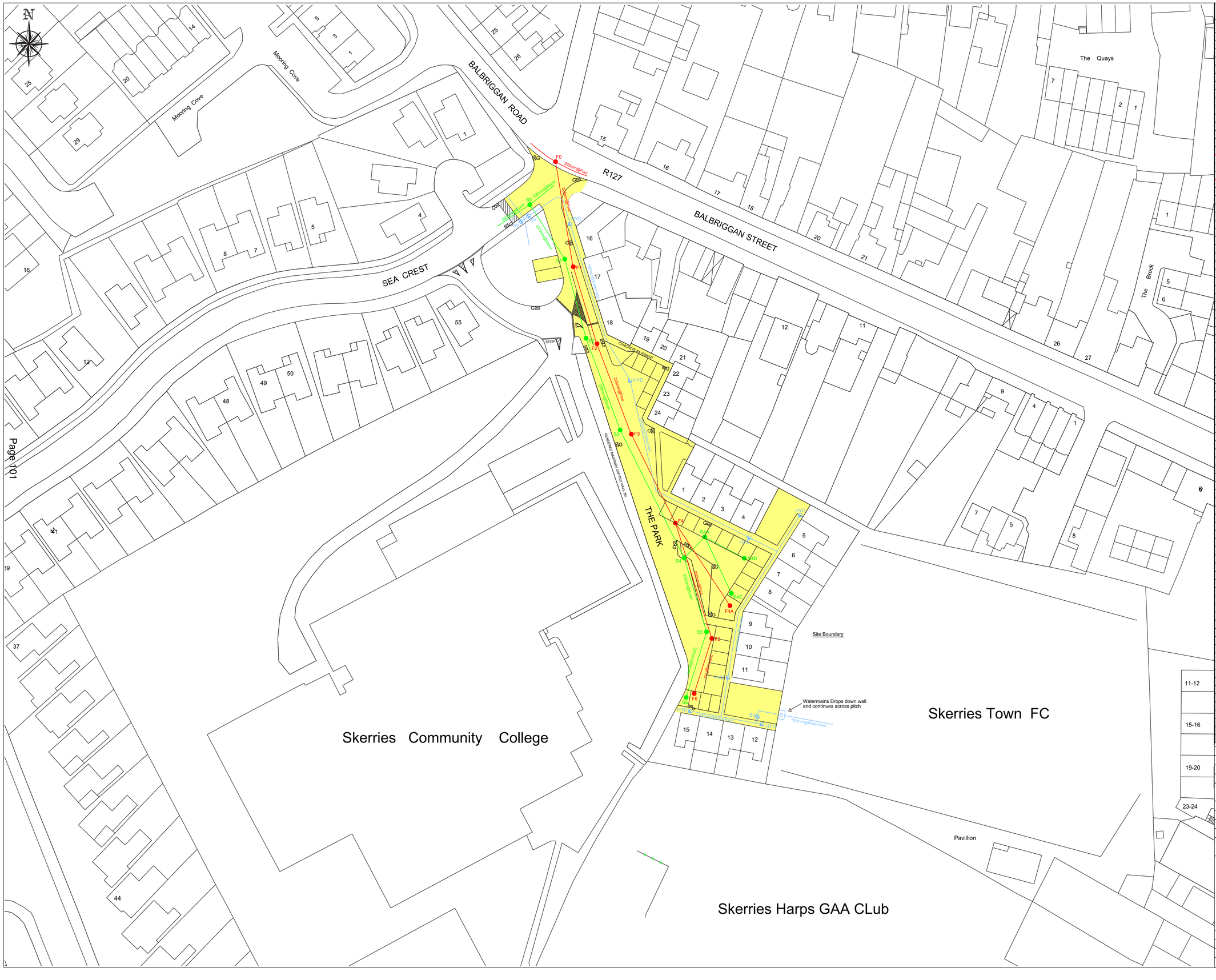
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Sea Crest	14m	From junction with Balbriggan Road heading southeast for 14m until top of first ramp.
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FOUL SEWER

MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F6	5.985	4.730	
F5	5.905	4.635	
F4	5.515	4.465	
F3	5.320	4.260	
F2	4.930	4.080	
F1	4.670	3.290	
F0	4.410	3.190	
Connection to Existing...			
F4A	5.870	4.780	
F4	5.515	4.465	

SURFACE WATER SEWER

MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S6	6.005	4.415	
S5	5.865	4.265	
S4	5.705	3.955	
S3	5.325	3.665	
S2	4.860		
S1	4.600	3.260	
S0	4.700	3.050	
Connection to Existing...			
S4B	5.690	4.200	
S4A	5.615	4.055	
S4	5.705	3.955	
S4C	5.805	4.225	
S4A	5.615	4.055	

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SENIOR ENGINEER COLIN GALLAGHER

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TAKING IN CHARGE

The Park

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FOUL SEWER	Foul Water
SURFACE WATER	Surface Water
WATER MAINS	Watermain
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19e

HYDE COURT, RUSH

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1749
Taking In Charge – Hyde Court

ED: Rush, TD: Rush Demesne

Road Name	Length	Description
Hyde Court	264m	From the Junction of Park Road turn right onto Hyde Court Entrance head East for 70 m to House No. 1. From House No. 1 head North for 68m to the Northern Boundary Wall at House No. 9. From the T-Junction of Hyde Court Road, house Numbers. 1-9, head East for 126m to the East boundary wall at House No. 22.
	Total Length: 264m	

Road Schedule

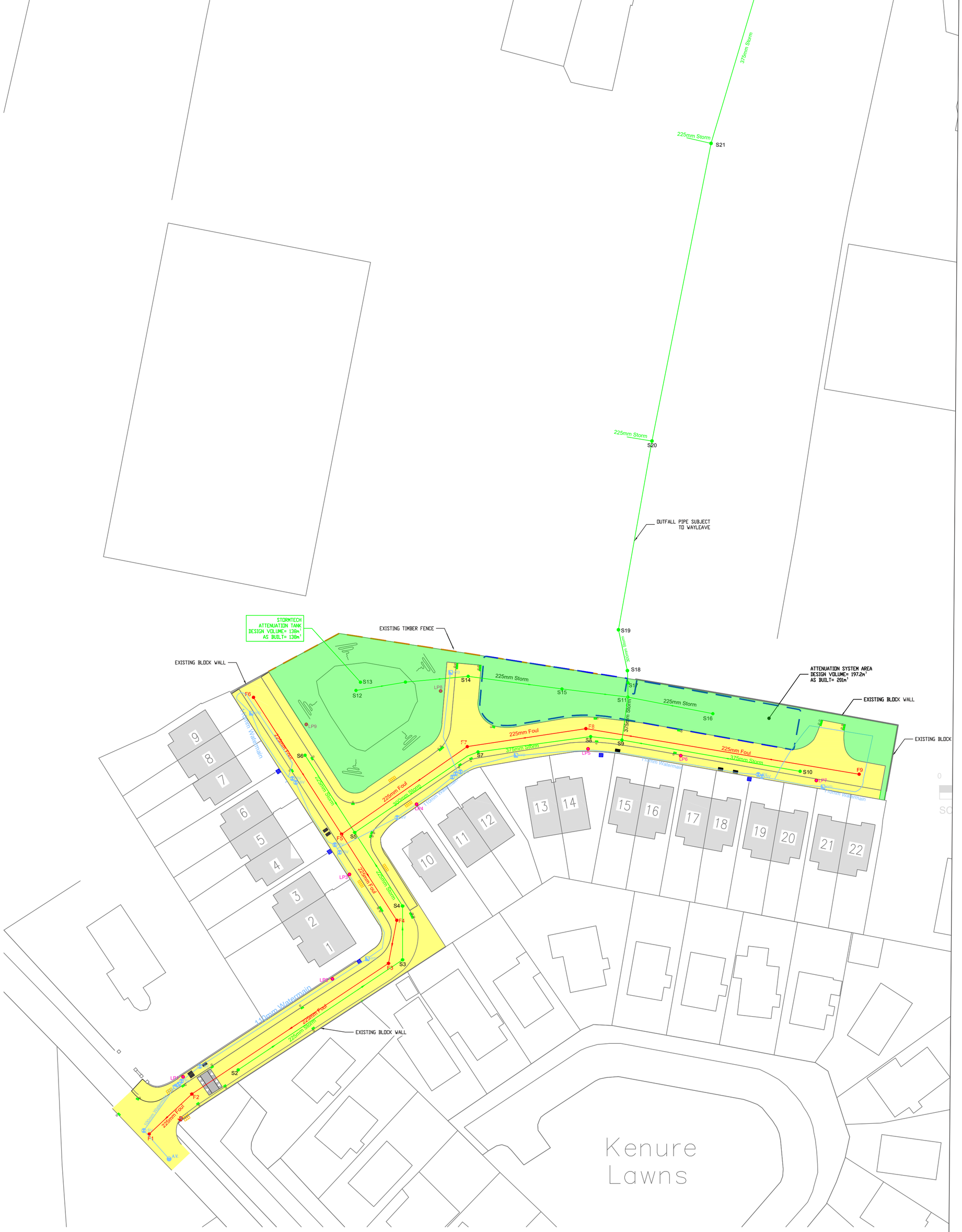
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SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVEL LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
SW-2	CL.19.35	IL.18.00	225
SW-3	CL.19.05	IL.17.70	225
SW-4	CL.19.00	IL.17.63	225
SW-5	CL.19.04	IL.17.45	225
SW-7	CL.18.78	IL.17.22	300
SW-8	CL.18.69	IL.17.02	375
SW-9	CL.18.77	IL.16.96	375
SW-10	CL.19.08	IL.17.13	225
SW-11	CL.18.76	IL.16.81	375
SW-12	CL.17.83	IL:17.400	225
SW-13	CL.17.80	IL:17.350	225
SW-14	CL.18.72	IL.16.82	225
SW-15	CL.18.79	IL.16.82	225
SW-16	CL.18.75	IL.17.02	225
SW-17	CL.18.71	IL.16.86	375
SW-18	CL:18.60	IL:16.56	225
SW-19	CL:18.19	IL:16.19	300
SW-20	CL:18.34	IL:16.06	300
SW-21	CL:18.23	IL:15.98	375
SW-22	CL:17.81	IL:15.89	375
SW-23	CL:17.64	IL:15.87	375
SW-24	CL:17.58	IL:15.73	600

FOUL WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVEL LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
FW-1	CL.19.75	IL.17.186	225
FW-2	CL.19.55	IL.17.224	225
FW-3	CL.19.07	IL.17.416	225
FW-4	CL.19.55	IL.17.186	225
FW-5	CL.19.08	IL.17.592	225
FW-6	CL.19.20	IL.17.913	225
FW-7	CL.18.75	IL.17.804	225
FW-8	CL.18.76	IL.18.019	225
FW-9	CL.19.19	IL.18.59	225



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Hyde Court, Rush

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FOUL SEWER

SURFACE WATER

WATER MAINS

Area proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Sewer System proposed to be taken in charge

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermain System proposed to be taken in charge.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19f

LUSK VILLAGE, LUSK

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 – 1752
Taking In Charge – Lusk Village
ED: Lusk, TD: Lusk

Road Name	Length	Description
Scholars Walk	615m	Starting at junction with Skerries Road between No's. 4 & 5 Lusk Village travelling east to Colman's Crescent, then southeast to Great Commons and then south past junctions of Burgage Lane & Finnegan's Walk.
Barkers Close	285m	Road beginning from south at the junction with Scholars Walk, between No's. 6 & 8 travelling northeast, where it divides into two. Route 1 travelling north from No. 1 Barkers Close to No. 14 Barkers Close. Route 2 travelling northeast from No. 32 Barkers Close to No. 20 Barkers Close. A third Route (3) travels west to east from No.11 Barkers Close to No. 21 Barkers Close.

Coleman Crescent	340m	Road beginning from north junction with Scholars Walk, between No's. 16 & 18 Scholars Walk, travelling north and then east before travelling south and reconnecting with Scholars Walk between No's. 26 & 28.
Coleman Way	35m	Road beginning from north junction with Scholars Walk, between No's. 20 & 22 Scholars Walk, travelling northeast to No's. 3 & 8 Coleman Way.
Forge Lane	180m	Road beginning from east at the junction with Scholars Walk, between No's. 34 & 36 Scholars Walk, travelling northeast where it divides into two at No. 8 Forge Lane. Route 1 travelling north to No. 15 Forge Lane. Route 2 traveling northeast to No. 23 Forge Lane.
Windward Way	110m	Starting north at the junction with Scholars Walk between No's. 2 & 1 travelling south to the junction of Village Road between No's. 14 & 16.
Tanners Way	70m	Starting at junctions with Windward Way between No's.14 & 12. Travelling northwest to between No's. 5 & 8, curving northeast to No. 11 and south to No. 2.
Village Road	125m	Starting at the junction with Skerries Road between No's. 1 & 5 Village Road travelling east to intersections with Cobblers Walk.
Cobblers Walk	62m	Starting west at No. 13 Village Road travelling southwest.
Belfry Place	42m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 1 & 6 travelling northwest to the intersection with Scholars Walk between No's. 3 & 4.

Millers Square	180m	Starting at the intersection with Belfry Place between No's. 1 & 6 travelling west to the intersection with Tyrells Row between No's. 1 & 21 then south to intersections with Thatcher's Way between No's. 17 & 16 then east to the intersection with Whitehorn Walk between No's. 12 & 36 then north back to the intersection with Belfry Place.
Tyrells Row	50m	Starting at the intersection with Windward Way between No's. 9 & 7 to the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 1 & 21.
Whitethorn Walk	435m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 12 & 36 travelling south to the intersection of Blacksmiths Road between No's. 26 & 25 and travelling east to the junction with Raheny Close.
Thatcher's Way	125m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 17 & 16 travelling south and turning west to between No's. 14 & 12.
Scribes Court	160m	Starting at the intersection with Thatcher's Way between No's. 16 &17 curving south and jutting off east to between No. 18 & No. 17 continuing south also and coming to a T junction between No.'s 6, 14, 12, 11 & 7.
Coopers Walk	62m	Starting at the intersection with Blacksmiths Road between No's. 9 & 16 and continuing south to between No's. 5 & 4.
Blacksmith Road	125m	Starting at the intersection with Thatcher's Way at No. 10 and continuing east to the intersection with Whitehorn Walk Between No's. 25 & 13.
Sweetmans Walk	110m	Starting at the Intersection with Cobblers Walk at No. 1 continuing east slightly curving south to the intersection with Blacksmith Road at No. 4.

Weavers Crescent	97m	Starting at the junction with Scholars Walk south-west to No's. 5 & 6 splitting into T curve going north to No. 1 and south to No. 11.
Great Commons	133m	Starting at the junction with Scholars Walk travelling east to No. 10 then travelling south to the junction with Whitethorn Walk.
Stonemasons Road	113m	Starting at the junction with Whitethorn Walk travelling south to No. 9 then east to Scholars Walk.
Stonemasons Close	60m	Travels west from junction with Stonemasons Road between No's. 5 & 8 to No. 6 then in a northeast curve from No. 1 to No. 6.
Blackraven Court	95m	Starting at Scholars Walk junction traveling west to No. 9.
Saddlers Place	162m	Starting junction with Scholars Walk at No. 1 traveling southwest to No. 9.
Burcage Lane	81m	Staring at the junction with Scholars Walk travelling west to No. 9.
Abbeylands	200m	Starting at the junction with Forge Lane between No's. 1 & 2 travelling northeast in a curve to between No's. 24 & 29 then travelling southeast to Bramble Lane.
Huntsman Road	130m	Starting at the junction with Abbeylands between No. 37 & No. 39 travelling southwest in an S shape to the junction with Great Commons between No. 9 & No. 10.
Perrin Way	102m	Starting at the junction with Great Commons between No. 21 and No. 23 travelling south to the junction with Joyce Road at No 18.

Netterville Place	38m	Starting at the junction with Perrin Way at No. 5 traveling west to No. 2 then north to No 3.
Joyce Road	240m	Starting at the junction with Raheny Close between No's. 1 & 2 travelling west to No. 27 then south to the junction with Norseman Walk.
Norsemans Walk	180m	Starting at the junction with Joyce Road at No. 15 travelling east to No. 1.
Raheny Close	50m	Starting at the junction with Whitehorn Walk travelling south to No. 1 and the junction with Joyce Road and Norseman Walk.
Wendy Walsh Close	95m	Staring at the junction with Joyce Road between No's. 12 & 10 travelling north to No. 9, splitting southeast to No. 13 and north to between No's. 4 & 8 the splitting into T between No's. 5 & 7.
Danes Court	130m	Staring at the junction with Joyce Road between No's. 20 & 18 travelling north to No. 11 then west to No. 12 and east to between No's. 14 & 1 then north again to the junction with Whitethorn Walk between No's. 13 & 11.
Bramble Lane	95m	Starting at No. 4 junction with Abbeylands south to No. 1.
Huntsmans Way	110m	Starting at the junction with Whitethorn Walk between No's. 11 & 8 travelling North to between No's. 3 & 2 shooting off east to the junction with Abbeylands between No's. 3 & 2. Between No's. 1 & 1 travel north to the junction with Little Commons at No. 45.
Little Commons	180m	Starting at the junction with Great Commons between No's. 4 & 5 travelling northeast to between No's. 1 & 23 then splitting in a southeast curve from No. 23 joining back up between No's. 9 & 12 and continuing east to the

		junction with Abbeylands between No's. 43 & 45A.
Total Length	5,402m	

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Coleman Way	35m	Road beginning from north junction with Scholars Walk, between No's. 20 & 22 Scholars Walk, travelling north east to No's. 3 & 8 Coleman Way.
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Village Road	125m	Starting at the junction with Skerries Road between No's. 1 & 5 Village Road travelling east to intersections with Cobblers Walk.
Cobblers Walk	62m	Starting west at No. 13 Village Road travelling southwest.
Belfry Place	42m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 1 & 6 travelling north west to the intersection with Scholars Walk between No's. 3 & 4.
Millers Square	180m	Starting at the intersection with Belfry Place between No's. 1 & 6 travelling west to the intersection with Tyrells Row between No's. 1 & 21 then south to intersections with Thatchers Way Between No's. 17 & 16 then east to the intersection with Whitehorn Walk between No's. 12 & 36 then north back to the intersection with Belfry Place.
Tyrells Row	50m	Starting at the intersection with Windward Way between No's. 9 & 7 to the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 1 & 21.
Whitethorn Walk	435m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 12 & 36 travelling south to the intersection of Blacksmiths Road between No's. 26 & 25 and travelling east to the junction with Raheny Close.
Thatchers Way	125m	Starting at the intersection with Millers Square between No's. 17 & 16 travelling south and turning west to

		between No's. 14 & 12.
Scribes Court	160m	Starting at the intersection with Thatcher's Way between No's. 16 &17 curving south and jutting off east to between No. 18 & No. 17 continuing south also and coming to a T junction between No.'s 6, 14, 12, 11 & 7.
Coopers Walk	62m	Starting at the intersection with Blacksmiths Road between No's. 9 & 16 and continuing south to between No's. 5 & 4.
Blacksmith Road	125m	Starting at the intersection with Thatcher's Way at No. 10 and continuing east to the intersection with Whitehorn Walk Between No's. 25 & 13.
Sweetmans Walk	110m	Starting at the Intersection with Cobblers Walk at No. 1 continuing east slightly curving south to the intersection with Blacksmith Road at No. 4.
Weavers Crescent	97m	Starting at the junction with Scholars Walk south-west to No's. 5 & 6 splitting into T curve going north to No. 1 and south to No. 11.
Great Commons	133m	Starting at the junction with Scholars Walk travelling east to No. 10 then travelling south to the junction with Whitethorn Walk.
Stonemasons Road	113m	Starting at the junction with Whitethorn Walk travelling south to No. 9 then east to Scholars Walk.
Stonemasons Close	60m	Travels west from junction with Stonemasons Road between No's. 5 & 8 to No. 6 then in a northeast curve from No. 1 to No. 6.
Blackraven Court	95m	Starting at Scholars Walk junction traveling west to No. 9.

Saddlers Place	162m	Starting junction with Scholars Walk at No. 1 traveling southwest to No. 9.
Burcage Lane	81m	Staring at the junction with Scholars Walk travelling west to No. 9.
Abbeylands	200m	Starting at the junction with Forge Lane between No's. 1 & 2 travelling northeast in a curve to between No's. 24 & 29 then travelling southeast to Bramble Lane.
Huntsman Road	130m	Starting at the junction with Abbeylands between No. 37 & No. 39 travelling southwest in an S shape to the junction with Great Commons between No. 9 & No. 10.
Perrin Way	102m	Starting at the junction with Great Commons between No. 21 and No. 23 travelling south to the junction with Joyce Road at No 18.
Netterville Place	38m	Starting at the junction with Perrin Way at No. 5 traveling west to No. 2 then north to No 3.
Joyce Road	240m	Starting at the junction with Raheny Close between No's. 1 & 2 travelling west to No. 27 then south to the junction with Norseman Walk.
Norsemans Walk	180m	Starting at the junction with Joyce Road at No. 15 travelling east to No. 1.
Raheny Close	50m	Starting at the junction with Whitehorn Walk travelling south to No. 1 and the junction with Joyce Road and Norseman Walk.
Wendy Walsh Close	95m	Staring at the junction with Joyce Road between No's. 12 & 10 travelling north to No. 9, splitting south east to No. 13 and north to between No's. 4 & 8 the splitting into T between No's. 5 & 7.

Danes Court	130m	Staring at the junction with Joyce Road between No's. 20 & 18 travelling north to No. 11 then west to No. 12 and east to between No's. 14 & 1 then north again to the junction with Whitethorn Walk between No's. 13 & 11.
Bramble Lane	95m	Starting at No. 4 junction with Abbeylands south to No. 1.
Huntsmans Way	110m	Starting at the junction with Whitethorn Walk between No's. 11 & 8 travelling North to between No's. 3 & 2 shooting off east to the junction with Abbeylands between No's. 3 & 2. Between No's. 1 & 1 travel north to the junction with Little Commons at No. 45.
Little Commons	180m	Starting at the junction with Great Commons between No's. 4 & 5 travelling northeast to between No's. 1 & 23 then splitting in a southeast curve from No. 23 joining back up between No's. 9 & 12 and continuing east to the junction with Abbeylands between No's. 43 & 45A.
Total Length	5,402m	



		Storm Manholes				
Manhole Type	No.	Invert Level	Invert Level	Invert Level	Cover Level	Back Drop Level
SMH	1	20.483 (675mm)	20.858 (300mm)	20.933 (225mm)	21.65	
SMH	1.1	20.72			23.026	
SMH	1.2	20.87			23.28	
SMH	1.3	21.006 (675mm)	21.106 (525mm)	21.41 (225mm)	23.505	
SMH	1.4	21.90 (525mm)	22.00 (450mm)		23.646	
SMH	1.5	22.25 (450mm)			24.102	23.29 (300mm)
SMH	1.6	22.58			24.25	
SMH	1.7	22.99 (450mm)	23.14 (300mm)		24.545	
SMH	1.8	23.42			24.934	
SMH	1.9	24.15 (300mm)	24.19 (225)		25.464	
SMH	1.10	24.47			25.803	
SMH	1.11	24.71			26.114	
SMH	22.4	23.9			23.1	
SMH	22.5	23.79			23.045	
SMH	22.6	23.71			23.314	
SMH	22.8	23.548 (300mm)	23.62 (225)		23.743	
SMH						
SMH	22.7	23.79			23.475	
SMH	12.1	21.11 (300mm)	21.2 (300mm)	21.275 (225mm)	22.44	
SMH	12.2	21.37			22.458	
SMH	12.3	22.451 (300mm)			23.088	21.97 (225mm)
SMH	12.4	22.38			24.002	
SMH	12.5	22.72			24.423	
SMH						
SMH	18.1	21.45 (300mm)	21.525 (225mm)		22.616	
SMH	18.2	21.69			22.689	
SMH						
SMH	17.1	21.8			22.822	
SMH	17.2	22.35			23.566	
SMH	17.3	22.81			24.121	
SMH	17.4	23.13			24.446	
SMH	20.1	21.55			22.62	
SMH	15.1	20.953			21.953	
SMH	15.2	21.032			21.956	
SMH	15.3	21.16 (300mm)	21.24(225mm)		22.047	
SMH	15.4	21.6			22.292	
SMH	15.5	21.85			22.712	
SMH	15.6	21.94			22.945	
SMH	15.7	22.13			23.33	
SMH	15.8	22.34			23.667	
SMH	15.9	22.58			24.03	
SMH	2.1	23.61			24.935	
SMH	2.2	23.96			25.466	
SMH	2.3	24.47 (300mm)	24.50 (225mm)		26.15	
SMH	2.4	24.80 (300mm)			26.82	24.93 (225mm)
SMH	2.5	25.75			27.09	
SMH	2.6	26.4			27.63	
SMH	2.7	27.05			28.72	
SMH	4.1	25.05			26.348	
SMH	4.2	25.16			26.024	
SMH	4.3	25.21			26.806	
SMH	6.1	24.5			25.83	
SMH	6.2	24.7			25.57	
SMH	5.1	22.335 (525mm)	22.53 (300mm)	22.41 (450mm)	24.31	
SMH	5.2	22.65			24.29	
SMH	5.3	22.81 (450mm)	22.41 (450mm)	22.690 (225mm)	25.21	
SMH	5.4	23.3			25.22	
SMH	5.5	23.54 (375mm)	23.54 (375mm)	23.510 (225mm)	26.91	
SMH	5.6	24.06	24.14 (225mm)		25.852	
SMH	5.7	24.24			25.555	
SMH	7.1	23.17 (300mm)			24.81	23.36 (225mm)
SMH	7.2	23.55			25.15	
SMH	11.1	23.56			25.68	
SMH	14.1	23.09			25.34	
SMH	9.1	23.95 (300mm)			26.293	24.08 (225mm)
SMH	9.2	24.22			25.88	
SMH	6.1	24.46			25.7	
SMH	6.2	24.51			25.58	
SMH	6.3	24.56			25.48	
SMH	6.4	24.62			25.35	
SMH	6.5	24.65			25.35	
SMH	6.3A	24.61			25.32	
SMH	10.1	24.42			26.8	
SMH	10.2	25.45			27.1	25.92
SMH	10.3	25.64			27.185	
SMH	10.4	25.67			27.229	
SMH	10.5	26.13			27.267	
SMH	8.1	20.15			21.92	
SMH	8.2	20.48			22.146	
SMH	8.3	20.48 (300mm)	20.555 (225mm)		22.14	
SMH	8.4	20.56			22.29	
SMH	8.5	20.75			21.233	
SMH	8.6	20.88			21.79	
SMH	8.5A	20.815			22.48	
SMH	13.1	20.31 (450mm)	20.345 (375mm)	20.40 (225mm)	21.38	
SMH	13.2	20.46			21.55	
SMH	13.3	20.71			22.39	
SMH	13.4	20.87			22.67	
SMH	13.5	21.03			22.79	
SMH	13.6	21.16			22.89	
SMH	13.7	21.37			23	
SMH	13.8	21.54			23.17	
SMH	13.9	21.99 (375mm)	22.12 (300mm)		23.72	22.2 (225mm)
SMH	13.10	22.47			23.72	
SMH	16.1	20.73			21.48	
SMH	19.1	22.27			23.96	
SMH	19.2	22.44 (300mm)	22.51 (225mm)		24.07	
SMH	19.3	22.57			24.19	
SMH	19.4	22.77			24.62	
SMH	19.5	23.08			24.69	
SMH	18.1	22.95			24.936	
SMH	18.2	23.18			25.01	
SMH	21.1	22.1			23.52	
SMH	23.1	20.43			21.65	
SMH	23.2	20.58			21.91	
SMH	23.3	20.71 (375mm)	20.785 (300mm)		22.16	
SMH	23.4	20.87			22.38	
SMH	23.5	21			22.56	
SMH	23.6	21.35 (300mm)	21.425 (225mm)		22.87	
SMH	23.7	21.76			23.19	
SMH	23.8	22.01			23.44	
SMH	23.9	22.19			23.64	
SMH	23.10	22.62			24.07	
SMH	24.1	22.39				
SMH	25.1	20.57			21.84	
SMH	25.2	20.67			22.14	
SMH	25.3	20.74 (375mm)	20.79 (300mm)		22.23	
SMH	25.4	20.82 (300mm)	20.89 (225mm)		22.62	
SMH	25.5	21.13 (300mm)	21.205 (225mm)		22.62	
SMH	25.6	21.33			22.78	
SMH	25.7	21.76			23.11	
SMH	25.8	21.939			23.33	
SMH	26.1	21.33			22.73	
SMH	26.2	21.63			23.22	
SMH	27.1	20.93			22.43	
SMH	27.2	21.16			22.74	
SMH	27.3	21.54			23.15	
SMH	28.1	20.92			22.86	
SMH	28.2	21.49			23.042	
SMH	28.3	21.67			23.138	
SMH	3.1	21.39			23.6	
SMH	3.2	21.45			23.06	
SMH	3.3	21.5			23.21	
SMH	3.4	21.66 (375mm)	21.73 (300mm)		23.35	
SMH	3.5	21.96			23.58	
SMH	3.6	22.14			23.84	
SMH	3.7	22.3			23.97	
SMH	3.8	22.54			24.19	
SMH	3.9	22.66 (300mm)	22.72 (225mm)		24.3	
SMH	3.10	23.4			24.78	
SMH	3.11	23.45			25.02	
SMH	3.12	23.7			25.23	
SMH	3.13	24.13			25.06	
SMH	3.14	24.28			25.85	
SMH	3.15	24.66			26.16	
SMH	28.1	21.65 (525mm)	21.95 (225mm)		22.79	
SMH	28.2	21.275 (525mm)	21.465 (225mm)		22.9	
SMH	28.3	21.45 (525mm)	21.60 (375mm)		23.407	
SMH	28.4	21.67 (375mm)	21.78 (225mm)		23.42	
SMH	28.5	21.87			23.744	
SMH	28.6	20.03			23.898	
SMH	28.7	22.12			23.857	
SMH	28.8	22.29 (375mm)	22.44 (225mm)		24.1	
SMH	28.9	22.46 (300mm)	22.50 (225mm)		23.887	
SMH	28.10	22.7			24.309	
SMH	28.1	22.8			24.161	
SMH	29.1	22.91			24.45	
SMH	29.2	23.38			24.795	
SMH	30.1	22.02			23.52	
SMH	30.2	22.09			23.63	
SMH	30.3	22.17			23.71	
SMH	31.1	21.58			23.01	
SMH	31.2	21.92			23.34	
SMH	32.1	21.84			23.48	
SMH	33.1	21.545			20.041	
SMH	33.2	21.361			22.279	
SMH	33.3	22.089			20.324	
SMH	33.4	20.341			22.164	
SMH	33.5	20.359			22.14	
SMH	33.6	20.503			22.244	
SMH	33.7	20.568 (675mm)	20.664 (600mm)		22.279	
SMH	33.8	20.612			22.339	
SMH	33.9	20.704 (675mm)	20.77 (600mm)		22.869	
SMH	33.10	20.840 (675mm)	20.915 (600mm)		21.789	
SMH	34.1	20.883			22.674	
SMH	35.1	20.732			22.649	
SMH	36.1	20.287			22.364	
SMH	37.1	20.481 (675mm)			22.623	20.928 (600mm)
SMH	37.2	21.034 (600mm)	21.414 (225mm)		22.744	
SMH	37.3	21.565			23.028	
SMH	38.1	20.973			22.754	
SMH	38.2	21.05 (675mm)	21.173 (450mm)	21.353 (300mm)	23.057	
SMH	38.3	21.34			23.216	
SMH	38.4	21.376 (450mm)	21.467 (375mm)	21.524 (300mm)	23.24	
SMH	38.5	21.539			23.174	
SMH	38.6	21.563 (375mm)	21.650 (300mm)		23.115	
SMH	38.7	21.75	21.859 (225mm)		23.356	
SMH	38.8	21.964			23.521	
SMH	39.1	21.596			23.336	
SMH	39.2	21.65 (300mm)	21.743 (225mm)		23.457	
SMH	39.3	21.838			23.547	
SMH	40.1	21.437 (300mm)	21.510 (225mm)		23.24	
SMH	40.2	21.554			23.389	
SMH	40.3	21.675			23.679	
SMH	41.1	21.646			23.92	
SMH	42.1	21.776			23.739	
SMH	43.1	21.755			23.749	
SMH	44.1	21.66			22.06	

			Foul Manholes	
Manhole Type.	No.	Invert Level	Cover Level	Back Drop Level
FMH	0.5	19.8	21.41	
FMH	1.0a	19.79	21.862	
FMH	1	19.79	21.862	
FMH	1.1	20.02	21.816	
FMH	1.2	20.21	21.935	
FMH	1.3	20.55	22.69	
FMH	1.4	21.17	23.27	
FMH	1.5	21.29	23.48	
FMH	1.6	21.5	23.51	
FMH	1.7	21.66	23.691	
FMH	1.8	22.04	24.142	
FMH	1.9	22.32	24.57	
FMH	1.10	22.74	24.986	22.95 (225mm)
FMH	1.11	23.21	25.464	
FMH	1.12	23.46	25.575	
FMH	1.13	23.7	26.061	
FMH	1.14	23.82	26.08	
FMH	0.3	20.32	22.34	
FMH	12.1	20.68	22.438	
FMH	12.2	20.99	22.549	
FMH	12.3	21.024	23.024	
FMH	12.4	22.38	23.907	
FMH	12.5	23	24.307	
FMH	18.1	20.98	22.552	
FMH	18.2	21.09	22.603	
FMH	17.1	21.36	22.853	
FMH	17.2	21.99	23.583	
FMH	17.3	22.48	24.077	
FMH	17.4	22.69	24.413	
FMH	17.5	22.87	25.496	
FMH	20.1	21.2	22.699	
FMH	20.2	21.47	22.66	
FMH	15.1	20.2	21.992	
FMH	15.2	20.52	22.078	
FMH	15.3	21.04	22.337	
FMH	15.4	21.42	22.71	
FMH	15.5	21.7	22.982	
FMH	15.6	22.04	23.344	
FMH	15.7	22.35	23.688	
FMH	15.8	22.71	24.024	
FMH	19.1	21.79	23.784	
FMH	2.1	22.72	24.999	
FMH	2.2	23.03	25.436	
FMH	2.3	23.54	26.09	23.89 (225mm)
FMH	2.4	23.92	26.623	
FMH	2.5	24.61	27.11	25.07 (225mm)
FMH	2.6	25.51	26.21	
FMH	2.7	26.39	27.408	
FMH	6.1	23.99	25.85	
FMH	6.2	24.18	25.53	
FMH	3.1	21.66	24.04	22.27 (255mm)
FMH	3.2	21.75	24.26	
FMH	3.3	22.32	25.13	
FMH	3.4	22.77	26.03	
FMH	3.5	22.94	26.52	
FMH	3.6	23.11	26.76	24.76 (255mm)
FMH	3.7	23.14	26.76	23.18 (255mm)
FMH	3.8	23.73	26.152	
FMH	7.1	23.78	25.83	
FMH	7.2	23.83	25.4	
FMH	7.3	23.88	25.42	
FMH	7.4	23.94	25.3	
FMH	7.5	24.01	25.3	
FMH	7.6	24.14	25.05	
FMH	7.7	24.18	25.1	
FMH	7.8	24.23	25.13	
FMH	11.1	23.46	26.46	
FMH	11.2	23.95	25.87	
FMH	11.3	24.03	25.648	
FMH	21.1	25.04	26.86	
FMH	21.2	25.68	27.137	
FMH	21.3	25.85	27.472	
FMH	14.1	22.6	26.27	
FMH	16.1	21.47	23.57	
FMH	24.1	22.4	24.76	
FMH	24.2	22.73	26.14	
FMH	07A	19.04	21.88	
FMH	40.1	19.12	21.74	
FMH	40.2	19.15	22.92	
FMH	40.3	19.17	22.1	
FMH	40.3a	19.2	22.561	
FMH	40.3b	19.22	21.976	
FMH	40.4	19.25	21.82	
FMH	40.5	19.29	21.59	
FMH	0.8	19.85	21.71	
FMH	5.1a	19.89	21.88	
FMH	5.1	19.891	21.824	
FMH	5.2	20.22	22.494	
FMH	5.3	20.38	22.693	
FMH	5.4	20.59	22.953	
FMH	5.4a	20.7	22.94	
FMH	5.5	20.99	23.116	
FMH	5.6	21.11	23.326	
FMH	5.6a	21.38	23.541	
FMH	5.7	21.63	23.851	
FMH	5.8	21.99	24.083	
FMH	5.9	22.25	24.403	
FMH	5.10	22.48	24.737	
FMH	5.11	22.67	24.757	
FMH	12.1	21.39	23.093	
FMH	13.1	22.19	24.484	
FMH	13.2	22.38	24.953	
FMH	13.2a	22.51	25.153	
FMH	13.3	22.47	25.083	
FMH	0.10	18.61	22	
FMH	4.1	19.1	21.818	
FMH	4.2	19.99	22.159	
FMH	4.3	20.18	22.366	
FMH	4.4	20.37	22.695	
FMH	4.5	20.62	22.941	
FMH	4.6	20.85	23.346	
FMH	4.7	21	23.346	
FMH	4.8	21.11	23.466	
FMH	4.9	21.58	24.002	
FMH	4.10	21.8	23.674	
FMH	26.2a	20.43	22.184	
FMH	26.2	20.54	22.319	
FMH	26.3	20.62	22.424	
FMH	26.4	20.74	22.517	
FMH	8.1	20.762	22.693	
FMH	8.2	20.78	22.837	
FMH	8.9	22.1	23.985	
FMH	10.1	21.33	23.496	
FMH	10.2	21.63	23.68	
FMH	10.3	21.75	23.755	
FMH	10.4	21.8	23.795	
FMH	19.1	21.7	28.678	
FMH	19.2	21.784	23.597	
FMH	19.3	21.884	23.5	22.112 (255mm)
FMH	19.4	22.178	23.472	
FMH	19.5	22.279	23.404	
FMH	23.1	22.221	23.731	
FMH	23.2	22.488	23.556	
FMH	23.3	22.619 (225mm)	23.434	22.734 (80mm)
FMH	24.1	21.613	23.048	
FMH	24.2	21.504	23.154	
FMH	24.3	21.338	23.219	
FMH	24.3a	21.992	23.592	
FMH	24.4	21.187	23.207	
FMH	24.5	20.987	23.087	21.867 (255mm)
FMH	24.5a	21.938	23.281	
FMH	24.6	22.097	23.649	
FMH	24.6a	20.833	22.748	
FMH	24.6	20.24	20.454	20.464 (255mm)
FMH	24.7	20.036	22.224	
FMH	24.8	19.915	21.829	
FMH	24.9	19.798	21.885	
FMH	24.10	19.688	21.943	
FMH	24.11	19.545	21.777	

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER			
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TAKING IN CHARGE — Lusk,Village
Lusk — Lusk

Areas proposed to be taken in charge
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 19g

THORNLEIGH, SWORDS

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 – 1751
Taking In Charge – Thornleigh
ED: Swords-Lissenhall, TD: Broadmeadow

Road Name	Length	Description
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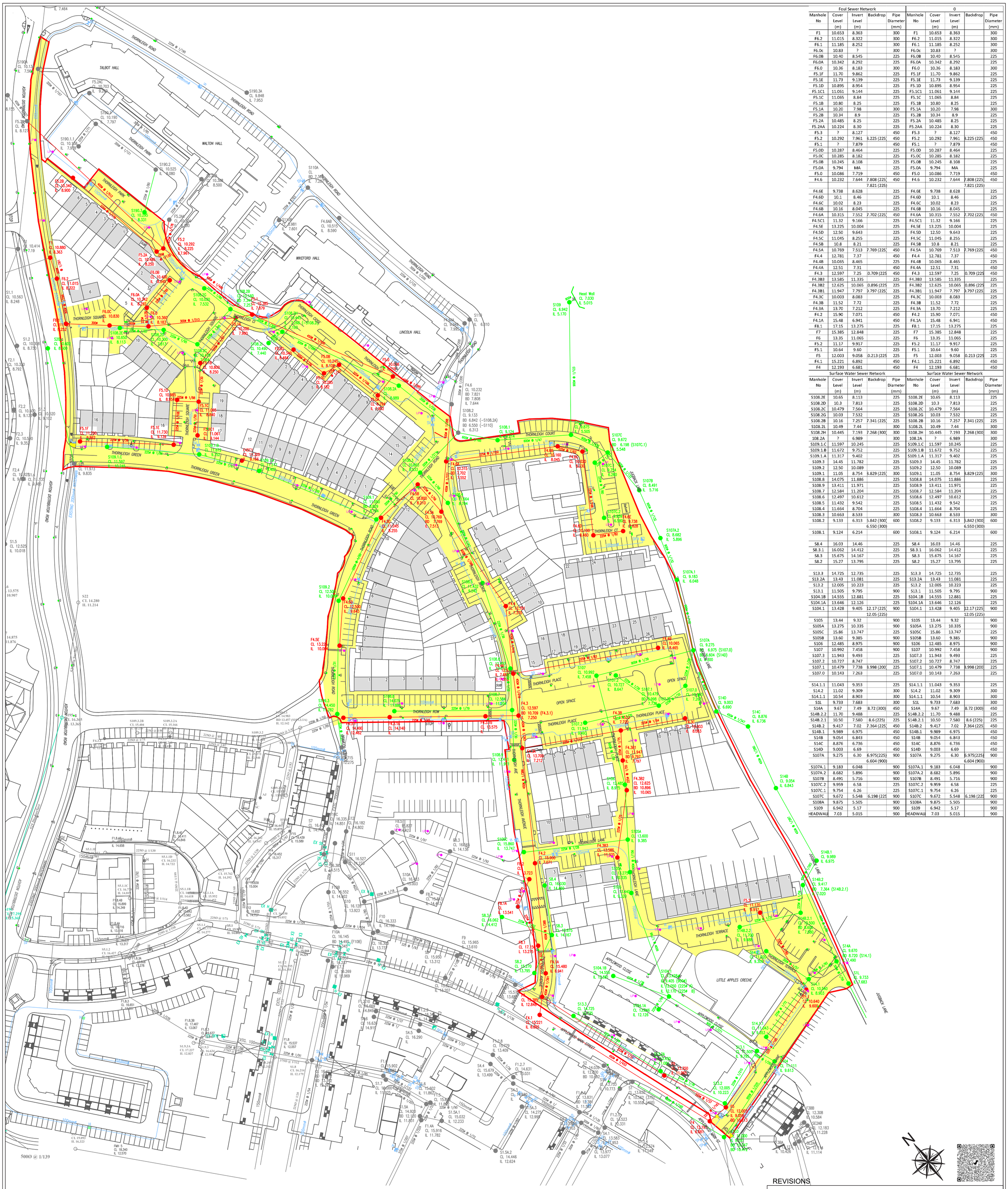
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Thornleigh Avenue	254m	Starting at junctions with Applewood Main Street. Travelling northwest to junction with Thornleigh Road.
Thornleigh Road	154m	Starting at the junction with Thornleigh Row, House No. 1 & 26 travelling North to intersections with Thornleigh Close.
Thornleigh Court	110m	Starting at junction of Thornleigh Road heading east for 60m and then heading south for 50m until end.
Thornleigh Green	143m	Starting at the intersection with Ashton Distributor Road, travelling East to the intersection with Thornleigh Road.
Thornleigh Close	112m	Starting at the intersection with Thornleigh Road travelling Northwest to the intersection with Thornleigh Square.
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	Total Length: 1775m	

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Foul Sewer Network					0				
Manhole No	Cover Level (m)	Invert Level (m)	Backdrop	Pipe Diameter (mm)	Manhole No	Cover Level (m)	Invert Level (m)	Backdrop	Pipe Diameter (mm)
F1	10.653	8.363		300	F1	10.653	8.363		300
F6.2	11.015	8.322		300	F6.2	11.015	8.322		300
F6.1	11.185	8.252		300	F6.1	11.185	8.252		300
F6.0c	10.83	?		300	F6.0c	10.83	?		300
F6.0B	10.40	8.545		225	F6.0B	10.40	8.545		225
F6.0A	10.342	8.292		225	F6.0A	10.342	8.292		225
F6.0	10.36	8.183		300	F6.0	10.36	8.183		300
F5.1F	11.70	9.862		225	F5.1F	11.70	9.862		225
F5.1E	11.73	9.139		225	F5.1E	11.73	9.139		225
F5.1D	10.895	8.954		225	F5.1D	10.895	8.954		225
F5.1C1	11.061	9.144		225	F5.1C1	11.061	9.144		225
F5.1C	11.065	8.84		225	F5.1C	11.065	8.84		225
F5.1B	10.80	8.25		225	F5.1B	10.80	8.25		225
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F5.2AA	10.224	8.30		225	F5.2AA	10.224	8.30		225
F5.3	?	8.127		450	F5.3	?	8.127		450
F5.2	10.292	7.961	8.225 (225	450	F5.2	10.292	7.961	8.225 (225	450
F5.1	?	7.879		450	F5.1	?	7.879		450
F5.0D	10.287	8.464		225	F5.0D	10.287	8.464		225
F5.0C	10.285	8.182		225	F5.0C	10.285	8.182		225
F5.0B	10.245	8.108		225	F5.0B	10.245	8.108		225
F5.0A	9.794	MA		225	F5.0A	9.794	MA		225
F5.0	10.086	7.719		450	F5.0	10.086	7.719		450
F4.6	10.232	7.644	7.808 (225	450	F4.6	10.232	7.644	7.808 (225	450
			7.821 (225)					7.821 (225)	
F4.6E	9.738	8.628		225	F4.6E	9.738	8.628		225
F4.6D	10.1	8.46		225	F4.6D	10.1	8.46		225
F4.6C	10.02	8.23		225	F4.6C	10.02	8.23		225
F4.6B	10.16	8.045		225	F4.6B	10.16	8.045		225
F4.6A	10.315	7.552	7.702 (225	450	F4.6A	10.315	7.552	7.702 (225	450
F4.5C1	11.32	9.166		225	F4.5C1	11.32	9.166		225
F4.5E	13.225	10.004		225	F4.5E	13.225	10.004		225
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F4.5A	10.769	7.513	7.769 (225	450	F4.5A	10.769	7.513	7.769 (225	450
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F4.3B2	12.625	10.065	0.896 (225	225	F4.3B2	12.625	10.065	0.896 (225	225
F4.3B1	11.947	7.797	9.797 (225	225	F4.3B1	11.947	7.797	9.797 (225	225
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F4.3B	11.52	7.72		225	F4.3B	11.52	7.72		225
F4.3A	13.70	7.212		225	F4.3A	13.70	7.212		225
F4.2	15.90	7.071		450	F4.2	15.90	7.071		450
F4.1A	15.48	6.941		450	F4.1A	15.48	6.941		450
F8.1	17.15	13.275		225	F8.1	17.15	13.275		225
F7	15.385	12.848		225	F7	15.385	12.848		225
F6	13.35	11.065		225	F6	13.35	11.065		225
F5.2	11.17	9.917		225	F5.2	11.17	9.917		225
F5.1	10.64	9.60		225	F5.1	10.64	9.60		225
F5	12.003	9.058	0.213 (225	225	F5	12.003	9.058	0.213 (225	225
F4.1	15.221	6.892		450	F4.1	15.221	6.892		450
F4	12.193	6.681		450	F4	12.193	6.681		450
Surface Water Sewer Network					Surface Water Sewer Network				
Manhole No	Cover Level (m)	Invert Level (m)	Backdrop	Pipe Diameter (mm)	Manhole No	Cover Level (m)	Invert Level (m)	Backdrop	Pipe Diameter (mm)
S108.2E	10.65	8.113		225	S108.2E	10.65	8.113		225
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S108.2C	10.479	7.564		225	S108.2C	10.479	7.564		225
S108.2G	10.03	7.532		225	S108.2G	10.03	7.532		225
S108.2B	10.16	7.257	7.341 (225	225	S108.2B	10.16	7.257	7.341 (225	225
S108.2L	10.49	7.44		300	S108.2L	10.49	7.44		300
S108.2H	10.445	7.193	7.268 (300	300	S108.2H	10.445	7.193	7.268 (300	300
108.2A	?	6.989		300	108.2A	?	6.989		300
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S109.1	11.05	8.754	8.829 (225	300	S109.1	11.05	8.754	8.829 (225	300
S108.8	14.075	11.886		225	S108.8	14.075	11.886		225
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S108.7	12.584	11.204		225	S108.7	12.584	11.204		225
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S108.5	11.432	9.542		225	S108.5	11.432	9.542		225
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S104.1	13.428	9.405	12.17 (225	900	S104.1	13.428	9.405	12.17 (225	900
			12.05 (225)					12.05 (225)	
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S105A	13.275	10.335		900	S105A	13.275	10.335		900
S105C	15.86	13.747		225	S105C	15.86	13.747		225
S105B	13.60	9.385		900	S105B	13.60	9.385		900
S106	12.485	8.975		900	S106	12.485	8.975		900
S107	10.992	7.458		900	S107	10.992	7.458		900
S107.3	11.943	9.493		225	S107.3	11.943	9.493		225
S107.2	10.727	8.747		225	S107.2	10.727	8.747		225
S107.1	10.479	7.738	8.998 (200	225	S107.1	10.479	7.738	8.998 (200	225
S107.0	10.143	7.263		225	S107.0	10.143	7.263		225
S14.1.1	11.043	9.353		225	S14.1.1	11.043	9.353		225
S14.2	11.02	9.309		300	S14.2	11.02	9.309		300
S14.1.1	10.54	8.903		300	S14.1.1	10.54	8.903		300
S1L	9.733	7.683		300	S1L	9.733	7.683		300
S14A	9.67	7.49	8.72 (300)	450	S14A	9.67	7.49	8.72 (300)	450
S14B.2.2	11.70	9.488		225	S14B.2.2	11.70	9.488		225
S14B.2.1	10.50	7.580	8.6 (225)	225	S14B.2.1	10.50	7.580	8.6 (225)	225
S14B.2	9.417	7.02	7.364 (225	450	S14B.2	9.417	7.02	7.364 (225	450
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S14B	9.054	6.843		450	S14B	9.054	6.843		450
S14C	8.876	6.736		450	S14C	8.876	6.736		450
S14D	9.003	6.69		450	S14D	9.003	6.69		450
S107A	9.275	6.30	6.975(225)	900	S107A	9.275	6.30	6.975(225)	900
			6.604 (900)					6.604 (900)	
S107A.1	9.183	6.048		900	S107A.1	9.183	6.048		900
S107A.2	8.682	5.896		900	S107A.2	8.682	5.896		900
S107B	8.491	5.716		900	S107B	8.491	5.716		900
S107C.2	9.959	6.58		225	S107C.2	9.959	6.58		225
S107C.1	9.754	6.26		225	S107C.1	9.754	6.26		225
S107C	9.672	5.548	6.198 (225	900	S107C	9.672	5.548	6.198 (225	900
S108A	9.875	5.505		900	S108A	9.875	5.505		900
S109	6.942	5.17		900	S109	6.942	5.17		900
HEADWALL	7.03	5.015		900	HEADWALL	7.03	5.015		900

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

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CHECKED BY:	D. Gormley/Y.Cao	**DRAWN BY:** E.Finnegan(Throntons)/Y.Cao	SCALED DIMENSIONS TO BE USED.
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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Thornleigh, Swords

ED - Swords-Lissenhall TD - Broadmeadow

FOUL SEWER

SURFACE WATER

WATER MAINS

OTHER

Area proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Sewer System proposed to be taken in charge

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermain System proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant HYD Sluice Valve

ITEM 20

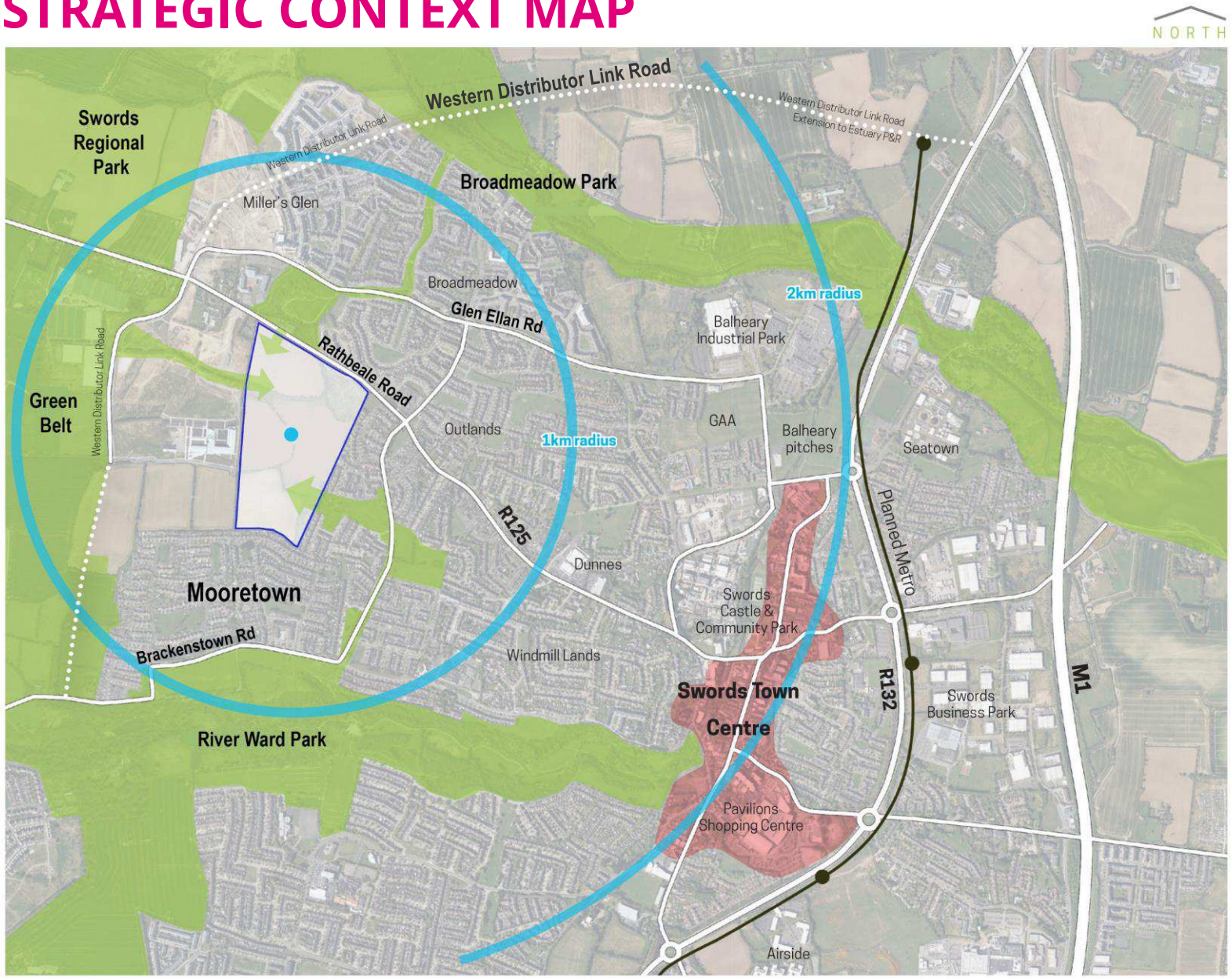
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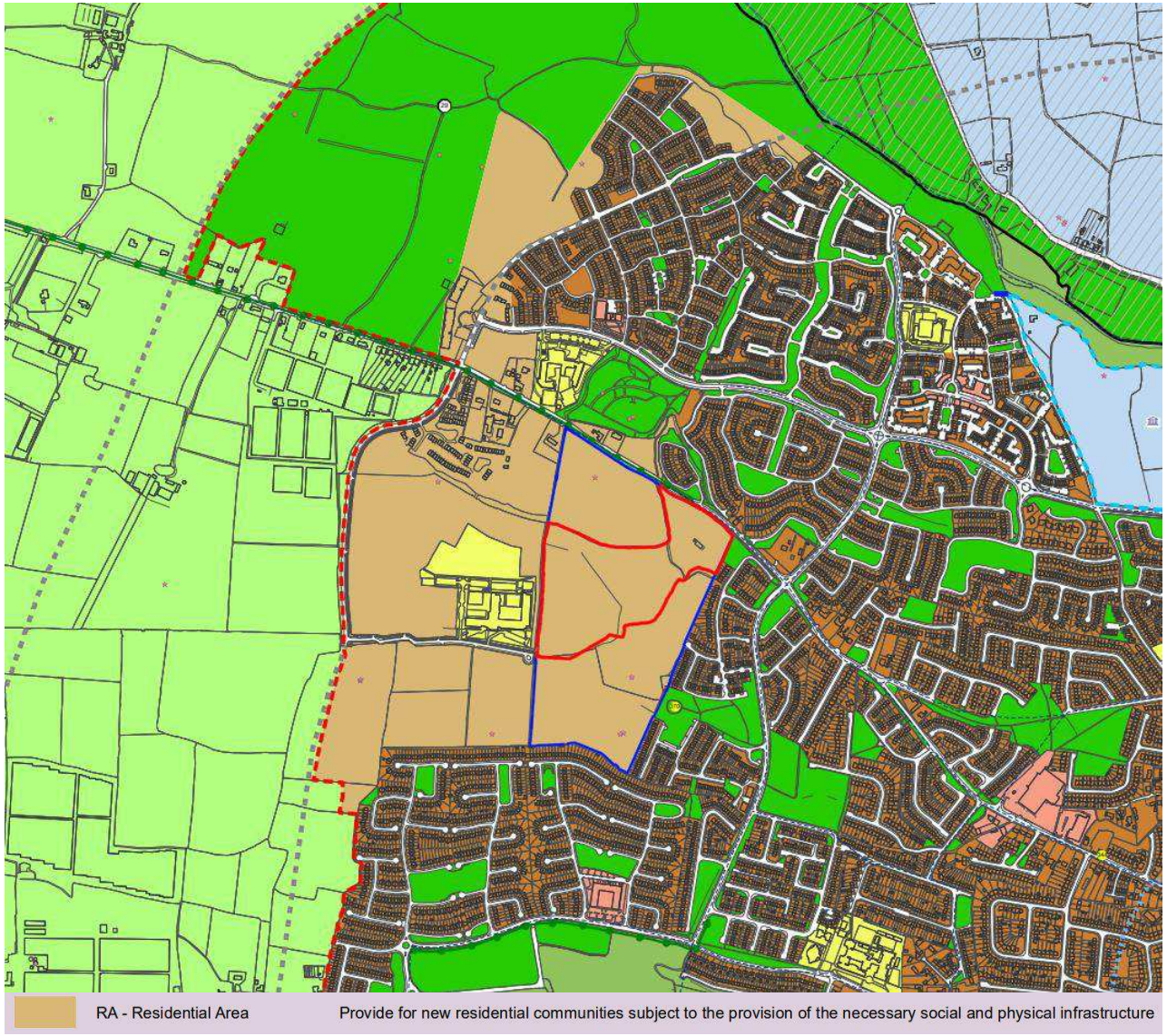
Local Authority Development Proposal for 274 no. new Houses, Apartments and Duplexes and associated site development works at Rathbeale Road, Swords.

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).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT MAP



FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-29:
MAP SHEET 8 SWORDS

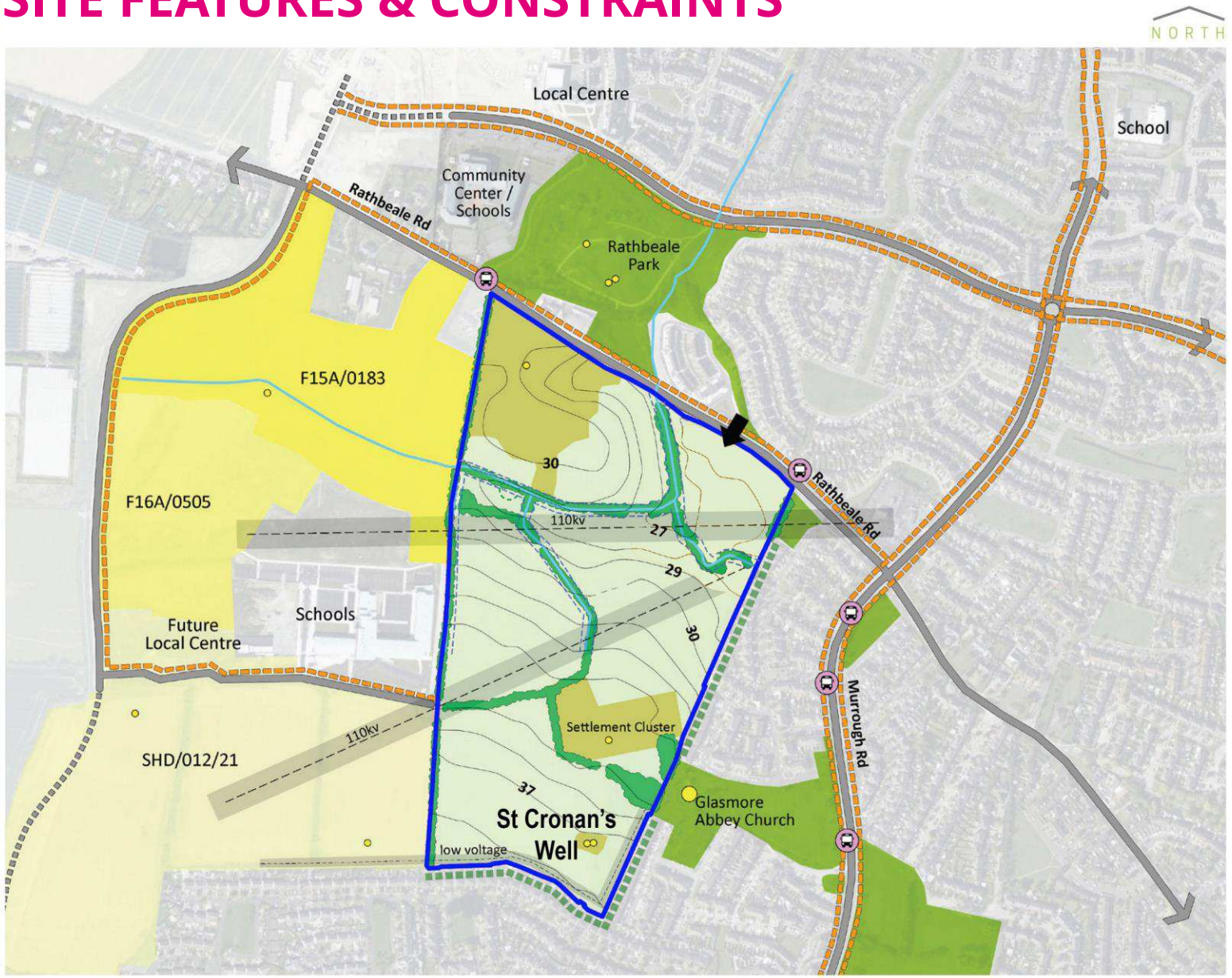


Land Use Zoning:

RA - Residential Area:

Provide for new residential communities subject to the provision of the necessary social and physical infrastructure.

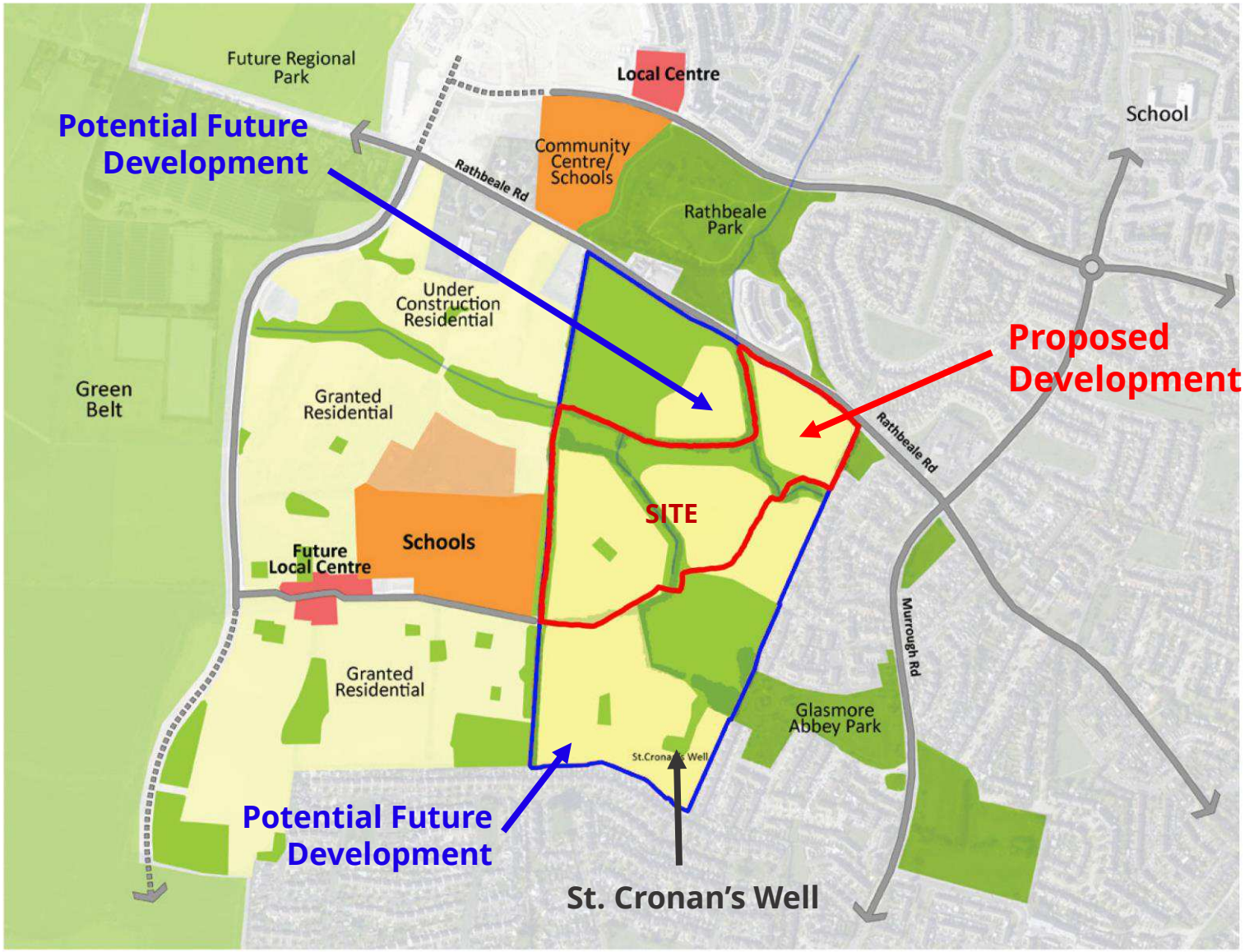
SITE FEATURES & CONSTRAINTS



Key

- Extent of FCC Ownership
- Existing Open Space
- Areas of archaeological remains within site
- Existing trees/hedgerows
- Water features/ditches
- Sites & Monuments (SMR)
- Protected Structures
- Existing Bus Stops
- Existing dedicated cycling facilities
- High voltage powerlines to be undergrounded
- Powerlines easements
- Riparian Corridors
- Sensitive Existing Development Boundaries
- 37 Existing topography
- Partially constructed access point
- Development Under Construction 250 no. Units (F15A/0183)
- Future Development Granted Permission 228 no. Units (F16A/0505)
- Future Development Granted Permission 568 no. Units (SHD/012/21)

DEVELOPMENT AREAS



Greenfield site of c. 9.35ha, owned by Fingal County Council.

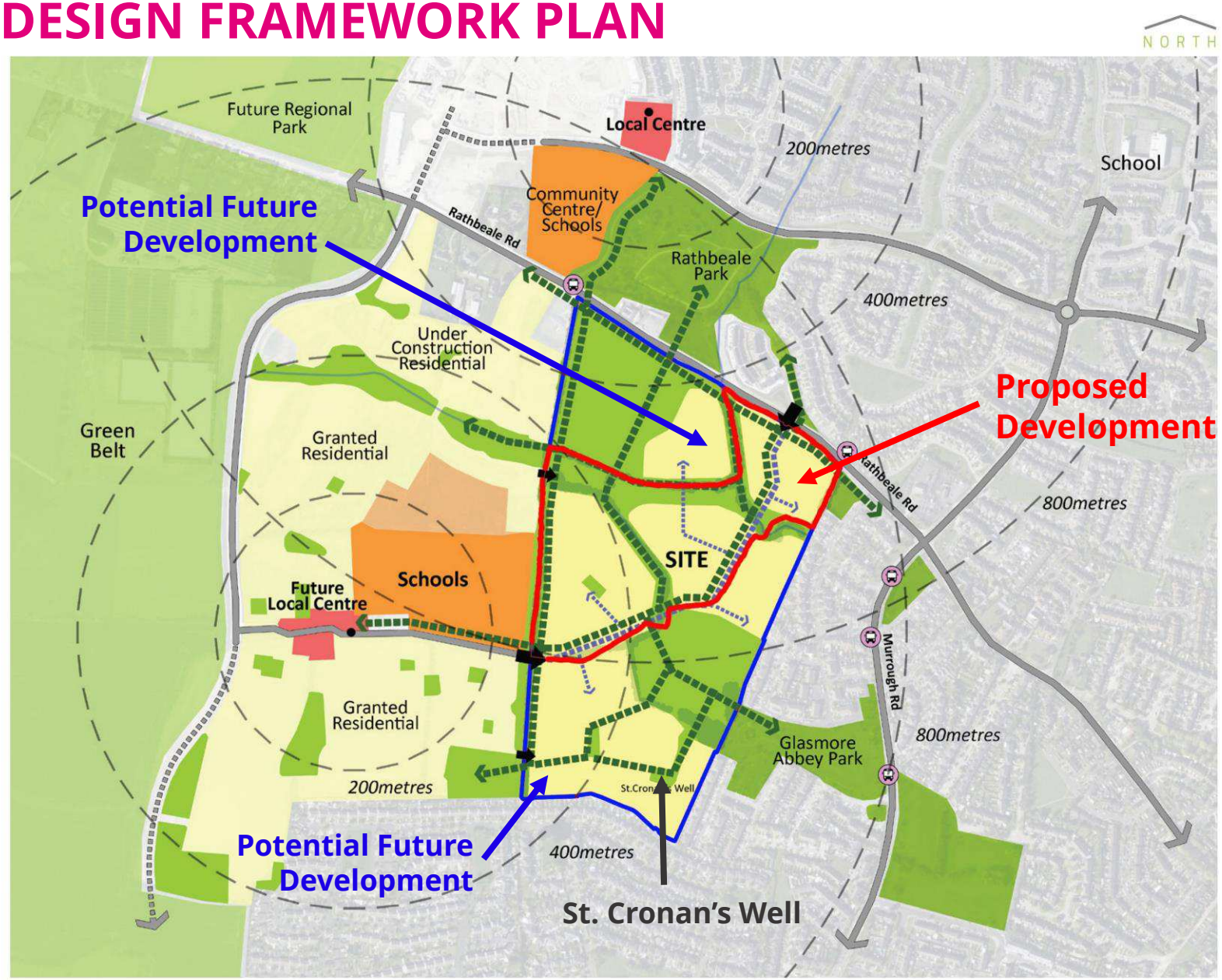
Continuously sloping ground in south-north direction.

The site falls approx. 10m from the southwestern corner towards the lowest point north at Rathbeale Road.

Key

- Extent of FCC Ownership
- Open space/amenity/play
- Green Belt
- Swords Regional Park
- Local Centre (existing / future)
- Community/ Education
- Residential (under construction/ granted)
- Proposed Residential

DESIGN FRAMEWORK PLAN



Key

- Extent of FCC Ownership
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- Green Belt
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- Residential (under construction/ granted)
- Proposed Residential
- Pedestrian/ Cycle Links
- Existing Bus Stops
- Main vehicular access
- Potential secondary vehicular access
- Primary link street
- Local access

PROPOSED SITE PLAN



Residential Typologies and Distribution



Frontage and Building Height Diagram

PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT PLAN



A. Main entrance from Rathbeale Road
B. Apartment Block 2A
C. Apartment Block 2B
D. New Link Street
E. Road, Pedestrian and Cycleway connection to adjoining development
F. Pedestrian and Cycleway connection to adjoining development
G. Potential future pedestrian connection to future Class 1 Open Space
H. Mill Stream Riparian Corridor
I. New cycle link
J. Riparian Corridor
K. New cycle link

PROPOSED HOUSE TYPE PLAN



HOUSE TYPES LEGEND:

HOUSETYPE A/A1	- 2 BED - 2 STOREY
HOUSETYPE B	- 3 BED - 2 STOREY
HOUSETYPE C	- 3 BED - 2 STOREY
HOUSETYPE D/D1	- 3 BED - 3 STOREY
HOUSETYPE E/E1	- 3 BED - 3 STOREY
HOUSETYPE F	- 4 BED - 2 STOREY
HOUSETYPE G/G1/G2	- 4 BED - 3 STOREY
HOUSETYPE H	- 1 BED APT GF (3S CORNER UNIT) UD
HOUSETYPE J	- 2 BED DUPLEX FF/SF (3S CORNER UNIT)
HOUSETYPE K	- 1 BED APT GF (3S CORNER UNIT)
HOUSETYPE L	- 2 BED DUPLEX FF/SF (3S CORNER UNIT)
HOUSETYPE M	- 2 BED APT GF (2S CORNER UNIT)
HOUSETYPE N	- 2 BED APT GF (2S CORNER UNIT)
HOUSETYPE P	- 3 BED DUPLEX GF/FF (2S CORNER UNIT)

MIX OF DWELLING TYPES

Dwelling Summary:

The proposed development consists of 274 no. residential units comprising 187 no. houses, 50 no. apartment units in 2 no. blocks, and 37 no. own door duplex / apartment units

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	Total
Houses		54	114	19	187
Duplex / Apartments (own door)	14	20	3		37
Apartments (in 2 no. Blocks)	4	35	11		50
TOTAL :	18 (7%)	109 (40%)	128 (47%)	19 (7%)	274

Universal & Age Friendly Design:

48 no. Universal Design units including 37 no. Age Friendly units

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Residential Density

Residential units:	274no.
Gross site area:	9.35Ha
Net Site Area:	7.00Ha
Net Density:	**39 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)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)

Public Open Space

Class 2 Open Space: c.18,065m² incl. Riparian Corridors

Car Parking

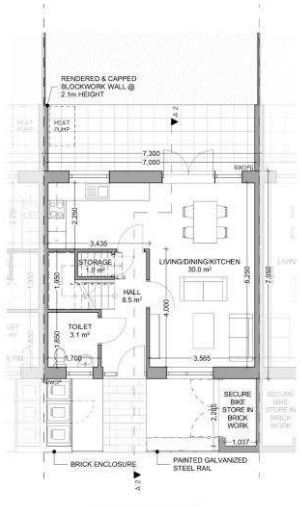
415 total car parking spaces, comprising 357 no. resident spaces and 58 no. visitor spaces.
Includes 83 no. street EV charging bays

Bicycle Storage

1,117 no. long stay secure bicycle parking spaces
26 no. short stay (visitor) bicycle parking spaces

TYPICAL HOUSE TYPES

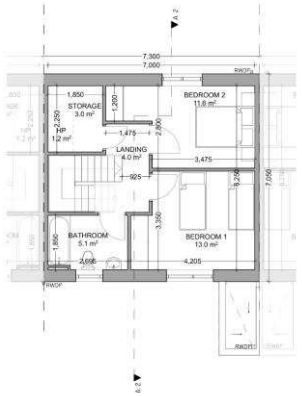
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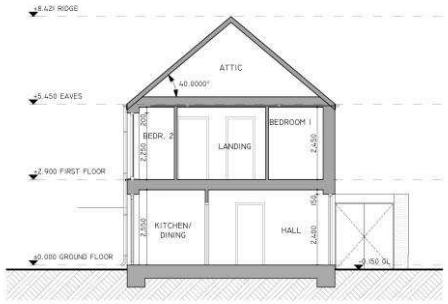
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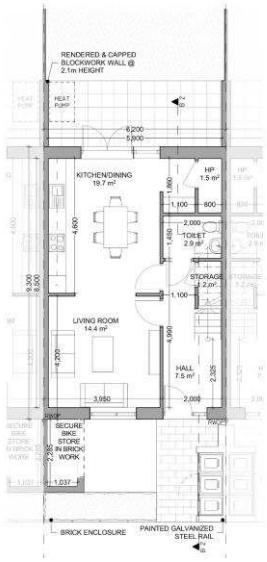
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First Floor Plan

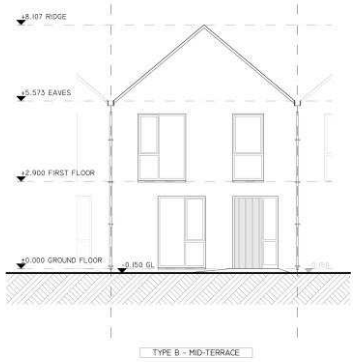


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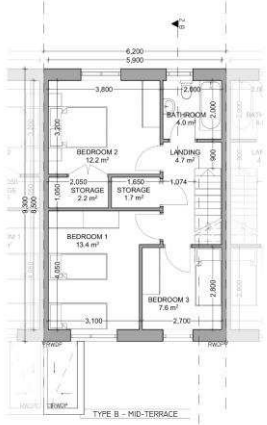


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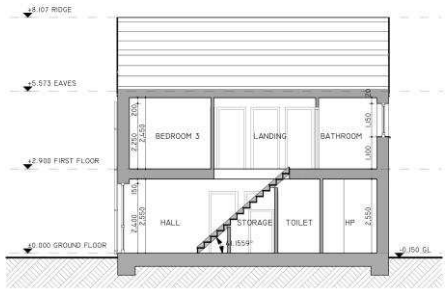
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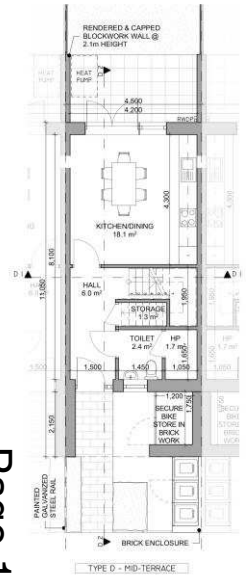
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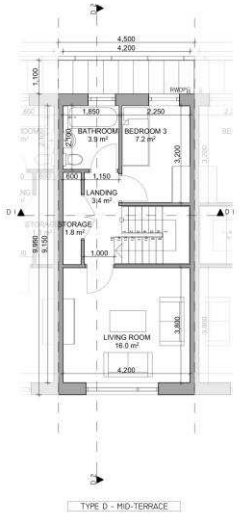
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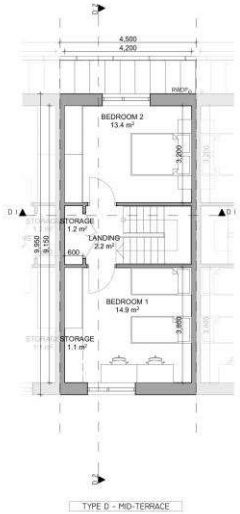
TYPE D (3 Bed/ 5 Person)



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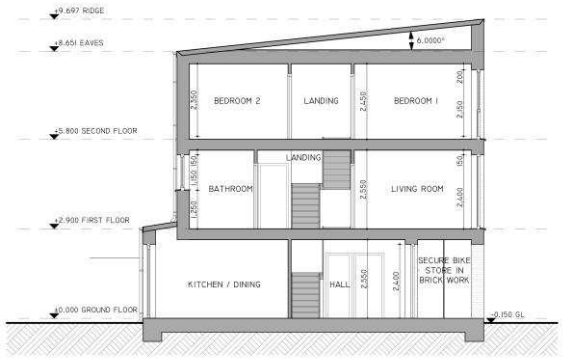
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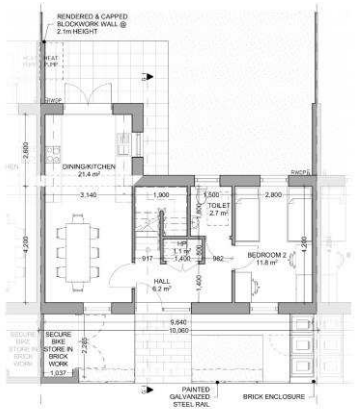
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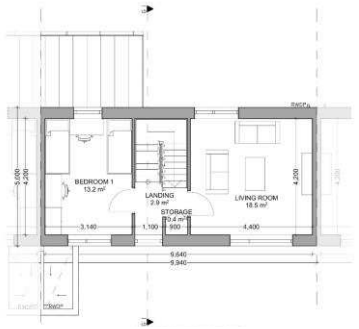
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Type G – Ground Floor Plan



Type G – First Floor Plan

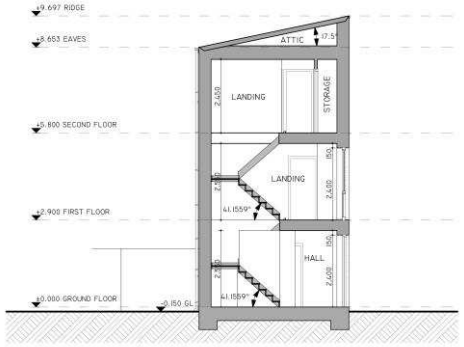


Type G – Second Floor Plan

TYPE G (4 Bed/ 7 Person)

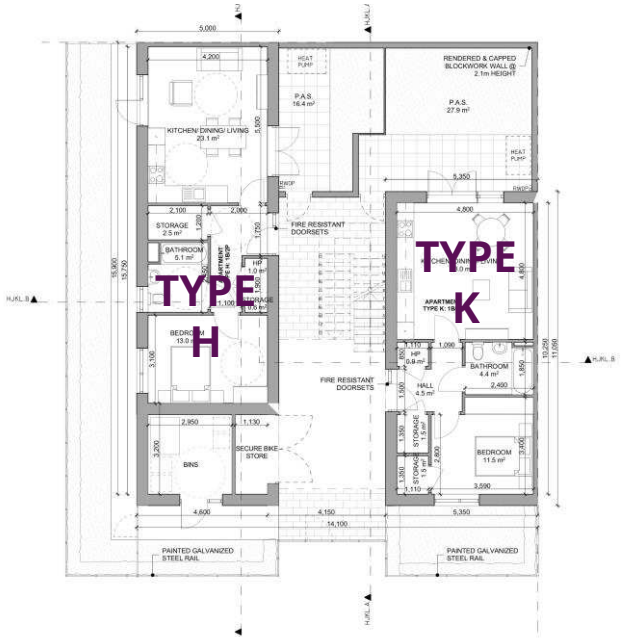


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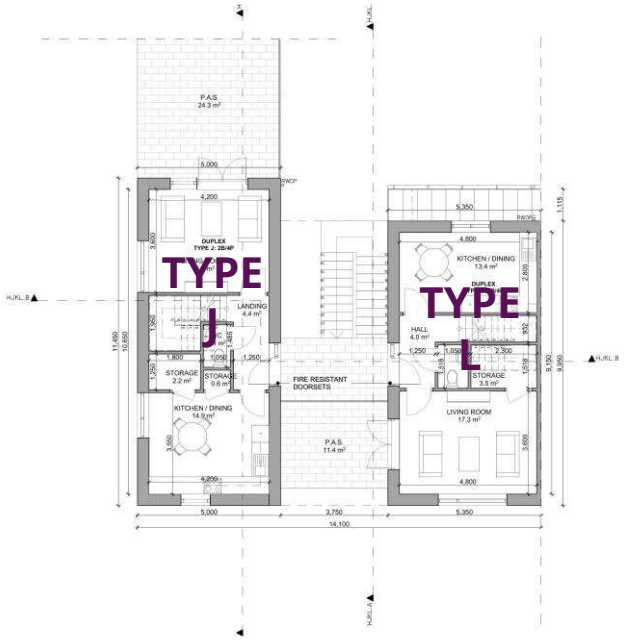


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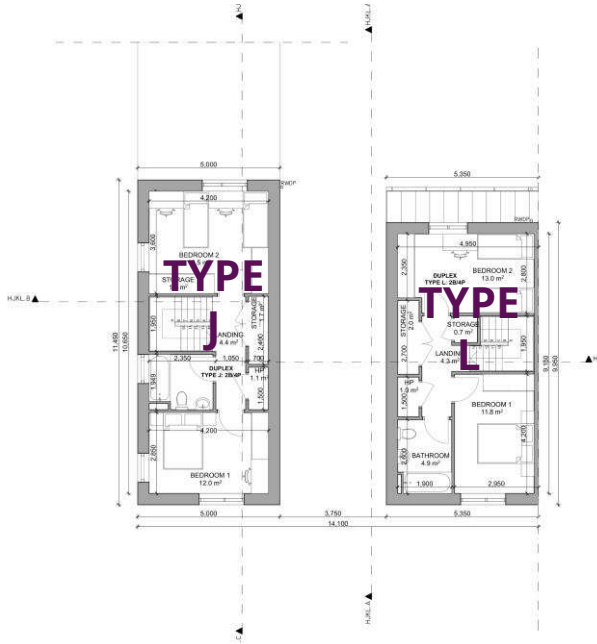
TYPICAL OWN DOOR DUPLEX / APARTMENT TYPES



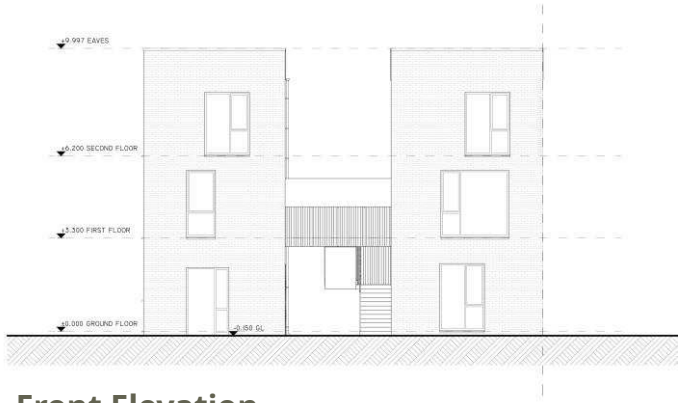
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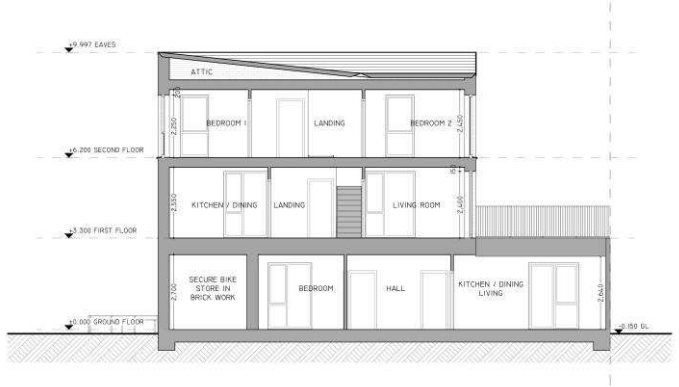
First Floor Plan



Second Floor Plan



Front Elevation



Section

TYPE H (1 Bed/ 2 Person/ Apt / UD)
TYPE J (2 Bed/ 4 Person/ Duplex)
TYPE K (1 Bed/ 2 Person/ Apt)
TYPE L (2 Bed/ 4 Person/ Duplex)

HOUSE TYPES – TYPICAL ELEVATIONS

External finishes:

- Blue-Black Fibre cement Slates / Single Ply Roofing with Standing Seams
- Smooth Coloured Render Finish
- Selected Brick Finish to walls
- Powder-coated Aluclad Windows or UPVC
- PV Panels depending on orientation



Elevation to Link Road (Block 1A & 1B)



Elevation to Riparian Corridor (Blocks 3B-D)

HOUSE TYPES – TYPICAL ELEVATIONS

External finishes:

- Blue-Black Fibre cement Slates
- Smooth Coloured Render Finish
- Selected Brick Finish to walls
- Powder-coated Aluclad Windows or UPVC
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Elevation North Block 4C



Elevation South Block 4G

HOUSE TYPES - VIEWS



View of town houses and riparian corridor along proposed Link Street



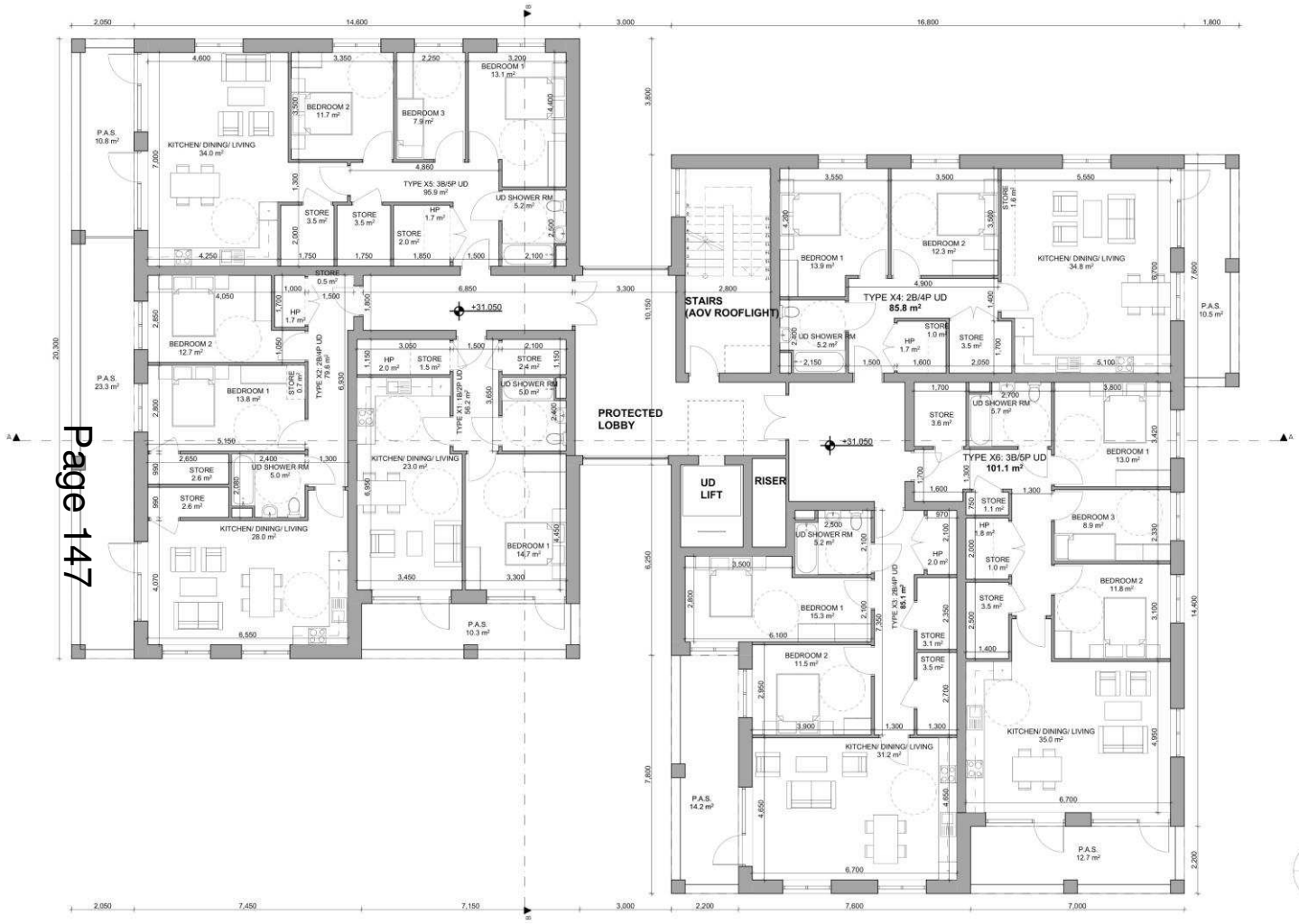
View of proposed development within typical cell clusters

APARTMENT BLOCK



Block 2A - Ground Floor Plan

APARTMENT BLOCK





Aerial View from north looking south along new Link Street

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Block 2A – Typical Floor Plan



Elevation to Rathbeale Road



View of Link Street entrance from Rathbeale Road

APARTMENT - ELEVATIONS

External finishes:

- Coloured Render Finish
- Brickwork walls
- Powder-coated Aluclad Tripple Glazed Windows
- Powder-coated Curtain Walling System
- Frameless Glazed Balcony Guarding
- Green Roof
- PV Panels



LANDSCAPE DESIGN

LEGEND

- Existing riparian vegetation retained
- Existing riparian vegetation removed
- Proposed native tree & hedgerow planting (Along Rathbeale Road)
- Proposed species-rich meadow areas
- Proposed species-rich meadow areas
- Proposed shrub planting areas
- Proposed Fingal bulb mix planting areas
- Proposed SuDS feature
- Proposed tree planting
- Proposed native tree planting in open space areas
- Proposed small tree planting in rear gardens
- Proposed amenity grass areas
- Proposed concrete footpaths / paving
- Proposed tarmac footpaths / paving
- Proposed main cycleway routes
- Proposed coloured bitmac areas
- Proposed permeable paving in parking areas
- Proposed footpath / cycleway bridges
- Proposed play areas
- Proposed exercise facilities
- Proposed seating
- Proposed 1.2m high boundary railing on concrete upstand

PROPOSED OPEN SPACE & POCKET PARKS



	OPEN SPACE AREAS INCLUDING RIPARIAN CORRIDORS	OPEN SPACE AREAS WITHOUT RIPARIAN CORRIDOR
	Future Class 1 Open Space (Rathbeale Park) 31,500sqm	Future Class 1 Open Space (Rathbeale Park) 30,000sqm
	Proposed Class 2 Open Space 18,065sqm	Proposed Class 2 Open Space 8,300sqm
	Other Landscape Space 4,250sqm	Other Landscape Space 1,275sqm
	Pocket Parks Open Space 2900sqm	
	Communal Open Space (Apartments) 740sqm	



LANDSCAPE DESIGN

A. Mill Stream Riparian Corridor enhanced
B. Riparian Corridor enhanced
C. Future Class 1 Open Space
D. Local Area Play (LAP)
E. Local Equipped Area Play (LEAP)
F. Kickabout Space
G. SuDS Detention Basin

ST CRONAN'S HOLY WELL

St. Cronan's Well is located over 200m south / south-east of the nearest part of the current development. For comparison, existing residential is located 50m east of the Well and 75m to the south.

The Well is also located on lands c. 5 to 8m higher than the current development lands and no appreciable excavation works are proposed on the subject lands. As such, given its relative location and topographical elevation, the proposed development will have no adverse impact on the Well.

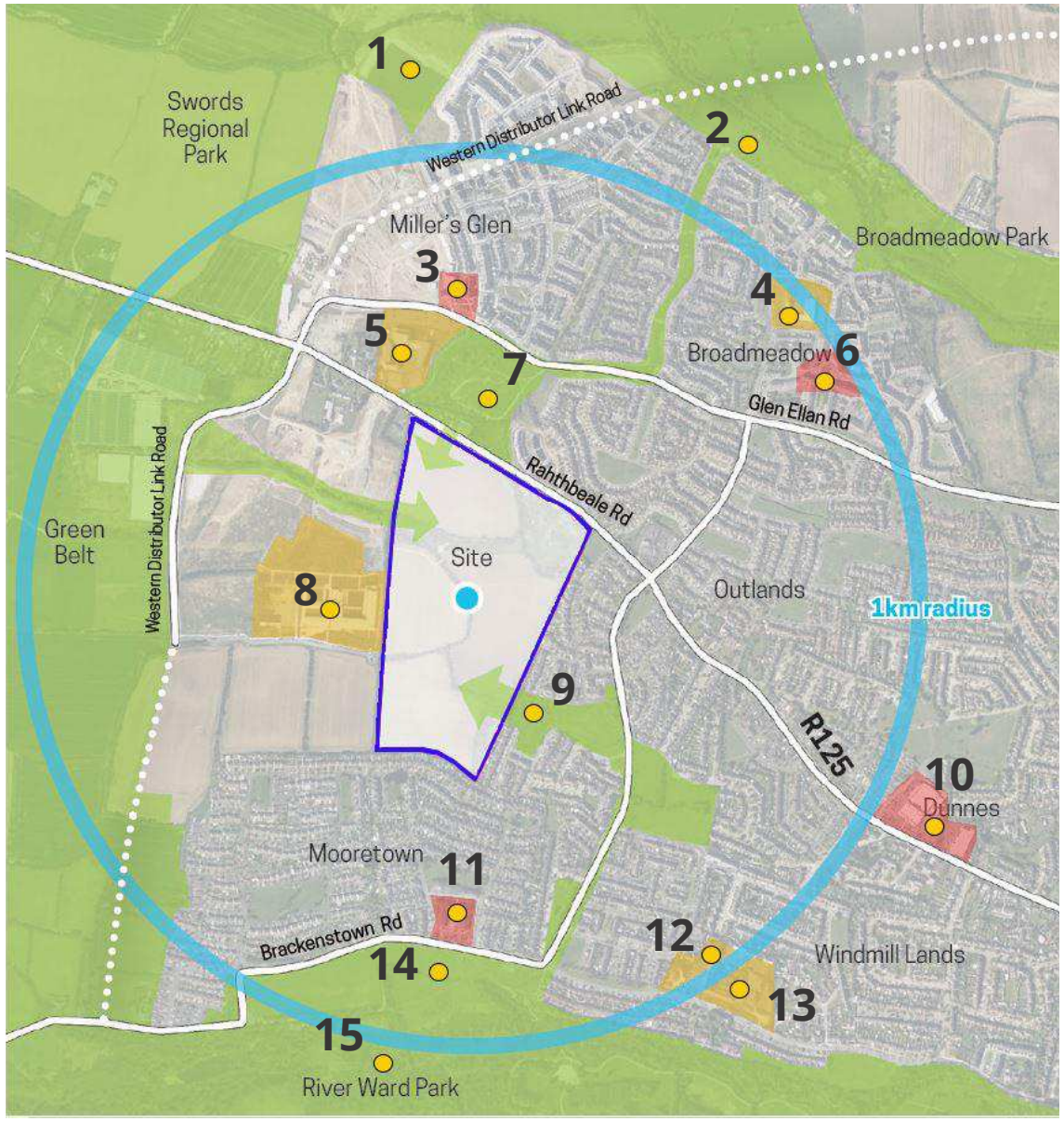


View towards the site of the holy well



Archaeologically sensitive zones

LOCAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES



1. Millers Glen Pitch & Playground
2. Broadmeadow Park & Community Garden
3. Millers Glen Local Centre (Centra)
4. Thornleigh Educate Together National School
5. Applewood Community Centre / Swords Educate Together / Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe
6. Applewood Local Centre (Eurospar)
7. Rathbeale Archaeological Park
8. Swords Community College & Broadmeadow National School
9. Glasmore Abbey Church
10. Swords Library / Dunnes Supermarket / Lidl Supermarket
11. Local Centre (Spar)
12. Base Education Centre
13. St. Cronan's National Schools
14. Swords Manor Football Club
15. Ward River Park

COMMUNITY DEMAND ASSESSMENT

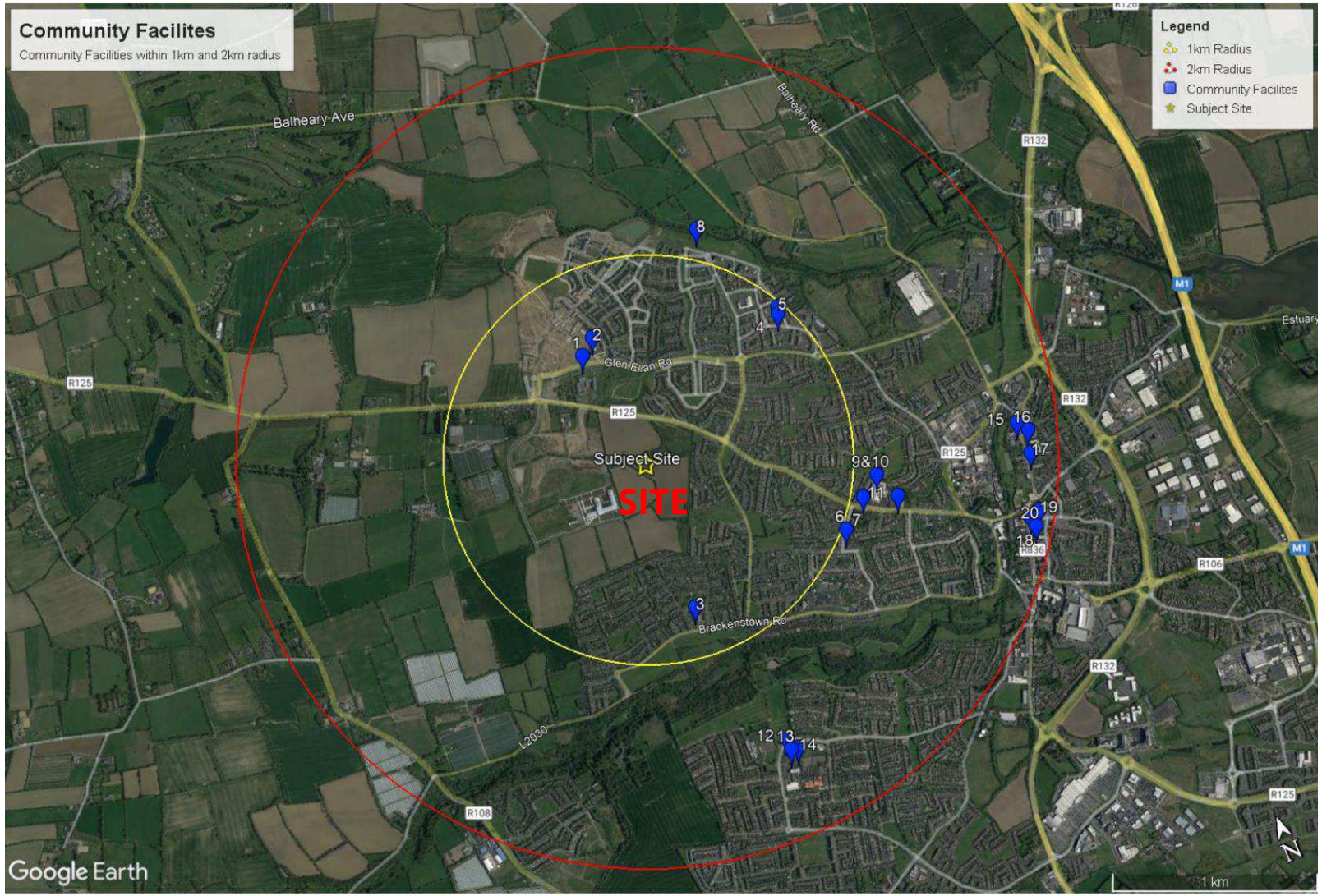


Figure 3-3: Community Facilities within 1km and 2km Radius (Source: Google Earth, BSM Annotation 2024).

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - ASSESSMENT

- The subject site is well connected to existing community and social infrastructure within Swords Main Street (c. 1.8km) and smaller clusters of services further north of the site including Millers Glen (c. 550m) and Applewood (c. 870m) available to future residents.
- A variety of 24 no. healthcare services are provided within a 2km catchment from the subject site including a range of pharmacies, GP surgeries, dentists, medical centres and nursing homes.
- Within 1km of the subject site there are 3 no. parks, which include play facilities for toddlers and small children, and a large number of open spaces locally including Glen Ellan Green, St. Andrews Park and Ardcain Park.
- There are approximately 16 no. sport & fitness facilities within 2km catchment area of the subject site offering open-air pitches, private gyms, football, GAA clubs and more. Additionally, several of these sport facilities such as St Comilcilles GAA function as multiple amenity uses.
- There are approximately 5 no. religious facilities within the catchment area. The subject site is well served by religious facilities catering for different groups in faith.
- The proposed development will stitch into an already established village with significant local facilities. We submit that there are sufficient such community facilities to meet the demand created by the future residents of the proposed development.

CHILDCARE DEMAND ASSESSMENT

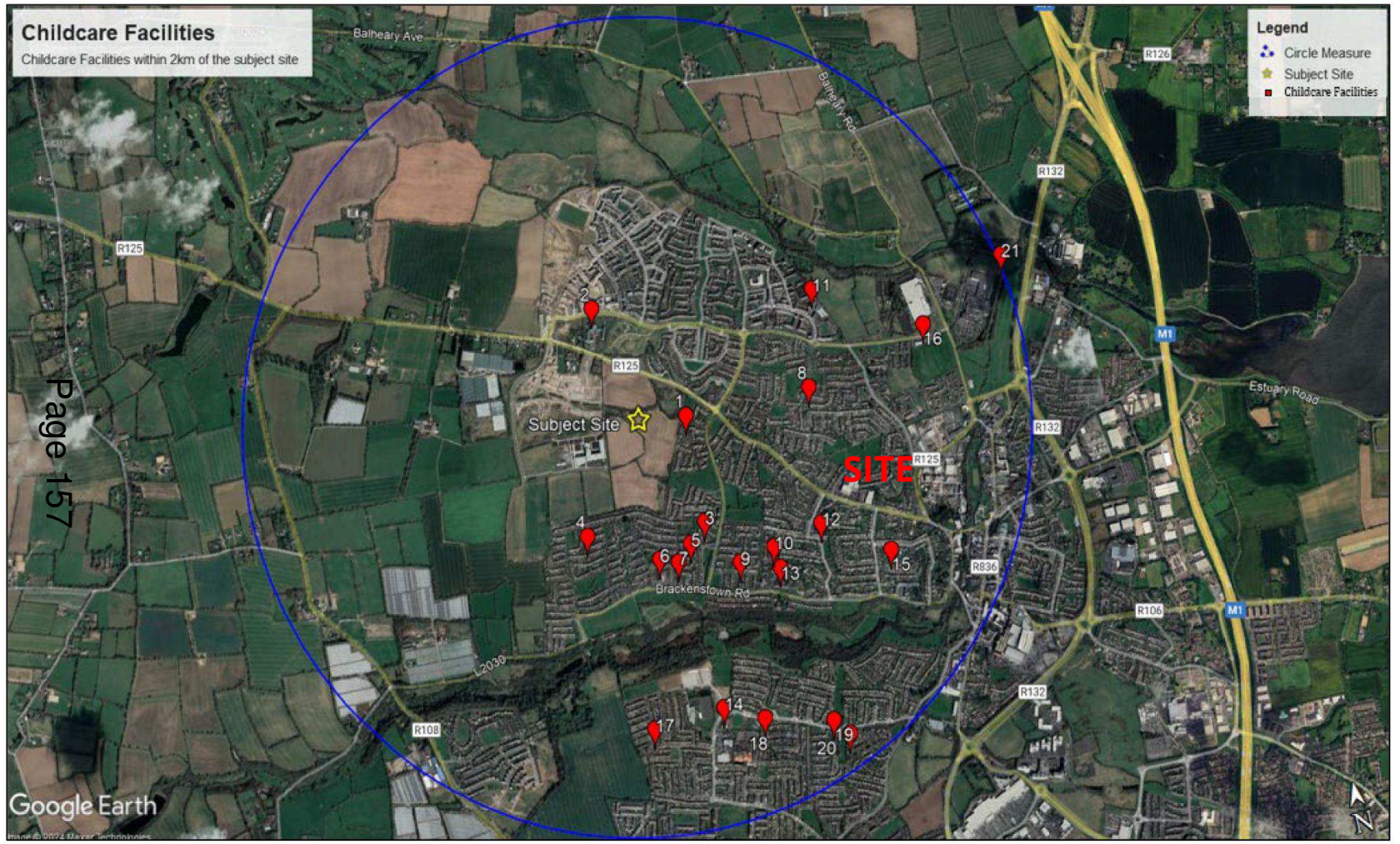


Figure 5-1 Childcare Facilities within 2km Catchment Area from the Subject Site (Source: Google Earth, BSM 2024)

Within 2km, a total of 21 no. existing childcare facilities are operating with a total enrolment of 713 no. children. A total of 4 no. childcare facilities are proposed / permitted with a future capacity of approx. 95 no. childcare spaces.

The existing and proposed childcare facilities meet the requirements for this development which will generate an estimated 41-69 no. childcare spaces.

SCHOOL DEMAND ASSESSMENT

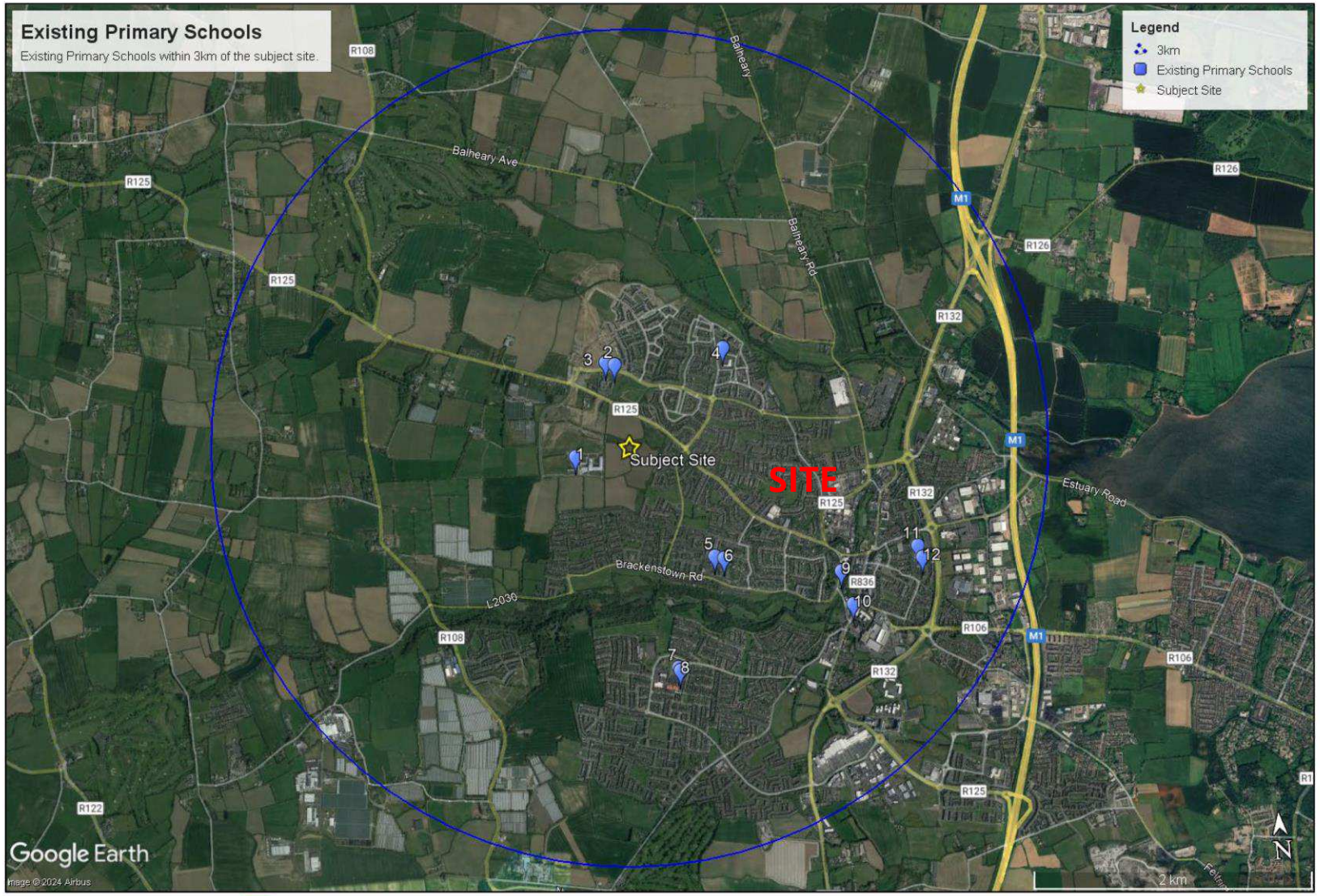


Figure 7-1 Primary Schools within 3km Catchment Area from the Subject Site (Source: Google Earth, BSM 2024).

The development generates the need for approximately c.97- 103 no. primary school places and c.63-67 no. secondary school places which can be sufficiently met by the existing primary and secondary school provision within a 3km and 4km radius of the subject site.

SCHOOL DEMAND ASSESSMENT

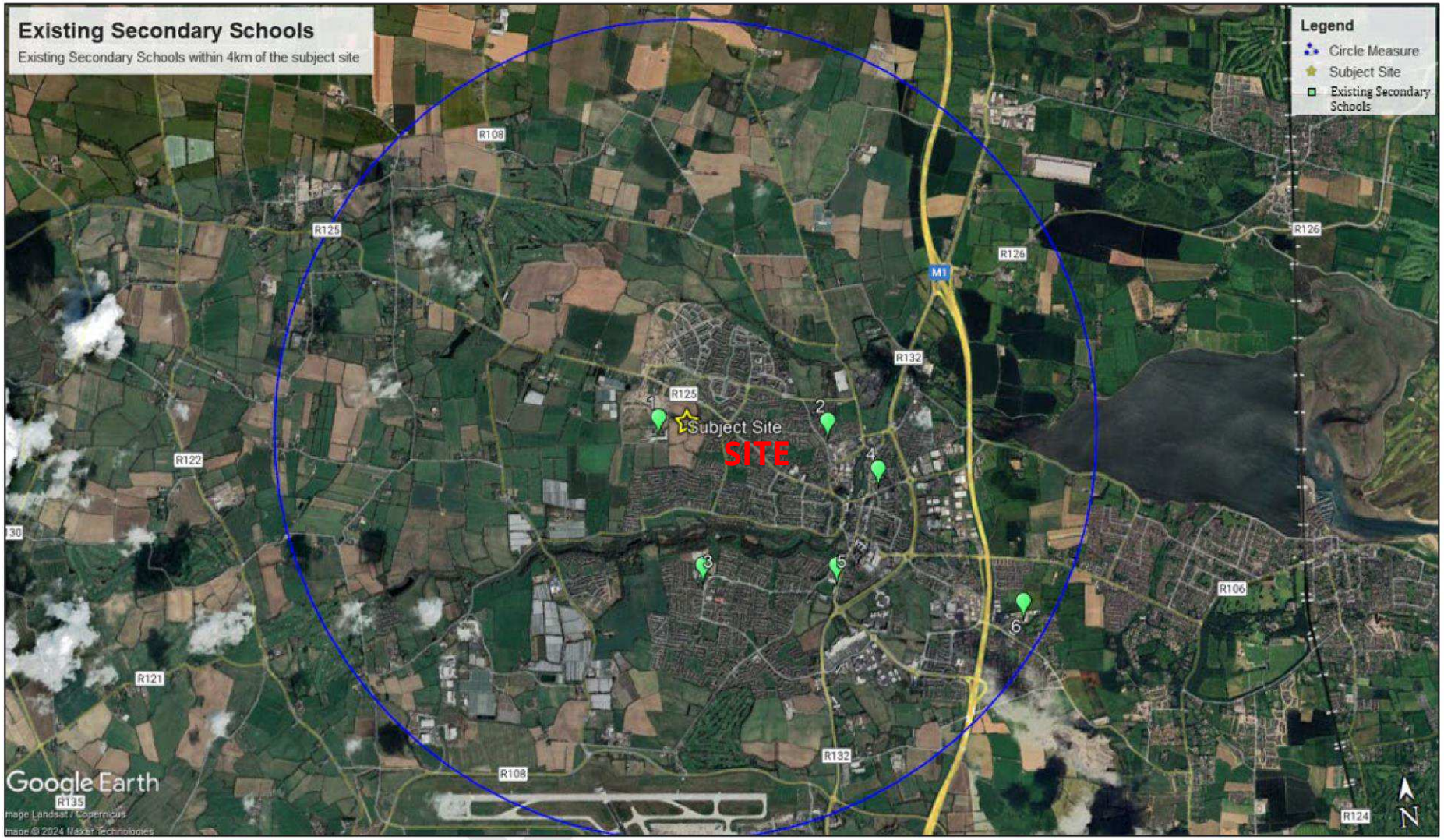


Figure 7-2 Secondary Schools within 4km Catchment Area from the Subject Site (Source: Google Earth, BSM 2024)

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13th May 2024

Item No. 21

Headed Item

PARTXI/004/24

Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

Replacement Public Toilets at Malahide Beach, 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 Malahide Beach, Coast Road, Malahide, 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 6 no. direct entry wheelchair accessible facilities.
- Provision of 1 no. 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.
- The building will be Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) certified..

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 26th March 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 26th March 2024 up to and including Thursday 25th April 2024 on the website http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse and at three locations, at

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67X8Y2,
- Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown Dublin 15, D15 W638,

- Malahide Library, Main Street, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EW63
- Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were accepted from Tuesday 26th March 2024 up to Thursday 9th May 2024, either online through http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or In writing to: Senior Engineer, Howth/Malahide 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.

Three submissions/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 the individuals who made a submission.

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."

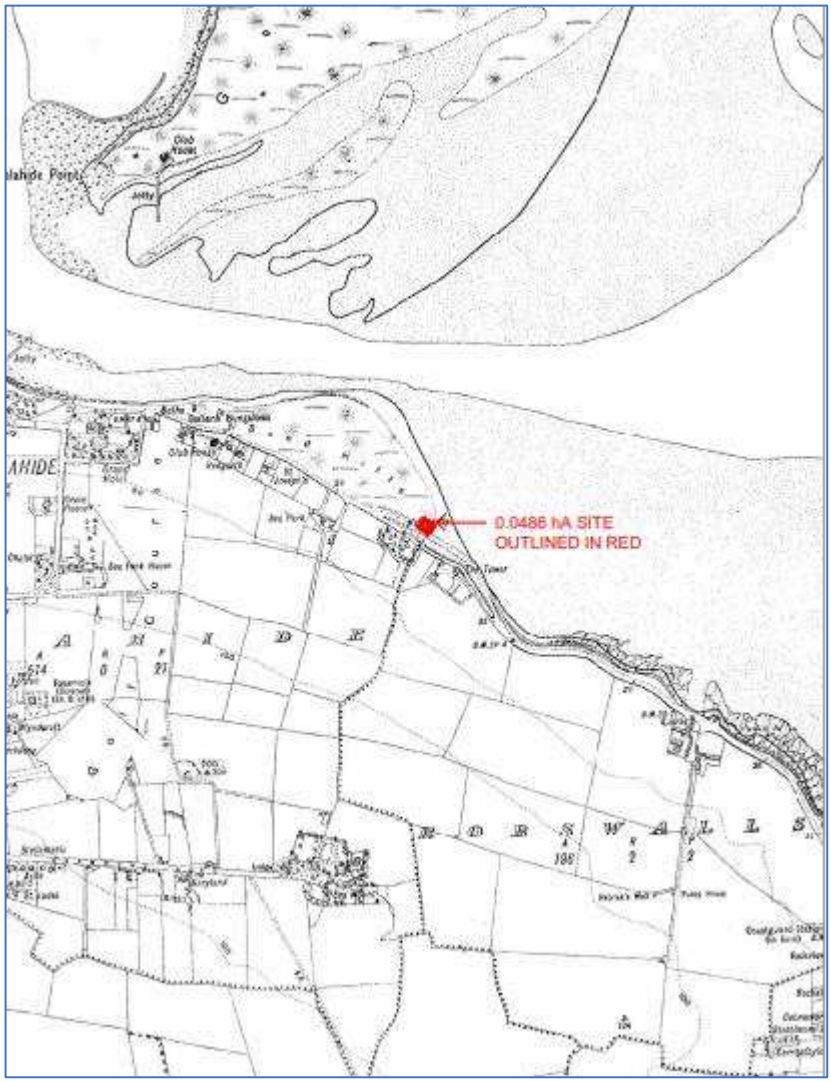
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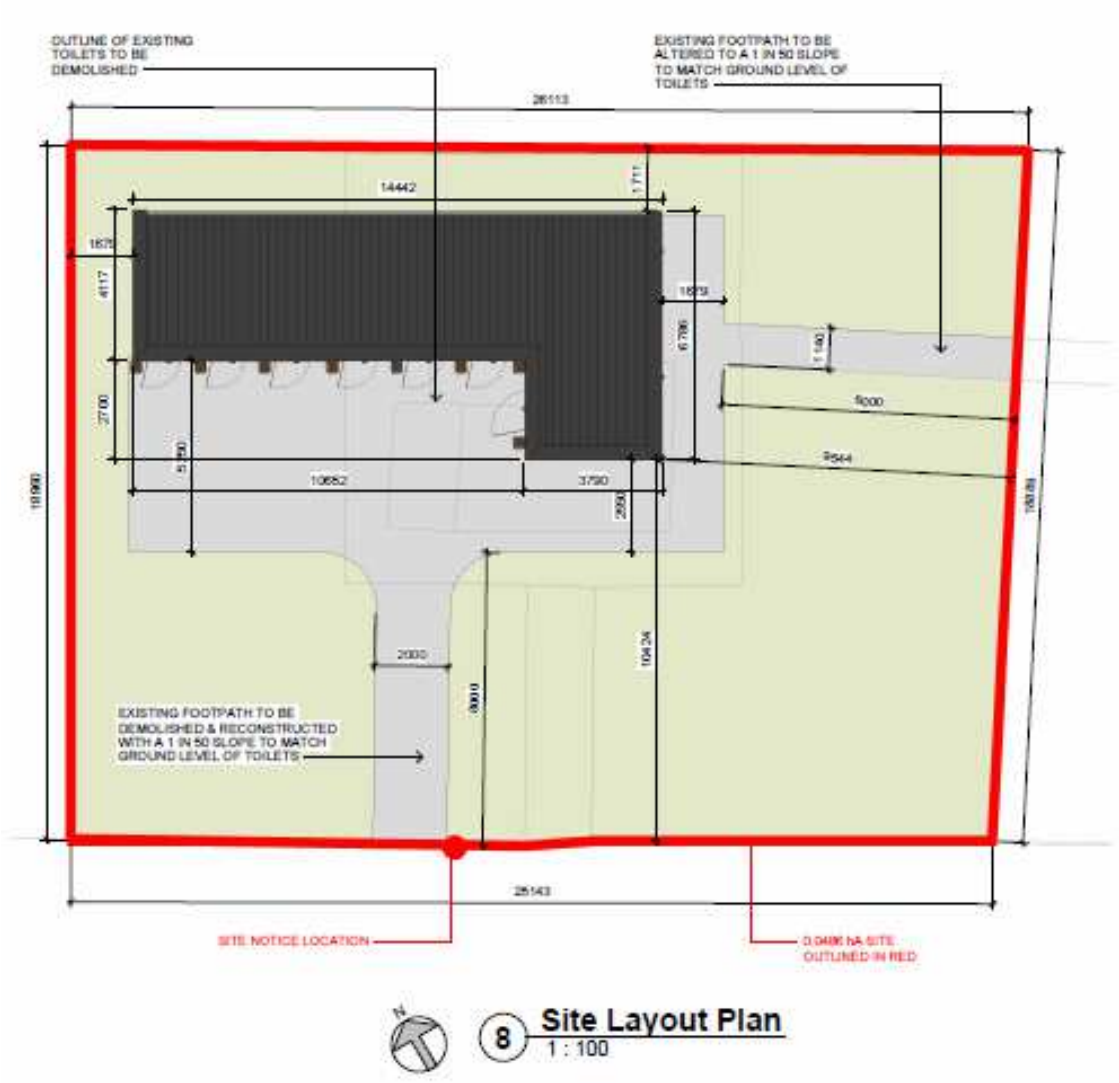
The site is located in the green open space adjacent to Malahide Beach off Coast Road, Malahide. The site is south of the adjacent existing Malahide Beach Public Car Park, and 995m south of Malahide Village . It is on an elevated site compared to the shoreline and is 54m from the effective shoreline at high tide (90° measurement). Low tide extends the effective shoreline to approximately 300m from the site. The coastal area high tides do not impact the elevated site itself.

The shore at this point is a long sand beach extending to 2km long. The beach itself is backed by sand dunes and grassed open space on the seaward edge of the shoreline to the rear of the site. There is access from Coast Road to the seaward side of the shoreline in the immediate vicinity. In addition, there is a popular coastal walking route between Malahide Beach and Portmarnock Velvet Strand Beach. Malahide Beach is not a swimming area due to the strong underwater currents. There is a 'Do not swim' flag in place year-round.



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8 Site Layout Plan
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Planning Context:

In the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 to 2029, the site is zoned as 'High Amenity Zoning (HA)' 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 wholly within the High Amenity Zoning area.

Objective Type	HA - High Amenity
Objective Description	Protect and enhance high amenity areas
Objective Vision	Protect these highly sensitive and scenic locations from inappropriate development and reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place. In recognition of the amenity potential of these areas opportunities to increase public access will be explored

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 at Malahide Beach with a significantly improved, efficient and fit for purpose new facility. This will provide a higher standard of facility which is fully accessible and meets the needs of a broader range of local amenity users and visitors. Standard disabled toilets do not meet the needs of all people with disabilities and mobility issues – as some people need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilet. The incorporation of a much-needed Changing Places Unit provides for the additional needs of adult persons with a disability putting their health, safety and dignity requirements to the fore. It will enable people to visit the locality and local amenities who could never visit it before due to the lack of such a well-equipped facility. It will also include equipment such as a hoist and height adjustable changing bench along with sufficient room in the unit to accommodate their

accompanying carers. This will negate the need for loved ones to be changed on bathroom floors because adequate facilities were not previously provided.

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. No changes are proposed in relation to what was put on public display. -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 runoff 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 three submissions/observations with respect to the proposed development were received during the statutory consultation period. The persons who made a submission are as follows:

- Laura Farrell
- Laurence Moran
- Councillor David Healy

(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 the submissions/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/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.

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 from 26th March 2024 up to and including 25th April 2024.

This included:

- Site notice
- Newspaper notice
- Plans & Drawings (Sections & Elevations and OSI Mapping, Site Layout & Floor Plan)
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination
- Environmental Impact Assessment Determination

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 Malahide Beach, 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 Malahide Beach, 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 6 number direct entry wheelchair accessible facilities.**
- **Provision of 1 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.**
- **The building will be NZEB certified.**

In addition, the proposed development has undergone screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment screening 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

Site Notice:

reasonable cost of making a copy from **Tuesday 26th March 2024 up to and including Thursday 25th April 2024** at the following locations:

Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2, during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm excluding Bank Holidays)

and

- **Malahide Library, Main Street, Malahide, Co. Dublin, K36 EW63,** during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9.45am to 8pm, Friday and Saturday 9:45am to 1pm and 1:45pm to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made either online through the public consultation portal.

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse

or

in writing by post addressed to:

Senior Engineer, Howth/Malahide Operational Area, Operations Department, Fingal County Council Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638

Only postal submissions received by **5.00pm on Thursday 9th May 2024** (addressed as set out above) **or on-line by 5.00pm on Thursday 9th May 2024** via the public consultation portal will be considered.

NOTE: Please make your submission by one medium only and ensure that postal submissions are clearly headed as **"Replacement Public Toilets at Malahide Beach, Co. Dublin"**

All the issues raised in submissions and observations to the Council in regard to this development, including the response of the Chief Executive thereto, will form part of the statutory report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Fingal County Council. The statutory report will also list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with regulations made under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, as amended. The minutes of that meeting including the statutory report will appear on the Council's Website. Details including the names of those making submissions or observations may be shared with relevant Council Departments and agents working on their behalf.

Signed: ..... 26th March 2024

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

Newspaper Notice: As printed in the Irish Independent 26th March 2024.

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL: NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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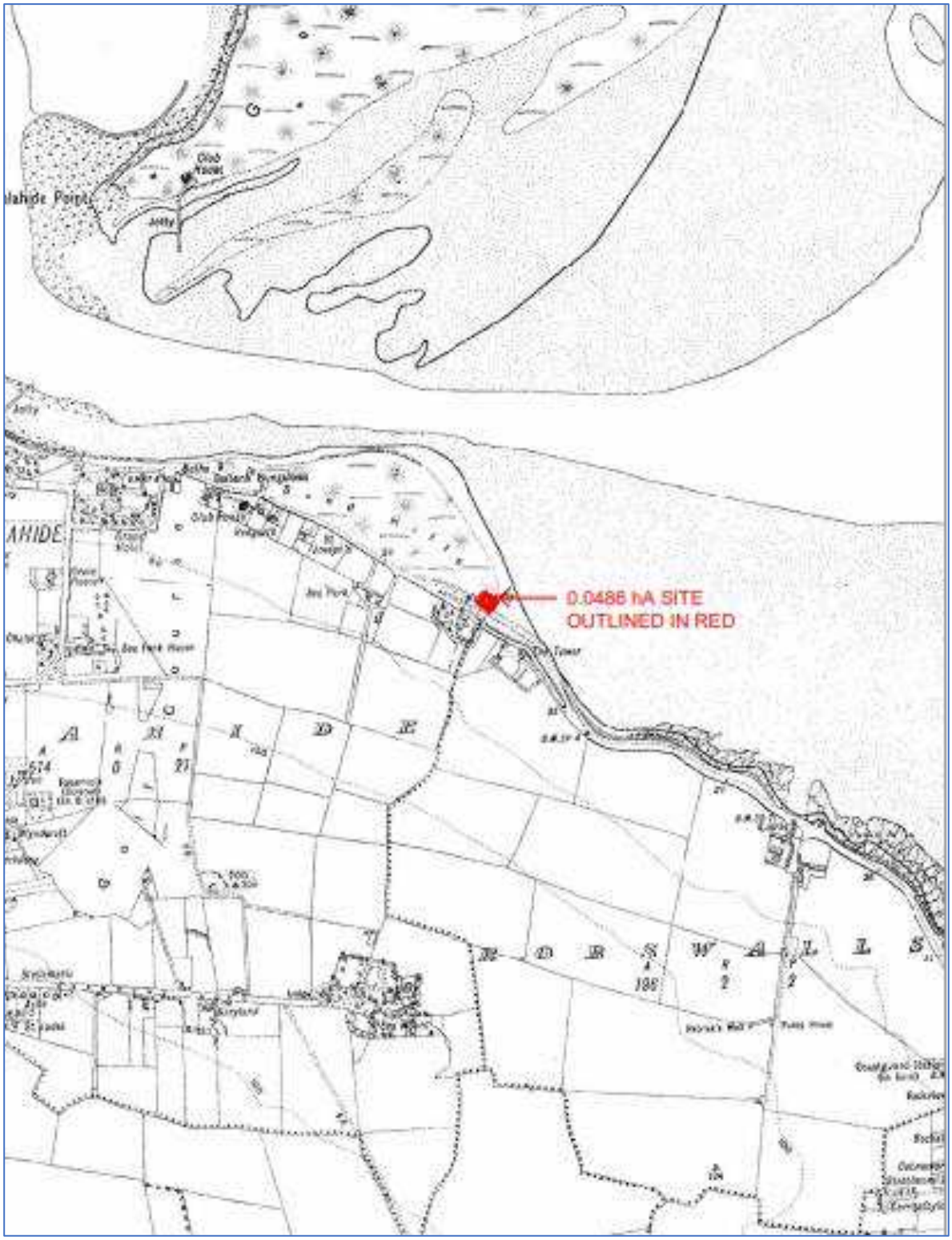
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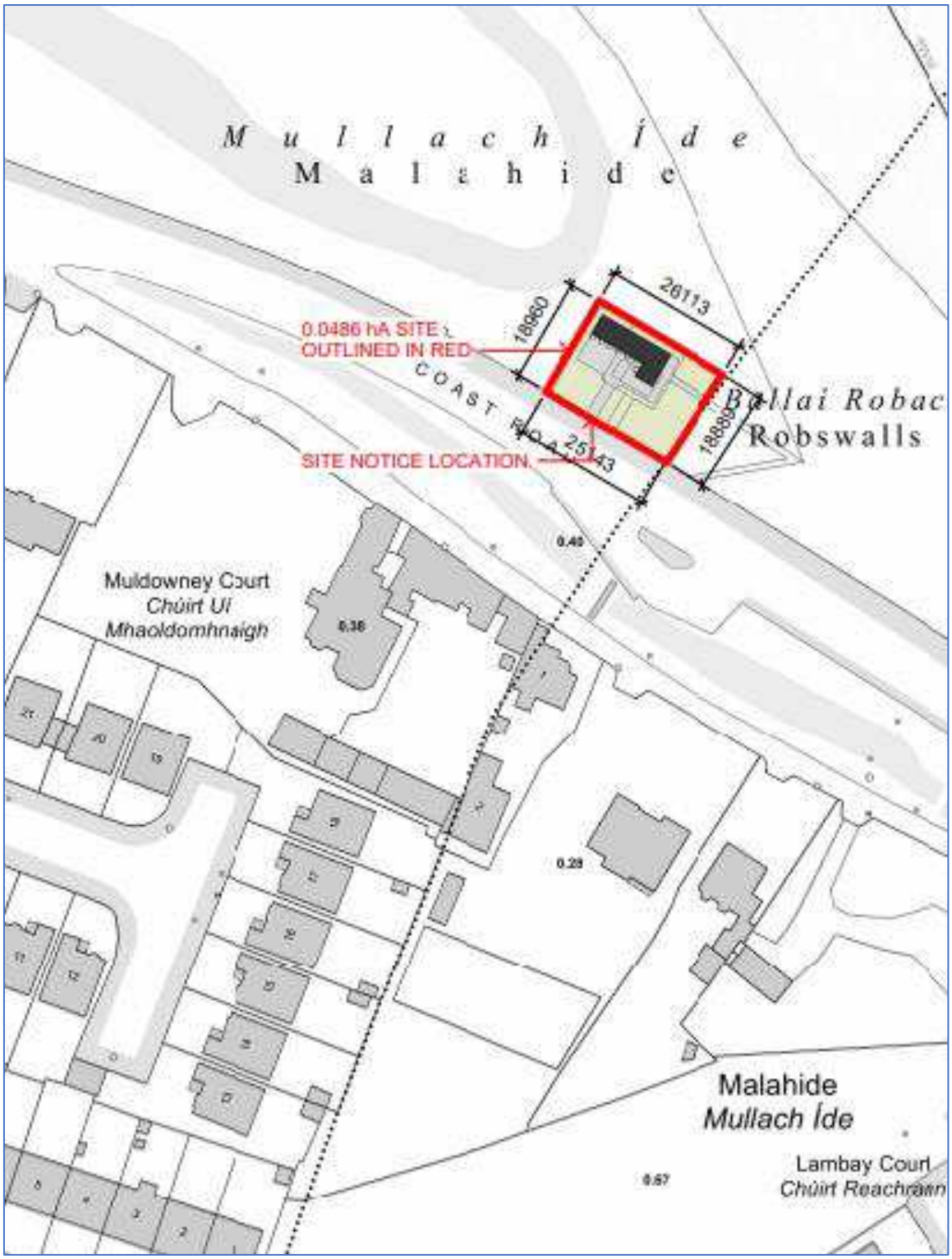
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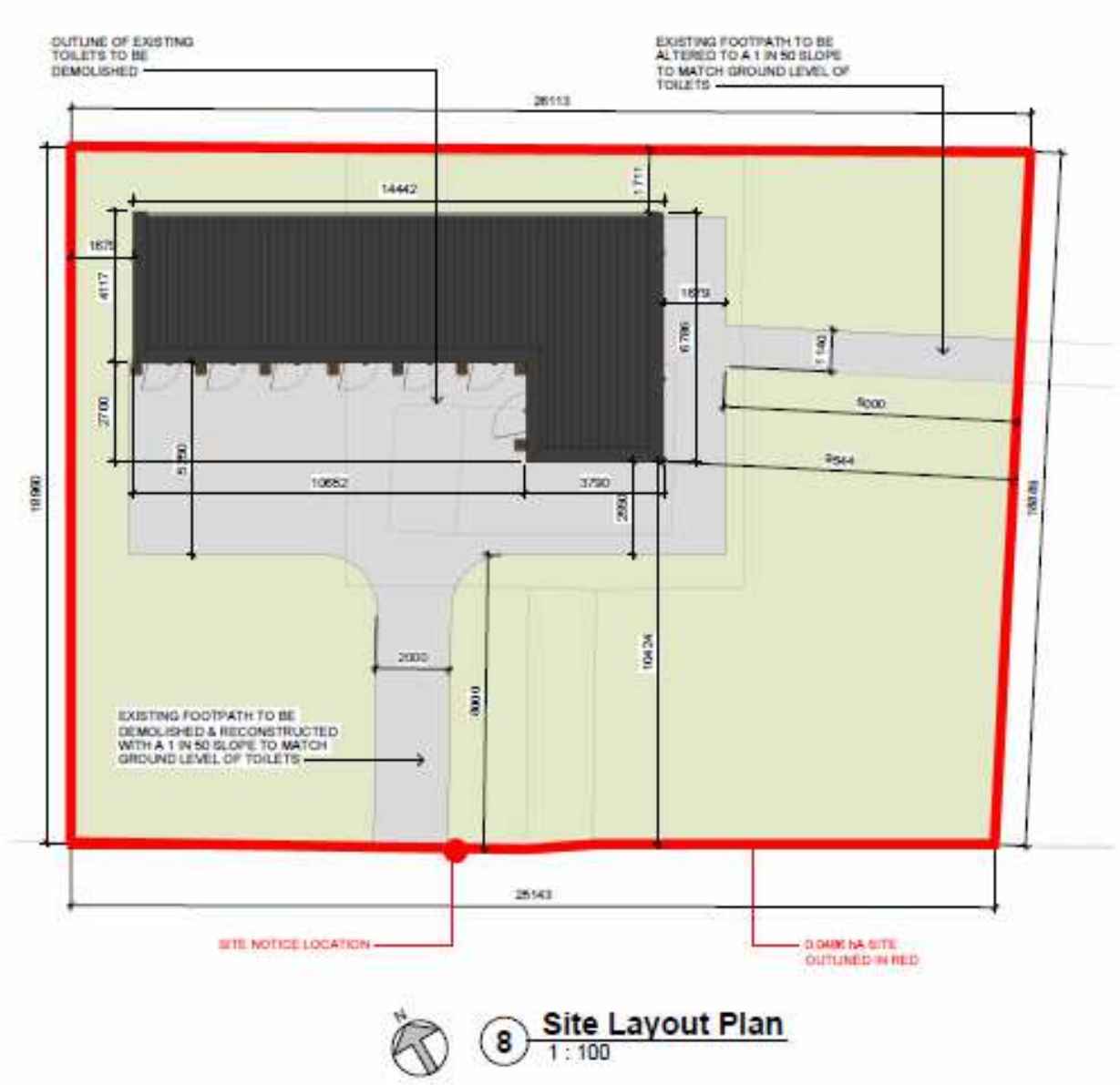
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Site Location Map 2



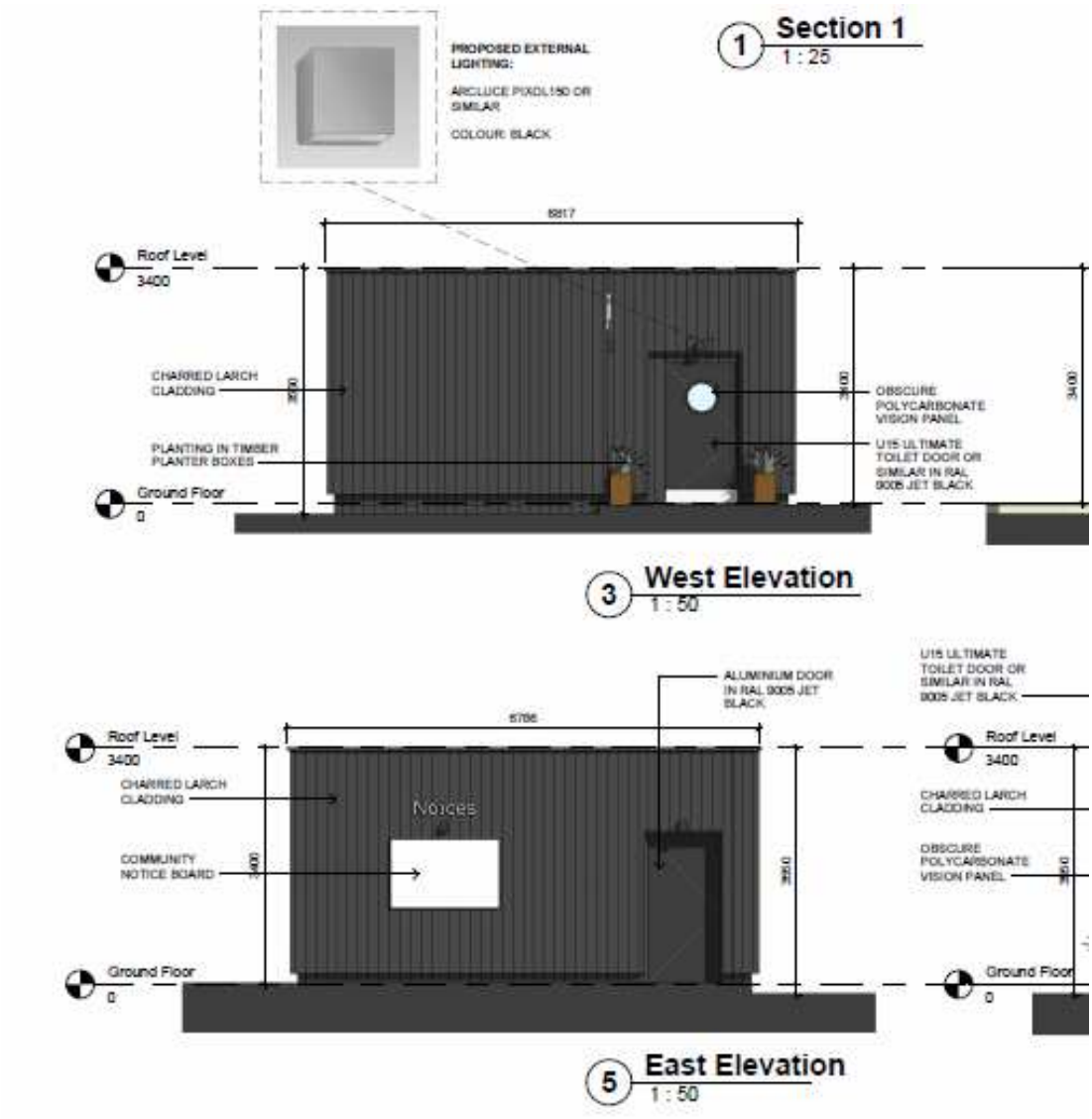
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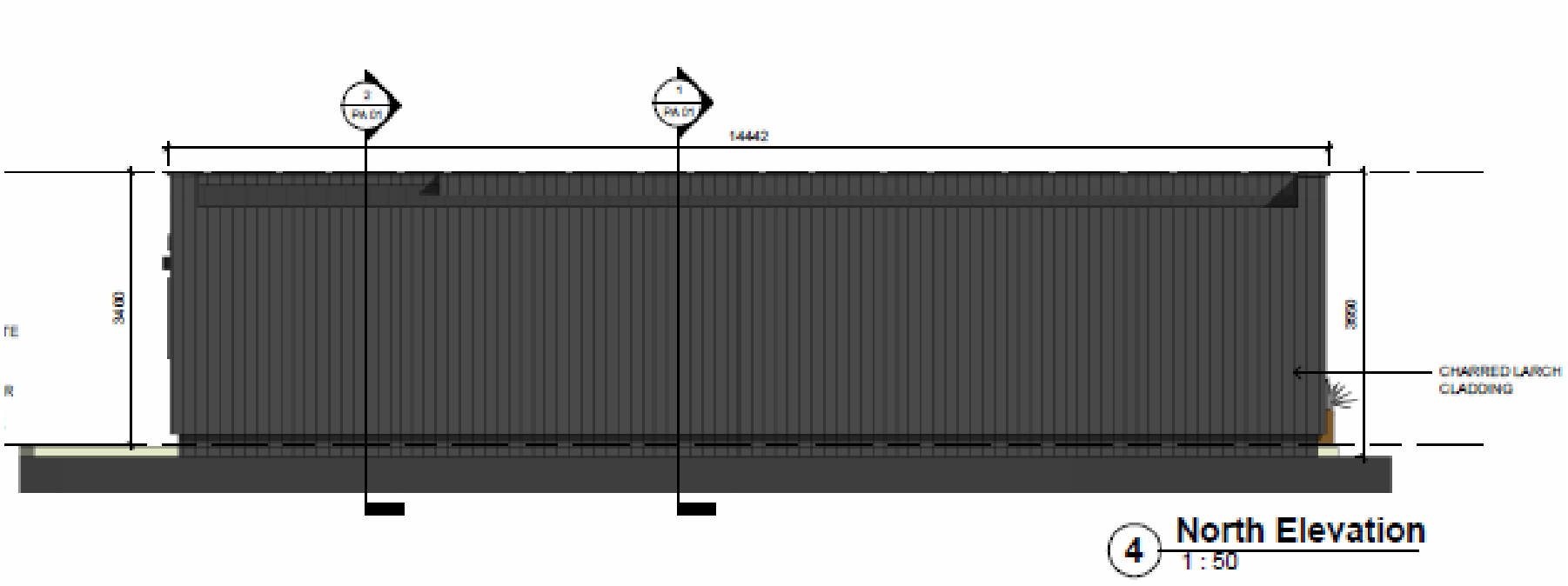
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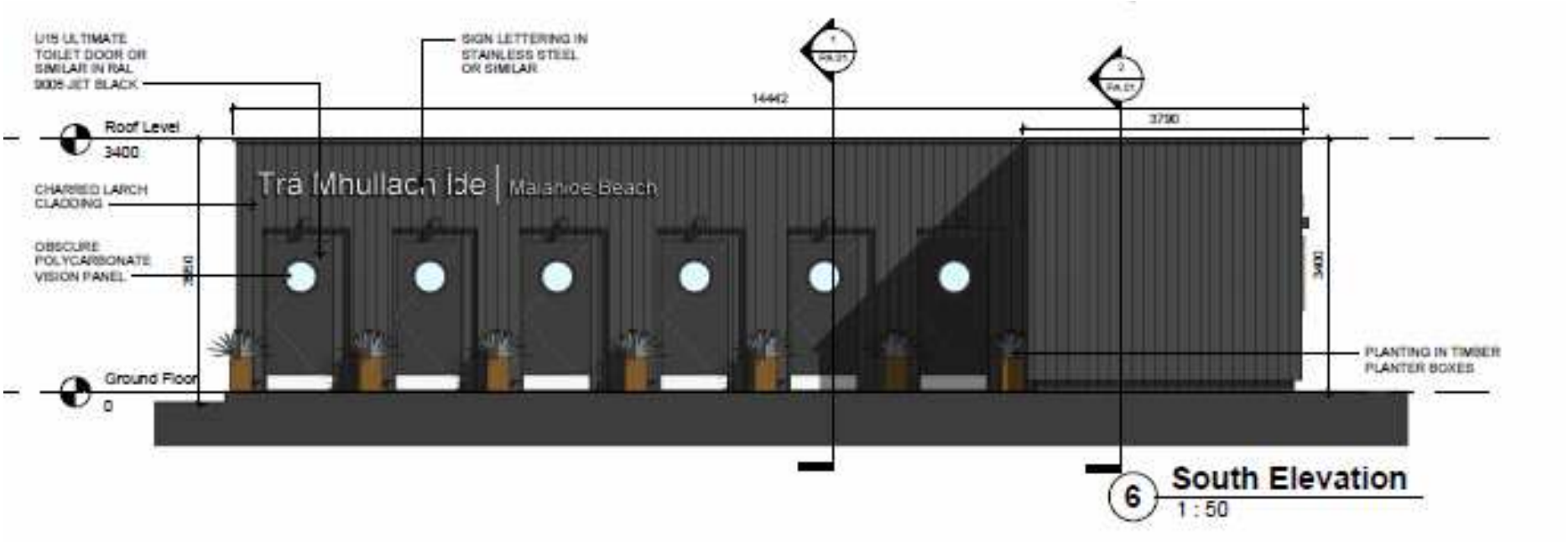
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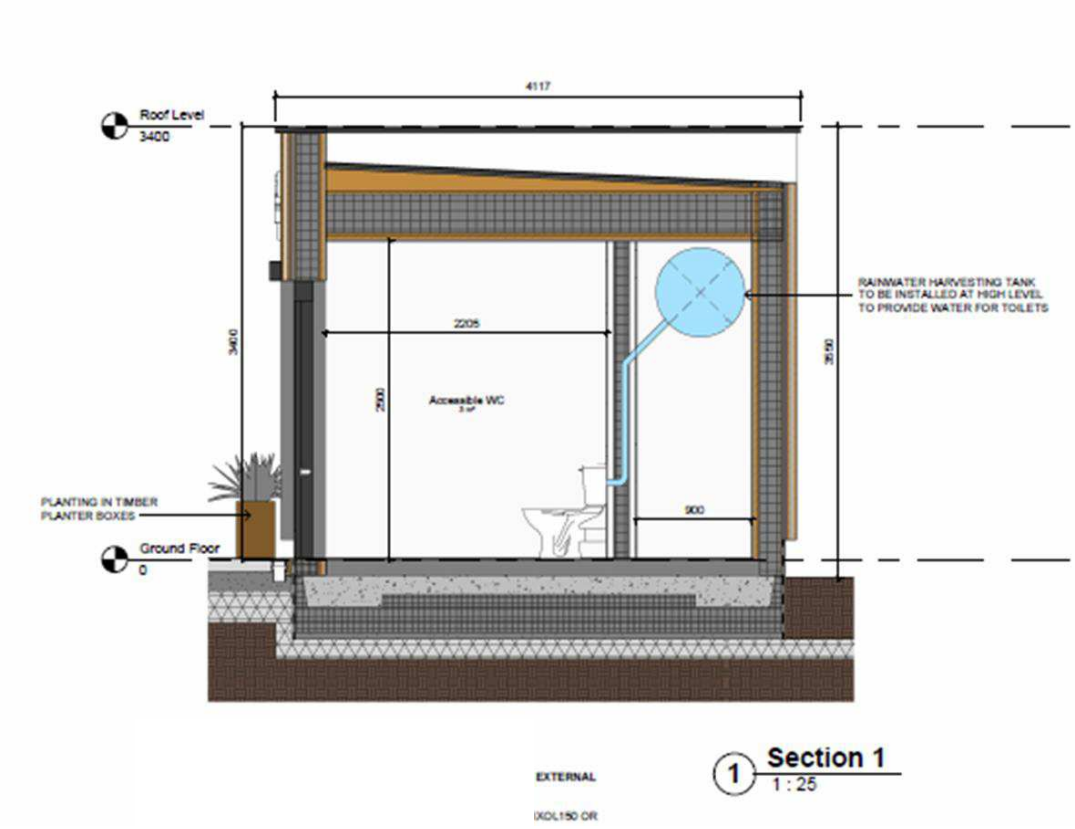
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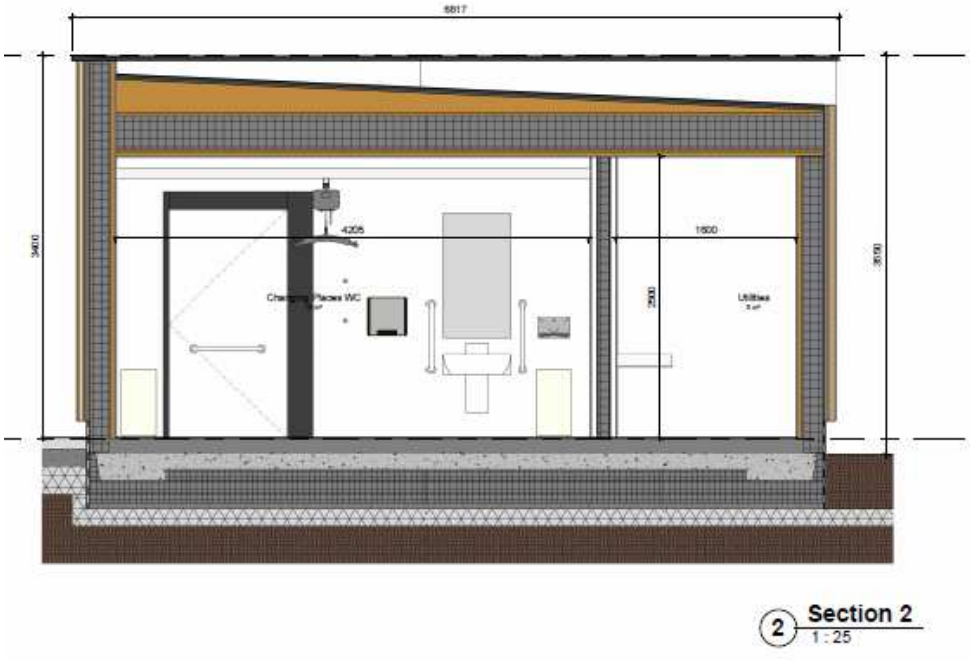
South Elevation View



Section 1 View:



Section 2 View



Materials Examples



U15 ULTIMATE TOILET DOOR EXAMPLE



CHARRED LARCH CLADDING



Completed Charred Larch Cladding

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

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

A – General & Planning Matters
The submissions and observations raised the following issues:

1. Consider use of fire-retardant materials in new public toilets to prevent arson.
2. Consider retention of existing public toilet structure with separate Male/Female cubicles and not replacing it with new structure of open fronted direct entry WCA toilets.
3. Consider that no useful purpose is served by demolition and replacement with unsightly wooden building which wont last as long as the existing structure.
4. Consider retention of overhanging roof to serve as shelter during inclement weather to facilitate exercising walkers travelling the Malahide to Portmarnock walking route
5. Consider the deterioration of the proposed structure due to inclement weather, vandalism and arson compared to existing structure.
6. Consider attractiveness of existing concrete and brick structure towards proposed structure with toilet doors facing the road.
7. Consider justification of unnecessary and expensive proposal and if non-forthcoming, consider withdrawing the proposal
8. Consider production of a Demolition Justification Report analysing the proposal by comparison with options of full or partial reuse of the existing structure.

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

The following are the responses to the submissions made;

1. **Consider use of fire-retardant materials in new public toilets to prevent arson.**
    a. The consideration of fire-retardant materials in the proposed structure was carried out and implemented in the design of the proposed building. The structure walls achieve a Fire Rating of 60 minutes in compliance with the Euro Code EN1365 of Part B of the Building Control and Regulations.
    b. There is no requirement to treat external timber cladding for fire resistance as this is not a requirement of the Irish Building Control (Amendment) Regulations. However, the choice of Charred Larch instead of untreated wood was for increased fire resistance.
    c. The charred surface requires much higher temperatures to ignite the tough lignin cells of the wood. (the charring process causes the soft other cells to shrink exposing the tougher inner wood cells).
    d. There have been four modular timber cladded buildings constructed and installed throughout the Fingal Area and have been in situ for four years.

All of these facilities have not had arson attempts made on the structures and are located in much more sheltered areas with less passive surveillance.

e. In addition, there have not been any arson attempts on the Malahide Beach public toilets due to the continuous use and public surveillance of the green open area and footpath.
f. Permanently installed buildings such as the one proposed of higher quality are less likely to be vandalised or burnt.
g. However, as is the case with all methods of construction including concrete and brick, persons intent on committing arson on any building cannot be wholly prevented regardless of measures put in place.

2. **Consider retention of existing public toilet structure with separate Male/Female cubicles and not replacing it with wooden structure of open fronted direct entry WCA toilets.**
    a. The proposed new toilet building is designed differently from the more traditional existing installation and those installed country wide in the past.
    b. Instead of separate male and female toilets, the new building incorporates six direct entry gender neutral toilets with full disability and baby changing specifications in each toilet.
    c. There is also a separate fully specified and fitted Changing Places Unit proposed which is the first time a Changing Places Unit will have been installed in the Howth/Malahide LEA. A Changing Places Unit is a purpose-built toilet facility which gives disabled people and caregivers more space and the appropriate equipment to take care of personal hygiene, with dignity, in safety and comfort.
    d. The Changing Places Unit goes beyond a conventional wheelchair-accessible toilet in that it includes additional assistive technology such as a hoist, height adjustable adult-sized changing bench, and a peninsular toilet which is a toilet that has enough space on both sides for caregivers.
    e. The design is in line with the existing footprint and in compliance with Part M of the Building Regulations in terms of access for all. In order to provide effective use of the area with its facilities the doors of the WCA cubicles are required to be located front facing.

3. **Consider that no useful purpose is served by demolition and replacement with unsightly wooden building which wont last as long as the existing structure.**
    a. It was not possible to retrofit the existing building structure and fulfil the requirement of six direct entry gender neutral WCA toilets and a Changing Places Unit and comply with the Building Regulations without the demolition of the existing structure.
    b. The number and standard of the toilet facilities proposed was not possible to be fitted into the structure of the existing building. To utilize the existing building would have resulted in the loss of one of the WCA direct entry toilets and the much-needed Changing Places Unit.

c. In addition, it would not have been possible to provide direct entry WCA toilets due to the structural difficulties associated with reconfiguring the existing building.
d. The process of producing charred wood increases longevity, durability, fire prevention, and moisture resistance. It can often last between 80-100 years without the need for maintenance. The surface can be maintained with a sealant coat every 10-15 years if required. This adds to protection from the elements preventing peeling, chipping and cracking.

4. **Consider retention of overhanging roof to serve as shelter during inclement weather for exercising walkers travelling the Malahide to Portmarnock walking route.**
    a. Fingal County Council experiences varying degrees of anti social behaviour (ASB) throughout the County and sheltered areas are always more prone to ASB.
    b. The shelter removal was a key element of the design process to reduce the incidences of ASB for all the proposed public toilet buildings, including Malahide Beach. The tender brief included the design requirement that no alcoves should be provided or areas where loitering or unsociable behavior could take place.
    c. The existing overhanging roof shelter serves no purpose except as an attractive location for ASB, area to carry out graffiti application and has served as an unsuitable sheltered location for homeless occupation (tents).
    d. It is Fingals responsibility to tackle issues in the built environment that encourages ASB leading to unsafe conditions for the general public.
    e. The shelter removal is also in keeping with the current *Anti-Social Behaviour Management Strategy* and the *Fingal Joint Policing Committee Strategy 2023-2026.*
    f. The location's overhanging shelter has a history of ASB complaints, graffiti application and tent erection.
    g. Fingal focuses on local hot spot areas and occasions where ASB is present and implements effective environmental and construction management controls to encourage harmonious and pleasant local environments and communities.

5. **Consider the deterioration of the proposed structure due to inclement weather, vandalism and arson compared to existing structure.**
    a. Consideration of deterioration of the proposed structure due to inclement weather, vandalism and arson was carried out.
    b. The finish of Charred Larch cladding is proposed as this is in line with Fingal's policy regarding the use of sustainable materials. This was also requested as being preferrable by FCC Internal Consultees because of attractiveness. Furthermore, its low embodied carbon is in line with the Government Strategy for achieving low Embodied Carbon Buildings/Net Zero.
    c. Regardless of what materials are used externally, an element of defacing

can occur. This is found to be similar in public buildings regardless of material i.e stone, wood or metal.

d. There is a history of anti-social behaviour and graffiti application at the Malahide Beach toilets due to the flat roof sheltered area. Unfortunately, due to the brick's porosity, it has proved extremely difficult to remove the graffiti paint from the surface. The method of removal involves long periods of high pressure washing involving the waste of copious amounts of precious mains water which has undergone expensive water treatment at a water treatment plant plus energy expended in pumping the mains water.
e. Anti-graffiti sealant has also been trialed unsuccessfully at the location.
f. Graffiti treatment and vandalism was a key element in the choice of proposed cladding.
g. Charred Larch's colour is black and wooden therefore can be easily re-sanded in situ if graffiti occurs saving water. This method of treatment has been successful on other sites in Ireland (Dept of Education Schools & OPW Buildings) and in other countries.
h. In addition, it is a cladding material and separate to the structure of the building and hence it can be replaced if required. In Ireland to date, no Charred Larch cladding has required removal in buildings of a similar nature.
i. Whilst Charred Larch is a very attractive material, it is also extremely hardy in inclement weather be it extremes of temperature, driving rain and coastal conditions. Charred Larch has been used in Scandanavian countries for many years and has withstood more inclement weather than would usually be experienced in Malahide.

6. **Consider attractiveness of existing concrete and brick structure towards proposed structure with toilet doors facing the road.** The yellow brick-faced existing structure is considered to be not in keeping with the sense of place and location. Charred Larch is an extremely attractive material and is in greater keeping with the natural environment.

7. **Consider justification of unnecessary and expensive proposal and if non-forthcoming, consider withdrawing the proposal**

   The successful project underwent an extensive design and tender process with emphasis on value for money.

   Furthermore, the existing structure could not accommodate what is needed to successfully meet the needs for everyone and comply with the Building Regulations. The proposal is not being withdrawn.

8. **Consider production of a Demolition Justification Report analysing the proposal by comparison with options of full or partial reuse of the existing structure.**
   a. Demolition justification versus retention of the existing structure was carried out early in the process and prior to previous Councillor Briefing

Sessions.

b. The Demolition Justification Report which was prepared was considered as part of the design process.
c. The number and standard of the toilet facilities proposed (6 direct entry wheelchair accessible toilets and a Changing Places Unit) was not possible to be incorporated into the structure of the existing building.
d. To utilize the existing building would have meant the loss of one of the WCA direct entry toilets and the much-needed Changing Places Unit.
e. In addition, it would not have been possible to provide direct entry WCA toilets due to the structural difficulties associated with reconfiguring the existing building.
f. Furthermore, the new building will meet the full requirements of the Building Regulations Parts A to M including Part L which dictates the energy efficiency of the proposed building (current Part L is for a nearly zero energy building).
g. The proposed bespoke sustainable construction toilet building, is 'A Rated' and extremely energy efficient, with a Passive Level Air Tightness.
h. The proposed building represents one of the best examples of sustainable construction being timber frame and including insulation of wood fibre and cellulose.
i. It will have one of the lowest Embodied Carbon numbers ever for any construction in Ireland with proposed building to be fully constructed offsite and installed complete on-site in a matter of 1-2 weeks approximately.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13th May 2024

Item No. 22

Headed Item

PARTXI/005/24

Notice of Proposed Development Part XI Planning & Development Act 2000 (As Amended) Part 8 Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended)

Replacement Public Toilets at East Pier, Howth, 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 East Pier, Howth, 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 6 no. direct entry wheelchair accessible facilities.
- Provision of 1 no. 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.
- The building will be Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) certified.

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 26th March 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 26th March 2024 up to and including Thursday 25th April 2024 on the website http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse and at three locations, at

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Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development were accepted from Tuesday 26th March 2024 up to Thursday 9th May 2024, either online through http://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse or In writing to: Senior Engineer, Howth/Malahide 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.

One submission/observation was 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 the person who made the submission.

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:

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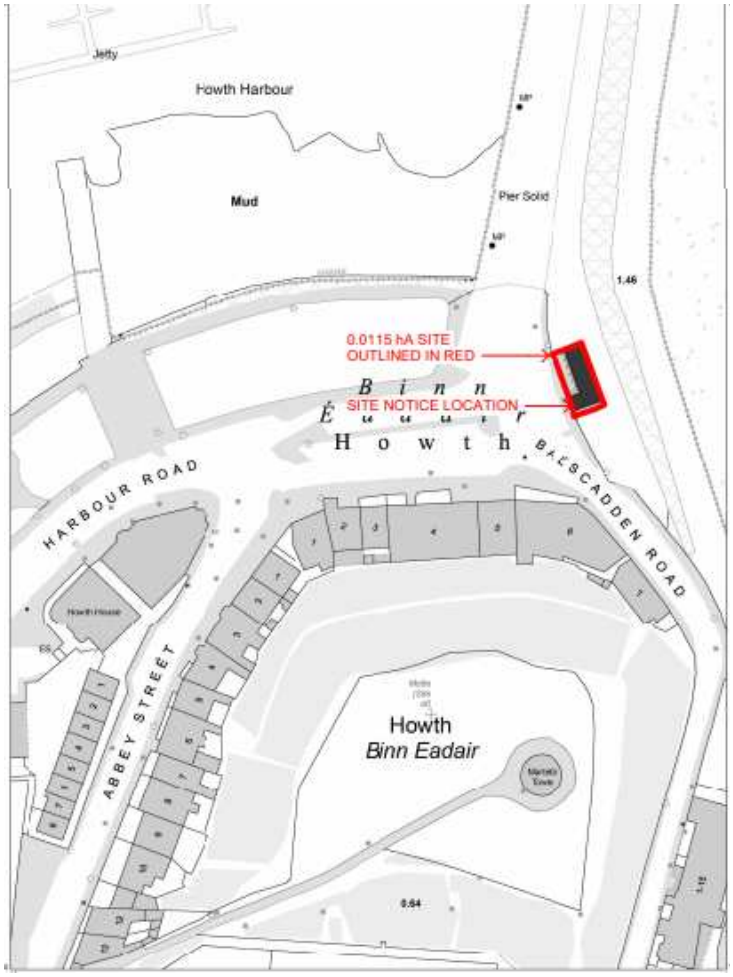
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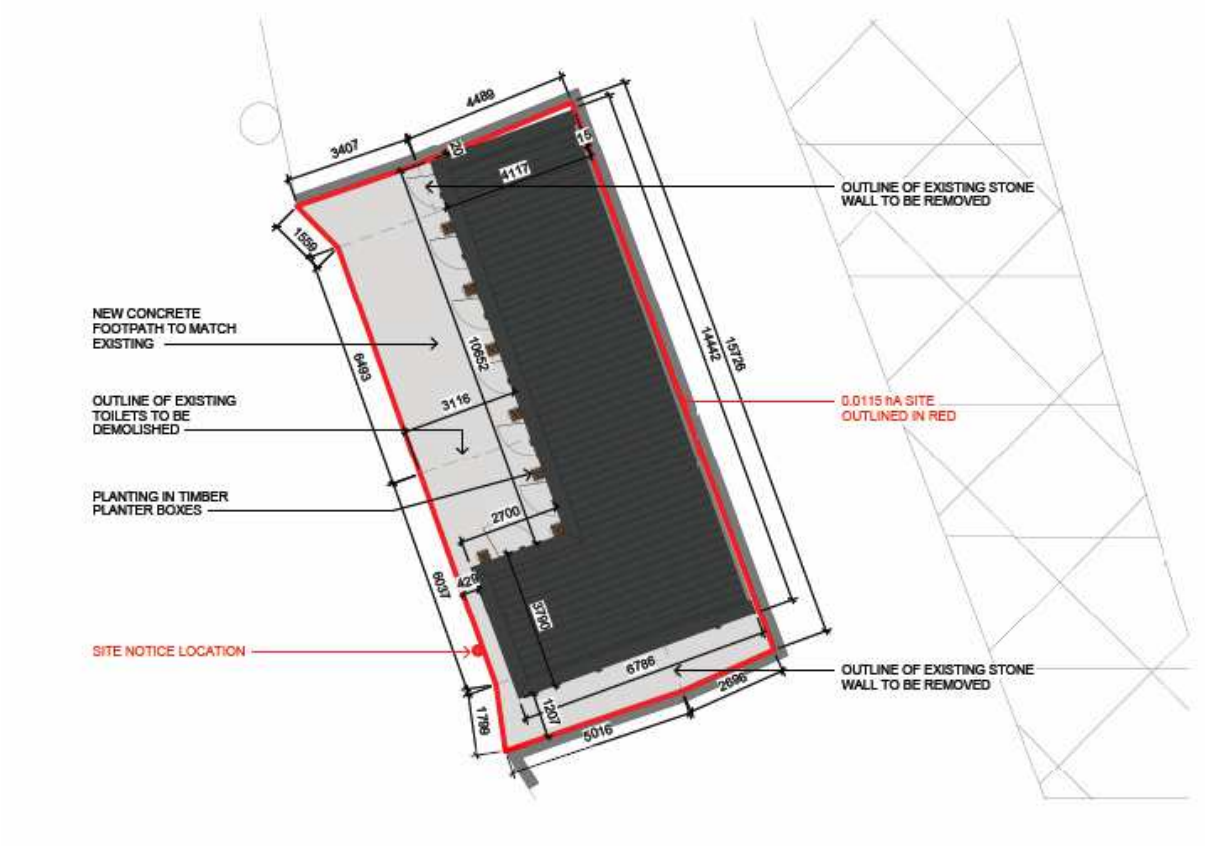
The site is located near the entrance to the East Pier of Howth Harbour at the junction of East Pier (off Harbour Road) and Balscadden Road, Howth and adjacent to the public car parking area off Harbour Road. It is on an elevated site compared to the shoreline and is 28m or so from the effective shoreline. The coastal area high tides do not impact the site itself.

The shore at this point is rock armouring and naturally occurring rocks on the seaward edge of the shoreline to the rear of the site. There is access from Balscadden Road to the seaward side of the shoreline in the immediate vicinity.



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- Provision of 6 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.
- The building will be Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) certified.


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Planning Context:

In the Fingal County Development Plan 2023 to 2029, the site is zoned as 'High Amenity Zoning (HA)' 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 wholly within the High Amenity Zoning.

Objective Type	HA - High Amenity
Objective Description	Protect and enhance high amenity areas
Objective Vision	Protect these highly sensitive and scenic locations from inappropriate development and reinforce their character, distinctiveness and sense of place. In recognition of the amenity potential of these areas opportunities to increase public access will be explored

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 at the East Pier site in Howth with a significantly improved, efficient and fit for purpose new facility. This will provide a higher standard of facility which is fully accessible and meets the needs of a broader range of local amenity users and visitors. Standard disabled toilets do not meet the needs of all people with disabilities and mobility issues – as some people need extra facilities to allow them to use the toilet. The incorporation of a much-needed Changing Places Unit provides for the additional needs of adult persons with a disability putting their health, safety and dignity requirements to the fore. It will enable people to visit the locality and local amenities who could never visit it before due to the lack of such a well-equipped facility. It will also include equipment such as a hoist and height adjustable changing bench along with sufficient room in the unit to accommodate their

accompanying carers. This will negate the need for loved ones to be changed on bathroom floors because adequate facilities were not previously provided.

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. No changes are proposed in relation to what was put on public display. -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 one submission with respect to the proposed development was received during the statutory consultation period. The person who made a submission is David Healy (Councillor).

(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 the submission 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 submission 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.

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 from 26th March 2024 up to and including 25th April 2024. This included:

- Site notice
- Newspaper notice
- Plans & Drawings (Sections & Elevations and OSI Mapping, Site Layout & Floor Plan)
- Screening for Appropriate Assessment Report
- Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report
- Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination

Site Notice:

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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 East Pier, Howth, 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 East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin.

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

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- **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.**
- **The building will be NZEB certified.**

In addition, the proposed development has undergone screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment screening, 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

Site Notice:

reasonable cost of making a copy from **Tuesday 26th March 2024 up to and including Thursday 25th April 2024** at the following locations:

- **Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2,** during normal opening hours (Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm excluding Bank Holidays)

and

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or

in writing by post addressed to:

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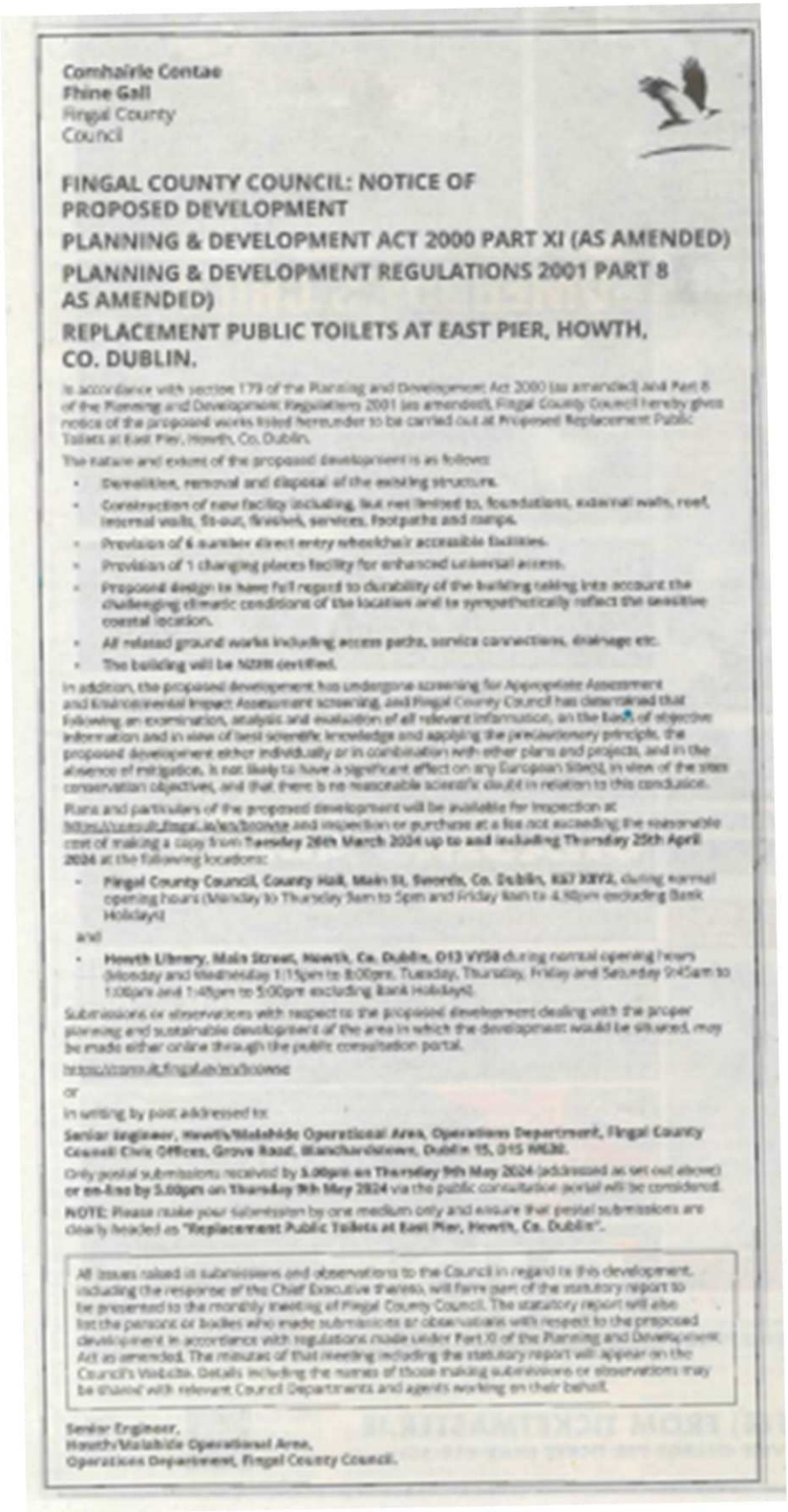
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All the issues raised in submissions and observations to the Council in regard to this development, including the response of the Chief Executive thereto, will form part of the statutory report to be presented to the monthly meeting of Fingal County Council. The statutory report will also list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development in accordance with regulations made under Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, as amended. The minutes of that meeting including the statutory report will appear on the Council's Website. Details including the names of those making submissions or observations may be shared with relevant Council Departments and agents working on their behalf.

Signed: K Gallagher 26th March 2024

Karen Gallagher, Senior Engineer, Operations Department

Newspaper Notice: As printed in the Irish Independent 26th March 2024.



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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL: NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

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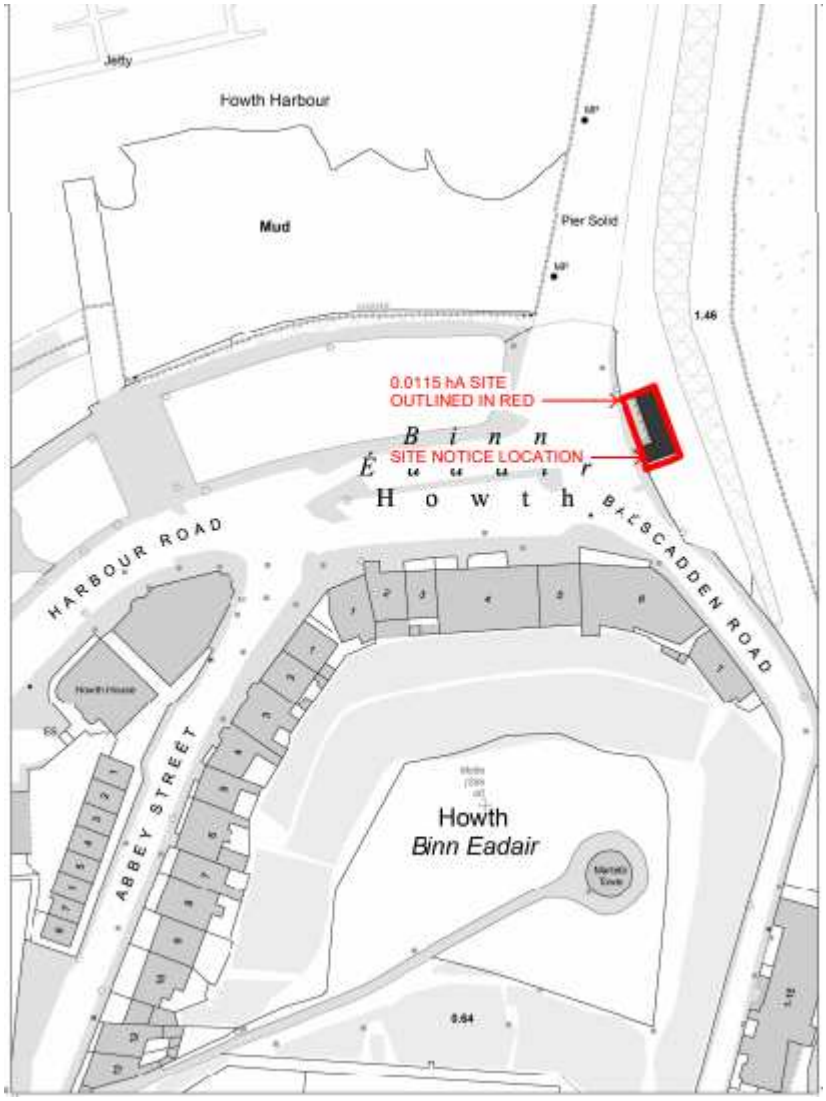
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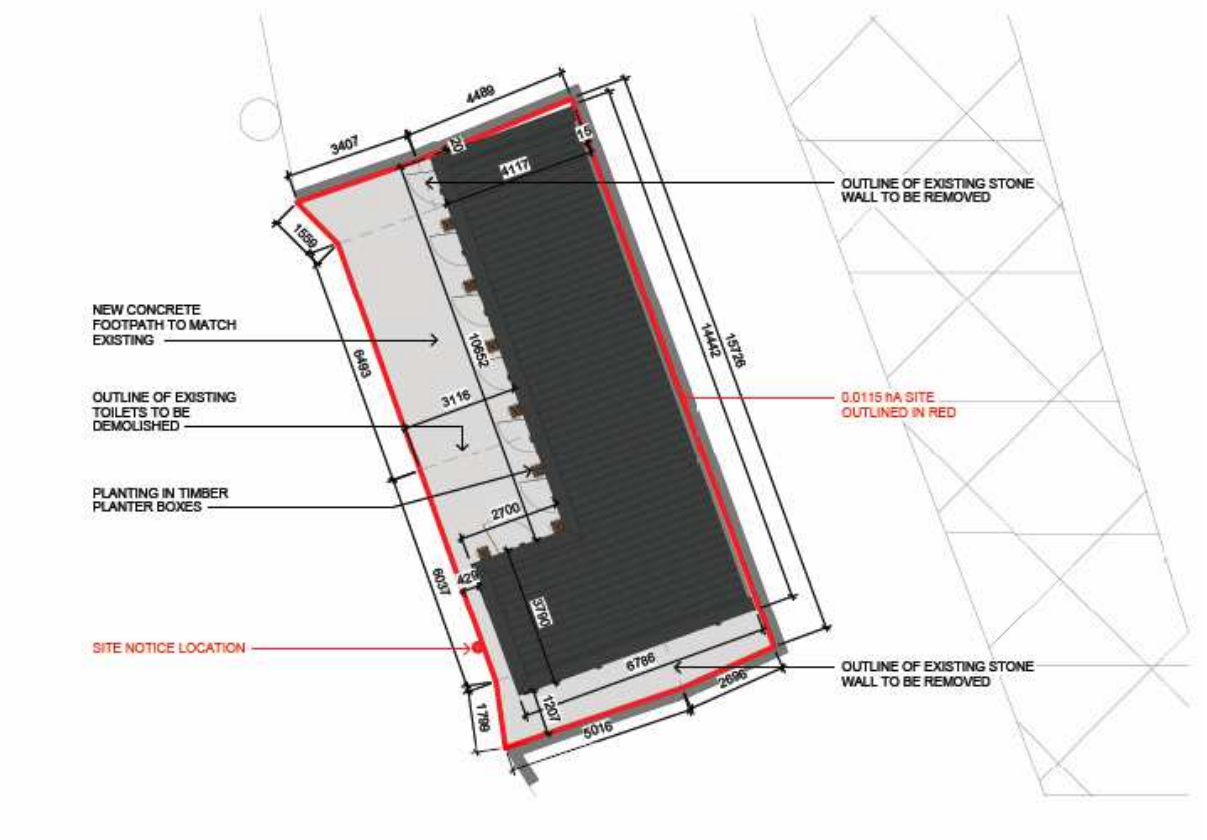
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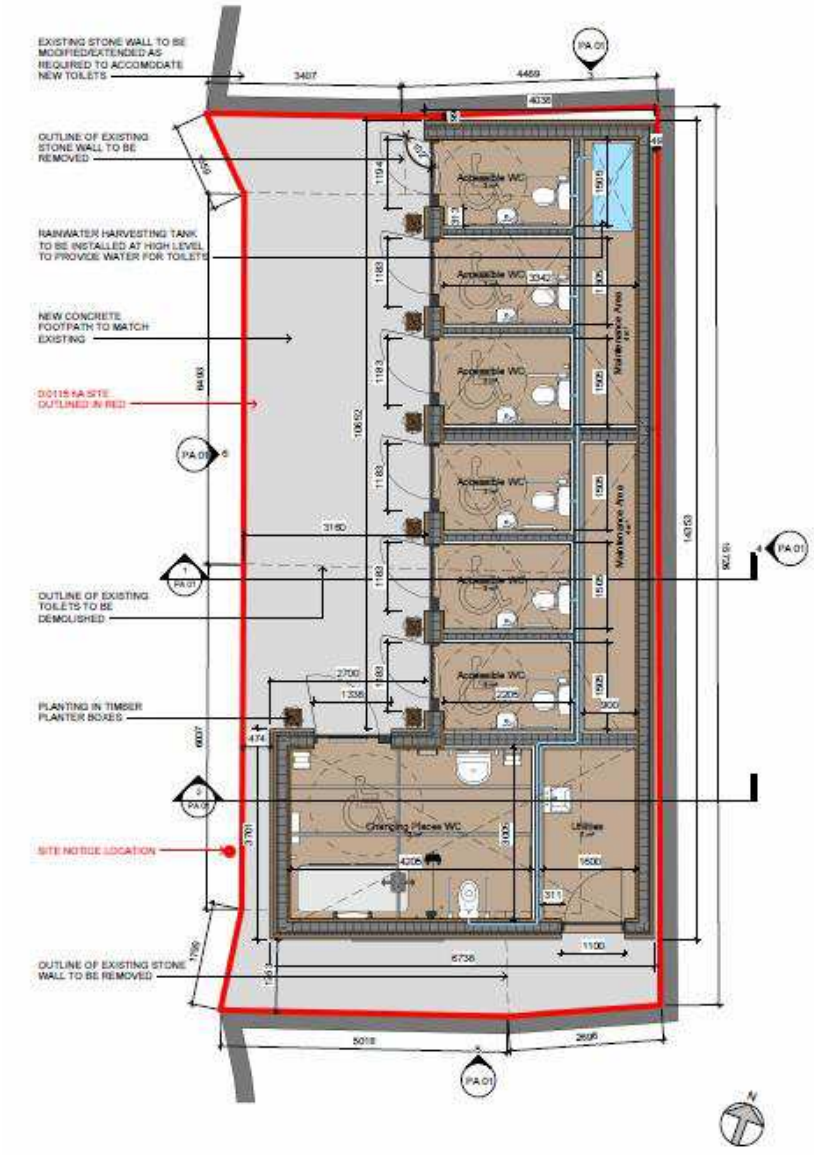
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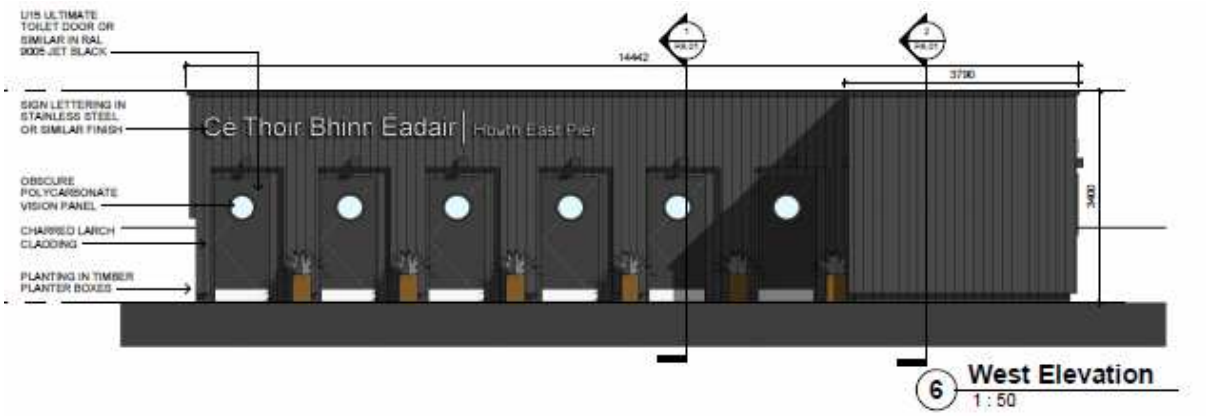
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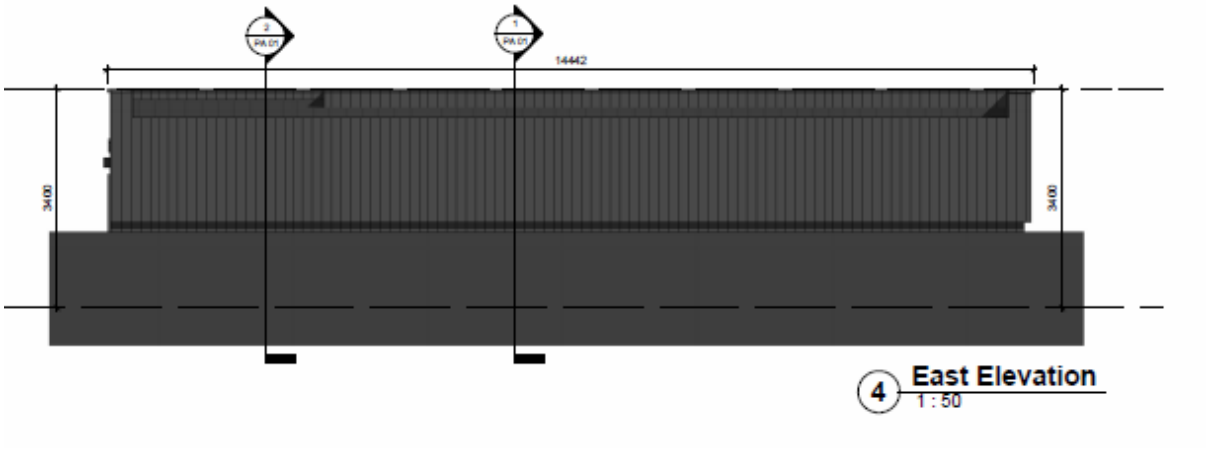
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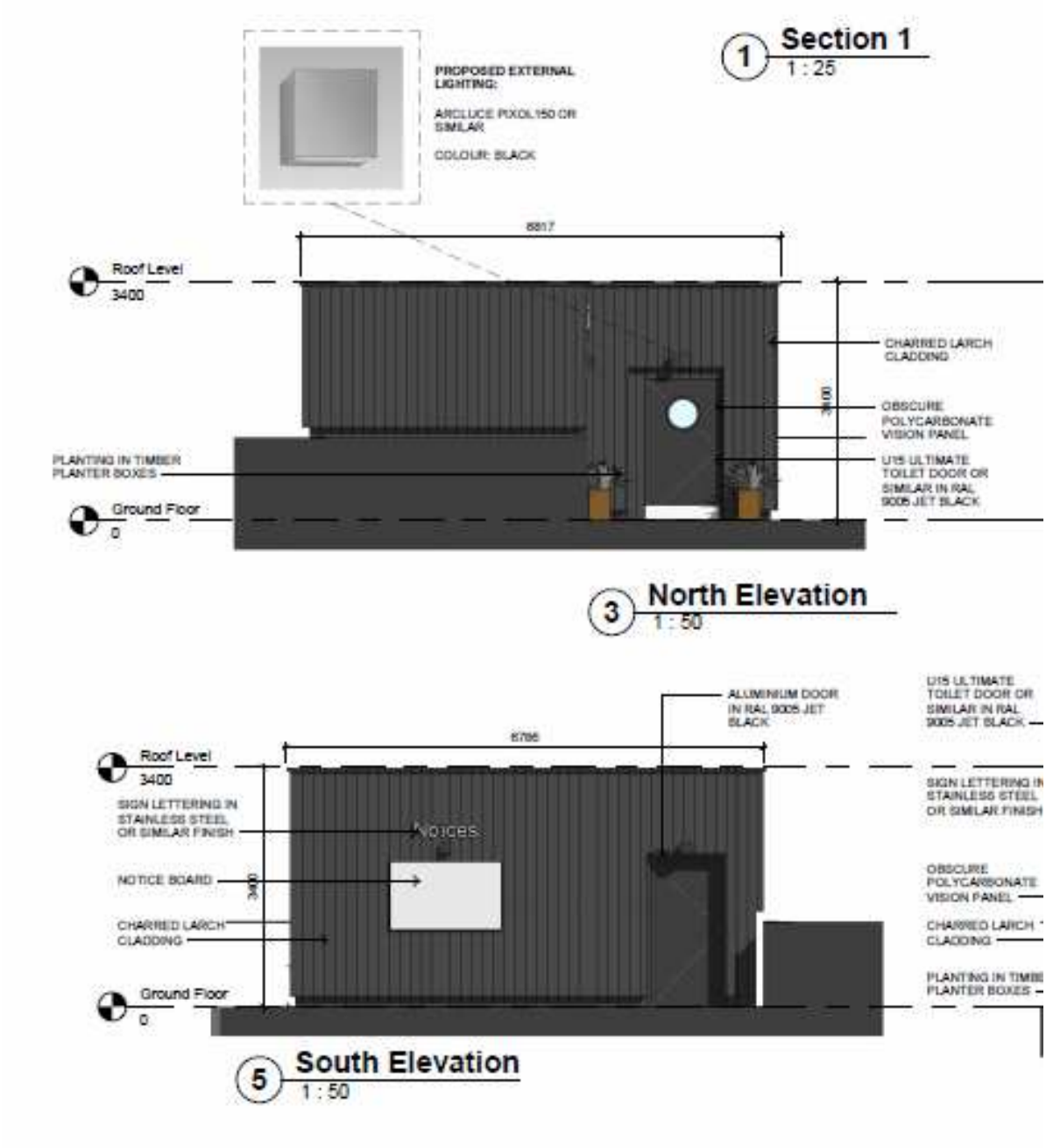
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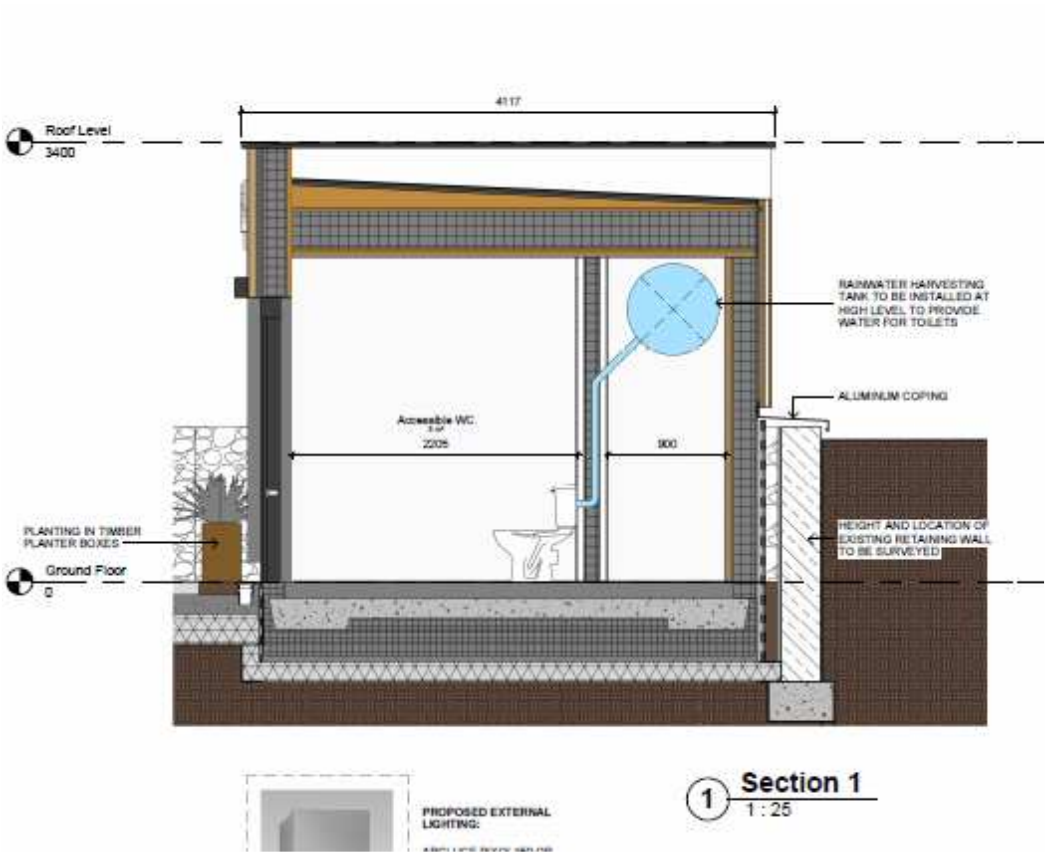
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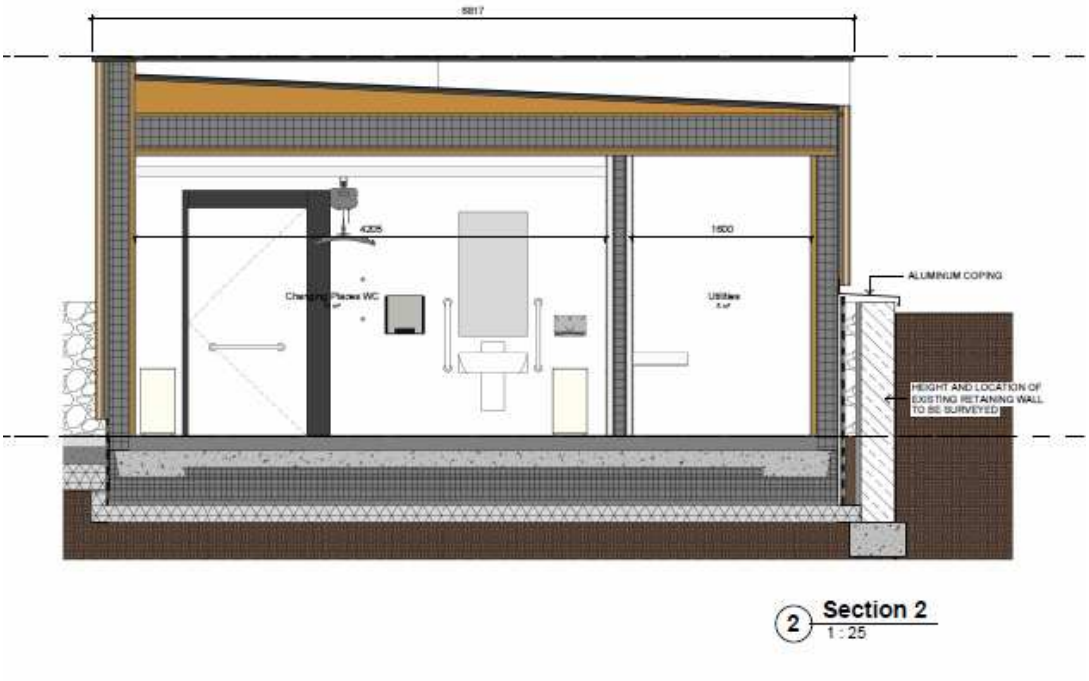
North and South Elevation View:



Section 1 View:



Section 2 View:



Materials Examples



U15 ULTIMATE TOILET DOOR EXAMPLE



CHARRED LARCH CLADDING



Completed Charred Larch Cladding

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

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

A – General & Planning Matters
The submissions and observations raised the following issues entitled Minor Improvements:

1. Consider production of a Demolition Justification Report analysing the proposal by comparison with options of full or partial reuse of the existing structure.
2. Query why the drawings were not available online on the date of the submission (03/05/2024)
3. Confirmation of changes made since the informal briefing for Howth Malahide LEA Councillors
4. Consider the main six-toilet block to be brought forward to the existing footpath.
5. Consider the door of the Changing Places Unit to be moved to the front face of the building.
6. Consider change in No 5. above that doesn't require the consultation process to be delayed.
7. Consider area behind the new toilet structure to be converted to public walkway use at the existing higher level.
8. Consider roof design to be green roof with native coastal species of Sedum, Armeria etc.
9. Consider removal of toilet name letters "Cé Thoir Bhinn Éadair Howth East Pier" from the new building. Reasoning: as everyone who reaches this location will know where they are.

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

The following are the responses to the submission made;

1. **Consider production of a Demolition Justification Report analysing the proposal by comparison with options of full or partial reuse of the existing structure**
   Demolition justification versus retention of the existing structure was carried out early in the process and prior to previous Councillor Briefing Sessions. The Demolition Justification Report which was prepared was considered as part of the design process. Retention was discounted for the following reasons
   a. The number and standard of the toilet facilities required (6 direct entry wheelchair accessible toilets and a Changing Places Unit) was not possible to be incorporated into the structure of the existing building. To utilize the existing building would have meant the loss of one of the WCA direct entry toilets and the much-needed Changing Places Unit.
   b. In addition, it would not have been possible to provide direct entry gender

neutral WCA toilets due to the structural difficulties associated with reconfiguring the existing building.

c. Furthermore, the new building will meet the full requirements of the Building Regulations Parts A to M including Part L which dictates the energy efficiency of the proposed building (current Part L is for a nearly zero energy building). The proposed bespoke sustainable construction toilet building, is 'A Rated' and extremely energy efficient, with a Passive Level Air Tightness.
d. The proposed building represents one of the best examples of sustainable construction being timber frame and including insulation of wood fibre and cellulose. It will have one of the lowest Embodied Carbon numbers ever for any construction in Ireland with proposed building to be fully constructed offsite and installed complete on-site in a matter of 1-2 weeks approximately.

2. **Query why the drawings were not available online on the date of the submission made on 03/05/2024.**
    a. The Operations Department followed the statutory process for the public consultation correctly.
    b. In accordance with the statutory process, all documents including the drawings were available online for the following display period: Tuesday 26th March 2024 up to and including Thursday 25th April 2024.
    c. The additional two weeks in accordance with Section 251 concluded on 9th May 2024 at 5pm when the submission period concluded.

3. **Confirmation of changes made since the informal briefing for Howth Malahide LEA Councillors**

    Observations and comments made by Howth Malahide LEA Councillors, at the informal briefing which took place on 15th March 2024, were considered fully by the Operations Department, Internal Consultees, Designers and Engineering Team.

    Following intensive consideration, there were no changes made to the design of the structure following the comments at the informal briefing.

4. **Consider the main six-toilet block to be brought forward to the existing footpath.**
    a. This was considered to be a substantial material change to the design that was put on public display.
    b. In addition, it is not possible with this suggested reorientation to allow for the necessary area of wheelchair accessible apron for the Changing Places Unit and WCA direct entry units to be provided within the footprint of the existing site.
    c. The land surrounding the existing site is the property of the DAFM. Extensive negotiations to acquire additional land from the DAFM would delay this project for little to no gain.

d. There is no benefit to moving the main 6 toilet block forward in line with the western face of the Changing Places Unit.
e. This will also have the disadvantage that the Changing Places Unit would need to be removed and replaced with one standard WCA cubicle. The provision of a Changing Places Unit was a key factor in the design of the new toilets proposed.

5. **Consider the door of the Changing Places Unit to be moved to the front face of the building.**
   It is not possible within the footprint provided to rearrange the layout to all access doors facing forwards, including the Changing Places Unit door.
   a. The design is in line with the existing footprint with cognizance to meeting Part M of the Building Regulations in terms of access. Where a door is not front facing it is in relation to meeting those stipulations and requirements.
   b. The door and equipment required to be installed in the Changing Places Unit has been best placed for users to maximize the space available.

6. **Consider change in No 5. above that doesn't require the consultation process to be delayed.**
   Additional land from the DAFM would need to be acquired which would lead to a delay for this project for little to no benefit.

7. **Consider area behind the new toilet structure to be converted to public walkway use at the existing higher level.**
   The land to the rear of the toilet structure is the property of the DAFM. The Operations Department will liaise with the DAFM regarding the request for a public walkway to be installed to the rear of the structure. Given it is the property of the DAFM and they would need to be in agreement with this request.

8. **Consider roof design to be green roof with native coastal species of Sedum, Armeria etc.**
   The provision of a green roof was considered in the design of the existing building. It was discounted for the following reasons and replaced instead with a rain water harvesting unit. The rainwater harvested from the roof will be filtered and used for filling the toilet cisterns for flushing
   a. A sloped roof has been chosen to prevent access to the roof by persons intent on anti-social behaviour at this location. A slope at the angle required to prevent access is not conducive to green roof provision at this location.
   b. Higher initial capital cost compared to a conventional roof: It costs more to install - figures range from approximately 40%-150% extra dependent on whether the type of green roof being installed is intensive or extensive. The installation of additional materials and structures to support, drain and

protect the building are also required.

c. It is substantially more expensive than a traditional roof, has a substantially increased weight load leading to the underlying structure having to be strengthened to cope with the extra load. There is also the increased weight of waterlogged soils and water retention to consider. The weight increases as the green roof grows.
d. Green roofs require extra maintenance and resources than conventional roofs. Essential work such as fertilization, pruning, irrigation and weeding may be required.
e. Difficulties with access difficulties for staff carrying out maintenance of the green roof – elimination and prevention of health and safety risks for staff is key.
f. Damage: Failure to maintain the roof may lead to damage. Leaks in waterproofing membranes due to root growth or temperature fluctuations may expose the underlying roof structure to damage or corrosion. Drainage systems may become blocked by soil and vegetation.
g. Leaks vulnerability: Roofs, particularly flat roofs, leak all the time. Adding soil and plants that will work to retain water on top of a building makes green roofs especially prone to leaks. Furthermore, the complex, multi-layered base that a green roof sits on makes it especially difficult to find the source of a leak

9. **Consider removal of toilet name letters "Cé Thoir Bhinn Éadair Howth East Pier" from the new building. Reasoning: as everyone who reaches this location will know where they are.**

The suggestion of the removal of the name of the location was considered however the name will remain on the proposed structure for the following reasons:

a. Howth receives many visitors and tourists and whilst many regulars and locals will know exactly where they are, it is easy to identify the building to those who are searching for the toilets.
b. The naming of each of the new toilet facilities is being carried out on a countywide basis promoting consistency across Fingal's administrative area.
c. Names on buildings promotes both cityscape and architectural photography opportunities which can then be shared on social media platforms. This promotes facilities within the Fingal area and encourages more visitors which benefits the local economy in Howth.
d. The name placement enhances the attractiveness of the building.
e. The name placement is in line with Government policy for the promotion of our native language. The Irish translation for the facility has been approved by the Councils Irish Officer.
f. Naming public buildings builds a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing for communities.

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

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Foreword

Adrian Henchy
Mayor of Fingal

The year has been one of great progress and I have been heartened by the wonderful community strength that I've been able to witness across the county.

It has been both a privilege and an honour to serve as Mayor during this period, and I am deeply thankful for the countless opportunities I've had to engage with the people of Fingal. Despite facing unprecedented challenges, our community has shown remarkable resilience, solidarity and a steadfast dedication to moving forward.

Since being elected as Mayor, I've been fortunate to attend hundreds of community events, initiative launches and openings that have focussed on issues including heritage, the environment, sports and housing. The achievements we've accomplished are a source of pride and there remains great expectation on what more we can achieve in the future.

Throughout the year, Fingal County Council remained steadfast in its dedication to serving the needs of our residents, businesses and communities. From the outset, our focus has been on fostering an environment where innovation thrives, where sustainability is championed and where inclusivity remains a core tenet of what we do. In every decision made and every initiative undertaken, our guiding principle has been to enhance the quality of life for all who call Fingal home.

In 2023, our collective efforts bore fruit in a myriad of ways. We celebrated the completion of numerous infrastructure projects, enhancing connectivity and accessibility across the county. From improved transport networks to the expansion of vital services, these initiatives underscore our commitment to laying the foundations for a prosperous future.

To help continue this positive progress, Councillors agreed to a €361.9 million budget for 2024 that will be invested in delivering over 900 different services in what is one of Ireland's fastest growing and youngest counties. We also unveiled a three-year Capital Programme worth €1.35 billion that will support new housing, new community facilities and new transport links, as well the preservation of our heritage.

We have also continued to prioritize sustainability and environmental stewardship. Initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions and safeguarding our natural habitats took centre stage. As part of that, a new Biodiversity Action Plan has been published for Fingal that aims to halt biodiversity loss and help ensure that future generations can enjoy the diverse range of habitats, plants and animals that we take for granted today.

Equally important was our unwavering dedication to fostering vibrant and inclusive communities. From supporting local businesses to investing in cultural events and recreational facilities, we worked tirelessly to create spaces where diversity is celebrated, and opportunity abounds.

And there were also some wonderful – and memorable - cultural and sporting activities in the Fingal region, including Balbriggan playing host to a series of matches as part of the Women's Softball World Cup and Blanchardstown hosting Ireland's biggest Women's Football World Cup Watch Party where we got to cheer on local heroes like Diane Caldwell and Izzy Atkinson. Here too, I would like to make a special mention to the welcome expansion of our greatly admired TY Football and Fitness course, which will see our first ever cohort of girls graduate next year.

In June 2024, we will see Local Elections taking place. These are an opportunity for the people of Fingal to vote for councillors to represent them across the seven Local Electoral Areas for the next five-year cycle. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow Council members for their unwavering dedication to serving the residents of Fingal and for steadfastly advocating for the causes close to their hearts. I also want to recognise and pay tribute to Deputy Mayor Cllr Gráinne Maguire for the wealth of experience and dedication she has brought to the role.

Furthermore, I express appreciation to Chief Executive AnnMarie Farrelly for her guidance, resolute leadership, and forward-thinking vision. I also want to commend all Council staff for their hard work and dedication in enhancing the well-being of our community.

Adrian Henchy
Mayor of Fingal



Introduction

AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive

This is the 30th Annual Report published by Fingal County Council since our formation and our county is a very different place to the one that existed in 1994.

That brings its own challenges, particularly in housing where we are involved in the provision of private, affordable, cost rental and social homes and in the delivery of infrastructure to support the communities that are created or increased.

Last August saw a remarkable day where we cut the sod on a development of 1,200 mixed tenure homes on one side of the Donabate Distributor Road having earlier broken ground across the road for a new €10m recreational hub which is beside the site earmarked for a new school to meet the educational needs of the area. We also opened two recreational hubs in Ward River Valley Park in Swords and Porterstown Park in Castleknock in 2023 and our long-term plan is to create 14 across the county which will be managed, under licence, by local sports clubs working together.

We operate or support 36 community centres across the county and in March we turned the sod on a new €7.5m community centre for Meakstown where we will also deliver the largest playground in Fingal. The provision of a new community centre in Baldoyle moved closer as did the delivery of the €44m Swords Cultural Centre and the €15m redevelopment of the area around Quay Street and the harbour in Balbriggan.

In October, Councillors agreed a three-year Capital Programme worth €1.37 billion which contains 312 projects of which 67, representing a spend of €215m, were already on site. In addition to the projects already mentioned, the programme also includes the new €16m Ongar to Barnhill Road, the €116m mixed tenure development at Church Fields in Mulhuddart and €7.7m pedestrian and cycle route on the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan.

The past year also saw us launch the new Fingal Biodiversity Plan while the innovative and hugely successful Transition Year Football & Fitness course, run in partnership with the Football Association of Ireland, welcomed its first class of girls. The annual Pride of Place Community Awards saw Mountview, one of the oldest urban areas in Blanchardstown, win the Urban Neighbourhood category while, after an absence of four years, Fingal returned to Bloom and won a gold medal for our show garden, "A Breathing Space for Fingal".

I would like to thank the Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, and his predecessor, Cllr Howard Mahony, for the leadership they showed in the role during the year. Nothing that we do would be possible without the support of our 40 Councillors. I would especially like to thank them for their work on our new six-year Development Plan which sets out the spatial framework to guide future development within the County with a focus on the places we live, the places we work, the places we visit and the places we do business and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment.

The commitment of our 1,600 staff who do great work every day is frequently commented upon by people I meet across Fingal. A recent REDC survey commissioned by Fingal County Council found that 70% of residents trust the Council and 67% are satisfied with the work that we do. Those figures don't happen by accident, so I am extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team working every day to deliver a quality service to the local community.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive


Balbriggan
Rush - Lusk
Swords
Howth
- Malahide
Blanchardstown
– Mulhuddart
Ongar
Castleknock

Elected Members

2023

Fingal Councillors 2023

Balbriggan



Brendan Ryan
Labour Party
Co-Opted 15 June 23



Gráinne Maguire
Independent



Karen Power
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Seána Ó Rodaigh
Labour Party
Resigned 8 May 23



Tom O'Leary
Fine Gael



Tony Murphy
Independent

Blanchardstown -Mulhuddart



Breda Hanaphy
Sinn Féin



JK Onwumereh
Fianna Fáil



John Burtchaell
Solidarity



Mary McCamley
Labour Party



Punam Rane
Fine Gael

Castleknock



Howard Mahony
Fianna Fáil



John Walsh
Labour Party



Natalie Treacy
Sinn Féin



Pamela Conroy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Siobhan Shovlin
Fine Gael



Ted Leddy
Fine Gael

Howth -Malahide



Anthony Lavin
Fine Gael



Aoibhinn Tormey
Fine Gael



Brian McDonagh
Labour Party



David Healy
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



Eoghan O'Brien
Fianna Fáil



Jimmy Guerin
Independent



Joan Hopkins
Social Democrats

Ongar



Angela Donnelly
Sinn Féin



Daniel Whooley
Green Party
Resigned 18 Sep 23



Kieran Dennison
Fine Gael



Tania Doyle
Independent



Tom Kitt
Fianna Fáil

Rush -Lusk



Adrian Henchy
Fianna Fáil



Brian Dennehy
Fianna Fáil



Cathal Boland
Independent



Paul Mulville
Social Democrats



Robert O'Donoghue
Labour party

Swords



Ann Graves
Sinn Féin



Brigid Manton
Fianna Fáil



Darragh Butler
Fianna Fáil



Dean Mulligan
Independents 4 Change



Ian Carey
Green Party
Comhaontas Glas



James Humphreys
Labour Party



Joe Newman
Independent

Mayors of Fingal

2023



Mayor
Howard Mahony
January-June 2023



Mayor
Adrian Henchy
June-December 2023



Deputy Mayor
Cathal Boland
January-June 2023



Deputy Mayor
Gráinne Maguire
June-December 2023

Key Achievements

2023

Highlights:

- Fingal County Council unveils Capital Programme worth €1.35 billion
- Fingal County Council Announces Festival and Events Funding Scheme for 2024
- Council welcomes €1.7m allocation from Community Recognition Fund
- New €2m sports facility opens in Castleknock
- Community Monuments Fund 2024 is Launched
- Mayor of Fingal opens three public amenities worth €6m in Swords
- Work begins on construction of 62 new homes in Rush
- Enabling works commence for new Civic and Cultural Centre in Swords
- Fingal Beaches retain Blue and Green Flags for 2023
- Rathmore Park Lusk officially opened by Mayor of Fingal
- Construction begins at Balmoston, one of the largest residential housing developments in the Country
- 15 permanent noise measuring systems now in place around Dublin Airport
- First Bike Bunkers for Fingal Installed in Balbriggan
- Virtual Reality comes to Fingal Libraries
- Fingal Celebrates 25 Years of the Good Friday Agreement
- Irish Sign Language Service Launched for Visitors to Fingal County Council Offices
- Fingal's 3D modelling approach takes top prize at Excellence in Local Government Awards
- Fingal Innovative Projects will mark the Final Chapter of the Decade of Centenaries
- Success for Hartstown as Fingal Parks achieve seven Green Flag Awards
- Fingal County Council and Cricket Leinster Champion Inclusivity in Cricket with the launch of Cricket4All Guidelines
- Castleknock and Balbriggan Dublin Discovery Digital Trails Update Launched
- Balbriggan Beach Welcomes Installation of New Volleyball Nets
- Fingal Business Picks Up with Innovative eCargo Bike Trial Schemes
- Fingal County Council launch the Guidance Manual for Fingal Community Facilities
- Fingal County Council Welcomes Tradfest 2023
- European Partners visit Balbriggan for transnational learning exchange
- Free School Resources Launched To Celebrate Clean Air Week in Fingal
- Swords Segregated Cycle Lanes Upgrade Safety for Local Community

Reports/Plans/Strategies:

- Fingal's latest report shows gender pay gap has narrowed
- Fingal Moves Forward on Climate Change Actions
- Skerries Report Published Following Active Travel Plan Consultation
- Fingal Moves Forward On Skerries Active Travel Plan following Public Consultation
- Far reaching Biodiversity Plan looks to reverse decline by 2030
- Council receives Dublin Airport planning application
- Fingal Seeks Input as Climate Action Plan Enters Public Consultation Phase

Grants:

- Over €320,000 in funding awarded to community and voluntary groups under the Community Support Fund
- €57,720 in Funding to be given to Summer Projects by Fingal County Council
- NTA Award €17.11m Funding to Fingal Active Travel Projects
- 2024 Funding for conservation works and repairs in Fingal
- Launch of 'Community Climate Action Fingal' Grant
- Launch of the Community Recognition Fund Book Gifting Programme from Fingal Libraries
- Fingal receives funding to look at sea swimming project in Skerries
- New Funding for Streetscape Enhancement Projects in Donabate
- Fingal Secure Bike Week 2023 Funding
- Fingal County Council Announce Artists' Support Scheme, 2023

Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Review



Theme 1:
Quality of Life



Theme 2:
Quality of Climate Resilient Environment



Theme 3:
Quality Business Environment



Theme 4:
Quality in our Work

Support the Diverse Needs of the People of Fingal

Provide for the sustainable development of the County through the review of the County Development Plan - and the preparation of a new plan.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial Direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans.

Facilitate the supply of housing, both public and private, in the County to provide sustainable, quality, affordable, mixed tenure housing options through land use activation and development management.

Fingal County Council continue to meet and exceed the targets of Housing for All and of the Housing Delivery Action Plan. In addition, there has been a significant increase in the delivery of Affordable Housing for private sale throughout the County. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Vacant Property Grant Scheme eligibilty criteria was expanded in May 2023 with increased promotion of the scheme by the Vacant Homes Team in order to bring private owned vacant dwellings back into occupancy. During 2023, a further 78 applications were received of which 49 applications were approved.

Facilitate good quality private rented accommodation standards to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families living in the private rented accommodation sector.

The Private Rented Inspection Section continues to carry out inspections on private rented properties to ensure that the properties meet the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. In 2023 over 6,796 inspections were carried out with 5,475 dwellings inspected. In line with Housing for All strategy for the Rental Sector, Fingal County Council is dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in the Fingal area.

Strive to ensure that all communities in Fingal irrespective of age, nationality, ethnicity, religious or cultural background are encouraged to participate in and avail of the services delivered by the Council.

Community inclusion, empowerment and participation are fundamental to the work of the Community Development Office as it delivers, supports initiatives which support the development of sustainable inclusive communities across Fingal.

Under the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy the Community Development Integration Team provided coordinating oversight and guidance in the delivery of 25 actions under the five strategy pillars across the Council;

1. Public Sector Duty
2. Enterprise
3. Communication and Information.
4. Integration, Cultural Difference & Racism
5. Housing

These 25 actions support integration and interculturalism across all Council services. In 2023 Fingal's Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) was established to provide integration supports to Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants), Programme Refugees, those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

Provide a safe and sustainable public realm to meet the needs of all the citizens of the County.

The public realm, namely the road network, footpaths and paved areas are required to be secure, accessible, connected and well maintained. High quality upkeep of the public realm contributes to a positive image and foster a sense of community. Meeting the requirements in relation to accessibility/mobility/age friendly commitments is important in the retro-fitting of infrastructure within the public realm e.g. tactile paving, noise aids at crossings, mobility hubs placement of street furniture. Delivery of the Programme of Works, preventative and response maintenance programmes ensures the provision of a high quality public realm for citizens and visitors to the County. In terms of sustainability the Council is committed to encompassing the principles of green infrastructure and whole life cost in terms of reinstatement and upgrading of existing infrastructure. Redesign and retrofitting, in order to ensure that the public realm better serves the needs of the citizen will also take place.

Develop and enhance the arts and cultural identity of Fingal, make space for the Arts connecting people and ideas and encouraging participation in all art forms.

The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2023 with the Public Arts Programme 'Infrastructure' and the awarding of grants, commissions and bursaries schemes.

The actions resulting from the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council of Ireland continued in 2023 on the two areas of agreement:
a) Research & Development
b) Building capacity

in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter, Our Balbriggan and the development of Artist studios at 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan.

Provide dynamic and inclusive library spaces and services for the Community.

The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented in 2023. Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. The tender to select the building contractor for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter was issued in November 2023. Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate was purchased by the Council. Work began on developing plans to relocate the Library from the Community Centre to this site.

Support culture and recreation and enable literacy, education and economic development through innovative programmes

The Libraries Department through the Creative Ireland programme and through programmes such as Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Right to Read and Europe Direct, engaged and informed citizens throughout 2022. Highlights included Cruinniú na nÓg, the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival.

Create effective pathways for citizens of Fingal to develop and participate in lifelong patterns of involvement in sport, recreation and leisure creating healthy lifestyles and building a sustainable approach to sport development

The Community Development Office works in partnership with voluntary community groups, agencies and service providers to provide support to communities through the delivery of community, recreation, educational programmes, grant funding schemes, support and advice services to develop strong, self-reliant, and sustainable vibrant communities. Examples include: 20 Fingal Positive Ageing Week initiatives, 70 initiatives for Fingal Inclusion Week, over 6,000 young people attended Summer Camps, 30 events during the week of International Women's Day, 41 Acorn Tablets repurposed to support older Ukrainian people accessing English language classes, craft classes and general contacts.

Ensure our Existing & New Communities are Safe, Inclusive & Sustainable

Develop plans to facilitate the increase of supply of housing in the County.

Ongoing residential development. At December 2023 as per the Housing Task Force Return: The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 126. The number of units with planning permission is 21,845. The number of units with planning permission is 21,845. There are 69 active sites. There are 3,016 units under construction. There are currently thirty SHD Sites in Tier 1, with ten of these sites active and five other SHD sites are currently under Judicial Review. There are five LRDs in Tier 1, four are inactive, one of which is currently under a Judicial Review.

Build a strong sense of place, identity and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected Communities.

Empowering community groups and supporting Community leadership is critical in supporting residents to actively develop their Communities. The work of the Community Development Office continued in this area under the five pillars below, with €309K invested in Community initiatives which promoted equality and inclusion and fostered participation.
1. Inter-Agency Support
2. Community Development Support
3. Strategic Support
4. Facilities Support
5. Funding Support

The Community Development Office actively supported local groups in undertaking climate change initiatives including, the Mulhuddart Green Festival attended by 350 people; Swords Circular Economy Project attended by 210 people, the holding of 40 Keen to be Green in the Community Workshops, supporting 21 Fingal Climate Action Hero Community Groups, three Fingal groups achieved National Awards and supporting several Community Gardens and clean up groups across the county.

Support the growth of strong and resilient neighbourhoods.

Strong and resilient neighbourhoods are founded on strong community engagement and volunteerism. In recognition of this, the 2023 Fingal Mayor's Awards honoured 24 community volunteers for their outstanding work within their communities.

In light of the rapid growth, diversity and changing nature of our communities, 38 Awareness Raising Training Events took place focused on Cultural Diversity and Inclusion in support of community integration.

The Community Development Office worked with 367 active Community Groups throughout the year with over 3000 significant engagements recorded between voluntary groups and staff.

Financial support of €350K in direct grant funding was awarded to 250 voluntary community groups in support of their work to strengthen and develop their local areas.

The Fingal Facilities Unit ensured the provision of safe secure facilities for local groups to meet in the 37 Community Facilities which had 2.2 million visitors in 2023 and 475 community groups regularly using these facilities across the County.

345 people attended training with the Fingal Community Facilities Network coupled with ongoing support provided to 120 Volunteer Board Directors. These initiatives support high standards of governance across all Fingal Community Facilities. The innovative Fingal She Leads project provides support and encourages women to become involved as community leaders . It grew from strength to strength as shown by the attendance of 170 people at the launch of Through our Eyes, the Power of Women's Leadership in Community Action, Photography Exhibition, one of a series of initiatives supported in this area.

Provide high quality parks and open spaces to meet the needs of all users and create a healthy environment.

The Council continues to invest in the regional parks and open spaces through the Capital Works Programme and the Programme of Works. Parks and open spaces provide opportunities for passive and active recreation. Parks and open spaces help build and strengthen ties within communities by bringing people together for community events, including those who may be separated by ethnic or social background. A network of high-quality certified playgrounds demonstrates our commitment to the importance of play and child development. As part of Our Play Strategy an audit was carried out of play facilities across the County and this will guide future development of play facilities with a number of priority locations identified for future facilities. Accessible equipment is being rolled out as part of an inclusive approach to play. Continued investment in sports pitches, recreational hubs and installation of outdoor exercise equipment meets the needs of a broad cross section of the community of all ability levels and age groups with additional facilities opening across the County year on year and others at planning and procurement stage. A significant emphasis has been placed on providing age friendly facilities across the county in the last number of years.

Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.

"The Fingal SICAP Programme" supported physical and mental well-being through the LCDC Healthy Ireland Programme community safety and integration. Procurement on the delivery of the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028 completed in 2023.

The Fingal LCDC is responsible for the delivery of the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme, and the Dublin Rural LAG was successful in the development of a new LEADER Development Strategy for the Dublin Rural Area and approved to run the LEADER Programme 2023 - 2027.

Additional funding under the Community Enhancement Programme, the Town and Villages Renewal Scheme, Community Facilities, Community Grants and Sports Grant Schemes supported local community and economic development with funds supporting online events, measures to repurpose open space, supports for social distancing in community centres and providing equipment to community groups and sports clubs.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Leadership Group, comprising senior public, private and Community stakeholders, with an independent Chair, leads on local community and economic development in Balbriggan.

The Town Regeneration Office established a new Town Team in Lusk, the first of a number of Town Teams that will be set up in Fingal's Towns in the years ahead.

Support the development of strong, safe and engaged communities to actively participate in civic life celebrating our identity through arts, culture, heritage and sport.

Fingal County Council (FCC) Sports Office is part of Sport Ireland's network of Local Sports Partnerships (LSPs). The aim of the LSP (Local Sports Partnerships) Network is to help people get active and remove barriers to sport and physical activity that may exist.
The Sports Office undertakes a wide range of actions with the aim of increasing sport and physical activity participation levels in their local communities. 2023's Actions included:

- The Sports Office supports and delivers programmes aimed at increasing participation in sport, targeting specific groups such as children, youth at risk, disadvantaged groups, teenage girls, women in sport, older adults and people with disabilities.
- Working to develop clubs, coaches, volunteers and supporting partnerships between local sports clubs, community-based organisations and sector agencies.
- Creating greater opportunities for access to training and education in relation to sports and physical activity provision.
- Provision of targeted programmes, events and initiatives to increase physical activity and sport participation.
- Providing information about sport and physical activity to create awareness and access.
- The Sports Office – via FCC's Sports Development Officers and its nine Co-Funded NGB (National Governing Bodies of Sport) Officers, delivered 855 programmes, attracting 56,735 participants.
- Some 'targeted' highlights included:
- In October, Chloe Farrell became Senior Sports Officer
- In early May 2023, FCC deployed our new 'Active Cities' Co-ordinator, Ian Farrell
- The key focus for Active Cities is getting cross-sector buy-in to the need for an Active City.
- Making sure the voice of those most inactive is heard.
- Ensuring strategic input from all relevant stakeholders in the development of local physical activity strategies and plans.
- 'Active Cities' introduced the 'Box-Up' concept to the County. Each unit has 6 lockers containing a variety of equipment to suit various needs and abilities, such as Boules, Spikeball, exercise equipment and more. To get started the user can download the free BoxUP app and set up an account using photo ID. They can then select their location and BoxUp station and choose which locker they want to open and take out the equipment.

- Active Cities Dublin and Fingal County Council launched a pilot project with two BoxUP units, at Skerries Community Centre and Rush South Beach. With the success of these two units Fingal County Council will be introducing more BoxUp units into local parks in 2024.
- Active Cities hosted a 'Women's World Cup Watch Party,' at the National Sports Campus for the Australia v Ireland match. The aim of the initiative was to familiarise local Communities with the free facilities now available at the Sports Campus.
- Fingal Parks and Trails Challenge - Active Cities Dublin and Fingal County Council partnered with 'Leave No Trace' Ireland to bring Fingal routes, directions to locations, car parking timetables and safety information for Fingal Parks and Trails locations. Additionally, 'Active Cities' provided information on wheelchair accessibility, playgrounds, picnic tables, off-leash dog areas and much more. Our Motto is 'Get Up, Get Outdoors, Get Active.' We had over 1,000 people registered for the Parks and Trails challenge during the Month of August.
- Active Cities Dublin provided the opportunity for people to take part in Athletics Ireland Race Series 5km, 5m and 10m events. 93 runners completed their first 5km.
- A Moment for Me – Active Cities collaborated with Swords Celtic FC to provide rest bite for parents whose kids are participation in the Football for All-inclusive programme. Surveys were conducted with the parents and Yoga was the selected as an activity parents took part in while their children participated in the Football for All programme.
- Delivery of Safeguarding courses.
- Delivery of 'Her Outdoors Week' in August – a Sport Ireland Initiative, where females were offered the chance to partake in a 'new' activity, including Snorkelling /Yoga & Dip/ Paddleboarding/Orienteering/Cycling/'Intro to Triathlon'/Rowing
- 'Exercise Energise' – in 17 schools, 680 teenage girls introduced to 'new' activities to promote continued positive lifestyle choices.
- Continued growth of Flemington 'Friday Night Basketball,' which has attracted excellent numbers and facilitated soft communication channels for Community Garda and a 'difficult to reach' target group.
- Creation of a new programme, 'Children Sports Hubs' in Flemington, Balbriggan, Corduff and Holywell. Aiming to attract children who do not play traditional team sports, into an activity concept ensuring they still develop their fundamental movement skills. Ages 9 – 12, catering for approximately 110 kids.
- 'Try Track & Field' & 'SportsCon' - further primary school interventions to encourage trying athletics and aiming to sustain concept with teachers, ergo schools.
- Continuous Consultancy work on the FCC 'Sports Strategy' 2023-2027.
- The Sports Office worked with consultant for 'Sports and Recreational Facilities Audit' for Fingal County Council and 10km beyond its boundaries.
- In August, the Sports Office again facilitated the third Balbriggan Outdoor Beach and Water Sports Activity Day, with an increased attendance of 3,000 people participating on the day.
- 3,635 primary school kids took part in the 2023 'MarathonKids' programme, promoting sustained exercise in primary schools.
- Additionally, 48 primary schools enjoyed FCC's 'Athletics League' running events, culminating in 2,400 kids participating in Finals Day at ALSAA.

- 2023 saw the continued expansion of the Fingal East Meath Pitch & Putt Competition with an increase in competing teams. This summer-based tournament is a welcome fixture with the club competing for a perpetual trophy and for their local club.
- During the winter months, we hosted 3 online 'HomeFit' exercise programmes that included Yoga, Pilates, and Chair Exercise. All classes were recording so participants could rewatch the classes in their own time.
- Hosted 20 Training and Education Workshops including Accredited First Aid, Nutrition, Sports Ireland and Active Disability Ireland Accredited Courses with over 50 clubs in Fingal.
- Sports Equipment Grants, to the value of €104,275, was provided to over 55 groups to assist with purchasing equipment to upgrade and increase membership as well as enabling clubs to work with young people.

Support local Communities and residents to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our society working with other agencies in Fingal.

The Community Development Office continued to work closely with many targeted groups focusing on meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable in society. Key partners included: Fingal Older Peoples Council, Fingal Age Friendly Alliance, Fingal Community Response Forum, Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee, Traveller representative groups, HSE Connected for Life, various representative migrant groups, disability interest groups, the Fingal Ukrainian Network and Foroige.

Direct and indirect support of Ukrainians, fleeing from war, continued in 2023. Key areas included the identification of support needs, signposting, linking and assisting Ukranians with appropriate partner agencies for key services and the provision of social and integration supports.
Twelve Fingal Ukrainian Information Network meetings were held providing a valuable space for Ukrainians to meet together and support empowerment to be proactively engaged during their time in Fingal. Five information sessions were hosted by the Community Development Office in temporary accommodation centres. The mapping of 47 English Language Classes with some 2,250 Ukrainians across Fingal availing of classes, provision of 25 varied social and integration targeted initiatives in support of the needs of Ukrainians across Fingal.

The continued implementation of the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy saw continued support being provided to Fingal Older Peoples Council and the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance as we work to make Fingal a great place to grow old and to encourage participation of older people in various initiatives.

Key deliverables included the provision of two cross-agency information sessions by Fingal service providers attended by over 200 people. The roll out of several very successful intergenerational projects including the Removing Barriers of Geography and Age - intergenerational, cross-border project in partnership with Linking Generations Northern Ireland. The inaugural Vintage Picnic Festival for over 55's was attended by over 500 people. 1,000 older people received the weekly Age Friendly Newsletter while 127 people attended the annual Fingal Older Persons Conference.

Other collaborative projects were also supported with key stakeholders including Foroige, Comhairle na nÓg and Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee. Over 6,000 young people and families participated in Council supported summer and safer Halloween projects.

Develop Engagement with Our Stakeholders

Ensure that our citizens, businesses and organisations can easily communicate with the Council.

Continuing to ensure that our information is in plain English, end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Engage and consult with citizens and stakeholders in a way that allows their views to be taken on board, through the use of both statutory and non-statutory processes.

Continued engagement and consultation with organisations throughout the County such as Fingal PPN, Comhairle na n-Óg, the Age Friendly Alliance and use of the Council's consultation portal for both statutory and non-statutory purposes.

Strengthen and support stakeholders and statutory providers by collaborating in the economic and social development of the county.

The Council supported economic and social development through collaboration with Dublin Fingal Chamber of Commerce on a variety of initiatives in 2023 including wider collaboration with industry and education stakeholders on the implementation of the Fingal Skills Strategy. The Property Section progressed a number of key acquisitions and disposals to support the economic development of the County.

The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to support start-up enterprises through the provision of remote working hubs through the ConnectedHubs programme in 2023 and Drinan Enterprise Centre launched The Studio Drinan, a state-of-the-art digital media studio in 2023.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office supported five work stream pillars in 2023, collaborating across economic and social development: Local Economy, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Safety, Public Realm and Community Affairs."

Strengthen, support and expand the work of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN).

During 2023, 54 new members groups registered with the PPN network bringing the total membership to 751.

Throughout the year, the Community Development Office provided administrative support to the PPN and worked with the Secretariat to host an EGM in May and a Plenary in November.

Action on Climate Change

Deliver on the specific actions in the Climate Action Plan to improve climate resilience.

Implementation of climate resilience actions is well underway and good progress is being made. The Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 has been developed throughout 2023 and includes climate resilience actions in each of the six thematic areas.

Play a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society.

"The Council has demonstrated a leadership role in transitioning to a decarbonised society through the implementation of its Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and by building on this to develop its Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets, to:

- Improve the Council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030
- Reduce the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events.
- Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change.

The Council intends to meet these targets by implementing a series of climate mitigation and adaptation actions across six thematic areas including Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Circular Economy & Resource Management and Community Engagement.

Fingal County Council has led the way nationally on the conversion of the County's streetlights to LED with 98% converted so far and also on the transition to an electric vehicle fleet with 30% of the Council's fleet now electric. The Council's Active Travel section is working to increase the uptake of Active Travel within the County and a significant programme of work is underway.

Promote and protect the biodiversity of the County and work to restore ecosystems and ecosystem services.

The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan was published and 14 priority actions were implemented or are in progress such as the wetland restoration at St Ita's in Portrane, new wetland development in Turvey, a Woodland Management Plan for the Ward and St. Catherine's Woodlands, Little tern conservation project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a Masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park, the ongoing implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans and the preparation of a Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club.

Promote and enforce a culture of compliance within the County to advance Climate Action commitments.

The Climate Action Awareness Officer along with the Environmental Awareness Officer promote climate action awareness within the County.

Foster a strong local economy through environmentally sustainable businesses.

The Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration in 2023. The Council conducted consultations on the preparation of an Economic Development Strategy for the County.

In 2023 the Council continued work with DCU and DAA on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding which were unsuccessful.

The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network to consider sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors which focuses on the industrial landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan and completed the activation phase of the project.

Protect Our Environment & Heritage

Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.

The Conservation Office is based in the Architects Department and delivers a work programme related to the built heritage of Fingal. This comprises of administering 3 grant schemes – The Built Heritage Investment Scheme, the Historic Structures fund and the Stitch in Time grant. It also prepares planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participates in preplanning meetings, advises the Planning Department in relation to the architectural heritage of the County for the Development Plan review, inputs to the FCC Monuments/Structures at Risk Programme, inputs into Climate Change Initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responds to Elected Members queries and questions, responds to correspondence/emails from the public and others related to the built environment. It also reviews and updates the Record of Protected Structures for the County. The County Architect is a Grade 1 RIAI registered Architect and several members of the Department also have individual accreditation. The Department advises client departments in regard to the Council's property portfolio of historic and protected structure and provides architectural services for projects involving historic structures.

Promote the unique urban, rural and coastal landscape character of Fingal.

- Broadmeadow Way: Bridge construction over Malahide Estuary and Weir to commence Summer 2024.
- Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed.
- Sutton-Malahide: preferred option consultation completed, planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2024.
- Royal Canal greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2024.
- Ongar-Barnhill: Works Contract has commenced, bridge over Railway currently under construction.
- Harry Reynolds Road: Due for completion Q4 2024.
  Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate commenced for a range of projects across these areas.
- Sustainable Swords strategy published which proposes a range of transportation infrastructure for Swords. Swords Main Street will be first project, consultants to be appointed Q2, 2024.

Support the unique cultural heritage of Fingal and the Irish language.

In 2023, there were 49 different creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme.

Promote the sustainable management of waste and the circular economy.

Promoted through the waste enforcement and environmental awareness work programme (including through Green Schools programme) and also through the Sustainable Fingal initiative. The Council adopted the Circular Cities declaration in January 2023. Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 includes a set of actions under Circular Economy and Resource Management and an accompanying Community Engagement action list. There was continued expansion of the bottle bank network in 2023.

Reduce the environmental impact of Council activities.

The Council has improved its energy efficiency by 47.6% to December 2022 (as per SEAI Annual Report 2023 on Public Sector Energy Performance). MS Teams has been provided to all staff to reduce the need to travel to meetings. The Council is transitioning to an EV fleet with 30% now electric. EV charge points have been provided in staff and operational carparks. The Council has Environmental Management Systems in place aimed at reducing waste and increasing recycling in offices and depots.

Ensure our coast, beaches and waterways are managed in a sustainable manner.

In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is managed and maintained by the Council. This includes the 3 large protected estuaries and 10 designated beaches. Designated bathing waters during the bathing water season (June 1st-Sept 15th) are sampled approximately every 2 weeks in order to keep check on bathing water quality and to manage the information and reporting of bathing water quality to bathers and the EPA. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush are undergoing significant capital investment in order the enhance facilities for fishing and pleasure craft and provide an improved visitor experience. Local Authorities await the finalisation of the 2022-2027 River Basin Management Plans on a national basis, which will provide a framework for the sustainable management and protection of waterways. The Council continues to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW as part of a national project on coastal monitoring. Plans for Coastal Protection Works in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary were submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

Promote & Enable Sustainable Economic Growth

Foster collaborative leadership in the development of future skills in the County.

The Fingal Skills Strategy Group agreed Terms of Reference in 2023. Sectoral Sub-Groups in Transport & Logistics, Construction, Green Skills and Services continued work in skills provision in these sectors. The Council held the successful Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2023 with collaboration from key stakeholders. The Council commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA with partners across Europe considering education/training provision for the twin transition. Fingal hosted partners in November 2023 with policy workshops and exchange of good practices.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employers requirements.

Empower continued to provide training to disadvantaged groups and individuals under SICAP.

Support and promote the sustainable economic development of Fingal.

The Council supported businesses through collaborations with Fingal Chamber, the Fingal Skills Strategy Group and the DBEC partnership.

In 2023 the Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration to promote circular economy principles and practices in Fingal.

Sustainable economic development was a key theme arising in consultations with economic and community stakeholders on both the Local Economic and Community Plan and the Economic Development Strategy both of which went through public consultation in 2023.

The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network 'EcoCore' to explore sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors. The Council is the first Irish Local Authority to lead an Urbact Network. EcoCore consists of 9 partner cities across Europe with similar challenges. The Council's project focuses on the sustainable development of the industrial landbank in Stephenstown, Balbriggan. In 2023 the Council completed the activation phase of the project.

Support the performance, innovation, competitiveness, productivity and success of business in Fingal.

The Council commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA with partners across Europe considering education/training provision for the twin transition. Fingal hosted partners in November 2023 with policy workshops and exchange of good practices.

Support local economic development by promoting Fingal as a location in which to invest and by developing and implementing sectoral policy initiatives.

The Council continued to liaise with the Dublin Regional Skills Forum on emerging challenges for businesses and training to meet employers requirements.

Grow & Enable Sustainable Tourism

Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.

"Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued in 2023 to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor. Fingal participated in Fáilte Ireland's promotional campaigns including the Keep Discovering and Winter in Dublin campaigns. The majority of the Destination Town Skerries project was completed in 2023 with the establishment of the St. Patrick's Trail and Art Trail and new digital heritage trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan were launched in Summer 2023.

Support to local tourism development groups continued throughout 2023 with various initiatives around sustainable tourism, social media campaigns, events and collaboration on clustering of products and experiences. Fingal also hosted the Food on the Edge symposium and the Ireland's Association of Adventure Tourism annual conference took place in the Castleknock Hotel in November. The Council also ran and facilitated a number of digital, social media and print campaigns.

The new Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029 was substantially completed and signed off in 2023 for launch in early 2024.

Facilitate the creation of a Fingal Food & Drink Tourism Destination.

The Council continued to work closely with food network consultant Marie Brouder and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network. A significant number of Fingal food businesses joined the network throughout 2023 and the Committee engaged in the further promotion of food through the digital, social media and print campaigns of the Dublin Coast and Fields brand, a series of networking events, familiarisation visits and workshop including a Fingal food event under the 'Coast and Fields' brand at Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July.

The development of a new Fingal Food Policy was completed in 2023 for launch in 2024. The aim of this policy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy, including, the ongoing leverage of the 'Dublin's Coast & Fields' brand. This involved:

- Promotion and advertising of the food producing reputation of Fingal and making Fingal food more visible at events.
- Creating and maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food and drink experiences;
- Continued investment in food and drink festivals and events.
- Facilitating more meaningful networking and collaboration activity for the sector.

Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage properties.

In June 2023 Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House formally applied to the Heritage Council for entry into the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The MSPI process - when completed - will allow accreditation and stronger branding for the standards and rigour with which the collections are conserved, how the items are displayed and the effectiveness of interpretation. It is considered that this will improve the authenticity and increase the heritage led visitors and experiences. The application was formally accepted in the Autumn and work got underway at Newbridge initially at the end of 2023.

Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.

The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2023 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were:

- Completion of major roof and windows projects in Ardgillan and Newbridge
- Completion of Phase 3(a) of the Conservation works at Swords Castle – mainly involving stabilising the existing structure
- Commencement of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills
- Completion of the refurbishment of Howth Courthouse

In 2023, several improvements to the existing offerings at each visitor attraction took place. Among these the Lady Betty Cobbe porcelain collection was added to the Newbridge House experience in the spring, Malahide Castle basement (Nugent's Hall) was re-opened as a conferencing and banqueting space in September.

In October Fingal County Council worked with Failte Ireland, Argillan Castle LTD and Tandem Consultants to re-think and re-configure the tour at Ardgillan. Swords Castle had a busy summer and autumn programme of events, musical performances, exhibitions and artistic displays as well as weddings and civil ceremonies each week.

Provide & Maintain Strategic Infrastructure

Activate lands by delivering infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of housing, economic development and sustainable communities.

Work on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) and Vacant Site Levy ongoing.

Deliver a sustainable transport system for all citizens.

- Church Fields Link Road and Snugborough Interchange: Due for Completion Summer 2024.
- Turvey Avenue Scheme: Currently on site under construction.
- Harry Reynolds Road: Due for Completion Q4 2024.
- Ongar-Barnhill Scheme: Commenced on site, bridge over railway currently under Construction.

Deliver work programmes that develop and maintain strategic, physical and green infrastructure of the county.

- Works contracts have been awarded for the Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary to commence this summer, a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway.
- A Mini consultation is currently underway on the Fingal Coastal Way through Hoars Rock, Skerries. An Agronomist has been appointed and is currently liaising with farmers along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way.
- The Sutton-Malahide scheme is currently undergoing review to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanala towards Q4, 2024.
- Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA.
- A Planning application shall be submitted in 2024. Works will begin on project 1 of Sustainable Swords - Transformation of Main Street.
- Works completed on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed.
- The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller's Glen Oldtown Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public. The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public.
- Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground.

- Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park.
- Works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle.

Improve Democracy, Governance, Openness & Transparency

Provide the highest quality of service to our Councillors and all Elected Representatives.

The meetings of the Council (County Council, Area Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, etc.) are serviced to a high standard allowing the Elected Members carry out their democratic and statutory functions. The Council and Area Committee meetings are webcast ensuring that members of the public can view the meetings in real-time and agendas and minutes of meetings available on the Council's website. Additionally, Councillors, TDs and Senators can make representations on behalf of their constituents through the Council's CRM system.

Ensure good governance, openness and transparency within the Council.

The Chief Executive and her Management Team and staff engage in a positive and open manner with the Local Government Audit Service and the Audit Committee to ensure that best practice in Corporate Governance is adhered to throughout the year.

The Council is committed to complying with all legislative requirements with regard to FOI, GDPR, Protected Disclosures and public procurement, as well as providing information to the public on our website in a transparent and open manner.

Ensure that the democratic functions of the Council are performed in an open, informed and effective way.

The Chief Executive and the Management Team continue to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfil their policy making role with the Corporate Policy Group advising and assisting the Elected Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy.

Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.

Inform citizens through effective communications programmes.

The Council's Communications Strategy provides for an extensive programme of external communications in order to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.

The Council is also committed to ensuring that our information is in plain English, is end-user friendly and translated to different languages.

Deliver Quality Services

Deliver services in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Council continues to deliver a broad range of services to the public in an open and transparent manner. There Is a continuous focus on improving service delivery across the organisation.

Foster a culture of continuous improvement in all our activities.

By implementing a culture of continuous improvement, the Council regularly looks at processes to see where and how improvements can be made and by measuring performance against metrics established at operational and strategic levels.

Use digital technologies to enable and transform our workplace and the delivery of services.

Through the DWTP Team's innovation, the IO Team's infrastructure management, the Governance and Security Team's protection efforts, the Business Solutions and Applications Teams' tech enhancements and the PPM Team's strategic guidance, complemented by the externally focused Digital Strategy Team, the Digital Services Department effectively support the organization's objectives.

Apply the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision making to all projects, programmes and delivery of services.

The Council is committed to and is cognisant of the principles of good design, delivery, management and informed decision in order to provide an effective programme delivery of all projects, programmes and services.

Perform statutory obligations in a way that ensures fairness and efficiency for both the community being protected and those being regulated.

The Council is committed to complying with all statutory and legislative requirements in the delivery of its functions and carrying out these requirements in the most efficient and effective way.

Deliver on the Public Sector Duty under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014.

The Council is cogniscant of its Public Sector Duty and training for staff is provided through our Diversity and Equality Programmes. Within the Migrant and Social Cohesion Strategy, the Council continues to embrace the cultural diversity within the County.

Strengthen Organisational & Staff Development

Build a workforce of the future by recruiting, retaining and developing high quality and motivated staff.

- Recruitment of qualified staff progressing and adapted to accomodate on-line processes.
- Competency based Performance and Development Framework in place for all staff.
- Extensive Training and Development Programmes continued. PMDS process informs succession plans.

Protect and promote Health, Safety and Wellbeing amongst our staff.

- Health Safety and Wellbeing Framework and Programmes in place.
- Safety Awareness Programmes, Inspections and Safety Audits continued at worksites.
- Pro-active attendance management process in place.
- In-house provision of Staff Welfare Services.

Develop capacity and capability of the organisation.

- PMDS process ongoing annually.
- Competency Framework an integral part of the recruitment procedures and Training and Development Programme.
- Extensive Training and Development Opportunities offered and completed.

Manage the organisation effectively.

The effective management of the Council is ensured through the Executive Management Team structure, led by the Chief Executive, supported by Departmental and team meetings and underpinned by the PMDS process.

Strategic Policy Committee

Programme Reports 2023



Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment

Chairperson: Cllr David Healy
Council Members: Cllr Mary McCamley, Cllr Aoibhinn Tormey, Cllr Pamela Conroy, Cllr Joe Newman, Cllr Paul Mulville
External Members: Seamus McGrath, Edward Stevenson

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
28/03/2023	Setanta Wind Park Project	A presentation was given and noted
	RMCEI Plan 2023	A presentation was given and noted
	Implementation of Bye-Laws	The report was accepted
	Special Amenity Area Orders (SAAO) for Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries	The report was accepted
27/06/2023	District Heating	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP) Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Biodiversity CRMs	The report was noted
19/09/2023	'Deposit and Return' scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans	Following discussion, the report was accepted
	Raise awareness towards circular consumption and production patterns	The report was accepted
	Community Climate Action Grant	A presentation was given and noted
	Deposit Return Scheme	A presentation was given and noted
	Funding Streams to tackle Climate Change	The report was noted
	Report of Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-2030	A presentation was given and the report was noted



Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity

Chairperson: Cllr Joan Hopkins
Council Members: Cllr JK Onwumereh, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Gráinne Maguire, Cllr Seána Ó'Rodaigh (until May 23), Cllr Brendan Ryan (from June 23), Cllr Cathal Boland
External Members: Abbi Wise

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/03/2023	Draft Workplan 2023	The report was agreed
	Public Art Policy on Private Developments	Presentation given
	Fingal Heritage Plan 2018 - 2023 – Implementation	Presentation given
	Creative Ireland Strategy and Funding	Presentation given
	Fingal's Play Street Pilot Project	Presentation given
	Free/Subsidised Swimming Classes	The report was noted
28/06/2023	Local Economic and Community Plan 2022 – 2027	A presentation was given and noted
	Pre-Draft Consultation of the Heritage Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Draft Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029	A presentation was given and noted
	Eliminating Plastic Waste in our Libraries	Motion agreed
	Purpose-Built Community Centres	Motion agreed
27/09/2023	Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2023-2028	Presentation given
	Guidance Manual for Fingal Community Facilities	Presentation given
	Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029	Presentation given
	Literary Festival	Motion agreed

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/09/2023	€300 Sports & Cultural Vouchers	Motion agreed
	QR Codes Roll Out	Motion agreed
13/12/2023	Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029	Presentation given
	Update on the Review into the Council's Youth and Education Policy	Presentation given
	Update on Fingal Countywide Sports Facilities Audit	The report was noted



Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

Chairperson: Cllr Darragh Butler
Council Members: Cllr Ian Carey, Cllr Ted Leddy, Cllr Anthony Lavin, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Howard Mahony, Cllr Breda Hanaphy, Cllr Tony Murphy
External Members: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
21/03/2023	Local Enterprise Office Fingal – outputs 2022 and plan for 2023	A presentation was given and noted
	Tourism Strategy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Food Policy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Festival Feasibility & TASCQ CLG Partnership Funding Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Shackleton Mills Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Swords Castle Markets	The report was accepted
	Stall Concessions in Fingal	The report was accepted
21/06/2023	Work Programme Update	The report was noted
	Fingal Economic Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Stephenstown Economic Zone	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Skills Strategy Review	A presentation was given and noted
	Sustainable Fingal Progress Monitoring	The report was noted
	Regeneration/Town Centre First	A presentation was given and noted
12/09/2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	The report was noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
12/09/2023	Fingal Food Policy	The report was noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan / Economic Strategy Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor	A presentation was given and noted
	DBEC – SPC Nomination	Agreed
	Fingal Skills Strategy – SPC Nomination	Agreed
	Update on Expo (Oct) and Skyla Project Visit (Nov)	The report was noted
23/10/2023	Fingal Tourism Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Food & Drink Policy	A presentation was given and noted
	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	A presentation was given and noted
30/11/2023	Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)	A presentation was given and noted
	Economic Development Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Skills Strategy	A presentation was given and noted
	Policy Programme 2024	A presentation was given and noted



Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure

Chairperson: Cllr Brian McDonagh
Council Members: Cllr Tania Doyle, Cllr Dean Mulligan, Cllr Punam Rane, Cllr Tom Kitt, Cllr Brian Dennehy
External Members: Paul Arnold, David Brangan

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
15/03/2023	SPC Work Programme 2023	The report was agreed
	Development Plan 2023 -2029	The report was noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted
	NTA – Draft Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022 -2042	A presentation was given to the Members on Draft Transport Strategy for GDA 2022-2042. Following a discussion, the presentation was noted
	Major Capital Project Delivery	The presentation was given and noted
20/06/2023	Playground Audit	The presentation was given and noted
	Prioritising Plans and Projects arising out of the Development Plan 2023 -2029	The presentation was given and noted
	Residential Zoned Land Tax	The presentation was given and noted
	Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2023 -2026	The presentation was given and noted
	Update on the Draft Sustainable Swords Strategy	The report was noted
05/09/2023	Transportation Planning in the Development Management Process	The report was noted
	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
05/09/2023	Green Roof Policy	The presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Greenway/Cycleways	The presentation was given and noted
	Flood Risk Assessment	The presentation was given and noted
	Presentation from Fran Whelan CEO – Action Ireland Trust – Update on the Legacy on Lesotho Planning Project	The presentation was given and noted
	Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) – AI090490	The report was noted
05/12/2023	Major Studies/LAP's	The report was noted
	Fingal Greenways/ Cycleways	The report was noted
	Update on Taking in Charge	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Biodiversity Action Plan	A presentation was given and noted
	Report on Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT)	The presentation was noted



Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Eoghan O'Brien
Council Members: Cllr Adrian Henchy, Cllr Brian Dennehy, Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Paul Mulville, Cllr Tom O'Leary, Cllr Karen Power, Cllr Cathal Boland, Cllr David Healy
External Members: Máire O'Brien, James Magrane

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
22/03/2023	Preservation of the Dunes – Velvet Strand Portmarnock	A presentation was given and noted
	Setanta Windfarm Project	A presentation was given and noted
	Analysis of Coastal Erosion from Balbriggan to Howth	The report was accepted
	Policy for Management of Beaches and Dunes	The report was accepted
	Power generated by off-shore Turbine Farms	The report was accepted
	Special Amenity Area Orders for Rogerstown, Malahide & Baldoyle Estuaries	The report was accepted
29/06/2023	Climate Action plan update	A presentation was given and noted
	Harbour Byelaws	A presentation was given and noted
	Motion – Coastal Impact from the placement of Coastal Wind Turbines	The report was accepted
	Motion - Permanent Coastal Measures for Rogerstown (Rush and Portrane)	The report was accepted
	Update on Marine Legislation MAP – Marine Area Plan for Fingal Coast and clarity on Foreshore Licences	The report was accepted
21/09/2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws update	The report was noted
	Motion – Nature Based Solutions in the Protection of Dunes and Beaches	The report was accepted
29/11/2023	Draft Harbour Byelaws	The report was noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
29/11/2023	Dune and Beach Management for Coastal Protection	The report was noted
	Monitoring of Beach sand Level and Dune Erosion along the Coast of Fingal	The report was noted
	Concept Plan for the Renewable Energy Port – Gormanston Co Meath	The report was agreed
	Pedestrian Boardwalks by the Sea	The report was agreed



Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Tom O'Leary
Council Members: Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Ann Graves, Cllr Jimmy Guerin, Cllr Eoghan O'Brien, Cllr Karen Power
External Members: Michael Lenehan, Sinead Kavanagh

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
08/03/2023	Presentation of Active Travel Strategy for Fingal	The report was noted
	Presentation of DRAFT Fingal Burial Ground Byelaws 2023	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Safe & Appropriate Parking Practices	The report was noted
	Traffic Sensors to Pedestrian Crossings	The report was noted
	Electric Bikes & Scooters in Public Parks	The report was noted
06/06/2023	Presentation of DRAFT Fingal Harbour Byelaws 2023	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Review of Pricing at the Councils Recycling Centres and the Provision of a Free Bulky Waste Service	Presentation given
	Cycle Buses across the County	The report was noted
	Review of Traffic Management Process	The report was noted
	Update on EV charging implementation plan	The report was noted
04/09/2023	Presentation of amended DRAFT Burial Ground Bye-laws 2023	Presentation given
	Presentation of an update on the Public Consultation Process for the DRAFT Harbour Byelaws	The report was noted
	Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws	The report was noted
	Update on the Introduction of E-Scooters to Fingal	The report was noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
04/09/2023	Discount for Registered Charities using Recycling Centres	The report was noted
27/11/2023	Presentation by Peadar Golden, Ireland County Manager, Tier; Fingal County Council's E-bike provider	Presentation given. The report was noted
	Draft Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws	The report was noted
	Draft Harbour Bye-Laws 2023 - Review	The report was agreed
	Transportation and Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2023 and 2024	Presentation given
	Council Traffic Surveys during Covid -19 Pandemic	The report was accepted
	Update on Park and Ride Facilities in the County	The report was accepted
	Report on Provision of Electric Vehicles Charging Points in Fingal	The report was accepted



Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Chairperson: Cllr Robert O'Donoghue
Council Members: Cllr Brigid Manton, Cllr James Humphreys, Cllr Natalie Treacy, Cllr Daniel Whooley (until Sept 23), Cllr John Burtchaell, Cllr Kieran Dennison, Cllr Adrian Henchy
External Members: Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor, Adeline O'Brien

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
27/03/2023	Update on Housing Delivery	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Fingal's Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026	A presentation was given and noted
	Update on Local Authority Home Loans	A presentation was given and noted
	Notice to Quits and Preventing Homelessness including Tenant In Situ Acquisitions	The report was noted
	Response to Lifting of Eviction Ban	The motion was agreed
	Housing upgrades for RAS tenants	The report was noted
26/06/2023	Update on Housing Delivery	A presentation was given and noted
	Vacant Homes grants update	A presentation was given and noted
	Preventing homelessness, Notice of termination and Tenant-in-situ acquisitions update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Cost Rental Housing	A presentation was given and noted
	Distribution of Housing	The report was noted
	Increased percentage of Part V social housing in large scale residential developments	The motion was agreed
	Explanation of, and reforms to, Fingal's housing and population projections	The report was noted
26/09/2023	First Homes	A presentation was given and noted
	Housing Delivery Update	A presentation was given and noted

Meeting Date	Theme/Policy Issue	Meeting Update
26/09/2023	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Housing Assessment 2023	A presentation was given and noted
28/11/2023	Housing Delivery Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Advance Purchase Turnkey Update	A presentation was given and noted
	Fingal Cost Rental Tenure	A presentation was given and noted
	Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021-2026 Update	A presentation was given and noted

Joint Policing Committee

Membership & Activities

Membership:

15 Local Authority Members:
Cllr Ian Carey (Chair); Cllr Pamela Conroy; Cllr Tania Doyle; Cllr Ann Graves; Cllr Adrian Henchy; Cllr James Humphreys; Cllr Anthony Lavin; Cllr Ted Leddy; Cllr Grainne Maguire; Cllr Dean Mulligan; Cllr Tony Murphy; Cllr Robert O'Donoghue; Cllr J.K. Onwumereh; Cllr John Walsh; Cllr Daniel Whooley (Resigned Q4 2023).

Oireachtas Members:
Sen. Lorraine Clifford Lee; Sen. Emer Currie; Alan Farrell T.D.; Louise O'Reilly T.D.; Duncan Smith T.D.

Fingal County Council: AnnMarie Farrelly – Chief Executive, Liam Burke – SEO Housing & Community.

PPN Community & Voluntary Representatives:
Angela Rogers, John Fox, 5 x Vacancies for PPN Community & Voluntary Representatives in 2023 unfilled.

An Garda Síochána:
Ch. Supt Mark Curran DMR-N, replaced mid-year by Ch. Supt Peter Duff DMR-N, Ch. Supt Finbarr Murphy DMR-W, replaced mid-year by Ch. Supt Michael McNulty DMR-W.

Activities:

The Fingal Joint Policing Committee is established under the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and its function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority's administrative area, and in particular to keep under review –

- The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).
- The factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- This is managed through the Annual Work Programme of the Joint Policing Committee which sets out four strategic areas for collaboration between Fingal County Council and An Garda Síochána.

In 2023, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee met on the following dates:

- 24th March 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 2nd June 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 1st September 2023 via Microsoft Teams
- 1st December 2023 via Microsoft Teams

Public Meetings took place as follows, and were well attended:

Date/Day	Time	Area	Meeting Location	Attendance
Wednesday 13th September 2023	7pm–8.30pm	Dublin 15 Area Blanchardstown, Mulhuddart, Castleknock, Ongar, Tyrrelstown, Carpenterstown, Coolmine, Clonsilla, Meakstown and area	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown Town Centre	55
Wednesday 20th September 2023	7pm–8.30pm	Swords/Malahide Area Malahide, Portmarnock, Swords, Santry, Portrane, Donabate and area	Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords	58
Wednesday 11th October 2023	7pm–8.30pm	Howth/Sutton area	Marine Hotel, Sutton	31
Wednesday 18th October 2023	7pm–8.30pm	North County Balbriggan, Balbriggan Rural, Garristown, Naul, Balrothery, Skerries, Lusk, Rush and area	Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan	47

Financial Position

Statement Of Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

Introduction

I, AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive (CE) of Fingal County Council am responsible for the annual financial statement (AFS), prepared by the Head of Finance, in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

I certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements of the Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

The AFS is subject to external audit, by an auditor of the Local Government Audit Service, whose purpose is to form an independent opinion of the accounts and state whether the annual financial statement presents fairly the financial position of the Local Authority and of its income and expenditure for the period in question, and whether the transactions of the audited body conform with the statutory or other authorisation under which they purport to have been carried out.

The AFS reports on the day-to-day activity of Fingal County Council in the form of the Statement of Comprehensive Income & Expenditure, summarised by Division. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Fingal County Council overall financial position as of the 31st of December 2023.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income represents expenditure and income on the day-to-day running of the Fingal County Council.

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Goods & Services	71,461,092	65,838,724
Grants & Subsidies	92,776,770	88,902,594
Other Contributions (as appropriate)	6,919,393	4,493,314
Rates	154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax	9,779,302	8,698,895

The key sources of income for Fingal County Council are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Income	335,665,646	319,227,320
Expenditure	(290,938,651)	(276,037,820)
Transfers to Capital	(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Exceptional Item	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for	252	393
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0
Opening Revenue Reserve	15,980,204	15,979,812
Closing Revenue Reserve	15,980,456	15,980,204

The principal sources of Income for Fingal Country Council are Commercial Rates and Government Grants. The increased expenditure and capital allocation in 2023 reflects the continued investment by Fingal County Council in services and infrastructure development across the County.

The Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) represents the total financial activity of the council for the year together with comparative year figures as appropriate.

The statement includes assets and liabilities as follows:

- Assets both recently constructed/purchased and historical assets
- Work in progress and preliminary schemes- mainly roads and housing
- Long Term Debtors – housing loans
- Current Assets- including Stock, Debtors, Cash at bank
- Current and long term liabilities- mortgage and non-mortgage loan borrowings
- Various Reserves/Balances

The Net Assets of Fingal County Council at the end of 2023 total € 3.454 billion and are as follows:

	Current Year €	Previous Year €
Fixed Assets	3,162,400,573	3,032,103,185
Works in Progress	134,172,736	113,260,149
Long Term debtors	307,245,595	300,403,084
Current Assets	473,982,431	484,515,197
Current Liabilities	(164,992,722)	(158,519,951)
Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)	3,912,808,613	3,771,761,664
Creditors (Amounts greater than 1 year)	(458,409,879)	(426,181,440)
Net Assets/(Liabilities)	3,454,398,734	3,345,580,224

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.

System of Internal Financial Controls

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by Fingal County Council. This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to Fingal County Council. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

Financial Control Environment

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a financial control environment containing the following elements is in place:

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

- There is an Audit Committee which as part of its work programme regularly review the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

Administrative Controls and Management Reporting

As Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that:

- procedures for key business processes have been documented
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets of the Local Authority and
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines in operation.

Procurement Compliance

Fingal County Council ensures that there is an appropriate and ongoing focus on good practice in tendering and purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant procurement guidelines.

Internal Audit and Audit Committee

As Chief Executive, I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which Fingal County Council is exposed and its annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. I am satisfied that there are procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

I can confirm that Fingal County Council has an effective Audit Committee which carries out an annual effectiveness review of their activities. I can also confirm that an Audit Committee is in place in accordance with the requirements of Section 122 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The statutory functions of Audit Committees as set out in section 59 and 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 are as follows:

1. to review financial and budgetary reporting practices and procedures within the Local Authority that has established it;
2. to foster the development of best practice in the performance by the Local Authority of its internal audit function;
3. to review any audited financial statement, auditor's report or auditor's special report in relation to the Local Authority and assess any actions taken within that Authority by its Chief Executive in response to such a statement or report and to report to that authority on its findings;
4. to assess and promote efficiency and value for money with respect to the Local Authority's performance of its functions; and
5. to review systems that are operated by the Local Authority for the management of risks.

I recognise that the audit committee plays a crucial role in the governance framework of Local Authorities, particularly in the context of increased public sector accountability. They have an independent role in advising the Council on financial reporting processes, internal control, risk management and audit matters as part of the systematic review of the control environment and governance procedures of the local authority.

I acknowledge the Audit Committee's role in the risk management process and in the continuing review of the control environment and governance procedures in Fingal County Council.

Risk and Control Framework

Fingal County Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, mitigate those risks.

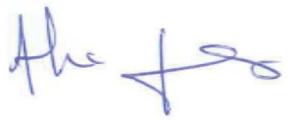
A Corporate Risk Register is in place which identifies the key risks and evaluates and grades them according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Team on a regular basis. There is also a risk register in place for each service division and these are also reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and responsibilities for the operation of controls are assigned to specific staff.

As Chief Executive, I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

The Statement of Internal Financial Control will be included in the Draft Annual Report submitted to Council members by 30 April 2023 and thereafter included in the published Annual Report prepared and adopted by the Council by 30 June 2023.

Signed by: Dated:



Chief Executive **11/04/2024**

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Expenditure	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	94,865,186	79,934,862
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,224,984	34,235,143
Water & Sewerage	17,092,162	17,261,184
Development Incentives & Controls	27,874,193	24,259,274
Environmental Protection	47,991,895	45,289,429
Recreation & Amenity	55,696,686	49,984,433
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	1,555,916	1,245,320
Miscellaneous	9,637,628	23,828,175
Total Gross Expenditure	**290,938,651**	**276,037,820**

Income	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	97,154,193	84,028,141
Roads Transportation & Safety	10,436,385	9,684,149
Water & Sewerage	17,117,958	19,353,548
Development Incentives & Controls	8,101,584	7,495,298
Environmental Protection	11,698,921	10,187,381

Revenue Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Income	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Recreation & Amenity	4,155,812	4,191,423
Agriculture, Education, Health & Safety	485,603	478,311
Miscellaneous	22,006,799	23,816,379
Total Income	**171,157,255**	**159,234,632**
Net Expenditure	**119,781,396**	**116,803,188**
which is funded by:		
County Rates	154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax	9,779,302	8,698,895
Pension Related Deduction	0	0
Total	**164,508,391**	**159,992,688**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers	44,726,995	43,189,500
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Overall surplus/(Deficit) for the year.	253	392
Incoming Balance @ 1st January 2023	15,980,204	15,979,812
Closing Balance @ 31st December 2023	**15,980,457**	**15,980,204**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	199,606,651	77,247,464
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,138,966	30,018,389
Water & Sewerage	1,031,830	1,784,980
Development Incentives & Controls	57,988,676	35,200,627
Environmental Protection	3,128,467	1,896,080
Recreation & Amenity	32,402,705	17,769,284
Miscellaneous Services	17,363,220	15,317,188
	347,660,515	**179,234,012**

Capital Account Statement
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Income (Net of Internal Transfers)*	Draft 2023 €	2022 Audited €
Housing & Building	180,311,148	78,653,366
Roads Transportation & Safety	16,089,746	15,472,319
Water & Sewerage	1,089,351	1,236,787
Development Incentives & Controls	108,893,175	68,907,915
Environmental Protection	- 3,536,088	1,950,000
Recreation & Amenity	15,351,630	5,042,484
Miscellaneous Services	14,018,532	11,576,302
	332,217,494	**182,839,173**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(15,443,021)**	**3,605,161**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January 2023	**265,757,765**	**262,152,604**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31 December 2023	**250,314,744**	**265,757,765**

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

Service Delivery Reports

Airport Noise Competent Authority

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified.	An aircraft noise assessment commenced in December 2022 and continued during 2023 to assess the impact of the airport operating in three-runway format. The noise climate continued to change during the year and the airport authority was directed to provide updated data to ANCA.
Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed.	ANCA commenced an assessment of a planning application at Dublin Airport for infrastructure and an increase to the permitted passenger capacity. Fifteen planning applications were referred to ANCA during 2023 and a statutory report was issued to the planning authority on all applications within the four-week period prescribed by Section 34B(1)(a)(ii) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
Monitor compliance and effectiveness of noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions in place at Dublin Airport.	The Airport Authority has a statutory obligation to prepare a report on compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions by airport users. The compliance report for the preceding year was audited by ANCA during 2023 and both the initial report and the additional information requested by was published on the ANCA website for public inspection. During 2023, ANCA carried out an effectiveness assessment of noise mitigation measures in place at Dublin Airport for the preceding year against the outcomes established by the noise abatement objective. The report is available to view and download from the ANCA website.
Informing communities.	ANCA continued to work with the Airport Authority during 2023 on the delivery of an expanded network of community aircraft noise monitors. Nine additional monitors were commissioned by the Airport Authority during 2023. The data from the monitors is available on a public web portal. Annual aircraft noise exposure contours for the full preceding year were added to the ANCA website to facilitate an examination of aircraft noise exposure or eligibility for home insulation grants down to the level of individual properties.

Architects

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives.	Architectural services and advice have been delivered to various Council Departments throughout 2023 across a range of project types. The diverse services offered ranged from feasibility studies, site assessment, statutory consent processes, tender and contract administration, procurement, cost planning and control, urban and interior design and administration of conservation grants to protect the built heritage. The services were provided in relation to various project types including newbuild, extensions, refurbishment, conservation and maintenance services. The services covered many building types- housing, public buildings, offices, historic buildings and design of the public realm. Services also provided to assist with development and monitoring of the Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.
Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives.	The Conservation Office has delivered a work programme comprising Grants – administration of the Built Heritage investment scheme, the Historic Structures Fund and the Stitch in time grant, Planning reports as an internal consultee for the Planning Department, participation in preplanning meetings, work related to the architectural heritage of the county, input to the FCC Monuments/ Structures at Risk programme, input into Climate Change initiatives as related to the historic built environment, responses to Elected member queries and questions, responding to correspondence/emails from the public and others.
To engage with relevant Government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council.	The Architects Department have engaged with relevant Government Departments via our Client council departments for all funded capital projects and grant schemes.
To ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection.	All statutory requirements have been met regarding Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection. In addition, an effective suite of controls is in place to ensure ongoing compliance.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council climate change action plan.	Cyclical planned and response maintenance programmes were carried out in council housing stock throughout the year including boiler and window and door replacement and retrofit programmes. Relet repairs were carried out on properties throughout the County. Process improvements were applied to all programmes.
To manage construction budgets and process contractor claims for payment efficiently and fairly.	Budgets were managed for capital and maintenance projects for client department. Requirements of the CWMF and the OGP were applied to cost control activities. There was close engagement with the Central Procurement Unit.

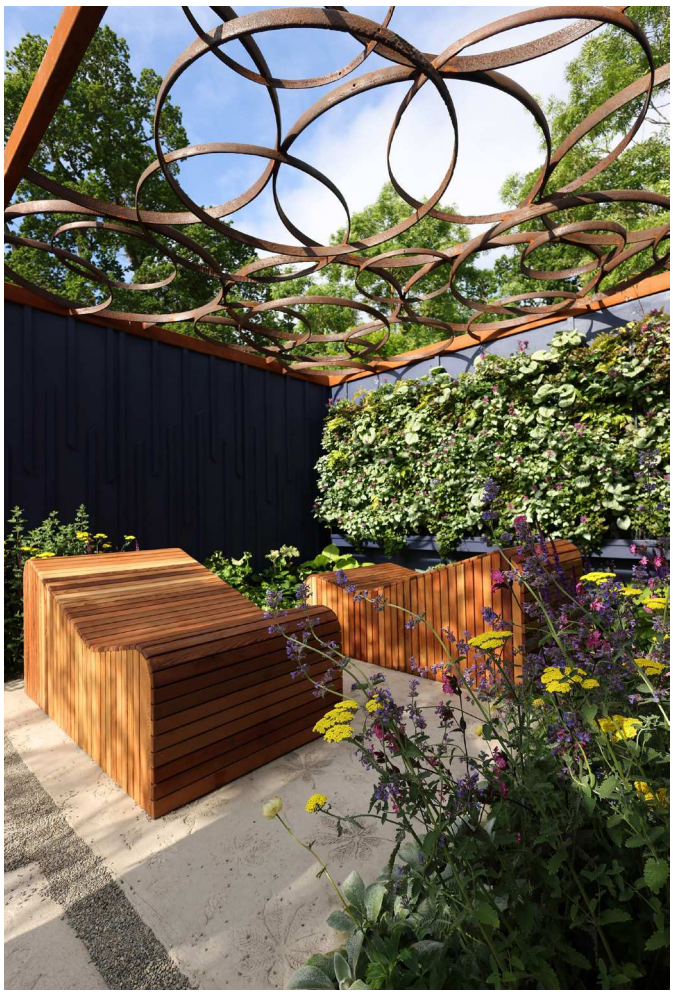


Opening of Rathbeale Archaeological Park



Opening of Ward River Regional Park Recreational Hub









A Breathing Space for Fingal - Gold Medal winner at Bord Bia Bloom festival





A Breathing Space for Fingal - Gold Medal winner at Bord Bia Bloom festival

Community & Sports Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility Committees.	The Community Development Office provides a range of supports at varying levels to 37 Fingal owned, leased and community owned facilities across the County. Supports include Board of Management mentoring in areas such as good governance, business and financial planning, project development, environmental awareness projects, funding applications, convening the Fingal Community Facilities Network through the provision of a range of master classes, training and collaborative supports. In 2023 the Community Development Office provided €1.7m in financial support to Council owned and supported community facilities across the County.
Continue to manage the upkeep and renovation of old facilities.	The Community Development Office continued to develop and implement a Community Centre improvement works programme to ensure that Fingal's older community facilities are maintained to an appropriate standard. In 2023 the Council spent €662,000 on upgrading these facilities. Throughout 2023, grant funding to the value of €24,000 was awarded to non-council owned facilities under the remedial works grant scheme.
Supports to Community & Voluntary programmes of activities.	Throughout 2023, grant funding to the value of €309,000 was provided by the Community Development Office to support Summer & Halloween Projects, activity funding and special projects such as Welcome Rooms, Street Feasts, Disability Grant Funding and Intergenerational projects. Funding of €13,000 was provided to Volunteers Ireland in support of the Community Volunteers programme and the ongoing work of connecting communities through volunteering.
Fingal Public Participation Network.	During 2023, 54 new members groups registered on the PPN network bringing the total membership to 751. Throughout the year, the Community Development Office provided administrative support to the PPN and worked with the Secretariat to host an EGM in May and a Plenary in November.







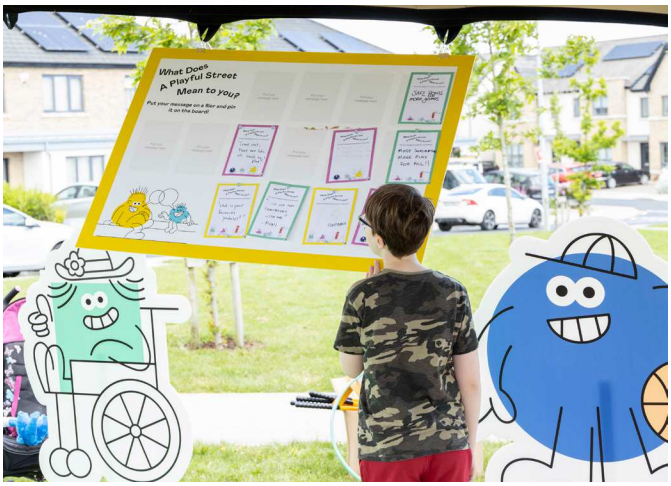








Playful Street Scheme



Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Policy.	The CDO provided oversight and guidance to ensure the delivery of the 25 actions identified under the five strategic pillars set out in the Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019 – 2024. During Fingal Inclusion Week 2023, 70 events across Fingal were supported.
Fingal Comhairle na nÓg.	Ongoing support was provided to Fingal Comhairle na n-Óg throughout 2023 to assist with the development of research on the chosen subject topic for 2023 'Education' A Funding Provision of €35,000 was made to enhance the support provided and increase stakeholder engagement. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg held their Annual Youth Conference in October with over 100 young people in attendance.
Continue to support the work of Age Friendly Fingal Alliance, continue to support the work of Age Friendly Ireland.	Ten in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Older Persons Council, four in-person meetings were facilitated to support the work of the Age Friendly Alliance. In May, the Age Friendly team supported the hosting of the Fingal's Older People's Council (OPC), Annual Conference, 130 Fingal older adults attended the conference. In July, the Fingal Age Friendly team hosted the Vintage Picnic, Arts Creativity and Music Festival in Swords Castle. Over 500 Older adults attended the event. Two Information Events for Older People were held in the Swords and Sutton. During Positive Aging week the Fingal Age Friendly team provided financial support to 18 older adult group activities and events.



Dungeons & Dragons (DnD) players from all corners of Fingal assembled to launch Fingal County Council's Community Gaming programme



Fingal Inclusion Week Launch





Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Continued Implementation the aims of Fingal Sport Vision Statement 2019-2021, Fingal Active, Together Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029 launched January 2024.	Fingal Sports Office ran 111 programmes and events attracting 56,735 participants in 2023. **Women in Sport** Sport Ireland's Women in Sport initiative HER Outdoors Week saw 4,787 participants take part in over 20 events ran by Fingal Sports Office. 23 clubs supported this initiative with the local clubs gaining membership through this opportunity. Fingal's Exercise Energise programme had 13 schools – 520 1st and 2nd year students take part in several different sports in their school and came together at the final week to trial new sports and celebrate their completion. **Minority Sports** Fingal Sports Office put an emphasis for 2023 to support minority and upcoming sports throughout the year. These sports included softball come and try, late night league basketball sessions, setting up a junior Olympic handball academy and the introduction of pickleball to Fingal's Community Centres. **School Programmes** Programmes targeting school age children included primary after school cricket, children's sports hub where children trialed sports throughout a 12-week block with the intention of introducing them to local sports clubs in their area. Tennis programmes have been extremely popular across the County along with futsal in the yard ran by FAI and Sports Conditioning, introducing and developing fundamental movements in primary school aged children. **Older Adult Programmes** Fingal Sports Office supports everyone in the Community, some of our most popular programmes are targeting older adults, such as pitch and putt, swim, and gym vouchers, walking football, table cricket, movement for life classes and men on the move programmes. **Education** Club development and coaching education is a key pillar for Fingal to deliver on, safeguarding, sports con teacher training, nutrition, summer projects, sport first aid, TY leadership and specific coach education programmes were all delivered across the County.

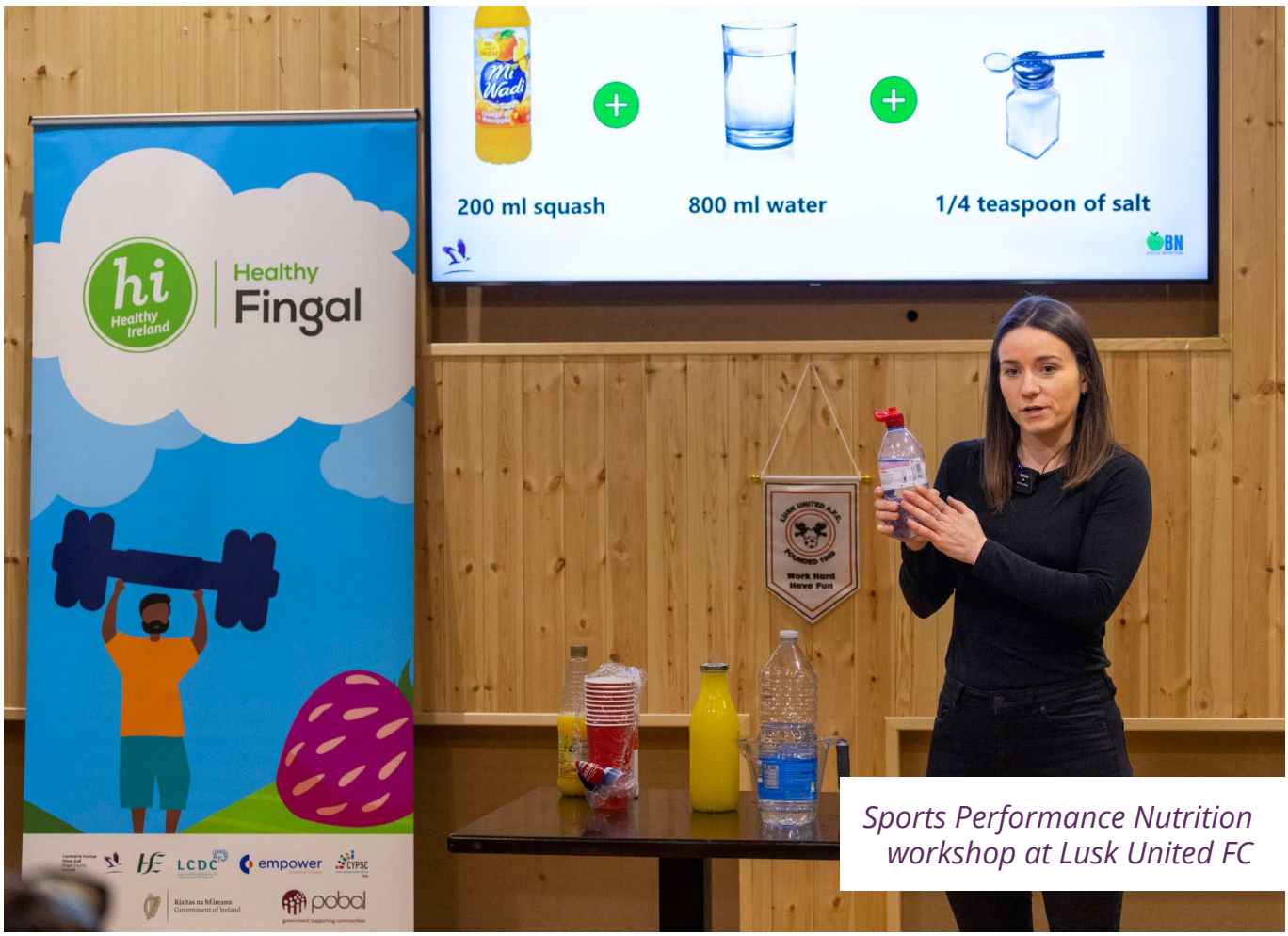




Ukraine Family Sports Day held by Fingal County Council at the ALSAA Sports complex



Launch of Fingal Transition Year Football and Fitness course for girls



Sports Performance Nutrition workshop at Lusk United FC

Corporate Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council.	The Chief Executive and her team continued to work closely with the Elected Members as well as County Stakeholders e.g. businesses, community groups, etc. Through the Strategic Policy Committees, the Elected Members continued to fulfill their governance and oversight role. Meetings continued to be serviced and webcast to ensure the transparency of the democratic function.
To ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation.	The Customer Care Unit consists of trained agents who aim to resolve queries at the first point of contact for the customer. In 2023 our Agents dealt with: • 140,582 phone calls • 6,337 emails • 27,739 in-person queries
To uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service.	In accordance with the Council's Citizen's Charter, all complaints received were processed and responded to in a timely manner during 2023.
To ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities.	In accordance with the Council's Communications Strategy, an extensive programme of internal and external communications was implemented to promote the Council's activities and increase awareness of the work that we do for our citizens.
To promote the use of the Irish language through the implementation of the Irish Language Scheme.	The Fourth Irish Language Scheme 2021 - 2024 was adopted by the Members for implementation across the Council.
To ensure all Corporate buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard.	The Buildings Facilities Team during 2023 ensured that all Corporate Buildings were maintained and protected to the highest standard. The staff play a key role in maintaining the Council's commitment to Energy Efficiency and continual improvement through the management of the Council's Energy Management System ISO 50001:2018.

Digital Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Promote innovative solutions through the mediums of Web, GIS, CRM, Data Analytics, BPI, Open Data and Knowledge Management.	The initiative to transition the Council's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to Dynamics 365 has reached full development and is currently undergoing testing in various Departments. The launch is planned for later this year, and it aims to introduce an enhanced Councillors' Portal along with a uniform process framework for all inquiries recorded via Dynamics 365 across all Fingal County Council services. Provision and maintenance of Power BI Dashboards, Power Apps, and Dataverse solutions throughout the organization, alongside other initiatives like a Capital Projects Register and shorter working year and work sharing solutions. Additionally, ongoing support was extended to previously delivered solutions.
To implement best practice in IT governance.	Meetings were held between Digital Services and each Council Department during the year to review systems, project requirements and quality of service.
Implementation and management of required infrastructure for IT systems and services.	The Council's server and network infrastructure was managed (and upgraded where required) to ensure that it performed reliably in 2023. Server availability for the year was 99.97% and network availability was 99.98%. Infrastructure upgrades included Network Edge Switch Upgrades in Blanchardstown Civic Offices. Switch upgrades in Depots and Library Branches, VSAN upgrade and Teams Telephony Upgrades. Digital Services continued the Roll Out of Teams Meeting Rooms in County Hall Swords, Civic Offices Blanchardstown and a Training Room in Coolmine Depot; Roll Out of WiFi in Council offices and depots is progressing. Tender for the AV Upgrade of the Council Chamber in County Hall was awarded.
Deliver an efficient support service for our Staff and Councillors and members of the public.	The service desk dealt with 11,687 tickets from staff in 2023 and new processes were implemented in the ATS ticketing system. 186 calls were logged by Councilor's. IT Support was provided for all Council Meetings. Digital Services are continued to support Corporate Services and the Customer Care Unit in providing and improving the Telephony solution for customers.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Encourage and support communities and businesses to reap the full rewards of a digitally enabled society.	Wifi4eu scheme was extended to one additional location. There were 31,812 public wifi (WIFI4EU) visitors in Fingal during the year. Twelve Community Centres received public WiFi upgrades. In April 2023, Fingal County Council Launched the Smart Balbriggan Partnership with Connect Centre. Under the Community Recognition Fund, we secured €336,000 to support digital projects in the community over 2023 and 2024. Under EUCF, Smart Balbriggan secured €60,000 to develop an investment concept to support decarbonization projects. Four projects were piloted under the CE Innovation Fund. The CE Innovation Fund was successful at the LAMA Awards 2023, winning the Best Communications Initiative/Innovation award. The Council's use of 3D models and VR headsets for planning consultation won the Communications award at the Chambers Ireland 2023 Excellence in Local Government Awards. VR for Libraries was launched in December 2023, with five Fingal Libraries receiving twelve VR devices, the public can speak to their local Library VR Champion and immerse themselves in a virtual world with a suite of educational apps. Smart Dublin, representing the four Dublin Local Authorities, had a stand and presented at the 2023 Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona, the stand showcased innovative digital projects happening across Fingal.
Analysis, design and deployment of secure IT systems to support business processes.	Continued maintenance and support for approximately 65 applications, that facilitate business processes. A new Property Interest Register application was implemented, replacing one of the highest applications on the DS risk register. The APAS planning system was upgraded to SR8. Planning documents were migrated to Sharepoint, as part of the continuation of the ePlanning programme of works. The Citrix remote access solution was upgraded to the latest long term service release.
Deploy Enterprise Architecture to ensure that the Councils Corporate Strategy utilises proper technology systems architecture to achieve its goals.	Data Protection Impact Assessments were carried out on new and updated systems.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To meet the expectations of an increasingly digitised world and improve the experience of those interacting with the Council.	FinDocs (the corporate document management tool) has now been deployed to all Departments across the organization providing key benefits in terms of collaboration and secure ease of access at any time, any place and on any Fingal issued device. In November 2023, the system was upgraded to include new functionality. During 2023, a proof of concept (POC) project with Housing Directorate, focused in on the next stage of document management to include best practice file naming conventions, records management and retention, document scanning and migration. The intention is that the proposed solution will be scalable and a model to follow for the rest of the organization, where appropriate. The rollout of the new Chief Executive Orders System was successfully completed to all Departments in Qtr 1 2023. Dublin City Council also procured the CE Orders system through the 'Build To Share' mechanism, and deployed it to all Departments. The project to migrate the Council's CRM system to Dynamics 365 has been fully developed and is now in test mode across a number of Departments. It is scheduled to go live later on this year, and will deliver on an updated Councillors' Portal and standardised process framework across all Council services for all calls logged through Dynamics 365.
Successfully manage the Council's IT Programme and Project Lifecycle and related Resourcing.	Final phase of the Development Plan was delivered and adopted on time including web casting, meeting solutions, reporting (RMAS), GIS solutions, modification to Modern Gov and automated workflows. The ePlanning and eHousing programmes and other projects progressed as planned.
Establish and maintain enterprise vision, strategy, and program to ensure information assets and technologies are adequately protected.	IT security remains a priority due to the continuous threat from cybercriminals. Security measures are continuously under review and being improved.



Fingal County Council Launches Smart Balbriggan Partnership





Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Foster a strong local economy and promote environmentally sustainable business.	The Council became a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration in 2023. The Council conducted consultations on the preparation of an Economic Development Strategy for the County. In 2023 the Council continued work with DCU and Dublin Airport Authority on collaborative sustainable projects, lodging two applications for funding which were unsuccessful. The Council successfully applied to lead an Urbact Network to consider sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors which focuses on the industrial landbank at Stephenstown, Balbriggan and completed the activation phase of the project.
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	Small Business Assistance Scheme grants totaling €1.13m were paid to 214 businesses in the Fingal area. SBASC gave grants to businesses who were not eligible for the Government's COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS), the Fáilte Ireland Business Continuity grant or other direct sectoral grant schemes. The Council's three Enterprise Centres continued to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie in 2023 and to support start- up and growing businesses through the provision of enterprise space, remote working space and related supports. In 2023 Drinan Enteprise Centre launched The Studio Drinan, a state-of-the-art digital media studio. In 2023 LEO Fingal continued to implement the actions from the Local Enterprise Development plan. These actions provide businesses in Fingal with the support and skills to scale and increase employment throughout the County. Following the recovery period post-COVID, 2023 saw a further acceleration of economic activity among SMEs. LEO Fingal continued to focus on helping businesses explore and expand into export markets, increase collaboration and other supports including the provision of mentoring and networking events.











Culture Night Blanchardstown

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Channel a range of supports to local businesses in Fingal. To promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses. To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas.	A total of €1,238,800 in financial aid was approved to 151 Fingal businesses for various grant aid schemes and trading online vouchers. Core portfolio client businesses reported an increase of 178 jobs at the end of 2023. In total, 3,225 places were booked by clients for training/ networking/events/webinars both online and in-person. Local Enterprise Week proved hugely successful with over 900 businesses participating. Business clinics and mentoring assignments were delivered to 1251 clients. 87 Trading Online Vouchers were approved. 13 Start Your Own Business courses were delivered to 238 aspiring entrepreneurs, including a group of EE Ukrainian refugees that were assisted by the LEO in their endeavours to create a new enterprise in Ireland. Other core popular business development initiatives continued including networking platforms run by LEO Fingal. Fingal Business Network hosted four business networking events with over 392 businesses participating. Fingal Enterprising Women Network also met quarterly with some 404 female-led entrepreneurs benefiting. The Fingal Exporter Programme continued to provide the necessary assistance to Fingal businesses seeking to grow internationally, with 14 businesses participating in the programme to expand their export presence. A further 14 businesses were approved for the "TAME" (Exporter's) grant. Other new initiatives included the Green for Business programme aimed at enabling Fingal businesses to become more sustainable, and a new "Energy Efficiency Grant" was opened for applications during the year.
Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER.	The Fingal LCDC completed procurement for delivery of the SICAP Programme 2024 – 2028. The 2023 SICAP Programme was delivered with additional budget secured for provision of assistance to Ukrainian Refugees.
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.	In 2023 the Council conducted public consultations and prepared the new Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2028 and a 2-year Implementation Plan. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator delivered the programme aligned with the 2023 plan. The Council completed a Feasibility Study on Innovation/ Enterprise Hubs along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor, funded by Shared Island.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development.	The Fingal Skills Strategy Group continued work with 4 Sectoral Sub-Groups and commenced work on the Interreg Project SKYLA on skills provision for the twin transition. The Council successfully held the Xplore Your Future Expo in The Helix in October 2023. Rush continued its work opening the town to play which commenced as part of the URBACT Playful Towns Initiative, holding successful play events throughout the year. The Council commenced work on 2 EU CERV Projects, one on Green Skills and another on inclusion, hosting and attending a number of transnational meetings.
Implement Our Balbriggan 2019–2025 Rejuvenation Plan.	A new Town Regeneration Office has now been established in the Council with the integration of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Project, Town Centre First Measures, Derelict Sites, Urban Regeneration Development Fund Programmes, Rural Regeneration Development Fund Proposals, Town and Village Renewal Schemes and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Schemes. The Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan continued to be delivered with the demolition of the rear of DeBruns buildings on Bridge Street and the opening of a new Pocket Park. The Quay Street, Harbour & Environs project went out to tender with a contractor to be on site in April 2024. This transformative and ambitious scheme, funded by the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and Fingal County Council, will create a new family friendly civic space in a low traffic, pedestrianised environment. The Creative Hub at 2-4 Dublin Street received planning permission in October and moves to the detailed design phase. Stage two design work was completed for the Creative Hub which will have 8 flexible workspaces, a courtyard, gallery, STEAM, enterprise and multi-media spaces in line with the objectives for a SMART Balbriggan. Work also began at the Boathouse and Bathhouse beside the Martello Tower. Significant progress on all these projects will continue in 2024. Work programmes progressed across all work streams in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation including Local Economy, Education, Skills and Training, Community Safety, Community Integration and Well Being, Public Realm and Placemaking.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County.	Collaboration with Fáilte Ireland continued in 2023 to promote Fingal as a tourist destination to both the domestic and international visitor. Fingal participated in Fáilte Ireland's promotional campaigns including the Keep Discovering and Winter in Dublin campaigns. Much of the Destination Town Skerries project was completed in 2023 with the establishment of the St Patrick's Trail and Art Trail and new digital heritage trails for Castleknock and Balbriggan were launched in Summer 2023. Support to local tourism development groups continued throughout 2023 with various initiatives around sustainable tourism, social media campaigns, events and collaboration on clustering of products and experiences. Fingal also hosted the Food on the Edge symposium and the Ireland's Association of Adventure Tourism annual conference took place in the Castleknock Hotel in November. The Council also ran and facilitated several digital, social media and print campaigns. The new Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024 - 2029 was substantially completed and signed off in 2023 for launch in early 2024.



Fingal Festival of Children's Literature















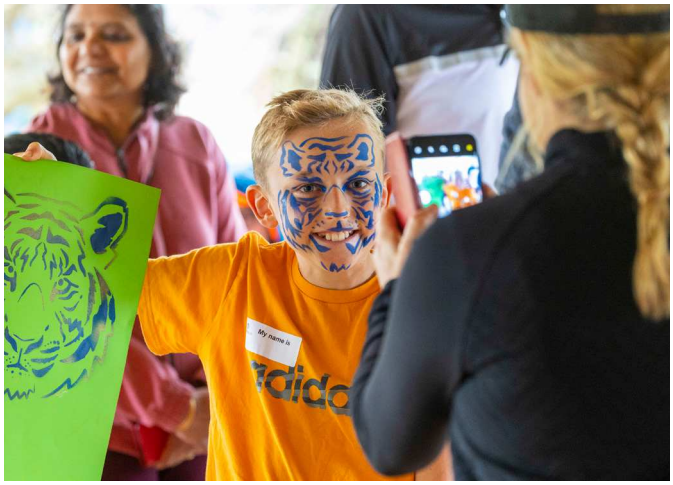
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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination.	The Council continued to work closely with a food network consultant and with Fáilte Ireland in the further development of the Fingal Food and Drink Network. A significant number of Fingal food businesses joined the network throughout 2023 and the Committee engaged in the further promotion of food through the digital, social media and print campaigns of the Dublin Coast and Fields brand, a series of networking events, familiarisation visits and workshop including a Fingal food event under the 'Coast and Fields' brand at Flavours of Fingal County Show in early July. The development of a new Fingal Food Policy was completed in 2023 for launch in 2024. The aim of this policy is to support the food industry by building a Food & Drink Tourism Strategy aligned to the broader Fingal Tourism Strategy, including, the ongoing leverage of the 'Dublin's Coast & Fields' brand. This involved: • Promotion and advertising of the food producing reputation of Fingal and making Fingal food more visible at events. • Creating and maintaining world class, sustainable, saleable food and drink experiences. • Continued investment in food and drink festivals and events. • Facilitating more meaningful networking and collaboration activity for the sector.
Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties.	In June 2023 Fingal County Council and its Operator at Newbridge House formally applied to the Heritage Council for entry into the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). The MSPI process - when completed - will allow accreditation and stronger branding for the standards and rigour with which the collections are conserved, how the items are displayed and the effectiveness of interpretation. It is considered that this will improve the authenticity and increase the heritage led visitors and experiences. The application was formally accepted in the Autumn and work got underway at Newbridge initially at the end of 2023.
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	The main driver of improvements to the visitor experiences in 2023 was the Capital Programme, of which the highlights were: • Completion of major roof and windows projects in Ardgillan and Newbridge • Completion of phase 3(a) of the Conservation works at Swords Castle – mainly involving stabilising the existing structure and resolving the walls and grounds









Cruinniú na nÓg 2023

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events.	• Commencement of the enabling works for the red barn project at Skerries Mills • Completion of the refurbishment of Howth Courthouse In 2023, several improvements to the existing offerings at each visitor attraction took place. Among these the Lady Betty Cobbe porcelain collection was added to the Newbridge House experience in the spring, Malahide Castle basement (Nugent's Hall) was re-opened as a conferencing and banqueting space in September. In October Fingal County Council worked with Failte Ireland, Argillan Castle LTD and Tandem Consultants to re-think and re-configure the tour at Ardgillan. Swords Castle had a busy summer and autumn programme of events, musical performances, exhibitions and artistic displays as well as weddings and civil ceremonies each week.
Implement the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025.	The implementation of the Fingal Arts Development Plan 2019-2025 continued in 2023 with focus of the work supporting the Swords Cultural Quarter, the development of the Carnegie Library and the "Our Balbriggan" rejuvenation project.
Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council.	The actions of the eight-year framework agreement with the Arts Council continued in 2023. The two areas of agreement are: **a)** Research & Development – the Arts Office continues to engage with the SCQ development team on the new public cultural facility and theatre model. **b)** Building Capacity - The Arts staff have developed a suite of research on how the Council can best meet its public service ambitions in Arts and Culture, in the areas of public arts practice and youth and education.
To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal.	A budget of €364,358 was allocated in 2023 to creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative communities, Cruinniú na nÓg, and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration programme. The Commemorations Programme focused on a publication and exhibition entitled 'Politics, War and the Revolution: a timeline for Fingal' and a specially commissioned film 'The Turning of the Tithe'.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To coordinate the implementation of the Creative Ireland Programme in Fingal.	Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children took place in June and included a creative village in Millennium Park, a touring children's exhibition, a full library programme and events across the County including the Baby Bop orchestra and celestial mechanics. In total 51 separate workshops for children and young people took place in Fingal. The Creativity in older age funding supplied 50 concerts in care homes across Fingal throughout 2023. Vintage picnic, an outdoor festival for the over 55's in Swords Castle was also partially funded through the Creativity in Older Age funding stream. In addition, €50,000 was granted to a cross border initiative between Alzheimer's choirs in Belfast and Fingal for a project to begin in 2024.
Swords Civic & Cultural Centre.	During 2023 procurements and appointments for consultancies were completed to form the design team necessary to deliver the SCQ project.







Fingal in focus at Annual Adventure Tourism Conference

Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Implement the Eastern - Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021.	The making of a new national waste management plan was ongoing during 2023 however it was not completed by the end of the year. The new plan was adopted in February 2024 and is available on mywaste.ie. The plan contains data on the levels of waste generation, disposal, recovery and recycling.
Aftercare of historic and closed landfills.	• Management of closed licensed landfills - Balleally, Dunsink, Nevitt, Barnageeragh– ongoing. • A new maintenance building and upgrade of the leachate pumping system was completed.
Monitor Air and Noise Pollution.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2023 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine air/noise related inspections undertaken in 2023 was 344.
Enforce Waste Regulations.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2023 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine waste inspections undertaken in 2023 was 1,357.
Operate dog and horse control service.	The Dog Warden Service which has been in operation since September 2021, has been carrying out enforcement activities under the Control of Dogs Act 1986. In 2023, 477 fines were issued in relation to dog offences. Door to door dog licence checks continued in 2023 by the dog wardens. In 2023, 10,238 dog licences were purchased and revenue from licence sales totaled €289,980.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Operate dog and horse control service.	The Dog Wardens patrol parks and beaches and have been working alongside EETCD at some of Fingal's outdoor events. In 2023, 229 stray dogs entered the shelter of which 48 were surrendered. 76 were reclaimed by their owners and 167 were rehomed either through rescue centers or to members of the public. The Animal Welfare project is continuing on Dunsink Landfill in conjunction with DAFM and the DSPCA whereby weekly welfare inspections are undertaken. . Hay and water is also provided on a weekly basis. In 2023, 18 horses were seized from the public realm. 4 of these were reclaimed and 14 were rehomed.
Operate Litter Warden Service.	This service is operated in line with the Litter Pollution Acts 1997 – 2009. In 2023 there was an increased focus on illegal dumping, and known blackspots were patrolled daily. The number of routine litter patrols/ investigations undertaken in 2023 was 3,232. The Litter Wardens continued their weekend patrols in 2023. They also carried out awareness campaigns on our coastal routes, to advise citizens of their responsibilities as dog owners to pick up after their dogs and their responsibility never to leave litter behind. In 2023, 380 abandoned vehicles reports were received of alleged abandoned vehicles. Following investigation, 10 were deemed abandoned and removed.
Protect Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters.	Environmental Inspections and activities related to this activity are reported to the EPA in the National Enforcement Priorities Progress Report 2022 available here. The report enumerates a wide range of activities including complaints, planned inspections and permitting/licencing activities. This report together with the reports from other local authorities will be evaluated by the EPA later this year. The number of routine and non-routine water/wastewater inspections undertaken in 2021 was 850.
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	Supported the 145 schools in the Green Schools Program, with 23 New Green Flags awarded to Fingal Schools in 2023. Worked with the Dublin LA's, the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Plan Office and Composting Ireland to roll out the Composting for Schools which introduces and subsidises composting and food waste in schools.









New kid goats joins Howth Heads firefighting herd

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	Rolled out litter programs such as the Picker Pals in national schools and provided litter pickers through the 10 hub Community Centers. Picker Pals Litter initiative now in 40 new classes in primary schools, this is in addition to the already active 80 Picker Pals classes. Worked with Dublin LAs, An Taisce and other groups to run the Dublin Community Clean up Week in April. The event mobilised several groups across Fingal to carry out clean-ups. Funded 15 Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti projects in communities county-wide to the value of €19,960. In partnership with six Community Centers litter kit was provided for Fingal individuals and communities. Litter kits and doggie dispensers were also provided directly to several Community Groups and schools. Funded 24 Environmental projects with schools and community groups to the value of €20,000 Promoted and facilitated the Fingal Instruments Project whereby instruments are handed in at Recycling Centers, cleaned, repaired and redistributed back into communities. The 'Fingal Keen to be Green' Project awards were held, and all 32 Fingal Community Centers received their first star for the waste phase. This is a program designed to assist the center managers in becoming more sustainable in their delivery of services. Ongoing promotional campaigns in co-operation with Comms to address litter, beach and marine environments, food waste, biodiversity and general environmental awareness. Sustainable gardening workshops were delivered to the public. The community leaf mould composting initiative was extremely-well received in communities all across Fingal. 39 communities participated in the programme. 160 leaf mould cages were set up in over 50 locations. 28 pitch forks and water cans distributed. Training was provided in 17 workshops.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme.	As part of the ReUse initiatives with the Rediscovery Centre, a total 325 5L tins of paint were delivered to Fingal community groups in 2023 for use in public areas. Environmental Awareness Cinema Campaigns created and shown across five cinemas in Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Charlestown and Santry. Number of guaranteed admissions was 1,395,625. Contract value of €60,000 covering the areas of biodiversity, circular economy, food waste and illegal dumping.
Implement Flood Protection Schemes in co-operation with the OPW.	There are three flood schemes (Malahide, Portmarnock and Skerries) with the OPW. In 2023 these schemes were in the process of a viability review.
Co-ordination of Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 and Development of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029.	Governance and reporting structures are in place for delivery of actions in the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 –2024. The Climate Action Coordinator works with Implementation leads from across all internal Departments, and with colleagues from the Dublin Local Authorities, CARO, Codema, and other stakeholders, to coordinate delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024. The Plan was adopted by the Council in May 2019 and actions are ongoing. The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC has been provided with regular updates. The Climate Change Action Plan Annual Progress Report 2023 was delivered. Throughout 2023, workshops to develop Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 (CAP) took place with relevant stakeholders and the plan was drafted. The CAP includes climate resilience actions across six thematic areas. This Plan 2024-2029 has four key targets, to: • Improve the council's energy efficiency by 50% by 2030 • Reduce the council's greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030 • Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change related events. • Actively engage and inform our citizens on climate change. Public consultation took place between September and November 2023.
Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	The Council operates two civic amenity sites (Estuary and Coolmine), and a network of 63 Bring Banks for glass and a total of 29 for textiles, throughout the County. Three new Bring Banks were added to the network this year. In 2023 a total of 5341.14 tonnes of glass was collected and recycled from Fingal Bring Banks. A total of 246 tonnes of textiles were collected from textile banks.





Launch of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Protected Cycle Lanes – management of the design and construction of numerous protected cycle lane projects.	Approximately 30km of cycle facilities completed for the following schemes: • Hartstown/Huntstown • Rivervalley/Rathingle • Baldoyle/Howth • St. Cronans/Brackenstown Road The following projects are in the design and planning stage: • Seatown Road Swords • Donabate Portrane R126 Cycle Paths • Coney Hill, Balbriggan R132 Cycle Paths • Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport Cycle Paths • Paddys Hill to Broomfield via Naomh Mearnóg GAA • Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre • Castleknock to Dunsink Lane • Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh • Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar • Seapark Hill to Old Golf Course Link Park • Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure • Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2
Towns and Villages enhancements – mobility reviews and public realm projects with an emphasis on Active Travel.	Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for a number of our Towns and Villages: • Balrothery • Skerries • Active Travel Infrastructure and Public Realm Works are being progressed in the following areas • New Street, Malahide, Public Realm Improvements – Part VIII Planning Permission has been granted • Skerries Harbour Road – Preparing for Part VIII Planning





Launch of 'Cycling Without Age' initiative

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Connectivity/Permeability – review and enhancement of existing infrastructure to promote overall connectivity for Active Travel users.	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. The following projects have been completed to date. • Dished kerbing at various locations, Dublin 15 • Feltrim connectivity path (Melrose Park) for Portmarnock Educate Together • Balgriffin Park shared space cycle lane • Howth Summit paths to bus stop • Paddy's Hill shared path • Widening of footpath Paddy's Hill • Temporary footpath installed at Seapark Hill to connect to the Old Golf links and across to Seamount Road. • Drop Kerbs and Tactiles Portmarnock Malahide Schools Code • Grove Road Malahide uncontrolled crossing Schools Code
Strategic Planning – preparation and implementation of an Active Travel Strategy.	The Active Travel Strategy was noted by the Council in June 2023.
Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	Round 1 – Tranche 1 – The Safe Routes to School Tranche 1 works are complete at 5 schools: • Rush/Lusk Educate Together • Castaheany ETNS • St. Benedicts NS • Bayside Junior and • Bayside Senior Schools Round 1 – Tranche 2 – Tranche 2 schools Detailed design complete, progressing to construction in Q1 2024. Round 2 In mid-December 2023 An Taisce announced Round 2 of the Safer Routes to School programme, with the following Fingal schools selected: • Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords • Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí, Blanchardstown • Scoil Bhríde Cailíní, Blanchardstown • St Helen's SNS, Portmarnock • St. Colmcille's Girls' NS, Swords

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Road Safety Office – implementation of the Safer Routes to School Programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers. Management of the School Wardens.	Leading Lights Award – Junior School Warden Programme, Rush National School. Rush NS was awarded a Leading Light Award in the Education Primary Category for its Junior School Warden Programme. The awards ceremony took place in the RDS Concert Hall on Thursday, 7th December.
Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan.	Fingal's Road Safety Plan is currently under review following the release of the RSA Road Strategy 2021 –2030 Vision Zero.
Mobility and Behavioural Change – rolling out various Active Travel projects and event to raise awareness and promote a modal shift.	Throughout 2023, the Active Travel Team held numerous initiatives and events internally and externally to raise awareness and promote a sustainable modal shift. Bike Week 2023 and European Mobility Week 2023 were two flagship awareness weeks, with the Active Travel unit holding events throughout the County to build awareness of the importance of active travel. Programmes and Initiatives: • Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses • Mens Walk and Talk Groups • Adult Cycling Courses • Cycling Without Age • Bike Share Schemes operated by Tier and Bleeper • Skerries Community Car • Schools Active Travel Talks • Staff eBike Trials • Fresh Air Fridays Cycle Friendly Employer Audit: Fingal undertook the Cycle Friendly Employer Audit as part of CFE Accreditation. The report scored Fingal County Council in the high sliver category with a number of changes that we can make to move into the Gold Category.



New segregated cycle lanes at St. Cronan's Avenue and Brackenstown Road, Swords



Launch of eCargo Bike scheme

Finance

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Active Debt Management (Rates/PEL/NPPR).	In 2023, 99.1% of Commercial Rates were collected. The Property Entry Levy (PEL), which is a charge that applies to all newly erected or newly constructed properties pending the assessment of commercial rates, took in revenue of €1.7m Revenue from the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) charge was €563k in 2023.
The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management Cash Outflows.	Accounts Payable processed €554.2m of payments during 2023. The treasury management and cashflow was actively managed throughout the year.
Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies.	All claims against the Council were pro-actively managed and investigated by the Council. We continued to engage with our insurers with regards to the insurance policies in place.
Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored.	Revenue account budgets and Capital Plan are reviewed regularly with each department.
Production of 3 Year Capital Programme.	The 2024 -2026 Capital Plan was presented to Councillors in October 2023.
Production of Annual Budget.	The 2024 Budget was presented to Council on 7th November 2023.
Production of Annual Financial Statement.	The 2022 Financial Statements were completed in March 2023 with the Auditor's Report signed in September 2023.
To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement.	The Central Procurement Unit (CPU) conducted procurement processes identified in the Annual Procurement Plan during 2023. A total of 356 procurements with an estimated value of €508.4m commenced and 289 contracts with a value of €100.6m were awarded during the year. The CPU also carried out monitoring and reporting on procurement compliance and performance across the organisation to the Executive Management Team.

Housing Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Delivery of housing in Fingal County Council in line with the Housing Strategy and Housing for All.	A total of 1,314 social housing units were delivered in 2023 via acquisitions, build, leasing and HAP streams. A target of delivering 850 under new build and leasing social housing units during 2023 was set for Fingal. At the end of the year, a total of 596 units were delivered under these streams with a significant number in the pipeline for short and medium term delivery. The Croí Cónaithe Refurbishment Vacant Property Grant Scheme eligibilty criteria was expanded in May 2023 with increased promotion of the scheme by the Vacant Homes Team. During 2023, a further 78 applications were received of which 49 applications were approved. Work advanced on-site on Phase 1 of the restoration of 14 vacant cottages at St. Ita's Portrane with further phases due to be delivered in the coming years.
Delivery and Management of Homeless Services in accordance with the Homelessness Action Plan 2022 – 2024.	Continued progress has been made with the implementation of the objectives of the Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024. During 2023, the Homeless Team completed 472 homeless assessments, comprising 248 families and 224 single or couple households. A total of 315 households were assisted to exit homelessness via the provision of: • 169 social housing tenancies • 146 Homeless - HAP tenancies There is ongoing engagement with and collaboration with various stakeholders regarding the provision and delivery of homeless services.
Administration of the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme.	HAP continued to be administered in 2023 through the Fingal County Council online application portal. 338 tenancies were set up by Fingal County Council in 2023 and over 3,900 tenancies have been set up since HAP was introduced in 2017.
Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.	The Council continued to deliver estate management and housing maintenance service to over 6,600 tenancies, incorporating a wide range of housing stock.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Management and Maintenance of Housing Stock/Vacancies/Voids.	There were 14,763 response maintenance requests received in 2023, an increase of 12.6% on the previous year. The Estate Management Section received 1,556 complaints pertaining to allegations of anti-social behaviour, representing an increase of 14.7% on the previous year. The vacancy rate on Council stock in 2023 was 1.99%. Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme works were carried out on 120 social housing units, bringing them to a BER of B2 or higher. The lessons learnt will inform an increase in this programme over coming years in line with Government targets.
Implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.	The implementation of the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme (2019 – 2024) has progressed, with ongoing refurbishment works and the provision of accommodation in line with the needs of the Traveller population in the Fingal Administrative Area.
Facilitate Access to Good Quality Private Rented Accommodation through an Annual Inspections Programme.	In line with the Strategy for the Private Rental Sector the DHLGH has set annual inspection targets for all Local Authorities. These targets are based on a percentage of properties registered with the RTB. In 2023 there were 18,304 tenancies registered with the RTB in the Fingal Administrative Area. An annual inspection target of 25% of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH. As part of the Council's Annual Inspection Programme, 6,796 inspections of private rented properties were carried out in 2023.
Deliver Sufficient and Appropriate Housing Solutions for Disabled Persons.	There were 603 applications received for the Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability in the private sector in 2023. 398 of these were approved and payments made to applicants with grants of over €3.1m paid out. Through the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 63 new applications were received in 2023. Works concluded on 79 minor adaptations applications and two extensions were completed to Council owned dwellings. Minor adaptations included the provision of level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Support the Provision of Mixed Tenure, Quality and Affordable Housing.	The Council continued to advance a number of mixed tenure schemes across the County in 2023. Works progressed in Dun Emer, Lusk where the Council is constructing 39 affordable and 12 social homes, which is one of the first Social and Affordable Housing Schemes developed under the Government's Housing for All policy. Works progressed on the mixed tenure scheme at Hayestown, Rush to build 51 affordable and 10 social homes. The mixed tenure development at Church Fields, Mulhuddart comprises some 1,000 social, cost rental and affordable housing units. The first phase of 300 homes and the Eastern Linear Park commenced on site with further phases imminent. The mixed tenure development at Balmoston, Donabate commenced in 2023, with the first phase of 432 homes commencing. The Housing Dept continues to engage with a variety of stakeholders to secure new housing provision in line with Government targets, including new build and turn-key arrangements.



Launch of Housing Strategy for Disabled People



Liscappagh Housing Development



Law

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments.	Legal services are provided to the Chief Executive and Council Departments as requested.

Libraries

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Implement the Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023.	The objectives of Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 continued to be implemented by way of 42 actions.
Provide high quality, welcoming, accessible spaces which meet the needs of library users.	Work progressed on the refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library. The temporary library on Church St. continued to attract existing and new borrowers. The tender to select the building contractor for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter was issued in November 2023. The 348 people registered to use 'My Open Library' made 3,121 visits to Baldoyle Library in 2023. 'My Open Library' offers extended opening hours, providing access to the library from 8:00am to 10:00pm, 365 days per year. Ballisk House, the former Credit Union building in Donabate was purchased by the Council. Work began on developing plans to relocate the Library from the Community Centre to this site.
Ensure that libraries are staffed with well trained, informed and customer focused staff.	Throughout 2023 staff received appropriate training, engaged in continuing professional development and received support to avail of relevant third level educational opportunities.
Recognise and meet the changing needs of library users, in accordance with our Collection Development Policy.	In January 2023, we introduced the Short Loan Collection into branch libraries. These are collections of very popular titles that are lent for 10 days and are non-reservable and non-renewable. This means that branches have a capsule collection of high-turnover and high-demand items on display that are readily available to borrowers. We increased our range of sensory and educational toys and resources to assist with cognitive development and life skills and to encourage creativity.
Reinforce the position of libraries in the Community as key points of access to information technology and digital services.	In November 2023, we introduced Virtual Reality headsets into our Libraries through VR for Libraries, a collaborative project between Fingal Libraries and Digital Services. We increased our supply of C Pen Readers to assist those with additional learning needs such as Dyslexia or visual impairments to read and learn independently. The C Pens can be loaned within the Community or used within branch.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Reinforce the position of libraries in the Community as key points of access to information technology and digital services.	The Makerspace at Blanchardstown Library offered a range of events including an introduction to 3D printing, electronic buggy building, music production workshops and repair cafés.
Encourage the Community to reach its full potential and engage all citizens through an innovative programme of events and activities in libraries.	In 2023, our Cultural and Educational Programming empowered communities and facilitated social capital, while providing a safe space for children and adults in which to learn and develop in a fun way. Highlights in our events calendar included the Writers' Festival, the Festival of History and the Children's Literature Festival. We also ran events under the Healthy Ireland, Right to Read, Ireland Reads, My Little Library, Bealtaine and Europe Direct programmes.
Market Libraries in Fingal as democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces, open to all who live and work in the County.	Our marketing and promotional campaigns attracted 15,418 new borrowers in 2023. We communicated our messages daily across all communication channel, including print, broadcast, digital and social media.
Ensure that Fingal Libraries continue to remain visible and relevant in the Community through collaboration and partnerships.	In 2023, we began the consultation process for the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029. Through online surveys and consultation meetings, we invited schools, Community groups and organisations to give their views on the future of the public library service in Fingal. Over 1,100 responses were received to inform the new Development Plan and to shape future collaboration and partnerships.



My Little Library Book Bag Initiative

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Ensure Creative Ireland program is delivered across Fingal.	A budget of €364,358 was allocated in 2023 to creative projects/initiatives across the 3 separate funding streams of Creative Communities, Cruinniú na nÓg and the Decade of Centenaries Commemoration Programme. The Commemorations Programme focused on a publication and exhibition entitled 'Politics, war and the Revolution: a timeline for Fingal' and a specially commissioned film 'The Turning of the Tithe'. Cruinniú Na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activities for children took place in June and included a creative village in Millennium Park, a touring children's exhibition, a full library programme and events across the County including the Baby Bop orchestra and celestial mechanics. In total fifty-one separate workshops for children and young people took place in Fingal. The Creativity in older age funding supplied fifty concerts in care homes across Fingal throughout 2023. Vintage picnic, an outdoor festival for the over 55's in Swords Castle was also partially funded through the Creativity in Older Age funding stream. In addition, €50,000 was granted to a cross border initiative between Alzheimer's choirs in Belfast and Fingal for a project to begin in 2024.
Launch and implement the new Creative Fingal strategy 2023 -2027.	The Strategy was launched by Minister Catherine Martin T.D. in 2023 and work began on its implementation across the 5 key priorities identified through consultation: • Making Cities/Counties great places to work, live and invest in • Digitalisation • Climate change • Changing demographics • Town centre first and the rural economy





Fingal Book Gifting Programme - Community Recognition Fund



Rush Library



Donabate Library

Operations Department

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<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Regional and Local Roads, Traffic Management, Road Safety.</td><td>There are 65kms of National Roads including motorways in the County. The Council is responsible for managing 264Kms of regional and 1011kms of local roads in the County. Maintenance work including surface drainage, road and footpath repairs and replacement, traffic management and public lighting is delivered through the Programme of Works and the annual maintenance programmes delivered from the Depots in Coolmine, Fancourt and Swords. The Council continued to manage its stock 32,900 public lights with over 90% having been converted as part of the LED Energy Efficiency Programme.

The following applications were processed during 2023:

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<tr><td>Wayleave/Communication/Road Opening Licence</td><td>2,400</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Management and Maintenance of Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches and Recreational Facilities.</td><td>The Council continues to manage and maintain over 5000 acres (2000 Ha) of public open spaces at our regional, local and neighbourhood parks and 4 allotment sites with over 800 allotments. Within the parks and open spaces, we provide;
• 54 playgrounds
• 179 grass playing pitches
• 8 all-weather playing facilities
• 6 cricket pitches
• 19 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA’s)
• 4 skateparks
• 1 BMX track
• 8 public tennis courts
• 10 boules courts
• 33 separate locations for adult exercise equipment.</td></tr>
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Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Management and Maintenance of Harbours, Litter Management, Provision of Burial Grounds, Public Conveniences.	In total 88kms of Fingal's coastline is maintained by the Operations Department which includes the 11 designated beaches at Balbriggan, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush South and North, Portrane, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton Burrow Beach, Claremont and Howth. There were 35 lifeguards were employed from June to early September 2023. Continuous monitoring of seawater samples was carried out during the bathing season to ensure compliance with the Bathing Water Quality requirements. Harbours and piers at Balbriggan, Skerries, Loughshinny and Rush were managed and maintained during the year with works carried out on the marker buoys and navigational aids at Skerries Harbour. The Council also appointed a Harbour Master to ensure the 4 Harbours are managed to the highest standard. Litter and Cleansing crews continued with their cyclical and response programmes in the public realm across the County and supported the work of Tidy Towns Groups and other local volunteers.
To support the delivery of major Commercial and Community events as appropriate.	A significant number of events were held in in our regional parks and open spaces and in the public realm during 2022 following the restrictions as a result of Covid 19. While a huge number of events were supported by the Operations Department in 2023 the following list provides a flavour of the variety of larger scale events across the County: • Rush Harbour Festival • Malahide Concerts • Skerries Regatta • Cool Running Ice Skating Rink Millennium Park • Castleknock Village Festival • Sunday Market at St. Catherine's Park • St. Patrick's Day Parades in towns across the County Management of commercial and sporting events and event licence applications when permitted involve the following: • Pre and post event meetings • Document validation and issuing of event permits • Temporary road closure application • Litter Management • Professional advice on traffic management • Advice on crowd safety management





Rush National School awarded RSA Leading Lights Award for Junior School Warden programme







Shackleton Festive Lights at Shackleton Garden, Clonsilla

People Services

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
To foster and embed an effective performance management and development culture in the organization.	A Performance Management and Development System is being implemented supported by competency frameworks, an annual training plan and a financially assisted Further Education Programme are also implemented as normal business processes.
To implement a programme that promotes wellbeing, equality and diversity in the workplace.	Staff wellbeing activities are regularly promoted by the Council's Staff Wellbeing Officer and through the Wellbeing Strategy, and by the staff forum – Network Fingal and a network of informal social groups formed by staff members. Equality and Diversity is integrated in the business process of the organization.
To optimise the availability and skills of the Council's human resources.	Staff vacancies are being filled in a timely manner and there is a dynamic mobility programme in place allowing for the deployment of staff having regard to operational requirements and career development aspirations. An annual training programme was implemented on-line and in person. Proactive attendance management was also in place.
To promote a safe and healthy work environment.	There is a proactive and dynamic safety regime of safety inspections, safety auditing and accident investigation in place. In addition, staff are required to attend safety training courses on a structured and regular basis.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County.	Works contracts have been awarded for the Construction of the bridge across Malahide Estuary to commence this summer, a critical piece of infrastructure forming part of the Broadmeadow Way Greenway. A Mini consultation is currently underway on the Fingal Coastal Way through Hoars Rock, Skerries. An Agronomist has been appointed and is currently liaising with farmers along the route of the Fingal Coastal Way. The Sutton-Malahide Scheme is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA, with planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanala towards Q4 2024. Similarly the Royal Canal Greenway is currently undergoing review, to ensure it is in compliance with the New Cycle Design Manual issued by the NTA. A Planning application shall be submitted in 2024. Bam Civil Ltd. have been appointed as the Main Contractor and have commenced work on the Ongar-Barnhill Road. Works have commenced on the proposed bridge over the railway and construction of the North abutment base is underway. The Harry Reynolds Road Scheme is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed by Q4 2024. Jons Civils Ltd. is the Main Contractor on the Harry Reynolds Road Scheme. Consultant Engineers are to be appointed Q2 2024 for the first project of Sustainable Swords Strategy, Swords Main Street. Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate have been put in place for a range of projects across these areas. A Consultancy Framework is currently in train for Dublin 15 Area range of Active Travel projects. Church Fields Link Road construction is ongoing and scheduled for completion Summer 2024. Snugborough Interchange construction ongoing and scheduled for completion Summer 2024. Turvey Avenue Footpath Upgrade Project is currently under construction, Portrane footpath upgrade is to follow subject to Approval from ABP regarding CPO. The consultancy framework for various Swords and 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. Procurement for a main contractor for the delivery of the Donabate pedestrian bridge is nearing completion.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County.	Works were completed on River Valley All Weather Pitch facility in Swords and work on the development of Porterstown Recreational Hub (including the floodlit 6 lane running track) and the first phase of Bremore Regional Park Recreational Hub in Balbriggan were also completed. The first phase of the Swords Regional Park at Miller's Glen Oldtown Swords (including new sports, play and recreational facilities) was opened to the public. The Rathbeale Archaeological Park was also opened to the public. Works were progressed on the upgrade of Lanesborough Park with the development of the destination playground. Work on the audit of public play facilities in Fingal was completed in line with the adopted "Space for Play, A Play Policy for Fingal" and priority locations for additional public playgrounds were identified. Work progressed on the preparation of the Ward River Regional Park Development Project and works commenced on priority conservation and woodland management in the park. Works progressed on the feature entrance gatehouse and related landscape works at Bremore Castle. The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 was adopted and a new Biodiversity Forum was convened to progress the Action Plan. Works progressed on the procurement of the first phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub in Donabate and plans were prepared for the upgrade of Corduff Park in Dublin 15 and the development of a new playground at Laurel Lodge, Castleknock.
Promote and Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations.	In 2023, a total of 2075 new buildings submitted commencement notices through the BCMS system with over 50% of them going through a desktop technical review at completion stage. Also, the Council dealt with 213 Fire Safety Certificates and 199 Disability Access Certificates. The Building Control Authority carried out over 700 on-site inspections. Building Control is the Market Surveillance Authority for Construction Products in the Fingal area. The Target product in 2023 was aggregates and Fingal staff assisted the National Building Control Authority with the inspection of aggregates in the Fingal area.
Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development.	On-going investigations and enforcement action. 308 warning letters and 79 enforcement notices were issued. 21 new cases were referred to the Law Department during 2023 bringing to 40 the number of enforcement cases with the Law Department or at varying stages in the legal system.

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development.	Planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements.1,390 planning applications received; 1,217 decisions made. 17 SHD decisions were made by An Bord Pleanála in 2023. 13 decisions to grant permission were issued and 4 decisions to refuse permission were issued. 13 full applications for Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD) were lodged to Fingal County Council in 2023. 15 decisions on LRD applications were made by Fingal County Council, 12 decisions to grant permission were issued, 2 requests for further information issued and one LRD application was invalidated.
Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process.	The Council was very busy with Taking in Charge in 2023 with a total of 14 estates Taken in Charge. We also had consultants and contractors managing works in Ongar and Mount Eustace and Cruise Park in Tyrellstown which will be up for Taking in Charge in 2024.
Preparation/review of County Development Plan - set out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County.	The Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. A Ministerial Direction in relation to the Plan was issued in July 2023. Following adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans be prepared over the lifetime of the Development Plan was agreed by the Members and work is ongoing on the first tranche of plans.
Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens.	Capital Plan 2023-2025 adopted which contains a range of schemes that are currently being advanced including: • Broadmeadow Way: advance works contracts underway; • Fingal Coastal Way: emerging preferred route consultation completed. • Sutton-Malahide: planning documentation being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála in 2024. • Royal Canal Greenway land acquisition and planning application due for submission in 2024. • Ongar-Barnhill: Contractor appointed, construction works underway. • Harry Reynolds Road: Contractor appointed, construction works underway. • Consultancy frameworks for Swords, Kinsealy and Donabate in place for a range of projects across these areas. • Sustainable Swords strategy, Main Street project consultants to be appointed Q2 2024. • Church Fields Link Road construction to be completed Summer 2024 • Snugborough Interchange construction to be completed Summer 2024





Safer Routes to School treatment for Gaelscoil an Chuilinn and Powerstown Educate Together National School

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Promote and Protect Biodiversity.	The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan was published and 14 priority actions were implemented or are in progress such as the wetland restoration at St Ita's in Portrane, new wetland development in Turvey, a woodland management plan for the Ward and St Catherine's Woodlands, Little Tern Conservation Project on the beach in Portrane, the control of invasive species such as Giant Hogweed, Japanese knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Rhododendron and Mink, the development of a masterplan for the Ward River Valley Park, the ongoing implementation of 22 Tidy Towns Biodiversity Plans and the preparation of a Biodiversity Plan for the Beaverstown Golf Club.
Supporting Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland.	Ongoing residential development. At December 2023 as per the Housing Task Force Return: • The number of sites with planning permission in Tier 1 is 126. • The number of units with planning permission is 21,845. • There are 69 active sites. • There are 3,016 units under construction. • There are currently thirty SHD Sites in Tier 1, with ten of these sites active and five other SHD • Sites are currently under Judicial Review. • There are five LRDs in Tier 1, four are inactive, one of which is currently under a Judicial Review.
Develop a Coastal Management Policy.	The Council continued to progress the Fingal Pilot Projects for Coastal Monitoring in collaboration with the OPW during 2023 as part of a national project due to conclude during 2024. The preparation of plans for Coastal Protection Works in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary were submitted for Maritime Area Consent (MAC) to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).

Service Delivery Objective	Assessment Report 2023
Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County.	The new Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was prepared after a two stage consultation process and approved by Council in December 2023. A number of Community-based projects were progressed including the BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project which produced a digital map celebrating food heritage as part of our social history and developed a pack for primary school teachers www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage. Fingal Legacies of Conflict Fingal 1914-1945 was launched during Fingal Innovation week 2023. The Memory Map, a digital map is available at legaciesofconflict.fingal.ie The implementation of the Drumanagh Management Plan 2019-2023 continued with Season 4 of the Community-based research excavation at Drumanagh Promontory Fort. Dissemination is an import element of the process and the Heritage Officer delivered talks to 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast; Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland, Spring Conference; Roman Finds Group-New Research on Finds from the edges of Roman Britain and beyond; Trinity College Dublin Archaeology Society and Loughshinny and Rush Historical Society. www.fingal.ie/digging-drumanagh. A number of in-person events and online projects featured, including the Fingal Heritage Network's People & Place: Then and Now Photographic Exhibition, Heritage Night 2023 took place for National Heritage Week. Monthly meetings with the Heritage Network and meetings with Fingal Heritage Forum at strategic points in the Heritage Plan process. The Heritage Officer also administers the Community Monuments Fund 2023 in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five projects received funding totalling €498,240 in 2023, for St. Columba's Tower Swords, Balrothery Tower House, Malahide Demesne Church and Graveyard, St Mary's Clonmethan, Oldtown and Mulhuddart Church & Graveyard. The Heritage Officer prepared consultee planning reports for • 105 Planning Permissions • 6 LRDs • 27 Compliances Naming of Developments-A total of 31 reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2023 and advice notes on naming for developers was produced. Infrastructural Projects; review of documentation, input, and cross-departmental advice for Fingal's infrastructural projects including Canal Loop Greenway, Ward River Regional Park, Our Balbriggan and Fingal Coastal Way.





Cycle-friendly roundabout on the Church Fields Link Road

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Council Membership of Standing Committees of the Council

AREA COMMITTEES

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/ Swords

Members of Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk and Swords Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Gráinne Maguire was replaced by Councillor Ian Carey, July 2023

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar

Members of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Electoral Areas.
Area Chairperson: Councillor Mary McCamley, was replaced by Councillor Tom Kitt, July 2023

Howth-Malahide

Members of Howth-Malahide Electoral Area
Area Chairperson: Councillor David Healy, was replaced by Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, July 2023

ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Elected Members are members of this Committee.

CORPORATE POLICY GROUP

Mayor: Councillor Howard Mahony - June 2022 - June 2023
Mayor: Councillor Adrian Henchy - from June 2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE CULTURE & CREATIVITY SPC

Councillors Joan Hopkins (Chairperson), John Walsh, Gráinne Maguire, Seána Ó'Rodaigh (Until May 23), Brendan Ryan (From June 23), JK Onwumereh, Cathal Boland

Non-Elected Nominees: Abbi Wise

TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Tom O'Leary (Chairperson), Ann Graves, Karen Power, Jimmy Guerin, Eoghan O'Brien, Angela Donnelly

Non-Elected Nominees: Sinead Kavanagh, Michael Lenehan

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Darragh Butler (Chairperson), Tony Murphy, Ian Carey, Ted Leddy, Breda Hanaphy, Howard Mahony, Anthony Lavin, Siobhan Shovlin
Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney, Eric Fleming, Yetunde Joyce, Helen Keng Mobit

HOUSING SPC

Councillors Robert O' Donoghue (Chairperson), Brigid Manton, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley (Until Sept 23), John Burtchaell, Kieran Dennison, Adrian Henchy, James Humphreys

Non-Elected Nominees: Anthony Cooney (From June 23), Finbarr Geaney, Dayakar Reddy Komirelly, John Uwhumiakpor

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT SPC

Councillors David Healy (Chairperson), Mary Mc Camley, Joe Newman, Paul Mulville, Aoibhinn Tormey, Pamela Conroy

Non-Elected Nominees: Edward Stevenson, Seamus McGrath,

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC

Councillors Brian McDonagh (Chairperson), Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, Punam Rane, Tom Kitt

Non-Elected Nominees:
Paul Arnold, David Branagan (June 23)

MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT SPC

Councillors Eoghan O'Brien (Chairperson), Adrian Henchy, Brian Dennehy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ann Graves, Paul Mulville, Tom O'Leary, Karen Power, Cathal Boland, David Healy

Non-Elected Nominees:
Maire O'Brien, James Magrane (From June 23), Stephen Kennedy (From June 23),

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane, Brigid Manton (Until Oct 23), Cllr. Mary McCamley (From 23)

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Councillors Ian Carey (Chair), Gráinne Maguire, John Walsh, Adrian Henchy, Daniel Whooley (Until Sept 23), Anthony Lavin, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Ian Carey, Ann Graves, Tania Doyle, Dean Mulligan, James Humphreys, Pamela Conroy, Ted Leddy, JK Onwumereh

LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillors Breda Hanaphy, Robert O'Donoghue, Siobhan Shovlin

Councillor Membership of Other Bodies

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Councillors Cathal Boland, Punam Rane, Mary McCamley (Until Oct 23) Brigid Manton (from Oct 23)

AIRPORT REGIONS CONFERENCE (ARC)
Councillors Cathal Boland, JK Onwumereh

ARDGILLAN CASTLE LTD
Councillor Gráinne Maguire

ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG)
Councillors Gráinne Maguire, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Boland

BALLEALLY LIAISON COMMITTEE
Councillors Brian Dennehy, Robert O' Donoghue, Paul Mulville, Cathal Boland, Adrian Henchy

BASE ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Punam Rane, JK Onwumereh

BEAUMONT HOSPITAL BOARD
Councillor Punam Rane

BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM
Councillors Ted Leddy, John Walsh

BLANCHARDSTOWN LOCAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE
Councillors Ted Leddy, Natalie Treacy, Daniel Whooley (Resigned Sept 23)

COUNTY HERITAGE FORUM
Councillors Cathal Boland, Seána Ó'Rodaigh (Until May 23), Howard Mahony, Pamela Conroy, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan (From June 23)

DRAÍOCHT
Councillors Mary McCamley, Howard Mahony

DRINAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE
Councillors Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

DUBLIN & DÚN LAOGHAIRE EDUCATION & TRAINING BOARD
Councillors Cathal Boland, Pamela Conroy, John Walsh, Brigid Manton, Siobhan Shovlin

DUBLIN NORTH EAST DRUG TASK FORCE
Councillor Brian McDonagh

EASTERN AND MIDLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Councillors Robert O' Donoghue, David Healy, Brigid Manton

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Councillors Mary McCamley, Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins

FINGAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTTEE
Councillors Punam Rane, Adrian Henchy, Tom Kitt

FINGAL TOURISM LIMITED
Councillors Howard Mahony (Mayor), Cathal Boland (Jan 23) Adrian Henchy (Mayor), Gráinne Maguire (from July 2023)

GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR
Councillors Tony Murphy and Howard Mahony, Adrian Henchy Mayor (Sept 23)

GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DCU
Councillor Jimmy Guerin

HANSFIELD SDZ STEERING GROUP
Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

HOWTH SAAO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Brian McDonagh, Jimmy Guerin (July 23), Aoibhinn Tormey (Until July 23)

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

Councillor Cathal Boland

JOINT FINGAL AND SOUTH DUBLIN LIFFEY VALLEY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Howard Mahony (Jan - June 23), Mayor Adrian Henchy (From June 23), Councillors from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Areas

Councillors Mary McCamley, Breda Hanaphy, John Burtchaell, Punam Rane, Ted Leddy, John Walsh, Howard Mahony, Natalie Treacy, Tania Doyle, Tom Kitt, Kieran Dennison, Pamela

LIFFEY VALLEY SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDER (SAAO)

Councillors Siobhan Shovlin, Ted Leddy, John Walsh, Howard Mahony, Natalie Treacy, Pamela Conroy

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Cathal Boland

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LTD.

Councillor Adrian Henchy, Paul Mulville, Eoghan O'Brien, Anthony Lavin

NAMING AND COMMEMORATIVE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Councillors Cathal Boland, Joan Hopkins, Howard Mahony, Pamela Conroy, James Humphreys, Brigid Manton, Ann Graves, Ted Leddy, Joe Newman

NORTH FRINGE AREA FORUM

Councillors Brigid Manton

NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Councillor Gráinne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Dean Mulligan, Brigid Manton, Brian McDonagh, Ann Graves, Brendan Ryan (From June 23), Seána O'Rodaigh (Until May 23)

NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SECRETARIAT (NFLA)

Councillor David Healy

REGIONAL HEALTH FORUM DUBLIN AND NORTH EAST

Councillor Adrian Henchy, Eoghan O'Brien, Mary McCamley, Aoibhinn Tormey, Kieran Dennison, Brigid Manton, Howard Mahony

Meetings Held in 2023

Meeting	Number of Meetings held
Annual Meeting	1
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services A) Area Committee	10
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services A) Area Committee	10
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar (Services B) Area Committee	10
Budget Meeting	1
Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee	4
Community Development, Heritage Culture & Creativity Strategic Policy Committee	4
Corporate Policy Group	10
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029	4
Full Council	11
Housing Strategic Policy Committee	4
Howth/Malahide (Services A) Area Committee	10
Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee	10
Howth SAAO Management Committee	4
Marine & Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee	4
Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee	6
Planning Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee	4
Special Meeting	2
Transport & Infrastructure Management Strategic Policy Committee	4

Attendance at Meetings 2023

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2023
Adrian Henchy	57
Angela Donnelly (from March 2022)	48
Ann Graves	51
Anthony Lavin	44
Aoibhinn Tormey	35
Breda Hanaphy	43
Brian Dennehy	50
Brian McDonagh	47
Brigid Manton	46
Cathal Boland	52
Daniel Whooley	28
Darragh Butler	58
David Healy	54
Dean Mulligan	45
Eoghan O'Brien	62
Grainne Maguire	49
Howard Mahony	55
Ian Carey	38
James Humphreys	41
Jimmy Guerin	45
JK Onwumereh	44

Councillor	Number of meetings attended in 2023
Joan Hopkins	**53**
Joe Newman	**45**
John Burtchaell	**34**
John Walsh	**47**
Karen Power	**51**
Kieran Dennison	**46**
Mary McCamley	**45**
Natalie Treacy	**43**
Pamela Conroy	**38**
Paul Mulville	**53**
Punam Rane	**45**
Robert O'Donoghue	**63**
Siobhan Shovlin	**38**
Séana Ó Rodaigh	**17**
Tania Doyle	**45**
Ted Leddy	**38**
Tom Kitt	**49**
Tom O'Leary	**55**
Tony Murphy	**45**

Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
Aaron O'Rourke	**0**
Adrian Henchy	**0**
Angela Donnelly	**0**
Ann Graves	**0**
Anthony Lavin	**0**
Aoibhinn Tormey	**0**
Breda Hanaphy	**0**
Brendan Ryan	**0**
Brian Dennehy	**1,000**
Brian McDonagh	**1,000**
Brigid Manton	**0**
Cathal Boland	**0**
Daniel Whooley	**0**
Darragh Butler	**1,000**
David Healy	**0**
Dean Mulligan	**0**
Eoghan O'Brien	**1,000**
Grainne Maguire	**0**
Howard Mahony	**0**
Ian Carey	**1,000**

Councillor	Donations and Expenditure Disclosed (€)
James Humphreys	**0**
Jimmy Guerin	**0**
JK Onwumereh	**0**
Joan Hopkins	**0**
Joe Newman	**0**
John Burtchaell	**0**
John Walsh	**0**
Karen Power	**1,000**
Kieran Dennison	**0**
Mary McCamley	**0**
Natalie Treacy	**0**
Pamela Conroy	**0**
Paul Mulville	**0**
Punam Rane	**0**
Robert O'Donoghue	**0**
Seána Ó'Rodaigh	**0**
Siobhan Shovlin	**0**
Tania Doyle	**0**
Ted Leddy	**0**
Tom Kitt	**0**
Tom O'Leary	**0**
Tony Murphy	**0**

Payments to Councillors in 2023

Councillor Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount (€)
Deputy Mayors Allowance (January – June 2023) Deputy Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2023)	**2,874.74** **3,219.71**
Mayors Allowance (January – June 2023) Mayors Allowance (July – Dec 2023)	**14,373.75** **16,098.60**
Representational Payments Total	**1,198,910.20**
Strategic Policy Committee Chairpersons Allowance Total	**42,661.29**
Total Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	**366,200.18**

Councillors Expenses and Representation at Conferences in 2023

Expense Type	Home (€)	Abroad (€)	Total (€)
Fees	**4,670.00**	**0**	**4,670.00**
Travel & Subsistence	**3,951.83**	**0**	**3,951.83**

**For details of Conference Payments – see Appendix VIII*

Conferences/Seminars/Training attended by Councillors in 2023

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AIRC Conference - Regional Development	Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan	7th - 9th February 2023	Brigid Manton	342.79	160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Tom O'Leary		160
AILG Conference Module 1 - Electoral Reform Act (Northern & Western & Midlands & Eastern Region)	Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly	23rd February 2023	Cathal Boland	121.55	80
			Joe Newman		80
			Tom O'Leary		80
			Punam Rane		80
AILG Conference Module 1 - Electoral Reform Act (Southern Region)	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Limerick	25th February 2023	Kieran Dennison		80
LAMA Spring Seminar	West Lodge Hotel, Bantry, Co. Cork	2nd - 4th March 2023	Tom O'Leary		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Cathal Boland	517.31	160
The Suck Valley Way Conference - Inspiring Rural Creativity - (with the support of AILG)	Abbey Hotel & Gleenson's Townhouse, Roscommon	5th - 6th April 2023	Tom O'Leary	319.98	140
			Cathal Boland		140

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Annual Training Conference 2023	Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Sugarloafhill, Kilkenny	19th - 20th April 2023	Gráinne Maguire	445.49	165
			Mary McCamley	387.31	165
			Kieran Dennison		165
			Ted Leddy		165
			Tom O'Leary		165
			Cathal Boland	297.60	165
Kildare County Council - Climate Action Economic Opportunities	Tullamore Court Hotel, Co. Offaly	Wednesday 26th April 2023	Tom O'Leary		150
AILG Training Module 3. OPR: Overview of Exisiting & Emerging Planning Legistation and Policy - (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region)	Mullingar Hotel, Westmeath	Thursday 15th June 2023	Joe Newman	92.13	80
			Tom O'Leary		80
			Kieran Dennison		80
			Cathal Boland	96.70	80
AILG Training - "Irish Water" (Southern Region)	Radison Blu Hotel, Cork	Thursday 20th July 2023	Kieran Dennison		80
AILG Training - "Irish Water" (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region)	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	Friday 22nd July 2023	Cathal Boland	258.05	80
			Tom O'Leary		80

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
AILG Autumn Seminar 2023	Sligo Park Hotel	13th - 14th September 2023	Kieran Dennison		165
			Gráinne Maguire	482.43	165
			Brigid Manton	484.05	165
IPI Annual Planning Conference	Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dubin	6th October 2023	Tom O'Leary		275
LAMA - Autumn Seminar	Ard Ri Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway	25th & 26th October 2023	Tom O'Leary		160
			Kieran Dennison		160
			Brigid Manton		160
AILG Training - Government Legislation Policy Programme 2023 (Eastern/ Midlands/ Northern/Western Region) - "Road Safety: New Speed Limit Policy and Safeguarding Road Users"	The Tower Hotel, Waterford	Thursday 16th November 2023	Kieran Dennison		80

Name of Conference	Venue	Date	Councillors in Attendance	Travel/ Sub/ Expenses (€)	Conference Fee (€)
				Total	Total
				3,951.83	4,670.00

Part 15 Local Government Act 2001 - Contraventions

There were no contraventions to Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2023.

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014

There were no Protected Disclosures in 2023.

Freedom of Information Requests / Customer Complaints / Ombudsman Queries

Applications Received/Processed	2023
Applications received	175
Decisions made	159
Applications on hand at 31st December	16
Nature of Information Sought	**2023**
Personal (to applicant)	51
Non-Personal	124
Mixed	0
Granted	31
Part-Granted	56
Refused	43
Transferred	0
Withdrawn/Outside FOI	9
Appeals	**2023**
Appeals to Information Commissioner	8
Ombudsman Complaints	**2023**
Complaints received	36
Complaints responded to	36

Subject of Complaints	2023
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	7
Operations	2
Housing	22
Finance	0
Environment & Water Services	5
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development	1
Corporate Affairs & Governance	2
Libraries	0
Citizen Charter Complaints	**2023**
Complaints received	85
Complaints responded	85
Subject of Complaints	**2023**
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	6
Operations	8
Housing	39
Finance	0
Environment & Water Services	8
Community	0
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism	2
Corporate Affairs & Governance	19
Libraries	3

Performance Indicators 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

** All Figures in Appendix XII are correct at time of printing*

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H1	**A.** No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 1/1/2023	5,682	
	B. No. of dwellings added to the Local Authority owned stock during 2023 (whether constructed or acquired)	142	
	C. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings sold in 2023	1	
	D. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings demolished in 2023	0	
	E. No. of dwellings in the ownership of the Local Authority at 31/12/2023	5,823	
	F. No. of Local Authority owned dwellings planned for demolition under a DHLGH approved scheme at 31/12/2023	0	
Housing: H2	**A.** The percentage of the total number of Local Authority owned dwellings that were vacant on 31/12/2023	1.99%	
	The number of dwellings within their overall stock that were not tenanted on 31/12/2023	116	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H3	**A.** The time taken from the date of vacation of a dwelling to the date in 2023 when the dwelling is re-tenanted, averaged across all dwellings re-let during 2023	29.14 weeks	
	The number of dwellings that were re-tenanted on any date in 2023 (but excluding all those that had been vacant due to an estate-wide refurbishment scheme)	97	
	The number of weeks from the date of vacation to the date the dwelling is re-tenanted	2,827 weeks	
	B. The cost expended on getting the dwellings re-tenanted in 2023, averaged across all dwellings re-let in 2023	20,218.20	
	Total expenditure on works necessary to enable re-letting of the dwellings	1,961,165.54	
Housing: H4	**A.** Expenditure during 2023 on the maintenance of Local Authority housing compiled from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, divided by the number of dwellings in the Local Authority stock at 31/12/2023, i.e. the H1E less H1F indicator figure	1,567.71	
	Expenditure on maintenance of Local Authority stock compiled from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. Expenditure includes direct labour, contracted works, plant and machinery and material costs. Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included	9,128,781.82	
	Planned maintenance and expenditure that qualified for grants, ie; Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland (SEAI) grants for energy efficient retro-fitting works are included.		

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H5	**A.** Total number of registered tenancies in the Local Authority area at end of June 2023		This figure will be supplied directly to the LGMA by the Rental Tenancies Board (RTB)
	B. Number of rented dwellings inspected in 2023		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	C. Percentage of inspected dwellings in 2023 which were found to be not compliant with Standards Regulations		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	D. Number of dwellings deemed compliant in 2023 (including those originally deemed non-compliant)		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
	E. The number of inspections (including re-inspections) undertaken by local authorities in 2023		Figures will be provided by the DHLGH
Housing: H6	**A.** Number of adult individuals in emergency accommodation that are long-term (ie 6 months or more within the previous year) homeless as a % of the total number of homeless adult individuals in emergency accommodation at the end of 2023		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number of adult individuals classified as homeless and in emergency accommodation on the night of 31 December 2023 as recorded on the PASS system		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities
	The number out of those individuals who, on 31/12/2023, had been in emergency accommodation for 6 months continuously, or for 6 months cumulatively within the previous 12 months		Dublin Regional Homeless Executive to provide this data for the 4 Local Authorities

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Housing: H7	**A.** (1) Total number of houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme	96	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (2) Number of houses that achieved a BER rating of B2 or above between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	96	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	A. (3) Number of heat pumps installed in those houses between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	37	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	B. Total annual energy savings in MWh from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	779.7 MWh	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
	C. Total carbon emission reduction tCo2 from houses retrofitted between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023 under the Social Housing Retrofit Programme:	176.6	Data to be provided by the LGMA Housing Delivery Co-Ordination Office
Roads: R1 **Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) Ratings**	The percentage of total Regional road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	7%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Primary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	5%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Secondary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023	9%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	The percentage of total Local Tertiary road that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2023	92%	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value		Comment	
Roads: R1	The percentage length of (a) Regional, (b) Local Primary and (c) Local Secondary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 24 month period prior to 31/12/2023 and the percentage length of (d) Local Tertiary roads that received a PSCI condition rating in the 60 month period prior to 31/12/2023, in each of the following PSCI rating categories: 1-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
Roads: R2 Road Works	**Road type**	**1-4 Rating**	**5-6 Rating**	**7-8 Rating**	**9-10 Rating**
	(a) Regional				7.1%
	(b) Local Primary	0.05%			5.28%
	(c) Local Secondary			0.07%	8.51%
	(d) Local Tertiary	4.52%	25.47%	50.26%	7.89%
	A1. Kilometres of regional road strengthened during 2022		15.92	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A2. The amount expended on regional roads strengthening work during 2023		€4,391,978	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	A3. The average unit cost of regional road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)		€29.62	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B1. Kilometres of regional road resealed during 2023			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	
	B2. The amount expended on regional road resealing work during 2023			Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	B3. B3. The average unit cost of regional road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C1. Kilometres of local road (ie total of primary, secondary and tertiary) strengthened during 2023	18.93	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C2. The amount expended on local road strengthening work during 2023	€3,139,796	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C3. The average unit cost of local road strengthening works per square metre (€/m2)	€31.23	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D1. Kilometres of local road resealed during 2023	18.93	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D2. The amount expended on local road resealing work during 2023	€3,139,796	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	D3. The average unit cost of local road resealing works per square metre (€/m2)	€31.23	Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Motor Tax: R3	**A.** The percentage of motor tax transactions which were dealt with online (i.e. transaction is processed and the tax disc is issued) in 2023	N/A	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Water: W1	Percentage of drinking water in private schemes in compliance with statutory requirements in respect of the monitoring of the quality of private drinking water supplies during 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Water: W2	Number of local authority registered schemes monitored in 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
	Total number of registered schemes in 2023		Data for all local authorities will be obtained directly from the Environmental Protection Agency
Waste: E1	**A.** The number of households, which availed of a 3-bin service offered by a licensed operator at 31/12/2023	91,904	This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
	B. The percentage of households within the Local Authority that the number at A represents	91.73%	This data will be supplied by the National Waste Collection Permit Office
Environmental Pollution: E2	**A1.** Total number of pollution cases in respect of which a complaint was made during 2023	1,574	
	A2. Number of pollution cases closed from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	1,551	
	A3. Total number of cases on hands at 31/12/2023	73	
	The opening number of cases carried forward from the year end 2022	50	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Litter Pollution: E3	**A1.** The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was unpolluted or litter free		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A2. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was slightly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A3. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2022 was moderately polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A4. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was significantly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
	A5. The percentage of the area within the Local Authority that when surveyed in 2023 was grossly polluted		Data to be provided mid-year by Tobins
Green Flag Status: E4	**A.** The % of schools that have been awarded/renewed green flag status in the two years to 31 December 2023	38%	
	Schools which attained a Green Flag for the first time in 2023	1	
	Schools which renewed their Green Flag in 2023	52	
	Schools which held a Green Flag from 2022 and therefore do not require renewal until 2024	23	
Energy Efficiency Performance: E5	**A.** The cumulative percentage of energy savings achieved by 31/12/2023 relative to baseline year (2009)		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the SEAI
Public Lighting: E6	**A.** Total annual consumption of the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Public Lighting: E6	**B.** Average wattage of each public light		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	C. Percentage of the total system that LED lights represent		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of LED lights in the public lighting system		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
	Number of non-LED lights		Data for all Local Authorities will be obtained directly from the RMO
Climate Change: E7	Does the local authority have designated FTE climate action resources under the following headings?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Coordinator (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Climate Action Officer (Yes/No/WIP)		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
	Does the Local Authority have a Climate Action Team?		This data will be collected directly from the LGMA
Planning: P1	**A.** Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the Local Authority	34.65%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P1	Total number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority i.e. buildings where a valid Commencement Notice was served in the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 by a builder or developer on the Local Authority, in accordance with section 6(2)(k) of the Building Control Act 1990 and Part II of the Building Control Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 496 of 1997) as amended by the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 85 of 2004) and the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 351 of 2009)	2,075	
	Number of new buildings notified to the Local Authority in 2023 that were the subject of at least one on-site inspection during 2023 undertaken by the local authority under section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990	719	
Planning: P2	**A.** Number of Local Authority planning decisions which were the subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála that were determined by the Board on any date in 2023	124	
	B. % of the determinations at A which confirmed (either with or without variation) the decision made by the Local Authority	63.71%	
	Number of An Bórd Pleanála determinations confirming the Local Authority's decision (either with or without variation)	79	
Planning: P3	**A.** Total number of planning cases referred to or initiated by the local authority in the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 that were investigated	292	
	B. Total number of investigated cases that were closed during 2023	352	
	C. Percentage of the cases at B that were dismissed as trivial, minor or without foundation or were closed because statute barred or an exempted development	57.95%	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P3	**D.** Percentage of the cases at B that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	8.52%	
	E. Percentage of the Cases at B that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act)	33.52%	
	F. Total number of planning cases being investigated as at 31/12/2023	1,194	
	In order to compile B to E above, the following must be provided:		
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were dismissed under section 152(2), Planning and Development Act 2000	204	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were resolved to the Local Authority's satisfaction through negotiations	30	
	Number of cases at 'B' above that were closed due to enforcement proceedings (i.e. remedied in response to a warning letter issued under section 152 of the Act or to an enforcement notice issued under section 154 of the Act or where a prosecution was brought under section 157 or an injunction was sought under section 160 of the Act):	118	
Planning: P4	**A.** The 2023 Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme D data divided by the population of the Local Authority area per the 2022 Census	€48.74	
	AFS Programme D data consisting of D01 – Forward Planning, D02 – Development Management, D03 – Enforcement (inclusive of the relevant Programme D proportion of the central management charge) for 2023	€16,107,588	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Planning: P5	**A.** The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of their receipt	26.29%	
	B. The percentage of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within an extended period agreed with the applicant	48.83%	
	The total number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were not withdrawn by the applicant	213	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within two months of the date of receipt of the application	56	
	The number of applications for fire safety certificates received in 2023 that were decided (granted or refused) within an agreed extended time period	104	
Fire Service: F1 (Cost per Capita of the fire service)	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme E expenditure data for 2023 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census figures for the population served by the fire authority as per the Risk Based Approach Phase One reports: AFS Programme E expenditure data consisting of E11 - Operation of Fire Service and E12 - Fire Prevention (inclusive of the relevant Programme E proportion of the central management charge) for 2023:		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F2	**A.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of fire		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F2	**D.** Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time Stations (retained fire service) in respect of all other (non-fire) emergency incidents		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Fire Service: F3	**A.** Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Total number of call-outs in respect of fires from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases where first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Fire Service: F3	Total number of callouts in respect of all other emergency incidents (i.e. not including fire) from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is within 10 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
	Number of these non-fire cases in which first fire tender attendance at the scene is after 20 minutes		Data supplied by Dublin Fire Brigade
Library Service: L1	**A.** Number of visits to libraries per head of population for the LA area per the 2022 Census	2.85	
	B. Number of items issued to library borrowers in the year	973,191	
	C. Library active members per head of population	0.16	
	D. Number of registered members of the library in the year	53,666	
	Number of visits to its libraries from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	942,930	
Library Service: L2	**A.** The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) Programme F data for 2023 divided by the population of the LA area per the 2022 Census	€55.42	
	B. The annual per capita expenditure on collections over the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023	€2.75	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
	AFS Programme F data consisting of F02 - Operation of Library and Archival Service (inclusive of the relevant proportion of the central management charge for Programme F) for 2023	€18,316,766	
	The annual expenditure on new stock acquired by the library in the year	€910,193	
Youth and Community: Y1	**A.** Percentage of local schools involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na nÓg scheme	66	
	Total number of second level schools in the Local Authority area at 31/12/2023	38	
	Number of second level schools in the Local Authority area from which representatives attended the local Comhairle na nÓg AGM held in 2023	20	
Youth and Community: Y2	**A.** Number of organisations included in the County Register at 31/12/2023 and the proportion of those organisations that opted to be part of the Social Inclusion College within the PPN	16.38	
	Total number of organisations included in the County Register for the Local Authority area as at 31/12/2023	745	
	Total number of those organisations that registered for the first time in 2023	57	
	Number of organisations that opted to join the Social Inclusion Electoral College on whatever date they registered for the PPN	122	
Corporate: C1	**A.** The wholetime equivalent staffing number as at 31 December 2023	1523.37	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C2	**A.** Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2023	2.98%	
	B. Percentage of paid working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2023	0.36%	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through medically certified leave in 2023	12,896	
	Total number of working days lost to sickness absence through self-certified leave in 2023	1301	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of medically certified sick leave days in 2023	2608	
	Number of unpaid working days lost to sickness absence included within the total of self-certified sick leave days in 2023	39	
	If any staff are on long-term sick leave (i.e. a continuous period of more than 4 weeks), include a text note of the number of staff on long-term sick leave	29	
Corporate: C3	**A.** The per capita total page views of the Local Authority's websites in 2023	10.29	
	B. The per capita total number of followers at end 2023 of the Local Authority's social media accounts (if any)	1.26	
	The cumulative total page views of all websites operated by the Local Authority for the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 obtained from a page tagging on-site web analytics service or equivalent	3,400,000	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Corporate: C3	The total number of social media users who, at 31/12/2023, were following the Local Authority on any social media sites	415,005	
	The number of social media accounts operated by the Local Authority	81	
	Indicate if there was a change to the cookie policies on the Local Authority sites and the date this came into effect	No	
	Indicate the number of twitter followers at 31/12/2023 before 31/03/2024	23,117	
	A. All ICT expenditure in the period from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023, divided by the WTE number supplied under the C1 indicator	5,382.09	
Corporate: C4	Total of ICT expenditure in 2023	8,198,917.54	
Corporate: C5	**A.** All ICT expenditure calculated in C4 as a proportion of Revenue expenditure	2.82	
	Total Revenue expenditure from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 before transfers to or from reserves	290,938,651	
Finance: M1	**A.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2019 in the Revenue Account from the Income & Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS	€15,979,356	
	B. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2020	€15,979,679	
	C. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2021	€15,979,812	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Finance: M1	**D.** Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2022	€15,980,204	
	E. Cumulative surplus/deficit balance at 31/12/2023*	€15,980,456	Unaudited AFS.
	F. Cumulative surplus or deficit at 31/12/2023 as a percentage of Total Income in 2023 from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS*	4.76%	Unaudited AFS.
	G. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2023	€880.28	
	H. Revenue expenditure per capita in 2023 excluding significant out of county / shared service expenditure		Only Applicable to Dublin City, Laois and Limerick.
	The 2023 Total Income figure from the Income and Expenditure Account Statement of the AFS from which the percentage will be derived	€335,665,646	Unaudited AFS.
	The 2023 Total Expenditure figure on the Income and Expenditure Account Statement (ie excluding transfers) of the AFS from which the per capita expenditure will be derived	€290,938,651	Unaudited AFS.

Finance: M2	**Collection Levels by Year**	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent & Annuities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
	Individual percentage figures in the final column of Appendix 7 of the AFS for 2019	97.9%	86%	101.7%
	Individual percentage figures for 2020	93%	79.6%	96.5%

Finance: M2	**Collection Levels by Year**	**(a) % Rates**	**(b) % Rent & Annuities**	**(c) % Housing Loans**
	Individual percentage figures for 2021	93%	77.4%	100%
	Individual percentage figures for 2022	98.1%	76.1%	96.8%
	Individual percentage figures for 2023*(Unaudited AFS)	99.1%	75.3%	97%
Finance: M3	**A.**1 Per capita total cost of settled claims for 2023	€2.57		
	Number of notified claims for 2023	168		
	Number of settled claims for 2023	114		
	Total cost of settled claims for 2023	€848,538		
Finance: M4	**A.** Overall central management charge as a percentage (%) of total expenditure on revenue account	16.71%	Un-Audited AFS	
	B. Total payroll costs as a percentage (%) of revenue expenditure	35.53%		
	Overall central management charge from the Local Authority FMS and defined in the Annual Budget	€48,629,767	CMC (actual) expenditure €52,575,905 less CMC (actual) income €3,946,138 = CMC (NET) €48,629,767	

Finance: M4	Total payroll costs from Appendix 1 of the AFS for 2023 (including Salaries, Wages and Pensions)	€103,381,115	Unaudited AFS.
Economic Development: J1	**A.** The per capita number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 per 100,000 of population	23.9	
Economic Development: J2	**A.** The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2023 per 100,000 of population	26.32	
	B. The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2023 per 100,000 of population	7.87	
Economic Development: J3	**A.** The per capita number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 per 100,000 of population	378.51	
	The number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Office during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2022	79	
	The number of trading online voucher applications approved by the Local Enterprise Office in 2023	87	
	The number of those trading online vouchers that were drawn down in 2023	26	
	The number of participants who received mentoring during the period 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023	1,251	
Economic Development: J4	**A.** Does the Local Authority have a current Tourism Strategy?	Yes	
	B. Does the Local Authority have a designated Tourism Officer?	Yes	

Topic	Indicator	Value	Comment
Economic Development: J5	The total spend on local economic development by the Local Authority in 2023 per head of population: *Please refer to the detailed list of inclusions and exclusions contained on page 36 to 42 of the NOAC Guidelines* *The expenses to include and exclude are summarised below.* The spend on local economic development by the local authority in 2022: **Include the following expenses:** • D0101 – D0199 Forward Planning • D0401 – D0499 Industrial and Commercial • D0501 – D0599 Tourism Development and Promotion • D0601 – D0699 Community and Enterprise *Excluded D0602 and D0603 • D0901 – D0999 Economic Development Promotion • E0501 – E0599 Litter Management • E0601 – E0699 Street Cleaning • F0301 – F0399 Outdoor Leisure • F0502 – F0599 Other Bodies and Museum • G0201 – G0299 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours • H0701 -H0799 Operation Markets and Casual Trading H07 • C0401 – C0499 Public Conveniences C04 **Exclude the following expenses:** • Environmental Awareness • Car Parking • Leisure Facilities • Social Inclusion/RAPID	€185.69	

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
CEP	Community Enhancement Programme
CSF	Community Support Fund
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DRCD	Department of Rural and Community Development
DSP	Department of Social Protection
DETE	Department of Enterprize, Trade & Employment
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
EETCD	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
ESF	European Social Fund
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLP	Fingal Leader Partnership
IP	Implementing Partner
IPA'S	International Protection Applicants
LAG	Local Action Group
LEADER	Liason Entre Actions de Developpement de l'Economie Rurale' 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LDC	Local Development Company
LECP	Local Economic Community Programme
LES	Local Employment Services
LDS	Local Development Strategy
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPN	Public Participation Network
PI	Programme Implementer
SICAP	Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
TUS	Community Work Placement Initiative
UESS	Ukraine Emergency Support Services

This report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2, Section 128B (1)(i) Local Government Act 2001, as Inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: *"to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submit"*

Chief Officer and Chairperson Joint Statement





Welcome to the 2023 Annual Report of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). The LCDC has the responsibility of developing and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development and co-ordinating, planning and overseeing local and community development funding.

Fingal LCDC provides governance, oversight and co-ordination of a number of programmes and funds, including the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP), the Healthy Ireland Fund and various Community/Local Enhancement funding streams and the Community Recognition Fund, all which are administered by the LCDC secretariat. Oversight and co-ordination of the programmes is supported and augmented by Fingal County Council, Pobal, the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) and the Department of Health.

The Public Participation Network (PPN) continues to develop citizen participation in local decision-making structures with the PPN representatives on the LCDC linking back to the PPN, providing input into decisions taken by the LCDC and allowing the voices of PPN member groups to be heard. This link is vital to the relevance of the LCDC for our communities and the PPN continues to deliver a valuable and positive contribution to civic life in Fingal.

During 2023, the LCDC carried out consultations with stakeholders from community, economic and environmental interests, Elected Members and the public in the preparation of the new Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 – 2028. The latest Census data was used to prepare a new socio-economic profile of Fingal which informs the LECP's high-level goals and objectives. The LECP 2023 – 2028 sets out an ambitious vision for Fingal along with 15 high-level goals, 31 supporting objectives and a series of actions set out in an Implementation Plan for the first two years of the LECP. We would like to thank all the stakeholders, Elected Members and members of the public for their valuable input into the new LECP which provides a strong strategic framework for local economic and community development in Fingal over the next six years. The introduction of an Implementation Plan alongside the LECP framework with a review period of two years represents a welcome opportunity for the LCDC to evaluate progress against the LECP's actions and to reorient the LECP where necessary in response to evolving social and economic circumstances. We look forward to working with all stakeholders over the next six years to realise the LECP vision ***"Fingal will be a vibrant, sustainable, progressive and climate resilient county, underpinned by inclusive, healthy, empowered communities and a dynamic economy."***

The SICAP Programme is administrated by Pobal, co-funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and the European Social Fund and managed at local level by the LCDC. In 2023 Fingal SICAP was allocated €1,424,714.00 to support interventions to tackle poverty and promote social inclusion and equality at a local level. Fingal SICAP was allocated additional resources to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response in the amount of €304,369 with an additional allocation towards the end of 2023 of €65,000. The SICAP Programme Implementer, Empower, achieved its two key performance indicators (KPI's), and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

In 2023 the LCDC participated in the nationally co-ordinated procurement competition for the provision of new SICAP contracts for the period 2024 - 2028. The existing SICAP Programme Implementer, Empower, were the successful tenderer in Fingal. Fingal LCDC signed contracts with Empower in December 2023 to deliver the SICAP Programme for the period 2024 – 2028 and we look forward to continue work with Empower to provide targeted and innovative supports to disadvantaged individuals and groups in Fingal.

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) in the Dublin area. In 2023 the Dublin Rural LAG was successful in its bid to prepare and implement a new LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) covering the rural areas of Fingal, South Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown for the period 2023 - 2027.

The allocated fund for the Dublin Rural area is €4.7 million over this period. During 2023 the Dublin Rural LAG carried out profiling and needs analysis, public consultations, a SWOT analysis and policy analysis. This work informed the development of local development priorities within the new LDS and the LDS main themes of Economic Development and Job Creation, Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

A budget of €199,622.42 was allocated to the Healthy Ireland Programme in Fingal for 2023-2025.The Healthy Ireland Programme was tasked with a focus on supporting smoking/vaping cessation and a reduction in age standardised heavy episodic drinking over the three years. In 2023, with a budget of €55,622.42, overseen by the Healthy Fingal Coordinator and with the support of the Healthy Fingal Sub Committee, Fingal LCDC, and Fingal Childrens & Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC), Healthy Fingal worked with multiple stakeholders to develop and support projects to promote alcohol awareness and the We Quit Programme.

Fingal LCDC administered the Community Support Fund (CSF) of €341,875 in 2023 for current and capital funding streams for groups across the county. Fingal LCDC is also administering the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) over the 2023/2024 period with an allocation of €1,748,912 for 26 projects across Fingal, which must be drawn down by October 2024.

We would like to thank John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department, and the staff of the directorate for their work in supporting the LCDC and partnerships with communities, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups for their active engagement and participation on the LCDC, and in particular for their valuable input on the new LECP and new LDS.

Finally, we would like to thank the LCDC members for their continued support during 2023, we look forward to working with all stakeholders in delivering on the objectives and actions in the LECP and LDS and the delivery of other programmes and funding streams in 2024.

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Chief Officer Fingal LCDC

Laurence Ward

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Chairperson Fingal LCDC






SECTION 1

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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Members of Fingal LCDC

(L-R) Ian Lennon, Geraldine Rooney, Raghu Nath, Dr.Pat O'Connor, Felix Gallagher, Aoife Sheridan, Cllr. Cathal Boland, Cllr. Mary McCamley, Eilish Harrington, John Quinlivan, Seamus Hughes & Laurence Ward (Seated)

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', including the establishment of LCDC's in each local authority administrative area, for the purposes of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
• A clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as key element in supporting sustainable communities
• Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LCDC ARE
• Prepare and arrange for the implementation of the Community element of a six year Local Economic and Community Plan
• Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the development of local community development programmes
• Review, monitor and revise actions and strategies set out to achieve the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities.
• Improve the co-ordination of all public funded local and community development programmes in the administrative area

Note: Section 1288 of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDC's

The functions of a local authority regarding promoting the interests of communities as set out in Section 66 of the 2001 Local Government Act, delegated to LCDCs, section 128(2)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee Members 2023



CLLR. CATHAL BOLAND

Cathal has 23 years' service as a Fingal Councillor (Rush Lusk Local Election Area). He served as Cathaoirleach/Mayor of the Local Authority on two occasions and Area Chair on numerous occasions.

A member of County Dublin VEC from '84 to 2004. He Chaired the Committee and many school Boards and The County Voluntary Youth Council. He also Chaired the Establishment Committee of the Tallaght RTC. (Inst' of Technology).

Cathal served on the County Enterprise Board. He is an Institute of Directors member. His background is as a Senior Manager in the Service industry and in recent years operated a General Management Consultancy, He has experience of Directorships across Voluntary Community and Commercial enterprises.



CLLR. MARY MCCAMLEY

Mary McCamley became a councillor for Fingal County Council in 2012 and has represented the area as a member of the labour party. Mary was mayor of Fingal during the years 2017/18 and has chaired the Area Committee Meeting on two separate occasions. Living in Mulhuddart since 2002, she originally lived in Finglas and retired from Connolly Hospital in 2012 having worked in the EHB and HSE all her working life. Mary is a grandmother and mother to two sons. She is a keen gardener when she has the time to potter and loves reading as a type of relaxation.



CLLR. JOAN HOPKINS

Joan lives and works in Baldoyle as a Community Development Manager of Baldoyle Forum, a registered charity. She has 20 years' experience working in Banking and Finance. Joan holds a Masters' Degree in Organisational Behaviour. Joan is a founding member and chairperson of Baldoyle Tidy Towns. Joan is passionate about biodiversity and making our communities more sustainable and liveable. Joan grew up working in her family's local business and wants to support businesses within the community.



JOHN QUINLIVAN

John Quinlivan is the Director of Services of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development in Fingal County Council. John has over 30 years of experience in local government, working in 6 Local Authorities in rural, urban, and metropolitan areas and in that time he has been involved in every function of local government. His current role is to advance the economic, community and cultural development of Fingal.



OISIN GEOGHEGAN

A Master of Business Studies graduate of University College Dublin, Oisín Geoghegan is the Head of Enterprise in Fingal County Council, since April 2014. Prior to this appointment he served 14 years as Chief Executive at Fingal County Enterprise Board. Oisín previously held managerial positions in Export Sales and Marketing for Irish and Scandinavian manufacturers of industrial equipment in the food processing sector operating in the UK and Ireland. He previously served as Chairperson of the Network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices and has many years' experience chairing various enterprise development strategy groups and national committees.



PAT O'CONNOR

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Social Sciences, law, and Education in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Technological University Dublin . Pat holds a doctoral degree from the University of Manchester and has been involved in further and higher education for over 30 years. Pat's teaching interests extend across business, accountancy and humanities and he has extensive experience in programme design and review in higher education. His research interests include higher education, research methodology and community development. Pat's community contributions include Chair of the Board of Management of St Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff and coach at Hartstown Huntstown Football Club.



UNA CAFFREY

Úna is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Úna's role is to support FCYPSC in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies in Fingal to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people.

Úna is a firm believer in working together to achieve better outcomes for children and young people and supports the participation of children and young people to inform the work of FCYPSC.

Úna brings to FCYPSC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardo's, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Úna coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal. Úna holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dublin Institute of Technology and a post grad in child protection from Trinity College Dublin.



IAN LENNON

Ian Lennon was elected to the LCDC in 2020 as a representative of the Community Voluntary Interest pillar of the Fingal PPN. Ian is the current chairperson of Naul Community Council and has actively volunteered in the community since 2017, having a passion for participatory practice, rural development, community-led initiatives, heritage-led regeneration, research and placemaking.

Holding a BSc (Hons) in Architecture, Ian is a current postgraduate Master of Architecture Student TU Dublin, previously volunteering with the Architecture Association of Ireland, Irish Architecture Foundation. Having previously participated in EU & US cultural exchange programmes.

As a resident of Naul, working at The Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, a non-profit organisation, for the past 5 years, Ian is invested in creative community initiatives in Fingal.



AMAKA CHUKS

Amaka is an Employment Officer of the Irish Refugee Council. Amaka is passionate about people's empowerment in teams of guiding the non-so privileged to gain control over their lives.

She is interested in a process that encourages individuals to be aware of the power they possess to actualise their dreams. She has demonstrated this experience in supporting people across different spectra of life especially (migrant women) through her work with the Irish refugee council. She has displayed enthusiasm also through her work with Home- Start the UK's leading support for family and children and her work and advocacy with African Voice in Moston United Kingdom.

She is aware of the barriers that might keep people from being their best and actualise their potential. She has a BA in Social and Community Development and level 8 in Adult Guidance, Theory and Practice from Maynooth University.



LAURENCE WARD

Laurence is a dry stock farmer near Oldtown, North County Dublin. His passions are GAA football and farming. He is a member & chairperson of Fingal Local Community Development Committee. Laurence is also a member and chairperson of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Laurence has taken a new role as a member of the Farm Business Committee of the Irish Farmers Association.



SEAMUS QUIGLEY

Shay is the area manager for the Employment Services Division of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) in North Dublin. He has 20 years' experience in all aspects of DSP services and is a graduate of Dundalk IT, Institute of Public Administration and the National College of Ireland. He sits on various committees in North Dublin and has a strong interest in GAA and soccer.



ELLEN O'DEA

Ellen O'Dea is Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing in the HSE Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County since November 2016. From 2002 she has worked in management roles within the HSE, previous roles include General Manager for Primary Care and Disability Services, Primary Care Manager & Occupational Therapy Manager. She has a particular interest in community participation in health and in supporting Healthy Communities. Ellen has a BSC (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.



RAGHU NATH

Raghu works for Ireland Telugu association which is a non-profit, voluntary organization devoted to promote integration through Arts, Sports and Culture into mainstream of Ireland and also intends to identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of Ireland's Indian Community.

Ireland Telugu association organize several key programs such as IT Boot Camps, Health in your Hand Programs & Youth empowerment within our community for the benefit of immigrant People. I am very instrumental and pivotal for delivery off this project very regularly.

I also collaborate closely with the community policing to ensure crime and security issues are responded to in a timely and effective manner. I have participated number of workshops held at local garda in partnership with Joint policing committee for well-being of community and in building positive partnerships, through initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert.



GERALDINE ROONEY

Geraldine Rooney is a Development officer with the Blanchardstown Center for Independent Living who provide services that are underpinned by the philosophy of independent living. All activities are aimed toward promoting independence, choices, options, rights and empowerment for people with disabilities. Inclusion of people with disabilities is her passion and she has been involved with local community groups for the last thirty years, working in BCIL for the last nineteen years, Geraldine graduated from Maynooth University with a certificate in Disability Studies and is involved with the Dublin 15 Disability Peer Support Group which supports people with Disabilities to take part in their community and have their voices heard. The vision for Ireland is one where people with disabilities have freedom, choice and control over their lives and full participation in an inclusive society as equals. Her interests include travel, reading and soccer.



ADELINE O'BRIEN

Adeline O'Brien has worked in the not for profit and social enterprise sector for twenty years. Roles have ranged from Development Director (Cork Opera House) to Director of the Fundraising Institute of Ireland and CEO of an Education & Training facility for at risk young people and their families in Dublin 10. Adeline was a founding Director of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Company, and a founding member of the Dublin 10 Restorative Practice steering group.

Adeline worked as consultant in the not-for-profit sector particularly in the areas of Governance, Strategy and Management, Work & Organisational Psychology / Behaviour. Adeline also provided support in terms of crisis management, operational quality audits and evaluations. Adeline was appointed CEO of Blanchardstown Area Partnership in January 2017 and is leading a change management process including renaming the service to Empower CLG.



EILISH HARRINGTON

Eilish Harrington is the CEO with Fingal LEADER Partnership since September 2018. In this role Eilish works with her team to deliver the LEADER programme across rural Dublin, Rural Social Scheme for Co. Dublin, Care & Repair Service in the North County, Ability and Tús Programmes in the Fingal area. She has a background in Community Development and brings experience and knowledge in this field to her role in FLP. Eilish graduated with a BA Honours Degree in Public and Social Policy from NUI Galway. After her studies she worked with Special Olympics Munster as a Development Officer and as Co Ordinator of Employ Ability Services West Cork.



ANTHONY COONEY

Anthony Cooney is CEO of Fingal Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Chamber is affiliated to Chambers Ireland and is representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region.

Anthony has more than 25 years' experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland specialising in the acquisition and management of "Recurring Income" organisations.

Resigned Members of Fingal Local Community Development Committee 2023



BRÍD WALSH
North Dublin Drugs & Alcohol Task Force 2020-2023
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FELIX GALLAGHER
Empower CLG 2022-2023

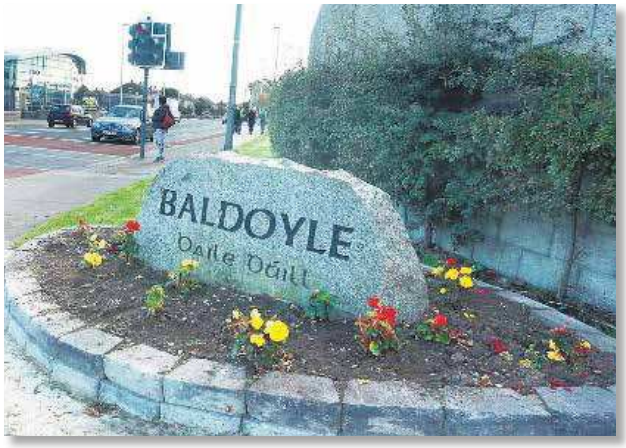












Fingal Public Participation Network



Fingal Public Participation Network

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) was established in 2014 and is an independent network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal. The PPN is managed by voluntary Secretariat which reports to PPN members through the Plenary. The PPN works to empower the community to be represented in decision making processes that impact citizens through representation on Council committees, consultation processes, policy submissions and more. Most of this work is done through their Linkage Groups.



PPN Secretariat 2023, (L-R) Alice Davis, Yetunde Joyce, Ray Smyth, Hanumantha Rao Marepalli, Sakinah Debolah Abdul-Ibieye, Angela Rogers

The PPN acts as an information hub, keeping the community informed of relevant local issues, news, events, resources and supports. We do this through a monthly e-newsletter, bi-annual activity report and the maintenance of our website and social media pages. Fingal PPN has more than 750 members and includes community-based groups, organisations, associations, clubs, societies and charities. Our members are based across Fingal in places such as Blanchardstown, Swords, Balbriggan, Lusk, Rush, Malahide, Howth and more. Membership is renewed every 2 years.

As a PPN, we provide space for community groups to grow and develop through our training supports. We work with local agencies such as Fingal County Council and Empower to deliver training and workshops on topics such as Governance, Grant Writing, Communications, and more. The PPN is funded and supported by Fingal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development. You can find out more about our finding and budgets below. The PPN Secretariat proposes the allocation of the PPN budget to the Plenary.

CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2022

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Cathal Boland	**Local Authority Member** Balbriggan/Swords/Rush/Lusk	Fingal County Council
Mary McCamley	**Local Authority Member** Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart	Fingal County Council
Joan Hopkins	**Local Authority Member** Howth/Malahide	Fingal County Council
John Quinlivan	**Local Authority Official** Chief Executive's Nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisin Geoghegan	**Local Authority Official** Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor	**State Agency** Higher Education Institute	Technological University of Dublin
Seamus Quigley	**State Agency** Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Department of Social Protection
Una Caffrey	**State Agency** TUSLA	TUSLA Child and Family Agency
Ellen O'Dea	**State Agency** HSE	HSE Head of Service Health & Wellbeing
Amaku Chucks	**Community Voluntary Interest** The Bold Women Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Ian Lennon	**Community Voluntary Interest** Naul Community Council	Fingal Public Participation Network
Raghu Nath	**Social Inclusion Interest** Ireland Telugu Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Geraldine Rooney	**Social Inclusion Interest** Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Fingal Public Participation Network
VACANT	**Environmental Interest**	Fingal Public Participation Network
VACANT	**Community Interest**	
Felix Gallagher	**Local Development**	Empower
Eilish Harrington	**Local Development**	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Laurence Ward	**Farming and Agriculture**	The Irish Farmers Association
Anthony Cooney	**Business and Employers**	Chambers Ireland

PUBLIC (STATUTORY) PRIVATE (NON-STATUTORY

LCDC FUNDING 2023

The Community Supports Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2023

The Community Support Fund under the Community Enhancement Programme 2022 was launched on 23rd November 2022 by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State, Joe O'Brien, to support Community & Voluntary groups. The Community Support Fund provides small grants to support groups particularly in disadvantaged areas.



The Community Support Fund was administered by the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) under the remit of the Local Authority on behalf of the Department of Rural & Community Development. Fingal LCDC received funding of €341,875.00 this amount comprised of current funding (operating and running costs), capital funding, ring fenced women's shed (current) funding & administration fee allocation. See following breakdown.

- Current Funding (Non-Pay) €160,681.00 covering the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 for use towards running/operating costs such as utility bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for e.g., rental/lease costs, insurance bills.
- Capital Funding €160,681.00 for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment
- Women's Shed ring-fenced funding €3,419.00

Community & Voluntary Groups in the Fingal area were invited to apply for Community Support Funding.

270 groups/organisations submitted applications totalling €888,166.57. All applications were evaluated (viewed & discussed) by the LCDC Evaluation Committee and 174 groups were recommended for Community Support Funding.

Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, held an event for representatives of successful organisations to announce the 2022 grants allocations in Fingal under the Community Recognition Fund on Friday, May 19, in Donabate Community Centre.






Comhairle Contae Fhi
Fingal County Council







HEALTHY FINGAL



Healthy Ireland is a national government-led strategy aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone living in Ireland. The Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF), funded under the Healthy Ireland national strategy, supports Local Authorities to deliver activities which will improve health and wellbeing locally. Pobal provides funding for HIF Round 4 to each Local Authority and under HIF Round 4, the Local Authority is the contract holder and is accountable for the implementation, oversight and management of the funds awarded, with the Healthy County Coordinator (HCC) and Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) leading out on the planning and implementation. Previous rounds of HIF were primarily activity-led.

In contrast, an outcome-led approach has been introduced to Round 4 to:

- enable the implementation of more targeted and evidence-based activities
- provide a more structured approach to the collection and reporting of relevant data and information which can be used for greater oversight and improved programme evaluation
- provide a clearer understanding of how the work of the funded organisations contributes to HIF programme objectives.

Niall McGuirk was appointed as the new Healthy Fingal Coordinator in December 2022 and was tasked with the development of a workplan for 2023 and a focus on reducing age-standardized heavy episodic drinking and promoting smoking/vaping cessation for Fingal. The Healthy Fingal budget for 2023 was €55,622.42 with a spend of €34,537.90 which seen deferred funding of €21,084.52 to 2024.



The Healthy Fingal sub-committee is made up of 18 reps from Fingal County Council departments, HSE, Drugs Task Force, Fingal Leader Partnership, Empower, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), and Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC). There were 6 meetings held in 2023 with an average attendance of 9 people, which provided an opportunity to network, collaborate and to contribute to a healthier Fingal.

Throughout 2023 Healthy Fingal through Empower attended 7 mass participation community/sports events to promote the We Can Quit programme. This approach has seen information given to 265 individuals on the available quit smoking services. Consequently, only 2 individuals signed up for the programme, and although both individuals who signed up completed and quit smoking, which shows the value and ability of the programme to encourage people to quit, on review it was felt the approach should be more targeted through group contact going forward. Healthy Fingal linked with the HSE Mental health Services to set up a Woodlands for Health programme servicing Balbriggan & Swords, which seen walks developed to assist people in their recovery and signposted to Quit Smoking and alcohol services. Healthy Fingal has worked closely with the Drugs Task Force in North Dublin and Dublin 15 to develop a relationship and devise opportunities to collaborate, and plans are in place to look at developing links with sports clubs as a means of providing information to the community on available services and support and to provide a point of contact in the community for the Drug Task Forces. We are also working on developing a resource to support sports volunteers, teachers and parents to support reduced drug and alcohol use among young people.

Healthy Fingal acquired the services of MediaSocial in June 2023 to assist in the communications of the Healthy Fingal message, develop engagement and improve brand awareness across multiple social media platforms. This has seen the Healthy Fingal Facebook account grow in terms of consistent organic reach and impressions. Engagement levels here are increasing, which is a solid indicator that the content is reaching the right people and is something of interest to them with follower growth slow, but steady. Instagram and Twitter accounts have seen an increase in both tags, mentions, engagement and overall reach and we should have better data in 2024 and access to more key specifics on these accounts. Overall, the accounts are steadily increasing, and we have seen an overall reach of 71,127 across the 321 social media posts made in 2023.



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND



The Community Recognition Fund is adminstered by the Department of Rural and Community Development. It aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries. The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in cities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants including towns identified for the rapid build homes programme. Fingal County Council received €1,748,912 divided across 26 projects being delivered by 6 FCC Departments. There was an initial drawdown of €178,230.64 in December 2023 with all projects to be completed, remaining funds to be spent and drawdown applications submitted to the Department by November 1st 2024.

An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and Community Development

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Our Rural Future






SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2028

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Fingal LECP
Local Economic and Community Plan

SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028



The purpose of the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) is to set out, for a six-year period, the objectives and actions needed to promote and support the economic development and the local and community development of Fingal, both by itself directly and in partnership with other economic and community development stakeholders.

The existing LECP 2016-2022 has come to an end and Guidelines for preparing new LECPs was published by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The new Fingal LECP is a 'Whole-of-Council Plan' and involved extensive consultation and engagement with internal and external stakeholders.

A presentation on the guidelines with detailed discussion on next steps was held at the December 2022 meeting of the Economic and Enterprise Development Strategic Policy Committee, following a similar presentation to the LCDC in October 2022.

A Contract Notice was published on e-Tenders on 24th February 2023 using the Open Procedure (non-OJEU) in respect of the Provision of Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The contract was awarded to Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd, in respect of requirement to purchase/ for provision of Project Management Consultancy Services for the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan facilitating the consultation process and drafting the LECP and initial 2-year Implementation Plan and a kick-off meeting with Grant Thornton was held in May 2023.



Consultants Grant Thornton commenced work on the preparation of the socio-economic profile of the county for the new LECP, reviewing the last LECP, drafting high-level objectives, facilitating the consultation process and initial 2- year Implementation Plan. Initial consultation on the new Fingal LECP and engagement with internal and external stakeholders took place in June 2023 and the following Sub-Committees were established to collate input to the LECP:

- Economic Sub-Committee
- Community Sub-Committee
- Sustainability/Environment Sub-Committee

PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS TOOK PLACE:



- 27th June
  Bracken Court Hotel,
  Balbriggan 7pm - 9pm
- 28th June
  Crowne Plaza Hotel,
  Blanchardstown 7pm - 9pm
- 29th June
  Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport
  7pm – 9pm

Information on the new LECP was also published on the Council's consultation portal in July and was open for submissions. The Council also held a webinar on the new LECP on 22nd July 2023.



A series of stakeholder sessions on the (LECP) 2023-2028 were held during September 2023 for the Council's Elected Members and a presentation on the LECP delivered to the Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee.

A series of stakeholder consultation sessions on the LECP 2023-2028 were held during November on the draft LECP which was also submitted to the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) for their input.

The Draft LECP was brought to the January 2024 Council meeting to be adopted by the Council on foot of the recommendations and approval from the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA).






SECTION 3
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2018-2023

Ireland's European Structural and Investment Funds Programmes 2014–2020
Co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Union

European Union
Investing in your Future
European Social Fund

European Union
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

SECTION 3
Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2018-2023

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for harder to reach groups and individuals.

SICAP aims to address poverty, long-term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public agencies. Delivery of SICAP is overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. Empower CLG, is the Programme Implementer for SICAP 2018-2023.

The budget for 2023 was €1,383,217 for which a contribution comes from the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme for Employability, Inclusion and Learning (PEIL). The programme implementer achieved its two Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for 2023 (see table 1 below) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

The Horizontal Themes of SICAP are Equality, Community Development and Collaboration. These themes are fundamental to Fingal LCDC and Empowers' values and are evident through the strategies, reviews, programme planning and daily delivery.

2023 – 2 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)				
Goal		Target	Actual	%
Goal 1	LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS	45	45	100%
Goal 2	INDIVIDUALS	685	693	102%

Table 1

GOAL 1: Local Community Groups

Community Groups are supported under Goal 1 of SICAP. Empower work closely with both issue-based community groups and target-group representative community groups and have built significant social capital through intense work over time. This includes developing social capital, directly supporting SICAP target groups to address barriers they have identified and respond to their needs. Through this engagement they have identified the following needs: Access to affordable early-years services; access to affordable and accessible meeting spaces; supports for children and families; poverty and the impact of cost-of-living crisis; racism and discrimination; access to primary health services; lack of youth services; support for people living in Direct Provision.



Fingal LCDC Statement of Priorities, under the Mid-Programme Review, identified the following priority areas: New Communities particularly Asylum Seekers living in Direct Provision, Travellers/Roma, and Early-Years Provision. Table 2 below, displays the breakdown of these target groups who were supported by Fingal SICAP, versus the national average.



Children and families from SICAP target groups were supported through collaboration with representative groups and agencies such as the HSE, TUSLA and Fingal CYPSC to ensure coordinated response to identified need. The Roma Women's Group, Traveller Women's Groups, Mulhuddart Parent & Child Group and Tyrrelstown Stay and Play Group have all been provided with a broad range of supports including rights-based information and advocacy clinics, Healthy Food Made Easy, Walk & Talk and personal development supports.





GOAL 2: Individuals

Individuals are supported primarily under Goal 2 of SICAP. Empower use a Social Role Valorisation approach to support individuals most in need on a one-to-one basis. This person-centred approach allows individuals to explore their options and choose the most appropriate course of action for them and their families.

The cost-of-living crisis is being experienced by many but exponentially so with SICAP target groups. Individuals have been supported to address food and fuel poverty. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed that prices for consumer goods and services was over 7% higher in April 2023 than the previous year. The Balbriggan Food Bank was established by Empower in December 2022. The food bank improves the health outcomes for those living in poverty. 420 adults and 491 children have been supported in 2023. The foodbank is also used to signpost and introduce people to other services within the hub.



SICAP supported 605 individuals experiencing health inequalities through Social Prescribing, Healthy Food Made Easy, We Can Quit and Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP).

Empower has collaborated with the HSE to establish a Roma specific GP and public-health nurse service in Balbriggan.

English language classes were provided to IPA's, Refugees and New Communities who make up 60% of caseload in 2023. Industry specific training and job-seeking skills were provided to 211 people.

INDIVIDUAL CASELOAD BY TARGET GROUP 2023

	FINGAL LCDC LOT CASELOAD KP1 2		NATIONAL CASELOAD
TARGET GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE	PERCENTAGE
Disadvantaged Young People – aged 15-24	138	20%	0%
Lone Parent	83	12%	14%
Low Income Workers/Households	14	2%	16%
New Communities	412	59%	25%
People Living in Disadvantaged	121	17%	26%
People Living with Disabilities	33	5%	9%
Roma	113	16%	1%
The Disengaged from the Labour Market (Economically Inactive)	172	25%	22%
The Unemployment	488	70%	62%
Travellers	21	3%	3%

Table 2: List of all SICAP target groups: Disadvantaged Young People, Disadvantaged Women, Emerging Needs Group, Lone Parents, Low Income Workers/Households, New Communities, People living in Disadvantaged Communities, People with Disabilities, Roma, T ravellers, The Disengaged from the Labour Market, The Unemployed.



SICAP Supports Provided to the Ukrainian Arrivals & International Protection Applicants



Fingal SICAP was allocated additional resources to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response in the amount of €304,369 and additional funds of €65,000 towards the end of 2023.

The needs and supports of Ukrainian refugees and International Protection Applicants (IPA's) are complex and varied. Both Ukrainian refugees and IPA's on average experience more barriers than other target groups as evidenced in Table 3. Additional barriers facing them include racism, difficulties in recognising qualifications, accessing suitable accommodation, legal advice, mental health, and language barriers. The SICAP Personal Action Plan helps to identify their needs and put in place appropriate supports. For many, employment and financial independence is the primary need.

% OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SOCIAL INCLUSION BARRIERS	TOTAL CASELOAD	UKRAINIAN REFUGEE'S	IPA'S
1-2 barriers	60%	55%	20%
3-4 barriers	36%	43%	70%
5-6 barriers	3%	2%	10%

Table 3

Mental illness and wellbeing issues are also more prevalent for these groups. Empower organise social activities such as trips to cultural and recreational sites. This promotes integration and positive wellbeing.



The SICAP team collaborate with Fingal County Council, HSE Social Inclusion section and multiple agencies and community groups to ensure a coordinated response and maximise resources in response to identified needs. Frontline SICAP team members have completed the Immigrant Council of Ireland Anti-Trafficking Training and INAR's Anti-Racism and iReport training.





SICAP 2023

Key Achievements

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

45

LCGs assisted by SICAP (KPI 1)





8 Social Enterprises received supports



15 LDC Collaborations received supports

694

Individuals assisted by SICAP (KPI 2)



159 people completed a lifelong learning course



39 people got jobs & 65 received in-work supports

62 people set up their own business



Ireland's European Structural and Investment Funds Programmes 2014-2020
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Dublin Rural LEADER 2023-2027

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:
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Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

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The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group

The Dublin Rural Local Action Group (LAG) was established to deliver the LEADER element of the Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the period 2014–2022 in the Dublin Rural Region. The LEADER Programme aims to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to encourage diversification of economic activity in rural areas.

2023 was a positive, productive, and busy year for Dublin Rural LEADER. The funding continued to support community groups and enterprises across Rural Dublin, with 80% of the projects successfully completed by end of 2023. The LAG commenced the application for the new 2023-2027 LEADER Programme. This resulted in numerous workshops and stakeholder events to ensure the Local Development Strategy for Rural Dublin reflects the growing needs and issues facing the communities and citizens. The year ended on a high with news that Dublin Rural LEADER had been successful in the application process and would be delivering the new programme commencing in early 2024!

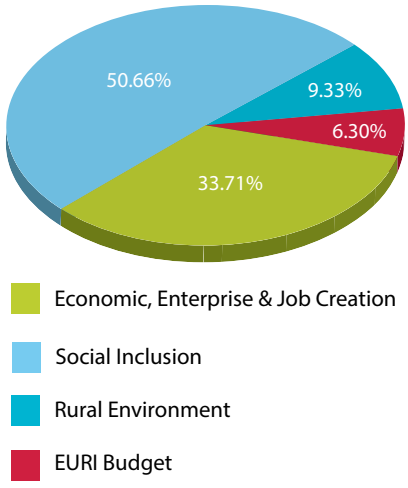
A high-level breakdown of the LEADER 2014-2022 Programme:

- Total number of projects approved under the Programme was 127 and the value of **€6.87million**.
- **Theme 1:** Economic, Enterprise & Job Creation - 55 Projects, value: **€2.31million**
- **Theme 2:** Social Inclusion - 51 Projects, value: **€3.5million**
- **Theme 3:** Rural Environment - 10 Projects, Value: **€641K**
- **Euri:** - 11 Projects, Value: **€432,860**
- **Subthemes:**

  - Enterprise Development - **€1,085,374** - 17 Projects
  - Rural Towns - **€535,085** - 25 projects
  - Rural Tourism - **€695,641** - 13 Projects
  - Hard to Reach Communities - **€2,993,662** - 44 projects
  - Rural Youth - **€487,263** - 7 Projects
  - Biodiversity - **€38,305** - 3 Projects
  - Renewable Energy - **€362,518** - 3 Projects
  - Water Resources - **€240,482** - 4 Projects

- Claims paid out to date - **€5,440,000** - 80%

Actual spent



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Rush Dramatic Society CLG
Project Name:	Theatre Surround Sound and Film Projector for Rush Dramatic Society
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Area:	Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€12,910.80

Project Description

Rush Dramatic Society has been in existence for 95 years. The venue was built in 1988 with a €1.2m upgrade in 2004. In 2027 Millbank Theatre will celebrate 100 years in the community. Millbank Theatre runs a varied schedule of programming at the theatre with limited staffing and funding resources that include: Theatre Productions (Amateur and Professional), Musical Productions and GIGS, Art House Cinema, Drama Classes from 8 to 18, Seminar and Conference facilities (Currently used by An GARDA College facilities Templemore), A new Filming Project and Acting for Camera Classes as well as theatre hire for Charities, (Prosper Fingal), local groups and clubs fundraising nights (e.g. FOROIGE).



Their sound and projection equipment were old, obsolete, and cumbersome. It was acquired from a philanthropic donation 7 years ago. While satisfactory it couldn't keep up with changing technologies. The project involved the purchase of new cinema equipment, including cinema surround-sound speakers and a projector.
With this Cinema Project, the Promoter grew the Art House cinema aspect to the existing services and screened movies on a more regular basis. The new equipment greatly enhanced the audience experience, allowing to screen 4kHD and higher resolution formats, and to stream movies other than DVD showings.

The Promoter extended their offering amongst a wide range of diverse ethnic audiences reaching out to many language groups, Irish film creators, teenagers, and Children. The Organisation learned since the lockdown of the Pandemic that people enjoyed coming back to a safe controlled environment in which to watch quality independent films.



PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Lusk Action Group
Project Name:	Lusk Summer Festival
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development, and Job Creation
Area:	Lusk, Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€11,031.39

Project Description



Lusk has rapidly expanded in the last 15 years and all of infrastructure, amenities and facilities are struggling to catch up. This has resulted in a fractured community, especially so in the aftermath of Covid. In the 2021 "Lusk Vision 2030" survey, funded by LEADER, it was found that 50% of people in Lusk felt that they had no connection to it.

The main goal of this event was to provide the people of Lusk with an opportunity to return to something normal and fun following the last two years of Covid. It gave people the opportunity to meet socially in an outdoor environment where the focus was on the presentation of local business, food, entertainment & groups.

Activities included:

- children's section with a hay bale maze, giant games, teddy bears picnic, face painting
- carnival games
- food area with food vans that will include picnic benches & waste bins
- local food produce vans
- local small business stalls
- multicultural area (including Lusk non-Irish-born population presenting aspects of their culture, dance, and music, etc)
- music and entertainment segment with local musicians, bands, groups, choirs, dance schools etc.
- Tango dancing and instruction
- Different sporting groups and community groups in competition in Tug-of-war.
- Showcase of vintage cars and tractors







Promoter Name:	Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG
Project Name:	EURI - Community Based Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Training for Rural Dublin
Theme:	Rural Environment
Area:	Fingal/ South Dublin /Dun Laoghaire
LEADER Funding:	€39,848.54

Project Description

Climate change is challenging our society both nationally and locally in County Dublin. It is necessary to mitigate against and adapt to the impacts of climate change, as well as to capitalise on any opportunities which may emerge. The challenges of climate change should not be underestimated and will require communities to be supported to transition our society to a low-carbon, climate resilient one. A ground-up, community-led approach will be needed to achieve this transition. Taking proactive action to adjust and prepare for anticipated changes will reduce losses, improve our environment, and provide a host of community benefits. Global momentum is building for national and local governments to take ambitious action that builds resilience to climate change within their organisations and functional areas via adaptation and mitigation measures. Developing a robust approach to adaptation is the first step on this journey.



The role of individuals and local communities is vitally important to identifying risks, challenges and opportunities that need to be considered in communities and to take coherent coordinated action. Many local community groups are becoming more active in Climate Action projects and are becoming increasingly aware that they need to act. Some individuals and Community Groups are already working on projects but may need support to drive them forward or to connect them to other local or regional projects.

More awareness is needed within communities specifically identifying local realistic actions. Fingal LEADER Partnership CLG (FLP) delivered the course across villages in the Dublin Rural Leader Operational areas of Fingal, South Dublin and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown to 88 participants.





The Main objectives were:

- Building awareness and capacity within communities by equipping individuals and representatives from voluntary organisations, clubs and/or businesses in County Dublin with knowledge and skills which they can apply to their activities in order to make their communities/ organisations more climate resilient and environmentally sustainable.
- Encouraging community groups and SMEs to apply for LEADER funding under the Environment Theme of forthcoming programmes in order to undertake new climate-action related projects that may emerge from their training.
- The 7 following modules were delivered:



The project met the objectives of the EURI funding by delivering this pilot training in the Dublin LEADER Operational area and raising awareness of environmental issues, climate change and reducing the carbon footprint etc.



Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) Members 2023

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME
Statutory	Local Authority Member, Fingal LCDC	Cllr. Cathal Boland
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	John Quinlivan
	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	Oisin Geoghegan
	Higher Education Authority Fingal LCDC	Dr. Pat O'Connor
	Local Authority Official, South Dublin LCDC	Colm Ward
	Local Authority Member, South Dublin LCDC	Cllr. David McManus
	Local Authority Member, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC	Cllr. Lettie McCarthy
Non stat	Farming and Agriculture, Fingal LCDC	Laurence Ward *(Chairperson)*
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Tricia Nolan
	Environmental Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Justin Byrne
	Community & Voluntary Interest, South Dublin LCDC	Prof. Mary Corcoran
	Local Development, Fingal LCDC	Felix Gallagher
	Local Development (Implement Partner), Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington
	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown – LCDC	Sharon Commins
	Social Inclusion Interest, Fingal LCDC	Geraldine Rooney

PUBLIC (STATUTORY) PRIVATE (NON-STATUTORY


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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 25

SUMMER PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAMME 2024

Fingal County Council intends funding €61,290, across 32 Summer Projects taking place around the County this year. The groups running the Summer Projects have applied for funding under the Community & Sports Division's Summer Projects Funding Scheme, as part of Activities funding.

The purpose of these projects is to provide a supervised 20-hour programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period. Emphasis is placed on encouraging community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities. A wide variety of child-focused activities are catered for across communities with varying socio-economic needs. Summer Project groups are expected to include 4 hours of information/ education talks on two of the following activity types in their programmes of events -

- Community Safety
- Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Action
- Integration

The maximum funding available to Summer Project groups is from €1,380 up to €2,760 depending on number of young people attending during the week. Summer Projects must cater for a minimum of 20 young people (young person is determined to be 5 years to 18 years). Where the project cost

From 20 – 40 young people – eligible to apply for up to €1,380
From 41 – 70 young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,070
From 70 plus young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,760

Reduced funding awards were considered in 3 applications, where project costs did not meet the eligible funding amount.

This year, the scheme piloted support for small scale volunteer led summer projects in an effort to introduce and progress them to deliver a fuller programme next year. Such groups were eligible to apply for €750 to deliver an 8hr programme to 20 young people.

The amounts being recommended in the body of this report below will reflect the numbers of participating children indicated by the summer project groups in their applications. Approx 1,800 young people are expected to benefit from the Fingal Summer Project Funding Scheme.

All the projects listed below have submitted an expression of interest, a funding application and a detailed programme of events and have confirmed they are fully insured for all events. It is a requirement of the funding scheme that all Summer Project leaders undergo safeguarding training.

It is intended to fund the following Summer Projects subject to each project meeting all of the requirements that are set out in the Activities Funding Application Form and Supplementary Summer Project Form.

Payments are recommended in the amounts set out hereunder:

Organisation Name	Electoral Area	Amount Recommended
Lusk Athletic Club GA-003038	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€800.00
OWLS - The Children's Nature Charity GA-003048	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,930.00
Sophia Housing GA-003055	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,070.00
Aster Family Resource Centre GA-003061	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,070.00
Gravity Autism Support GA-003063	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,380.00
Applewood Community Centre GA-003068	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,380.00
Flemington Community Centre GA-003069	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,380.00
Lusk Community Council GA-003070	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,230.00
Sustainable Skerries GA-003072	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,380.00
Foróige Coastal North Dublin UBU Your Place Your Space Project	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,760.00
Foróige Balbriggan UBU Your Place Your	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,760.00

Space Project		
Foróige Balbriggan Youth Health Initiative	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,760.00
Foróige Blast Youth Diversion Project	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€2,070.00
Foróige Teenage Health Initiative	Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	€1,380.00
Corduff Sports Centre GA-003049	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,070.00
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative GA-003051	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre GA-003053	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,070.00
Mountview Fortlawn Youth and Sports Hub GA-003054	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
Blakestown and Mountview NYP GA-003056	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group GA-003058	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Connect Summer Camp GA-003059	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
D15 Toy Library Stay & Play GA-003066	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€750.00
Blakestown Community and Resource Centre GA-003067	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (Balseskin Reception centre) GA-003074	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Foróige WEB Youth Diversion Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,070.00
Foróige ORB Youth Diversion Project, Phibblestown/ Huntstown	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,070.00
Foróige BEAT Mulhuddart Youth Diversion Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
Foróige Beat Corduff Youth Diversion Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
Foróige Beat Tyrrelstown Youth Diversion Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,070.00
Foróige Tyrrelstown UBU Your Place Your Space Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Foróige Huntstown UBU Your Place Your Space Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€2,760.00
Foróige Beat 8–11-year-olds Youth Diversion Project	Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	€1,380.00
TOTAL		€61,290.00

It is proposed to make payments in May in advance of project commencement. This will be subject to the group accepting conditions of funding and any other

additional material deemed necessary. In the case of Foróige led summer projects, funding will be paid in one instalment on project completion. All projects will be required to submit valid receipts in September 2024.

It is intended that each funded Project will be visited by staff from the Community Development Office during the project with detailed evaluation forms for completion after the project has ended. The feedback gathered from these evaluations will form an important part of devising the approach for Summer Project Proposals in 2025.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
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An Roinn um Pleanáil agus Infrastruchtúr Straitéiseach
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 26

LICENCE APPLICATION – FLAVOURS OF FINGAL

(Reg. Ref. PEL/001/24)

Section 1.0 Executive Summary

An application has been made by Fingal County Council in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, for the 'Flavours of Fingal' event in Newbridge Demesne, Donabate (Register Reference PEL/001/24).

The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities on the 29th and 30th of June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

The publication of notice of intention to hold the Flavours of Fingal County was made in the Gazette and Irish Times. This provided for a three week period within which to make submissions or observations. The proposal, including the draft plan for the management of the event was available for inspection at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie. No submissions or observations were received during this time.

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;
- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council;
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

It is recommended that a decision to approve the event be made under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, subject to the conditions included in this report.

2.0 Introduction

This is an application for a Public Event Licence for an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities on the 29th & 30th of June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The event will be held at Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin by Fingal County Council.

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

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

The report of the Chief Executive has been prepared in accordance with Section 238(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which requires that the report shall:

(i) specify the proposed event,

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

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

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

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

3.0 Site Location

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

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

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

4.0 Proposed Event

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

According to the public notices, the event will run with public admittance on the 29th and 30th of June 2024 between the hours of 1100hrs to 1800hrs, with an anticipated attendance in the region of 30,000 persons per day (as stated in the public notices).

In summary, the key components of the proposed 'Flavours of Fingal' include six operational zones; listed below and illustrated on submitted maps.

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

Each of these zones contain a variety of uses as part of the overall event ranging family fun activities; entertainment; concession and picnic areas; animal/agricultural displays; equestrian, vintage vehicles, historical demonstrations; exhibitor stands event centre and wellness. Car parking areas (blue 1, blue 2, brown, green, staff and exhibitors and transport and bus centre) have also been illustrated.

5.0 Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Zoning Objective

The site is located in an area designated with Zoning Objective OS - Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities', in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

Green Infrastructure Maps: Low Lying Agricultural
Highly Sensitive Landscape: Coastal
Architectural Conservation Area: Donabate

Protected Structures
RPS – 494 - Newbridge House
RPS – 493 – Lanestown Castle
RPS – 505 - Former Forge and Vernacular House
RPS – 863 - The Old Vicarage
RPS – 495 – The Lodge
RPS – 496 – Motte
RPS – 502 Railway Bridge

National Monuments
SMRS - DU012-060 - House - 18th/19th century
SMRS - DU012-101 – Enclosure
SMRS - DU012-004 - Castle - Tower House
SMRS - DU012-073- Enclosure

Objective GIM2
Protect the natural and built heritage of the following Fingal County Council owned lands (which include important historic sites, landscapes and gardens), while providing significant public amenities; Bremore Castle and Park, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Newbridge House and Demesne, Malahide Castle and Demesne, Swords Castle and Park, Santry Demesne, and Beechpark (Clonsilla) and Ward River Valley Regional Park, Swords.

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

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

> *Tourism is one of Fingal's most important economic drivers which is fully embraced by the Council. Through Dublin Airport, Fingal provides the national major link between Ireland and international tourists. Fingal's Tourism sector is characterised by large numbers of SMEs, with 800 businesses providing accommodation and catering services. Guest accommodation supports an estimated 3,000 full time job equivalents and the catering sector provides a further 2000 jobs. The implementation of the Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 – 2022 including the marketing of Fingal as a visitor location and the engagement with local tourism groups continues across the County. Flavours of Fingal continues to grow and highlight the quality and depth of food and farming in Fingal.*

Objective EEO48 – Events and Concerts
Support events and concerts at suitable locations within Fingal subject to the appropriate licensing arrangements, in consultation with affected stakeholders such as community groups, local businesses and residents in the immediate area where feasible and practical, and to protect and safeguard the amenities of the area and the natural and built heritage.

Section 10.5.2.4 Historic Designed Landscapes
Newbridge Demesne is recognised as a historic design landscape.

Policy HCAP18 – Designed Landscape Features, Settings and Views
Protect the setting, significant views, and built features of historic designed landscapes and promote the conservation of their essential character, both built and natural.

Policy HCAP19 – Development and Historic Demesnes
Resist proposals or developments that would lead to the loss or, or cause harm to the character, principal components or setting of historic designed landscapes and demesnes of significance in the County.

Objective HCAO24 – Alteration and Development of Protected Structures and ACAs
Require proposals for any development, modification, alteration, extension or energy retrofitting affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting or a building that contributes to the character of an ACA are sensitively sited and designed, are compatible with the special character, and are appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, architectural treatment, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features.

Policy HCAP12 – Interventions to Protected Structures
Ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures or adjoining development
affecting them are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the special interest, appearance, character, and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scaled and designed.

Policy HCAP14 – Architectural Conservation Areas
Protect the special interest and character of all areas which have been designated as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). Development within or affecting an ACA must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and it's setting wherever possible. Development shall not harm buildings, spaces, original street patterns, archaeological sites, historic boundaries or features, which contribute positively to the ACA.

Policy HCAP3 – Record of Monuments and Places/ Sites and Monuments Record

Safeguard archaeological sites, monuments, objects and their settings listed in the Record of
Monuments and Places (RMP), Sites and Monuments Record (SMR), underwater cultural heritage including protected wrecks and any additional newly discovered archaeological remains.

Objective HCAO2 – Protection of RMPs/SMRs
Protect all archaeological sites and monuments, underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects, which are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places, Wreck Inventory of Ireland and all sites and features of archaeological and historic interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monuments and Places, and to seek their preservation in situ (or at a minimum, preservation by record) through the planning process.

Objective DMSO140 – Protection of Existing Landscape
Protect existing landscape features such as scrub, woodland, large trees, hedgerows, meadows, ponds and wetlands which are of biodiversity or amenity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management.

Policy GINHP21 – Protection of Trees and Hedgerows
Protect existing woodlands, trees and hedgerows which are of amenity or biodiversity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management in line with the adopted Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal.

6.0 Submissions
No submissions were received within the statutory time period allocated.

7.0 Department Reports
Copies of all reports are available in Appendix 1.

7.1 Internal Department Reports
Water Services Department
No objection.

Transportation Planning Section
No objection, subject to conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure
No objection, subject to implementation of tree protection measures.

Housing Department

No report received at time of drafting this report.

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

Environmental Health Officer
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Public Lighting Section
Report received which recommends that locations of any tower lights proposed should be located and positioned so that they avoid causing a glare issue to drivers and pedestrians, and that obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit), is minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered.

Community/Sports Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Arts/Culture Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Community Archaeologist / Heritage Officer
There are no perceived impacts on the archaeological resource at Newbridge Demesne by the proposed events, as detailed in the application submitted. Therefore, there are no objections to this development on archaeological grounds.

Environment Department
No objection, subject to conditions.

Ecologist
Report received which address the ecology of the site and Appropriate Assessment.
Mitigation to protect grasslands on site and in particular, the protected plant Meadow Barley is recommended.

7.2 External Department Reports
Garda Superintendents
No report received at time of drafting this report.

C.I.E
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
TII advise that traffic management must ensure that the strategic function of national roads in the area is safeguarded during the proposed development and recommends that this is addressed. Recommendations are also made with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and signage issues before and during the event.

Uisce Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Comhairle Ealaíon
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
The Department is of the view that this event has potential to damage a significant population of Hordeum Secalinum, which has been identified at Newbridge Demesne, and which is listed on Column One of the Flora (Protection) Order 2015. This potential impact would be caused by the increased disturbance from the large scale event. In order to mitigate this potential impact, the Department recommend that specific conditions be attached.

Failte Ireland
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Taisce
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Heritage Council
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Health & Safety Authority
Report received which states that the proposal appears to be outside the scope of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 and consequently the Authority has no observations to make.

N.T.A.
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Iarnród Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

8.0 Assessment

8.1 Event Management

Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended relates to items which the local authority is required to place on display with respect to the event licence application.
As part of the event license procedure, an Event Management Plan, site layout plan and other supporting information including a Traffic Management Plan have been prepared.

Key elements of the Event Management Plan include:

- Event details
- Event management team
- Licenses, codes of practice, legislation, regulations & by-laws
- Safety & operations
- Crowd safety & movement
- Stewarding
- Medical provisions
- Fire safety
- Equipment standards
- Traffic management
- Policies & procedures
- Event health & safety documentation & inspections
- Accessibility.

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

Risk assessments have been undertaken in relation to this event and are contained in the Event Management Plan. The specific Event Risk Assessment is included as an Appendix (6) in the Event Management Plan and establish risks based on Impact/Severity and Probability.

The procedures in the event of an emergency are contained in the Appendices (3 & 5) of the Event Management Plan submitted with this application. The procedures include roles and responsibilities, details of key personnel, procedures, and emergency routes. It is stated that all emergency services will be made aware of emergency routes in advance of the event.

Having regard to Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, prior to the event an updated event management plan should be submitted to provide details of the event controller and deputy event controller and safety officer and clarity as to whether any reinstatement works are required. In addition, an environmental management plan should be prepared.

It is noted that the risk assessment refers to holding the event on 28th, 29th and 30th June 2024 and 27, 28th and 39th (sic) June 2025 and a draft copy of correspondence to residents refers to holding the event on 28th – 30th June 2024. However, given that the public notice and event management plan (page 5 and 6) refer only to 29th and 30th June 2024, it will be clarified by condition that this licence refers only to those dates.

8.2 Principle of Proposal

The site is located in an area designated with zoning objective 'OS' Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The vision of this objective is to 'Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority'.

The 'Flavours of Fingal' event is a temporary, 2 day festival which would not be prejudicial to the zoning and ongoing use of these lands as open space or the established cultural and recreational facilities thereon. Objective EEO83 of the Fingal Development Plan supports events such as the 'Flavours of Fingal' as a means of promoting and showcasing the agri-food sector while Section 7.2.5 of the Plan in relation to tourism similarly recognises that the 'Flavours of Fingal' event highlights the quality and depth of food and farming in the county. Objective EEO48 of the Development Plan specifically supports events at suitable locations in Fingal subject to appropriate licensing arrangements, appropriate consultation and where the amenities of the area, natural and built heritage can be safeguarded.

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

8.3 Impact on Built Heritage & Landscape

The proposed event is taking place within the curtilage of a historic demesne with mature landscaping and structures of historical importance.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of Newbridge House and Demesne as a site of historical importance as per the conservation designations. The tourism opportunity of Newbridge House and Demesne is also considered in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, under Section 7.5.2 and particular attention is given to the rarity of the 18th Century or earlier designed landscapes, which are highly significant and sensitive, under Section 10.5.2.4.

The event will utilise existing amenities alongside the provision of temporary new structures to accommodate the event and activities on site for its duration. It is therefore important that suitable provision is made to ensure the integrity of the protected structures; mature trees and existing roads are suitably protected from damage during the construction and preparation stage, during the event itself and the site re-instated to pre-event condition afterwards.

Consideration is given to the temporary nature of the event in assessing impacts and the specific layout. Based on the information prepared, there are no perceived impacts on the archaeology features in the Demesne and therefore the event is considered to be consistent with Policy HCAP3 and Objective HCAO2 in respect of safeguarding archaeological sites and their settings.

The report received from the Conservation Office states that there is no objection in principle to the event as long as adequate management and protective measures are in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments, or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event. The report notes that the open fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these. Care should be taken in the more significant areas of the demesne e.g., within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanestown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. The latter is also discussed further in this report. The Conservation Officer has made a number of recommendations for mitigation to protect Newbridge Demesne and the historic features therein.

Some of the areas of woodland present on the site in the 1840s have been mapped by National Parks and Wildlife Service in the National Native Woodland Survey and have been included in the Ancient and Long-Established Woodland dataset1. These woodlands are outside of the areas proposed to be utilised by the event according to the 'Areas Map' included in the Event Management Plan (Rev001) and no impacts are therefore likely.
The application details do not include documentation regarding tree protections.
Newbridge House Demesne is a regional park containing numerous trees and woodland areas which will be accessible to the public during the Flavours of Fingal event. As a result of this adequate tree protection measures should be put in place to avoid potential negative impacts of increased pedestrian footfall and vehicle traffic.

Conditions should be attached to ensure the protection and of the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House and Demesne prior to the event, during and after the event.

It is also recommended that the event organisers ensure that no public or casual access is permitted to those parts of Newbridge Demesne (or property therein) that are not for

public use during the event and provide any necessary protective measures in consultation with the management team of Newbridge House and Demesne.

Subject to adherence to these conditions, it is considered that the proposed event, would not adversely affect the character, components or setting of Newbridge Demesne landscape, the character or setting of the Protected Structures within or adjoining the Demesne or the Newbridge Demesne Architectural Conservation Area.

8.4 Impact on Amenities

The Planning Authority acknowledges that given the siting of Newbridge Demesne, the proposed event areas are suitably detached from residential areas. Furthermore, given the event is temporary in nature (2 days) with limited operating times over a weekend, it is considered that the event will not negatively impact on residential amenity.
It is stated in the Event Management Plan that noise will be limited and shall not cause unreasonable disturbance to any nearby noise sensitive premises and that no vibration exposure is anticipated.

Obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit) should be minimized. This can be addressed by condition. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered.

8.5 Traffic Management Plan

Parking will be facilitated in the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at a central location on the site. A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by marshals, TMO and Gardai. This document has been updated on the basis of previous Flavours of Fingal event 2023. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section. A Travel Manager should also be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

The submission received from TII requests that traffic management measures protect the strategic nature of national roads in the area and includes recommendations with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and signage issues before and during the event. These issues can be addressed by condition.

8.6 Public Transport

According to the event documentation, it is an objective this event to encourage use of public transport to minimise congestion of the public road network. The Planning Authority note that details relating to public transport options should be provided prior to the event

taking place, clearly indicating connectivity and the available location, frequency, and capacity for public transport provision on both days of the event.

8.7 Car & Bicycle Parking

Provision has been made for car parking including accessible car parking.

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

8.8 Environmental Monitoring and Measures

It is noted that no specific environmental monitoring statement has been included which would include details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property. It is submitted that a comprehensive clean-up post-event will ensure there is no lasting damage.

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

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

A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor should be prepared in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan. Following the event, a waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

All contractors/vendors should adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report after the event to highlight successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

8.9 Ecology

According to the documentation prepared for the event, no negative impacts on flora and fauna are foreseen.

The report received from the Fingal County Council ecologist advises that the ecology of the estate, in particular the meadow grassland, is of substantial ecological importance. The grasslands on the site are known to support Hordeum Secalinum (meadow barley) which is listed in Schedule A of the Flora (Protection) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 235/ 2022). Meadow Barely has been identified previously within the areas proposed to be 'Staff and Exhibitors Car Park", "Brown Car Park" and "Blue Car Parks 1 and 2".

The submission from the Department set out the view that the event has the potential to damage the Hordeum Secalinum with this potential impact caused by the increased disturbance from the event. Mitigation measures are therefore required to ensure no impact can occur to this protected species are recommended by the Department and the Fingal County Council ecologist.

Potential significant impacts to fauna such as bats, birds and badgers are considered unlikely as the event is carried out on areas of open terrain leaving the woodland areas and fauna therein unimpacted by the event, the hours of the event are 11 am to 6 pm allowing fauna to forage before and after the event and the main period of impacts of the event will be short term in nature (2 days).

9.0 Conclusion

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

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;
- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council;
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by the Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

The Public Event Licence application is considered acceptable subject to conditions to mitigate any potential impacts on the amenities of the area, established trees and

woodlands, built heritage and ecology, and ensure satisfactory arrangements in respect of the event including waste management, access and traffic management.

10. Recommendation

It is recommended the outdoor event, 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' is approved and issued a Public Event Licence, subject to the following conditions, as set out hereunder.

1. The event shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged with the application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto. Unless otherwise stated, documentation indicating compliance with the attached conditions shall be submitted no later than 7 days prior to the event. In the event of such documentation not being completed and submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 7 days of the event commencing or where compliance with attached conditions cannot be achieved, permission for the event or those elements of the event that are not compliant under the licence shall not be permitted and/or the event not permissible. This licence relates to the holding of an event on 29th and 30th June 2024 only.

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

2. Prior to the holding of the event, an updated event management plan shall be prepared which (a) identifies the event controller, deputy controller and deputy safety officer and clarifies whether any reinstatement works are required after the event. The Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Event Management Plan, with particular emphasis being placed on health, safety & welfare issues, stewarding, crowd management and employee safety, and protection of the Newbridge Parkland/ Demesne.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Insurance
   Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall ensure that there is full insurance provided for this event. This shall include:

(a) All relevant insurances including indemnity, Public Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance are in place prior to the event against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including necessary legal expenses) arising out of injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property whatsoever, resulting from or in any way connected with or arising out of the use of Newbridge Demesne. (Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €25m or any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €13m for any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance)

(b) The insurance policies will extend to include the liability of all parties involved in any way with the holding of the event including but not limited to enabling works, catering, broadcasting and crowd control.

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

10. A debriefing session shall be held by the Fingal County Council Events Unit not later than 4 weeks after the event and shall be attended by the prescribed bodies. A copy of all final documentation as required by conditions to this licence shall be made available at this meeting.

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

11. Traffic Management
    (a) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the event and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

    (b) Any proposed event signage (including contingency plan signing), static and Vehicle Management System (VMS) relating to national roads shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to holding the event. Only approved signage shall be placed on national roads. VMS signs shall be used for traffic management purposes only and not advertising, sponsorship or similar.

    (c) Prior to the event, the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall consult with Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A provisions.

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

(e) All signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post event unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

(f) A liaison person shall be appointed by Fingal County Council Events Unit to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event and such person shall be readily contactable by Gardaí, Fingal County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland before and during the event.

REASON: In the interest of traffic safety.

12. Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site shall be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle; the details of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

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

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

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

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

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

15. Public Transport
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall engage with Iarnród Éireann seeking advice on technical requirements for mitigating impacts on railway infrastructure and operations. Stakeholder meetings must be scheduled with operational staff in Iarnród Éireann prior to, and with adequate notice, in advance of the events. All decisions and agreements reached must be fully adhered to by the applicant.

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

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

16. Conservation
    (a) No heavy or load bearing structures shall be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden.
    (b) Restrictions shall be placed on large or heavy vehicles within the cobbled courtyard area and close to historic walls of the walled garden.

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

17. Landscape
    The following landscape protection measures shall be implemented:
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall meet a representative of the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council on-site at least 4 weeks pre-event to agree tree and ground protection measures including access routes for works vehicles. The event organisers shall implement any additional tree or ground protection measures instructed by the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department prior to or post each event taking place to mitigate the impacts of possible damage.
    (b) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall submit a Method Statement to the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department detailing a stage by stage activity programme of the event build up and take down works. This shall include a drawing showing location of temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas & vehicle type (e.g., HGVs) storage compounds, fuel containers, generators and details of any required excavations/foundations. This drawing shall include the location of trees relative to the temporary features.
    (c) Any proposed temporary fencing shall be fixed using a surface anchoring system and not excavated foundations. No equipment, vehicles, materials including fuel to be stored or parked within the root protection area of trees as per BS 5837: 2012, Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

    REASON: To ensure the protection of existing trees in Newbridge Demesne.

18. Waste Enforcement & Regulation
    (a) A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor shall be submitted in writing to the Environment Section for consideration in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan.

(b) All contractors/vendors shall adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report in writing after the event to the Environment Section highlighting successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

(c) A waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to the Environment Section after the event to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

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

19.

(a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that the venue be reinstated subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up for the full clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event.

(b) Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

(c) Full details on food safety storage facilities shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

REASON: In the interest of public and environmental health.

20. Ecology

A suitably qualified Ecologist, with demonstratable experience in botany and or habitat management, shall be appointed at the earliest possible time to oversee the management mitigation measures to protect the grasslands on site and in particular, the protected plant Meadow Barley.

The Ecologists role shall include but not be limited to:

i. Carry out a survey of the grasslands on site prior to mowing to identify locations of Meadow Barely;
ii. Advise what time of year is best for any mowing necessary to occur in advance of the event to give the greatest opportunities for the species rich grassland, and Meadow Barely, on site to set seed;
iii. Ensure the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the event.

iv. Ensure the areas identified are supervised for the extent of the festival. This shall include any preparations beforehand and activities involving cleaning up the festival afterwards.
v. Any proposed mitigation measures shall be agreed in writing with Fingal Ecologist, prior to the event.

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

21.
Prior to the event, an environmental management plan shall be prepared which includes details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property and an environmental monitoring programme for before, during and after the proposed event.
REASON: To protect the amenities, environment and ecology of the area.

22.
Obtrusive light arising from the event (during preparation, the event itself and removal/ reinstatement) shall be minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights and details of the extent of light spill from same, shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the event.

REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

Appendix 1 Department Reports

1. Internal Department Reports
2. External Departmental Reports

1. Internal Department Reports

Water Services Department:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE PLANNING REPORT Report of the Water Services Department

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

Registration Date:

Development: To hold an outdoor event - Flavours of Fingal County Show in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/flavours-fingal-county-show-2024

Location: Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Foul Sewer: IW

Surface Water: NO OBJECTION

Water Supply: IW

Signed:	DS	Endorsed:	DD
Date:	27-03-2023	Date:	11/04/2024

Transportation Planning Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

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Application Type: Public Event Licence

General

The proposed event will take place in the Newbridge Demesne.

Parking

Parking will be facilitated in the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at a central location on the site.

Bicycle Parking

The bicycle parking quantity, location and detail is unclear and should be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by marshals, TMO and Gadai. This document has been updated on the basis of previous Flavours of Fingal events. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.
2) Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, shall be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle; the detail of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.
3) Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking shall be provided within the event site; the detail of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.
4) A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

Signed: James Johnson Endorsed: _____

Date: 3rd April 2024 Date: _____

Parks and Green Infrastructure:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

Registration Date:

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Location: Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

This application does not include documentation regarding tree protections. Newbridge House Demesne is a regional park containing numerous trees and woodland areas which will be accessible to the public during the Flavours of Fingal event. As a result of this adequate tree protection measures must be put in place to avoid potential negative impacts of increased pedestrian footfall and vehicle traffic.

The Parks & Green Infrastructure Division has no objections in principle to the Flavours of Fingal Public Event License.

In the event of planning permission being granted, the following conditions should be applied:

In order to ensure the protection of existing trees in Newbridge Demesne, the applicant shall carry out the following landscape protection measures:

1. Meet a representative of the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council on-site at least 4 weeks pre-event to agree tree and ground protection measures including access routes for works vehicles. The applicant shall implement any additional tree or ground protection measures instructed by the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department prior to or post each event taking place to mitigate the impacts of possible damage.
2. Submit a Method Statement to the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department detailing a stage by stage activity programme of the event build up and take down works. This shall include a drawing showing location of temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas & vehicle type (e.g. HGVs) storage compounds, fuel containers, generators and details of any required excavations/foundations. This drawing shall include the location of trees relative to the temporary features.
3. Any proposed temporary fencing shall be fixed using a surface anchoring system and not excavated foundations. No equipment, vehicles, materials including fuel to be stored or parked within the root protection area of trees as per BS 5837: 2012, *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*.

Officer: ___Gemma Carr_____ Endorsed: _____

Date: _____24/04/24_____ Date: _____

Conservation Officer Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

Registration Date: 11 March 2024

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Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Flavours of Fingal is an annual event within the lands of Newbridge House and Demesne. The lands contain a number of Protected Structures and Recorded Monuments and is also designated as an Architectural Conservation Area. The historic designed landscape is a very significant 18th century landscape.

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

fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these. Care should be taken in the more significant areas of the demesne e.g. within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanestown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. Therefore:

- No heavy or load bearing structures should be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden or within the historic outbuilding areas and courtyard.
- Restrictions should be placed on large or heavy vehicles within the cobbled courtyard area and close to historic walls of the walled garden.
- The provision of car parking areas and the siting of activities should be careful of vehicular movements and compacting of ground around the root systems of mature trees. An area of archaeological potential has been identified close to Lanestown Castle through an archaeological investigation. The Heritage Officer should be consulted in relation to any potential impacts on this.
- The comments of the Parks Superintendent should be sought in relation to any required protective measures for the mature trees or other designed landscape features during the course of the event.

Signed:

	Helena Bergin
Position:	Conservation Officer
Date:	28/03/2024

Public Lighting Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Public Lighting Section

Register Reference: PEL/001/24
Registration Date:
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Location: Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin
Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept
Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Below are the comments of Public Lighting on the above referenced planning application. Public Lighting have no involvement with this event.

The locations of any Tower lights proposed should be located and positioned so that they avoid causing a glare issue to drivers and pedestrians, and that obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit), is minimised.

The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered.

Officer: Karen Leeson Endorsed: _____

Date: 12/04/2024 Date: _____

Heritage Officer:

Archaeological Report

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Fingal County Council

Register Reference:	PEL/001/24
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Location:	Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin
Report Type:	Permission
Planning Officer:	Brian McParland

Report

There are no perceived impacts on the archaeological resource at Newbridge Demesne by the proposed events, as detailed in the application submitted. Therefore there are no objections to this development on archaeological grounds.

Signed: _____

Christine Baker

Position: Heritage Officer/Archaeologist

Date: 20/03/2024

Ecologist:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE
PLANNING REPORT
Report of the Ecologist

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

Registration Date: 11 March 2024

Development: To hold an outdoor event - Flavours of Fingal County Show in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise of ourdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

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Location: Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

This report relates to an event licence for the Flavours of Fingal event, which has been held at Newbridge Demesne annually for over 10 years.

Newbridge Demesne is owned and managed by Fingal County Council. The grounds consist of woodlands and grasslands across 150 hectares.

Ecological Impact

Newbridge Demesne is open to the public year-round. Potential significant impacts to fauna such as bats, birds and badgers are considered unlikely as the event is carried out on areas of open terrain leaving the woodland areas and fauna therein unimpacted by the event, the hours of the event are 11 am to 6 pm allowing fauna to forage before and after the event and the main period of impacts of the event will be short term in nature (2 days).

Some of the areas of woodland present on the site in the 1840s have been mapped by National Parks and Wildlife Service in the National Native Woodland Survey and have been included in the Ancient and Long-Established Woodland dataset1. These woodlands are outside of the areas proposed to be utilised by the event according to the 'Areas Map' included in the Event Management Plan (Rev001) and no impacts are therefore likely.

The ecology of the estate, in particular the meadow grassland, is of substantial ecological importance and was judged to be in the top twenty of over 800 semi-natural grassland sites surveyed in a 2010 study for the National Parks and Wildlife Service2. The grasslands on site range from relatively poor Dry Meadows and grassy verges GS2 in the east of the site, to rich examples of Dry calcareous and neutral grassland GS1 and Wet grassland GS4. The grasslands on site are said to have been impacted in the past by having been to too short or too early in the season which was " having negative effects on the flowering and seeding of species."

The grasslands on site are also known to support Meadow Barely (Hordeum secalinum)4. Meadow Barely is listed in Schedule A of the Flora (Protection) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 235/ 2022). In accordance with Section 21 3(a) of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended, "…a person shall not, save under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister under this section- cut, pick, collect, uproot or otherwise take, injure, damage or destroy any specimen to which this section applies or the flowers, roots, seeds, spores or other part of such specimen". In accordance with Section 21 (4) of the Wildlife Act 1976, as amended "A person who contravenes subsection (3) of this section shall be guilty of an offence."

Following a comparison of mapped locations of Meadow Barely and the 'Area map' provided, it is apparent that Meadow Barely has been identified previously within the areas proposed to be 'Staff and Exhibitors Car Park", "Brown Car Park" and "Blue Car Parks 1 and 2". Mitigation measures are therefore required to ensure no impact can occur to this protected species.

AA

The nearest Designated Sites are Rogerstown Estuary SAC and SPA, which are located approximately 1.4 km north of Newbridge House and Malahide Estuary SAC and SPA, which are located approximately 1.6 km south-east of Newbridge House.

Due to the separation distance and the nature of the event, the event is not likely to generate emissions of dust or surface water that have the potential to affect the Qualifying Interests of any Designated Sites.

Newbridge Demesne is connected hydrologically to Malahide Estuary SAC and SPA via the Pill River which exits Newbridge Demesne in the south of the site and travels for over 1.3 km before discharging to the Malahide Estuary SAC and SPA in the townland of Kilcrea. As

no construction or earth movement works are required, significant effects to the Pill River during the event are not anticipated and therefore significant effects to the Conservation Objectives of to any downstream Qualifying Interests as a result of surface water links are considered unlikely.

The Qualifying Interests of both Rogerstown Estuary and Malahide Estuary SPAs are all wintering birds that migrate to Ireland for the wintering period. As the event will occur in June, noise and visual disturbances to Qualifying Interests at the estuaries or at ex-situ feeding sites closer to the Demesne, are unlikely. Although some Qualifying Interests are still present throughout the year in smaller numbers, the Conservation Objectives of these species are unlikely to be effected due to the temporary nature of the event over a short timescale (2 days).

Portaloos will be arranged to provide additional toilet facilities for the event. These will be provided and removed by an appropriate contractor and the waste brought to an authorised facility (Event management department Fingal County Council, pers. Comms). Significant effects to the Qualifying Interests of any Designated Sites are therefore unlikely to occur due to foul water emissions arising from the event.

Fingal County Council have determined that, in light of best scientific knowledge, including in particular the nature of the predicted impacts that may arise from the event, and in the absence of any measures intended to avoid or reduce any harmful effects on European sites, that the event is not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. In reaching this determination, Fingal County Council have taken into consideration the short term, nature and timing of the event proposed.

I have no objections to the event subject to the following conditions;

A suitably qualified Ecologist, with demonstratable experience in botany and or habitat management, shall be appointed at the earliest possible time to oversee the management of mitigation measures to protect the grasslands on site and in particular, the protected plant Meadow Barley.

The Ecologists role shall include but not be limited to;

- Carry out a survey of the grasslands on site prior to mowing to identify locations of Meadow Barely;

- Advise what time of year is best for any mowing necessary to occur in advance of the event to give the greatest opportunities for the species rich grassland, and Meadow Barely, on site to set seed;

- Ensure the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the event.
- Ensure the areas identified are supervised for the extent of the festival. This shall include any preparations beforehand and activities involving cleaning up the festival afterwards.

- Any proposed mitigation measures shall be agreed in writing with Fingal Ecologist, Jessica Clarke, prior to the event.

Officer: Jessica Clarke
Date: 12/04/2024

2. External Departmental Reports

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage:

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

Planning Ref: PEL/001/24
(Please quote in all related correspondence)
10 April 2024

Director of Services-Planning
Fingal County Council
PO Box 174
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Co Dublin
K67 X8Y2
Via email: planning.reports@fingal.ie

Part 16 Event Licence Application to hold an outdoor event – Flavours of Fingal County Show in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

A chara,
I refer to correspondence dated 14 March 2024 received in connection with the above. Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated headings.

Nature Conservation

The Department is of the view that this event:

- Has a potential to damage a significant population of Hordeum secalinum, which has been identified at Newbridge Demesne, and which is listed on Column One of the Flora (Protection) Order 2015, and that;

- Section 2(1) of the associated Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 356 of 2015 states that species, subspecies and hybrids of flora listed on Column 1 of the Schedules of this Order are protected.

This potential impact would be caused by the increased disturbance from the large scale event.

In order to mitigate this potential impact the Department recommend that the following conditions be attached to the grant of permission:

A qualified Plant Ecologist is employed to survey for the location of this plant and that the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the festival.
The area identified is supervised for:

- the extent of the Festival
- any preparations beforehand
- activities involving cleaning up the Festival afterwards

You are requested to send any further communications to this Department's Development Applications Unit (DAU) at: referrals@npws.gov.ie

Is mise, le meas,

_____
Brian Bone
Development Applications Unit
Administration

Health & Safety Authority

An tÚdarás Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta
Health and Safety Authority
0818 289 389 landuseplanning@hsa.ie www.hsa.ie

Planning Department
Fingal County Council
County Hall,
Swords,
Fingal,
Co. Dublin

Our Ref: 4365

22/03/2024

Re: Planning Application PEL/001/24 for development by Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept for - Flavours of Fingal County Show, & your letter of 14/03/2024

To whom it mat concern,

The Health and Safety Authority (the Authority), acting as the Central Competent Authority under the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 209 of 2015) gives technical advice to the Planning Authority when requested, under regulation 24(2) in relation to:

(a) the siting and development of new establishments;

(b) modifications to establishments of the type described in Regulation 12(1);

(c) new developments including transport routes, locations of public use and residential areas in the vicinity of establishments, where the siting, modifications or developments may be the source of, or increase the risk or consequences of, a major accident.

Since the above-referenced application appears to be outside the scope of the Regulations, the Authority has no observations to forward.

If you have any queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

G.Hynes

Geoff Hynes
Inspector,
COMAH, Chemical Production & Storage (CCPS)

01.06.32 LUP89 Outside scope of Regs

Transport Infrastructure Ireland:

A Chara,

I refer to your email of 14 March 2024, regarding the above event licence application at Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin, for the Flavours of Fingal County Show, 2024.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) outlines the following recommendations for the Council's consideration before the issuing of any event licence:

- TII acknowledges that a 'Proposed Traffic Management Scheme' has accompanied the event licence application. Traffic management shall and must ensure that the strategic function of national roads in the area is safeguarded during the proposed event. TII recommends that the Council address this issue prior to any decision to grant an event licence.
- While a road safety audit is not required for temporary traffic management plans, the local authority is requested to ensure full consideration of the safety requirements of all road users is included as part of the assessment of the event licence application.
- Any proposed event signage, static and Vehicle Management System (VMS), relating to national roads shall be agreed with the local authority no later than one month prior to the event. Only signs detailed in a traffic management plan sanctioned by the Gardaí, or the local authority may be placed on the national road. VMS signs are to be used for traffic management purposes only and not for the promotion of sponsors, etc. TII advises that the NRA/TII Guidelines for the use of Variable Message Signs on National Roads should be consulted. A signing plan should also include for contingency plan signing.
- With regard to the above point, consultation should take place with Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor (MMaRC) Area A; GSJ Globalvia Sacyr Jons (GSJ Ltd.), via the Road Authority, where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to MMaRC contract provisions, e.g. advance event signage, specific event traffic management proposals, etc.
- The sign faces and posts of existing road traffic signs shall not be used as backing/support for any signage.
- Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Fingal County Council, all signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post the event.
- A liaison person shall be appointed by the organiser to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event and such person shall be readily contactable by Gardaí, Fingal County Council and TII at all times before and during the event.
- Appropriate accreditation and car parking to be provided for TII personnel in order to attend the meetings concerning traffic issues during the event if required.

It requests that the above observations be taken into consideration before the granting of any event licence in the interests of safeguarding the safety and strategic function of the national road network in the area.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Alban Mills
Senior Regulatory & Administration Executive

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024

ITEM NO. 27

FINGAL ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME 2024 FOR PROFESSIONAL FINGAL ARTISTS

Applications have been received from professional artists under the bursary entitled the '*Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2024'*. This bursary scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted by the Council in 2014. Now in its eleventh year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 263 eligible applications received this year.

The funding allows professional artists in Fingal to avail of an award towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists.

The award was open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, film, dance, and literature. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. It is proposed to make funding available to the applicants in accordance with the conditions of the scheme.

A total of 263 eligible applications were received and assessed by independent advisors in each category. The total amount applied for across all applications was €1,073,313.29, an increase of 10% from 2023. Having examined the applications, the advisors have recommended 86 awards amounting to a total sum of €250,000. 33% of applicants were awarded.

This year the budget for the scheme retained the increase from €200,000 in 2022 to €250,000 in 2023. The Arts Office is now seeking the Council's approval to issue the successful candidates with the awards. The candidates are as follows:

Music (17)

Michelle	O'Rourke	€3,930
Rhona	Clarke	€1,650
Caitríona	O'Leary	€3,930
Eadaoin	Copeland	€3,800
Caitríona	Frost	€3,800
Jennifer	Moore	€2,508
Kevin	Boushel	€907
Niamh	Bury	€1,090
Jane	Hackett	€3,800
Ailbhe	McDonagh	€3,648
Aonghus	McEvoy	€3,724
Danny	Carroll	€3,800
Eve	Quigley	€3,800
Harry	Fennell	€3,458
Joseph	Potter	€1,955
Neil	O Connor	€3,800
Tadhg	Kinsella	€3,800
Total		**€53,400**

Drama (7)

Gary	Keegan	€4,800
Cliodhna	Noonan	€2,210
Ellen	Kirk	€4,000
John	King	€4,000
Helen	Casey	€3,840
Colette	Cullen	€2,150
Ella	Skolimowski	€3,000
Total		**€24,000**

Literature (10)

Niamh	Sharkey	€3,200
Trudie	Gorman	€3,000
Brian	Gallagher	€3,240
Megan	Wynne	€3,000
Keelan	Ryan	€3,000
Damien	Donnelly	€3,000
Kevin	Curran	€3,000
Brian	Dungan	€2,750
Dee	Barragry	€3,000
Desmond	Traynor	€3,000
Total		**€30,190**

Dance (4)

Adam	O'Reilly	€4,000
Aidan	Jolliffe	€2,700
Mateusz	Szczerek	€2,500
Annique	van Niekerk	€2,400
Total		**€11,600**

Film (10)

Steven	McKenna	€750
Brian	Lally	€3,000
Pippa	Molony	€3,000
Suzie	Keegan	€3,000
Claire Frances	Byrne	€3,000
Mark	Ryan	€4,000
Patricia	Kelly	€3,665
Shane	O'Callaghan	€2,000
Ciaran	O'Connell	€2,275
Cliona	Noonan	€2,120

Total	**€26,810**

Visual Art (38)

Marie	Hanlon	€2,500
Justine	McDonnell	€2,700
Laura	Skehan	€3,650
Joanne	Reid	€3,650
Naomi	Sex	€3,650
Bassam	Al-Sabah	€3,650
Richard	Gilligan	€3,600
Sean	Molloy	€2,850
Colm	Mac Athlaoich	€1,800
Eleanor	McCaughey	€3,000
Lana May	Fleming	€2,500
Sara	Muthi	€3,000
Nuala	Clarke	€1,634
Elaine	Grainger	€2,700
Mark	McGuinness	€2,300
Des	Mullan	€1,600
Lieselle	McMahon	€2,500
Bill	Harris	€2,500
Maree	Hensey	€900
Liing	Heaney	€1,450
Louis	Haugh	€4,000
Aoife	Scott	€4,000
Aine	Phillips	€3,700
Clodagh	Boyce	€4,000
Deborah	Hewson	€1,500
Derval	Carroll	€4,000
Edith	Bond	€4,000
Eileen	Leonard Sealy	€3,800
Hazel	Egan	€4,000
jack	pierce	€855
Maria	Atanackovic	€2,000
Michele	Hetherington	€4,000
Naomi	Taitz Duffy	€1,500
Samuel	Casey	€1,286
Sonia	Caldwell	€3,500
Sophia	Tamburrini	€975
Tallon	McGinn	€4,000
Patricia	Hennessy	€750
Total		**€104,000**

The independent advisors included:

Eamonn Maxwell (Visual Arts)

Eamonn Maxwell is a contemporary art curator and art advisor for more than 20 years' experience. Maxwell has curated numerous exhibitions across the world including the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 2011. From 2009 to 2016, Maxwell was Director of Lismore Castle Arts, where he programmed significant exhibitions by leading international and Irish artists. In more recent times, Maxwell has worked as a collection advisor to the Arts Council of Ireland, Goldsmiths, and private art collectors. Maxwell regularly lectures at Crawford College of Art and Design, Ulster University and UCD.

Monica Flynn (Visual Arts)

Monica Flynn is a curator based in Dublin with over 20 years' experience in Arts and Cultural Management. As a co-founder and co-director of The Market Studios, Dublin, Flynn has an abiding interest in artist-led initiatives. Her work involves curation, collaboration, and production of socially engaged projects, exhibitions, and events. Recent curatorial work includes "In Trust In Gratitude In Hope" exhibition at the Laois Arthouse, Stradbally, and the visual arts programme for Bealtaine Festival.

Sara Jane Keating (Literature, Drama, & Film)

Sara Keating is a cultural journalist with The Irish Times, with a special interest in live performance and community arts. She received a PhD from Trinity College Dublin in 2006 for her research on twentieth-century performance. She has contributed to a wide variety of arts programming on RTE Radio One. "Hear. See. Feel" is her first radio documentary.

Neil Quigley (Music)

Neil Quigley is a composer from Kilkenny. Quigley's current work focuses in part on sonic skeuomorphism, divination, audio representations of space and interpersonal politics of the musical workspace. His recent work has been released on Amalgam Records (US), Moot Records (Irl) and Destiny Trax (US).

Jazmin Chiodi (Dance)

Born in Argentina and based in Ireland since 2005, Jazmin Chiodi is a dance artist and dance curator. Chiodi is the former co-director and founder of Tipperary Dance and TD International Festival, which she programmed for twelve editions. In 2021, Chiodi was appointed Artistic Director at Dublin Dance Festival. Her choreographic work with Iseli-Chiodi dance company has produced over a dozen pieces that toured in Ireland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, USA, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia, Korea, Tunisia, and the UK.

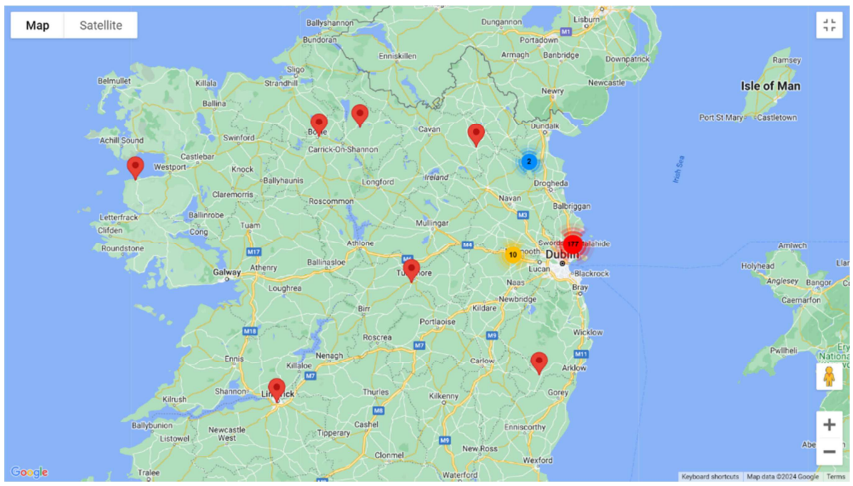
Fingal Artist's Support Scheme 2024 Statistics

Applicants Locations

- All Applicants

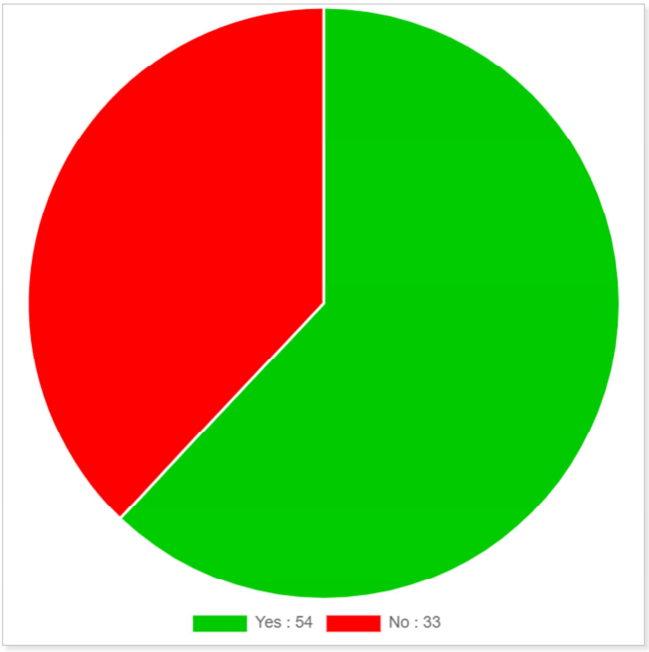
Applicants Based in Fingal:	Number
Skerries	26
Swords	25
Howth	10
Malahide	18
Balbriggan	21
Blanchardstown	24
Mulhuddart	10
Rush	6
Lusk	2
Portmarnock	8
Sutton	3
Donabate	2
Loughshinny	2
Donaghmede	3
Baldoyle	4
Garristown	2
Ballyboughal	1
Total	**167**

Applicants outside Fingal with a connection to Fingal:	Number
Dublin City	34
Ireland Outside Dublin City	58
Germany (Berlin)	2
UK (Edinburgh)	1
India	1
Total	**96**



Have you been awarded through the Fingal Artist's Support Scheme before?

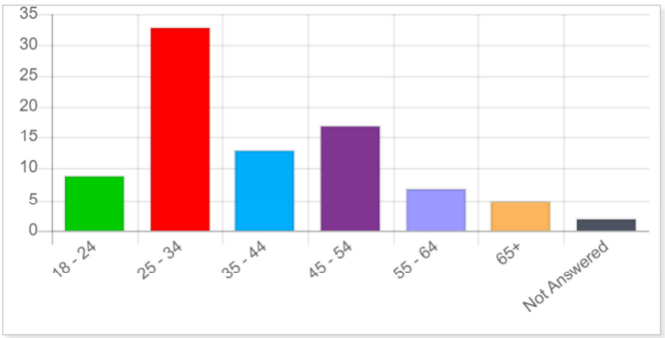
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Option	Count
Yes	54
No	33

Age Breakdown

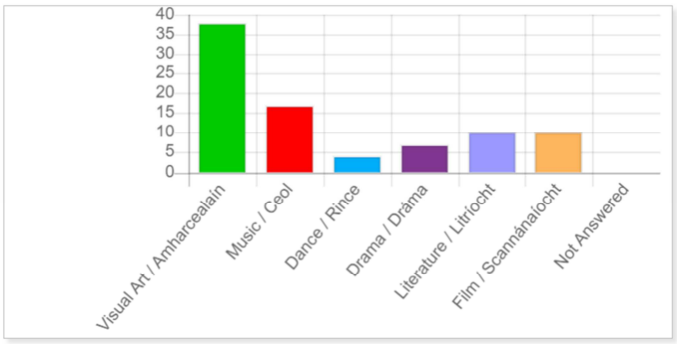
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Option	Count
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25 - 34	33
35 - 44	13
45 - 54	17
55 - 64	7
65+	5
Not Answered	2

Primary Artform

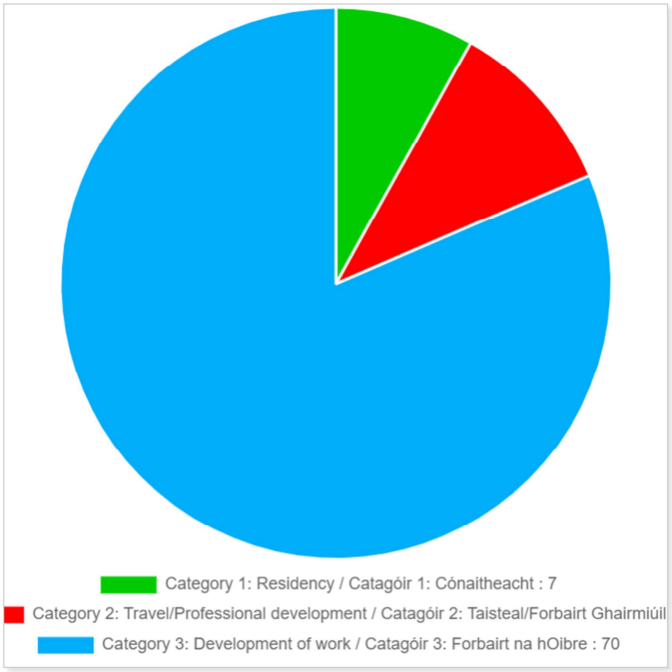
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Option	Count
Visual Art / Amharcealaín	38
Music / Ceol	17
Dance / Rince	4
Drama / Dráma	7
Literature / Litríocht	10
Film / Scannánaíocht	10
Not Answered	0

Types of funding

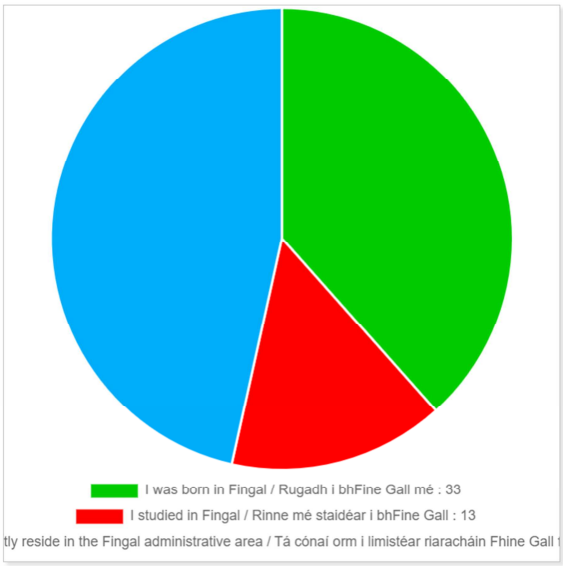
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Option	Count
Category 1: Residency / Catagóir 1: Cónaitheacht	7
Category 2: Travel/Professional development / Catagóir 2: Taisteal/Forbairt Ghairmiúil	9
Category 3: Development of work / Catagóir 3: Forbairt na hOibre	70

Connection to Fingal

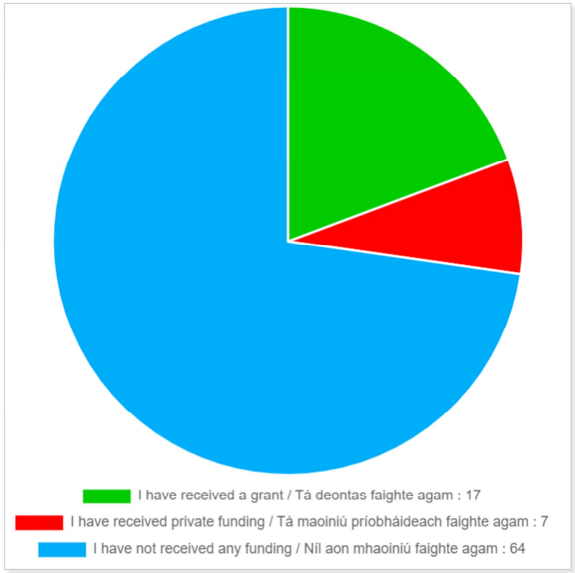
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Option	Count
I was born in Fingal / Rugadh i bhFine Gall mé	33
I studied in Fingal / Rinne mé staidéar i bhFine Gall	13
I currently reside in the Fingal administrative area / Tá cónaí orm i limistéar riaracháin Fhine Gall faoi láthair	40

Other sources of funding

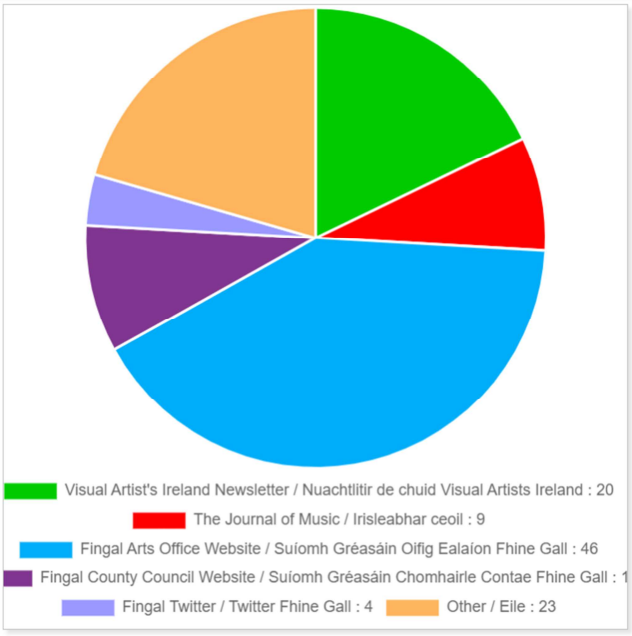
- Successful Applicants



Option	Count
I have received a grant / Tá deontas faighte agam	17
I have received private funding / Tá maoiniú príobháideach faighte agam	7
I have not received any funding / Níl aon mhaoiniú faighte agam	64

How did you hear about the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme?

- Successful Applicants



Option	Count
Visual Artist's Ireland Newsletter / Nuachtlitir de chuid Visual Artists Ireland	20
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Chief Executive's Foreword

In towns and villages all across Fingal, a dedicated collective of volunteers work tirelessly week in, week out to improve their localities and enhance public spaces for the enjoyment of all. We have all seen Tidy Towns groups working hard by planting, cleaning, litter picking and painting around our areas, in all kinds of weathers! Their enthusiasm and commitment is unparalleled and I was very pleased to attend the Mayors Awards on Wednesday May 1st at which these groups were honoured. Hosted by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Adrian Henchy and MC'd by broadcaster Deric Hartigan, the event was an uplifting celebration of the people who make up Tidy Towns groups. Collaboration with communities is a key element of the work we do in Fingal and we are fortunate to enjoy a productive and rewarding relationship with Tidy Towns in the county. I would like to offer my congratulations to the representatives of all the groups who attended the awards and who are so deserving of our recognition and sincere thanks.

In 2024, Fingal County Council is offering more than 450 homes in 11 locations for purchase under the Affordable Housing Scheme. Applications are currently open for 339 of these homes and are available to first time buyers or fresh start buyers who qualify under the criteria to buy. The locations of these homes include Church Fields in Mulhuddart; Balmoston, Donabate; Ballealy Rise, Lusk and Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15. Working with the Department of Housing, the Land Development Agency and developers like Glenveagh, GEM, Ballymore, Lagan, Gannon and Manley has ensured that our dedicated Housing team can facilitate the roll out of beautifully finished homes in these latest schemes. Cognisant of the many different requirements of families, single persons or couples, there are homes ranging from 2-bed units to spacious 3-bed homes as well as larger 4-bed houses for bigger families. We are absolutely committed to delivering under Housing for All and I am pleased with the progress we are making in this area. It is a priority for most people to be in a position to have their own home and affordable housing and cost rental schemes such as these are helping people to realise that dream. To learn further information on the process and to verify your suitability for the scheme please consult; https://www.fingal.ie/AffordableHousing

Providing an excellent standard of accessible services to members of the public who call to our offices or use our online services is a strong focus for Fingal County Council. Cathal Kearney was appointed as the council's Access Officer last year and is overseeing the preparation of Fingal's first Access Strategy. The plan will contain actions and objectives to ensure service users will be provided with an inclusive and accessible experience in their dealings with us. Cathal invites everyone to have their say on the draft strategy by taking part in a survey to gather public insight. The survey, which will close on May 17th, is designed to capture the views of the entire community and particularly those with an experience of a disability. You can have your say by viewing the survey in hardcopy form in our public offices, online on the Fingal Consultation Portal or by recording or videoing your responses. Your input on this important matter is acknowledged and valued and will help to inform the direction of our services for all.

The rejuvenation of the harbour area and Quay Street Balbriggan took another positive step forward on Monday April 29th as contracts were signed with the developer John Craddock Ltd. This is another milestone in the journey of this project which, when completed, will offer the people of and visitors to Balbriggan an exciting and attractive public realm experience in the Quay Street and harbour environs as well as improvement works in Bridge Street to take advantage of the position of the Bracken River. Further large infrastructural improvements such as the introduction of a Green Corridor, which will extend from Stephenstown, following the River Bracken, through Millpond Park, will create a new street edge and park entrance on Bridge Street, flowing down to a transformed Quay Street, Viaducts and reimagined Harbour. The busy railway station area will undergo huge changes thanks to public realm and streetscape improvement works as well as works to integrate Active Travel and support footfall in the area. This is an exciting time for the town as the works commence and the carefully crafted vision for this dynamic place edges closer. I look forward to seeing the process of change over the coming months and welcome these latest developments.

Some highly anticipated events are taking place in Fingal over the coming weeks and months. The hugely successful Fingal Proms took place from May 3rd to May 5th. Accomplished artists including Paul Byrom, Leah Barnville, Tom Dunne and Dermot Byrne gave incredible performances which were much appreciated by audiences in Shackleton Gardens in Clonsilla, The Seamus Ennis Centre in the Naul and Baldoyle Community Hall. Continuing on the theme of musical performances, the ever popular Nathan Carter will be returning to Swords Castle on Friday July 26th bringing his own rousing style of country music guaranteed to have everyone dancing and signing along! The weekend doesn't end there as 80's superstars Sister Sledge plus support take to the stage on Saturday July 27th for performances of their greatest hits – one not to be missed. Details on all upcoming events in Fingal, including the highly popular Flavours of Fingal, are currently on our social media channels. I hope you enjoy some of the fantastic events taking place over the summer.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	47
Campaigns Completed	27
Current Campaigns	20
Interviews Held to date	404
New Starters	64

Learning & Development Update

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

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	96
Number of Attendees	915
Number of Training days	998.5

Throughout May courses will be delivered in the areas of Personal Development, Health & Safety, Business Skills, Specialised Departmental Training & Mandatory Training.

Wellbeing Update

Fingal County Council will launch 'Elephant in the Room' to staff in May. This is an awareness initiative created to help give people everywhere permission to talk openly about their mental health. The initiative uses art to help promote an open culture and start conversations.

A number of art sessions were successfully offered to staff during April as part of our 'Creativity for Wellbeing' programme. Artistic activities such as painting have been proven to Enhance mental health, Reduce Stress, Foster Resilience, Fuel Joy. Further sessions are scheduled throughout May.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU during the month of April 2024 completed a number of incident investigations, site safety inspections and safety audits within the various directorates in Fingal County Council. The HSU continued to field staff requests of a variety of safety issues including advice on smoking cessation, VDU assessments/remote working and advice on evacuation during fire alarm activations. The HSU towards the latter part of April began to compile Fingal County Council's submission for the 2024 NISO safety awards all-Ireland competition.

Customer Services

Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
April	10,737	1,845	1,818

Digital Services

VR for Libraries Shortlisted for a Digital Town Award

Virtual Reality (VR) for Fingal Libraries, has been shortlisted in this years' **.ie Digital Town Awards** under the award category: Digital Education.



The VR for Fingal Libraries project is a joint project between Fingal Libraries and Fingal Digital Services Department, which aims to introduce the wider population to an emerging technology. Giving access to digital twins of Fingal County Council (FCC) planning models, 3D videos of heritage properties, Irish language content, and a curated set of apps designed to engage and inspire. Fingal Libraries also have access to Unity Learn on their public PCs, enabling the next generation of VR creators. FCC is the first local authority to develop this kind of VR programme.

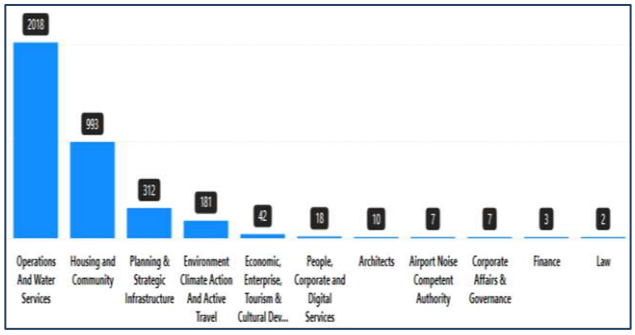
The Digital Town Award Ceremony will take place on Friday 24th May in Athlone VR for Libraries Events

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 April – 1091.



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



Communications

The Communications Unit provided support to several departments during April including the signing of the contract for the public realm works to Quay Street and the Harbour in Balbriggan.
Support was also provided to the People Services Department who took part in the Jobs Expo in Croke Park; to the Strategic Infrastructure Department who opened the new playground at Lanesborough Park and to the Heritage and Conservation units who hosted a visit to Fingal by Minister Malcolm Noonan.



Website

In the period of April 1 to April 30 the fingal.ie website attracted 166,721 visitors, reflecting an increase of 24,104 compared to March. The number of page views soared to 402,370 marking a 25.6% rise from March and an impressive 39.6% growth from the same month last year. The most frequented pages were those featuring news about the Affordable Housing Scheme, Contact Us section, information on Recycling Centres and Job listing section.

Social Media

The Affordable home scheme post on Facebook and X collectively reached 39,561 people with an engagement rate of nearly 25%. Furthermore, the post seeking nominations for the Quiet Streets trial to address rat-running on streets had a cumulative reach of 28,972 and an engagement rate of 10.21% across the three platforms: X, Facebook, and Instagram. With an engagement rate of 8.14% the post about vandalised public toilet at Ward River emerged as the post with the third most reach for April.

In terms of follower growth, the Instagram account saw an increase to 9,489 followers, while Facebook is at 34,000. X and LinkedIn saw substantial growth with 54 and 166 new followers respectively, bringing X's following to 23,409 and LinkedIn's to 9,000.
Overall, the corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 75,896.



Videos

During April, nine videos were created and uploaded onto the Council's YouTube channel. Among them was a video featuring 'Xplore your future 2023', showcasing testimonials and feedback from teachers and students who have participated in the program. Additionally, videos were created to highlight topics such as the Community Monuments Fund grant; coverage of the Minister of Heritage visit to various heritage sites across Fingal; and the Conservation of Balbriggan's Boat House and Bath House. Moreover, there was a video showing the various job roles within Fingal County Council and the benefits of working here.

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



Press Releases

Throughout April, the communication unit issued ten press releases covering various events and initiatives. Among them were the opening of the new Lanesborough Park playground for the community in Meakstown; the opening of the first exhibition in Carnegie Library, and the return of the Dublin Canvas public art project. In addition, the launch of an Access Strategy survey aimed at understanding how the citizens of Fingal engage with the Council's services was also highlighted.



Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 32 media queries in the month of April. These inquiries covered various topics, including discussions on Tenant-in-situ, developments concerning a large site on the Rathbeale Road in Swords, and concerns regarding Soil & Water contamination in Dublin Airport.

Building Facilities / Energy Improvements

The first 6 Months of the EPC have seen valuable savings for the Council (Reconciliation period 1 – September 2023 – March 2024). These savings are set to increase as the energy conservation measures are optimized and increased energy awareness is encouraged with the ongoing day to day management of the offices. The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 19% which represents a reduction of 176 tonnes of carbon emissions.
This is the result of 34% day time electrical savings, 27% nighttime electrical savings, and 12% gas energy savings. The combined total cost savings are 25%.

During this reconciliation period, building facilities have installed some energy meters to support energy monitoring. As the program develops it is beneficial for both parties (the council and the Energy Savings contractor) to seek and explore new opportunities which will lead to more energy savings

The total electrical cost reduction achieved through reconciliation period 1 is 32% based on the agreed contract rates. The total day and night consumption reduced from 967,274 kWh to 656,252 kWh which represents the 32% reduction. The main electrical daytime savings have been achieved in Swords County Hall with a reduction of 42%. This is mainly due to the lighting upgrade (LED light fittings).

Current Judicial Review Cases - April

Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
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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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. 2023.1208 JR
Martin Ryan and Mary Ryan -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/1245 JR

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Tourism

Meitheal – Failte Ireland





Duncan Henderson represented Fingal County Council at Failte Ireland's largest face to face workshop Meitheal, that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. This flagship event was held in Killarney on 11th and 12th April and was attended by a host of Fingal tourism businesses.

Fingal Food & Drink Network





The Fingal Food Network held a 'Nourish Your Business with Networking' event in Findlaters in Howth on 23rd April. Supported by Fingal County Council, the event attracted over 25 food and hospitality businesses from across the county and was a great opportunity for businesses to network, learn about upcoming opportunities and get some inspiration from guest speaker Sarah who talked about her family business Listoke Distillery and Gin School, and the growth of Boyne Valley Flavours over the last 10 years.

Local Authority Tourism Officers Network

The first formal in-person Local Authority Tourism Officers Network meeting for the entire country took place on Friday 19th April in Naas, County Kildare. It was held in tandem with Failte Ireland's leadership in tourism Conference.

The network is convened formally under the aegis of the CCMA who have set its terms of reference. Declan Power and Ciarán Staunton from Tourism Development section in Fingal attended.



EVENTS

Fingal Proms 2024

Fingal Proms from 3rd-5th May is taking place in Shackleton Gardens Clonsilla, The Seamus Ennis Centre & Baldoyle Community Hall. Acts include Broadway & Beyond with Paul Byrom & Band, On the Road again with Tom Dunne & Fiachna O'Braonain and Trad & Tea.



Swords Concerts 2024

The 2024 Concerts have been announced for Friday 26th July with Nathan Carter and Saturday 27th July with Sister Sledge with Support. This years concerts will be in Swords Town Park so we can facilitate bigger crowds, tickets are selling well. Further information and ticket links can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie



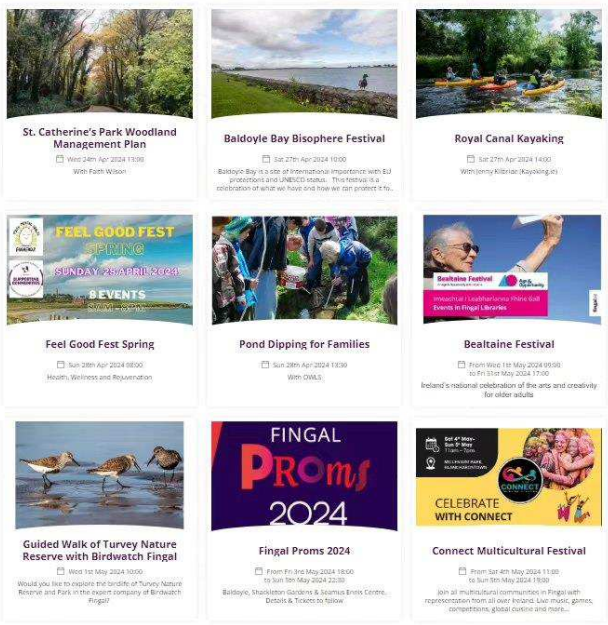
Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Festival

The Baldoyle Biosphere Festival took place on the 26th & 27th April and was very successfully run and was supported by the Events Unit with Funding, Photography & Social Media Support.





Upcoming Events



Our website has being updated with over 70 upcoming events from the Connect Multicultural Festival in Blanchardstown, to the Wave Regatta in Howth and the Balbriggan Summerfest, all of which are part of our festival and events funding scheme, we are also promoting a large amount of Biodiversity events on the website.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Operator continues to win awards

The Operator at three of the Fingal Heritage Property sites – Aramark – won the Management Team of the year award at the Chamber of Commerce "In-business" recognition award ceremony on the 11th April in Clontarf Castle.

The award is a prestigious recognition of the excellence that the operator uses in management for the facilities assigned to it under contract by Fingal County Council, namely:

- Malahide Castle and Gardens
- Newbridge House and Farm
- Casino Model Railway
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In accepting the award Aramark were keen to praise their staff team, and to cite the stability and rigour of the service level agreements with the Council on these sites, leading to commercial success, excellence in conservation and high standards of customer service.

Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Energy Centre Upgrade

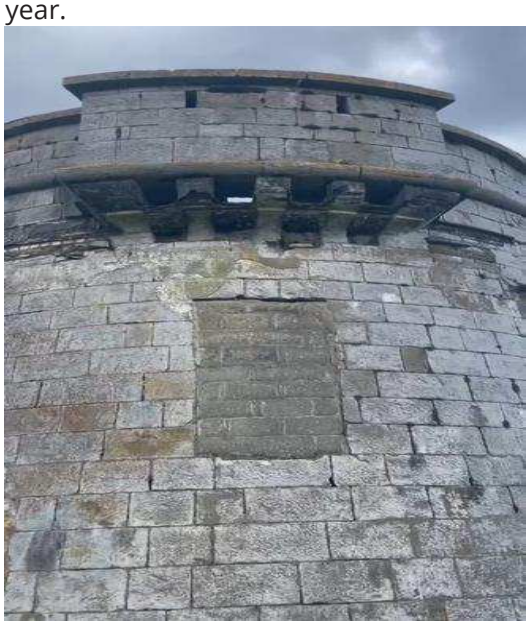
Contractors are now appointed and with a series of stakeholder meetings now completed on-site the works are scheduled to commence in early May 2024. This project will deliver a more sustainable and enhanced energy efficiency across the site.



Skerries Martello Tower – Restoration Project

The process of restoring and conserving the Martello tower on red island has begun. A consulting engineer has been appointed to investigate the stability of the structure overall, including the external render and windows, internal fabric, flagstones, foundations and viability of an annexe to the tower, and possibility of a viewing gallery at the top.

It is hoped that this enabling phase will complete by the end of June, with a design solution proposed over the summer and proceeding to formal permission and consent in the Autumn or Winter this year.



Ardgillan Castle Alarm Upgrade

Having last year completed the roof project a series of works and upgrades in Ardgillan Castle have continued this year. A pressing issue identified during the construction was the need to modernise the intruder alarm system, which protects the house and collection therein.

Working with our contractors the new alarm spec was developed and commissioned and the project is now complete and snagged. Security of the site is now enhanced to a high standard.





CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
ARTS

Youth and Education

Space Crafts – and arts & science initiative for DEIS schools in D.15

Fingal Arts Office and DIAS Dunsink have formed a unique partnership that will expand over a two-year period and allow for significant collaboration between contemporary artists and scientists on site. DIAS is a rich source of scientific information and ripe for creative investigation. Artists Aileen Murphy, Julia McConville and Mary Jo Galligan have begun working with DIAS scientists to research and develop methodologies for engaging with children in and through science and the arts.

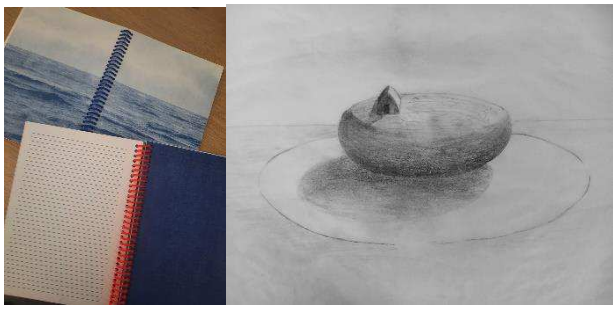
Through a series of collaborative science and arts workshops children will be introduced to STEAM subjects they will soon study in secondary school in a fun way. Activities will stimulate interest in the exciting space research taking place at Dunsink and contemporary art practice. Castaheany Educate Together National School and St. Philip's Senior National School, Mountview, are the first of 8 primary schools to participate. The initiative is primarily funded through a successful application made to Science Foundation Ireland Discover Programme.

Dance in Schools



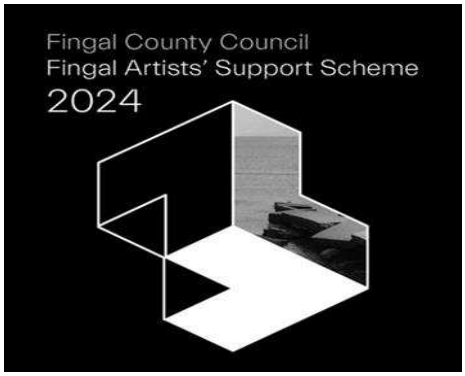
Choreographer and dance instructor Mariela Mira visited Swords Community College this month to explore contemporary dance techniques with students through fun and inclusive dance workshops. This forms part of a larger research project Fingal Arts is commissioning in partnership with Dublin Youth Dance Company to map and asses dance provision countywide.

Public Art



Adam Gibney has commenced his engagement with participants from the Thrive programme Balbriggan on his groundbreaking public art commission **Tidal Composition**. A series of interactive sculptural works will live in the home of participants for a lunar month. The work is accompanied by a logbook which is designed to work with the artwork so that the participants can share their thoughts on how the sea supports our mental health. Workshops are being facilitated by writer and playright Louise Lewis on the project at the Base Centre. Sculptor **Jackie McKenna** has presented a new proposal for the final artwork on the **St Patrick's Way & Art Trail** which will celebrate St.Patrick in Skerries.

Artist Funding & Support



Applications have been received from professional artists under the 'Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2024'. This scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017. Now in its eleventh year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 263 eligible applications received this year.

The funding allows professional artists in Fingal to avail of funding support towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists.

Open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, film, dance, and literature, eligible applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. Following the recent adjudication by an independent panel of assessors, 86 awards, amounting to a total sum of €250,000, have been recommended to the Council for approval at the May meeting.

Draíocht



Draíocht – Nest Closing Event

On Saturday 13th April 2024 Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Adrian Henchy accept the formal gifting of forty-six commissioned artworks by Draíocht to Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collection at the closing event of Nest. Nest, a significant multidisciplinary and community-based project, included 23 new performances created by theatre, dance and music artists for 23 host children and young people aged between 7 weeks old to 22 years old. These performances took place in schools and homes all over Dublin 15. Two significant visual art portraiture projects were also commissioned:

- **NEST - The Portrait Project** in the Ground Floor Gallery presented a new series of specially commissioned artworks in paintings and drawings from four of Ireland's leading artists, Zsolt Basti, Sahoko Blake (ARHA), Dorothy Smith (ARHA), Una Sealy (RHA). The exhibition featured works of portraiture and companion pieces inspired by the 23 children and young people participating in NEST.

- **NEST - You, Me, Us** in the First Floor Gallery featured a photographic and collage installation of portraiture, drawing and testimonials made by 153 young people from Dublin 15 schools participating in NEST and investigated identity and self-representation. Led by photographer-in-residence Liadh Connolly, the young people were invited to compose, stage, costume and style portraits of each other.

Rooted in portraiture, the exhibitions were multiple in their perspectives and consistent in the depth of feeling that a generation of children and young people living in Dublin 15 attach to the idea of 'Nest'. The vibrancy and diversity of the works presented on paper, canvas and vinyl mirror those same characteristics in the young people at its core. The works reflect Fingal's young, diverse and growing population.

Following the formal gifting, the children and young people who took part in Draíocht's NEST Project were presented with a replica of their portrait to keep. Speaking at the event Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Adrian Henchy said, '*Fingal County Council are delighted to receive these new works into our municipal art collection, which celebrates its 30th year. We value our collection as an important cultural asset and a valuable resource for engagement, creativity and enjoyment, it has the capacity to tell many stories and these new works will help us say more as those immortalised in art will continue to grow alongside it'.*

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Art Exhibition

Kells artist Ken Browne's exhibition opened 2nd of April and will run until the end of May. The exhibition features Browne's large abstract landscape pieces.

Classes

A new term of Music Classes began this month with 60 students enrolled across a number of instruments. Our traditional music Parent and Toddler class Ceilí Beag continues.
We collaborated with Music Generation on an Easter Camp for teenagers.

Cinema

Fallen Leaves and Anatomy of a Fall were our April films, both very well attended.

Slow Sessions and Singing Sessions

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

Music

We had a wide selection of artists playing at TSEAC in April including folk musicians Campbell Jenson, Peter Rowan and Sarah McQuaid, Welsh Traditional Act The Trials of Cato, and country musician Mary Gauthier.
We also will be welcoming a Droichead production Port this Saturday and last weekend continued our monthly series More than Music with Ronan Browne and guest Steve Cooney.





Workshops and Other Events

Our second Pop Up Gaeltacht took place with 15 attendees.

We held a sold-out Furniture Upcycling Workshop with The Revamp Tramp.

Libraries

Fingal Studies



Fingal Local Studies and Archives are re-launching *Fingal Studies*, a local history journal dedicated to recording and uncovering the history of Fingal, from the earliest times to the present day.

It also aims to showcase the wealth of historical research and writing talent in the county. An editor and editorial board have been appointed and a Call for Papers has been issued. Originally published from 2010 to 2015, it will be re-launched as an annual journal in October 2024 during the Fingal Festival of History. The journal will be distributed through branch libraries with an e-book version also made available through BorrowBox

Children's programming



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

On 16th May, students from Blakestown Community School, Scoil Mhuire Senior School, and St Philip's Mountview, will visit Blanchardstown Library for an afternoon with comedian and celebrated children's book author, David O'Doherty. This special occasion celebrates the One Book, One Community project, where pupils from different schools come together to explore the themes and characters in David's book 'The Summer I Robbed a Bank'. This project involves paired reading sessions as well as literacy and art activities. Children will get to meet the author for a reading and Q&A session in the library.

Literary Events



Novelist Anne Griffin joined author Dermot Bolger for a discussion of her writing in Malahide Library on 13th April. Louise Nealon discussed her novel Snowflake, this year's choice for One Dublin One Book, with author Kerri Ní Dochartaigh in Blanchardstown Library on 16th April. 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.

Bealtaine Festival



Fingal Libraries will celebrate the Bealtaine Festival 2024, Ireland's national festival of the arts and creativity for older adults, with over 31 events and workshops taking place across the library network during the month of May. This year's programme begins on May Day, 1st May, with a guided walk of Turvey Nature Reserve, Donabate, with Birdwatch Fingal.

Musical events include concerts by Bohemian Strings and Rush Musical Society Singers, in addition to an African Percussion workshop. There is a broad range of creative workshops and classes on offer including art, smartphone photography, crafts, sustainable flower arranging, gardening, poetry, and creative writing. People can also sign up for Tai Chi sessions and classes on how to play bridge. The Bealtaine programme features talks by author Éilís Ní Dhuibhne and the Balbriggan Heritage Group, as well as talks about genealogy and assistive technology. Fingal Library staff will facilitate e-services clinics to help people get the best out of library e-services.

Commemorations Funding

Minister Catherine Martin T.D. has approved a grant funding allocation of €15,000 (€5,000 of which is for an Arts initiative) for every local authority in 2024. This funding will support community-led commemorative initiatives to mark the centenaries of locally significant historical events in 1924 and in the early years of the State, as well as other significant anniversaries and associated themes. The Fingal project will concentrate on local government in North Dublin/Fingal in the early years of the State and will result in an arts commission, a publication, exhibition, and talks.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is the national day of creativity for children and young people and will take place on 15th of June. This year, highlights will include the library programme with over 20 events for children across library branches including storytelling, makerspace activities, movie making workshops and more. Orchestral Odyssey will see a full orchestra visiting schools in Swords and a performance piece in the Carnegie Library. Garage Galaxy will bring a youth festival to Millennium Park, where young people can showcase their musical talents on two stages.

Autism-Friendly Libraries

Fingal Libraries are in the process of making libraries more autism-friendly, with the guidance of autism charity AsIAm. This process will involve further training sessions for library staff and AsIAm accreditation for libraries.

Book Bike Project

The Fingal Libraries Book Bike project has a €15,000 grant from the Chief Executive Innovation Fund. With the funding Clíodhna from Libraries and Emma from Active Travel will purchase an electric cargo bike and begin the process of outfitting it for its new role as a Fingal Libraries Book Bike. The Book Bike will be an excellent promotional tool, particularly at festivals like the Fingal Festival of Children's Literature later in the year.

Landscape oil painting on display at Balbriggan Library



Balbriggan Library are thrilled to display a beautiful landscape oil painting by Sean Molloy called 'The Banks' in the Turret Room – one of meeting rooms in the Carnegie part of the Library. Sean is a Fingal artist and was commissioned to paint this prominent coastal site in Balbriggan, known locally as the Banks. The painting is part of the Fingal County Council Municipal Art Collection and was produced as part of a public art commission initiated in collaboration between Irish Rail, Our Balbriggan and Fingal County Council's Arts office.

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.

Invitations to the Expo have issued to TY School Co-Ordinators in the Fingal area.



A contract for the engagement of consultants to prepare the next iteration of the Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 has been awarded and work on the new Strategy has commenced with the completion of the Project Inception Document.

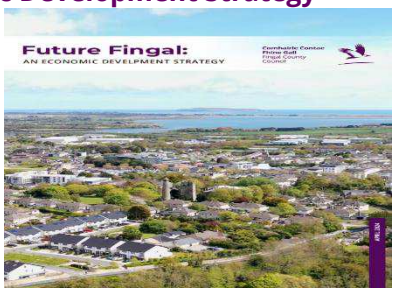


A Delegation from Fingal County Council recently travelled to Florence, Italy (Lead Partner) of the SKYLA Project to share examples of Good Practices and learn from partner Good Practices in the green and digital twin skills transition.

Fingal County Council shared two Good Practices with our project partners which were identified in collaboration with key stakeholders DRSF and Baldoyle Training Centre.

The Fingal SKYLA Project team intend to further examine the shared Good Practices by our partner Skane Industrial Development Centre in Sweden who shared their "Mind the Gap" tool which assists in identifying specific needs in the business region and in doing so offers collective results that could be made available to the education system and VET providers. Mind the Gap assists in matching between supply and demand when it comes to skills development and VET in the region.

Economic Development Strategy



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.

Preparations are underway for the official launch of the Economic Development Strategy scheduled for the 17th of May in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

To align with the Economic Development Strategy work is also ongoing on the development of a Marketing Plan for the County in consultation with key stakeholders.

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project Team accompanied by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Gráinne Maguire and Chief Executive of Fingal Chamber of Commerce (members of the Project ULG) travelled to Santo Tirso, Portugal for our third transnational city visit.

Santo Tirso is a region famed for its industrial magnetism, not a result of luck, but of the strategic proactive and evidence based approach taken by the Municipality to attract investment.

There were many good practice examples demonstrated during the visit to Santo Tirso and invaluable learnings for the Balbriggan delegation.









Fingal County Council is leading the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors. Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kekava, Latvia; Ormoz, Slovenia; Parnu, Estonia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland; Villena, Spain.

Fingal County Council has recently been selected by EMRA to host the URBACT National Campus comprising a two day networking event which will be held in Balbriggan later this year.

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

Work is continuing on the objectives of 'Green IT Your Work' project which are:

• Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition
• Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities



Following a very successful meeting in Balbriggan in March 2024, the next Green IT Your Work meeting will take place in Kocevje, Slovenia in May 2024 with a focus on *Green Portals for You(th)*.

Representatives will be present from Romania, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy and Ireland.

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

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 Viana do Castelo, Portugal, in April with the Italian event taking place in June 2024.



Sustainable Fingal

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL
An initiative of Fingal County Council

The Council met with representatives from DCU and DAA in March to discuss a work programme for 2024 to progress sustainable projects and work in ongoing to identify projects and potential funding streams.

A further meeting was held with the DAA in April to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies on biodiversity and circular economy projects. The Council's Biodiversity Officer was also in attendance.

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.

The Circular Cities Declaration 2024 Report has now been published featuring Fingal County Council as one of the signatories to the Declaration.

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 continue to liaise 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.

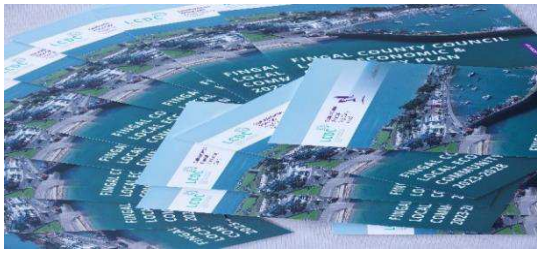
LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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.



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 LCDC Evaluation Committee met and a report of successful applicants has been issued to the Department for approval.

The Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development is due to announce the successful applicants in the coming weeks.

We Can Quit

Healthy Fingal have teamed up with Empower to deliver two pilot We Can Quit programmes with the Blanchardstown Training Centre 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 to take part in both quit smoking sessions and weekly yoga sessions to encourage a healthier lifestyle.



Woodlands for Health

Healthy Fingal have partnered with Mental Health Ireland, HSE, Empower and the Sports Office to organise the Woodlands for Health walk. The programme brings service users from the HSE mental health services and other key target groups in Swords & Balbriggan to Newbridge Demesne to interact with other service users and avail of health expertise in the calming and quiet atmosphere of the walking paths around the park. The programme is due to start in May and run for 10 weeks.



Community Recognition Fund 2023/2024

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.

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 (CRF) 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 (call 1 of 3 calls) issued in early April 2024 followed by an online information webinar. Call 1 has now closed and all applications received will progress to the Evaluation Committee for consideration.

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.

The Dublin Rural Leader team have scheduled an online information session on the LEADER application process and an overview of the procurement process.



ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.

To inform the Council's future policies on such facilities, the Council is currently undertaking a survey of residents and organisations in the County with regard to the demand of co-working hubs. It is a short 5 minute survey as per the link below:

https://surveys.grantthornton.ie/s/Fingal-County-Council---Remote-Working-Hub-Survey/tt-9o8eai8mAr3SY9oJkWzv76





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 carried out 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.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



Dr. David Begg was appointed Chair of the Balbriggan Leadership Group following the departure of Brian MacCraith earlier this year. The Balbriggan Leadership Group provides oversight and stewardship for the town plan's implementation. A 'Review and Renew' process, conducted by the Leadership Group, of the town plan, its governance and delivery structures is due to be completed shortly.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with its main funder the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, URDF unit. Further, the review process has confirmed new governance arrangements for existing, merged and new Pillar Groups.

The Our Balbriggan Programme Office will support the Leadership Group and its five new pillars - Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, Community and Sustainability, Climate Change & Biodiversity, as part of the 'Renew' process to develop high level objectives and actions to be adopted in Q4 and implemented 2024 - 2030.

Contracts were signed between Fingal County Council Ltd and John Craddock Ltd on 29/04/2024 for the €15 Million transformation of Quay Street, Harbour & Environs. The contractor will be on site in early May 2024 and the project is due to be substantially completed by December 2025.

A Communications plan including an update to every Balbriggan household and business has commenced and includes detailed information on alternative car parking and frequently asked questions, all materials are available on Balbriggan.ie



A call for tenderers for 2 – 4 Dublin Street is scheduled for June 2024. 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. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed and a temporary Pocket Park has been installed. Demolition contractors continue excavation works to the rear of 6a – 14 Bridge Street.

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and a project initiation meeting is scheduled to take place in May 2024. The IDT 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 commence shortly to inform options and will continue 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. ESB have been on sight in early May.

The programme office is progressing the phase 2 element of the Balbriggan Tidal Pool and Swimming Platform Feasibility Study. Phase 2 will include an economic demand analysis. To be concluded in end Q3 2024.
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.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

The structure, membership and Terms of Reference for the 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 were appointed to support the preparation of a new Town Plan and to work with the Community, Businesses and Public Realm Pillars in Lusk to get their views for inclusion in the new town plan. The Town Centre First Plan for Lusk was signed off on by the Town Team on the 25th April. The plan will be noted at the next Local Area Committee Meeting before being published.

Two applications for Project Development Measure funding have been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration. These applications, if approved, will support the development of projects listed within the Plan.

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 will be invited shortly 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 Town Regeneration Office was notified in April that two applications under this scheme from 2023 have been successful. A Phase 4 development of Floraville Park in Skerries (€55,800) and upgrades to the Rush Community Centre (€64,350) have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development.



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 expressions of interest were sought 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. A total of 40 applications were received by the closing date and are currently under review. Organisations who expressed their interest will be notified of the status of their applications in the coming weeks.

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. In March 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. A request for tender document has been prepared and the formal procurement process is now underway.

Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 3

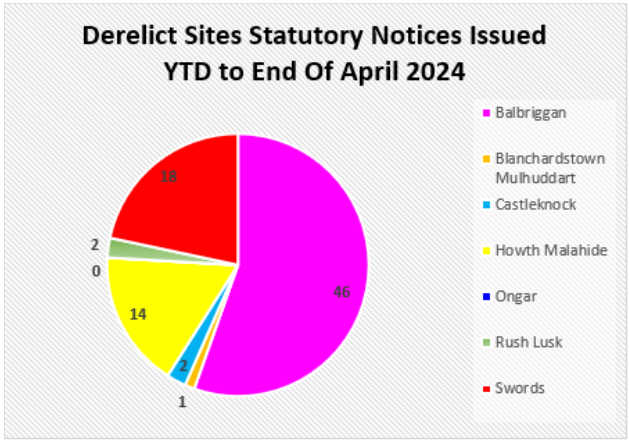
In 2023, the Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant or derelict properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. An initial 19 properties under this fund have been approved for inclusion by the URDF Call 3 Fund administered by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government.

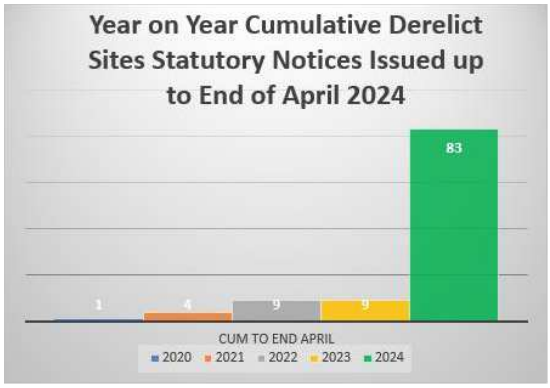
A further 5 properties were approved by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government in February. These are being assessed and progressed where appropriate. A further 20 properties are under consideration to be added to the list of properties going forward. In April 2024 the Council was notified that an additional €3 Million had been allocated to fund this Call.

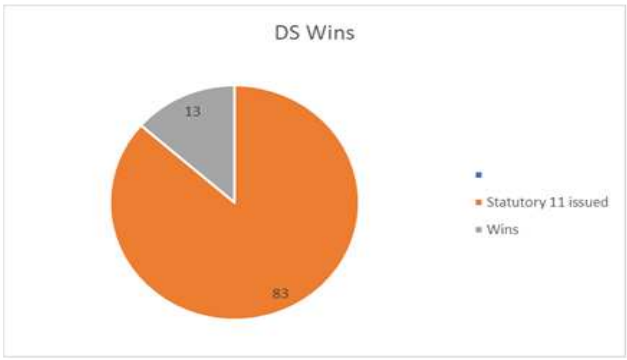
Derelict Sites

83 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of April 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 7 at this point in time in 2023.

The Derelict Sites team continue to focus on engagement with the owners of these existing derelict sites and identifying further derelict sites across the county.







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

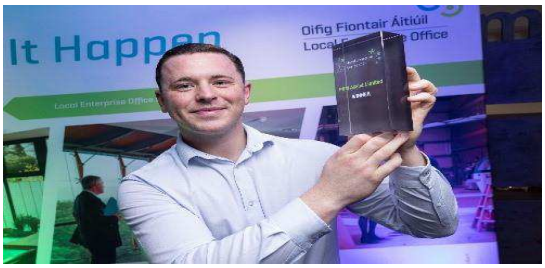
LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed. Some of the LEO highlights for May 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The Fingal Business Network will meet on Friday 10th May in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. The theme of the meeting is "Using AI for Business" and will explore the transformative potential of Chat GPT, Microsoft CoPilot and Gemini by Google in enhancing business operations, improving customer engagement, and driving innovation. Participants will discover practical AI applications that can streamline processes and boost competitive edge. The session will also include some valuable facilitated networking sessions, providing opportunities to connect with like-minded professionals and industry leaders.

National Enterprise Awards 2024



The National Enterprise Awards is taking place in the Mansion House, Dublin City Centre on Thursday 23rd May 2024. PRM Assist will represent LEO Fingal as the winner of the Fingal Enterprise Awards. PRM Assist based in Dublin Airport is a global leader in innovative Passenger with Reduced Mobility (PRM) services within airport environments. We wish Conor Halpin and the team in PRM Assist all the very best in the National competition.

Student Enterprise Programme



Twenty-six second level schools across Fingal competed in the 2023/2024 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. Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan and Mount Sackville will represent Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final which takes place in Mullingar on May 9th.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network

The LEO Fingal Enterprising Women Network is hosting a "Mind, Body and Business" themed lunchtime networking event on June 20th at the Portmarnock Resort Hotel. Three experts will feature in a panel discussion focused on optimising female business performance.

The panel will cover health improvement strategies, evidence-based techniques for building habits and workflows, and discuss smarter working methods. This summer event is a great opportunity for Fingal's businesswomen to connect and gain valuable insights from shared experiences.

Meanwhile, LEO Fingal is making preparations for the 2024 National Women's Enterprise Day which is scheduled to take place in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown, on October 17th.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

The monthly Fingal Business Supports Briefing continued on 10th April in the Riasc Centre Kinsealy. 30 small business owners & entrepreneurs attended on a very wet morning where they heard about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. The next business supports briefing is scheduled for Tuesday 7th May at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Supports

Food STARTER
Best Start in food

LEO Fingal is hosting the latest Dublin region Food Starter programme, which commenced 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, including the health and safety implications and how to capitalise on market opportunities. 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) has approved €300,074 across 12 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. Eight Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €20,000 and two Digital for Business grants amounting to €9,000 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be held on 29th May 2024.

Management Development



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 37 applications have been approved in the amount of €84,609 to date 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 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, 268 clients have availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics. The Mentoring Programme has already seen 144 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 1,530 participants in events year to date. The fourth Start Your Own Business course started on April 22nd bringing to 48 the number of participants at the multi-day event YTD. There have been two Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 24 participants year to date and a third course will start in mid-May.

Internationalisation and Export Development

Local Enterprise Office
Fingal
Export
Development
Programme

Five Fingal businesses are currently participating in the 2024 Export Development Programme. The purpose of this programme is to provide clients with the skills and the confidence to identify, target and exploit new business opportunities in the Benelux Region. The most recent workshop "Selling Skills" was held in the Carlton Hotel on 17th April with very positive feedback from participants. 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. Eight Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) for Quarter 1 2024.

Fingal Business Expo

Partnership with Fingal Chamber, Business Expo to take place Sept 2024 (date TBC). Featuring Meet the Buyer, open mentoring/business advice clinic, exhibition of enterprises and supports to enterprise.

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Balbriggan / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks



The Square Ballyboughal



Mourne View Skerries

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works, two walls that face onto public open space have been refurbished from the original block finish into natural stone finish. There are additional improvements planned as part of future programme of works.



As part of the 2024 Programme of Works, a telescope has been installed in Harbour Park, Rush, Co. Dublin.



Rose Garden Ardgillan

As part of the ongoing capital improvement works in Ardgillan Demesne, the Rose Arbour is undergoing a refurbishment plan.



Ardgillan Demesne Playground

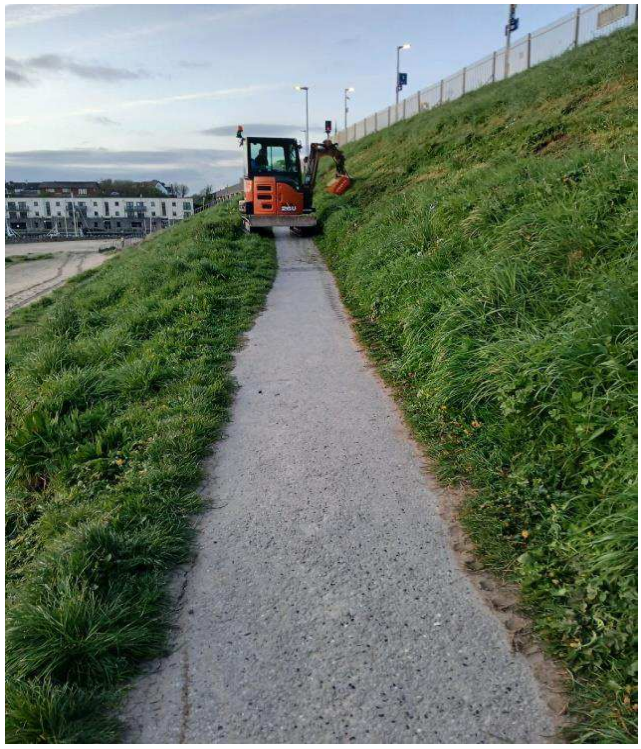


Ardgillan Demesne Playground

As part of the countywide retro fitting into Fingal public playgrounds with universal access playground equipment, a WeGo Swing which is wheelchair accessible and includes seating for friends and carers to join in the fun, was installed in Ardgillan Demesne playground



As part of the 'Our Balbriggan' initiative and following recent discussions with the local Sea Swimming group, the outdoor shower and changing space is currently under construction.



Operations staff from Balbriggan carrying out grass maintenance on the railway bank at Balbriggan Beach

Swords Area Parks



A newly installed Library Trail in Santry Demesne funded by the Community Recognition Funding Initiative.



The official launch of a new pedestrian entrance and pathway in Newbridge Demesne on 15th April 2023. The works on the ground were carried out during 2022 and 2023 and involved the installation of more than 500 linear metres of new pathway linking the Hearse Rd gate to join up with the existing path at the corner of the deer park and linking into the Lime Kiln at the Newbridge Avenue pedestrian entrance.

This new pedestrian entrance involved designing a bespoke design staggered corral entrance arrangement, which allows accessibility for wheelchairs, buggies and bicycles, but ensures that the animals within the parkland paddocks cannot access the Hearse Road if they were to escape their paddock.

New directional and interpretive signage have also been installed along with natural cobble surround. An avenue of native trees was also recently planted along one side of the pathway, bordering a native woodland plantation which was planted by volunteers in 2023.



Tree planting and bulb planting at St Patricks Park Donabate as part of the 2024 Programme of Works



Newly installed seating in Santry Demesne Walled Garden



Grass Cutting finally commencing on sports pitches in Holywell Park in Swords. The unusually wet Spring has caused enormous delays in all grass cutting of public open spaces countywide. The initial priority will be to get the sports pitches under acceptable maintenance standards and then to move onto the residential open spaces. It will take the crews up to 6 weeks to catch up on a regular maintenance regime, and then only if the weather stays reasonably dry.

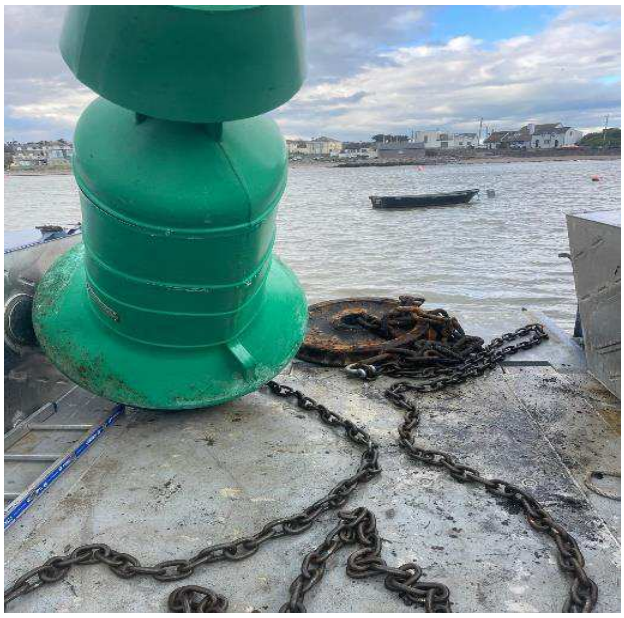


Newbridge Farm

A new addition at Newbridge Farm. A recently born Connemara pony as part of the Irish & Rare Breed Strategy for the farm.

Harbours

Loughshinny Buoy maintenance. New chains added and cleaned.





Structural Inspection at Balbriggan

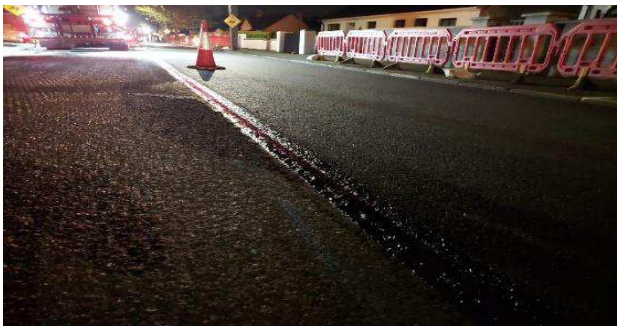


Area Roads Programme

Rush

Road resurfacing works carried out on Channel Road, Rush as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.





Swords

Road surfacing and ancillaries for Elmwood Road and Glasmore Park,





Footpath repair works at Hilltown Grove, Rivervalley being carried out by direct labour.





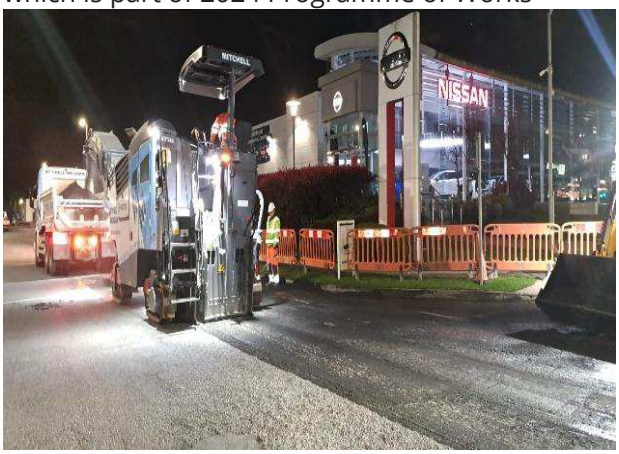
Mooretown, Swords, road resurfacing works part of 2024 Programme of Works.



Resurfacing works at Seatown Lane, Swords, which is part of 2024 Programme of Works.



Resurfacing works at Nevinstown Airside Swords which is part of 2024 Programme of Works



Road resurfacing works at Castlegrange Swords, for which is part of 2024 Programme of Works



Skerries



Drainage works completed in Miller's Lane, Skerries as part of 2024 POW Special Works Programme. New gullies and drains installed, and full lane reinstated as part of works



Public Conveniences Balbriggan/Swords Area

The Part VIII planning process for replacement toilet facilities at Rush South Beach was approved by the full Council at its April meeting. Civil works on site will commence in early May, followed by the installation of the unit which is constructed off site. It is anticipated that the new facilities will be fully operational by the start of the Bathing Season in early June.

Reports in relation to screening for Appropriate Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of proposed facilities at Portrane and Donabate beaches have been received and will be reviewed by the Planning Department as part of the internal planning consultation. Once concluded, we will move to commence the Part VIII process for each of the two sites.

Site surveys have commenced at the sites of existing public conveniences at Rush, an Skerries Harbour and Loughshinny in order to progress plans for these locations.

Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works

Grey's Lane in Howth was inlaid as part of the 2024 POW. The roads crew installed additional road drainage and gullies in advance of the inlay. The defective road kerbs were also replaced in advance of the works.

In addition, the water services drainage crews replaced a collapsed foul sewer in advance of the inlay to avoid excavating the freshly resurfaced road.





Connolly Avenue Footpaths

The defective footpaths in Connolly Avenue were replaced as part of the 2024 POW by a contractor.





Depot Works

Fingal County Council Roads replaced defective concrete footpaths in The Rise Kinsealy.







Malahide Demesne

- **New Callisthenics Unit in Malahide Demesne**







Páirc Bhaile Trá - Baltray Park

Recently installed calisthentics units in Baltray park, six in total were installed. A wonderful amenity within walking distance of Howth and Sutton, this park has an amazing view over Ireland's Eye while exercising.



New Calisthenic units in Kettles Park



Twelve Calisthenic units installed in Kettles Park, some with an extra feature of digital screens to show user information - mileage, pressure strength etc. while excerising. These are well spaced around the edges of the park, to use on long or short walks.

Burial Ground Works







Grass Cutting and Maintenance has resumed with the improved weather conditions.

Beaches & Cleansing



The lifeguard huts are being installed back in place on the beaches in advance of the summer bathing season.

Public Toilets – Howth East Pier & Malahide Beach
The Public Consultation period for both Projects commenced on 26th March 2024. The notice, plans and particulars describing the nature and extent of the proposed Howth East Pier and Malahide Beach Toilets developments were made available for public inspection. The Display Period concluded on the 25th April whilst in accordance with Section 251 of the 2000 Act, the submissions period concludes on 9th May 2024. A briefing to the Howth Malahide Area Elected Members will take place following this.
The Chief Executive Report for each Project will be presented to the Full Council Meeting on 13th May 2024.

Castleknock Mulhuddart Area









Lanesborough playground was officially opened on the 29th of March, the operations department will be providing a daily service to Lanesborough seven days per week which includes litter picks, emptying of bins and daily visual inspections of the playground along with a once weekly playground equipment inspection.





Clean-up along Damastown Avenue along footpaths and Grass verges





Tree planting been carried out at Parslickstown House and Blakestown Community Centre

Assisting community group Hazel Lawn







Assisting Clonsilla Tidy Towns – planting a hedge on Clonsilla Road







Grass cutting on open spaces surrounding newly taken in Charge area Hansfield Park



New Drinking Point recently installed in Beechpark open space.



Further grass cutting been carried out on the football pitch in Lanesborough Park opposite the new playground.





Fantastic colour display resulting from our Autum planting on the Power City Roundabout.





New Coppice of trees recently Planted in St Catherines Park by Operations Coolmine, to add to our ongoing Tree Planting Programme





Bluebells at Fire station at Coolmine. All our hard Autum planting is now in full colour.

Car Parking Services
March 2024

There was a total of 1072 parking tickets issued during March 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

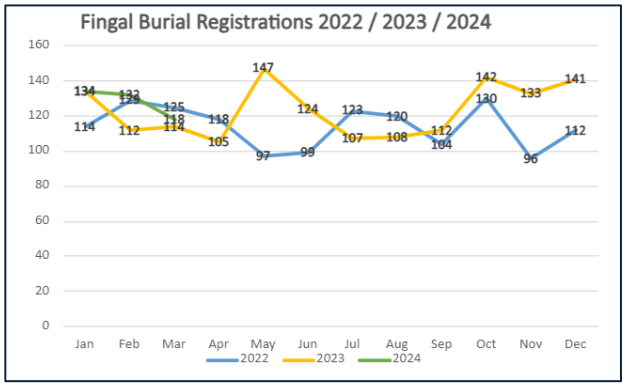
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - March 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	592
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	108
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	106
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	106
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	61
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	17
17A - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE AT A SCHOOL ENTRANCE	16
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	15
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	15
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	9

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations March 2024
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	86
North Street - Swords	83
Main Street - Swords	69
South Strand Skerries	45
The Green - Malahide	44
Old Street - Malahide	43
Coast Road - Malahide	41
Harbour Road - Skerries	39
Strand Street - Skerries	37
St James Terrace - Malahide	36

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 118 Interments in March 2024.



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 June, subject to the successful tenderer's 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

- **Traffic Signals**

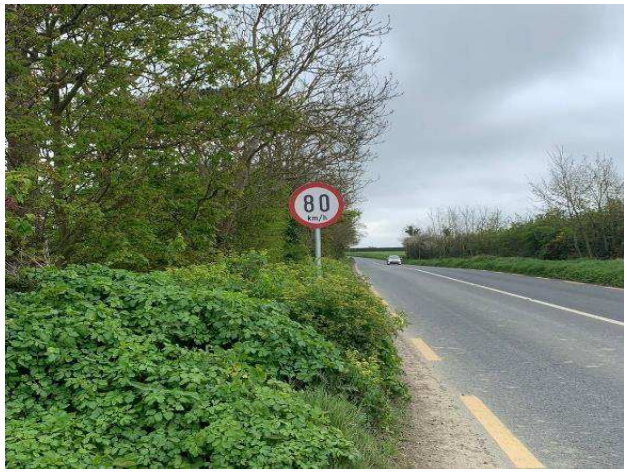




The works are progressing on the Coolmine roundabout, with the inclusion of a raised zebra crossing one each arm of the roundabout. The works are due for completion in May.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Road Markings and Signage**



R132, Balbriggan- New 80km/h speed limit signage.



R132 Hedgestown, Lusk, Dublin- New 80km/h speed limit signage.



Chapel Street, Balbriggan-New 50km/h speed limit signage.



L1285, Baldongan- New warning sign sharp bend ahead.



Hearse Road – 'Keep Left' signs replaced on Traffic Island Chicane



St. Teresas Catholic Primary School Balbriggan. Installation of 'School' keep clear markings, school warden crossing markings and double yellow lines.



R128 Station Road- New 'SLOW' road markings.

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024



New Yellow Box by junction of Seamount Road and R124 – Malahide



New Anti-Parking Metal Bollards in Bloomfield Malahide by Community School









Pedestrian crossing upgrade works at Junction of Binn Eadair and Dublin Road crossing. Works are now completed.

➢ Road Markings Howth Malahide



Keep Clear by Junctions of Strand Road with Hazel Grove/Court







On going new Lining and refreshing in Howth VIllage as shown above

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

84 vehicle and plant hires were put in place from 01/04/2024 to 26/04/2024, engaging 20 suppliers.

Street Lighting LED Programme

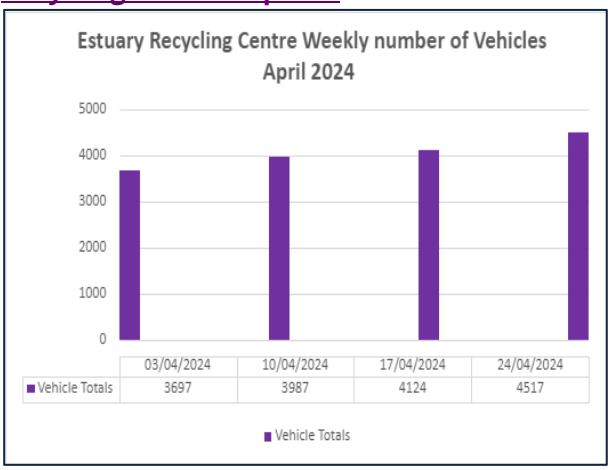
The Public Lighting Section has completed the LED upgrade programme of Fingal County Council owned lights.

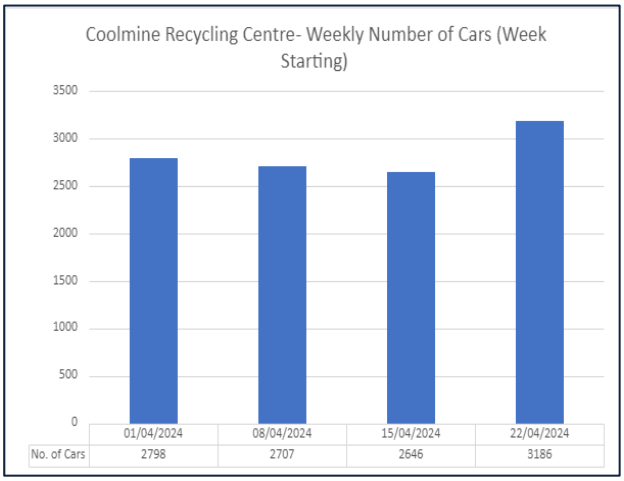


The Programme of Works 2024 has now commenced.
The sensor-controlled lighting with remote monitoring system on the Royal Canal between Ashtown and the Old Navan Road, was commissioned at the end of March and is fully operational. There are 83 no. lights on this scheme. See below stills from the video taken by the supplier of the dimming system in operation along this towpath.



Recycling Centres Update

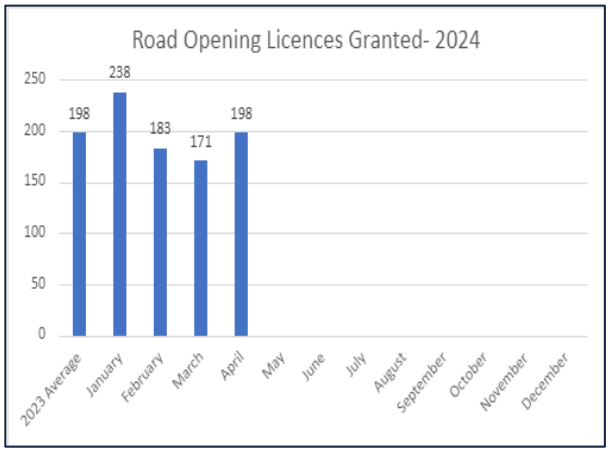


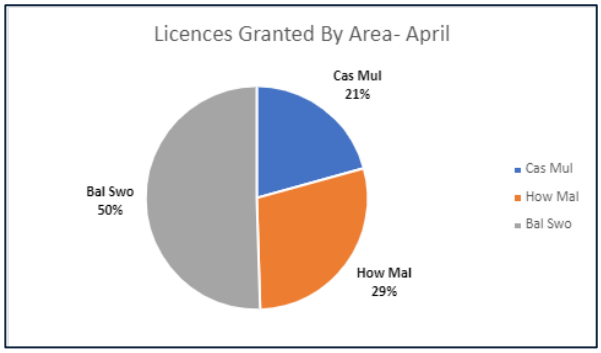


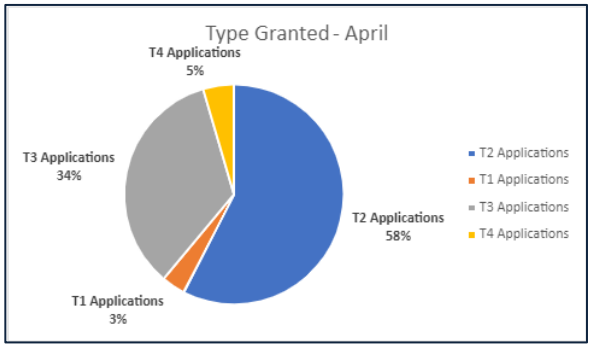
Licenses

- **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.
198 Licences were granted in the month of **April, 39%** 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 a total of 31 valid Casual Trading Applications for 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative Area covering the trading of Hot Food Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.
5 more additional applications are currently being processed.
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





A total of 32 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further two currently been processed.
Any new street furniture applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.
The Operations department are carrying out inspections throughout the administrative area and continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders.

Surface 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 €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 been approved by FCC. A GPR survey will be procured to finalise design and progress contract documents. Investigation and optioneering, followed by design and tender documentation for Work Package A (the main works) will follow. An updated programme is due.

➢ Burrow Beach

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. Due to receipt of non-conforming tenders a non-competitive procurement procedure is being followed for the supply of anchor blocks.
However, 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.



- 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** have recently been surveyed and dye-tested. The findings from these surveys are currently being analysed. 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. Following attempts to remove a blockage robotically, the line must now be excavated to remove this blockage. Quotations are currently being sought from Contractors. Additional collapsed sections have also been identified in other locations along the same network.



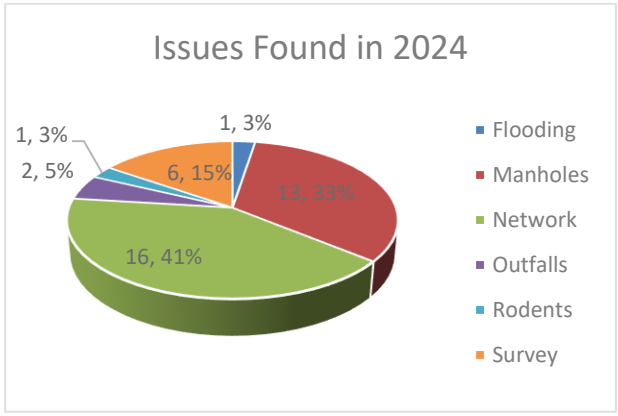


Carpenterstown Road SW Pipe Refurbishment

Following survey work and analysis in 2023, various remedial works were identified for sections of network along Carpenterstown Road. These include part liner repairs on damaged sections Following tender issue in March, submissions have been evaluated and the appointment of a Contractor is in the final stages. Works will be planned to commence during May.

- 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:

9 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

Lusk – Barrack Lane

To address historical road flooding along Treen Hill & Minister's Road. CCTV surveys were carried out and restrictions were identified along **Barrack Lane**. In total 60m of damaged and collapsed pipeline has been replaced and the roadway has been permanently reinstated. An 8m part liner repair was installed during April and this completes all outstanding works in this area.







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. Further examination of the catchment will follow to improve surface water management.



Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont **–** CCTV surveys are currently being carried out to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall.

Coill Dubh - Following reports of footpath flooding along the R124, a Contractor has been engaged to carry out surveys of the local network.

➢ 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) are being replaced along the Swords Rd in Malahide. A Contractor has been procured with works commencing in March. Offline replacements were carried out in Columbus Rise and Elmwood Road 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

Seagrange Park

Assistance and engagement are 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 was carried out to narrow down the area of focus or to eliminate potential sources of contamination.



Meetings/Briefings

Briefing will be given to Howth/Malahide Councillors on the new public conveniences in Howth and Malahide Muldowney.

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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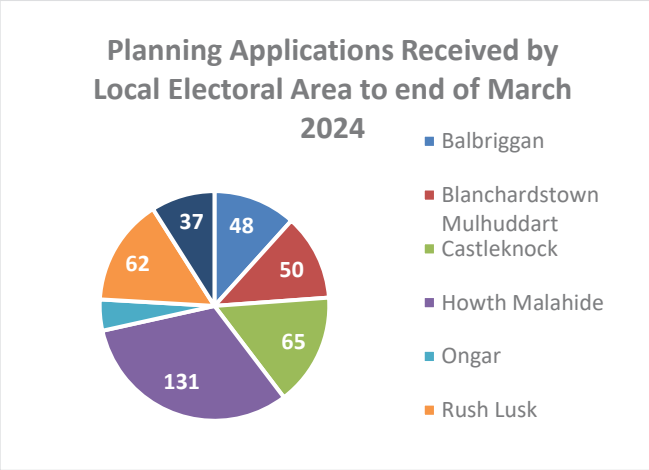
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Planning Applications

There have been 411 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st March 2024. This is including 18 E applications via the LGMA portal. 120 applications were invalid leaving a total of 316 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st of March 2024 there have been no Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) full applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st of March 2024, 5 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 5 decisions made, 3 have been to grant Permission (1,020 Units). 2 decisions have been made to refuse permission.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st of March 2024, this decision was to refuse permission. There are now four SHD's (3,932 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 308 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st Of March 2024. There have been 240 decisions to grant permission (78%) and 68 refusals of permission (22%). Included in the 240 grants there have been 20 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 136 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 27 commercial grants of permission, 6 retail grants of permission and 9 grants of permission in respect of housing developments of which 7 relate to developments. The breakdown of housing developments is outlined in the table below.

Year	Housing of 2-20 Units	Housing of 20-50 Units	Housing of 50-100 Units	Housing of 100+ Units
2024	**7**	**1**	**0**	**1**

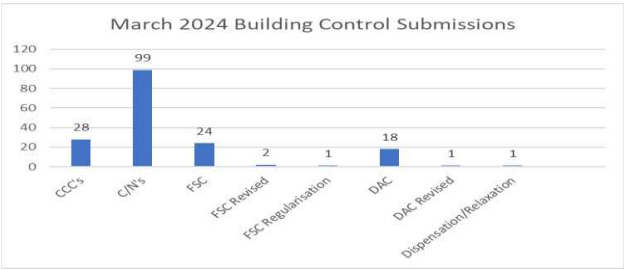
Building Control Admin

In March 2024, there were 174 building control submission made via BCMS.

This was made up of 99 Commencement notices, 28 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 27 Fire Safety related Certificates and 20 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 199 decisions in March 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 37 decisions to grant, 1 refusal (FSC) and 161 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

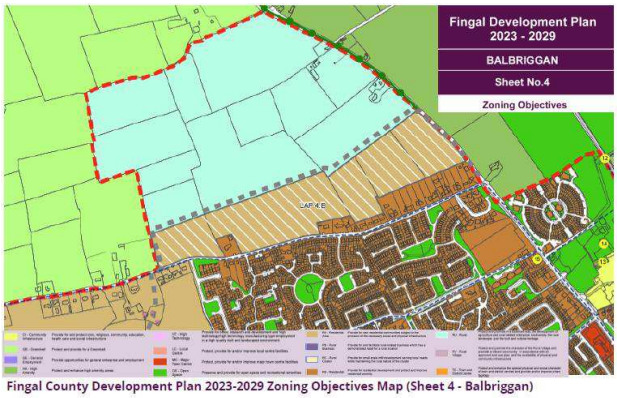
In July, the first round of Plans falling out of the development plan was agreed. This comprises Swords and Flemington LAP's, the Dunsink Plan, Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Work has begun on the Flemington Local Area Plan and the Clonsilla Framework Plan.

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

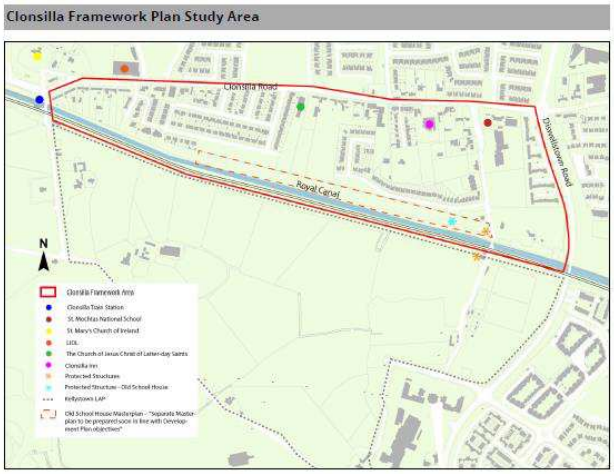
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 provides for an objective to prepare a Framework Plan for lands at Clonsilla (Plan Ref. FP 13.C).

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.

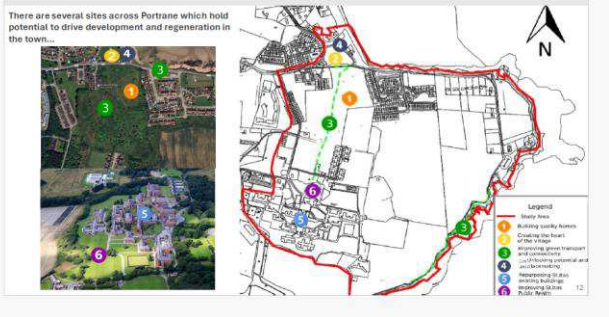
Work has now begun on the drafting of the Framework Plan and it will be published in summer 2024.



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. 37 submissions were received by the closing date for submissions (1st April 2024). All submissions received in relation to the annual draft map have been published on the Fingal Consultation Portal.
Where a landowner requests the exclusion of their site from the annual draft map on the basis that it does not meet the criteria for being in scope, or challenges the date from which land on the map met this criteria, the Local Authority must notify the owner of its decision not later than 1st July 2024.
An appeal of the Local Authority decision on a landowner's submission on the annual draft map, must be lodged by the landowner with An Bord Pleanála by 1st August 2024.
It is noted that the second phase of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Annual Draft Map 2024 consultation remains open for landowners only seeking a land use zoning change. Submissions in this regard can be made up to 31st May 2024 (inclusive).



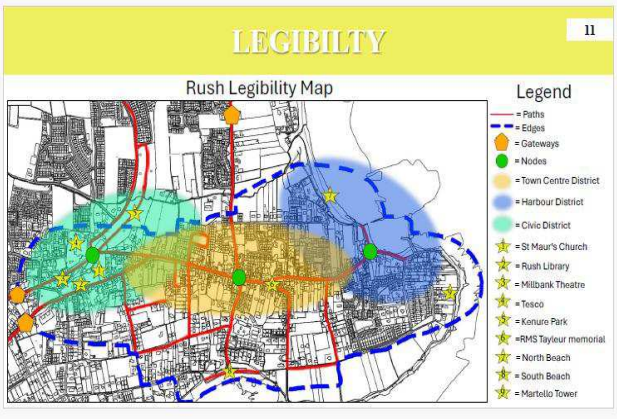


Queen's University Belfast

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently welcomed planning students from Queen's University Belfast. Six groups of MSc Planning & Development students visited Fingal and to carry out a study and analysis of Swords, Rush and Portrane. The results of their studies was published and presented to the P&SI Department in April.







Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section – 30/04/24



- There were 17 building Control Inspections in April 2024 so far (up to 24th April) with 32 buildings inspected.
- There were 2 section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in April and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- There were 4 developments taken in charge in the council meeting of 8th 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.
- The Ongar remediation works are at substantial completion and we are working on the taking in charge drawings to take the estates in charge. We have the blackwood estate already up for taking in charge in May.
- The Mount Eustace and Cruisepark Taking in Charge works are complete, and we are working on the Taking in Charge drawings. We plan to advertise Cruise Park for the September meeting and Mount Eustace shortly after
- We are working on procurement documentation for consulting engineers to manage some of the large taking in charge works where we have bond money available.

Dangerous Structures

There were 5 dangerous structures notified in March 2023. There are a total of 101 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Inspecting steelwork in a ground floor slab of an apartment block in Charlestown.



Inspecting ceiling joists in a development in Dublin 15

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange is currently programmed to be completed at road level at the end of May 2024. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses. FCC are waiting on Uisce Eireann to repair a watermain and this will delay the opening of the scheme at the lower level until late summer.

The scheme has been delayed mainly due to the complexity of the scheme and the number of utility diversions involved. South bound traffic on Snugborough road was relocated to the older N3 overbridge in late April following its refurbishment. In early May 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 in at night to limit impact on traffic flow. An update for the scheme was given to local Councillors in mid-April. Updates will be posted on the scheme web site www.snugboroughinterchange.ie



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed some of the north and south abutment the proposed bridge over the railway. Many of the culvert units for the stream under the proposed Ongar Barnhill road have been installed. The construction of the road embankments will continue during May.

During the summer months it is intended to construct the northern part of the scheme between Barnwell Road and Barnwell roundabout. Improvement works were carried out to Barberstown Lane North and South during March in conjunction with the scheme. An update briefing for local Councillors was given in mid-April. 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 have been published for CCTV drainage contractor and 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 is 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.

An update project briefing for the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route was held in early April with the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area.
Another update project briefing has been arranged for early May with the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area, members of the Residents Associations and tidy town 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 north of Fingal Bay Business Park with Footpath and cycle track installed recently.

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 tenders submissions recently received .



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

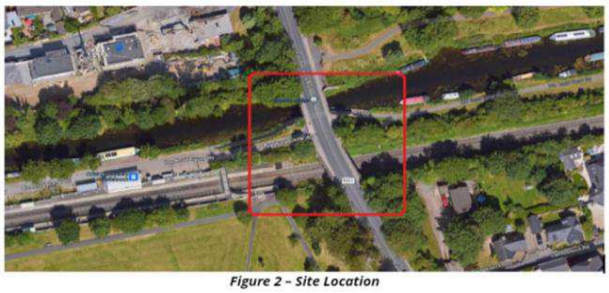


Figure 2 – Site Location

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 lined with the new National Cycling Manual. These meetings will continue over the coming monthly to ensure a coordinated, high quality final design which compiles 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.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design 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 May 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. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Artists impression for section of S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling route between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and Gardens. The two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide Train Stations. The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department awarded a consultancy framework contract to Barry Transportation for this project.

The Options Selection phase is progressing on both routes from Kinsealy (north towards Malahide and east towards Portmarnock).

Traffic and topographical surveys on public lands have concluded and the various constraints along all route options are now being analyzed, this will lead to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). A public consultation strategy is being planned to progress from the EPR stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this project.



Fingal Coastal Way

Meetings between the Independent Agronomist and affected landowners with farming, equestrian and horticultural businesses are nearing completion. These meetings will identify site specific issues and opportunities with a view to agreeing the final position of the route in rural areas.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Updated traffic counts in Skerries and Rush will take place in May.

Liaison with Irish Rail continues for the structure required to cross Rogerstown Estuary.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Contract for the 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.

Design options for the northern causeway have been developed using recently acquired ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract. These options will then be workshopped with the NTA and Irish Rail to seek approval to proceed with single preferred design option that meets the project objectives and ensure the safety and integrity of the railway causeway.

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. Archaeological Management Solutions were procured. The study is complete and report will be finalised and issued to DHLGH.
Brady Shipman Martin have been appointed as project ecologists for the Council. Various ecological surveys are being undertaken pre-construction, during construction and post construction. These surveys have commenced.

The Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage has advised that the Minister has approved the granting of the Foreshore Lease, Licence and Consent. Fingal County Council has received the documents for execution.
The OHLE mast strengthening works are nearing completion. Jons, Irish Rails Contractor for the main estuary bridge will be mobilising to site on 7th May. Progress on the detailed design phases of the various elements that form this project continue. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2024, 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the greenway will be complete in 2026.



OHLE Mast Strengthening Works – Southern Access Haul Road – Broadmeadow Estuary

Church Fields Link Road

Works at the Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network project, which includes 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, are progressing and nearing completion. Based on the Contractor's programme, the contract completion date is estimated as 30th July 2024. Substantial Completion is estimated for the middle of May 2024.
Recent works completed to date include the following:


Footpath installation - R121 to Cruiserath Road


Wellview Avenue – Centre Island Kerbing CH270

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 his 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 completed a significant amount of work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement.

A new footpath has been built on the northern side of the road where no footpath previously existed. The new footpath provides a continuous and safe walking route along Turvey Avenue for pedestrians travelling to and from Donabate Village and train station. The project also includes drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps and signage. Work continues on site to finish off the remaining elements of the project, including hedge planting, tree planting, installation of driveway gates at affected properties, etc. The project is due to be substantially completed this summer.



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works, note: new hedges will be planted behind new stone walls



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



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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. NTA have allocated funding for this 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. Once the preferred route is established, a non-statutory public consultation will be held.



Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Nature Based Solutions – Infrastructure

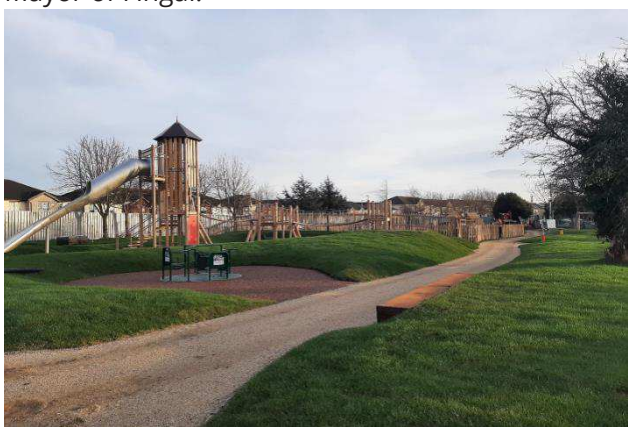
On Tuesday the 26th of March, Fingal hosted an international "NBSINFRA - City Labs Meeting".

Fingal County Council is participating in a EU funded international project called NBSINFRA (Nature Based Solutions – Infrastructure). Teams from several European countries are working on *"City Nature-Based Solutions Integrated for Local Urban Infrastructure Protection for A Climate Resilient Society".* Fingal is partnering with University College Dublin on the Irish project which focusses on Sustainable Swords and the Ward River Regional Park Development Project to showcase the use of Nature Based Solutions to protect/increase the resilience of urban infrastructure. Around 20 people including representatives from Germany, Portugal, Bulgaria, Czechia and UNESCO attended the Fingal workshop which included a tour of Swords Main Street and the Ward River Valley.



Playground Updates

The completed Lanesborough Park Playground in Meakstown was officially opened to the public on Friday 5th of April last by Councillor Adrian Henchy, Mayor of Fingal.



Cardy Rock Playground in Balbriggan has been completed and will open to the public in the near future.



Works are ongoing at the Garristown Library Garden and Playground and on the Playground Upgrade works at Howth Promenade have commenced.

Heritage Officer

Ministerial Visit



Fingal received a visit from Malcolm Noonan T.D. Minister for Nature, Heritage & Electoral Reform in April 2024. It was an opportunity to showcase the heritage projects and cross departmental initiatives undertaken by Fingal County Council. The Heritage Officer highlighted the Community Monuments Fund; Digging Drumangh and Fingal's long-standing community archaeology programme; the Heritage X Climate project; Fingal Traditional Skills and the upcoming phase of Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage project.



Community Monuments Fund 2024

A total of €410,855 has been awarded from the Community Monuments Fund 2024 for five projects in Fingal. Under Stream 1 consolidation works that will take place at St Columba's towers, Swords (€120,000), Lanistown Castle, Donabate (€120,000) and Balrothery tower house (€110,905). Under Stream 2, conservation management plans will be undertaken for St Fintan's Church and graveyard, Sutton (€30,000) and St Douloughs church, Kinsealy (€29,950). The Community Monuments Fund has been instrumental in the preservation of our archaeological monuments for the future generations of Fingal. For more see https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0



Digital Heritage Projects

Accessible Heritage is a strategic objective of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. This includes the digital context and in the use of innovative technologies. The Heritage Officer has worked with the Digital Officer to produce 3D tours of Malahide Demesne Church http://fingal.ie/malahide-demesne-church and Lanistown Castle, https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=DgxGXmPv3Qy which are not currently accessible to the public.



Howth Community Heritage Audit

The first Howth Story Drop was held on Saturday 20 April. There is a short survey to try and find out more about how Howth's heritage can be shared- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y2H6S8Z The next 'Story Drop' will take place at the Old Courthouse on Saturday, 18th May, from 14.30 - 16.00, and all are welcome to come along and share memories of times past in Howth.



National Heritage Week

Registration for Events will open in May 2024. This years theme is *Connections, Routes & Networks*. This can include the physical-roads, rivers, trade, migration, as well as social networks such as sports and activities as well as natural networks such as native species and birds. For more see:
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HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council is 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	Applications submitted to date
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	21	206
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36	305
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180	250
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86	396
North County Homes – various locations	FCC	16	215
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96	Portal to open May 2024.
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57	Portal to open May 2024.

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. The portal will remain open.

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 and its now closed since Friday 26th April 2024.



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 opened on April 9th 2024. The portal will remain open.







Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 34 no. 2-bed units
- 52 no. 3-bed units

The scheme was advertised on April 2nd, 2024, and the application portal opened on April 16th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

Glenveagh hosted an information event on the 27th of April 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry Lane for the Balmoston Housing scheme in Donabate. It was hosted by well-known architect Dermot Bannon. Fingal County Council staff attended the event and manned an information stand for Affordable Housing. The event had a great turnout.





North County Homes

Fingal County Council have made 16 homes available around North County Dublin under the Affordable Housing scheme.

This scheme was advertised on Social Media on April 12th, 2024. The application portal opened on April 26th, 2024. The portal will remain open.





Affordable Housing Sale Agreed/In conveyancing - Hayestown, Rush

Hayestown: 51 homes are now sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks. Manley Construction are hosting a Show House open day on Saturday 18th May 2024.





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

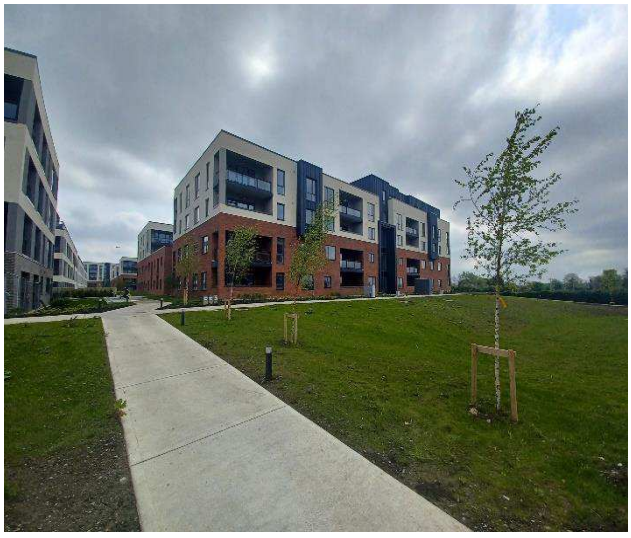
Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	416
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	500
Planning and Design	694
Part V	581
TOTAL	2,191

Progress of Projects on Site

Following some months of contractual negotiations, sixteen homes are now in the process of being tenanted in Clonross, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 in partnership with Clúid Housing.



133 homes delivered in Hansfield Station Quarter, Dublin 15 in partnership with Fold Housing

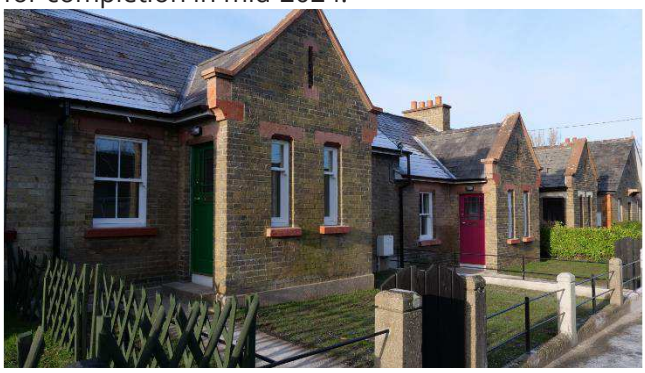


Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings

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.





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Seatown Road, Swords – 16 dwellings

Works for the delivery of 36 homes at Seatown Road, Swords have begun. This work is being delivered in tandem with the delivery of the civic and cultural building for Swords Cultural Quarter.





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 which will include meetings in County Hall, Swords and a site visit to new housing delivery site at Balmoston, Donabate.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is progressing well. The 2024 Programme has begun with Phase 3 of the Strandmill estate, Portmarnock.

Feasibility & tender preparation works are currently underway in several other housing estates throughout the county for inclusion in this programme.

Additionally, projects are set to begin at Regles Court in Lusk and Whitestown in Dublin 15, following a successful tendering process.



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	1st May 2024
In the letting process	49
Undergoing re-let repairs	19
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
TOTAL	**79**

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 Derham Park, Glover Court, The Lodge, Goldenridge and Chapel Street Flats and works are ongoing in Pinewood Green, Balbriggan.



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 113 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4040 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 4 others due before the courts in June.

We have recently resolved two cases 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 arrears.

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

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 Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) have released 2024 targets for inspection of private rented dwellings. The most recent RTB data available to the DHLGH, which includes private rental, AHB and, where appropriate, student-specific accommodation, indicates that the number of tenancies to be inspected by Fingal County Council in 2024 is 4,711. Currently, 1,815 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with over 350 of them inspected in April.

The Private Rented Inspections team recently met with Arthurstown Construction (ACL) who were recently awarded the contract for the provision of inspection services of private rented dwellings. Fingal County Council look forward to continued engagement with Arthurstown Construction to support the inspections programme, achieve 2024 targets and improve on compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support and Housing Position

Housing List positions for 2024 were issued on 17th April for all social housing applicants with an active Social Housing Application. The list positions were issued through the CBL portal. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

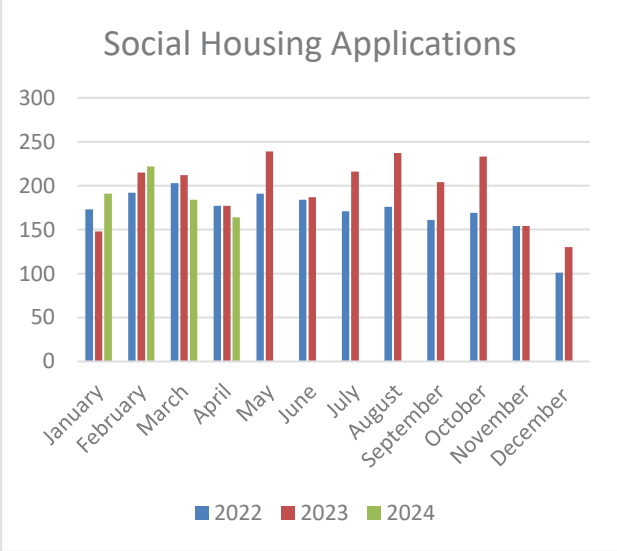
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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 – April 2024	767
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051

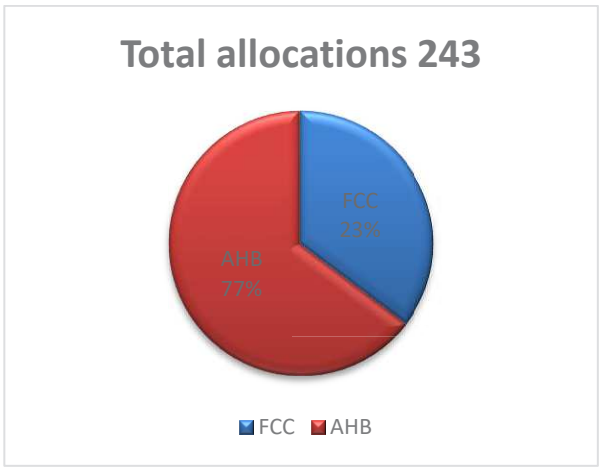


Housing Support Appeals

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

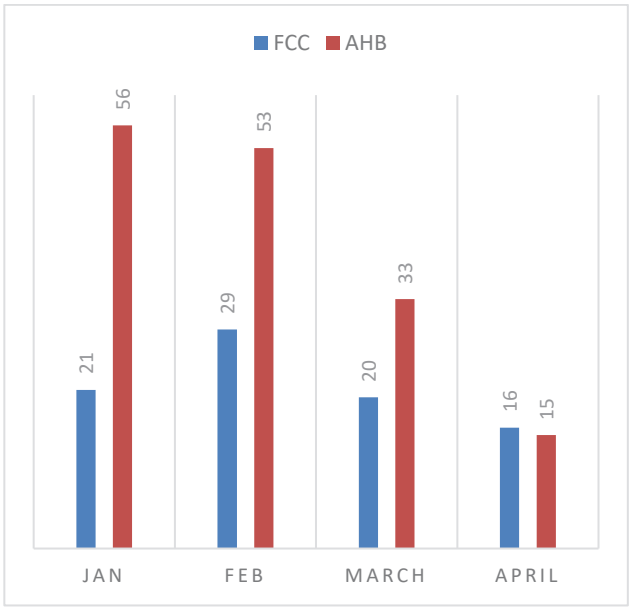
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

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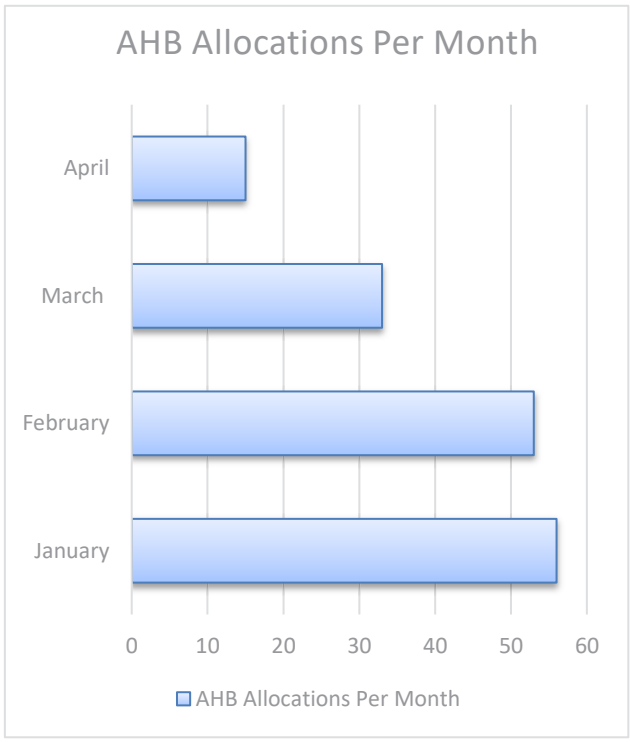


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.

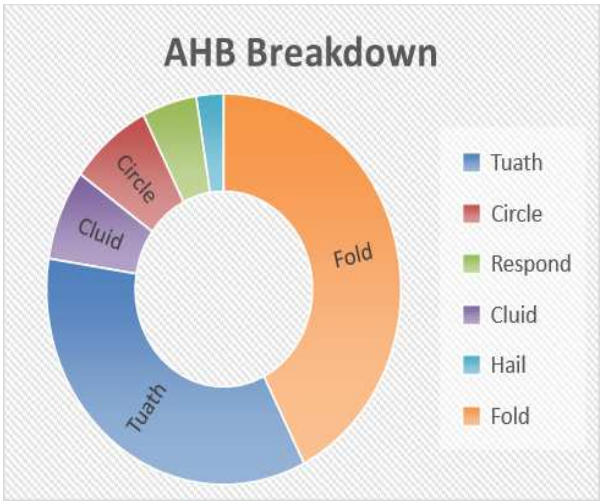


157 of the **243** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **86** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



There were an additional **40** nominations made in April on behalf of FCC applicants. Lettings are awaiting confirmation of their tenancies from the AHB's.

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Fold have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of April.

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 Advertised Properties in April.

Of the **243** allocations made to date, **83** were made via Choice Based Lettings.



Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
27th March – 2nd April	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1026	147
3rd – 9th April	Dunsoghly Drive, Finglas, Dublin 11	2	House	1196	215
3rd – 9th April	Wellview Grove, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	948	107
3rd – 9th April	Wellview Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1211	209
10th – 16th April	Sheepmoor Crescent, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	3	House	1285	173
24th – 30th April	Pipers Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1404	229
24th – 30th April	Pipers Court, Hansfield, Dublin 15	3	Apt	1316	170
			Total	8386	1250

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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:

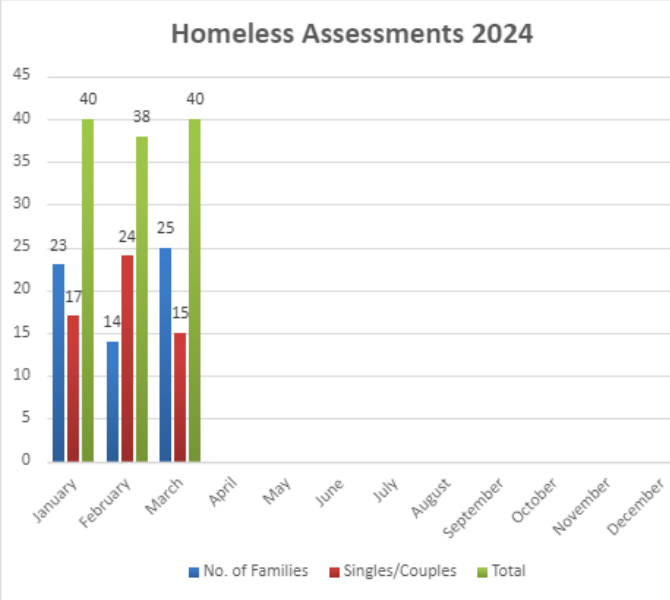
6 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases and 2 who exited emergency accommodation.

16 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 15 homeless preventions and 1 who exited emergency accommodation.

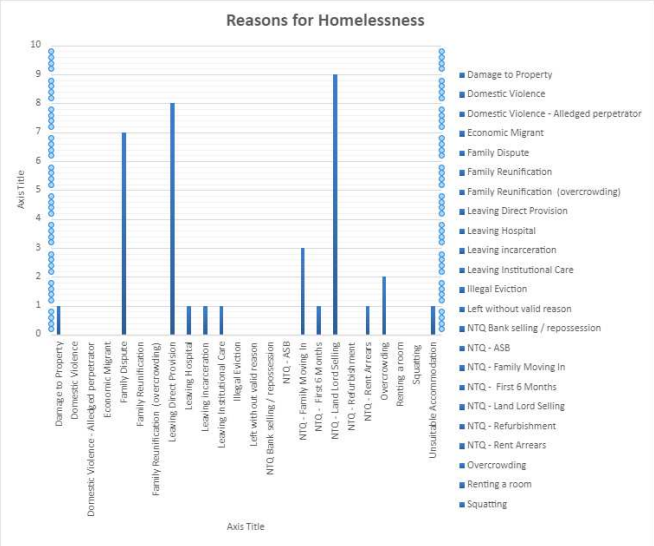
Homeless Assessments

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.



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 31 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024.
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.

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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, 259 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 87 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 43 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 314 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.







Refurbishment work to 3 houses at St Philomena's Court are also near completion. Works include provision of new heating systems, kitchens and bathrooms.

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.

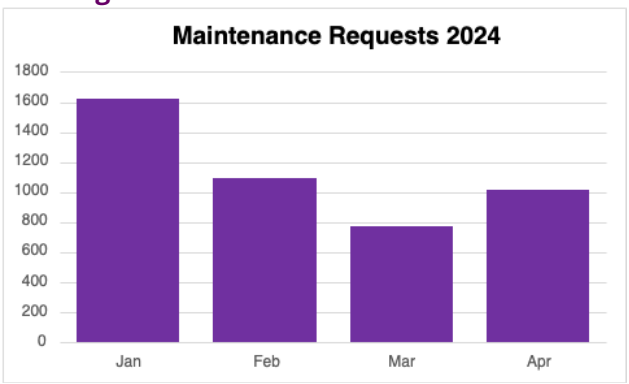
Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.





Grass cutting at Lissenhall Green

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide and Donabate.

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 April 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	24	20	3	1
Rush / Lusk	11	11	0	0
Swords	31	19	5	7
Howth / Malahide	19	13	4	2
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	45	28	9	8
Ongar	6	0	0	6
Castleknock	1	0	1	0
Total	137	91	22	24

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24

Fire damage to dwellings following arson attacks March/April 2024

The Anti-Social Behaviour Unit has been dealing with a number of serious and violent attacks on property in the Dublin 15 area. These attacks included criminal damage to Fingal County Council-owned dwellings with some resulting in personal injury to occupants.

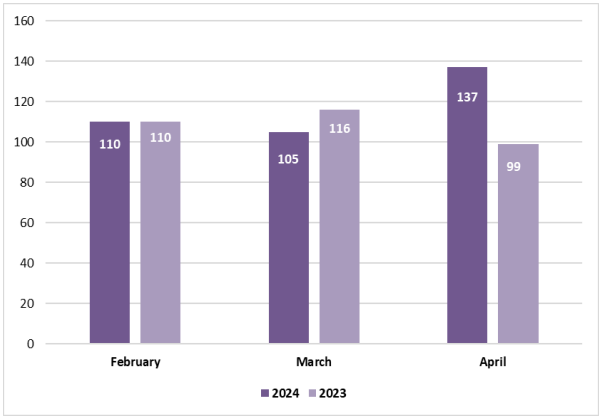
These attacks have caused extensive damage to FCC properties leaving a number of families unable to reside in their home. The Council have been liaising directly with An Garda Síochána and investigations are underway into all incidents.

The Council operates a zero tolerance to such brutal attacks and will continue to work with An Garda Síochána in this regard. The Council encourages and supports all citizens to report incidents of antisocial behaviour to both An Garda Síochána and Fingal County Council. A collaborative approach with all stakeholders is essential if we are to be successful in tackling all aspects of anti-social behaviour. The Council's dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour Unit can be contacted directly by email asb@fingal.ie. It is important to note all information received is in confidence.









Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	51
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	10
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	4
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**552**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Estate Inspections 2024	**452**
Estate Inspections 2023	1305
Estate Management Inspections 2024	**736**
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 30th April 2024.

The Forum will shortly be renamed the Community Integration Forum. This takes into account Departmental guidance in this regard, the work of the forum members and the Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts under the remit of the LAIT -

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)

2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status

3. Programme Refugees

4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs).

Liam Rodgers Rest Centre

The centre has been stood down as a rest centre for Ukraine Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection since Mid-March 2024 and the building has recently returned to use for community activity. The centre provided shelter and support for circa 700 Ukrainians since the war began in the main new arrivals to the country.

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.

124 applications have been received under the scheme with a steady flow of new applications, 64 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 April/May the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Fingal Mayors Awards 2024



The Community Development office with support from the Corporate Department and Comms team hosted the Fingal Mayors Awards 2024. This years theme was *'Celebrating Tidy Towns'* and the event, which was held last Wednesday night in the Crowne Plaza hotel in Santry, was a great success.

The event allowed the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, to acknowledge the outstanding contribution the different Tidy Town groups across the county make in promoting cleanliness, environmental projects and community pride through their various Tidy Towns initiatives.

There were over 200 guests in attendance on the night with a representative from each of the 21 Tidy Towns groups involve in the evening receiving a specially commissioned glass trophy from the Mayor. They were also interviewed on stage by Virgin Media's Deric Hartigan who was the MC for the evening.

A promotional video for each Tidy Towns' group was commissioned by the Council and launched to all on the evening. The groups can use the video as promotional collateral to support funding applications or for recruitment drives.



The Award winning St Brigid's National School Choir, Castleknock opened the evening by performing a number of beautiful songs.

Fingal Rural Community Forum



The first meeting of the new Fingal Rural Community Forum took place on 11th April with attendance from all 8 member communities. The forum has been set up by the Community Development Office to provide a platform for rural communities in North Fingal for resource and knowledge sharing, support, upskilling and to address common community issues and goals. The members represent the communities of Ballyboughal, Balrothery, Balscadden, Man O'War, Naul, Oldtown, Rolestown and Garristown. The meetings will take place quarterly and in different member communities.

Fingal She Leads: Raising the Voice of Fingal Women Pioneers



On the 13th & 14th of April, Naomi Fein and Heather Mullin, supported by the Community Development Office, commenced a five-month training programme - *Raising The Voice of Fingal Women Pioneers* in Swords Castle. The programme was attended by 13 women from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

The workshop aimed to enhance the participant's understanding of pioneering qualities and how they can use creative methodologies to bring positive changes to their communities.

The 13 women valued opportunity to come together and share their stories finding the workshop "engaging, thought-provoking, and empowering".

Moving forward, the women will each host three outreach events in their communities, gather stories, and use the art techniques shared during the workshop to create unique visual boards that will be displayed in the final exhibition on the 11th July 2024. This public event will showcase the journey undertaken by the women, the stories collected and will present a collective vision for change through an art Installation.

Fingal Climate Action Heroes Challenge



The Community Development Office are delighted to announce that 18 groups are taking part in the Fingal Climate Heroes challenge. This is an initiative of Global Action Plan.

The competition commenced on the 15th April and will run for two weeks. Over 96 people from across Fingal are participating and have saved a total of 7,899KG CO2 to date. A big thank you to those groups taking on those daily climate-friendly activities such as using a keep cup, taking public transport, airdrying clothes, buying second hand, taking shorter showers, eating locally produced food etc.

Launch of Thrive Swords



Thrive Swords, a community-led mental health project, supported by the Community Development office and Mental health Ireland was officially launched by Fingal Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy at the Carnegie Hotel on 22nd April.

Following on from the success of Thrive Balbriggan, this community-led project aims to create a happy and healthy community in Swords by conducting projects and events aimed at improving mental health and wellbeing. Thrive in Conversations was the first in a series events, in person and online which will see participants from local groups, organizations, Fingal County Council and public representatives coming together to identify and discuss mental health and wellbeing opportunities and expectations in Swords. Thrive Swords will take part in the national Hello How Are You Day later this month.

GLAS @ TU Dublin Volunteer Celebration



A volunteer celebration event took place on 26th April at the GLAS @ TU Dublin Community Garden in Corduff. This event was attended by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy and Minister O'Gorman as well as many Elected Members from the Dublin 15 area.

This community garden is a partnership between Global Action Plan, TU Dublin and Fingal County Council Community Development Department. The event recognised volunteers for their efforts in helping to establish this hub of activity over the last 12 months.

Workshops continue in this space and support for community and voluntary groups in Dublin 15 is being further developed onsite and in other community spaces throughout the area.

Meakstown Community Centre Update

Great strides are being made onsite in Meakstown with works progressing well on the building of the new Meakstown Community Centre. Elected members from the area and some staff got their first glimpse of the new centre recently during a site visit. The local community volunteers are working hard along with Community Development staff to ensure the centre is well managed and the community are supported and involved in the day to day running of the centre when it opens later in the year.

Following the recent open call for volunteers to become involved in the management of the centre the selection process for the Board of Management is well underway and it is anticipated that this Board will be in place shortly and will be supported with appropriate training and advice from the Community Development Staff which will provide a solid foundation for the Centre going forward.

The Community Development Office will support the formation of this BOM and support a subgroup with a project to conduct a needs analysis of the local area over the coming months.



Mourne 50



The Mourne Estate Development Working Group are busy progressing plans to celebrate 50 years of Mourne Estate, or "Mourne 50", with the Mourne Estate residents and Skerries Community. Group members Martin Russell from Mourne Estate Residents Association and Mourne Celtic FC, Cllr. Brendan Ryan and Cllr. Tom O'Leary presented 6th class Student Faye Corr with a €50 voucher in her school Realt Na Mara for designing and drawing the winning logo to be used in the "Mourne 50" project.

The voucher was sponsored by local pub The Gladstone Inn and logo will be used in all promotions of the upcoming events. The first Mourne 50 event upcoming is a Street Feast on Saturday May 25 at Mourne Grove.

Facilities Management



Fingal Liam Rodgers

Fingal Liam Rodgers re-opened its doors to the local community on the 1st of May 2024. The reopening of the doors to local groups was warmly welcomed by local groups and citizens alike. The centre is taking bookings for current and future use with bookings already being made well into the summer months.

The centre was used as a temporary Ukrainian accommodation centre over the past two years. During this time the centre provided a valuable resource to the Ukrainian community by providing them basic accommodation and support in a safe location.

We wish to thank the local community, staff of the centre and those local groups displaced by the repurposing of the centre during this period. Your support, assistance and understanding are greatly appreciated.

The community are looking forward to reconvening their activities and seeing more new activities and services grow and develop in the local community.

Fingal Community Facilities Network



On Tuesday 26th March, the Fingal Community Facilities Network hosted its quarterly networking event in The Carlton Hotel Tyrrelstown. The keynote speaker on the day was the former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, John Lonergan. John delivered an inspirational talk to the members of the network on the values of community work, and the positive effects of community intervention. He brought his own unique style of delivery to the meeting, with relevant anecdotes and examples of some of the cases he has worked through over the course of his career. His advice and guidance were incredibly well received by all the members, and everyone left with a renewed appreciation for the community work they engage in every day across the county.

Interagency

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

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg hosted a delegation of adults and young people from Tokyo, Japan in Blanchardstown Youth Service in April.

They presented to the visitors on Youth Participation, prompting plenty of discussion on youth participation and youth work in Ireland. The group are also busy working on their project about Youth Spaces in Fingal and sent out survey to young people in Fingal which was completed by over 200 young people.

The young people attended Dail na nÓg, the topic chosen was '*school stress*'.

Two members attended the National Assembly on Climate.

One young person served on an interview panel for Hub na nÓg.

Fingal PPN



Fingal PPN welcomes the appointment of the new Resource Officer Samantha Byrne. Following on from a very well-attended linkage group meeting on 6th March, the Secretariat recognise the need for training for member groups and representatives. We have collaborated closely with DCU to design the upcoming PPN Summer School programme, which takes place from 27th-30th May. It covers media training, introduction to the PPN, grant writing and how to engage effectively with the Council. Sessions are a blend of in-person and online. The initiative is a collaboration between the four Dublin PPNs and helps provide essential training on participating in deliberative democracy in your local county, as well as a wonderful opportunity to network with other organisations.

Fingal PPN looks forward to celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of the PPN network which now represents 19,950 groups nationwide. The official anniversary will be announced later this year in Limerick at the annual conference. The PPN Workers' retreat took place in Meath on 25th & 26th April and was attended by workers from all over country. It was an excellent opportunity to share ideas and find common ground.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) 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 full LAIT are now in place within the Community Development Department and the team are currently visiting all IP/BOTP centres in Fingal and meeting with stakeholders. The information gathered from these visits/meetings will enable the team to signpost clients to the appropriate services and ensure clinics are meeting the needs of the client.

The team have completed a series of information sessions and service informed training sessions such as Trauma Informed Practice, GDPR and Domestic, Sexual and Gender based violence.

The team attended the first National Network Meeting hosted by the LGMA / DCEDIY and where the 31 LAIT's met to share case studies and showcase the work of agencies / NGO's across Ireland.



Ukrainian Supports:

Work to support Ukrainians across Fingal continues with staff from the Community Development Office providing support and information to support groups on available funding and service access.

The Local Authority Integration Team looks forward to playing a key role in the newly reconstituted Fingal Community Integration Forum this year. Working alongside their statutory and voluntary forum partners, the LAIT will be focusing on identifying and addressing any gaps in service provision and supports to international protection applicants, programme refugees and beneficiaries of temporary protection (eg Ukrainians) across the county going forward.

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.

Fingal OPC Annual Conference 2024: Ageing Well in Fingal



Fingal OPC's Annual Conference 2024 will take place on Tuesday 21st May 2024 in Kettles Hotel, Swords. The theme of the Conference is "Ageing Well in Fingal".

The morning session will consist of presentations by experts from the HSE (Decision Supports) and Fingal County Council (Housing for Older People), followed by Q&A sessions, with entertainment in the afternoon.

A number of service providers such as Citizens Information, Fingal Age Friendly Healthy Homes, An Garda Siochana, FCC Housing, HSE and MABS will be present during the day to provide information and advice to delegates.

Cross Border Intergenerational Project



The final meeting of the intergenerational groups on the Cross-Border project took place on Saturday 23rd March in Carlingford with a visit of the last Leprechauns of Ireland, followed by lunch and a discussion in Bagnel's Castle, Newry.

Each participant gave feedback on the project, the positive impact it has had on them and their view of the opposite age group, as well as their community.

While the project as outlined for the Shared Island Fund is now complete, both groups agreed to continue to meet and work on joint initiatives and hope to meet up in Balbriggan later in the year.

The Balbriggan Intergenerational Project (BIPs) are focusing on the lack of shared spaces in Balbriggan for all ages and abilities, both indoors and outdoors. They have developed a questionnaire for completion by their peers. The results will be provided to Our Balbriggan and Fingal Operations Department for consideration within their workplans.

There is interest going forward on how Intergenerational Practice can be used within communities when exploring new projects, works, and regeneration. This project will be presented at an upcoming Age Friendly Seminar on Intergenerational Practice.

Launch of Donabate Memory Cafe

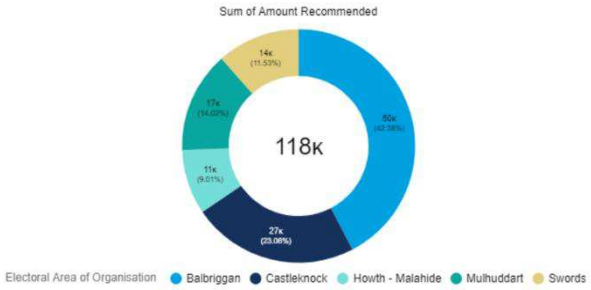


Donabate Memory Café offers a safe place for those with Dementia or Alzheimer's and their families and carers, to learn about dementia with sessions hosted by specialists in areas such as nutrition and finance most importantly it's a place to have fun and socialise, share stories over a cup of tea and cake.

Activities include chair yoga, singalongs with local singers and musicians and brain activities. The café is supported by the FCC Community Development Office., HSE, Alzheimer's Society, Donabate Library and local businesses. Over 60 people attended the launch by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy.
The café opens the last Wednesday of each month, 11am to 1pm.

Funding

Community Activities Funding (up to 25th April 2024)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to a total of **54** projects to the amount of **€118,481** so far in 2024.

- **Howth Malahide** – €10, 675 – across 8 projects
- **Swords** - €13,662 - across 8 projects
- **Castleknock/ Mulhuddart-** €43,938 – across 16 projects
- **North County Balbriggan** - €50,206 - across 22 projects

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owned) Remedial Works Funding



Community Facilities (non FCC Owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **3** projects to the amount of **€44,386** so far in 2024.

- **Swords** - €23,254.00 - across 1 project

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €21,132.00 – across 2 projects

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

During April and over the Easter period the contractor was busy carrying out work in front of Corduff National School when the school was on mid-term. A new gold (buff) coloured anti-skid surface was applied to the road in front of the school to highlight the school zone and increase awareness to motorists that they are entering into a reduced speed school zone. Kilhedge Lane that links back into Lusk Village had extensive drainage improvements completed in April to help alleviate some of the flooding issues along sections of the road. The road was resurfaced throughout to provide a high-quality new surface that will provide a smooth surface for all walkers and cyclists.





Seatown Road Swords:

The Engineering Consultant and Project Team are currently working to finalise the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report, Options Report, Detailed Drawings and Screenings on the final option. Once the documents have been finalised, it will be published on the Consultation Portal in the coming weeks. 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.

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.

A further topographical survey has been completed to assist with the development of a preferred option. Once details of the preferred option have been finalised, it 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.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:
The contractor is back on site to complete the outstanding works at the Murrough Road Rathbeale Road Junction. These works include tie in of the cycle lanes from the Murrough Road into the Rathbeale Road. New drop kerbs and road markings to provide safe transition for cyclists and vulnerable road users from the on-road cycle facilities onto the off-road cycle facilities on the Rathbeale Road. These works will be ongoing over the coming weeks together with other snag items on this project. Traffic management will be deployed where necessary and minimal disruption is expected in the area.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:
An updated options report has been provided by the Engineering Consultant following an initial review from the Project Team. The updated Options Report will be reviewed and agreed 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.

Preparation of the brief for consultants will begin in Q2, 2024, 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'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun.

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 design brief and tender documents have been prepared. It is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion as soon as possible. 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 has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, closing the temporary footpath.

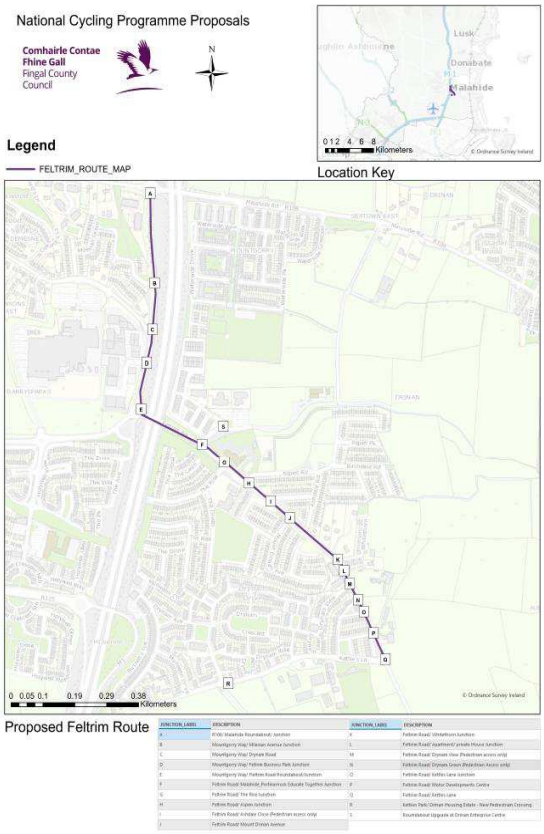
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The brief and tender documents have been prepared and 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. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. 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. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.

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. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment.

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 been completed with survey works starting May 2024.

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

The Consultant is in the process of incorporating Fingal County Council's comments on the draft report they produced following a well-attended non-statutory consultation event on 20th February 2024.

The Consultant is also in the process of identifying Key Performance Indicators for Active Travel in Balrothery, for agreement with the Active Travel Unit. Different approaches to a solution are being developed to deliver Active Travel in Balrothery. Each of these approaches will be examined against the Key Performance Indicators for various locations across Balrothery to determine a best-fit approach.

The Consultant is in the process of identifying and refining a list of interventions under these different approaches to address the issues raised during the consultation. This list will comprise both smaller interventions, as well as bigger moves. The next steps are to obtain baseline survey information in Q2, 2024.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

A set of draft Stage 2 Tender documents for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team are now under review by the Project Team and Procurement Section. Once these tender documents are reviewed and approved by senior management, they will be published on Etenders in May for the appointment of a contractor in June.

Skerries Harbour Road:

The project team and consultants are reviewing the Pre-Planning Report received in April from the Planning Department with the aim of addressing feedback during May. Once documents and drawings are revised by the consultants a decision will be made when to bring this project forward to planning and for further engagement with stakeholders. Further meetings will be arranged to update the elected members on the next steps and timelines involved.

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 Engineering Consultant and Project Team are currently working to finalise the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report, Options Report, Detailed Drawings and Screenings on the final option. Once the documents have been finalised, it will be published on the Consultation Portal in the coming weeks. 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.

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 has completed the Construction stage for the provision of footpath to link up to existing footpath along Beaverstown Road in Donabate.

Landscaping and planting have been completed and the new fence has been erected.



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 provides 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 complete.

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 have also being seeded in the new pavement, which will provide additional greening and drainage.







Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor is progressing 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 at the end of Q2/start of Q3 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 at the end of April at the following school:

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

Works will start on site at the end of Q2/start of Q3 2024 at the following schools:

Scoil Choilm 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 complete, 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

Our Sofa to Saddle Course concludes this coming Wednesday 1st May. The Group have made massive strides over the duration of the course. As part of the promotion of future courses we filmed a short piece on the programme which is available on our YouTube channel

Sofa to Saddle Programme (youtube.com)



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 have just completed courses in Dublin 15 and Balbriggan, and our continuing with new courses over the summer. We have courses running on Saturdays from 27 April in Flemington Community Centre, Balbriggan, in Tyrrelstown Community Centre, Dublin 15 from Monday 13 May and Applewood Community Centre, Swords from Friday 10 May. Later in the summer, we will be holding lessons in Donabate and Portmarnock.
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



Lease Bike Trials for Staff

As part of our staff behavioural change programme, 10 staff from County Hall have signed up and received an eBike from Bleeper Bike for the next month.



Gearing Up for Training

Our Gearing Up for Training Course with Kinsealy Utd Football Club began on April 20th in Holywell Community Centre. This 6-hour course runs over a 3-week period and looks at a mix of theory and practical bike handling skills to improve road safety knowledge and bike handling skills.



Tandem Cycling Course

On Saturday 27th April, Fingal Active Travel & Sports Unit held our first Tandem Bike Pilots Course. The Course runs over two sessions, the first an online theory session, followed by an in person on bike session. The Course was well attended and very successful, we hope to run more of these around the County over the Summer Months.



Baldoyle Biosphere Festival

The Walking & Cycling Officers were delighted to attend the Baldoyle Biosphere Festival. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss ongoing projects in the area and speak with so many locals. We also supported Baldoyle Wildtowns who were hosting a Biodiversity Cycle around the area.



Bike Week 2024

This year Bike Week takes place between the 11th – 19th May and we have full schedule of events and programmes taking place throughout the week.

The full list of events are available on www.fingal.ie/bikeweek

Some of the main events are listed below:

Saturday 11th May – 11am – 4pm
Millennium Park Family Fun Day

Sunday 12th May – 1pm – 3pm
Phoenix Park Inclusive Cycling Come & Try Day

Sunday 12th May – 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Phoenix Park Sofa to Saddle 5km Cycle

Wednesday 15th May – 7pm – 9pm
Phoenix Park Sunset Cycle

Saturday 18th May 1pm – 2pm
Castlelands Community Centre - Balbriggan Community Cycle

Saturday 18th May 4pm – 6pm
Station Road – Portmarnock to Howth Cycle

Sunday 19th May – 11am – 11:30am
New Street – Malahide Pedal Parade

Sunday 19th May – 11am – 5pm
Malahide Castle Family Day

Bike Racks for Schools/Clubs

We had a fantastic response to our call out to schools and clubs to apply for free Bike and Scooter Parking. We had over 45 responses with requests for almost 100 bike racks and 60 scooter racks. We will be assessing the responses and informing all applicants of their status in the next two weeks.



Cycling Without Age

We have seen a good uptake on the Trishaws over the last month, there have been 12 trips across the County in the last two weeks of April. We would anticipate this growing further as the weather improves.

Trishaws are available in Skerries, Santry, Baldoyle and St Catherine's Park and can be booked by emailing cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie



eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

Throughout May we should see Castleknock Tidy Towns, Clonsilla Tidy Towns and Malahide Meals on Wheels receive their Community eCargo Bike. We are still accepting expressions of interest from Community Groups. If you would like more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie. The Scheme 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.





Bike Repair Stations

Following on from the positive feedback on the initial rollout of Public Bike Repair Stations we are preparing to tender for another batch of Repair Units to be deployed around the County



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

Our Men's Walk & Talk Groups continue to meet each week in various locations across the County. There is no need to register, just find your group and turn up at the meeting point and time.

We are always looking for volunteers who would like to start their own group. Just email active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you to get started.

All details of our Mens Walk & Talk groups can be found on our website https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/menswalk



Fingal Quiet Streets Community Nomination

The Active Travel unit have launched an online nomination form for the Quiet Streets Programme. This initiative allows residents of streets affected by excessive traffic and other road safety issues to nominate their residential street for participation in a 6-month trial of road safety measures which include modal filtering, a longstanding traffic measure in which some streets are kept as through routes for pedestrians and cyclists but motor vehicles can only access them from one direction using planters and bollards.

Communities can nominate their residential street for consideration via an online form ; to be eligible for the scheme, streets must meet the criteria set out on our webpage, where communities can learn more about this programme https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/quiet-streets-fingal-nominate-my-street



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 need 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 March 20th and April 16th the Community Car completed 80 of 98 requested trips, 14 of these were cancelled by the Hospital/User and 4 were cancelled due to a lack of volunteers/local link driver.

Month	Total Bookings	Total Trips	Appoint. Cancelled by Hospital	Missed Demand (no volunteer available)
Jan - Feb	104	100	4	0
Mar - Apr	98	80	14	4



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 March 2024; key statistics

742 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in February
751 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (19%) and Fridays (18.6%)
Hartstown, Donabate & Blanchardstown were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 341kg 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	1,555
No of Customers	648
Trips / Customer	2.4
Distance Covered (KM)	5.176
Average Trip Duration	15.4mins
Average Trip length (KM)	3.3km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

The Fingal Climate Action Team attended the launch of all 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans organised by the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. Collectively there are almost 4,000 actions set out across the local authority plans. The plans demonstrate the ambition, focus and commitment of each local authority to reduce carbon emissions and improve the quality of life for people living, working and studying in each county.

This event also served as a networking opportunity for the local authorities providing a space to discuss future plans, collaboration opportunities and learn from individual experiences. The Climate Action teams visited a selection of sites in County Clare that demonstrated a variety of climate mitigation and adaptation measures.





The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 is now available to view as Gaeilge here: https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-04/comhairle-contae-fhine-gall-plean-gniomhaithe-ar-son-na-haeraide-2024-2029-1.pdf

Climate Action Awareness

The Climate Action Section recently visited the GLAS Community Garden in D15 and were given a tour and talk by the operators Global Action Plan. Also present were partners TUD Blanchardstown and Fingal's Community and Sports Department. The visit was designed to explore the possibility of using the garden space for upcoming climate action awareness and environmental awareness events for communities and schools. The tour showcased the array of trees, plants and different food items that have been planted by community volunteers and local school children. Environment Staff plan to utilise this garden space for food waste prevention talks and demonstrations during National Food Waste Recycling Week in June and for other awareness events throughout the year.



Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Roderic O'Gorman TD and Hans Zomer CEO Global Action plan speaking to community groups and local school children. Photo courtesy Global Action Plan and Maxwells Photography.



L-R Naomi Weir and Natasha Bagnall - Fingal Communities Department, Fingal Mayor Cllr Adrian Henchy and Janice Butler, Claire Marshall and Niamh Moran Fingal's Climate Action Section, Environment Department at the GLAS garden 1-year anniversary celebration at TUD Blanchardstown on Friday 26th April.

Community Climate Action Fingal

The 25 Applications for Community Climate Action Fingal have been evaluated and are awaiting Director sign-off. Groups applied for the funding under five main themes, Energy, Travel, Food & Waste, Shopping & Recycling and Environmental and CLimate Action. A portfolio is being prepared for submission to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications for the deadline 8th May.

Environmental Awareness

Keen to be Green

The Environmental Awareness officer met with participating Keen to be Green Community Centres in the Rediscovery Centre to organise and support Green Festivals in community centres this summer, food waste management and next steps in KTBG assessments.

Circular Economy Workshop: Estuary Recycling Centre



TY students received a tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre. Students learned about what items could be recycled in the Estuary Centre, the value of civic amenity centres and spoke of ways to prevent and reduce waste. This followed by a workshop in which students learned about the impacts of single use plastics, fast fashion and micro plastics and prevention of food waste.

Replay Instruments Project

10 schools received refurbished guitars and keyboards as part of the Replay Instruments Project. This initiative supplies schools and community groups with rescued and refurbished guitars saved from the Estuary and Coolmine Civic Amenity Centres. This project educates schools on the value of circular economy and promotes waste prevention and minimisation.

Recipients of Instruments in April

- Ardgillan Community College
- Portmarnock Community School
- Bremore Educate Together Secondary School
- Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School
- St Francis Xavier
- Hartstown NS
- Blakestown CS
- Loreto Swords
- Belmayne ETNS
- Edmund Rice Dublin
- Eriu Community College
- Lusk CC
- Le Chéile Secondary School
- Colaiste Pobail Setanta

Feedback from schools:

I just want to say that firstly your instruments have been put to good use over the last few years with many students picking up guitar, piano, bass and drums. Just last month I dropped a keyboard to one of the students houses, she had just moved here from Sudan and had to leave all her own things behind, getting the keyboard brought some normality to her life again. I can't put into words how amazing it has been to be able to give these instruments to students so they can use them at home and in school, to you and your team, THANK YOU.

Thank you very much for the guitars, they've gone to great use.



Students from Edmund Rice College

Earth Day: Community Groups

To celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd , 104 community groups received a newsletter regarding the theme of Earth Day (reduction of single use plastics) and a tool kit of how to reduce and take action. https://www.earthday.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/EarthDay-2024-Toolkit-March-12th-Update.pdf



Earth Day: Schools

In partnership with the Rediscovery Centre, and as part of Earth Day, 16 fully funded Toy workshops were offered to primary schools in Fingal. Each school will receive a minimum of two workshops which uses active learning methodologies and games to explore the impacts of single use plastic. Students will learn about circular economy, how to run a toy swap shop and toy repair.

Participating schools so far below:

- Scoil Phadraig Caitlin Donabate
- St Oliver Plunket GNS Malahide
- Skerries ETNS Skerries
- St Francis Xavier NS Blanchardstown
- Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí Blanchardstown

Skerries Educate Together National School

Skerries Educate Together National school invited Environmental Awareness Officer to discuss their plans for achieving their Biodiversity flag and establishing a wildflower garden. The Green Schools Committee made a presentation about litter waste in their school and how they were running quizzes and workshops for students.



Litter display board in Skerries Educate Together National School



Biodiversity display board Skerries Educate Together

Litter Pickers- supporting clean ups

Litter pickers were provided to community groups in Mulhuddart and Clonsilla to support community clean ups.





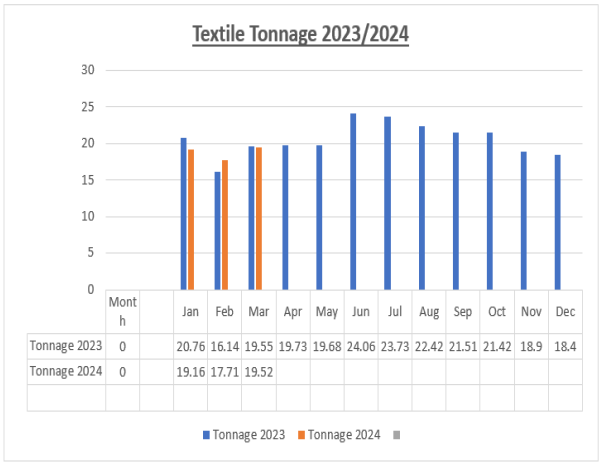
Bring Centres

Bottle Banks



Total Glass Tonnages during **April 2024** have been recorded as **421 (T).** The comparable figure for April 2023 was 430 (T).

Textile Banks



Textile Tonnages recorded during **March 2024** were **19.51 (T)**. Textiles Tonnage for the same period in March 2023 were 19.55 (T).

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continued with their daily patrols and carried out inspections on all known litter black spots in Fingal. They investigated any reports of dumping and littering and took enforcement action as required.



The Litter wardens 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 9 cases before the district court in April 2024. They were successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0

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 April 2024	Amount
Env - Dog Fouling	3
Env - Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	30
Env – Fly tipping 20 bags Equivalent	2
Env - General Litter Issue	14
Env – Littering at Bottle Banks	9
Env – Muck on road	3
Env litter incident with witness	5
Env - Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage -	5
Env – Abandoned cars	39

Abandoned Vehicles

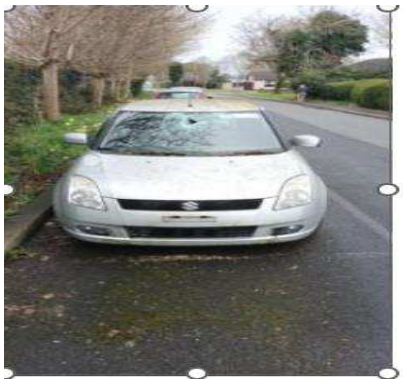
There have been 154 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 25th April 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected 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	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	6	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 277 x 10 Day Notices and 35 Fines issued by the dog wardens during April 24.

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	277	152	35	42	€1973	€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	1025	1597	133	477	€5657	€31,372

The Animal Welfare Section received 32 complaints in relation to dogs up to 25th April 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service during April 2024 (figs to 25 April)
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	2
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	9
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	4
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env- Stray Dog	13
Grand Total	**32**

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during April 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 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	631	451	44	41	€ 18,780	€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	3587	7964	434	578	€30,200	€240,180

The 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 April there were 23 dogs in the shelter. During April 2024, 10 dogs were brought to the shelter by the Dog Wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 dogs was surrendered by a members of the public.

Of these 23 dogs, 0 has been reclaimed by their owner, 5 dogs have been rehomed to rescue, 4 have been rehomed to members of the public and 0 were PTS. At the end of April there are 26 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 April 2023	9	Dogs in Shelter at start of April 2024	23
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	4	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	3	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	4
PTS	3	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of April 2023	25	Dogs in shelter at the end of April 2024	26





Bonzo above gone to rescue. He came in as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed, so good news for him he has a chance now of being adopted and finding his forever home.

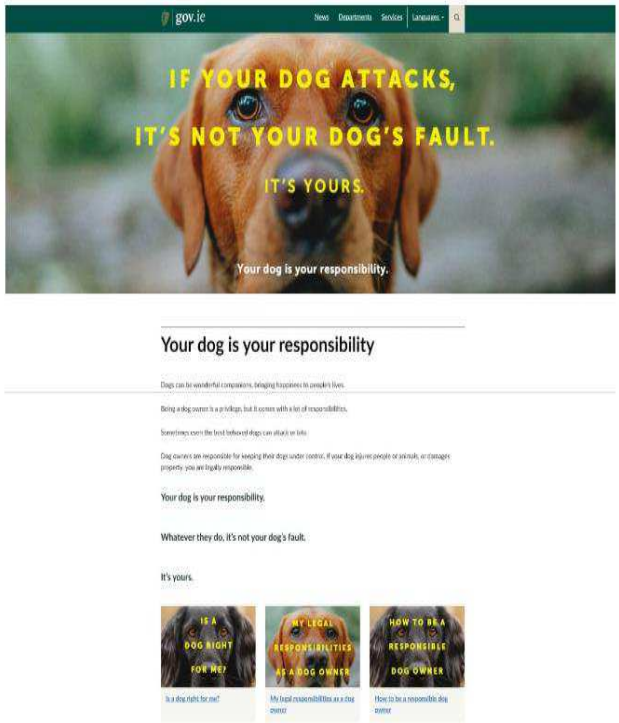


Zira seems to like other dogs and might be suitable to a home with another dog pending a meet and greet. She came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed! She is an XL bully, approximately 10 months old. She is a big and bouncy girl. She loves to play with her toys. Her favourite seems to be squeaky toys.

'It's not your dog's fault, it's yours'

On 22nd April 2024, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, launched a major national awareness campaign to remind dog owners of their responsibilities. The campaign, entitled 'It's not your dog's fault, it's yours' is aimed at increasing awareness of the harm that out-of-control dogs can do to people and to livestock. The goal is to change behaviour and to remind owners that they must always have their dog under control. This message will be communicated via our social media platforms and links will be available from our website.

https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/1a517-responsible-dog-ownership/?referrer=https://www.gov.ie/dogs/&gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIoLupuNTdhQMVTZNQBh0d_gZnEAAYASAAEgLfaPD_BwE



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.



Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)

The numbers of complaints investigated and inspections carried out during the first quarter of 2024 are presented in Appendix 4.

Water Quality

River Bracken

The water quality team has continued with its weekly investigative monitoring of the River Bracken which in conjunction with the Drainage Department has unearthed another significant misconnection in the surface water drainage network serving Balbriggan. The removal of this misconnection will result in further improvements in the quality of water in the River Bracken.

National Inspection Plan

The WQ team commenced inspections of Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems (DWWTS) in accordance with the 2024 National Inspection Plan. There were a number of on site DWWTS inspected in the Rolestown Area. Inspections to date has identified a high level of compliance with the NIP Programme.

Bathing Water:

Fingal County Council's preparations for the 2024 Bathing Season continues. Fingal County Council has now completed and has submitted bathing water profiles for each of its identified bathing areas to the EPA. The purpose of a bathing water profile is to give detailed information on the physical characteristic of each bathing water while also assessing the risk of pollution to the bathing area.

PFAS Pollution

Dublin Airport PFAS contamination, Dublin Airport responded to a notice issued under the water pollution act requiring the submission of information on PFAS testing. The information was also published by the Airport on their website. The information is being assessed and, in this regard, we have engaged external advice from a specialist firm dealing with land contamination: Geosyntec ltd.

Waste Enforcement

Cloughwater Plastics Ireland Ltd

In 2023 the Council commenced high court proceedings against Cloughwater Plastics ltd Ireland (CPIL) a waste facility permit holder processing waste plastics.

Liquidation proceedings were taken against the company in 2023. The Council was concerned about the amount of waste on site and joined the proceedings to ensure that the liquidation would deal with the waste on site. The liquidation proceedings were subsequently withdrawn. Subsequent inspections revealed that the waste on site was in excess of that permitted by the waste facility permit, the Council initiated high court proceedings under the waste management act to enforce the terms of the permit. There were a number of hearings and site inspections. The company finally went into liquidation in February 2024. The case is not finished yet, however the issues are largely resolved as the site has been taken over by a new operator following the liquidation who has dealt with the remaining waste.

There is a risk to the council that when a waste site closes down that they leave waste behind. In this case the cost of a cleanup could have amounted to more than 350k euro. The cost of taking a high court action is high in the Council's costs were 200k and the court awarded our costs against the other parties to the case, (the Company now in liquidation, the two directors) however it remains to be seen how much we will be able to collect. This case involved 21 site inspections by FCC staff, 4 affidavits, 7 court appearances. The estimated staff time amounted to 38 days in total.

Court cases – storage of waste

Two cases related to storage of waste were heard by the District Court in early April.

In the first case relating to a property in Turnapin the Defendant did not appear in Court and was found guilty of breaches of Section 32 and 55 of the Waste Management Act, 1966, as amended, guilty of breaches of Regulations 4(3) of the Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning Regulations 2009, and of breaches of waste Bye-Laws.

The defendant was fined €500 on each breach (total fine €2,000) and costs of €1,166.92 were awarded to Fingal County Council.
In the second case relating to a property in Swords, the Defendant did not appear in Court and was found guilty of 12 offences under Section 32 of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended (WMA) and of 1 offence under Section 55 of WMA. The defendant was fined €500 on each offence (total fine €6,500) and costs of €2,166 awarded to Fingal County Council. A bench Warrant was also issued for the defendant to appear in court in front of the judge.

Air & Noise Section

The section has engaged with the IAA over the nuisance complaints arising from the operation of the new drone delivery service in Blanchardstown. The IAA have received complaints directly themselves and have identified potential mitigation measures, i.e varying flight paths and seeking to raise the height of the flight paths.

Sports Office

Fingal's First Irish Wheelchair Association Club

Fingal IWA Multi-Sport Club, a collaborative initiative between IWA-Sport and Fingal County Council Sport Office, was successfully launched at Balbriggan Community College. Catering to children aged 5-15 with physical disabilities, the club provided a platform for young to teens to explore various para sports every week from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Activities include wheelchair basketball, para athletics, wheelchair rugby, the programme has over 20 participants benefiting from the inclusive sessions and forming teams in the above sports.





Men on the Move to Everyone on the Move

Men on the Move was a programme originally funded by the HSE, this programme was established to create a space for men to engage or reengage back into physical activity. Following the introduction of Fingal's Sport Strategy the programme is now open to all genders and has seen participant rates increase by 75% by opening the programmes to all in Mulhuddart and Balbriggan.



Fingal Tennis Nursing Home Programme

Tennis is a timeless sport that everyone can enjoy. Fingal Sport for Life Programme is dedicated to bringing tennis to the older generation, tennis coaches have been visiting nursing homes across Fingal introducing the sport through fun interactive sessions. Along the way, Fingal Tennis are reconnecting with past players from various clubs and communities. The players are thoroughly enjoying the lively atmosphere and excitement generated during these sessions.





Fingal's Late Night League

Fingal's Late Night League in conjunction with FAI and Balbriggan's community gardai began on 12th April and has seen an uptake of 50 participants per week. This initiative is seeing a positive relationship with teens and the local Gardai who attend the sessions every Friday evening. Swords Late Night League will start 10th May in Rivervalley and Blanchardstown will begin the same Friday in Whitestown.



Fingal Tandem Bike Training

Fingal Sports Office, Active Travel and Vision Sport Ireland collaborated on Saturday to establish tandem bike pilot training for participants to support a person who is visually impaired. The training took place in Fingal Swords carpark with hope that the participants will support athletes going forward who wish to try to cycle.



Fingal's Athletics League

This year's Fingal Athletics League launched in February with 62 primary schools and over 2,700 students participating in the cross-country running programme. Schools have been training over the past 6 weeks in preparation for the race meets and the second meet for Dublin 15 schools took place in Porterstown Park on 19th March with 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class students from 26 local schools coming together to compete. The first race meet for North County schools took place in Newbridge House on 21st March with students representing 36 schools. Final's Day of the Athletics League ALSAA Sports Complex on 24th April, the day saw 2,700 school students take part in the day, St Patricks National School, Diswellstown, Castleknock came on top with points winning Overall School Champion and Balbriggan Educate Together School won the Green Award, the first year of this award for schools who travelled by bus, are working towards Green Flag, Fresh Air Friday and complete walking and bike buses to school.





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The tables below outlines key financial statics at the end.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of April 2024 is running at 53**%.**

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€ 87.0m
Rates collected %	53%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is €5.7m this is c.68**%** of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€5.7m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	68%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of April is €28.4m which is c. **97.%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	28.4
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.0%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	88	
Value €m	15.4m	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	11	(i)
Value €m	214.7m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	55	(ii)
Value €m	373.3m	
No. of procurements at approved	4	(iii)
Value €m	1m	

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 APR 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	31,602,750	105,932,600	30%	33,200,141	108,268,800	31%	-1,597,391
Road Transport & Safety	12,362,960	36,130,600	34%	2,972,681	9,056,100	33%	9,390,280
Water Services	5,817,026	14,369,700	40%	5,664,812	17,039,600	33%	152,214
Development Management	7,200,517	20,845,600	35%	2,027,716	6,574,000	31%	5,172,802
Environmental Services	16,392,314	48,453,500	34%	3,642,811	10,947,500	33%	12,749,503
Recreation & Amenity	18,152,179	56,603,300	32%	1,595,300	4,841,800	33%	16,556,878
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	737,032	1,513,800	49%	108,181	409,700	26%	628,851
Miscellaneous Services	6,692,223	21,972,500	30%	8,497,692	29,279,600	29%	-1,805,468
Central Management Charge	17,129,526	56,075,600	31%	1,309,626	3,969,700	33%	15,819,901
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,122,100	12,366,300	33%	-4,122,100
Rates				53,048,033	159,144,100	33%	-53,048,033
	116,086,527	**361,897,200**	**32%**	**116,189,092**	**361,897,200**	**32%**	**-102,565**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2024

		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	79,819,157	-12,531,660	41,579,485
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	13,710,295	-1,107,427	24,345,278
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	769,380	-287,605	-10,823,560
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	16,023,108	-12,498,703	-139,472,290
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	1,467,021	-607,152	-13,730,608
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	4,111,941	-1,174,957	-15,621,449
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	4,244,487	-5,015,992	-49,669,707
	Total	**-250,314,744**	**120,145,390**	**-33,223,496**	**-163,392,850**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 30/04/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,534	€75,719,789	€73,613,968	€2,105,820
LOANS	€2,130,036.51	€2,143,474	€229,585.44	€1,913,888.80
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,145,318	€4,736,878	€5,408,440

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 (a)

Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171
	C&D Waste	9	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19
	Air & Odour	37	17
	Noise	99	23
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**471**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	3015
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	88
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40
	Planning Inspections	416	79
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**3,103**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15
	Other waste enforcement	52	3
	Water & Wastewater	29	3
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**	
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	
	Waste	16	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	

Appendix 3 (b)

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €100,000	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.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	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. Preparation of the brief for consultants will begin in Q2, 2024, 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).
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.

FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	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. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	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. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. 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.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor is commencing in May extending the cycle lanes through Murrough Road and Rathbeale Junction to tie-in with the existing cycle network in the area.
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd. Swords €500,000	Design works for phase 2b the modification of the existing roundabout is currently being discussed with the NTA.
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street €50,000	The project team are currently assessing a draft set of procurement documentation for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team. Stage 2 of the Tender Process will be [published on Etenders in May with the aim of appointing a design team in June of this year.
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County €350,000	Several projects are still being identified and assessed via multi criteria analysis. We are also in ongoing discussions with Operations to incorporate other works in order to get best value for money when we go to delivery of these works. Active Travel are progressing with some of these projects and works on the ground.
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Rd to Blakes Cross + Kilhedge Lane €625,000	The Contractor commenced on site during September 2023. The main civil works and junction upgrades are now complete including approximately 95% of the surfacing works. Kilhedge Lane was resurafced and anti-skid surfacing was applied in front of Corduff National School in April.

FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team are currently reviewing the Pre-Planning Report received in April from the Planning Department. All comments and feedback will be reviewed and addressed in the project documentation and drawings where necessary before proceeding to planning and stakeholder engagement.
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd (Swords to Malahide) €150,000	Engineering consulting are finalising the Non-Statutory Public Consultation Report is due to be released shortly. Works to complete the screening reports and detailed drawings are well underway and it is anticipated to go to the market for a works contractor later this year subject to funding and NTA approvals.
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan – Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages €50,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report which is expected to be submitted to the project team in the coming weeks.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options. further discussions with landowner are scheduled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	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 are currently taking instructions in relation to this. The Active Travel Unit intend to tender the detailed design phase of this project in Q2, 2024.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Tender competition is completed for Stage 1 of the process. Stage 2 documents are currently under review and will be released to the shortlisted consultants through Etenders in May.

FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	The Consultant is in the process of incorporating Fingal County Council's comments on the draft report they produced following a well-attended non-statutory consultation event on 20th February 2024. The Consultant is also in the process of identifying Key Performance Indicators for Active Travel in Balrothery, for agreement with the Active Travel Unit. Different approaches to a solution are being developed to deliver Active Travel in Balrothery. Each of these approaches will be examined against the Key Performance Indicators for various locations across Balrothery to determine a best-fit approach. The Consultant is in the process of identifying and refining a list of interventions under these different approaches to address the issues raised during the consultation. This list will comprise both smaller interventions, as well as bigger moves. The next steps are to obtain baseline survey information in Q2, 2024.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	The design brief and tender documents have been prepared. It is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion as soon as possible. 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 has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, closing the temporary footpath.

FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	It is intended to run a tender competition in Q2, 2024 for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun. 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.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	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 been completed with survey works starting May 2024.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	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 at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	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 at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. 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 at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0018	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport Quick Build €500,000	Project team have engaged an Integrated Design Team to work on the project. Preferred Options report has been completed and is going through discussion and consultation with the Statutory stakeholder at present.

FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Contract with contractor signed and site queued for construction.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	The brief and tender documents have been prepared and 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.
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

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	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	**61**	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	**173** 87 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 80 cost rental	On-Site	Q4 2023	Q3 2025

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (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	Enabling works commenced.	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	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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk	**18**	S179a planning process complete.	TBC	TBC

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
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 pack issued.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**274**	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.

Appendix 4- continued

Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balrov House	82	On-site	Q2 2024

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS - COUNCILLOR A. HENCHY

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ITEM NO. 29a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES - EARLY ENGAGEMENT WITH DISABILITY AND SENSORY STAKEHOLDERS

Motion: Councillor A. Henchy

"That the Chief Executive pays tribute to the Events Team, and everyone involved in the very successful St. Patrick's Day parades across Fingal, and, in making further progress for next year's St. Patrick's day parades, to look for early engagement with Disability and Sensory stakeholders to work on making this wonderful national event even better by improving the environment and for this very important section of our local community."

Report:

The additional needs sensory areas at the Malahide, Swords, Blanchardstown, and Balbriggan St. Patrick's Day Parades demonstrate a commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. Providing spaces where individuals with sensory sensitivities can feel comfortable and enjoy the festivities is incredibly important.

By proactively considering the needs of diverse populations, these parades are welcoming and enjoyable for all, and this initiative sets a positive example for future events, showcasing the importance of creating inclusive environments where all individuals can participate and celebrate together.

These areas have been positively embraced by the community, highlighting the impact of early engagement and thoughtful planning in 2024 which will continue in 2025.

It should be noted that sensory areas are a feature across the Council's events programme, planning for which is informed by early and ongoing engagement with parents, expert groups and stakeholders. This will continue into the future.

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

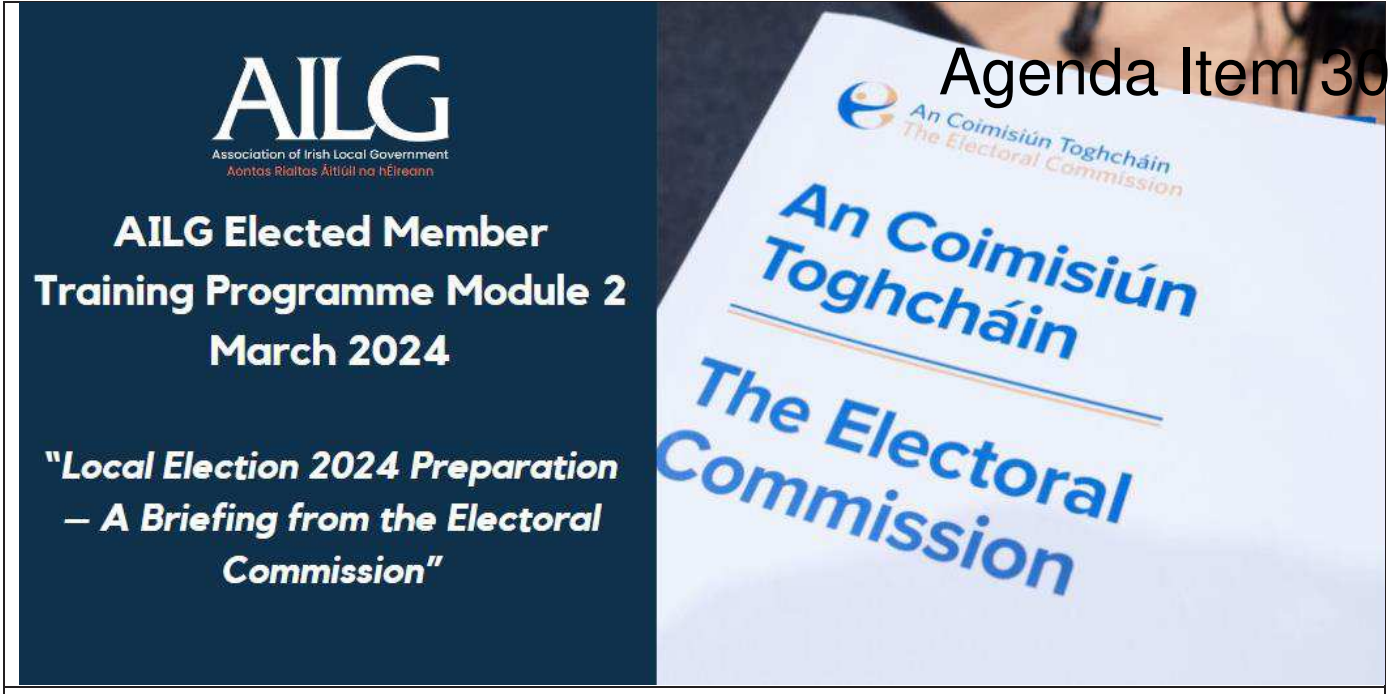
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CONFERENCE REPORT

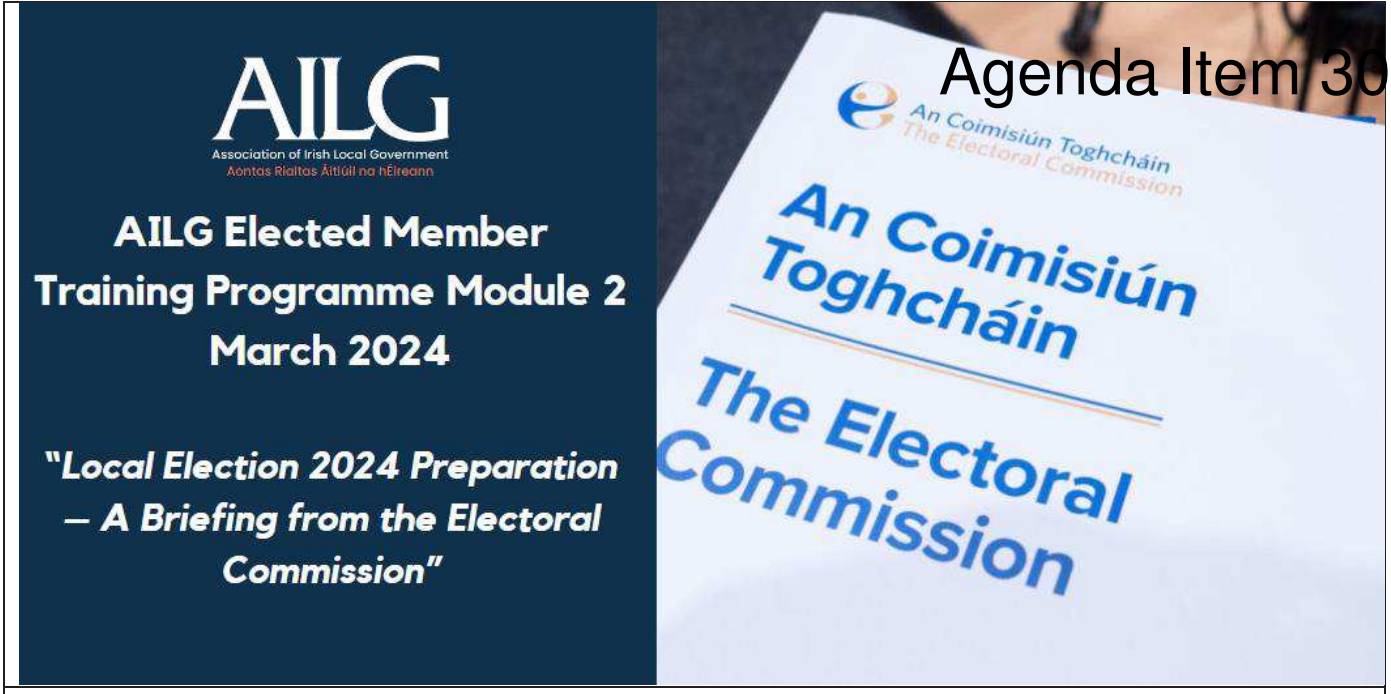


AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) March 2024

21st March 2024 **Southern Region** **Hotel Kilkenny**

"Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"

09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome*** - **Cllr. Dermot Lacey, AILG Executive Member**
Session 1	**Speaker:** ***Representative from the Electoral Commission (TBC)*** During this presentation, Elected members will receive a briefing from a representative from the Electoral Commission in advance of the 2024 Local Elections.
11.00 – 11.20am	***Tea/Coffee break***
Session 2	**Speaker: Tommy Moylan, AILG Director** During this presentation Mr. Moylan will provide a Briefing on Local Election Expenditure, Election Expenditure Limits, Election Donations, and Return and Declarations. Followed by Q&A.
12.30pm – 1.00pm	***Questions and Answers***
1.00pm	***Close & Lunch***



AILG Elected Member Training Programme Module 2 (In-Person) March 2024

23rd March 2024	Northern & Western & Midlands & Eastern Region	Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone

"Local Election 2024 Preparation – A Briefing from the Electoral Commission"

09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome*** - **Cllr. Michael Fitzgerald, AILG Executive Member**
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Metrics of Success

SECURING REAL PROGRESS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS
2024 Buildings Action Coalition Summit

8 – 10 April 2024

The Riverside Hotel, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland

The Enniscorthy Forum's 2024 Buildings Action Coalition Summit gathers partners and stakeholders from across the world to explore Metrics of Success: Securing Real Progress Toward Sustainability in Buildings. This second summit of the BAC will explore the milestones and performance standards by which the BAC community can "move the needle" worldwide on carbon emissions, environmental impact, quality of life, and social and environmental justice. The result will be identification of the most effective actions that the BAC community can take in the coming years.

The Summit advances the agenda of the Buildings + Climate Global Forum led by France and the UN Environment Programme in March 2024 in Paris to support the Buildings Breakthrough Target:

Collaborative Cities & Community Design

Brussels &Washington DC

Glasgow & Pittsburgh

Integrated Buildings & District Systems

Data & Data Centres

Innovative Communities

Massachusetts, Paris, New York

Creating Pathways to a New Workforce and a Culture of Innovation

A Role for Global Youth Communities

Strategies for Performance Assurance

Deepening the Global South Dialogue

South – South, South – North, and North – South

Creating a Global Strategy that is Locally Relevant

Global Buildings in a Geopolitical Context

Rebuilding Ukraine

Global Tensions & Global Consensus

Towards a UN Protocol on High Performance Buildings

Structure and Procedures

Membership and Deadlines

State of Play

With the Building Breakthrough Target as a beacon, COP28 as a status report, and quality of life uneven around the world, the vast gap between goal and accomplishment on sustainable buildings could not be more apparent. We know the ultimate consequences. What should be the focus of the BAC's work, and what are the right metrics of progress?

The 2024 BAC Summit will advance efforts of the BAC community to set goals for themselves and for the Coalition — to define what should be done and how it will drive building decarbonization and meaningful improvement in the quality of life.

Contact:

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EUROPEAN URBAN RESILIENCE FORUM

EURESFO: CONNECTING CITIES FOR A RESILIENT FUTURE

The 11th European Urban Resilience Forum will take place on 26-28 June in Valencia, Spain. Registration **is open NOW!**

All those seeking to shape a climate-resilient future for our cities and regions are cordially invited to attend the 2024 edition of the European Urban Resilience Forum (EURESFO).

Since 2013, EURESFO has been a unique exchange platform for city representatives, experts and stakeholders from local and regional institutions to discuss strategies, initiatives and actions for adapting to climate change, managing disasters and building urban resilience. The event is a European initiative driven by ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability and the European Environment Agency (EEA), and will now be co-organised with the City of Valencia for the 2024 edition.

Again in 2024, EURESFO will maintain its characteristic informative, open, and interactive ambiance, upholding its 'PowerPoint free' format. Participants are enthusiastically invited to share their experiences and perspectives on an array of topics that delve into the challenges inherent in urban resilience planning and implementation.

Target Audience: *Resilience-makers, Resilience innovators, Resilience providers, and Resilience supporters.*

The 2024 edition of the European Urban Resilience Forum will take place in the framework of the Valencia Cities Climate Week (including the Cities Mission Conference, EURESFO and the Energy Cities Annual Forum), hosted by the city as part of the Valencia EU Green Capital 2024 celebrations. It will be a unique opportunity to bring together representatives of cities and regions from across Europe to discuss challenges and opportunities for strengthening resilience in the wider context of sustainable urban development.

More information about the Valencia Cities Climate Week coming soon!

EURESO24: RESILIENCE WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON GOVERNANCE, WATER AND CLIMATE-NEUTRAL CITIES.

THE 11TH EURESFO WILL BE BUILT AROUND THREE THEMATIC STREAMS AND A SPECAI FOCUS STREAM:

- Multilevel governance, cooperation and just transition: resilience leaves no one behind.
- Water resilience and the Blue Economy in and beyond the Mediterranean region.
- Enabling the transformation to resilient, adaptive, and climate-neutral cities and regions.

See the EURESFO 2024 Concept note for more information.



MAIN ORGANISERS:

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability EUROPE

European Environment Agency

AJUNTAMENT DE VALÈNCIA

EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL

CO-ORGANISERS:

REGILIENCE Regional Pathways to Climate Resilience

Regions 4Climate

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LOCALISED Decarbonisation pathways for local authorities, citizens and businesses

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CDP DISCLOSURE INSIGHT ACTION

IN COOPERATION WITH:

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ITEM NO. 31

CORRESPONDENCE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

13th March, 2024.

Our Ref: March24 - 31/AR/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

"I propose that Clare County Council requests Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys, to consider and implement a policy change that allows participants in Community Employment Schemes (CES), Rural Social Scheme (RSS), and Tús Programme to continue their valuable contributions until the age of 70. This extension would not only acknowledge the dedication and skills of these individuals but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community and enhance the sustainability of these programs. These programmes play a crucial role in fostering community development, providing essential services, and supporting those who may face challenges in securing traditional employment. Currently, participants in these valuable community-based employment programs are required to retire at the age of 66 and considering the changing demographics and the desire of individuals to remain actively engaged in work programmes, I am asking you to make this important change to allow participants the opportunity to continue to contribute to their local communities."

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

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WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL
Comhairle Chontae na hIarmhí

02 April 2024

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Resolution from the Members of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 25th March 2024, the following resolution was passed, with cross-party support for the motion, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

"That Westmeath County Council supports the IFA 'enough is enough' campaign, recognises the significant contribution that farming, and the Agri-sector make to the Irish and local economy and the farmers contribution to date on climate mitigation measures, and acknowledges the income challenge on Irish farmers arising from the significant increases in the cost of doing business, regulatory costs and cuts in Basic Income supports for farmers.

The Council calls on the Government to introduce no further regulations on farmers or any measures that may increase costs on farms without full negotiation and agreement with the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) and that the council calls on the EU and the Government to provide additional standalone funding, separate to the Common Agricultural Policy, to support farmers in undertaking climate action and biodiversity measures. Furthermore, the Council calls on the Government to introduce a Land Regulatory Authority to assist and protect the farming community."

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Mise le meas,

Mary Goldsberry

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Comhairle Contae **Lú**
Louth County Council

18th April, 2024

TO/EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that the Elected Members of Louth County Council at a Special Meeting of Council in April adopted the following resolution: -

Notice of Motion - Cllr Conor Keelan
Seconded by - Cllr John Sheridan

"That this Council reaffirms its support to the Good Friday Agreement as voted in by the elected suffrage of men and women in an All-Ireland vote held in 1998 which paved the way for changes in Bunreacht na hÉireann to the constitutional status of this island, the re-establishment of Power-Sharing in Stormont, albeit for the first time, the creation of Cross-Border Bodies and recognition of Rialtas Na hÉireann as a co-guaranteur of the Good Friday Agreement.

That this motion be sent to each local authority, each local authority with a partnership/SLA with a cross-border county council area in the Ulster region and partnership organisations such as EBR and the North-South Ministerial Council for comment."

It was agreed to circulate this Motion as submitted to all other Local Authorities.

Is mise le meas,

Gráinne Tuomey
Meetings Administrator

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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ITEM NO. 33

REGISTER OF MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

"That the Chief Executive maintain a rolling record of the management companies for the industrial estates, apartment blocks, and housing estates, including their contact information, this can be organised by operational area."

Report:

The Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 (MUDs Act) came into effect on 1st April 2011 which was followed by the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011 (Minimum Standards) Regulations 2020 which came into effect on the 30th November 2020. Both the Act and the Regulations regulate the ownership and management of the common areas of multi-unit developments and provides for the setting up of Owners' Management Companies who in turn employ Property Services Companies to manage such areas. The intention of this legislation is to give the power to the majority of residents who are owners of the houses who form the Board of the OMC and have complete control on who is hired and how much is charged to each property. Local Authorities have no role under either piece of legislation.

The Company Registration Office maintain records of the Owners' Management Companies and the Property Services Regulatory Authority's (PSRA) maintain records of all the Property Services Companies. The Council has no legislative power to access and form a register of this information from either body.

Source of Report
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

FINGAL COUNTY WIDE SPORTS RECOGNITION EVENT

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a county wide sports recognition event to promote and deepen sports development in Fingal by recognising the role of volunteers, coaches, clubs, youth motivation programmes as well as private investment in infrastructure development."

Report:

As part of the Fingal Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024-2029 the Council have given a commitment to host at least one major conference/networking event in Fingal which brings a focus on sport and physical activity.

If the motion is passed the Council will endeavour to include the request as part of this conference/networking event.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

ALL-WEATHER PLAYING FACILITIES ACROSS FINGAL

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive puts plans in place to address the deficits in all-weather playing facilities across the county, putting specific focus on areas where football, GAA and rugby clubs rely entirely or predominantly on Fingal County Council pitches for playing matches."

Report:

Currently almost 200 no. outdoor sports pitches are provided by the Council for use by a range of sporting codes. These are generally applied for and allocated on an annual basis to local clubs in response to their demand for facilities. With increasing demand for facilities and the need for evening training and sporting activities, Fingal County Council is pioneering the provision of Active Recreational Hubs strategically located in parks and open spaces around the County.

This programme is in line with the Council's "Keeping It Green – Open Space Strategy" adopted in 2015. Recreational Hubs include high specification, well serviced sports facilities designed for high intensity use, catering for a range of sporting codes and located so that they facilitate ease of access with good connectivity via active travel and sustainable transport infrastructure. Proximity to primary and post primary schools is also a factor in determining the optimum location for these facilities.

The current Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029 includes several statements and objectives in support of the provision of Active Recreational Hubs incorporating all-weather facilities including the following:

"Objective CIOSO13 – Active Recreational Hubs and Multi-Use Games Areas
Promote the development of high-quality and multi-functional recreational facilities throughout Fingal, including Active Recreational Hubs and Multi-Use Games Areas to meet existing and future community needs, in accordance with the National Sports Policy 2018–2027.

Objective CIOSO39 – Clustering of Active Recreational Open Space Facilities
Ensure coherent clustering of active recreational open space facilities into a recreational hub arrangement unless a more practicable solution is demonstrated"

The following is a list of the locations where the Council is currently providing or plans to provide major Active Recreational Hubs in Fingal subject to planning approval.

1. Bremore Regional Park, Balbriggan,
2. Rathmore Park, Lusk
3. St. Catherine's Park, Rush
4. Ballymastone, Donabate
5. Swords Regional Park, Mooretown/Oldtown
6. Baldoyle Racecourse Park
7. Phoenix Park Racecourse
8. Skerries Town Park,
9. Ward River Valley, Swords)
10. Broomfield (Malahide)
11. Hartstown Park D15
12. Porterstown Park D15
13. St. Catherine's Park (Liffey Valley)
14 Tyrrelstown Park D15

Source of Report

Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. 36

DEDICATED PHONE NUMBER TO REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive considers the introduction of a dedicated telephone number for residents who are victims of anti-social behaviour, whether they are council tenants or are being victimised by council tenants, residents finding themselves in this position feel isolated and abandoned and contacting the Council and/or An Garda Síochána can be a very complicated process therefore, a point of contact would be very beneficial to ease the concerns of these residents."

Report:

The Council's Estate Management Team is open to contact through a number of different methods as follows;

By telephone to CCU Customer Care Unit at Tel.8905000;

By calling to the Council's offices in person;

By Email EstateManagement@Fingal.ie. (monitored on a daily basis)

By contact with Officials from the Estate Management Team by email or phone contact.

By contact through Elected Representatives.

In addition, in the Dublin 15 area, the Blanchardstown Housing Forum provides opportunities for Estate Representatives to meet with Officials and members of An Garda Síochána to discuss issues in a confidential manner.

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of anti-social behaviour, to interview all involved and take all preventative measures necessary.

Citizens or Tenants who are subject to serious anti-social behaviour or criminality are advised to contact An Garda Síochána in the first instance, which is the appropriate course of action, if there is a need for urgent assistance. It is important that such contacts take place as the Council's Estate Management Team will link in with relevant statutory bodies as part of any investigation concerning Anti-Social Behaviour or breach of tenancy.

Source of Report
Paul Carroll, Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department'

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ITEM NO. 37

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PLAYGROUNDS CONSTRUCTED FROM 1ST JANUARY 2024

Motion: Councillor H. Mahony

"That this Council considers that all playgrounds constructed in Fingal from 1st January 2024 will include a full range of play equipment suitable for children with special needs."

Report:

The Council has adopted "Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal". The paramount consideration of the guidelines contained in the policy is that all play spaces should be inclusive and accessible, enabling children of all abilities to play together. The policy confirms that Fingal is committed to providing fun, safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging spaces for all our children to enjoy.

Objective No1 of the adopted Play Policy states the following:
"Ensure that all play spaces are inclusive and accessible for all. Through the application of the principles of universal design Fingal will develop the provision of play spaces throughout the county. The spaces will be engaging for all users and will facilitate children of all abilities to benefit from playing together while being welcoming and attractive spaces for the children's carers. To achieve accessibility for all users, barriers and obstacles must be kept to a minimum especially within the designated play space".

This objective is given effect for new playgrounds through our Planning and Development Management protocols. Further to this, a recently completed audit of play facilities in Fingal identified the locations of accessible play

equipment in our existing public playgrounds with a view to having playgrounds which are deficient in this regard upgraded as required and this work is ongoing.

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

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ITEM NO. 38

VACANT AND DERELICT GRANTS RECEIVED BY THIS COUNCIL IN 2023

Motion: Councillor A. Lavin

"That the Chief Executive outline how many applications were received by this Council for the Vacant Property Refurbishment / Derelict Grants in 2023 and outline at what stage they are now at."

Report:

The Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant was launched in July 2022. In Fingal County Council's area, 124 applications have been received since the scheme was launched, 78 of which were received in 2023.

In terms of the 124 applications, 64 are approved, 12 refused, 7 were withdrawn by the applicant with the balance moving through assessment to decision stage. As works conclude, approved applicants contact the Vacant Homes team to draw down the grant. 6 grants have been paid out with a further 16 applicants in contact with the Vacant Homes Team where applicants have indicated that work is complete. The Vacant Homes Team are engaging with these applicants to advance the grant to payment stage.

Source of Report
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development

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ITEM NO. 39

THE COUNCIL'S MANAGEMENT OF PLANNING ENFORCEMENT FILES - daa

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive present a comprehensive report on the Council's management of the Planning Enforcement files and related files as they pertain to the operation by daa of their operations in Fingal."

Report:

Since the opening of the North Runway at Dublin Airport, the Planning Authority have received complaints in relation to alleged breaches of conditions of the relevant planning permissions (Register Ref. F04A/1755 / ABP Ref: PL 06F.217429 as extended under FCC Reg. Ref: F04A/1755/E1 and amended under FCC Reg. Ref: F19A/0023 / ABP Ref: ABP-305298-19). Complaints have also been received with regard to condition 3 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1248 (PL 06F.220670) and condition 2 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1843 (PL 06F.223469).

On foot of these complaints, six Warning Letters and an Enforcement Notice have been issued. With regard to the Enforcement Notice, the daa made a High Court challenge to the Enforcement Notice issued by the Planning Authority. There was a court hearing in relation to this challenge which was adjourned on 13th March 2024 for mention on the 24th June 2024. Investigations are ongoing on the remaining enforcement files.

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

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ITEM NO. 40

"INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND EQUITABLE PLAY FOR ALL" – PLAY SPACES

Motion: Councillor P. Conroy

"That the Chief Executive outline her plan to retrospectively implement the application of the "Inclusive, Accessible and Equitable Play for All" section of the Space for Play - A Play Policy for Fingal, given that this section states that "central to this policy is the recognition that all children have a fundamental right to play and to enjoy an equitable quality of experience of play", from this understanding stem the guiding principles of best practice that all play spaces within Fingal should implement".

Report:

The Operations Department has commenced the retrofitting of more accessible play equipment into existing Fingal managed and maintained playgrounds, having regard to the information generated from the countywide playground audit that was completed during 2023. This audit highlighted the types of equipment, and the accessibility of each piece of equipment. Works will be prioritised based on the age of the playground, where retrofitting would already be planned and when specific requests are received from various user groups that are frequent visitors to specific playgrounds.

Included in the €13.2m 3-year capital programme 2024-2026 are works to the countywide playground refurbishments and ongoing installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment including outdoor callisthenics fitness areas. These works are currently ongoing in a number of areas.

Source of Report
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 41

AUTISM FRIENDLY TOWN IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive liaise with the Director of Services of the relevant department to put in place a formal process with the Autism Organisation, AsIAm, to encourage the creation and development of an autism-friendly community in Fingal".

Report:

Work is currently underway in several communities with the support of a number of Council Departments including Community Development, Libraries and Town Regeneration Team in assisting Local Autism Friendly Town Groups to work towards attaining the Autism Town Friendly recognition standard in conjunction with AsIAm.

Skerries Autism Friendly Town group have undertaken a substantial amount of work which came to fruition when Skerries received their Autism Friendly Town recognition by AsIAm in January 2023. Recognising this is a continuous journey for the town, they have future plans for a new sensory trail in the town and have been working with the Libraries Department on a sensory area in the newly refurbished Skerries Library.

As part of the Town Centre First Plan in Lusk, a new local voluntary group, Lusk Autism Friendly Town has emerged and are taking an active part in the Community Pillar of the Lusk Town First Project. The group undertook AsIAm Autism training in 2023 and is actively working towards developing Lusk as an Autism Friendly Town.

Council Departments will continue to support local town groups insofar as possible in assisting them with their journey to developing their communities as autism friendly spaces under the AsIAm programme.

Source of Report
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing and Community

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ITEM NO. 42

PITCH PLAYABILITY REVIEW

Motion: Councillor S. Shovlin

"That the Chief Executive arranges a midweek pitch playability review?"

Report:

Fingal County Council maintains and manages 179 grass playing pitches across the county, facilitating mainly soccer, GAA, rugby, and cricket clubs. The grass playing pitches are inspected weekly on Friday mornings during the playing season and deemed playable or unplayable by a member of the district parks team. Clubs are advised each Friday if a pitch is "ON" or "OFF".

Pitch inspections are carried out on Friday mornings because the majority of competitive matches are played on Saturdays and Sundays, with clubs also playing mid-week matches coming into the summer to clear any fixtures backlog, by which time pitches are generally deemed "ON" from week to week.

The pitch inspection is carried out to determine if the surface is safe and suitable to play on. If the pitch is drying out or otherwise recovering, it may be advisable to allow it an additional few days to recover, even if it may appear visually that it is playable. Sometimes, following a wet weather event, the pitch may not have puddles of water visible, however the soil remains saturated. Oversaturated soil creates a greasy sod surface, which means that any damage caused to the turf, as a result of playing on, can take much longer to recover.

The Operations Department is satisfied that the weekly Friday pitch inspections is the best time to carry out the inspection due to the volume of matches on at

the weekend. A pitch inspection on a Wednesday to determine if the pitch is playable on the weekend would not take into account rainfall between Wednesday and the Friday. There is no requirement for additional mid-week inspections unless there is a match being played. If this is the case the local operations team will know if the pitch is playable or not.

Source of Reply
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 44

IMPACT OF NOISE FROM THE M50 MOTORWAY

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

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

Report

There have been discussions and correspondence between the Dublin Local Authorities and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding noise mitigation on the national road network.

TII's position is that noise mitigation on the M50 is a responsibility of noise action planning authorities under the environmental noise regulations. This is disputed by the Council as the regulations impose no duties for noise abetment actions outside of their existing competencies.

TII have stated that if there is a road maintenance or upgrade project e.g., resurfacing then noise mitigation measures might be incorporated into the maintenance project however, this would be subject to funding.

If the motion is passed the Council will raise the matter again with Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Source of Report
David Storey, Director Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport

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ITEM NO. 45

WASTEWATER DISCHARGE LICENCE APPLICATION AND REPRESENTATION SYSTEM

Motion: Councillor K. Power

"That the Chief Executive seeks to establish an online Wastewater Discharge Licence application and Representation System, similar to the GIS mapped Planning Application viewer, where applications for Local Authority regulated wastewater discharge licenses, under the Local Government (Water Pollution Acts, 1977 and 1990, Local Government (water pollution) regulations 1978 and 1992, are available for the public to view and make representations/submissions online."

Report:

There are currently a number of IT projects under development for the Environment Section however, the Environment Department will examine the possible development of an online system for Wastewater Discharge Licence applications with the IT Department for 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 46

FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That Fingal County Council formally backs the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urges the Irish Government to support the initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, if passed, a letter should be sent to all Local Authorities, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to all Local Authorities, An Taoiseach, An Tánaiste and the Minister for the Environment and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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

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ITEM NO. 47

INCREASE FUNDS FOR FINGAL SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES VIA SPORTS LOTTO FUND

Motion: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That the Chief Executive write to the Department of Finance and, in particular, to the Minister for Expenditure, Paschal Donohoe, requesting that substantial extra funds be allocated to the National Sports Lotto Fund, noting that the National Development Plan is under review we must plan, fund and put in place new and extra sport and community facilities for our communities and the projected growing population in Fingal and Ireland."

Report:

The Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP) is operated by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and provides grants to assist in the development or refurbishment of sports facilities and the provision of sports equipment. It is part funded from the proceeds of the National Lottery

The Council is the lead applicant on a number of projects across the county and a decision on these applications is expected in Q2 2024.

As part of Sport Ireland's 'Local Sports Partnership' network, the Council is also a direct recipient, in part, of any government funding made available for Sport participation in Ireland.

If this Motion is passed it will be forwarded to the Department of Finance and when a response is received the Council shall be informed.

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

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ITEM NO. 48

PRIMARY CARE CENTRES IN THIS COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive report on the number of Primary Care Centres in this Council's administrative area, the location of each, and the current position regarding discussions between this Council and the Health Service Executive (HSE) regarding the locations for new Primary Care Centres, including where the Council is working with the HSE to either identify and / or provide sites for same, in the context of the Development Plans and Local Area Plans."

Report:

The Health Service Executive (HSE) is the primary body responsible for the provision of health care facilities, including Primary Care Centres, across the County.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department enables the development of Primary Care Centres through the Development Plan and Development Management processes.

The Development Plan provides a framework of policies and zoning objectives to facilitate the provision of these centres at suitable locations.

Specifically Objective CIOSO25 states *'Support and facilitate the development of health centres, hospitals, clinics and primary care centres where new communities are proposed and in towns, villages and local centres, with good accessibility for all.'*

Health Centres are permitted in principle in seven land use zoning objectives; Community Infrastructure, Local Centre, Major Town Center, Metro and Rail Economic Corridor, Residential Area, Rural Village and Town Centre.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department continues to support the provision of healthcare facilities throughout the County on suitably zoned lands and will promote the location of same close to new and existing communities where services can be easily accessed.

Source of Report

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

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ITEM NO. 49

INCREASE RESOURCES AND FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TENANT IN-SITU SCHEME

Motion: Councillor A. Graves

"That this Council calls on the Departments of Housing, Finance and Public Expenditure to increase resources and funding for the operation of the Tenant in-Situ (TIS) purchase scheme by at least 400%, Council officials claim that the TIS scheme is working, but tenants and landlords report long delays and poor communications, about 200 properties have been brought to the closing stages of the process, but there are over 6000 people on this Council's housing waiting lists, so much more is needed if this Scheme is to be anything more than a sticking plaster."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Finance and Public Expenditure and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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

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ITEM NO. 50

LEGISLATION FOR HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

Motion: Councillor S. O'Reilly

"That this Council request for legislation to be brought in for Fingal County Council to control the market for household waste collection, to introduce competitive tendering or provide the collection itself."

Report:

If the motion is passed the Chief Executive will write to the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications with the details of the motion.

Source of Report
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport