COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8th JULY 2024

ITEM NO. 01

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 13th May, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Butler, Darragh	Mahony, Howard
Carey, Ian	Manton, Brigid
Conroy, Pamela	McCamley, Mary
Dennehy, Brian	McDonagh, Brian
Dennison, Kieran	Mulligan, Dean
Donnelly, Angela	Mulville, Paul
Graves, Ann	Newman, Joe
Griffin, Michelle	O'Brien, Eoghan
Guerin, Jimmy	O'Leary, Tom
Hanaphy, Breda	Onwumereh, JK
Healy, David	O'Reilly, Steve
Henchy, Adrian	Power, Karen
Humphreys, James	Ryan, Brendan
Kitt, Tom	Shovlin, Siobhan
Lavin, Anthony	Tormey, Aoibhinn
Leddy, Ted	Treacy, Natalie
	Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Tania Doyle, Tony Murphy, Robert O'Donoghue.

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); Malachy Bradley (Senior Planner); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/175/24 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy observed the conclusion of the inquest into the Stardust tragedy and paid tribute to Mr John Colgan a Fingal resident who lived in Pinegrove in Swords, who lost his life in the tragedy. The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy read into the record the testimony from the Stardust inquest.

The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy also paid tribute to Councillor. T. Doyle and her family members, who were physically and verbally assaulted and condemned the actions of the perpetrators. The Mayor, Councillor. A. Henchy and all the Members wished Councillor. T. Doyle and her family a speedy recovery from their injuries.

F/176/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and RESOLVED –

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024 be ADOPTED."

F/177/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 15 be ADOPTED."

F/178/24 (Agenda Item No 2)
Councillor J. Hopkins - "Register to Vote" Drive

F/179/24 (Agenda Item No 3)
Councillor S. Shovlin - 30km per hour Speed Limit for Urban Areas in Fingal

F/180/24 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor B. McDonagh - Historical Land Transfer

F/181/24 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Council Construction Cost to Build Three Bed, Two Bed Houses and One and Two Bed Apartments on Council land

F/182/24 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Number of Vacant Dwellings both Public and Private

F/183/24 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor B. Manton - Debating Competition to be Organised and Sponsored by this Council

F/184/24 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor D. Healy - European Investment Bank Loan Facility

F/185/24 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor A. Tormey - Identify Rights of Way - Fingal Development Plan

F/186/24 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor C. Boland - Farm Sales within the Precinct of a Farm

F/187/24 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor B. Ryan - Preferred Route of the Fingal Coastal Way

F/188/24 (Agenda Item No 12)

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

F/189/24 (Agenda Item No 13)

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

F/190/24 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Review of the Citizen Charter

F/191/24 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Waste Management Compliant with Fair Competition Practices

F/192/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Report of Committees

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

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

b Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th 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 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on 1st May 2024 are hereby ADOPTED."

F/193/24 (Agenda Item No 16d)

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

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 2nd May 2024, are hereby ADOPTED."

F/194/24 (Agenda Item No 16e)

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was CONSIDERED. It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman, 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 9th May 2024, are hereby ADOPTED."

F/195/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/196/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/197/24 (Agenda Item No 19)

Declarations of Roads

a Blackwood, Ongar, Dublin 15

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

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

b Fairhaven, Castleknock, Dublin 15

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

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

c Barnageeragh Cove, Phase 3, Skerries, Co Dublin

It was noted that this item is withdrawn from the Agenda as it can not be taken in charge at this time.

d The Park, Skerries, Co Dublin

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

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

e Hyde Court, Rush, Co Dublin

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

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

f Lusk Village, Lusk, Co Dublin

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

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

g Thornleigh, Swords, Co Dublin

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

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

F/198/24 (Agenda Item No 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)

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The report on the Local Authority Development Proposal for 274 no. new Houses, Apartments and Duplexes and associated site development works at Rathbeale Road, Swords, was **NOTED**.

F/199/24 (Agenda Item No 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

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

It was proposed by Councillor. E. OBrien, seconded by Councillor. A. Lavin 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 Replacement Public Toilets at Malahide Beach, Malahide, Co. Dublin, be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/200/24 (Agenda Item No 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

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

It was proposed by Councillor. A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor. D. Healy 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 Replacement Public Toilets at Howth East Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin, be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/201/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Draft Annual Report 2023

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:

"In accordance with Section 221 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Annual Report of Fingal County Council for the year 2023 is hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/202/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Annual Report 2023

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

F/203/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Summer Project Funding Programme for 2024

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

F/204/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024

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

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

F/205/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2024 for Professional Fingal Artists

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 award of Artists Support Scheme 2024 as set out in the foregoing report is hereby APPROVED.

F/206/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

The Chief Executive, Ms. AnnMarie Farrelly outlined the achievements of the Council over the five year term.

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

F/207/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Mayor's Business - Councillor A. Henchy

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

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

Following a discussion, the report was ACCEPTED.

F/208/24 (Agenda Item No 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"

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

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"

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

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

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

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

The notice which had been circulated was NOTED.

F/209/24 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

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

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

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

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

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

The correspondence, which had been received, was NOTED.

F/210/24 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/211/24 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Tormey - Register of Management Companies

The motion, in the name of Councillor A. Tormey was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

During the course of discussions, an amended motion was received from Councillor T. O'Leary. The amended motion was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey.

Amendment to Item 33:
Insert " And That the Chief Executive write to the relevant Minister and Government Department requesting that the Department and Minister to bring forward a central database county by county."

Following discussion the amendment to Item 33 was withdrawn.

Following further discussions, the report was ACCEPTED.

F/212/24 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Fingal County Wide Sports Recognition Event

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

Following a discussion, the report was ACCEPTED.

F/213/24 (Agenda Item No 35)

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

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

Following a discussion, the motion was AGREED.

F/214/24 (Agenda Item No 36)

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

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

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

F/215/24 (Agenda Item No 37)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/216/24 (Agenda Item No 38)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/217/24 (Agenda Item No 39)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/218/24 (Agenda Item No 40)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/219/24 (Agenda Item No 41)
Councillor J. Newman - Autism Friendly Town in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/220/24 (Agenda Item No 42)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Pitch Playability Review

The motion, in the name of Councillor S. Shovlin was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Henchy.

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/222/24 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from the M50 Motorway

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

The motion was **AGREED.**

F/223/24 (Agenda Item No 45)
Councillor K. Power - Wastewater Discharge Licence Application and Representation System

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/224/24 (Agenda Item No 46)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

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

The motion was **AGREED.**

F/225/24 (Agenda Item No 47)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/226/24 (Agenda Item No 48)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/227/24 (Agenda Item No 49)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

F/228/24 (Agenda Item No 50)

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

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

The Meeting concluded at 8.05pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday, 21st June, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 4.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Boland, Cathal	Maguire, Grainne
Buckley, Marian	McCamley, Mary
Burtchaell, John	McDonagh, Brian
Butler, Darragh	Mulligan, Dean
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear	Mulville, Paul
Coppinger, Ruth	Murphy, Tony
Corkery, Luke	Newman, Joe
Dennison, Kieran	O'Brien, Eoghan
Dockrell, Eoghan	O'Donoghue, Robert
Donnelly, Angela	O'Leary, Tom
Doyle, Tania	Onwumereh, JK
Guerin, Jimmy	Quinlan, Patrick
Hanaphy, Breda	Quinn, Malachy
Haughey, Cathal	Ryan, Brendan
Healy, David	Sheehan, Gerard
Hopkins, Joan	Shovlin, Siobhan
Humphreys, James	Troy, Ellen
Johnston, Corina	Walsh, John
Kelly, Darren Jack	
Kitt, Tom	

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); 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); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/229/24 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was AGREED by the members that Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. Maguire chair the meeting.

At the start of the meeting, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor. G. Maguire reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.
The Deputy Mayor welcomed the invited visitors, Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

F/230/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Returning Officers Report of the 2024 Local Elections

Ms. Nikki Halleran, Meetings Administrator, read into the record of the meeting the return of persons elected to Fingal County Council on 7th June 2024.

F/231/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Deputy Mayor Councillor G. Maguire on behalf of the outgoing Mayor former Councillor A. Henchy congratulated each of the members on their election to Fingal County Council.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor G. Maguire complimented former Councillor A. Henchy on his role as Mayor of Fingal and on the manner in which he conducted the role of Mayor of Fingal throughout the past year.

She then thanked the Elected Members, for the support they have given to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor over the last 12months.

Several Members then complimented the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the manner in which they conducted their roles throughout the past year.

The Chief Executive, welcomed the newly elected members. The Chief Executive complimented the Mayor on his role as Mayor of Fingal and thanked him on her own behalf and on the behalf of the staff for his work throughout the year.

F/232/24 (Agenda Item No 2a)

Election of Mayor

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. Maguire then asked for nominations for the election of the Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That Councillor Brian McDonagh be elected Mayor."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be elected Mayor."

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor G. Maguire then instructed that a roll call vote be taken and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MCDONAGH: 23 TWENTY THREE

FOR COUNCILLOR MULLIGAN: 11 ELEVEN

ABSTAIN: 4 FOUR

FOR Councillor McDonagh: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; Jk Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR Councillor Mulligan: Councillors Marian Buckley; John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Cathal Boland; Jimmy Guerin; Darren Jack Kelly; Patrick Quinlan.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Grainne Maguire then DECLARED Councillor Brian McDonagh to be elected Mayor of Fingal.

Councillor McDonagh then took the chair and was presented with the chain of office by the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Grainne Maguire.

F/233/24 (Agenda Item No)

Address by the Mayor of Fingal, Councillor Brian McDonagh

The Mayor outlined how privileged he is to be Mayor of Fingal, to serve those living in Fingal, people who visit as tourists and particularly to people who are new to Fingal. The Mayor congratulated everyone who was elected to serve the people of Fingal

The Mayor thanked his family, friends and colleagues for their support over the years.

F/234/24 (Agenda Item No 2b)

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh, then asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be elected Deputy Mayor."

It was then proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be elected Deputy Mayor."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR JK ONWUMEREH: 24 TWENTY FOUR

FOR COUNCILLOR MALACHY QUINN: 11 ELEVEN

ABSTAIN: 3 THREE

FOR Councillor Onwumereh: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Jimmy Guerin; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; Jk Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR Councillor Quinn: Councillors Marian Buckley; John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Cathal Boland; Darren Jack Kelly; Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh DECLARED Councillor JK Onwumereh elected Deputy Mayor. The Mayor then presented Councillor JK Onwumereh with the chain of office.

Councillor JK Onwumereh thanked the Members, his family, the residents of Fingal who elected him and accepted the position of Deputy Mayor
The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh proposed to adjourn the meeting until Monday 24th June, 2024 at 5pm.

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

FOR: 29 TWENTY NINE

AGAINST: 5 FIVE

ABSTAIN: 4 FOUR

FOR : Councillors Cathal Boland; Marian Buckley; Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Brian Mc Donagh; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Malachy Quinn; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Joan Hopkins; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Darren Jack Kelly; Joe Newman; Patrick Quinlan; Ellen Troy.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh **DECLARED** the vote **PASSED.**

The Meeting adjourned at 5.00pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the adjourned Annual County Council Meeting held on Monday, 24th June, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	Councillors:
Burtchaell, John	Maguire, Grainne
Butler, Darragh	McCamley, Mary
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear	McDonagh, Brian
Coppinger, Ruth	Mulligan, Dean
Corkery, Luke	Mulville, Paul
Dennison, Kieran	Murphy, Tony
Dockrell, Eoghan	Newman, Joe
Donnelly, Angela	O'Brien, Eoghan
Doyle, Tania	O'Donoghue, Robert
Guerin, Jimmy	O'Leary, Tom
Hanaphy, Breda	Onwumereh, JK
Haughey, Cathal	Quinlan, Patrick
Healy, David	Quinn, Malachy
Hopkins, Joan	Ryan, Brendan
Humphreys, James	Sheehan, Gerard
Johnston, Corina	Shovlin, Siobhan
Kelly, Darren Jack	Troy, Ellen
Kitt, Tom	Walsh, John
Leddy, Ted	

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Marian Buckley and Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/255/24

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/256/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Election of Area Chairpersons

It was AGREED to DEFER this item until the July meeting of the County Council, scheduled to take place on Monday 8th July, 2024.

a Election of Chairperson for Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee

b Election of Chairperson of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee

c Election of Chairperson of Howth/Malahide Area Committee

F/257/24

VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh proposed to vary the order of business and to take Agenda Item 5 at this stage of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary.

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

FOR: 23 TWENTY THREE

AGAINST: 12 TWELVE

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Brian Mc Donagh; Mary

McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Patrick Quinlan; Malachy Quinn

The Mayor, DECLARED the vote as PASSED.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS STATUTORY BODIES, COMMITTEES, ETC.

F/258/24 (Agenda Item No 5a)

Appointment of one Member to Airport Regions Conference (ARC)

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

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

"That Councillor Joe Newman be appointed as a member of the Airport Regions Conference (ARC)".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor James Humphreys be appointed as a member of the Airport Regions Conference".

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

FOR COUNCILLOR NEWMAN: 12 TWELVE

FOR COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS: 22 TWENTY TWO

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR NEWMAN: Councillors John Burtchaell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean

Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

FOR COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Jimmy Guerin; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Brian McDonagh; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillor James Humphreys to be appointed as a member of the Airport Regions Conference.

F/259/24 (Agenda Item No 5b)

Appointment of one Member to Ardgillan Castle Limited

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

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and AGREED:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed as a member of the Board of Ardgillan Castle Ltd.".

F/260/24 (Agenda Item No 5c)

Appointment of three Members to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)

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

The Mayor informed the Members that they were entitled to use the group voting system for this Committee, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, with groups consisting of at least twelve members.

The Mayor informed the Members that gender balance applies to this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)".

It was proposed by Councillor E. OBrien and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)".

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)".

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor T. Doyle:

"That Councillor J. Newman be appointed as a member of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG)".

As Councillor Mary McCamley is the only female nominated, she was deemed appointed as a member to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).

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

FOR COUNCILLOR DENNISON: 22 TWENTY TWO

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: 30 THIRTY

FOR COUNCILLOR NEWMAN: 13 THIRTHEEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR DENNISON: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; Joan Hopkins; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Darren Jack Kelly; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Malachy Quinn; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR NEWMAN: Councillors John Burtchaell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Kieran Dennison, Jk Onwumereh and Mary McCamley be appointed as members to the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).

F/261/24 (Agenda Item No 5d)

Appointment of three Members to the Audit Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Audit Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the Audit Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor A. Donnelly be appointed to the Audit Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor James Humphreys be appointed to the Audit Committee."

Following discussion Councillor Angela Donnelly withdrew her nomination.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Eoghan Dockrell, Mary McCamley and James Humphreys be appointed as members to the Audit Committee.

F/262/24 (Agenda Item No 5e)

Appointment of six members to Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item until the July meeting of the County Council, scheduled to take place on Monday 8th July, 2024.

F/263/24 (Agenda Item No 5f)

Appointment of two Members to BASE Enterprise Centre

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor, informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Electoral Area.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed to the BASE Enterprise Centre."

It was then proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That Councillor Breda Hanaphy be appointed to the BASE Enterprise Centre."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan, seconded by Councillor E. Troy:

"That Councillor Patrick Quinlan be appointed to the BASE Enterprise Centre."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: 24 TWENTY FOUR

FOR COUNCILLOR HANAPHY: 33 THIRTY THREE

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINLAN: 2 TWO

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR HANAPHY: Councillors John Burtchaell; Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; Joan Hopkins; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Darren Jack Kelly; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Tony Murphy; Joe Newman; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Malachy Quinn; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINLAN: Councillors Gerard Sheehan, Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Jk Onwumereh and Breda Hanaphy be appointed as members to the BASE Enterprise Centre.

F/264/24 (Agenda Item No 5g)

Appointment of two Members to BEAT Enterprise Centre

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. The Mayor, informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Electoral Area.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien:

"That Councillor Grainne Maguire be appointed to the BEAT Enterprise Centre."

It was then proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

"That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed to the BEAT Enterprise Centre."

It was then proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the BEAT Enterprise Centre."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR MAGUIRE: 22 TWENTY TWO

FOR COUNCILLOR MURPHY: 23 TWENTY THREE

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN: 13 THIRTEEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR MAGUIRE: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; Joan Hopkins; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR MURPHY: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN: Councillors John Burtchaell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Brian McDonagh; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Grainne Maguire and Tony Murphy be appointed as members to the BEAT Enterprise Centre.

F/265/24 (Agenda Item No 5h)

Appointment of one Member to Beaumont Hospital Board

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. O 'Donoghue:

"That Councillor James Humphreys be appointed to the Beaumont Hospital Board."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed to the Beaumont Hospital Board."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS: 24 TWENTY FOUR

FOR COUNCILLOR MULLIGAN: 11 ELEVEN

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR HUMPHREYS: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Brian McDonagh; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan

O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR MULLIGAN: Councillors John Burtchaell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor James Humphreys be appointed as a member of the Beaumont Hospital Board.

F/266/24 (Agenda Item No 5i)

Appointment of two Members to Blanchardstown Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Blanchardstown Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan:

"That Councillor Ellen Troy be appointed to the Blanchardstown Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Ted Leddy be appointed to the Blanchardstown Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to obtain confirmation from the committee to confirm acceptance of three members to the committee.

Following further discussion it was **AGREED** to appoint the three nominees.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Angela Donnelly, Ellen Troy and Ted Leddy be appointed as members to the Blanchardstown Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

F/267/24 (Agenda Item No 5j)

Appointment of five Members to County Heritage Forum

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

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

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the County Heritage Forum.

F/268/24 (Agenda Item No 5k)

Appointment of three Members to Comhairle na nÓg Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to one member from each Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed to the Comhairle na nÓg Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor T. Doyle, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed to the Comhairle na nÓg Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor B. McDonagh be appointed to the Comhairle na nÓg Committee."

Following discussions, it was **AGREED** to request to the Committee that two members be accepted from the Swords Electoral Area.

F/269/24 (Agenda Item No 5l)

Appointment of two Members to Draíocht

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the Draíocht."

It was then proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor B. Ryan:

"That Councillor John Walsh be appointed to the Draíocht."

It was then proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Draíocht."

It was then proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan:

"That Councillor Ellen Troy be appointed to the Draíocht."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR CARBONE-MANGAN:	22	TWENTY TWO
FOR COUNCILLOR WALSH:	20	TWENTY
FOR COUNCILLOR DONNELLY:	14	FOURTEEN
FOR COUNCILLOR TROY:	8	EIGHT

FOR COUNCILLOR CARBONE-MANGAN: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR WALSH: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR DONNELLY: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

FOR COUNCILLOR TROY: Councillors Jimmy Guerin; Darren Jack Kelly; Grainne Maguire; Tony Murphy; Joe Newman; Patrick Quinlan; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan and John Walsh be appointed as members to the Draíocht.

F/270/24 (Agenda Item No 5m)

Appointment of two Members to Drinan Enterprise Centre

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

It was proposed by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be appointed to the Drinan Enterprise Centre."

It was proposed by Councillor D. Butler, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Drinan Enterprise Centre."

F/271/24 (Agenda Item No 5n)

Appointment of two Members to Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Political Advisory Board

It was AGREED to DEFER this item until the appointment of the Chairs of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee.

F/272/24 (Agenda Item No 5o)

Appointment of five Members to Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board

The Mayor informed the Members that they were entitled to use the group voting system for this Committee, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, with groups consisting of at least eight members. The Mayor also informed members that gender balance applied to this committee.

The Mayor called for a three minute recess.

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors T. Doyle, J. Newman, J. Guerin, DJ Kelly, D. Mulligan, P. Mulville, J. Hopkins, R. Coppinger. This group put forward the name of Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor C. Johnston:

"That Councillor John Walsh be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

It was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

It was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board."

Following discussions, Councillor Kieran Dennison withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Dean Mulligan, John Walsh, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly and Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed as members to the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

F/273/24 (Agenda Item No 5p)

Appointment of two Members to Dublin North East Drug and Alcohol Task Force

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item to the July meeting of the County Council.

F/274/24 (Agenda Item No 5q)

Appointment of three Members to Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor informed the Members that they were entitled to use the group voting system for this Committee, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, with groups consisting of at least twelve members.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery and seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed to EMRA."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed to EMRA."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to EMRA."

F/275/24 (Agenda Item No 5r)

Appointment of two Members to Eirgrid Forum East Meath, North Dublin Grid Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and AGREED:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed to Eirgrid Forum East Meath, North Dublin Grid Committee."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor D. Butler and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to Eirgrid Forum East Meath, North Dublin Grid Committee."

It was AGREED to obtain confirmation from the committee to confirm acceptance of two members from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart and Castleknock Electoral Area.

F/276/24 (Agenda Item No 5s)

Appointment of three Members to Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to one member from each Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

"That Councillor Tania Doyle be appointed to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell:

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor B. Ryan:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan, seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan:

"That Councillor Ellen Troy be appointed to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed to the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee."

Following discussion, Councillor M. McCamley withdrew her nomination.

Following further discussions, it was AGREED to obtain confirmation from the committee to confirm acceptance of two members from Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

The Mayor DECLARED Councillors Tania Doyle, Tom O'Leary, Ellen Troy and Joan Hopkins be appointed as members of the Fingal Age Friendly Alliance Committee upon confirmation that four members can be accepted by the committee.

F/277/24 (Agenda Item No 5t)

Appointment of six Members to Fingal Biodiversity Forum

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to one member of each of the Area Committee's and three members of the relevant Strategic Policy Committees.

It was AGREED to DEFER this item until the appointment of the members of the Strategic Policy Committees.

F/278/24 (Agenda Item No 5u)

Appointment of five Members to Fingal Coastal Liaison Group

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

It was AGREED to nominate five members to this committee and the terms of reference will be clarified if a sixth member can be appointed.

It was proposed by the Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh, and seconded by Councillor D. Healy:

"Defer item 5u to the July Council Meeting."

Following discussions, the Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken to defer the item to July's Council Meeting and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 15 FIFTEEN

AGAINST: 20 TWENTY

ABSTAN: 2 TWO

FOR: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Kieran Dennison; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; JK Onwumereh; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy.

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Eoghan Dockrell; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Mary McCamley; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; Malachy Quinn; Brendan Ryan; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Brian McDonagh; Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then called for nominations for members to Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and AGREED:

"That Councillor Paul Mulville be appointed to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor B. Ryan and AGREED:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and AGREED:

"That Councillor Robert O'Donoghue be appointed to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor R. O'Donoghue, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and AGREED:

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed to the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group."

F/279/24 (Agenda Item No 5v)

Appointment of three Members to Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to one member from each Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor M. Quinn, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor T. Leddy:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor B. Ryan:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. Troy, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Gerard Sheehan be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor J. Guerin:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Butler, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan:

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

"That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee."

Following discussion, Councillor M. McCamley withdrew her nomination.

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

Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

FOR COUNCILLOR CARBONE-MANGAN: 22 TWENTY TWO

FOR COUNCILLOR DONNELLY: 14 FOURTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR SHEEHAN: 0 ZERO

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR CARBONE-MANGAN: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR DONNELLY: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

Howth Malahide Area Committee

FOR COUNCILLOR HOPKINS: 12 TWELVE

FOR COUNCILLOR HAUGHEY: 24 TWENTY FOUR

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR HOPKINS: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn.

FOR COUNCILLOR HAUGHEY: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Brian Mc Donagh; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor called for a three minute recess.

Following discussion, Councillor Tony Murphy withdrew his nomination.

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Committee

FOR COUNCILLOR KELLY: 13 THIRTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR DOCKRELL: 22 TWENTY TWO

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR KELLY: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

FOR COUNCILLOR DOCKRELL: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Corina Johnston; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Brian McDonagh; Mary McCamley; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Cathal Haughey and Eoghan Dockrell be appointed as members to the Fingal Local Community Development Committee.

F/280/24 (Agenda Item No 5w)

Appointment of three Members to Fingal Sports Partnership Committee

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. The Mayor informed the Members that gender balance applies to this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh:

"That Councillor Tom Kitt be appointed to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan:

“That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee.”

It was then proposed by Councillor E. Troy, seconded by Councillor P. Quinlan:

“That Councillor Gerard Sheehan be appointed to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee.”

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

FOR COUNCILLOR HOPKINS: 15 FIFTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON: 21 TWENTY ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR KITT: 23 TWENTY THREE

FOR COUNCILLOR HAUGHEY: 22 TWENTY TWO

FOR COUNCILLOR SHEEHAN: 8 EIGHT

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR HOPKINS: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Grainne Maguire; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

FOR COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O’Donoghue; Tom O’Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR KITT: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Jimmy Guerin; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O’Donoghue; Tom O’Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR HAUGHEY: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Jimmy Guerin; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR SHEEHAN: Councillors Angela Donnelly; Breda Hanaphy; Darren Jack Kelly; Grainne Maguire; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan; Ellen Troy.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Corina Johnston, Tom Kitt and Cathal Haughey be appointed as members to the Fingal Sports Partnership Committee.

F/281/24 (Agenda Item No 5x)
Appointment of two Members to Fingal Tourism Ltd

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

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to the Mayor and one other member.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly and AGREED:

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the Fingal Tourism Ltd."

F/282/24 (Agenda Item No 5y)
Appointment of 16 Members to Hansfield Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) Steering Group

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

It was AGREED that membership of this group would comprise of all of the Elected Members from the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Castleknock and Ongar Local Electoral Areas.

Following discussion, it was AGREED that the details for convening this committee will be circulated to the members of the committee.

F/283/24 (Agenda Item No 5z)

Appointment of four Members to Howth Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee

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

The Mayor informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to four members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and AGREED:

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

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and AGREED:

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

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and AGREED:

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh and AGREED:

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

F/284/24 (Agenda Item No 5aa)

Appointment of one Member to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited

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

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

F/285/24 (Agenda Item No 5bb)

Appointment of four Members to Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management

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

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and AGREED:

"That Councillor Tania Doyle be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management."

It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and AGREED:

"That Councillor Darragh Butler be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management."

It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and AGREED:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed to the Inter Local Authority Special Committee on Fire & Ambulance Services and Emergency Management."

F/286/24 (Agenda Item No 5cc)

Appointment of six Members to Joint Fingal and South Dublin Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Advisory Committee

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

It was AGREED that membership of this group would comprise of the six members of the Castleknock Electoral Area.

F/287/24 (Agenda Item No 5dd)

Appointment of one Member to the Irish Institute of Music & Song

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

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and AGREED:

"That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed to the Irish Institute of Music & Song.

F/288/24 (Agenda Item No 5ee)

Appointment of one Member to Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)

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

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and AGREED:

"That Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed to the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)."

F/289/24 (Agenda Item No 5ff)

Appointment of three Members to Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

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

It was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Breda Hanaphy be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Ruth Coppinger be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED:**

"That Councillor Robert O'Donoghue be appointed to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)."

F/290/24 (Agenda Item No 5gg)

Appointment of four Members to Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd

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

The Mayor informed the members the membership of the Committee be confined to two members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee and two members from Rush Lusk Electoral Area.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Paul Mulville be appointed to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan:

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd."

It was proposed by Councillor C. Haughey, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

"That Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be appointed to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd."

Following discussions, Councillor P. Mulville withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Eoghan Dockrell, Corina Johnston, Cathal Haughey and Eoghan O'Brien be appointed as members to the Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd.

F/291/24 (Agenda Item No 5hh)

Appointment of one Member to Mill Hill Limited

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

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to one member of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell and AGREED:

"That Councillor T. O'Leary be appointed to the Mill Hill Limited."

F/292/24 (Agenda Item No 5ii)

Appointment of ten Members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

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

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to four members of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee, four members of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee and two members of the Howth Malahide Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue:

"That Councillor James Humphreys be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Joe Newman be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

It was proposed by Councillor S. Shovlin, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

“That Councillor Ted Leddy be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O’Brien, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan:

“That Councillor Darragh Butler be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

“That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

“That Councillor David Healy be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was then proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor T. O’Leary:

“That Councillor Siobhan Shovlin be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

“That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was then proposed by Councillor JK. Onwumereh, seconded by Councillor D. Butler:

“That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

It was proposed by Councillor T. O’Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

“That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.”

Following discussion, Councillor E. Dockrell withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors James Humphreys, Joe Newman, Darren Jack Kelly, Ted Leddy, Darragh Butler, Malachy Quinn, David Healy, Siobhan Shovlin, Eimear Carbone-Mangan and Cathal Haughey be appointed as members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee.

F/293/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Election of Chairs of Strategic Policy Committees - Designate

It was AGREED to take item 4 at this time.

The Mayor informed the Members that they were entitled to use the group voting system for this Committee, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, with groups consisting of at least six members.

The Mayor called for a two minute recess to form groups.

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors D. Mulligan, J. Newman, P. Mulville, J. Hopkins, R. Coppinger and J. Burtchaell. This group put forward the name of Councillor J. Newman and AGREED:

"That Councillor Joe Newman be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors A. Donnelly, Malachy Quinn, B. Hanaphy, T. Doyle, J. Guerin and DJ. Kelly. This group put forward the name of Councillor Angela Donnelly and AGREED:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

The Option to form further groups was not taken by Members.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eoghan O'Brien be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and AGREED:

"That Councillor Robert O'Donoghue be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and AGREED:

"That Councillor Darragh Butler be elected as a Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson Designate."

F/294/24 (Agenda Item No 5jj)

Appointment of six Members to North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force

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

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor B. Ryan:

"That Councillor Robert O'Donoghue be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell, seconded by Councillor R. Coppinger:

"That Councillor D. Mulligan be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Paul Mulville be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

It was then proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn:

"That Councillor Darren Jack Kelly be appointed to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

Following discussions, Councillor P. Mulville withdrew his nomination.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Luke Corkery, Corina Johnston, Malachy Quinn, Robert O'Donoghue, Dean Mulligan and Darren Jack Kelly be appointed as members to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

F/295/24 (Agenda Item No 5kk)

Appointment of one Member to Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat (NFLA)

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Hopkins, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Paul Mulville be appointed to the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Secretariat (NFLA).

F/296/24 (Agenda Item No 5ll)

Appointment of three Members to Our Balbriggan Leadership Group

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

The members were informed the membership of the Committee be confined to the Balbriggan Electoral Area.

The Mayor informed the Members that gender balance applies to this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien:

"That Councillor Tony Murphy be appointed to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly, seconded by Councillor B. Hanaphy:

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group ."

It was then proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy:

"That Councillor Grainne Maguire be appointed to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group."

As Councillor Grainne Maguire is the only female nominated, she was deemed appointed as a member to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR MURPHY 25 TWENTY FIVE

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN 14 FOURTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR RYAN 23 TWENTY THREE

ABSTAIN 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR MURPHY: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Jimmy Guerin; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Joan Hopkins; Darren Jack Kelly; Grainne Maguire; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan.

FOR COUNCILLOR RYAN: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Eoghan Dockrell; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Corina Johnston; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Mary McCamley; Brian McDonagh; Paul Mulville; Tony Murphy; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; Tom O'Leary; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Ellen Troy; John Walsh.

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then DECLARED Councillors Tony Murphy and Brendan Ryan be appointed as members to the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group.

Following discussion in relation to the number of members to be appointed to the Group, it was AGREED to continue with the current structure of the Group and request that the Terms of Reference be reviewed.

It was agreed to extend the meeting by 20 minutes to deal with all the items of business on the agenda.

F/297/24 (Agenda Item No 5mm)

Appointment of six Members to Regional Health Forum Dublin North East

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

The Mayor informed the Members that they were entitled to use the group voting system for this Committee, as set out in Schedule 10 of the LG Act 2001, as amended, with groups consisting of at least six members.

In accordance with the group voting system a group was formed comprising of Councillors D. Mulligan, J. Newman, P. Mulville, J. Hopkins, J. Burtchaell and R. Coppinger.

It was proposed by the group and AGREED:

"That Councillor Ruth Coppinger be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

It was then proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and AGREED:

"That Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

It was then proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and AGREED:

"That Councillor Kieran Dennison be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and AGREED:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan and AGREED:

"That Councillor Tom Kitt be appointed to the Regional Health Forum Dublin North East."

F/298/24 (Agenda Item No 5nn)

Appointment of one Member to Séamus Ennis Arts Centre

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was CONSIDERED. The Mayor advised that nominations should be from the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and AGREED:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Séamus Ennis Arts Centre."

F/299/24 (Agenda Item No 5oo)

Appointment of one Member to St. Margaret's Liaison Group

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh:

"That Councillor Mary McCamley be appointed to the St. Margaret's Liaison Group."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Dean Mulligan be appointed to the St. Margaret's Liaison Group."

Following discussion, Councillor M. McCamley withdrew her nomination.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Dean Mulligan to be appointed to St. Margaret's Liaison Group.

F/300/24 (Agenda Item No 5pp)

Appointment of three Members to Town Centre First - Lusk Town Team

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. The Mayor advised that nominations should be from the Rush-Lusk Electoral Area.

It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Eoghan Dockrell be appointed to the Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team."

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Robert O'Donoghue be appointed to the Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team."

It was then proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Corina Johnston be appointed to the Town Centre First – Lusk Town Team."

F/301/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates - 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024 which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**.

"The Calendar of Meeting Dates was **AGREED** by the Members."

F/302/24 (Agenda Item No 7)

Induction Training for Elected Members

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate and Digital Services, advised the Members that details of all proposed training dates will be circulated to include training from AILG and Fingal County Council internal departments.

The Meeting concluded at 8:10pm.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 02a

ELECTION OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations are now sought for the role of Cathaoirleach for the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

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ITEM NO. 02b

ELECTION OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations are now sought for the role of Cathaoirleach for the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee.

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ITEM NO. 02c

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA CATHAOIRLEACH

Nominations are now sought for the role of Cathaoirleach for the Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

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ITEM NO. 02e

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO DUBLIN NORTH-EAST DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Dublin North East Drugs & Alcohol Task Force is one of twenty-four drugs task forces nationwide. The task forces were developed to combat the threat from problem drug use throughout the country.

They are made up of statutory, voluntary, community and public representatives who work in partnership to provide and maintain a system of supports and services for individuals, families and communities through which existing and future problem drug use is prevented, reduced and managed.

The Council is entitled to nominate two (2) members from the Howth/Malahide Local Electoral Area.

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ITEM NO. 03

ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report in respect of enforcement notices issued in the period for the 1st May 2024 to date, setting out the number resolved, the number still under investigation and the number subject to legal action?"

Reply:

Planning Enforcement Statistics 1st May 2024 to 31st May 2024:

Files Opened:	May-24
Enforcement Files opened	21
Miscellaneous Files opened	21
Total Complaints Received	42
Warning letters issued	26
Enforcement Notices Issued	2
Section 157's issued	1
Section 160'S issued	2
Enforcement Files closed	63

Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Warning letters and Enforcement notices are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development or alleged breaches of Planning Permissions throughout the county. Site inspections by Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish

the level of enforcement action required. In certain cases, further information may be sought and issues that arise can be of a highly technical nature requiring specialist consultant expertise. Files can remain open for regular monitoring requiring a number of visits and files remain open where legal costs are being discharged.

There are currently 60 files at various stages of the legal proceedings process and are either being resolved through legal proceedings, are in the Court system or in a legal realm having been referred to the Law Department to initiate legal action.

Source of Reply:

Matthew McAleese, Director of Service, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department

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ITEM NO. **04**

INCREASED HOUSING TARGETS 2024 – VARIATIONS TO FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2029

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive, noting that the National Housing targets are likely to be substantially increased in Q4 of 2024 and this may require variations to the current Development Plan 2023-2029, that the Chief Executive outlines to the Members the process of bringing forward possible variations to the Development Plan detailing how Councillors will engage in this process including timelines, particularly regarding their own individual areas, wards, towns, before the variations are brought to the Councillors for final statutory approval and voting?"

Reply:

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have indicated that a draft revised National Planning Framework (NPF) and accompanying technical assessments will be published for national public consultation in June 2024. This will be followed by an Amendment Stage in August 2024 for review and consideration of the submissions received and the application of any relevant amendments. The finalised document will be published, subject to approval, in September 2024.

It is understood this draft revised NPF will be informed by census data and further to Census 2022, will update previous projections relating to population growth to 2040, based on demographic and econometric modelling and having regard to the results of Census 2022 and other factors with potential to influence fertility, mortality and migration trends.

Section 10 (1A) of the current Planning & Development Act, requires that all development plans shall include a core strategy which shows that the development objectives in the development plan are consistent, as far as practicable, with national and regional development objectives set out in the National Planning Framework and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, (RSES).

The revised draft NPF has not yet been published and it is not possible to predict the contents of the same or the implications for Fingal. Furthermore, as outlined above, the current Planning & Development Act requires that any development plan is also consistent with the RSES, and the review of this strategy may be required prior to the consideration of any variation of the Fingal Development Plan.

That said, Section 13 (1A) (a) of the current Act outlines that the Elected Members may, at any time and for stated reasons, submit a resolution to the Chief Executive requesting that she prepares a report on a proposal by the Members to initiate a process to consider the variation of the Development Plan in force. It is a requirement that 3/4 of the Members approve such a resolution. Within 4 weeks of adoption of such a resolution, the Chief Executive must submit a report to the Members.

It is important to note that in making resolutions in relation to variations, members are restricted to considering:

- the proper planning and sustainable development of the area,
- the statutory obligations of any local authority in the area, and
- any relevant policies or objectives of the government or any minister of the government.

Furthermore, Members must consider whether the content of the proposed variation is appropriate as a variation of the Development Plan.

Where a Planning Authority decides to proceed with a variation of a development plan, it must follow the statutory process set out under Section 13 of the Act.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

SHORT-TERM LETS REGISTERED IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to report in tabular format the number of short-term lets registered in Fingal over the past five years?"

Reply:

The number of Form 15 Short Term Let notifications received by the Local Authority since 2019 are as follows:

	Malahide Howth	Swords	Blanchardstown Mulhuddart	Balbriggan	Rush Lusk	Castleknock	Ongar	Year Total
2019	16	4	4	2	4	7	2	**39**
2020	11	1	4	1	1	2	2	**22**
2021	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
2022	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	**8**
2023	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
2024 YTD	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	**5**
LEA Total	**36**	**9**	**9**	**3**	**7**	**10**	**4**	**78**

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

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ITEM NO. 06

CLAIMS RELATING TO INADEQUATE FOOTPATHS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report broken down by Local Electoral Area, as to what the average daily cost of claims to the Council is in relation to footpaths?"

Reply:

For the year 2023, 50 claims relating to footpaths were settled. It should be noted that the claims settled did not necessarily occur in 2023 but were finalized during that period.

It should also be noted that the data is captured within the three operational areas of the Council.

The figures in the below table include all costs associated with the claim (Legal-Engineering etc).

AREA	NO OF CLAIMS	AMOUNT PAID
HOWTH/ MALAHIDE	13	€566,235
CASTLEKNOCK/ MULHUDDART	15	€454,581
BALBRIGGAN/	22	€735,782

SWORDS		

Source of Reply:

Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 07

ADDITIONAL REVENUE – DISCARDED CIGARETTE BUTTS AND DISPOSALBE VAPES

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information regarding the current status on the additional revenue expected from cigarette companies to assist with the plague of discarded cigarette butts and disposable vapes?"

Reply:

From January 2023, producers of certain single-use plastic items which includes tobacco filters, are required to contribute to the cost of cleaning up litter arising from their products under the Single Use Plastics Directive. This is also contained in the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024 – 2030.

Guidance on how to calculate these costs is currently being developed by the European Commission. Pending that guidance, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications is working with the relevant producer organisations to determine 2023 contributions.

The Environment Department in advance of World Tobacco Day held on 31st May, launched a social media campaign on cigarette butts and disposable vapes which included:

- Posts and infographics on twitter and Facebook highlighting the detrimental impacts of cigarette butts and discarded vapes on the environment and wildlife.

- Assets from mywaste.ie were used to highlight impact of butts and vapes

- The Anti-Litter, Anti-Graffiti Grant was launched with a focus on cigarette butts. The Fingal Website was updated to focus on butts and vape waste https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2024

- April newsletter to 120 community groups and individuals focused on the issue of butts and vapes as an environmental waste issue as part of World Earth Day Advocacy

A cinema campaign will be launched in late summer targeting Balbriggan Omni plex; IMC Santry; Movies @ Swords; Odeon Blanchardstown; Odeon Charlestown which will reach an audience of 729,968 and aims to target the 18-35 market. The advert will focus on the environmental impact of littering cigarette butts and vapes and advise on how they should be disposed. This will be an innovative ad which will focus on the detrimental effects discarded butts and vapes play on eco systems and wildlife. The call to action will be focusing on correct disposal and uplifting audiences to take action to keep Fingal County clean and beautiful. This advert will also be promoted through our social media platforms.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

TREE PRUNING – OBSTRUCTION TO FOOTPATHS AND/OR CYCLE LANES

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive for the most up-to-date figures for the total number of trees pruned during the spring and summer months, over the past three years, that obstructed footpaths and/or cycle lanes, a breakdown of this information in tabular format, including the number of trees pruned, the electoral ward, the year and if carried out by Council or 3rd party contractor?"

Reply:

The Operations Department does not have a record of the number of trees pruned in each area due to obstruction to footpaths and/or cycle lanes. Each operational area makes arrangements to carry out any recommended emergency works where a tree is dangerous or where there are low hanging branches which are obstructing the road, public footpath or cycle lane. These works are carried out by existing staff resources in that area and, if required, the Council may engage the use of a fully qualified Arboricultural contractor.

In accordance with the *Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy* adopted by the Council in March 2022 the Council has appointed a dedicated Tree Officer and commenced using the dedicated Tree Management System 'Arbortrack' to survey the age, health, and condition of all public realm street trees within the Fingal area. Since the commencement of survey works a total of 70,000 street trees have been surveyed and this surveying works has now been extended to include for trees within residential areas of public open space.

In accordance with the strategy the Council are moving towards a cyclical, proactive tree management programme based on the survey's data, in the interest of tree health and public safety. In time, this will provide up to date and accurate information on all tree works countywide.

Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy

The aims and objectives of the Strategy provide clear guidance to enhance the delivery of significant improvements to tree cover in Fingal for the future. As part of the overall strategy, works guidelines are provided on tree maintenance and management and objectives to improve the delivery of public realm tree management within Fingal over the lifetime of the strategy.

It is more common for tree works to be carried out during the winter works period, although sometimes it is required to carry out works during the growing season. While street trees are exempt from the works restrictions set within the Wildlife Act, the Council does try and plan for works within the dates of September to end of February. However, if required, works to roadside trees can be carried out under the Roads Act if a traffic visibility issue is present.

Tree Pruning

Within the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy document, section 4 outlines '*The Sustainable Management of Trees in Fingal'* and within this chapter, section 4.6 gives further detail of the reasons for and when tree pruning should be carried out. In summary, pruning works are recommended under the following hierarchy:

As well as pruning for arboriculture reasons, the following will be the general standard for (street) trees in the public realm:

• Footpaths: 2.5m overhead clearance
• Roads: 4.5m overhead clearance
• Buildings: 0.5 - 2m clearance

Pruning works will only be carried out if they fall into the above criteria.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 09

LOCATION OF HANG-OUT SPACES FOR TEENS – A PLAY POLICY FOR FINGAL

Motion: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the proposed locations for hang-out spaces for teens across the County given the recent Play Audit and the provision of such spaces in an objective in Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal?"

Report:

The "Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal" policy adopted by Fingal County Council recognises that there is a requirement for the provision of recreational space for teenagers and seeks to guide the provision, development, and enhancement of opportunities for play for children up to the age of 17. The play policy acknowledges that it is important to provide inclusive play spaces where older children and teenagers can "hang-out" and feel welcome to do so. The requirements of this age group in terms of public space are different to those of under 12's. Spaces, where they can congregate and socialise with their friends, connect to wi-fi and claim ownership of the space, are especially important. Ball games areas and wheel parks are the most common forms of teenage provision.

The provision of bespoke seating around the edge of such areas however creates a varied and valuable social space for everyone to use. 'Hangout' shelters are another example of social spaces that can be provided for teenagers. These work best when sensitively located close to other facilities rather than being placed in isolated or exposed positions. Engaging with teenagers in designing such areas will improve the success of the facility. Considerate design and quality materials communicate to young people that they are valued. Under the

adopted policy, these types of facilities may be provided in Local Equipped Areas for Play (LEAPs), Neighbourhood Equipped Areas for Play (NEAPs) and Destination Playgrounds located respectively in Local Parks (2-20Hectares in size), Urban Neighbourhood Parks (20-50 Hectares in size) and Regional Parks (> 50 Hectares in size). These requirements for teenage friendly facilities are being progressed through the Planning & Development Management process and retrospectively on a priority basis in line with the recently completed county wide audit of play facilities and the currently ongoing and related audit of sports facilities in Fingal. Recently Teen Hangout spaces have been opened as part of the Lanesborough Park Playground and Swords Regional Park at Millers Glen. Further provision of this nature is included at a number of locations including the planned Recreational Hubs located at Rathmore Park in Lusk, Ballymastone in Donabate, Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan, Corduff Park in Dublin 15 and Ward Regional Park in Swords.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT IN ALL PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if all public playgrounds in the County include the provision of accessible play equipment so children of all abilities can play together."

Reply:

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.

The Council's aim is to provide accessible play equipment in all public playgrounds and ongoing provision is made in the revenue and capital budget for these works. Operations 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. The Operations Area teams also regularly meet with local user groups that approach the Council with specific play equipment requests.

Source of Joint Reply:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Service, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations.

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ITEM NO. 11

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 11a

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1ST JULY 2024

Judicial Reviews

Ms. AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive, gave the Members a verbal update on the current Judicial Reviews for Fingal County Council.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **RECOMMENDED** that a briefing be facilitated for all Councillors in advance of the July County Council meeting to be held on Monday, 8th July.

Signed: Councillor Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 12

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 13

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

No Business

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ITEM NO. 14

DECLARATION OF ROADS

No Business

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Item 15

JUDICIAL REVIEWS – AUTHORISTATION PURSUANT TO 153(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Section 153 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended ("**the 2001 Act**"), provides as follows:

> "(1) The chief executive for a local authority—
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> (a) shall act for and on behalf of the local authority in every action or other legal proceeding whether civil or criminal, instituted by or against the local authority, and
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> (b) may do all such acts, matters, and things as he or she may consider necessary for the preparation and prosecution or defence of such action or other proceeding in the same manner in all respects as if (as the case may require) he or she were the plaintiff, prosecutor, defendant or other party to that action or other proceeding.
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> (2) Where an action or other proceeding relates to the exercise or performance by the local authority of a reserved function, the chief executive for that authority shall, in the doing of any such act, matter, or thing referred to in subsection (1), act with the express authorisation of the elected council of such local authority, and in any proceedings such authorisation shall be deemed to have been given unless or until the contrary is shown."

In various proceedings currently before the High Court - concerning a range of Local Authorities and challenges against decisions involving the exercise of reserved functions - the interpretation of s.153(2) of the 2001 Act has arisen for consideration.

In a very recent judgment, delivered by the High Court on 27 June 2024[1], the Court found that s.153(2) of the 2001 Act requires a positive step in that the Elected Members must provide express authorisation to the Chief Executive in respect of the preparation for and/or conduct of such litigation.

In light of this very recent High Court judgment, and in circumstances where the Elected Members have previously been fully appraised of current proceedings involving the exercise of reserved functions – noting: (i) judicial review proceedings involving the Council have been noted in the Chief Executive's Report(s) since June 2023; (ii) a briefing note in relation to any (at that time) current judicial review proceedings concerning reserved functions was sent to all Elected Members on 29 June 2023; and (iii) the defence of such proceedings was noted and accepted by the Elected Members at the full Council meeting on 16 January 2024

[1] Oceanscape Unlimited Company v Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council [2024] IEHC 381.

(*minutes attached for ease of reference*) – for the avoidance of doubt, where required and in the interests of ensuring that the Council's defence of such proceedings is maintained and that such proceedings are progressed in a speedy, cost effective and expeditious manner, the Chief Executive is seeking the confirmation and reaffirmation from the Elected Members that she has (and has had as required) their express authorisation to do all such acts, matters, and things as she may consider necessary in the defence of the following legal proceedings (*summarised briefly below*):

(i) In the matter of ***Reynolds and McDonough v Fingal County Council*** **[High Court Record No. 2023/372JR]** – these proceedings challenge, by way of judicial review, that part of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 ("**the CDP**") which zoned the Applicants' lands, known as the Áras Mhuire Field at Barnhill Road South, Barnhill, County Dublin, as Open Space and related parts of the Fingal Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the CDP. The case is listed for hearing on 4 February 2025.

(ii) In the matter ***daa plc v Fingal County Council*** **[High Court Record No. 2023/383JR]** – these proceedings challenge, by way of judicial review, the CDP insofar as same adopted and included Material Alteration PA CH 8.1: "*Section 8.5.7 Ensuring Environmental Protection and Sustainability*", and Material Alteration PA SH 11.7. The case is listed for hearing on 29 October 2025.[2]

(iii) In the matter of ***MKN Properties Ltd v Fingal County Council*** **[High Court Record No. 2023/373JR]** – these proceedings challenge the decision of the Council in relation to the CDP to zone specific land "OS"-Open Space on Map Sheet 8 and to adopt map-based objective no. 38, as inserted by Material Amendment PA SH 8.5. The Applicant was granted leave to commence these proceedings by the High Court on 22 September 2023. However, the Applicants have yet to progress their case pursuant to the directions of the Court. The proceedings are currently listed before the High Court on 8 October 2024 for case management.

(iv) In the matter of ***Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council , An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General*** **[High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR]** – these proceedings challenge the decision of Fingal County Council to proceed with proposed public realm improvements for a pedestrianised New Street, pursuant to s.179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

For the avoidance of doubt, where required, in order to comply with section 153 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended), **IT IS REMAFIRMED & RESOLVED** that the Chief Executive has (and has had as required) the express authorisation of the elected members to do all such acts, matters, and things as she may consider necessary for the defence of the following legal proceedings:-

[2] It should be noted, for completeness, that subsequent proceedings [High Court Record No. 2023/1047JR Friends of the Irish Environment v Minister for Housing] have been commenced against the Minister in relation to the Ministerial Direction, entitled "the Planning and Development (Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029) Direction 2023", issued on 28 July 2023 and overlap, to some extent, with the said daa proceedings. The Council is only a Notice Party to these related proceedings but will participate to the extent as is necessary to defend its position in the daa proceedings.

(i) *Reynolds and McDonough v Fingal County Council* [High Court Record No. 2023/372JR]

(ii) *daa plc v Fingal County Council* [High Court Record No. 2023/383JR]

(iii) *MKN Properties Ltd v Fingal County Council* [High Court Record No. 2023/373JR]

(iv) *Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General* [High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR]

Statement of Grounds and the Statement of Opposition for each case are available for reading at consideration at :

https://fingal.sharepoint.com/sites/Section153/Shared%20Documents/

Joan Reynolds & Edel McDonough Statement of Grounds – Synopsis

Joan Reynolds & Edel McDonough
and
Fingal County Council

2023/372 JR

A judicial review has been taken of the decision to zone lands known as Aras Mhuire, at Barnhill, as OS – Open Space.

It is requested that this decision is quashed along with the relevant parts of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the Fingal Development Plan.

Five legal grounds are listed for the judicial review.

1. The Open Space zoning applied to the subject lands by Fingal County Council is invalid because it is based on a material error of fact in relation to the level of flood risk exposure of the subject lands and/ or a material misinterpretation of the Fingal County Development Plan 2017 to 2023 and the Barnhill Local Area Plan 2019 to 2025 and/or in the alternative Fingal County Council erred in (a) having regard to irrelevant considerations in the form of obsolete and/or inaccurate information, (b) failing to have regard to relevant information in the form of accurate site specific information in relation to the flood risk of the subject lands and/or (c) failing to give reasons, therefore the zoning is irrational and unreasonable.

2. The OS zoning is invalid because the zoning on the subject lands was altered in order to bring the CDP into conformity with a LAP. This is contrary to the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, and constitutes the taking into account of an irrelevant consideration and/or is ultra vires the power of the Council and/or constitutes a failure to have regard to the hierarchy of flood plans contained in the Planning System and Flood Risk Management Guidelines.

3. The OS zoning is invalid because Fingal County Council failed to provide an accurate summary of the applicant's submission in respect of the Draft Development Plan in breach of section 12(4)(b)(ii) and (iii) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, 2000 Act and the Chief Executive erred in law in relying on irrelevant considerations.

4. The OS zoning is invalid because the vote of the Council on the relevant motion (82208) is invalid as it is vitiated by material errors of law and material errors of fact and/or contains errors on the face of the record.

5. The OS zoning is invalid because Fingal County Council failed in relation to the subject lands to have regard to or to consider the policy and objective set out in section 4.4.1 of the guidelines entitled "Development Plans Guidelines for Planning Authorities", in breach of section 28(1A)(a) of the 2000 Act and/or alternatively failed to give reasons as to why the policy and objective were not followed.

DAA Statement of Grounds – Synopsis

daa plc
and
Fingal County Council

2023/383 JR

A judicial review has been taken of the decision to include text within the Fingal Development Plan at Section 8.5.7, Ensuring Environmental Protection and Sustainability, and the decision to rezone land at ALSAA to CI Community Infrastructure in the Fingal Development Plan, both decisions were made at Material Amendment stage of the Development Plan process.

It is requested that these decisions are quashed, and the text be removed from the Development Plan written statement and the land be zoned as DA – Dublin Airport.
Note: The text was removed by Ministerial Direction, however this decision is also subject to judicial review. This second JR will be heard in September, with this DAA case scheduled for hearing in October 2024.

The text to be included in the Development Plan reads:
That the Development Plan recognises the inadequacy of the proposed noise insulation scheme to protect the health of those affected by aircraft noise and that in view of the increasing knowledge and scientific evidence of the serious health impact of aircraft noise on the physical health of Fingal residents that it is an objective to take measures including the expansion of noise insulation schemes operated by DAA to include all areas exposed to 40dB Lnight or higher as produced by aircraft during night time. The insulation schemes should be designed to ensure that internal noise levels are in keeping with BSI Standards Publication BS 8233:2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings, table 4: Indoor ambient noise levels for dwellings, as referenced in Chapter 14: Development Management Standards of the Development Plan 2023-2029. This approach is in response to the knowledge that night-time aircraft noise above this level is associated with adverse effects including increased mortality, stress, high blood pressure and a deterioration in cardiovascular health.

11 legal grounds are listed for the judicial review.

1. The making of the Fingal County Council Development Plan 2023 - 2029 ("the Development Plan") with the additional text at Section 8.5.7 Ensuring Environmental Protection and Sustainability was ultra vires the powers of the elected members of Fingal County Council, under section 10 and section 12 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended as the text is a noise mitigation measure within the meaning of Regulation (EU) IMo 598/2014 , the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act, 2019 and/or section 34A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended. The regulation of which is the subject of a specific regime established by the 2019 Act and sections 34A - 34C of the 2000 Act. The elected members of Fingal County Council have no jurisdiction to set noise mitigation measures in respect of Dublin Airport. Therefore, the inclusion of the text is invalid, unlawful, ultra vires, irrational and/or unreasonable.

2. The additional text is contrary to section 3(7)(a) of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act, 2019.

3. The inclusion of the additional text is unlawful, invalid and ultra vires in that there was a failure by Fingal County Council to have any or any proper regard to the International Civil Aviation Organisation's "A Balanced Approach to Aircraft Noise Management", to which Dublin Airport is subject, and a failure to have any or any appropriate regard to the measures which comprise the Balanced Approach. Fingal County Council (including elected members) failed to apply the Balanced Approach as required by law.

4. The inclusion of the additional text is unlawful, invalid and ultra vires as it is contrary to the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 and to the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2019 - 2023. The inclusion of the additional text is invalid, unlawful and ultra vires as it is inconsistent with the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2019 - 2023 and purports to revise that plan other than in accordance with Article 12 of the European Communities (Environmental) Noise Regulations 2018. In including this text in the Development Plan, Fingal County Council failed to have any or any proper regard for the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2019 - 2023. Therefore, this inclusion breaches section 9(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

5. The inclusion of the additional text is inconsistent with and/or different from the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority's Noise Abatement Objective for Dublin Airport and the decision to adopt same and to include it in the Development Plan was made without any or any appropriate regard being had to the Noise Abatement Objective. Therefore, it is invalid, void, unlawful and/or ultra vires the powers of Fingal County Council.

6. The zoning of land at ALSAA to Community Infrastructure is inconsistent with relevant national and regional policies, including the National Planning Framework and the Regional and Spatial and Economic Strategy, and its inclusion in the Development Plan is therefore ultra vires, unlawful, invalid and contrary to section 9(6), section 10(1A), section 10(2A)(a), sections 12(11) and 12(18) and/or section 27(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

7. The zoning of land at ALSAA is invalid, unlawful, ultra vires and in breach of section 12(11) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 as amended, as its inclusion was motivated by considerations other than that of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area of Fingal County Council, the statutory obligations of Fingal County Council or any relevant policies and objectives of the Government or any Minister of the Government.

8. In making the Development Plan, the elected members of Fingal County Council failed to have any or any proper regard to the submissions made on behalf of the DAA and failed to properly address those submissions and failed to give reasons for not accepting the submissions made by the DAA in respect of additional text and the zoning of land at ALSAA respectively.

9. In making the Development Plan, and in particular the adoption of the additional text and the zoning of land at ALSAA, Fingal County Council failed to give any or any adequate reasons as to why it was lawful, necessary or appropriate to adopt those material alterations, and include those provisions in the Development Plan and failed to properly consider and/or address the recommendations made by the Office of the Planning Regulator and/or the Chief Executive.

10. The making of the Development Plan with the additional text was unlawful, invalid and ultra vires Fingal County Council as there was a failure to comply with Regulation (EU) No. 598/2014 on the establishment of rules and procedures with regard to the introduction of noise related operating restrictions at Union airports within a Balanced Approach and a failure to adopt a Balanced Approach prior to and/or in relation to the introduction of a noise mitigation measure.

11. The decisions to adopt the adoption of the additional text and the zoning of land at ALSAA, and make the Development Plan with these provisions included were taken without the provisions, or each of them, having first been the subject of any or any proper environmental assessment in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 2001/42/EC.

MKN Statement of Grounds – Synopsis

MKN Properties Limited & J Murphy (Developments) Limited
And
Fingal County Council

373/2023 JR

A judicial review has been taken of the decision to zone lands at Fosterstown, Swords as Open Space and to decision to include Map Based Local Objective 38 in the Fingal Development Plan.

It is requested that these decisions are quashed, and the land be zoned as RA – Residential Area and the objective be removed.

Map Based Local Objective 38 reads:
Provide for well-designed housing at a density of 110-115 dwellings per hectare, which is in keeping with the masterplan and the enhancement of the character of the Key Town of Swords.

Seven legal grounds are listed for the judicial review.

1. In making the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, Fingal's decision to rezone the applicants lands as OS-Open Space breached the "Development Plans, Guidelines for Planning Authorities", June 2022 and therefore Fingal is in breach of its obligations under section 28(1A) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, to have regard to ministerial guidelines, and Fingal County Council is also in breach of its obligations under section 28(1B) insofar as it failed to provide any or any adequate reasons as to why the policies and objectives of such guidelines could not be complied with and is therefore unlawful, ultra vires, invalid and of no legal effect.

2. Fingal County Council's decision to change the zoning of the lands set out at Core Ground 1 is invalid, ultra vires, and of no legal effect in that it unreasonably, irrationally and unjustly treated these lands differently from other lands in the Swords area, and there was an absence of any, or any adequate reasons provided for the difference in treatment.

3. Given Fingal County Council based its decision to change the zoning of the lands set out at Core Ground 1 above on considerations contained in non-statutory masterplans,

Fingal County Council took into account irrelevant considerations, failed to take into account relevant considerations and was irrational and/or unreasonable.

4. In making the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the decision to adopt map-based objective no. 38, (as inserted at material amendment stage), is inconsistent with ministerial guidelines, and therefore, Fingal County Council is in breach of its obligations pursuant to section 28(1A) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, to have regard to ministerial guidelines, and to consider the policies and objectives of such guidelines, and Fingal County Council is also in breach of its obligations under section 28(1B) insofar as it failed to provide any or any adequate reasons as to why the policies and objectives of such guidelines could not be complied with and is therefore unlawful, ultra vires, invalid and of no legal effect.

5. The decision of Fingal County Council to adopt map-based objective no. 38, is invalid, ultra vires, unlawful and of no legal effect because Fingal County Council failed to consider, whether properly or at all, the proper planning and sustainable development of the Fosterstown area, and therefore is in breach of section 12(11) of the Planning and Development Act, as amended and failed to have regard to relevant considerations.

6. The decision of Fingal County Council to adopt map-based objective no. 38, unlawfully discriminated against the private property interests of the applicants, was irrational and unreasonable in that it applied different reasoning to factually similar situations and failed to take into account relevant considerations.

7. The decision to include map-based objective no. 38 is inconsistent with the policies and objectives of both the National Planning Framework and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy. In failing to ensure consistency with the objectives of the NPF and RSES, Fingal County Council erred in law, acted ultra vires its powers and in breach of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, including sections 12(11), 12(18) and 27(1).

Memorandum

FROM

AnnMarie Farrelly
Fingal County Council Chief Executive

TO

Elected Council
Fingal County Council

DATE

[•] June 2024

SUBJECT

Briefing Note in relation to the Judicial Review proceedings: Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, The Minister for Housing and Local Government, Ireland and the Attorney General H.JR.2024.0342 ("the 2024 Proceedings")

For the purposes of obtaining the express authorisation of the Elected Council pursuant to section 153 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) in relation to the defence of the 2024 Proceedings

1. Introduction

1.1 This is a Briefing Note for the Elected Council in relation to the 2024 Proceedings for the purposes of obtaining the express authorisation of the Elected Council pursuant to section 153 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) (the "**2001 Act**").

1.2 The 2024 Proceedings seek to challenge a decision of Fingal County Council (the "**Council**") taken in accordance with section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) ("**the 2000 Act**") and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) ("**the 2001 Regulations**") to proceed with public realm improvements for a pedestrianised New Street, Malahide ("**the proposed public realm improvements**").

1.3 In addition, the 2024 Proceedings seek reliefs against An Bord Pleanála ("**the Board**") in relation to a decision of the Board dated 17 November 2023 not to direct the Council to prepare an environmental impact assessment report ("**EIAR**") in respect of the proposed public realm improvements.

1.4 There are also some allegations in the 2024 Proceedings against the State which are primarily transposition points.

2. **History of the Pedestrianisation of New Street**

2.1 In light of the request made by the Government in or about April 2021 to local authorities in relation to the identification of outdoor space in the context of the response to the Covid-19 Emergency, the Council identified New Street as being appropriate for pedestrianisation.

2.2 As part of its consideration of the pedestrianisation of New Street, Fingal engaged in a non-statutory public consultation process between 11 May 2021 and 21 May 2021. It placed a notice on its website which advised that the Council had, in exercise of its powers pursuant to Section 38 of the the Road Traffic Act, 1994 (as amended) (the "**1994 Act**") and Section 95 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 (as amended) (the "**1961 Act"**), prepared a proposal for the pedestrianisation of New Street Malahide from June 2021.

2.3 New Street was pedestrianised from June 2021, and at that time the Council committed to the permanent pedestrianisation of New Street and that plans to give effect to that would be subject to a statutory process. The decision to implement the June 2021 pedestrianisation was given effect by the Chief Executive's Order of 4 June 2021 in exercise of the powers conferred on the Council by section 38 of the 1994 Act and section 95 of the 1961 Act.

2.4 That decision of June 2021 is the subject of an application for Judicial Review in 2021, by the same Applicant in the 2024 Proceedings. An application was made by the Applicant for an injunction seeking a Court order to reverse the June 2021 pedestrianisation of New Street. This application for an injunction was refused by the High Court on 11 August 2021. Those 2021 proceedings are still in being, but the Applicant accepts that these 2021 proceedings are moot if the Council are successful in the defence of the 2024 Proceedings.

2.5 The Council, as it had committed to do, progressed plans for public realm improvements for a pedestrianised New Street under section 179 of the 2000 Act and Part 8 of the 2001 Regulations, and a statutory public consultation in relation to those proposals took place between 19 April 2023 and 2 June 2023. The Applicant in these 2024 Proceedings made a submission to the statutory consultation in relation to the proposed public realm improvements, expressing her opposition to those proposals.

2.6 In May 2023, the Malahide Old Village Resident's Association (and others) made an application to the Board for an EIA Screening Determination pursuant to Article 120(3)(b) of the 2001 Regulations.

2.7 By Board Direction dated 7 November 2023 and Board Order dated 17 November 2023, the Board decided not to direct the Council to prepare an EIAR in respect of the proposed public realm improvements.

2.8 Following that decision of the Board, a report was prepared by the Chief Executive in respect of the proposed public realm improvements, which came before the Elected Council on 16 January 2024, in which it was recommended that the Council proceed with the development of the proposed public realm improvements. A decision was made in favour of this recommendation (the "**Part 8**").

2.9 The Applicant then brought a Judicial Review to challenge the Part 8 and filed in Court Judicial Review papers including a Statement of Grounds on 8 March 2024.

3. **Claims made by the Applicant in the 2024 Proceedings**

3.1 The details of the Grounds upon which the Applicant seek to rely upon to challenge the Part 8, and indeed the Board's decision on EIA Screening, are set out in the Applicant's Statement of Grounds dated 8 March 2024. This document available for reading at consideration at Section153 - Home (sharepoint.com) Please ensure you read the documentation.

3.2 In effect, the Applicant is seeking to rely on the various Grounds set out in that Statement of Grounds to seek to have the Part 8 quashed by the High Court such that the proposed public realm improvements cannot proceed.

3.3 The Council's opposition to the claims made by the Applicant are set out in the Statement of Opposition dated 13 June 2024. This document is available for reading at consideration at Section153 - Home (sharepoint.com). Please ensure you read the documentation.

3.4 The Council sets out in some detail its response to the Grounds relied upon by the Applicant to seek to quash the Part 8 in this Statement of Opposition. The State, who are also a party in the 2024 Proceedings, have delivered its opposition to the Applicant's allegations. The opposition papers of the Board are awaited.

3.5 Were the Council not to defend the challenge to the Part 8, then in effect, the Part 8 would not be defended and in those circumstances, the Court would make an Order quashing the decision of the Council in relation to the Part 8 such that it would not be possible for the Council to proceed with the proposed public realm improvements.

3.6 It is therefore important that the Part 8 is defended such that if the Council (along with the Board relating to issues directed towards it and the State in relation to issues directed at it) successfully defends the 2024 Proceedings it can then proceed with the progression of the public realm improvements for a pedestrianised New Street.

3.7 The 2024 Proceedings are listed for hearing before the High Court on 1 April 2025.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 16

CREATIVE IRELAND COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024

The Creative Ireland Programme is an all-of government initiative committed to enhancing access to, engagement with, and enjoyment of Ireland's culture and creativity. Within the broad range of available definitions, creativity is considered as a set of innate abilities and learned skills; the capacity of individuals and organisations to transcend accepted ideas and norms and by drawing on imagination to create new ideas that bring additional value to human activity.

Our Fingal five year creative and cultural strategy realises the importance of broad access to creative and cultural activities in all communities and supports activities aimed at promoting social cohesion, wellbeing, and diversity.

In early 2024, a call for submissions for creative projects to take place in the community was made. This was communicated through our Fingal consult portal, social media, direct communication with various groups and Council staff and posters in our libraries. Twenty-five submissions were received and after a selection process by a three-person expert panel, seven projects were chosen to receive a total of €40,400 funding.

In 2024 Creative Ireland Fingal will fund the following projects:

Helium Arts Community Summer Art Camps & Connolly Hospital Support Fingal	Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	€9,000.00
Weaving the Threads of Heritage: Connecting the Arts and Local History	Balbriggan/Swords	€9,000.00
Garden P-Arty Crafternoons	Naul Village (The Séamus Ennis Arts Centre)	€7,000.00
SongTales sa Spéir: Unleash the Magic of Music and Creativity	Balbriggan/Throughout Fingal	€4,500.00
Swords Youth Choir Song Camp	Swords (Carnegie Library)	€3,900.00

Umoja-Let's Connect	Balbriggan	€4,000.00
Filmmaking in the Community	Coolmine, Dublin 15 (Mountview Family Resource Centre)	€3,000.00
		€40,400.00

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 17

DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME

The statutory basis for Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) is set out in Section 48 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 41 of the 2014 Act. The making of an SPC scheme is a reserved function.

SPCs are intended to be strategic in nature while operational matters are mainly dealt with at Area Committees. The Council is, and remains, the decision-making authority and the final decision on strategic issues rests with the full Council.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Guidelines advise that SPCs should:

- assist the Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy and strategy.

- reflect the major functions or services of a local authority within the broader context.

- take account of the Council's overall corporate policy and objectives, integrate with statutory plans and link realistically to financial resources.

- be tailored to the size, membership and administrative resources of a local authority but generally be four in number.

- have one third of their membership drawn from sectors relevant to the Committees' work. At least one of those members on each committee should be drawn from the Public Participation Network Membership.

- Meet twice yearly at a minimum. SPCs in Fingal County Council have traditionally met four times a year.

- The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) should decide on the work programmes of the SPCs and recommend issues to be considered by SPCs. All subgroups of SPCs should be sanctioned by the CPG to ensure clarity on brief, reporting and to avoid overlap between Committees.

Fingal County Council's SPC Scheme 2019-2024 provided for 6 SPCs with the inclusion of the Marine and Coastal Management SPC during the term as follows;

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2019-2024			
Membership by committee	Elected Members	Sectoral Interest	Total
Housing SPC	8	4	12
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	8	4	12
Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment	6	3	9
Community Development, Heritage, Culture & Creativity	6	3	9
Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development	6	3	9
Transport & Infrastructure Management	6	3	9
Marine & Coastal Management	10	4	14
Grand Total	50	24	74

Each Councillor will be a member of one SPC and shall not be a member of more than two Committees. The Guidelines advise that membership should reflect the proportionality and the distribution of elected representation on the full Council. The external membership should be one third of the entire membership of the committee. It is also recommended that a diverse range of views and interests are represented from other sectors to ensure that all SPC's are inclusive and effective.

Following agreement by the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on 1st July, it is proposed that the Council approves the establishment of seven SPCs and that the seven Chairpersons Designate work with Corporate Services over the coming weeks to formulate a more detailed draft scheme to include amendments to the

current scheme to align the name and function of each SPC. The Draft Strategic Policy Scheme 2024-2029 will then be put out for consultation over the summer with a final report being presented to the Corporate Policy Group and then the September Council meeting for adoption. Following the adoption of the Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029, interested parties, sectoral representatives and the PPN will be invited to express an interest in participating and to nominate representatives to each SPC.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 18

2003 ARTS ACT GRANTS SCHEME

Applications have been received under the bursary entitled the '*2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme'*. Fingal County Council allocates funding annually under the Scheme to assist the development of the 'arts' in Fingal.

The 'arts' means any creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, and architecture, and any medium when used for those purposes.

The Arts Act grant scheme is intended to assist groups, organisations, and individuals in the following:

- stimulating public interest in the arts
- promoting the knowledge, appreciation and encourage practice of the arts
- improving standards and development in the arts in the county

Events supported under this scheme should aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

A total of 26 eligible applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office and an external advisor. Having examined the applications, the panel has recommended 26 awards amounting to a total sum of €160,823.

LIST GROUPS AND AWADS

It is proposed to make funding available to the following organisations in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amounts set out here under and the approval of the Members is now sought:

APPLICANT	EVENT NAME	2024 AWARD
Howth Singing Circle	Howth Burns Nicht 2024 - Aft Hae I Rov'd	€3,000
Anna Kiselyova	Castleknock Music Festival 2024	€13,350
Rush Musical Society CLG	Production of "The Pirates of Penzance" in 2024	€12,824
Skerries Ukulele Strummers	Ukulele Festival Skerries 2024	€1,550
Damien Donnelly	New issue of The Storms Journal in 2024	€5,324
SCÉAL Arts Collective	"On the Altar of the Arts" Exhibition 2024	€2,500
The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival 2024	€16,000
Rolestown Theatre Group	Production of "Aladdin" Pantomime in 2024	€1,000
Poetry at the Mills	Fingal Poetry Festival 2024	€21,412
Gary Keegan	New Ballyboughal Community Choir in 2024	€8,620
Duo Chagall	Autumn Sounds 2024	€12,000
Boathouse Painters Group	Masterclass Programme 2024	€5,400
Baldoyle Musical & Dramatic Society	Production of "Encanto" Pantomime and "Legally Blonde" the Musical in 2024	€4,000
St. Mary's Secondary School, Baldoyle	Production of "High School Musical" Transition Year Musical in 2024	€1,500
Skerries Traditional Music Weekend	Skerries Traditional Music Weekend 2024	€9,527
Hooks & Reels	Hooks & Reels 2024	€3,400
Fedelm Creativity	Development of "Ladies Do", a play written by Marie Bashford-Synnott in 2024	€3,019
Malahide Musical & Dramatic Society	Production of "Crybaby" Musical in 2024	€7,305
Michael Connaughton	Circus of Literature, Art, Song & Music 2024	€600

Skerries Forget Me Not Cafe	Skerries Forget Me Not Cafe Programme 2024	€3,000
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival 2024	€12,000
Donabate Portrane Dramatic Society	Production of "Dancing at Lughnasa" in 2024	€2,000
Portmarnock Art Group	Annual Art Exhibition & Activities Programme 2024	€2,000
Malahide Camera Club	Malahide Camera Club Exhibition 2024	€3,000
Shezzi Coady	WTF-Women's Theatre Festival 2024	€5,992.40
St Michaels House Special National School, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin	Creative Schools programme 2024	€500
Total		**€160,823.00**

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ITEM NO. 19

REPORT ON PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY-BARBERSTOWN LANE NORTH

Fingal County Council in pursuance of its functions under Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 (as amended) proposes as Local Authority for the administrative area of the County of Fingal to make an order that the public right of way in the schedule hereunder shall be extinguished.

Schedule: The public right of way to be extinguished at Barberstown Lane North, as shown on Map/Drawing No. ROW-2024-001.

This public consultation was previously on public display from 29th January to 11th March 2024 and extended to 19th March 2024. A further public consultation period then ran to 29th April, however due to a submission, a final public consultation was re-advertised and put on public display from the 13th of May 2024 and closed at 23.59pm on 3rd of July 2024. Any observations or submissions made during the previous periods were carried over to the final consultation.

The proposals available for public viewing were as follows and can be found attached to this report:

- Map/Drawing No.ROW-2024-001
- Ongar Barnhill Rd General Arrangement
- Barberstown Lane N Extinguishment ROW BMCO ACM Jan 2024
- Proposed Extinguishment of Right of Way at Barberstown Lane North

A total of six submissions were received regarding the proposed extinguishment of right of way.

Full details of the submissions received can be found in report below:

Reference #	Author	Observation	Response
FIN-C655-1	Damien Carberry	1. **Ensure roundabouts are Dutch style:** It is hard to verify in the documents but please ensure that the two roundabouts on Barberstown Lane South are Dutch style, like the brilliant one built on Church Fields Link Road. 2. **Pedestrian & Cycle access from Barberstown Lane North:** The map shows a turnaround circle on Barberstown Lane North at either side of the new road. Please consider adding a ramp up to the new road to allow pedestrians and cyclists avoid a very long route (it's 2km from the houses on Barberstown Lane North to the where it would intersect the new road).	1. The roundabouts will be cycle friendly. This observation is not relevant to the extinguishment of the public right of way. 2. Access to Ongar Barnhill Road will be provided through the development of the Barnhill local area plan which was approved in 2019. There will be steps near the bridge and a ramp onto the road from the lands will be facilitated through development. The new road will have footpaths and cycleways along all its length.
FIN-C655-2	Ian Pringle	On Drawing Number DRG-ROW-2024-001 of the proposal it shows that turning circles will be created on Barberstown Lane North where it is truncated by the new Ongar Barnhill Road, this was not indicated on any previous drawings, relating to the Barnhill LAP or the Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029. Sheet 12. This will encourage dumping and overnight parking on the lane. The 100m long section of Barberstown Lane North from the R149 to the intersection with the new Ongar Barnhill Road should be closed at the R149 to	The access to the road from the R149 will be managed to prevent inappropriate access until the development of the Barnhill Local area plan is underway.

		prevent these unwanted activities rather than installing a turning circle. The Part 8 Planning Document which was approved by Fingal CC clearly shows on the Clifton Scannell Emerson Drawing Number 06_066_0202-Sheet 2 that the section of Barberstown Lane North from the west side of the Ongar Barnhill Distributor Road to its junction with the R149 would be closed, as show on Appendix 1 attached. As our family house and farmyard are directly across the R149 at this point, we request that Fingal CC revert back to what was approved in the Part 8 Planning Document, remove the turning circle and close Barberstown Lane North at its junction with the R149.	
FIN-C655-3	Brian Gallagher	Referring to drawing number ROW-2024-001 of the proposal we note turning circles drawn at the point where Barberstown Lane North is truncated by the new Ongar Barnhill Road. We feel this turning circle will further encourage dumping in the generous open ditches, particularly on the section from the R149 to the intersection with the new Ongar Barnhill Road. This is already an unsightly problem and will only exacerbate the blockage of water draining from the surrounding land which is already prone to flooding. The original plan, approved by Fingal County Council, shown on Clifton Scannell Emerson Drawing Number 06_066_202-Sheet 2, shows the lane closed at its junction with the R149 which is a more acceptable solution as it would prevent dumping and unwanted overnight parking. Our home and garden is directly opposite this junction and we request that Fingal CC remove the turning circle and close the lane at its junction with the R149.	The access to the road from the R149 will be managed to prevent inappropriate access until the development of the Barnhill Local area plan is underway.

FIN-C655-4	Fingal Active Travel Group	As per planning drawing from the Barnhill SHD - Proposed pedestrian and cyclist movement networks and links - 16_053_001 JULY 20222 We have concerns that important active travel links from residential areas, up to the bridge section of the Ongar - Barnhill link road and also the PEDESTRIAN / CYCLIST link between eastern and western areas of the Barnhill SHD appear to have been omitted from the current design, which is under construction. Therefore please can you clarify that Active Travel links will be maintained between residential areas on the eastern and western new Ongar - Barnhill link road as shown on the appended excerpt, including STEPS leading up to the link road from Eastern Areas of the Barnhill SHD and also PEDESTRIAN / CYCLIST link between eastern and western areas of the Barnhill SHD.	The provision for active travel will be delivered in tandem with the development of the Barnhill Local Area Plan. There will be an active travel corridor under the bridge along with steps near the bridge and active travel routes.
FIN-C655-5	Fiacre O'Cairbre	I wish to **object** to the above proposal. My reason for objecting is outlined below: **1. Fingal County Council has breached an important legal requirement in Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.** I will now show how Fingal has breached this legal requirement in Section 73 which relates to a proposal to extinguish a right of way: Paragraph 1(a) in Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993 says the newspaper notice should state that: - objections or representations may be made in writing to the local authority in relation to such proposal before a specified date (which shall be not less than two weeks after the end of the period for inspection) - Now, Fingal's newspaper notice gives April 29 as the end of the period for inspection and so according to paragraph 1(a) above, objections or representations may be made in writing to Fingal before a specified date which	**Advert 1** FCC placed an advertisement in the Irish independent on 29th January 2024. It was readvertised however due to an omission with regards to the wording which should have included the following '*persons making such objections or representations may make a request in writing to state their case at an oral hearing*

		shall be not less than two weeks after April 29. However, the newspaper notice says that objections or submissions should arrive no later than 5p.m. on April 29 and this deadline of 5p.m. on April 29 for submissions is less (i.e. earlier) than two weeks after the end of the period of inspection (April 29). So, it seems that Fingal has breached Section 73 which is a legal requirement. So, it seems that Fingal has breached an important legal requirement. I suggest that Fingal pulls the proposal for the extinguishment of the right of way over Barberstown Lane North (and not proceed with the proposal) on account of the breach of an important legal requirement above. If Fingal don't pull the proposal, then I may consider legal action in the future if I feel it's appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.	*conducted by a person appointed by the local authority for that purpose'.* **Advert 2** FCC placed the advertisement in the Irish Independent on 13th March 2024. The advert that was placed was incorrect and did not allow for the 2 weeks submission. This matter was rectified with a new advertisement placed in the Irish Independent on 13th May 2024. **Advert 3** The Extinguishment of Right of Way was re-advertised on the 13th May 2024 in the Irish Times. The procedure on the Extinguishment of the Right of way is in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993

FIN-C708-1	Fiacre O'Cairbre	I wish to object to the above proposal to extinguish the right of way over Barberstown Lane North. Please note the word, proposal, from now on will mean the above proposal to extinguishment the right of way over Barberstown Lane North and the word, consultation, will mean consultation for the proposal. My four reasons for objecting are outlined below: 1. **The text of my earlier objection (to the proposal) was changed by Fingal County Council and the changed text put up on the Fingal Website.** It's unacceptable that the text of my objection (in relation to an earlier consultation for the proposal) was changed and the changed text was put on the Fingal website. I consider this to be a serious matter. Was it legal for Fingal County Council to change the text of my objection and then put the changed text on the Fingal website? 2. **Fingal did not have the correct number of important materials uploaded online for the current consultation between May 13 and June 7.** It's unacceptable that Fingal didn't upload the correct number of important materials at the start of the consultation on May 13. It's also unacceptable that the current consultation was missing these important materials for at least 25 days.	In relation to the following points: 1. It was noted that only one word in Mr O'Cairbre's submission was altered in error. The word "advert" was transcribed instead of the word "notice" from the written submission to the consultation portal. This was corrected. 2. On receipt of correspondence from Mr O' Cairbre noting this clerical error, the additional documents, were uploaded

		3. **The Fingal consultation portal says there are no submissions in relation to the current open consultation.** It's unacceptable and misleading for the Fingal consultation portal to say there are no submissions in relation to the current open consultation when there are five submissions related to the proposal. 4. **The earlier consultation (from January to March) is not on the Fingal consultation portal.** It's a serious omission for Fingal not to have the earlier consultation for the proposal (from January to March) on the Fingal consultation. I suggest that Fingal pulls the proposal for the extinguishment of the right of way over Barberstown Lane North (and not proceed with the proposal) on account of the four important reasons above. If Fingal doesn't pull the proposal, then I may consider legal action in the future if I feel it's appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.	to the consultation portal. 3. Due to system constraints, we are unable to move submissions from one consultation to another. The persons who made the original five submissions were contacted by email/letter prior to the commencement of the recently closed consultation and advised that their submissions would be carried forward to the current consultation due to the requirement to readvertise. 4. During the period in which the first consultation was active, we received a submission noting an error in the consultation, that it was

		Yours sincerely Fiacre Ó ’Cairbre	not in compliance with the legislation. Following legal advice, the error was corrected on that same consultation on the portal itself and the period of the consultation was extended. It was readvertised in the Irish Independent on 13th March 2024 and a disclaimer was put at the top of that consultation noting the amendment. The procedure for Extinguishing the Public Right of Way at Barberstown North is in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

In summary, the majority of submissions are in relation to potential inappropriate access to a future cul de sac and the need to provide good active travel links. FCC are proposing to mitigate the risk of inappropriate access by managing access from the R149 until the Barnhill Local Area Plan is developed. Active travel links under/ over and across the Ongar Barnhill road will be delivered with the development of the Barnhill LAP. The Ongar Barnhill road has been in construction since September 2023 and will open in Summer 2025. The part 8 planning permission which was granted in 2007 for the Ongar Barnhill Road included the closure of Barberstown Lane North. Over the last few months FCC has made improvements to Barberstown lane road north and south to allow Barberstown Lane North to be closed. These improvements will continue during the coming months when the Barberstown Lane South will be realigned. It is now necessary to close Barberstown Lane North in order to complete the construction of the Ongar Barnhill Road and its embankment. A delay in closure of this road will result in increased costs to FCC for construction of the scheme. The Ongar Barnhill Road will enable development of housing on the adjoining Barnhill LAP.

All submissions have been noted by the Planning Department.

It is recommended that the proposed extinguishment of public right of way on Barberstown Lane North be Approved.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE
(Services A – Operational Matters)

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024

ITEM NO. 18

PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT BARBERSTOWN LANE NORTH

REPORT:

The Ongar Barnhill Road project, currently in construction stage, consists of the development of approximately 1.8km of road, footpath, and cycle facilities from the Ongar Roundabout to Barberstown Lane South and includes the provision of a new road crossing of the Dunboyne railway line.

Located in the Barnhill Local Area Plan (LAP) Lands, the scheme will improve the connectivity of the area with this new railway crossing and significant high-quality cycle and road infrastructure whilst underpinning the sustainable development of residential development in the LAP. The scheme also provides a walking and cycle path link to the Royal Canal Greenway further strengthening the local sustainable active travel network. This scheme will also result in an improved and re-aligned Barberstown Lane South and improved safe access onto the R149.

As part of this project, Barberstown Lane North will need to be closed either side of the new road and its embankment as indicated in Drawing R0W-2024-001. In order to effect the closure, it is proposed to initiate the statutory procedure for the extinguishment of the public right of way in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993.

The extinguishment of a public right of way is a reserved function of the Council, and subject to the approval of this Committee, the statutory public consultation process will be initiated.

Source of Reply: Linda Lally, A/Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way
Barberstown Lane North

Jan 2024

Briefing to BMCO Area Councillors

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way Barberstown Lane North

- Part 8 planning granted for Ongar Barnhill Rd.
- Housing in Barnhill Lands 1200 units
- Ongar Barnhill Rd is being constructed for FCC
- Works on road have commenced
- Extinguishment of ROW procedure
- Consultation

Ongar Barnhill Road in Construction stage



Ongar Barnhill Road Benefits of scheme

1. Housing in Barnhill Lands 1200 units
2. Safety /quality improvements to road network.
3. Safety- New footpaths and new cycle network. Link to Royal Canal
4. Connection to Kellystown lands and bridge. Future housing Kellystown LAP.
5. Allows for future bridge near Barberstown level crossing- Dart+West

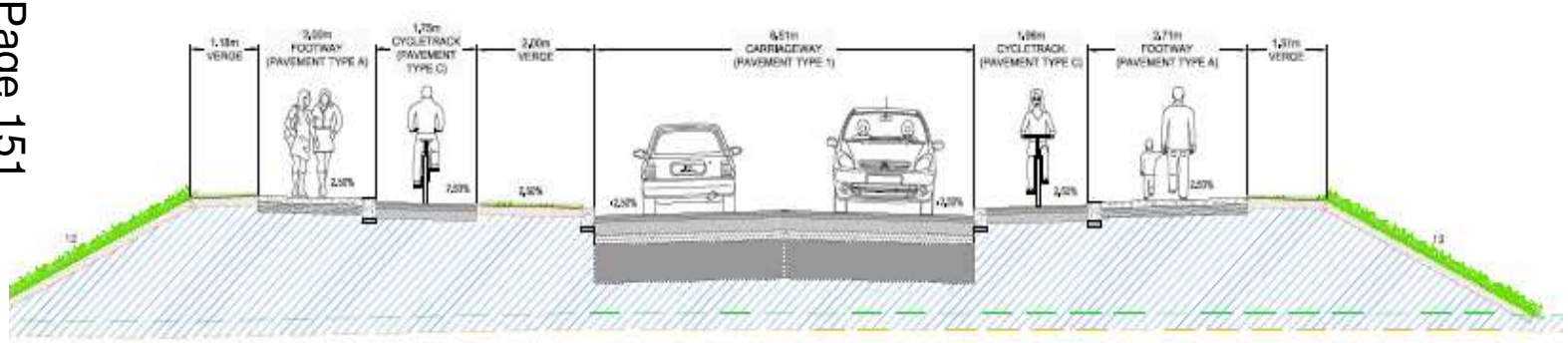
Ongar Barnhill Road- Background

- Part 8 planning granted for scheme
- Barnhill Local Area Plan adopted by Council in February 2019 provides framework for road network and development
- Fingal CC appointed BAM in Q3 2023 to Construct Ongar Barnhill road and upgrade Barberstown Lane South

Ongar Barnhill Road- Layout

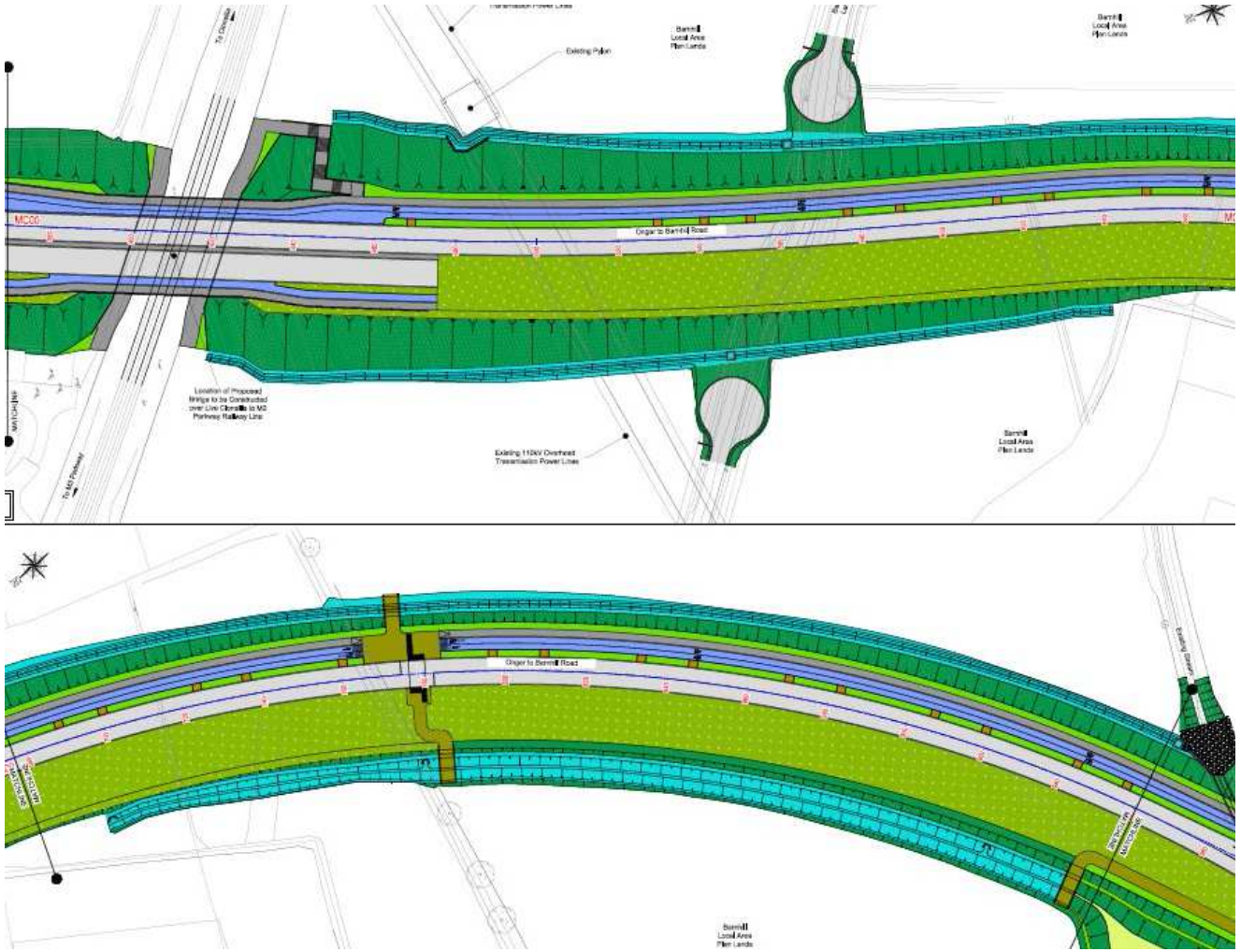


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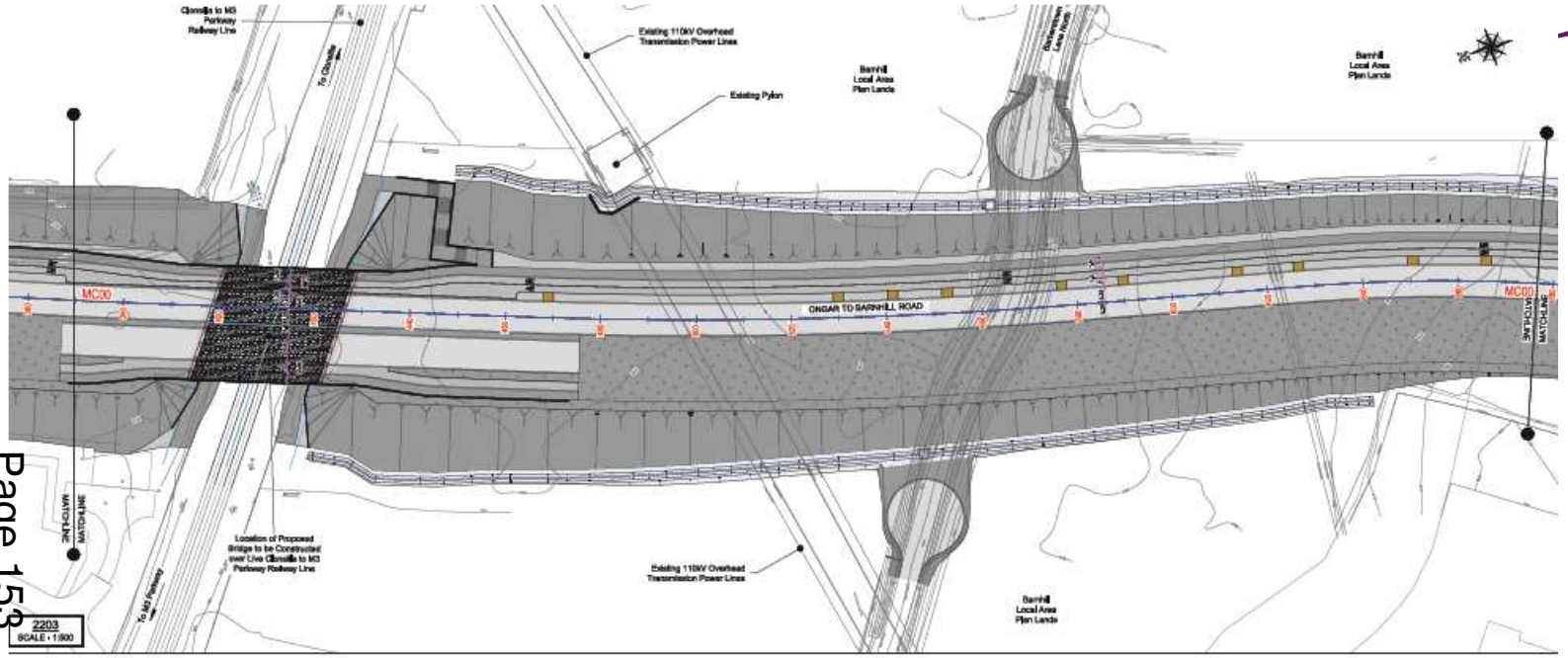


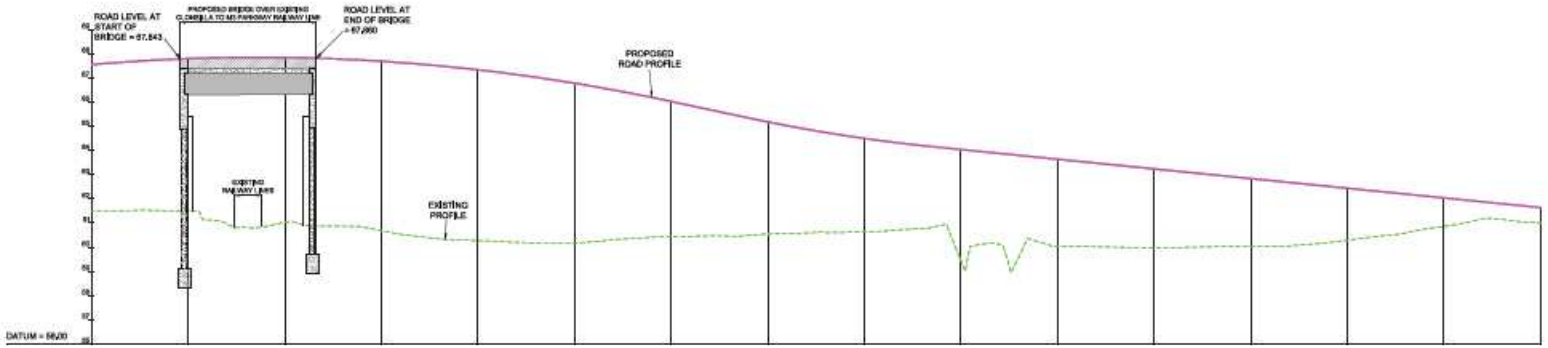
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Ongar Barnhill Road Plan at Railway bridge



Long section of Ongar Barnhill Rd at BLN





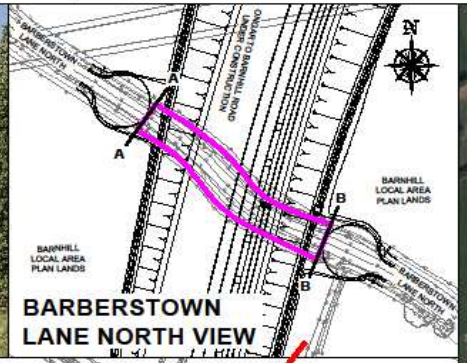
Ongar Barnhill Road –Stage timelines

- Bam Civil Ltd appointed by Fingal CC in Q3 2023
- Site compound&advance works Sept 2023-Jan'24
- 2024 Bridge Construction over railway
- Q1-Q3 2024 road embankment construction
- Barberstown Lane South construction Q1-Q3 2024
- Expected completion of scheme Mid 2025

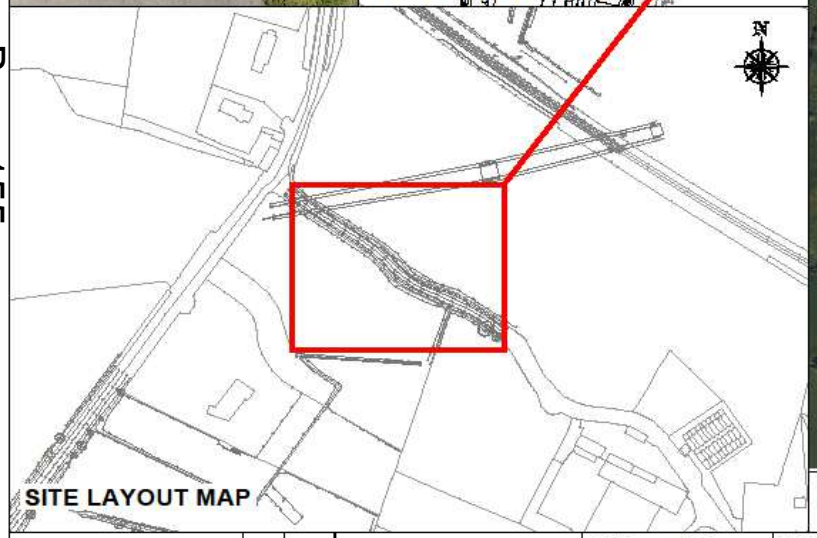
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PROPOSED EXTINGUISHMENT OF RIGHT OF WAY AT BARBERSTOWN LANE NORTH, AT BARNHILL, CO. DUBLIN





BARBERSTOWN LANE NORTH VIEW



SITE LAYOUT MAP



SITE LOCATION MAP

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Barberstown Lane north looking North



BAM site offices Barberstown Lane North R149



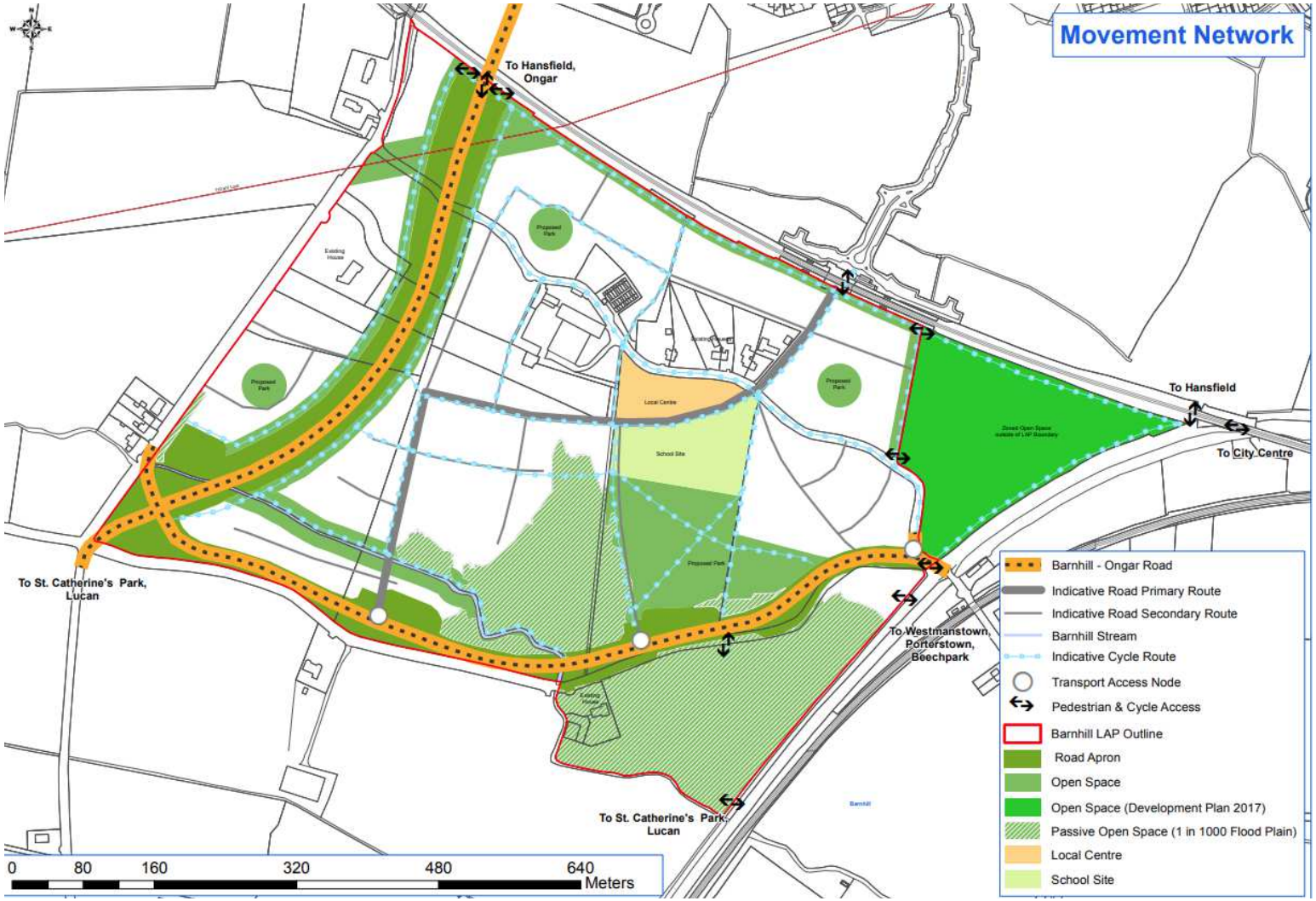
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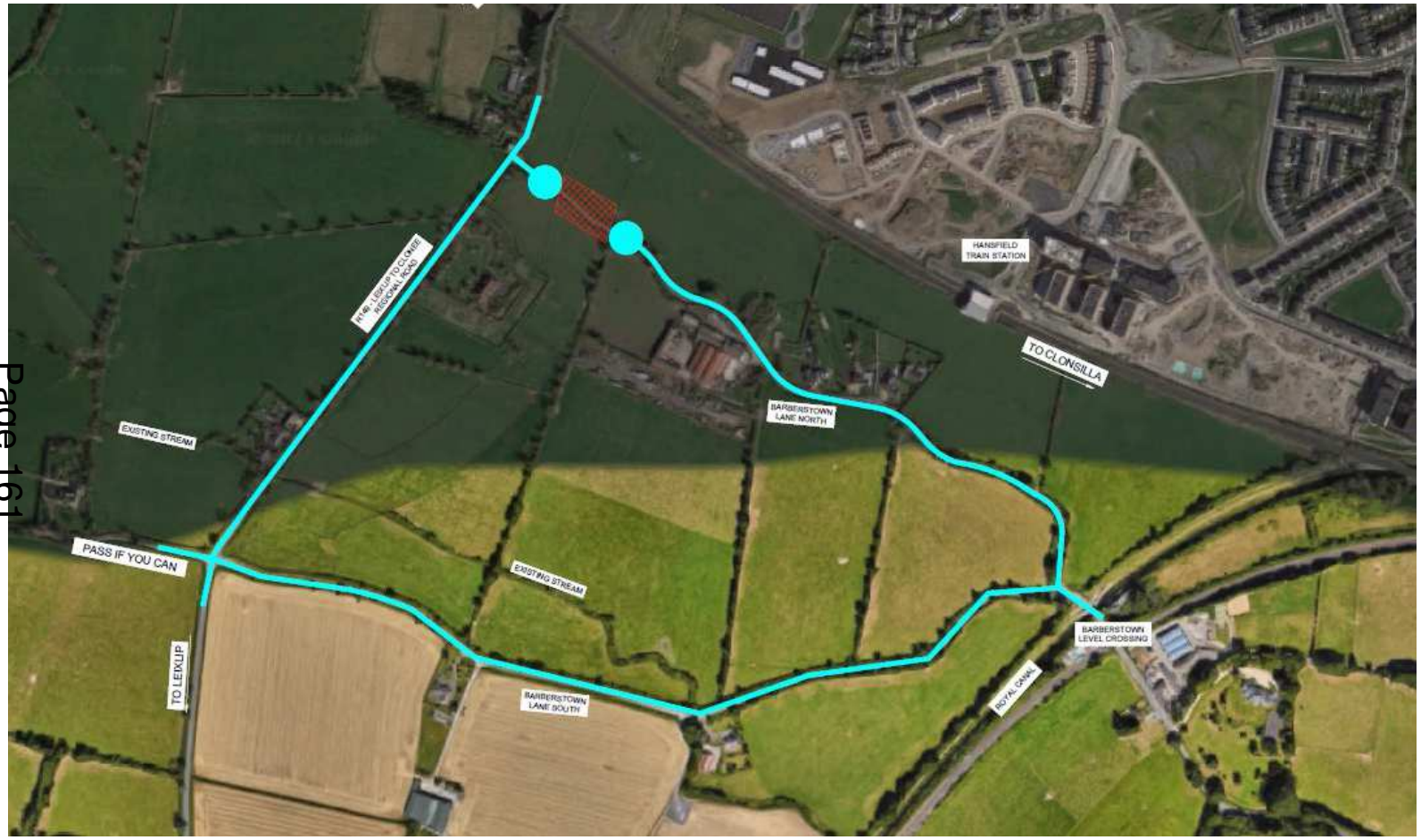
R149 / Barberstown Lane South with improved visibility at junction



Barnhill Local Area Plan Adopted Feb 2019



Diversion route for Road Closure on BLN



Extinguishment of Public Right of Way at Barberstown Lane North Time-lines

- Project update to residents January 2024
- Initiation of consultation in January 2024.
- Roads Act 1993 Section 73
- ACM A January 2024
- Improvements to diversion route in Q1 2024
- Report on consultation to ACM A and Council

THANK YOU- ANY QUESTIONS?



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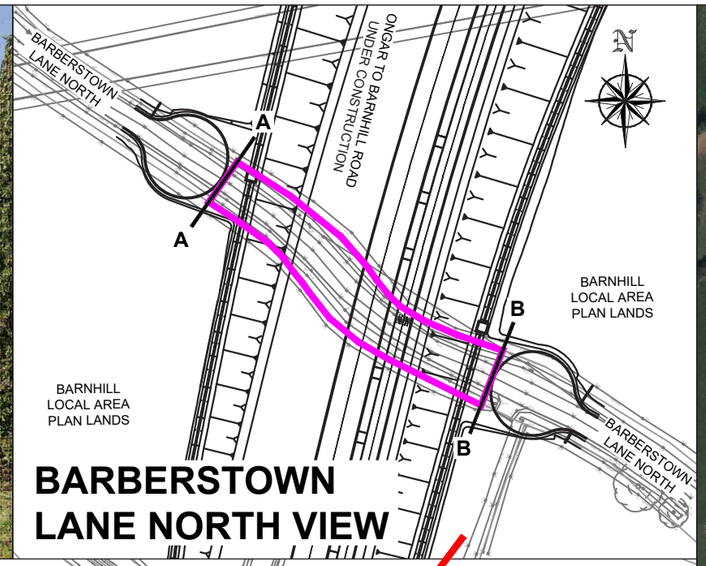
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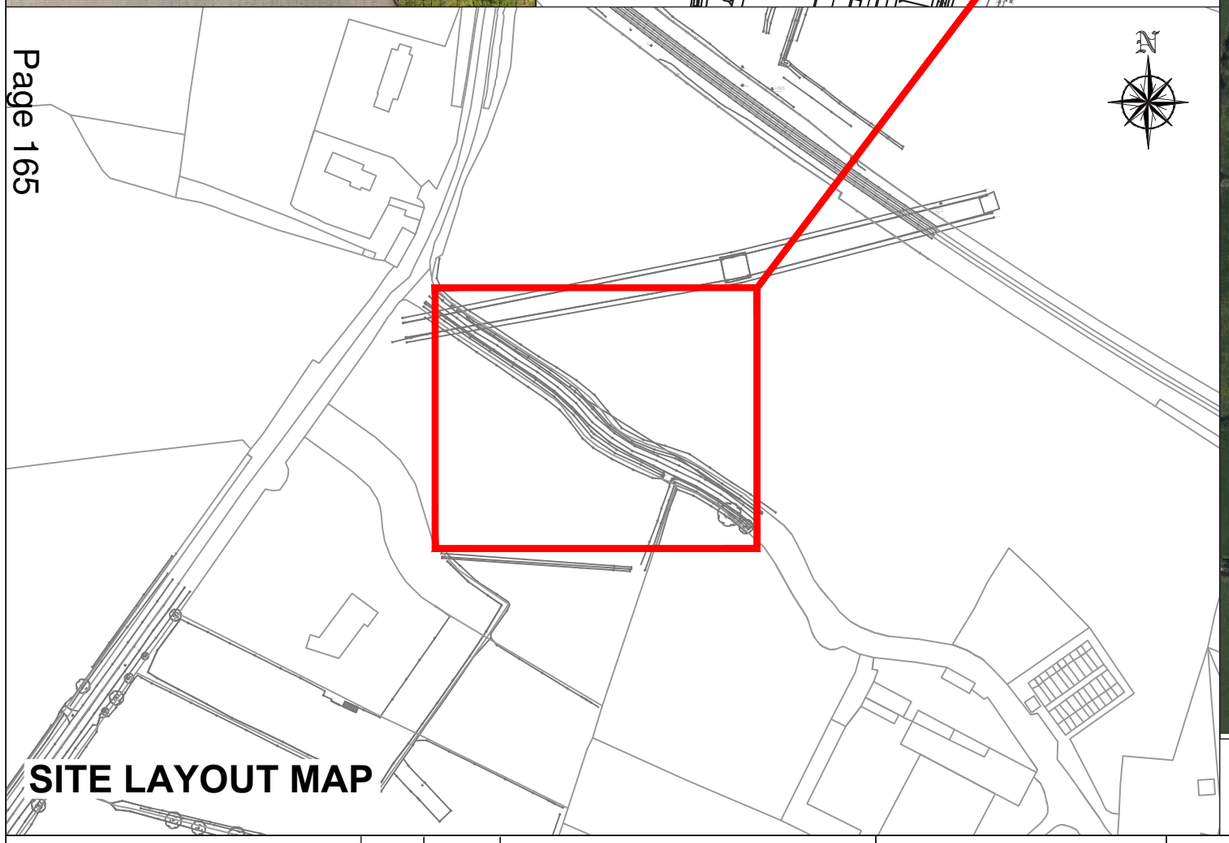
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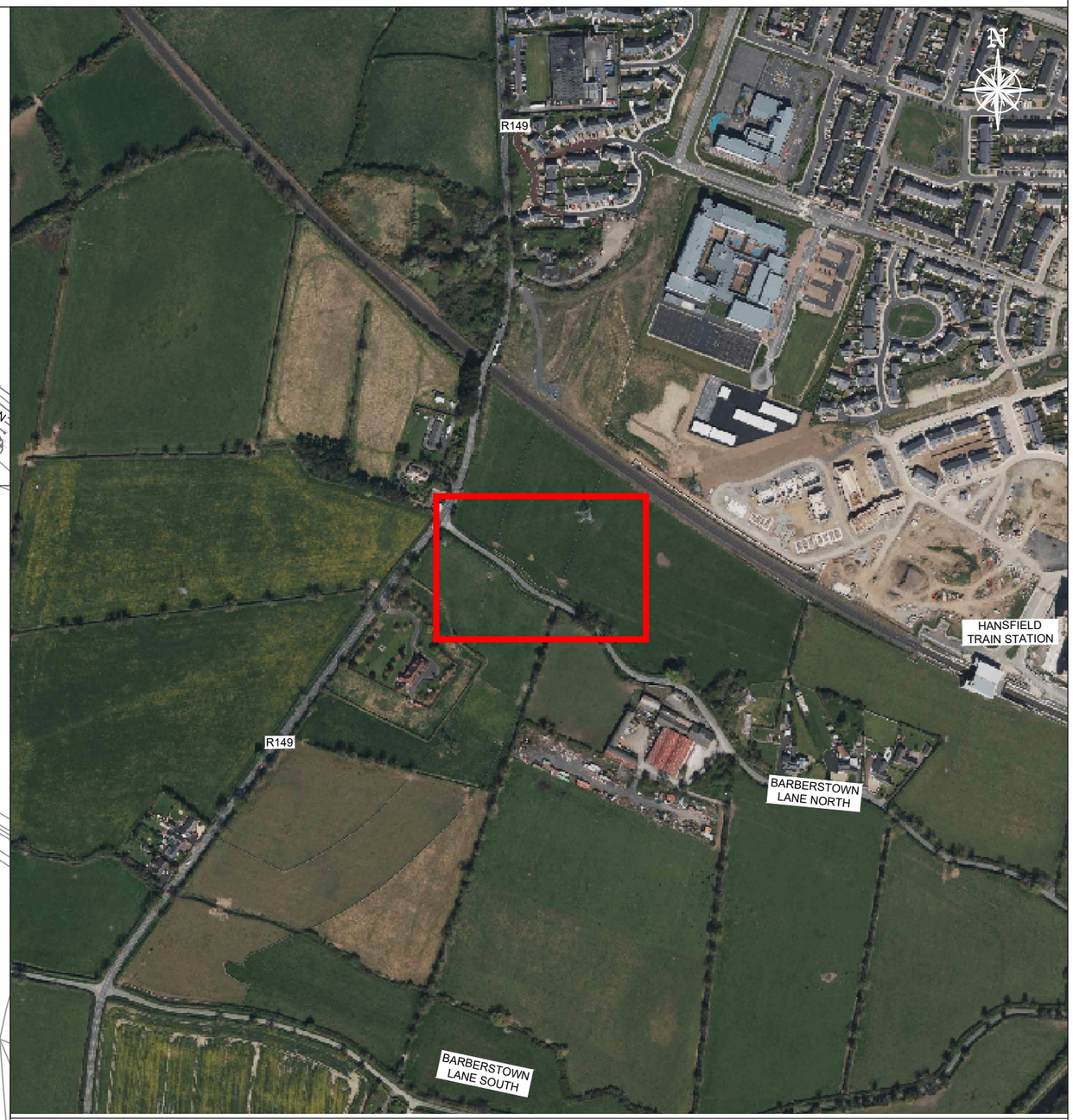




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Chief Executive's Report

Maritime Development - Oriel Wind Farm

Item No. 20

County Council Meeting

8th July 2024

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Section 1 Background

1.1 Introduction

An application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála for a proposed development know as Oriel Wind Farm off the coast of Co. Louth.

Fingal County Council hereby sets out the submission of the Planning Authority on the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála, as the consenting authority, will decide to grant or refuse this application.

1.2 Procedural Background

The application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála under Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. It is noted that the applicant has undertaken consultations with the Board in accordance with Section 287(1) of the Act.

Oriel Windfarm Ltd was granted a Maritime Area Consent in relation to the windfarm which has a commencement date of 23rd December 2022. The Maritime Area Consent states that an application for permission must be submitted 18 months from the commencement date. The application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on 24th May 2024.

Fingal County Council, as a prescribed body, has been notified of this application, in accordance with Section 291(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

In accordance with Section 291(3)(a)(ii), submissions/observations may be made to the Board relating to:

- the implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning,
- the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and
- the likely effects on the environment or any European site of the proposed development,

if the proposed development were to be carried out.

Submissions may be made to An Bord Pleanála on this application by no later than 5.30pm on 30th July 2024.

Section 291(5) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended states as follows:

> The Board may, in addition to a report referred to in subsection (4), require a coastal planning authority to which that subsection applies or any planning authority on whose functional area the proposed development is, in the opinion

> of the Board, likely to have a significant effect to furnish to the Board such information as the Board may specify in relation to—
> (a) the implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning,
> (b) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the functional area concerned, and
> (c) the likely effects of the proposed development on the environment or any European site.

Fingal County Council has not received any notification associated from Section 291(5).

Section 291(6) and (7) of the Act state as follows:

> (6) The chief executive of a coastal planning authority shall, before that coastal planning authority submits a report to the Board under *subsection (4)* in relation to a proposed development, submit the report to the members of the coastal planning authority and request their views on the proposed development.
> (7) The members of a coastal planning authority may, by resolution, decide to attach recommendations specified in the resolution to the report of the coastal planning authority under subsection (4) and, where those members so decide—
> (*a*) those recommendations, and
> (*b*) a record prepared by the meetings administrator (within the meaning of section 46 of the Local Government Act 2001) of the views expressed by the members on the proposed development,
>
> shall be attached to the report submitted to the Board under that subsection.

This submission is being submitted to the members at the July council meeting of Fingal County Council.

1.3 Proposed Development

The development is described as encompassing the following elements in the application documentation:

1. Offshore renewable energy infrastructure in the outer maritime area located between approximately 6 km south of Cooley Point and approximately 10 km north-east of Dunany Point across an offshore wind farm area of approximately 27.7 sq.km. and consisting of the following:
    i. 25 No. offshore wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 270 m above the Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) attached to the seabed by monopile foundations with associated scour protection and with a combined Maximum Export Capacity of 375 MW.
    ii. A network of 41 km of 66 kV subsea inter-array cables linking each of the proposed offshore wind turbines to the offshore substation including associated cable protection.
    iii. 1 No. offshore substation with a height of 48 m above LAT attached to the seabed by a monopile foundation with associated scour protection. This

includes a prefabricated structure containing electrical equipment and ancillary equipment including a telecommunications mast.

2. A single 16km long 220 kV subsea export cable and associated cable protection located within an offshore cable corridor of approximately 25km2 between the south-west corner of the offshore wind farm area and a landfall which is situated approximately 700m south of Dunany Point.

3. An underground Transition Joint Bay (TJB) at the proposed landfall in the townland of Dunany. The TJB consists of a fully buried concrete chamber with a total area of 32.5sq.m., where the proposed offshore export cable will be connected to the underground onshore export cables.

4. Installation of underground onshore export cables, approximately 20.1km in length, connecting the proposed TJB in the townland of Dunany to the proposed onshore substation in the townland of Stickillin. The cables will be laid in a standard trench of approximately 700mm in width and 1425mm in depth.

5. Installation of fibre optic, telecommunication and other associated cabling all carried in underground ducts within the proposed trench.

6. Installation of 2 No. additional fibre optic cable ducts within the underground cable trench of approximately 1500mm in width, from the proposed onshore substation in the townland of Stickillin along the N33 for approximately 3km and connection into a 110kV double wooden poleset on the existing Drybridge-Louth 110kV overhead line in the townland of Richardstown, (Electoral Division of Stabannan).

7. Installation of the cables will require associated joint bays and link boxes, located at approximately 700m intervals along the underground cable alignment. The cable installation will also require the construction of temporary passing bays and the use of either Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) or open cut construction techniques for utility crossings of water, rail, gas and motorway.

8. A new onshore electricity substation adjacent to the proposed connection point in the townland of Stickillin. The onshore substation will comprise of the following main elements:

    i. Compound 1 Onshore Transmission Connection comprising:
        - 220 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) equipment contained within a building of approximately 20 m x 60 m and a height of 17m.
        - 6 No. lightning protection poles of approximately 3m in height located on the parapet of the GIS building.
        - A lattice steel telecommunications mast of 36m in height.
        - 5 No. associated car parking spaces, an internal access road 5m in width and a house transformer.

ii. Compound 2 Offshore Transmission System comprising:
- 220 kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) equipment at an approximate height of 10m, including a transformer bay, 2 No. harmonic filter bays, shunt reactor bay, 2 No. cable bays, 220 kV busbar, and ancillary control equipment.
- A control building of 34m x 10m and a height of 11m with up to 6 No. lightning protection poles of approximately 3m in height located on the parapet of the building.
- A statcom building of 14m x 28m and a height of 10m with associated ancillary equipment.
- 12 No. lightning protection poles of approximately 20m in height will be placed within the compound. It will include a lattice steel telecommunications mast of approximately 36 m in height, standby diesel generator and a house transformer.
- 4 No. associated car parking spaces and an internal access road 5m in width.

iii. Entrance Compound providing access to Compound 1 and Compound 2 and including:
- A telecommunications building of 15m x 4 m and a height of 4 m.
- A standby diesel generator and 1 no car parking space.

iv. Common Areas:
- All compounds will be bounded by a 2.6m high green palisade security fence / gates.
- The existing entrance will be widened to 6m in width.
- 1.4m high property fence / gates will surround the site.
- All associated landscaping.

All other associated site development works such as surface water infrastructure and attenuation tanks to facilitate development.

9. 2 No. line cable interface masts of 27m in height will be constructed adjacent to the onshore substation. This will require an existing 220 kV tower (31 m in height) and associated infrastructure to be decommissioned.

10. A temporary construction compound adjacent to the onshore substation with a footprint of approximately 12,860m2 including welfare and storage areas. 3 No. additional temporary construction compounds located along the onshore cable route varying in footprint from 3,000m2 to 4,200m2 and 8 No. temporary HDD compounds (4 off road HDD's) varying in footprint from 100 m2 to 4,500m2.

11. All associated and ancillary above and below ground development including works comprising or relating to construction works, roadworks, excavation (including HDD) and vegetation clearance.

Planning permission is sought for a period until the expiry of the Maritime Area Consent for the Project on 22 December 2067.

1.4 Site Location

According to the application details, the offshore wind farm site is positioned approximately 22km east of Dundalk town, 18km east of Blackrock, 6km south of the Cooley Peninsula and 10km north-east of Dunany Point.

The application states that the onshone infrastructure is located in Co. Louth approximately half way between Drogheda and Dundalk, to the west of Ardee, within the townlands of Dunany, Mitchelstown, Port, Nicholastown (Electoral Division of Dysart in the Barony of Ferrard), Boycetown, Togher, Clonmore, Tullydonnell, Corstown (Electoral Division of Drumcar in the Barony of Ardee), Corstown (Electoral Division of Dunleer in the Barony of Ferrard), Drumcar, Mullincross, Charleville, Dromgoolestown, Richardstown (Electoral Division of Stabannan in the Barony of Ardee), Harristown and Stickillin.

It is stated that the offshore wind farm area is approximately 27.7sq.km., the offshore cable corridor area is approximately 25sq.km. and the onshore infrastructure area (including the on-shore substation) is approximately 0.5sq.km.

The site location map is included in Appendix 1.

Section 2.0 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

2.1 Introduction

This section outlines the relevant policy from the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029.

2.2 Strategic Context

The Fingal Development Plan is underpinned by 4 cross cutting themes one of which is climate action. In respect of this, the Plan refers to the greater importance that renewable energy production has assumed over the last decade.

The Strategic Objectives of the Plan include transitioning to an environmentally sustainable carbon neutral economy.

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The Development Plan policies encourage the sustainable development of the renewable energy sector in the County (including bioenergy, wind, wave, solar, green hydrogen and biofuels, etc) due to the positive contribution it can make to the economy and to the achievement of renewable energy targets. The Plan states that Ireland's territorial waters present major opportunities in the blue economy and offshore renewable energy sectors, which would support the transition to a zero-carbon economy.

Relevant policies and objectives include the following:

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Objective EEO70 – Renewable and Alternative Energy
Facilitate and encourage the development of the alternative energy sector, in line with a Local Renewable Energy Strategy, and work with the relevant agencies to support the development of alternative forms of energy where such developments do not negatively impact upon the environmental quality, and visual, residential or rural amenity of the area.

Policy IUP33 – Renewable Energy
Continue to develop and implement climate action and energy related initiatives in Fingal and continue to support the recording and monitoring of renewable energy potential in Fingal in partnership with other stakeholders including the East Midlands Regional Assembly EMRA, the Dublin Energy Agency (Codema) and the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

2.3 Landscape

The Landscape Character Assessment in the Development Plan provides for the classification of Fingal's landscapes into types and values and sensitivities. The coastal and estuary types which run along the eastern edge of Fingal are identified as being of exceptional value and high sensitivity. The high lying landscape type is also of high sensitivity and high value. There are a number of views identified for protection in the Development Plan, a number of which are located along the coastal boundary of Fingal.

Policies/objectives relevant to the current proposal include:

Objective GINHO58 – Sensitive Areas
Resist development such as houses, forestry, masts, extractive operations, landfills, caravan parks, and campsites, and large agricultural/horticulture units which would interfere with the character of highly sensitive areas or with a view or prospect of special amenity value, which it is necessary to preserve.

Objective GINHO59 – Development and Sensitive Areas
Ensure that new development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of highly sensitive areas and does not detract from the scenic value of the area. New development in highly sensitive areas shall not be permitted if it:

- Causes unacceptable visual harm.
- Introduces incongruous landscape elements.
- Causes the disturbance or loss of (i) landscape elements that contribute to local distinctiveness, (ii) historic elements that contribute significantly to landscape character and quality such as field or road patterns, (iii) vegetation which is a characteristic of that landscape type and (iv) the visual condition of landscape elements.

Policy GINHP26 – Preservation of Views and Prospects
Preserve views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest including those located within and outside the County.

Objective GINHO60 – Protection of Views and Prospects
Protect views and prospects that contribute to the character of the landscape, particularly those identified in the Development Plan, from inappropriate development.

Section 3 Planning Issues

3.1 Introduction

This section outlines the comments of Fingal County Council in respect of the proposed development. These are provided in terms of the policy context and principle of development and subsequently in terms of specific issues associated with the proposal.

The proposed development relates to an off-shore wind farm with ancillary onshore infrastructure works. It is noted that no works are proposed within the jurisdiction of Fingal County Council. The issues discussed are therefore confined to relevant considerations of the Fingal County Development Plan and the landscape and visual impact of the proposal.

3.2 Renewable Energy

The Strategic Objectives of the Plan include transitioning to an environmentally sustainable carbon neutral economy. Associated with this, the Development Plan recognises that Ireland's territorial waters present major opportunities in the offshore renewable energy sector which would support the transition to a zero carbon economy.

This viewpoint is reflected in the specific policies and objectives of the Development Plan including Policy CAP13 and Objective EEO70, which supports energy from renewable sources and the alternative energy sector, and Policy CAP16 which supports the implementation of the 2014 Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (and any successor to this document). The Development Plan would thus be supportive of proposals such as the proposed development subject to normal planning and environmental considerations.

3.3 Landscape and Visual Impact

As set out previously, the coastline along Fingal is identified as a highly sensitive landscape, with the coastal and estuary landscapes being of exceptional quality. The Fingal County Development Plan seeks to protect the quality, character and integrity of these landscapes.

A seascape, landscape and visual impact study is included with in the submitted Environmental Impact Assessment Report with supporting background mapping and photomontages for viewpoints in counties Louth, Meath, Fingal and Down. It is noted that Figure 27.6a, which illustrates designated landscapes and scenic routes, appears to include areas of Fingal County under the category of County Meath areas of high sensitive landscapes. Notwithstanding this, Fingal County Council is satisfied that the relevant areas in Fingal have been identified in the diagram.

One viewpoint has been identified in Fingal County; Skerries headland (No. 18). While it would be useful to have a viewpoint from Balbriggan in addition to this in terms of more fully illustrating the visual impact from this county, consideration has been given to the details prepared for the other viewpoints to the north along the coast. Based on the details submitted, Fingal County Council considers that the proposal would not impinge

in any significant way on the landscape in Fingal county and thus would not be contrary to Objectives GINHO59, which is to ensure that "that new development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of highly sensitive areas and does not detract from the scenic value of the area".

3.4 Environmental Impact Assessment

An Bord Pleanala are the competent authority with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment and should therefore satisfy themselves regarding the adequacy of documentation submitted.

3.5 Appropriate Assessment

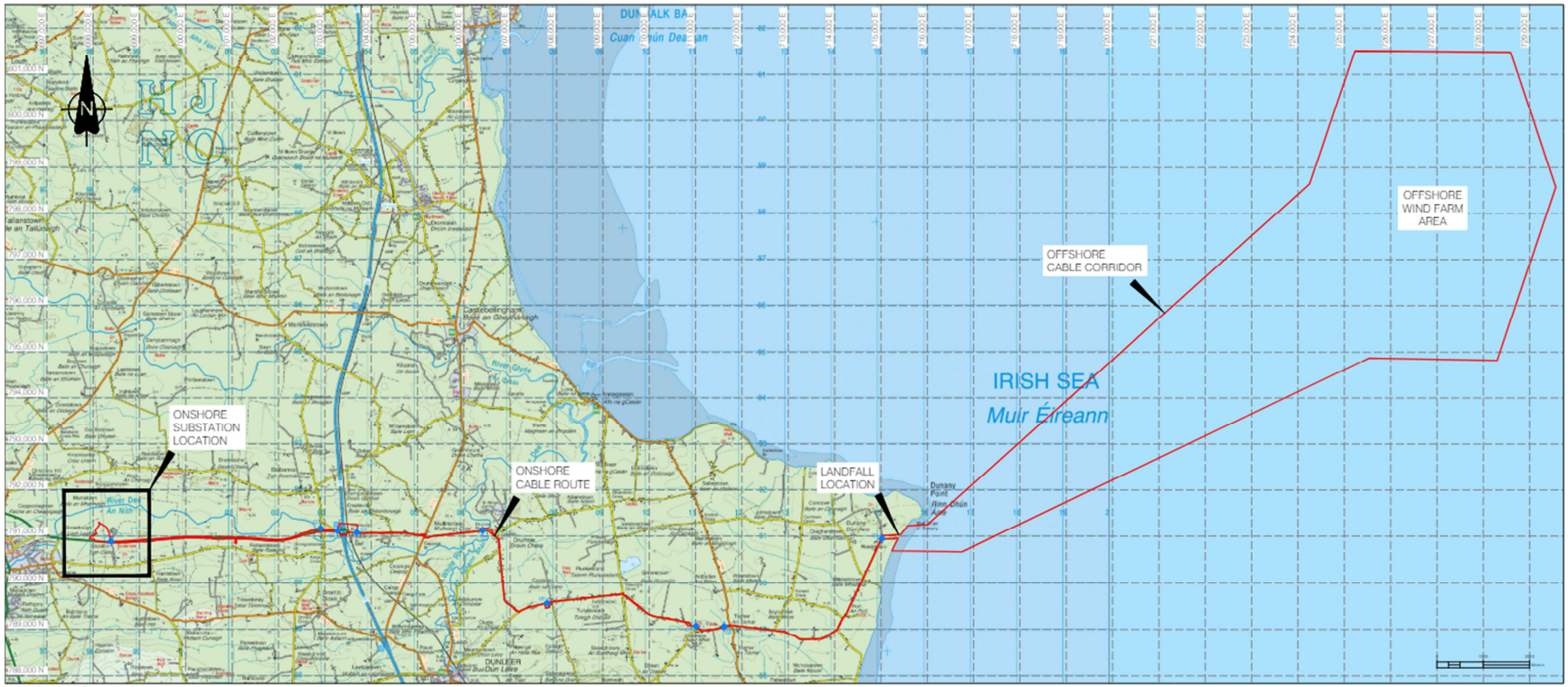
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Section 4 Conclusion

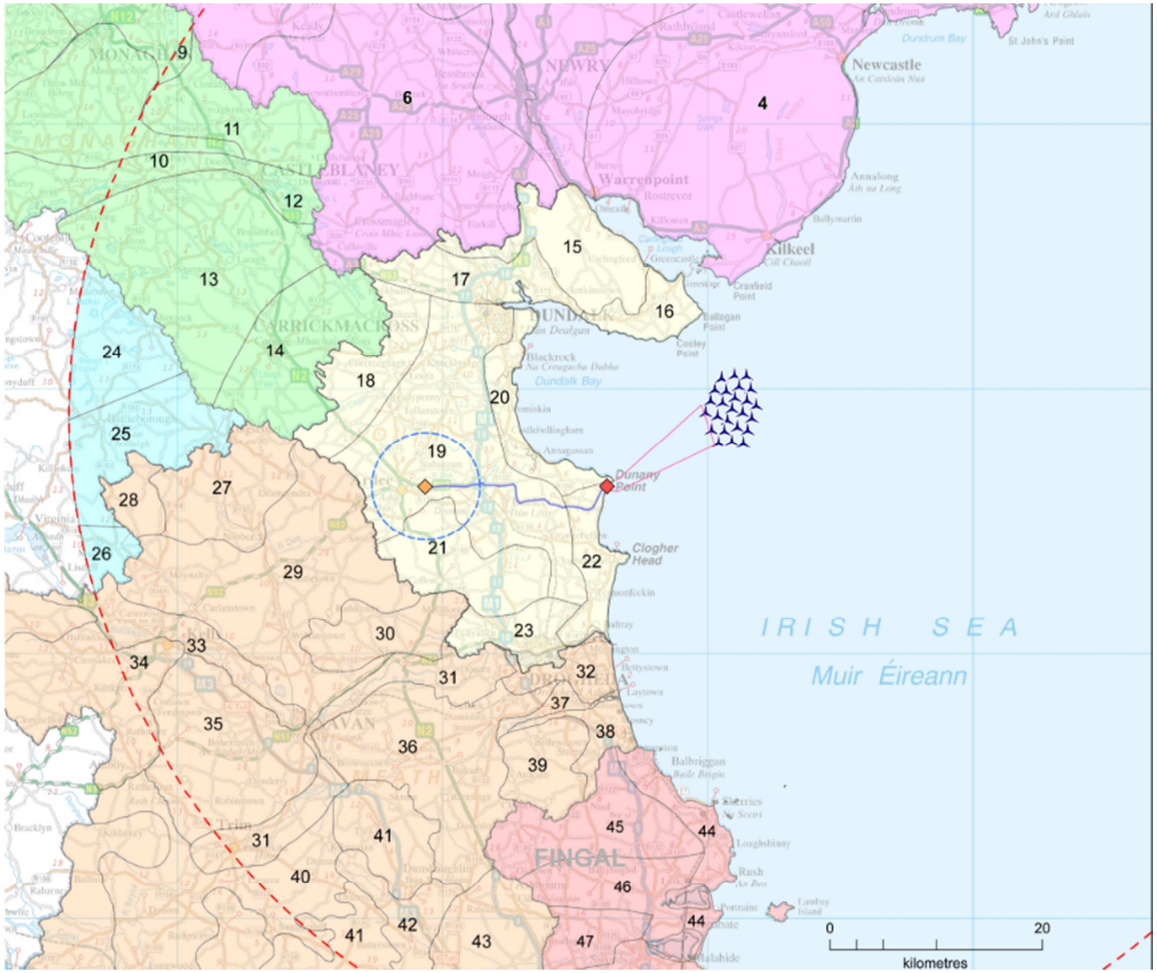
4.1 Conclusion

The proposed development does not involve the carrying out of any works within the jurisdiction of Fingal County Council. The provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 support in principle the development of renewal energy including off shore windfarms subject to normal planning and environmental considerations. Fingal County Council considers that the proposal would not impinge in any significant way on the landscape in Fingal county and would be acceptable in this respect in the context of the objectives for landscape in the Fingal Development Plan.

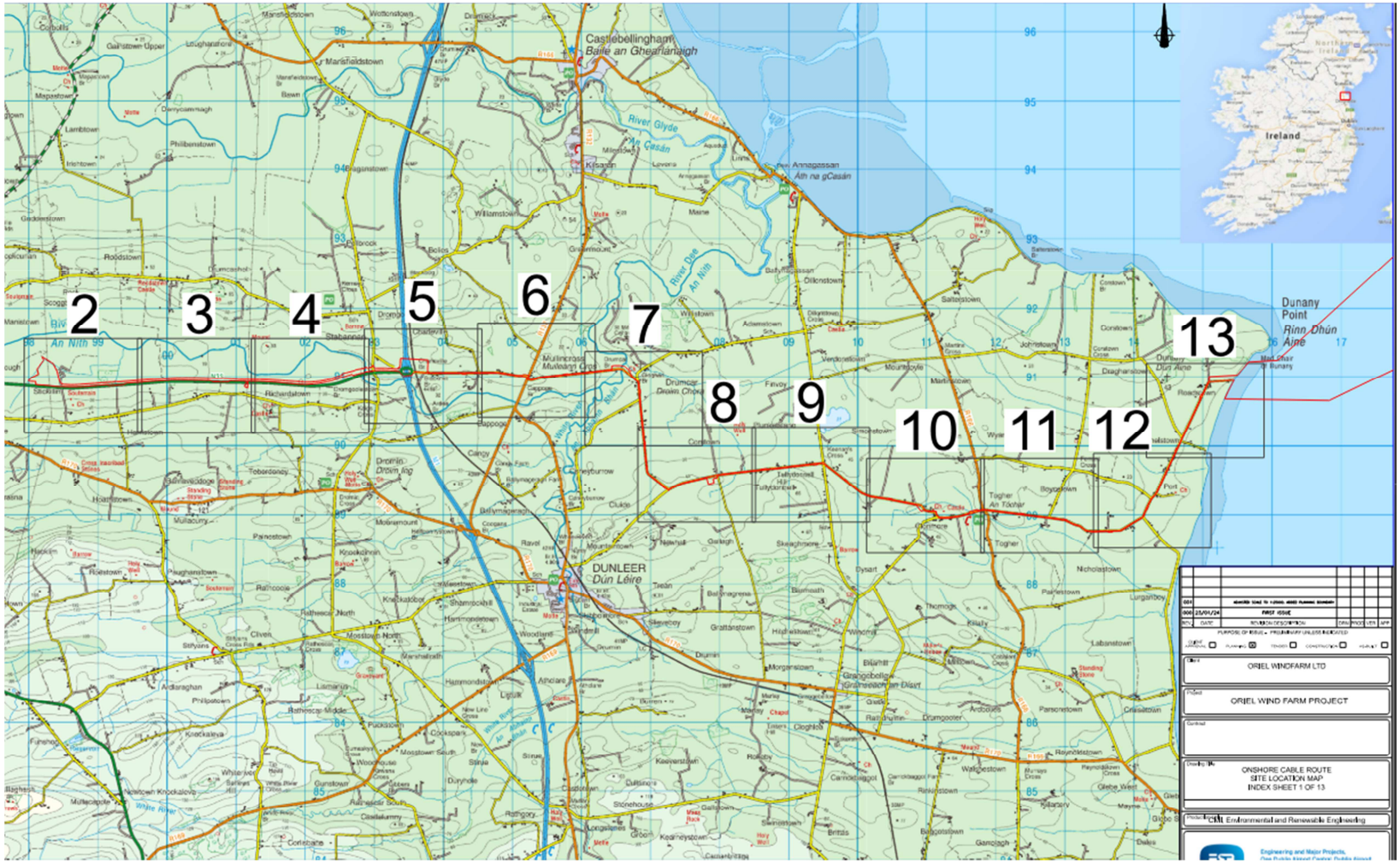
Appendix 1 Development Maps



Site location map



Contextual site location map



On-shore infrastructure route

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Section 1 Background

1.1 Introduction

An application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála for a proposed development know as Oriel Wind Farm off the coast of Co. Louth.

Fingal County Council hereby sets out the submission of the Planning Authority on the proposed development.

An Bord Pleanála, as the consenting authority, will decide to grant or refuse this application.

1.2 Procedural Background

The application has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála under Section 291 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. It is noted that the applicant has undertaken consultations with the Board in accordance with Section 287(1) of the Act.

Oriel Windfarm Ltd was granted a Maritime Area Consent in relation to the windfarm which has a commencement date of 23rd December 2022. The Maritime Area Consent states that an application for permission must be submitted 18 months from the commencement date. The application was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on 7th June 2024.

The correspondence from An Bord Pleanala refers to Section 291(4)(b) of the Act which states that:

> A coastal planning authority –
> (b) whose nearshore area, or any other part of whose functional area, adjoins that part of the maritime area in which it is proposed that the development concerned would (in whole or in part) be situated, may, not later than 10 weeks (or such longer period as may be specified by the Board) from the making of the application under this section in respect of the proposed development, prepare and submit to the Board a report setting out the views of the coastal planning authority in relation to the proposed development, having regard in particular to the matters to which a coastal planning authority is required to have regard in accordance with subsection (2) of section 34 and subsection (2) of section 282 in relation to an application referred to in subsection (3) of section 281.

Submissions may be made to An Bord Pleanála by no later than 5.30pm on 9th August 2024.

The correspondence from An Bord Pleanala also refers to Section 291(5) of the Act which states as follows:

> The Board may, in addition to a report referred to in subsection (4), require a coastal planning authority to which that subsection applies or any planning

> authority on whose functional area the proposed development is, in the opinion of the Board, likely to have a significant effect to furnish to the Board such information as the Board may specify in relation to—
> (a) the implications of the proposed development for maritime spatial planning,
> (b) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the functional area concerned, and
> (c) the likely effects of the proposed development on the environment or any European site.

Fingal County Council has not received any notification arising from Section 291(5) to date.

Section 291(6) and (7) state as follows:

> (6) The chief executive of a coastal planning authority shall, before that coastal planning authority submits a report to the Board under *subsection (4)* in relation to a proposed development, submit the report to the members of the coastal planning authority and request their views on the proposed development.
> (7) The members of a coastal planning authority may, by resolution, decide to attach recommendations specified in the resolution to the report of the coastal planning authority under subsection (4) and, where those members so decide—
> (*a*) those recommendations, and
> (*b*) a record prepared by the meetings administrator (within the meaning of section 46 of the Local Government Act 2001) of the views expressed by the members on the proposed development,
>
> shall be attached to the report submitted to the Board under that subsection.

This submission is being submitted to the members at the July council meeting of Fingal County Council.

1.3 Proposed Development

The proposal consists of an offshore wind farm comprising of both offshore and onshore infrastructure. The proposed development boundary, within which the proposed development is located, will include offshore infrastructure off the coast of Counties Dublin, Meath and Louth and onshore infrastructure within County Dublin (Fingal and Dublin City Council administrative areas).

A high-level overview of the proposed development is provided below in accordance with the details submitted with the application.

Offshore Infrastructure (located within and Array area and export cable corridor (ECC)):

- Offshore wind turbine generators (WTGs) and their associated foundations;
- Inter-array cables which will connect the WTGs to the Offshore Substation Platform (OSP);
- An OSP and associated foundations; and

- Offshore export cable(s) which will deliver the generated power from the OSP to the high-water mark (HWM) as defined by Ordnance Survey Ireland mapping (the HWM being the transition point between the offshore and onshore infrastructure).

Onshore Infrastructure:

- Offshore export cable(s) from the HWM to the landfall transition joint bays (TJBs);
- Transition joint bays (TJBs) where the offshore and onshore export cables are joined;
- Onshore export cable(s) from the TJBs to the grid facility;
- A Grid Facility, comprising a compensation substation and Bremore substation, together within ancillary infrastructure;
- Onshore cable(s) from the grid facility to the Belcamp Substation; and
- A connection from the onshore cable(s) to the national electricity transmission network at Belcamp Substation.

The landfall will comprise both offshore and onshore infrastructure, with the HWM being the point of transition between the two. The export cables come ashore and transition to onshore cables at the TJBs close to the shoreline at Bremore Bay beach in Bremore, north of Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

According to the details submitted, the proposed development is considered to be established in the context of its essential contribution to Ireland's committed offshore wind target, wider renewable energy targets, the need for an urgent response to the global climate emergency, whilst also providing an indigenous power source to ensure Ireland's security of energy supply, at an affordable price to the consumer.

1.4 Site Location

The application documentation describes the offshore infrastructure as located within the proposed development boundary seaward of the high-water mark (HWM) at the shoreline of Bremore Bay beach in Bremore, north of Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, from the landfall to the furthest extent of the array, covering an area of approximately 125km^2.

The array area covers approximately 89km^2. At its closest point, the array area is located approximately 11.3km from land in water depths of approximately 30m to 63m below lowest astronomical tide (LAT), with the closest Offshore Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) situated approximately 12.3km from the coastline.

The landfall site is where the two offshore export cables reach the shore and extends landward from the HWM and far as the grid facility. The site identified for landfall will be located immediately south of Bremore Point in the townland of Bremore, north of Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The landfall site consists of undulating agricultural fields with relatively few dwellings in the immediate vicinity. The Dublin to Belfast railway line passes through the agricultural fields in a north-south direction and the R132 road lies immediately to the west of the landfall site.

A grid facility will be located across two fields currently under agricultural use, in the townland of Bremore. There are a number of houses in the vicinity of the grid facility site, with two residential dwellings immediately east of the grid facility and another residential dwelling located approximately 100m north-east of the grid facility. Residential dwellings are also located along Bremore Cottages and Dun Saithne View roads to the south, with the closest of these being approximately 150m from the grid facility site. Lands in Flemington, identified in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, are located to the immediate south of the grid facility.

The function of the grid facility will be to receive power delivered from the offshore substation platform via the offshore and onshore export cables and process it so that it is suitable for feeding into the electricity grid.

According to the details submitted, the onshore cable route runs for approximately 33-35km between the proposed grid facility just north of Balbriggan, to the existing electrical substation at Belcamp on the northern outskirts of Dublin. The majority of the route – approximately 29km out of the 33km – is contained within the footprint of existing roads including the R132, the R106 and other local roads.

Towards the southern end of the cable route, two options for the route are included – one along the R107 and one via the R124 –the alternative route providing flexibility to ensure integration with other existing utilities infrastructure including the planned route for power cables associated with the Metrolink project. The route via the R124 would add approximately 2km to the overall cable route (hence the cable route will be approximately 33 – 35km).

1.5 Relevant Planning History

Relevant significant planning history is outlined below, with the focus on the landfall elements, grid facility, Belcamp substation and XXX cross.

SID/02/23: Application lodged to An Bord Pleanala for the development of up to approximately 24 kilometres (km) of underground cable (UGC) at various locations in North Dublin between Forrest Little, Belcamp, Clonshaugh and Harristown, County Dublin. The primary purpose of the proposed UGCs is to provide electrical power to the proposed MetroLink project (ABP Case reference: 317831).

F23A/0040: Permission granted for development consisting of the provision of new electricity transmission infrastructure at the existing ESB Belcamp 220 kV substation, comprising:
1. Installation of an additional 220 kV Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) 16 Bay Building north of the existing station compound (approximately 84 m by 25m and 17 m in height), this includes an associated extension to the hardstanding compound {approximately 3.2 hectares) to facilitate the same. This includes: a) Three 220/110 kV transformers located adjacent to the new 220 kV GIS building (approximately 8m high); b) A busduct connection from the new 220 kV GIS building to the existing 220 kV Belcamp substation; c) One +100 MVAR220 kV STATCOM transformer including

associated auxiliary transformer, series coils, outdoor cooling bank control and valve building;
2. Seven lightning protection masts (ranging in height from approximately 8 m to 20 m);
3. All ancillary site development works including site preparation works, site clearance and levelling; provision of hardstanding, internal access tracks and temporary construction compound; associated underground cabling and earthgrid; associated extended surface water drainage network including attenuation storage; associated reinforced concrete perimeter wall (3 m in height with a 1 m electric fence on top); perimeter palisade fencing (3 m in height), external lighting as required to facilitate the development;
4. Access to the proposed development site will be via the existing internal access road, and existing vehicular entrance onto the R139 regional road.
A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanied this application.

PARTXI/006/20: Relates to the Bremore Regional Park Development Project, including The Balbriggan Sports and Recreational Hub, central zone open spaces, new coastal park, all ancillary infrastructure and park boundaries.

F20A/0616: Permission granted for demolition of an existing garage and single storey extension, construction of a one and two storey extension to the side and rear of an existing single storey cottage, replace existing septic tank with proprietary waste water treatment system, SuDS drainage and all associated site works at Coneyhill, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

F18A/0133: Permission refused for development consisting of (i) Construction of 74 no. dwellings (ii) creation of new vehicular entrance from Drogheda Road (R132); (iii) landscaped public open space including playground; tree planting, boundary treatments; street lighting; internal roadways, footpaths and shared surfaces (iv) foul and SuDS drainage; and (v) all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the development at Drogheda Road, (north of Bremore Cottages), Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

F18A/0389: Permission granted for development consisting of a two-storey clubhouse building (total area 1,724sq.m.) (incl. double height sports-hall), 2no. playing pitches, ancillary fencing, floodlighting, carparking, outbuildings & hurling wall. Development comprises: (A) New Clubhouse/Sportshall building (B) Formation & construction of 2no. natural-surface GAA playing pitches each with associated ball-stop netting (c.15.5m high). (C) 1 detached field maintenance shed (51.8sq.m.) & 1 external equipment building (incl. generator) (70sq.m.). (D) Hurling wall & associated floodlighting & enclosure fencing. (E) New vehicular & pedestrian entrance gates, piers & railings (off R132); new bicycle & carparking (127 cars & 4 mini-buses). (F) All associated drainage (incl. foul pump station & surface-water attenuation tank), site development works, services, perimeter fencing (c32.4m high) & landscape works on a site of c.3.82 Ha located c.40 m North of the existing junction between R132 road and Flemington Lane at Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

VA06F.VA0014: Application approved for a 220kv substation and associated works. LOCATION: Townland of Belcamp & Clonshaugh.

F10A/0231: Permission granted for a new agricultural building (grain store c. 557sq/m) located in southeast corner of existing farmyard at Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

VA17.VA0002: Approval granted by An Bord Pleanala for a high voltage direct current (HVDC) East West Interconnector between Ireland and Great Britain. LOCATION: From Converter Station In Townland Of Woodland West Of Batterstown Co Meath, Underground To Transition Joint, At North Beach Rush.

F04A/1599: Permission refused for the construction of a retirement village comprising of a single storey nursing home, 4 no. single storey terraces each containing 4 no. two bedroom retirement units, new site entrance, proprietary waste water treatment system and associated site works. LOCATION: Corduff, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

F04A/1082: Permission granted for the erection of a two storey clubhouse and double height sports facilities building including: Sports Hall 1833m², squash and handball courts 388m², changing rooms area 828m², first aid room 31m², multi purpose room 231m², meeting rooms totalling 106.5m², clubhouse bar facilities 580m² and ancillary toilets, stores, boiler room: Overall building area is 6725 m². External facilities include: entrance piers and gates, parking for 407 cars and 6 coaches, hurling wall, perimeter fencing 2.4m high; laying out the grounds to provide 3 no. GAA pitches and 1 no. running track and all weather pitch, floodlighting, pump station and associated drainage works, all landscaping and site development works on a site of 10.37 Ha located circa 60 m North-West of the existing junction between N1 road and Flemington Lane. The lands are located bounded by the N1 (east) and the Dublin - Belfast rail line (west) in townland of Bremore.

F02A/1143: Permission granted for erection of a two-storey clubhouse building, including first floor bar and lounge area (700 sq.m approx. in total) and connected double height single storey sports hall (411 sq.m approx.); two no. Playing pitches totalling circa 24,2814sq.m; 89 no. associates car parking spaces; site development and landscape works; vehicular access off the former N1 (Dublin - Belfast Road) to serve development to be located c. 60m north-west of existing junction between N1 (Dublin-Belfast Road) and Flemington Lane, all on lands of approx. 4.5 Ha, located to the east of the former N1 (Dublin-Belfast Road) proximate to the junction of Flemington Lane and west of the Dublin-Belfast railway line. LOCATION: Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

F01B/0479: Permission granted for the demolition of the existing kitchen and bathroom and the construction of a 5 room single storey extension comprising living, dining, bath and utility rooms and kitchen to the rear. LOCATION: Coney Hill, Bremore, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Section 2.0 Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029

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Facilitate and encourage the development of the alternative energy sector, in line with a Local Renewable Energy Strategy, and work with the relevant agencies to support the development of alternative forms of energy where such developments do not negatively impact upon the environmental quality, and visual, residential or rural amenity of the area.

Policy IUP27 – Energy Networks and ICT Infrastructure
Facilitate and promote the development of energy networks and ICT infrastructure where necessary to facilitate sustainable growth and economic development and

support the provision of critical energy utilities and the transition to alternative, renewable, decarbonised, and decentralised energy sources, technologies, and infrastructure.

Policy IUP29 – Enhancement and Upgrading of Existing Infrastructure and Networks
Work in partnership with existing service providers, businesses and local community groups to facilitate required enhancement and upgrading of existing infrastructure and networks and support the development of new energy systems, local community sustainable energy generation projects and transmission grids, which will be necessary for a more distributed, renewables-focused energy generation system, harnessing both the considerable on-shore and off-shore potential from energy sources such as wind, wave, and solar energy.

Policy IUP30 – Promote Low Carbon Energy Development
Promote more energy-efficient development through the location of housing and employment along district heating hubs, or potential renewable energy locations, where people can connect buildings to energy efficient, low-carbon alternatives.

Policy IUP31 – Enhancement and Upgrading of Existing Infrastructure and Networks
Support EirGrid's Grid Development Strategy – Your Grid, Your Tomorrow 2017, Implementation Plan 2017–2022, Shaping our Electricity Future-A Roadmap to achieve our Renewable Ambition 2021 and Transmission Development Plan (TDP) 2020-2029, and the Government's Policy Statement on Security of Electricity Supply November 2021 and any subsequent plans prepared during the lifetime of this Plan, to provide for the safe, secure, and reliable supply of electricity.

Policy IUP33 – Renewable Energy
Continue to develop and implement climate action and energy related initiatives in Fingal and continue to support the recording and monitoring of renewable energy potential in Fingal in partnership with other stakeholders including the East Midlands Regional Assembly EMRA, the Dublin Energy Agency (Codema) and the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

Objective IUO44 – Energy Utilities
Support the development of enhanced electricity and gas supplies, and associated transmission and distribution networks, to serve the existing and future needs of the County, and to facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects and technologies.

Objective IUO45 – Undergrounding of Utility Infrastructure
Require that the location of local utility services such as electricity, telephone and television cables be located underground wherever possible, and to promote the undergrounding of existing overhead cables and associated equipment, where possible, in the interests of visual amenity and improved public realm.

2.4 Surface Water

Chapter 11 states that the management of surface water drainage in Fingal over the lifetime of the Development Plan and beyond will be key to reducing surface water run-off both mitigating and adapting to climate change and flooding.

Policy IUP10 – Water Conservation and SuDS
Promote the inclusion of water conservation and SuDS measures in all developments, to reduce the level of surface water run-off, improve water quality and contribute to adaptation to climate change through natural solutions.

2.5 Existing Trees/Hedgerow

Policy CAP35 – Climate Action and Green Infrastructure
Protect, connect and expand the County's green infrastructure while optimising the climate change adaptation and mitigation services it provides.

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.

Objective GINHO46 – Tree Removal
Ensure adequate justification for tree removal in new developments and open space management and require documentation and recording of the reasons where tree felling is proposed and avoid removal of trees without justification.

2.6 Development Management

Objective DMSO89 – Design and Siting of Business Parks and Industrial Areas.
Ensure that the design and siting of any new Business Parks and Industrial Areas, including office developments, conforms to the principles of Design Guidelines as outlined in Table 14.15.

Objective DMSO228 – Design of New Utility Structures
Require new utility structures such as electricity substations and telecommunication equipment cabinets to be of a high quality design and to be maintained to a high standard by the relevant service provider.

Objective DMSO229 – Impacts on Archaeological and Architectural Heritage
Ensure that proposals for large scale developments and infrastructure projects consider the impacts on the archaeological and architectural heritage and seek to avoid them. The extent, scale, density, route, services and signage for such projects should be sited at a distance from Protected Structures and Recorded Monuments, avoid affecting the special character of Architectural Conservation Areas, remain outside the boundaries of historic designed landscapes, and not interrupt specifically designed vistas. Where this is not possible the visual and physical impact must be minimised through appropriate

mitigation measures such as high-quality design, that goes beyond regulatory and engineering requirements.

Objective DMSO230 – Undergrounding of Cables
Seek the placing underground of all electricity, telephone, utility and TV cables in urban areas. It is the intention of the Council to co-operate with other agencies as appropriate, and to use its Development Management powers in the implementation of this policy.

Objective DMSO126 – Protection of Trees and Hedgerows during Development
Ensure during the course of development, trees and hedgerows that are conditioned for retention are fully protected in accordance with *BS5837 2012 Trees in relation to the Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations* or as may be updated and are monitored by the appointed arboriculture consultant.

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.

Objective DMSO194 – Provision of Public Art
Require new residential developments in excess of 100 units and large commercial/retail developments in excess of 2000 sqm to provide for a piece of public art to be agreed with the Council.

2.8 Landscape
The Landscape Character Assessment in the Development Plan provides for the classification of Fingal's landscapes into types and values and sensitivities. The coastal and estuary types which run along the eastern edge of Fingal are identified as being of exceptional value and high sensitivity. The high lying landscape type is also of high sensitivity and high value. There are a number of views identified for protection in the Development Plan, a number of which are located along the coastal boundary of Fingal.

Policies/objectives relevant to the current proposal include:

Objective GINHO58 – Sensitive Areas
Resist development such as houses, forestry, masts, extractive operations, landfills, caravan parks, and campsites, and large agricultural/horticulture units which would interfere with the character of highly sensitive areas or with a view or prospect of special amenity value, which it is necessary to preserve.

Objective GINHO59 – Development and Sensitive Areas
Ensure that new development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of highly sensitive areas and does not detract from the scenic value of the area. New development in highly sensitive areas shall not be permitted if it:

- Causes unacceptable visual harm.
- Introduces incongruous landscape elements.
- Causes the disturbance or loss of (i) landscape elements that contribute to local distinctiveness, (ii) historic elements that contribute significantly to landscape character and quality such as field or road patterns, (iii) vegetation which is a characteristic of that landscape type and (iv) the visual condition of landscape elements.

Policy GINHP26 – Preservation of Views and Prospects
Preserve views and prospects and the amenities of places and features of natural beauty or interest including those located within and outside the County.

Objective GINHO60 – Protection of Views and Prospects
Protect views and prospects that contribute to the character of the landscape, particularly those identified in the Development Plan, from inappropriate development.

2.7 Zoning and Designations

The proposed landfall site is primarily zoned 'HA' High Amenity and 'OS' Open Space under the Development Plan. The 'HA' High Amenity objective is to 'Protect and enhance high amenity areas'. The 'OS' Open Space zoning objective is to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities'. Under both of these zonings, utility installations have not been listed as permitted or not permitted. It is noted that no above ground developments are proposed in these areas.

The proposed grid facility is zoned 'RU' Rural in the Fingal Development Plan. The 'RU' zoning objective is to 'Protect and promote in a balanced way, the development of agriculture and rural related enterprise, biodiversity, the rural landscape, and the built and cultural heritage'. Utility installations are listed as permitted in principle under the 'RU' zoning. This is defined as "A structure composed of one or more pieces of equipment connected to or part of a structure and/ or a facility designed to provide a public utility service such as the provision of heat, electricity, telecommunications, water or sewage disposal and/or treatment".

The Belcamp substation site is zoned 'HT' High Technology under the Development Plan, where the objective is to 'Provide for office, research and development and high technology/high technology manufacturing type employment in a high quality built and landscaped environment'. Under the 'HT' zoning, utility installations are list as permitted in principle.

<u>Map Based Policies and Objectives</u>
The proposed landfall site is located in an area of land that is within 100 metres of the coastline and is therefore considered 'Vulnerable to Erosion'.

The proposed landfall site is situated on Highly Sensitive Landscape within the Historic Landscape Character Boundary for Balbriggan.

The landfall site would be in close proximity to the following Protected Structure:

- RPS No. 875 – Newhaven Quay (i.e. Remains of 16th century drystone pier)

The proposed grid facility is located within the Balbriggan Development Boundary and is in the vicinity of the Dart Extension NTA Strategic Transport Route.

Section 3 Planning Issues

3.1 Introduction

This section outlines the comments of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed development. These are provided in terms of the policy context fort renewable energy and subsequently in terms of specific issues associated with the proposal.

3.2 Internal Reports

A number of internal departments within Fingal County Council were consulted on this proposal and their comments have informed this report. Comments were received from the following departments:

- Water Services Section: Report received which addresses surface water and flood risk. Recommended conditions are set out in the event that permission is granted.

- Parks and Green Infrastructure: Report received which addresses existing trees and hedgerows, the landfall cable route and the landscape plan for the grid facility. Recommended conditions are set out in the event that permission is granted.

- Transportation Planning Section: Report received which addresses a number of aspects of the proposed development including layout, phasing and interaction with planned and proposed developments, road reinstatement, access and road closures and construction traffic management. Recommended conditions are set out in the event that permission is granted.

The individual reports are included in Appendix 2.

3.3 Renewable Energy

The Strategic Objectives of the Fingal Development Plan include transitioning to an environmentally sustainable carbon neutral economy. Associated with this, the Development Plan recognises that Ireland's territorial waters present major opportunities in the offshore renewable energy sector which would support the transition to a zero carbon economy.

This viewpoint is reflected in the specific policies and objectives of the Development Plan including Policy CAP13 and Objective EEO70, which supports energy from renewable sources and the alternative energy sector, and Policy CAP16 which supports the implementation of the 2014 Offshore Renewable Energy Development Plan (and any successor to this document). The Development Plan would thus be supportive of proposals such as the proposed development subject to normal planning and environmental considerations.

3.4 Zoning

The majority of the on-shore element of the proposed development is underground.

The proposed grid facility north of Balbriggan is located on lands zoned 'RU – Rural' where utility installations are permitted in principle. The proposal is therefore acceptable in this regard.

According to the details submitted, the cable route from the proposed grid facility development largely passes under public roads. These are not subject to zoning in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. According to Section 7.5.2 of the EIAR in respect of the cable route description, once construction is completed, the only visible above ground structures along the onshore cable route will be small marker posts to indicate the location of the cables and manhole covers associated with joint bays, link boxes and communications chambers. Drawings of the marker posts should be provided for clarity.

Above ground works are proposed at Blake's Cross, the location of which is subject to the 'RU – Rural' zoning. These works are in the form of landscaping and consequently are not considered to have implications for the land use zoning.

3.5 Landscape and Visual Impact

3.5.1 On-Shore

The proposed grid facility to serve the development would be situated north of Balbriggan on the western side of the R132. This site is within the development boundary for Balbriggan town in the Fingal Development Plan and is a prominent site at the edge of the town.

The grid facility has 2 distinct areas to accommodate the compensation substation and the Bremore 220kV Gas Insulted Switchgear substation.

The compensation substation includes two buildings: a gas insulated switchgear building which is approximately 17m in height with lightning protection rods on the building roof extending to 3m and a static VAR compensator building which is 6.85m high. Finishes to the buildings are stated as metal wall cladding (or similar) in a matt dark grey/green.

The Bremore 220kV GIS substation building is approximately 17m in height with lightning protection rods on the building roof extending to 3m. Finishes are stated as metal wall cladding (or similar) in a matt dark grey/green.

Other infrastructure within the grid facility includes an environmental screen around the external area serving the harmonic filters (in the compensation substation area). This is stated on the grid facility layout plan (sheet 1 of 2) as being 8m high. Section 7.4.2.1 of the EIAR states that there are 3m high environmental screens on three sides to screen the components of the harmonic filters. Based on the elevation drawings, it would appear that the screen is 8m in height. It is also stated that lightning arrestor masts, maximum 30m high, are provided in the compensation compound. The location

of these is not clear, based on the elevation drawings submitted, as the lightning masts shown do not appear to extend beyond the height of the compensation substation building.

Lighting columns, various equipment including transformers and reactors are also to be provided in the grid facility in addition to an attenuation basin along part of the western boundary.

The landscape plan for the compound provides for native screening/woodland around the western boundary of the site compound, part of the southern and eastern boundaries and within part of the interior of the compound. Further consideration is required on treatment of the south-eastern boundary of the site in terms of the provision of adequate width for additional screen planting as well as allowing for the proposed storm water swale and protection of exiting hedgerow.

A number of photomontages have been submitted of the grid facility. Section 29.15.2 of the EIAR refers to the use of a recessive colour scheme for the grid facility structures which is shown on the montages. However, these finishes are not replicated on the elevational drawings submitted. The montages also views with the mitigation landscaping established. However, these show planting in full leaf which will only be available for part of the year.

The facility adjoins land zoned for residential development in the Fingal County Development Plan and identified for the preparation of a Local Area Plan (LAP) – the Flemington LAP. Fingal County Council has commenced work on the preparation of the LAP. The GIS substation building is the closest of the largest scale structures to the Flemington lands and is oriented northwest-southeast to the Flemington lands. The photomontage viewpoints closest to the Flemington lands are VP48, VP49 and VP55. The positioning of VP49 and VP55 from the roadside does not give a full understanding of the impact to the Flemington lands. VP50 is also considered a useful reference point in terms of distance and illustrates the scale of the proposal. While cognisant of the functionality of the structures on site, given the prominence of the site, it is considered that a higher standard of architectural merit should be incorporated into the external finishes proposed to the compensation and GIS buildings.

3.5.2 Off-Shore

As set out previously, the coastline along Fingal is identified as a highly sensitive landscape, with the coastal and estuary landscapes being of exceptional quality. The Fingal County Development Plan seeks to protect the quality, character and integrity of these landscapes.

A number of photomontages have been prepared for viewpoints along the Fingal coast illustrating both design options. The proposal is most clearly visible along the northern edge of the Fingal coast, at the viewpoints at Balbriggan, Ardgillan, Skerries and Loughshinny. Based on the details submitted, Fingal County Council considers that the proposal would not impinge in any significant way on the landscape in Fingal county

and thus would not be contrary to Objective GINHO59, which is to ensure that "that new development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of highly sensitive areas and does not detract from the scenic value of the area".

3.6 Impacts on Residential Amenity

During the construction stage, it is noted that the EIAR predicts slight to moderate construction impacts to a number of noise sensitive receptors close to the substation site. During operational stage, no exceedance of limits was identified in the predicted operational hours for normal or emergency operational situations.

The construction period, as set out in the EIAR is lengthy. In order to mitigate impacts on the amenities of property, construction works should be carried out during specified hours unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. In circumstances where work outside specified working hours is approved, measures to communicate this to nearby residents should be followed by the developer.

Lighting is proposed in the grid facility. According to the EIAR (section 7.4.3.3), external lighting would be switched off during hours of darkness under normal operating conditions with the exception to this being for emergency repairs to outdoor equipment where high level illumination would be switched on. It is also stated that the use of motion sensor technology "is likely to be implemented to control lighting at access doors, security gates etc.". Section 29.13.2 of the EIAR states that motion sensor technology "will be implemented". In order to prevent negative impacts on residential amenities and also having regard to potential impacts on biodiversity, it is considered that conditions should be attached to address the hours of operation of the lighting and to require the implementation of motion sensor lighting as appropriate.

3.7 Access

General information in respect of vehicular access directly off the public road to serve the proposed development has been provided. In assessing proposals for development, Fingal County Council generally require a sightline drawing to be provided for any proposed new vehicular entrance onto a public road. Objective DMSO115 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 seeks to "restrict unnecessary new accesses directly off Regional Roads, and to ensure premature obsolescence of all County/local roads does not occur by avoiding excessive levels of individual entrances, and to ensure that necessary new entrances are designed in accordance with DMRB or DMURS as appropriate, thereby avoiding the creation of traffic hazards".

It appears that specific details to demonstrate that the appropriate minimum sightlines are achieved has not been provided by the applicant, such as a dedicated 'sightline drawing'. An Bord Pleanála should satisfy themselves that appropriate sightlines are achieved for the posted speed limit at each of the proposed new vehicular entrances, as per the minimum requirements of DN-GEO-03060 as published by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and where appropriate, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

It is recommended that the layouts of proposed new vehicular entrances are designed so as to provide sightlines as per the minimum requirements of DN-GEO-03060 as published by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and where appropriate, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

3.8 Existing Trees/Hedgerow

The applicant has provided a *Base Line Tree Survey Report* as part of EIAR Vol. 10, Appendix 23.11. The document includes a Tree Constraints Plan but has omitted to provide a Tree Protection Plan. A Tree Protection Plan provides information on what trees and hedgerows are proposed to be removed and retained with details of tree protection measures. Based on this information, the impact of the proposed hedgerow / tree loss can be ascertained and consequently the quantity of replacement planting required to compensate for the tree canopy cover as a result of this development can be calculated. This approach is in line with 'Forest of Fingal A Tree Strategy for Fingal' which is to be implemented as per Objective GINHO23 of the Fingal Development Plan.

Reference is made to hedgerow planting and woodland planting at the grid facility and at Blakes Cross North in EIAR Appendix 23.10 -Habitat and Species Management Plan (HSMP). However it is not clear if there are proposals for any further tree and hedgerow planting works in relation to the development.

According to Section 7.2.3.2 of the EIAR, it is stated that where possible the onshore cable will be laid in the public road, with some off-road sections where it is not technically feasible to maintain the route within the road. It is stated that temporary and permanent access tracks will not be sited within 3m from the hedgerow vegetation and no other construction works or activities will be sited within 5m of the hedgerow vegetation. It is also stated that where the onshore cable route is located within public roads, the removal of any trees or vegetation alongside the road will be avoided as much as practicable.

In this regard, replacement planting of trees and hedgerows within the Fingal area would need to be agreed with Fingal County Council in particular in terms of specification and location of replacement planting. It is noted that in certain cases it may not be feasible to carry out replacement planting at the exact location where trees and / hedgerows must be removed. In these cases, an appropriate nearby location should be agreed with the Council.

The applicant should provide details of proposed tree and hedgerow removal and compensatory planting in order to ensure that there is no net canopy (or biodiversity loss) as a result of the development.

3.9 Water Services

The grid facility at Bremore would be served by a potable water supply. The comments of Uisce Eireann sought be sought in this regard.

According to the details provided, foul wastewater will be collected and disposed of off-site.

As per the EIAR, the Contractor for the development will be required to put in place a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) to protect the water environment during construction. The applicant has listed out a number of mitigation measures which will be implemented to prevent contaminated surface water runoff into any water bodies. These mitigation measures are considered acceptable.

Proposals for surface water drainage have been submitted. Surface water runoff will be collected into the carrier pipe network. It is stated that the majority of the surface water will discharge to an existing ditch at the northwest of the site; a small portion of the site will discharge locally to the existing roadside drainage network and operational surface water runoff will be restricted to match existing greenfield runoff rates. An attenuation basin has been provided to ensure that the instantaneous surface water runoff rate from the site will not exceed the greenfield runoff rate. Filter drains and a hydrocarbon interceptor will be provided upstream of the attenuation basis and fuel tanks will be located in concrete bunds.

Surface water run-off from temporary works area to be collected in silt/gravel traps prior to discharge to the surface water drainage network. A Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) will be implemented to allow controls to be designed for the retention of large volumes of water that may arise from spoil deposition areas.

The surface water drainage strategy is considered acceptable.

3.10 Flood Risk

According to the details submitted, the development contractor will be required to put in place a Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) to ensure staff are not exposed to the risk of flooding, to minimise damage to the construction works in case of flooding and to reduce risk of flooding to nearby properties. It is also stated that:

- The work near watercourses will be planned to be undertaken at appropriate periods when low flow is expected.
- Weather warning notifications will be issued and the weather forecast checked regularly when working near areas at risk of flooding.
- Where offline open cut trench method is proposed, water levels upstream of the watercourse crossings will be monitored.
- A flood warning system and management plan will be implemented.

Further mitigation measures specific to each construction methodology are outlined in the EIAR. Subject to implementation of the mitigation strategy identified in the application documentation, the proposal is considered acceptable in terms of flood risk.

3.11 Onshore Cable Works

It is not clear from the submitted documentation what is proposed at the landfall location in terms of what will be visible above ground once this overall project is complete. It is therefore difficult to assess the impact of this area in terms of visual amenity and on the future development of this land. In addition, it is not clear what is proposed as the defined construction corridor for works in this area (e.g. 30-40 metre working width.) This issue should be considered by An Bord Pleanála in the assessment of the proposal.

The application documentation includes a drawing with the proposed typical cable trench details. In the event that An Bord Pleanála approves the development, the exact detail of the cable trench, including depth and formation cross section arrangement, should be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council and the developer should take cognisance of the latest edition of the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' published by the Department of Transport. Similarly, the exact detail of the longitudinal layout of the cable trench within the road should be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council. In this regard, the preference of the Council is that the cables be installed at a minimum at the regulation depth and generally located in the centre of the carriageway, as the verges and edge of the carriageway are needed for localised utilities and road drainage.

Fingal County Council wishes to highlight that any excavation or opening of a public road or footway would require that a road opening licence be applied for through the MRL system. Should the development be approved, the applicant should apply for a T1 licence at the earliest stage as possible in the project.

Road reinstatement would need to be carried out as per the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' published by the Department of Transport; and to be agreed with the Council under the road opening licence procedure.

In regard to road reinstatement where the roadway has been recently renewed, the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' describes that the protected period for a recently renewed surface will be for 5 years, and a Road Opening Licence Holder would need to carry out full width/lane/bay reinstatement on a renewed surface in the protected period. The developer should have cognisance of this.

The application documentation sets out details of proposed road closures required to facilitate the proposed development. Fingal County Council has concerns regarding the scale of these and the level of disruption that could be caused to local and regional transport, for example:

- Malahide Road (R107) – 11 week closure proposed
- Swords Road (R106) – 7 week closures
- Estuary Road 6 -12 weeks depending on option route taken.

Other alternatives may need to be considered to mitigate impacts such as:

- Lane closures with significant traffic management measures i.e. flagmen and other appropriate measures could be considered.

- Nighttime road closures could also be considered but would need to be justified, and this option does not appear to have been explored.
- Mitigation measures in terms of increased resources are proposed to reduce some of the duration of the road closures, however, give the volumes of traffic on these roads this may have to be reconsidered for partial closures or night-based works to hand back the road to the council each day for example.

Fingal County Council recommend that the phasing and duration of the works on the public road, including proposed lane and road closures is kept to an absolute minimum and is agreed in writing with the Council should permission be granted for the proposed development.

3.12 Interaction with Permitted and Proposed Developments

The proposed onshore cable route would be approximately 33-35km in length and would potentially interact with the construction of the following permitted and proposed transport developments (but not limited to this list):

- MetroLink, including advance works projects.
- The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route, on the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan – which involves the full reconstruction of the road cross section for the entire length of Harry Reynolds Road, to provide improved active travel infrastructure. This project is currently under construction.
- The Council is currently in the process of designing an 'active travel' infrastructure project from Bremore North of Balbriggan to the county boundary with Meath. Planning permission is not yet in place for this project.
- The R132 Connectivity Project in Swords, which involves the full reconstruction of the road cross section and junctions on the R132 from Estuary Roundabout to Pinockhill Roundabout. This project has planning permission in place.
- The Council has a design in place for an 'active travel' project on the section of road between Seatown Road to Malahide Estuary, to provide Road Safety, Cycling and Walking Improvements.
- Fingal County Council is in the early stages of the process for designing an improved active travel infrastructure along the Swords Road in Malahide.
- The Council has a design in place for an 'active travel' project on the section of Balheary Road, north of Swords, in the vicinity of the bridge crossing the Broadmeadow River.
- The Seatown Road in Swords (as it approaches Main Street) is currently closed for the next 2 years as part of the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter project.
- Solar photovoltaic ('PV') energy development on lands at Mainscourt, Ballyboghill, Co. Dublin, reg. ref. F22A/0365. This permitted development involves underground electricity cables in ducts from Mainscourt, Ballyboghill to the ESB Mountgorry 38kV Substation, Swords Business Park.
- Eirgrid Cable Route from Meath.
- Swords Main Street Upgrade works. This project is at the early stages of design development.

There are also reoccurring events that are held in Fingal each year, usually in June and July, and include the Malahide Castel Concerts and the Flavors of Fingal. It should be noted that, in general, Fingal County Council does not allow any road works in the area in the lead up to or during these events.

In order to ensure proper coordination between the proposed development and the various planned projects along the proposed cable route, in the event that permission is granted, the phasing of the proposed works on the public road, including the phasing dates and duration of any proposed 'road closures' on the public road, should be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

3.13 Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been submitted with the application.

An Bord Pleanála are the competent authority with regard to Environmental Impact Assessment and should therefore satisfy themselves regarding the adequacy of documentation submitted.

3.14 Appropriate Assessment

An Bord Pleanála are the competent authority with regard to Appropriate Assessment and should therefore satisfy themselves regarding the adequacy of documentation submitted in this respect.

3.15 Section 48/49 Development Contribution Schemes

The 'Fingal County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025' is the applicable contributions scheme. Should permission be granted, the Board is requested to include a condition requiring the payment of a development contribution in accordance with the scheme.

There are no Section 49 supplementary contributions schemes either adopted or proposed that would affect this development.

Section 4 Conclusion and Recommendations

4.1 Conclusion

The provisions of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 support in principle the development of renewal energy including off shore windfarms subject to normal planning and environmental considerations. Fingal County Council considers that the offshore elements would not impinge in any significant way on the landscape in Fingal county and would be acceptable in this respect in the context of the objectives for landscape in the Fingal Development Plan. A high specification of materials for the grid facility would be required given the prominent location of this site at the entrance to Balbriggan town and proximity to residential zoned lands. Should permission be granted, the construction of the development requires careful consideration and management in order to minimise impacts on the road network in Fingal and traffic movements. Fingal County Council recommends that these issues are addressed by condition should An Bord Pleanála approve the proposed development.

4.2 Recommended Conditions

The Planning Authority recommends that certain conditions be attached should An Bord Pleanála be minded to grant permission for this development. These conditions are set out below and are not intended as an exhaustive list.

1. The development 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.
   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the permission, and that effective control be maintained.

2. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of Fingal County Council, revised proposals for external finishes to the compensation and GIS substation buildings. The proposals shall be accompanied by trade brochures and photomontages of the structures incorporating the materials. Sample panels shall be erected on the site (if requested by Fingal County Council).
   REASON: In the interests of the proper planning and development of the area.

3. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of Fingal County Council, details of the location and height of all lightning rods.
   REASON: In the interest of clarity and development control.

4. CCTV cameras shall not be directed outside of the grid facility site boundaries.
   REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

5. External lighting in the grid facility shall be cowled and shall not be directed outside of the site boundaries. External lighting shall be switched off during hours of darkness, save where required for emergency repairs. A log shall be maintained

by the developer of such instances which shall be made available, if requested, to Fingal County Council. Motion sensor lighting shall be implemented to control lighting at access doors and security gates on the site.
REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

6. Prior to commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of Fingal County Council, elevational drawings of the marker posts for the cable route.
REASON: In the interest of clarity and development control.

7. The following shall be complied with in respect of surface water management:
(a) No surface water/ rainwater shall discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
(b) The surface water drainage arrangements shall be in compliance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works Version 6.0 FCC April 2006.
(c) All culverts shall be designed in accordance with "Culvert Design Guide" Report 168 by CIRIA, latest revision or its replacement, and shall also comply with the recommendations of the OPW. Design calculations for these shall be submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.
(d) The developer shall apply to the OPW to obtain permission under Section 50, Arterial Drainage Act 1945, for culverting of any watercourse.
REASON: In the interests of public health.

8. (a) Prior to commencement of development, a Tree Protection Plan, including tree protection measures and Arboricultural Method Statement in accordance with BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction Recommendations shall be submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council. This plan shall clearly indicate the trees and hedgerows proposed for removal and retention. The plan shall clearly indicate the length and area of hedgerows as well as the number of trees proposed for removal.
(b) Prior to commencement of development, a detailed Landscape Plan, Planting and Works Specification and Management and Maintenance Plan shall be submitted in writing with Fingal County Council in relation to this development. The Landscape Plan shall clearly indicate the length and area of hedgerows as well as the number of trees which are proposed to be planted. This plan shall clearly indicate that there shall be no net tree canopy cover loss as a result of this development. These documents shall be prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional.
(c) A consultant qualified arborist suitably qualified landscape professional shall be engaged for the duration of the development to ensure trees and hedgerows are protected in accordance with the agreed Tree Protection Plan.
REASON: To ensure the provision of amenity afforded by appropriate landscape design.

9. Prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the defined construction corridor and above and ground infrastructure and landscape proposals in relation to the landfall site indicated on Proposed Cable Route Map Sheet 03 and Sheet 04 of 64 shall be submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council.
REASON: In the interest of visual amenity and orderly development.

10. (a) Prior to commencement of development, a revised landscape plan for the Grid Facility shall be submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council to include additional screen planting (using a mix of standard trees and whips) along the south-eastern boundary.
(b) Prior to commencement of development, a cross section drawing shall be submitted for the written agreement of the Planning Authority which illustrates clearly the proposed boundary treatment, existing hedgerow, additional screen planting and the proposed swale.
REASON: To ensure the provision of amenity afforded by appropriate landscape design.

11. Prior to the commencement of development, the developer shall submit for the written agreement of Fingal County Council a phasing plan for the cabling works proposed in the public road.
REASON: In the interest of orderly development.

12. The developer shall comply with the following requirements:
(a) The layout and depth of the ducting trench cross section shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(b) The exact location/route of the ducting trench within each individual section of road shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(c) The exact details for road reinstatement works for each individual section of road shall be as per the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' (often referred to as 'the purple book'), and the details of which shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(d) The phasing of the proposed works on the public road, including the phasing dates and duration of any proposed 'road closures' on the public road, shall be coordinated so as to avoid the proposed development works conflicting with various planned and permitted developments along the proposed cable route corridor. In this regard, a phasing plan shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(e) The details of the proposed construction traffic management plan, including the details of all proposed road closures and lane closures shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(f) The developer shall agree all proposed public transport diversions due to proposed road closures with all relevant transportation stakeholder's, including the NTA, Dublin Bus, and Bus Eireann, prior to commencement of development. The agreed details shall be submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(g) All necessary consents from the Council shall be obtained before works commence, including the necessary road opening licences.

(h) All details of temporary construction vehicular access opening onto the public road shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(i) All details of new permanent vehicular access onto the public road shall be agreed in writing with Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(j) A photographic pre-condition road survey of the entire proposed route for the ducting trench shall be prepared by the developer submitted for the written agreement of Fingal County Council prior to commencement of development.

(k) Any damage caused to the pavement on the existing road network arising from the construction works (e.g. damage of the surface wearing course, etc.) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards. Details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority in writing prior to the commencement of any development on site.
REASON: In the interests of orderly development, traffic safety and proper planning.

13. Within the grid facility, no additional development shall take place above roof parapet level, including air handling equipment, storage tanks, ducts or other external plant, telecommunication aerials, antennas or equipment, unless authorised by a further grant of planning permission.
REASON: To protect the visual amenities of the area.

14. The following requirements shall be complied with in full:
(a) The hours of operation on all construction sites shall be restricted to between 0800 hours to 1900 hours Monday to Friday, and between 0800 hours to 1400 hours on Saturdays.
(b) No activities shall take place on site on Sundays or Bank Holidays.
(c) Deviation from these times will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances where prior written approval has been received from Fingal County Council. Such approval may be given subject to conditions pertaining to the particular circumstances being set by Fingal County Council.

(d) Where revisions are approved in accordance with point (c) above, local residents, business in areas which are likely to be affected by noise from the proposed works shall be notified in advance, for example, by letter/leaflet or advertisement stating the following:

- Name, address and telephone number of the company carrying out works.
- Nature of and reason for works.
- Duration and times of work.

REASON: In the interest of public health and in the interest of residential amenity.

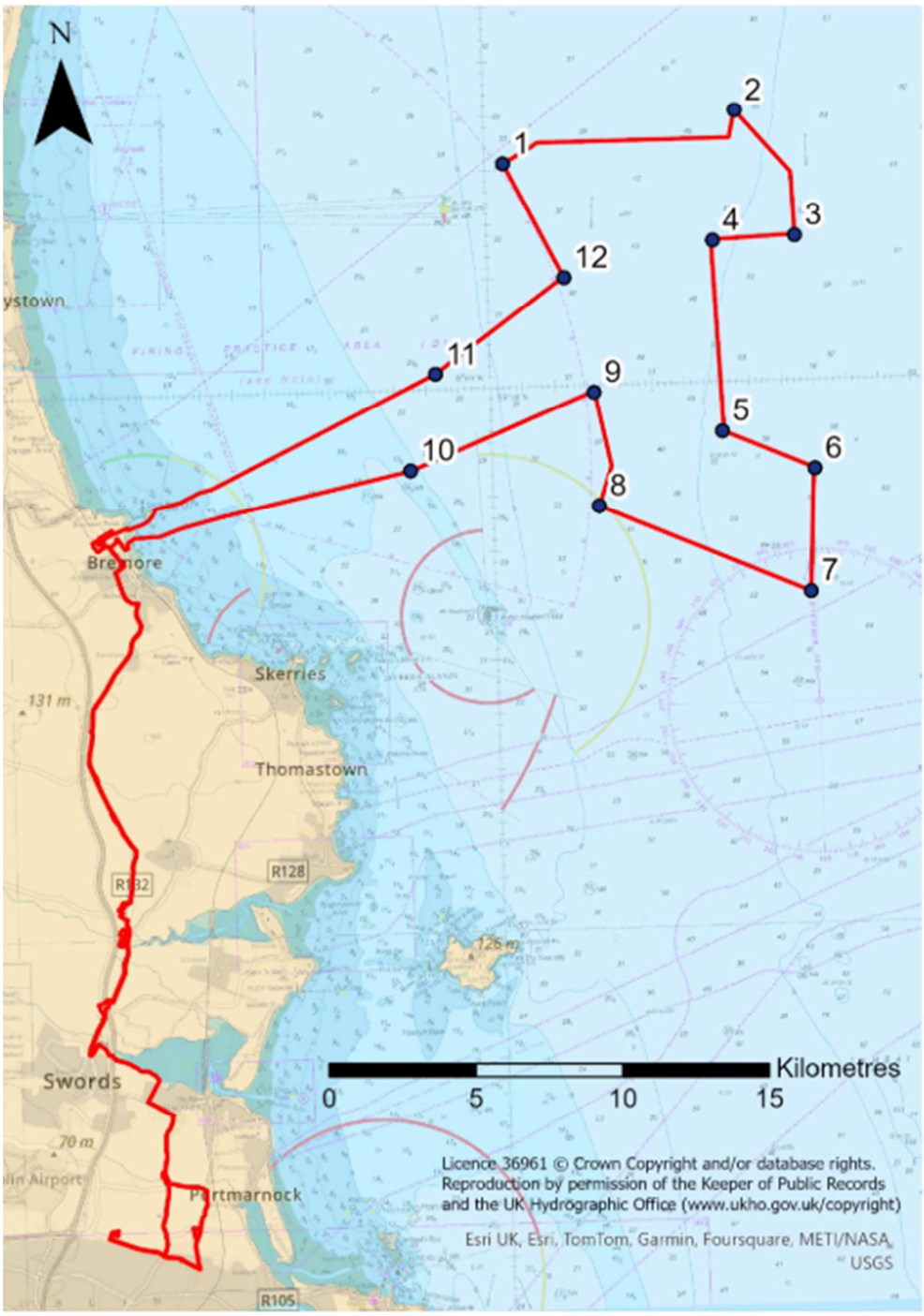
15. All service cables associated with the proposed development shall be run underground.
REASON: In the interest of orderly development and the visual amenities of the area.

16. All necessary measures shall be taken by the applicant/developer to prevent the spillage or deposit of any materials including clay rubble or other debris on adjoining roads during the course of development. In the event of any such spillage or deposit, immediate steps shall be taken to remove the material from the road surface at the applicant/developers own expense.
The applicant/developer shall be responsible for the full cost of repair in respect of any damage caused to the adjoining public road arising from the construction work and shall either make good any damage to the satisfaction of Fingal County Council or pay the Council the cost of making good any such damage upon issue of such a requirement by the Council.
REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

17. The developer shall provide a piece of public art or sculpture or architectural feature, to be designed in consultation with Fingal County Council (Public Art Coordinator, within the Community Culture & Sports Division of Fingal County Council). The piece of art shall have a relationship with the area.
REASON: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

18. Prior to commencement of development the developer shall pay to the planning authority a financial contribution towards expenditure that was and/or that is proposed to be incurred by the planning authority in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Authority, as provided for in the Contribution Scheme for Fingal County made by the Council. The phasing of payments shall be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to the commencement of development.
REASON: It is considered reasonable that the payment of a contribution be required in respect of the public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area of the Planning Authority and which is provided, or which is intended to be provided by, or on behalf of the Local Authority.

Appendix 1 Location of Development



Appendix 2 Departmental Reports

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Water Services Department

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Registration Date: 07-Jun-2024
Development: The proposed development is an offshore wind farm comprising of both offshore and onshore infrastructure.

The proposed development boundary, within which the proposed development is located, will include offshore infrastructure off the coast of Counties Dublin, Meath and Louth and onshore infrastructure within County Dublin (Fingal and Dublin City Council administrative areas). A high-level overview of the proposed development is provided below.

Offshore Infrastructure (located within and Array area and export cable corridor (ECC)):
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Location: The offshore infrastructure of the proposed development will be located off the coast, of Counties Dublin, Meath and Louth., The onshore infrastructure of the proposed development will be located in County Dublin, (Fingal Counry Council and Dubin City Cou

Applicant: North irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited
Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

Foul Sewer: IW

Surface Water: No objection subject to:

1. As per the EIAR submission, The Contractor will be required to put in place a Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) to protect the water environment during construction. The applicant has listed out a number of mitigation measures which will be implemented to prevent contaminated surface water runoff into any water bodies (*Page 36.31, 36.14 Water (includes hydrology, surface water quality and flooding) Mitigation and Monitoring Measures*). These mitigation measures are deemed acceptable.

2. The applicant will implement a number of SuDs measures as part of the overall drainage strategy for the proposed development:
   - An attenuation basin will be provided at the grid facility and this will ensure that the instantaneous surface water runoff rate from the site will not exceed the greenfield runoff rate. Water quality will be managed by controlling the volume and treating the discharge in line with SuDS principles.
   - Surface water run-off from temporary works area to be collected in silt/gravel traps prior to discharge to the surface water drainage network.
   - Oil interceptors will be installed on surface water drainage network at the grid facility works areas for the construction phase.
   - A Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) will be implemented to allow controls to be designed for the retention of large volumes of water that may arise from spoil deposition areas.

   In summary, the surface water strategy is deemed acceptable.

3. All culverts shall be designed in accordance with "Culvert Design Guide" Report 168 by CIRIA, latest revision or its replacement, and shall also comply with the recommendations of the OPW. Design calculations are to be submitted.
4. The Developer shall apply to the OPW to obtain permission under Section 50, Arterial Drainage Act 1945, for culverting of any watercourse.
5. No surface water / rainwater is to discharge into the foul water system under any circumstances.
6. The surface water drainage must be in compliance with the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, Version 6.0, FCC, April 2006.

Flooding: No Objection

As per the EIAR submission, the contractor will be required to put in place a Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) to ensure staff are not exposed to the risk of flooding, to minimise damage to the construction works in case of flooding and to reduce risk of flooding to nearby properties.

• The work near watercourses will be planned to be undertaken at appropriate periods when low flow is expected.
• Weather warning notifications will be issued and the weather forecast checked regularly when working near areas at risk of flooding.
• Where offline open cut trench method is proposed, water levels upstream of the watercourse crossings will be monitored.
• A flood warning system and management plan will be implemented.

Further mitigation measures specific to each construction methodology are outlined in the EIAR submission (Page 36.34/36.35).
In summary, the level of flood risk is deemed acceptable subject to the mitigation listed above and as per the EIAR submission (Page 36.34/36.35).

Water Supply: IW

1. IW standard details document IW-CDS-5030-01 and IW Code of Practice IW-CDS-5030-03 apply.

2. Note that the statutory consultee in this regard is Irish Water, accordingly:
    a. Where the applicant proposes to connect directly or indirectly to a public water/wastewater network operated by Irish Water, the applicant must sign a connection agreement with Irish Water prior to the commencement of the development and adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
    b. In the interest of Public Health and Environmental Sustainability, Irish Water Infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connections to the Water and Waste Water Infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme.

Officer: _____DC_____ Endorsed: _____DD

Date: ___01/07/2024_____ Date: _____01/07/2024

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

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Applicant: North irish Sea Array Windfarm Limited

Application Type: Strategic Infrastructure Development

Report

The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division's comments are as follows:

Existing trees and hedgerows:
The applicant has provided a *Base Line Tree Survey Report* as part of EIAR Vol. 10, Appendix 23.11. The document includes a Tree Constraints Plan but has omitted to provide a Tree Protection Plan. A Tree Protection Plan provides information on what trees and hedgerows are proposed to be removed and retained with details of tree protection measures. Based on this information, the impact of the proposed hedgerow / tree loss can be ascertained and consequently the quantity of replacement planting required to compensate for the tree canopy cover as a result of this development can be calculated.

Reference is made to hedgerow planting and woodland planting at the grid facility and at Blakes Cross North in EIAR Appendix 23.10 -Habitat and Species Management Plan (HSMP). However it is not clear if there are proposals for any further tree and hedgerow planting works in relation to this development.

According to Section 7.2.3.2 of the EIAR, it is stated that where possible the onshore cable will be laid in the public road, with some off-road sections where it is not technically feasible to maintain the route within the road. It is stated that temporary and permanent access tracks will not be sited within 3m from the hedgerow vegetation and no other construction works or activities will be sited within 5m of the hedgerow vegetation. It is also stated that where the onshore cable route is located within public roads, the removal of any trees or vegetation alongside the road will be avoided as much as practicable.

In this regard, replacement planting of trees and hedgerows within the Fingal area would need to be agreed with this Planning Authority in particular in terms of specification and location of replacement planting. It is noted that in certain cases it may not be feasible to carry out replacement planting at the exact location where trees

and / hedgerows must be removed. In these cases, an appropriate nearby location should be agreed with the Planning Authority.

The applicant should provide details of proposed tree and hedgerow removal and compensatory planting in order to ensure that there is no net canopy (or biodiversity loss as a result of the development.

Recommended Conditions:

A Tree Protection Plan, including tree protection measures and Arboricultural Method Statement in accordance with BS5837:2012 *Trees in relation to Design, Demolition and Construction Recommendations* shall be submitted and agreed with the Planning Authority in relation to this development. This plan shall clearly indicate the trees and hedgerows proposed for removal and retention. The plan shall clearly indicate the length and area of hedgerows as well as the number of trees proposed for removal.

A detailed Landscape Plan, Planting and Works Specification and Management and Maintenance Plan shall be submitted and agreed with the Planning Authority in relation to this development. The Landscape Plan shall clearly indicate the length and area of hedgerows as well as the number of trees which are proposed to be planted. This plan shall clearly indicate that there shall be no net tree canopy cover loss as a result of this development. These documents shall be prepared by a suitably qualified landscape professional.

A consultant qualified arborist suitably qualified landscape professional shall be engaged for the duration of the development to ensure trees and hedgerows are protected in accordance with the agreed Tree Protection Plan.

Proposed Cable Route Map Sheet 03 and Sheet 04 of 64 (Landfall)

It is not clear from the submitted documentation what is proposed at the above Landfall location in terms of what will be visible above ground once this overall project is complete. It is therefore difficult to assess the impact of this area in terms of visual amenity and on the future development of this land. In addition, it is not clear what is proposed as the defined construction corridor for works in this area (e.g. 30-40 metre working width.)

Recommended Condition:

Prior to the commencement of works on site, full details of the defined construction corridor and above and ground infrastructure and landscape proposals in relation to the Landfall site indicated on *Proposed Cable Route Map Sheet 03 and Sheet 04 of 64* shall be submitted and agreed with the Planning Authority.

Grid Facility

It is noted that a landscape plan denoted as Grid Facility Landscape Plan (Drawing no. 281240_MCR_ONS_GF_DR_YE_1010) has been provided. Further consideration is required on treatment of the south-eastern boundary of the site in terms of the

provision of adequate width for additional screen planting as well as allowing for the proposed storm water swale and protection of exiting hedgerow.

Recommended Condition:
A revised landscape plan for the Grid Facility shall be submitted and agreed with the Planning Authority to include additional screen planting (using a mix of standard trees and whips) along the south-eastern boundary. A cross section shall be provided to clearly show the proposed boundary treatment, existing hedgerow, additional screen planting and proposed swale.

Officer: Gemma Carr Endorsed: _____

Date: 28/06/24 Date: _____

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

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General

The proposed development is a combination of offshore infrastructure and onshore infrastructure. The 'Landfall site', where the offshore export cables come onshore, would be located in Bremore, just north of Balbriggan; and nearby on the opposite side of the R132 would be the 'grid facility', where the onshore export cables terminate at the grid facility, and is comprised of two distinct substations on the same site.

The onshore cable route (220kV HVAC cables in two cable circuits) would be approximately 33-35km in length, and would be laid underground from the grid facility to the grid connection point at the existing substation at Belcamp.

Layout

The applicant describes the following in their submission: *that the onshore cable route would run for approximately 33-35km between the proposed grid facility just north of Balbriggan, to an existing electrical substation at Belcamp on the northern outskirts of Dublin. The majority of the route – approximately 29km out of the 33km – would be contained within the footprint of existing roads including the R132, the R106 and other local roads. Towards the southern end of the cable route, two options for the route are included – one along the R107 and one via the R124 –the alternative route providing flexibility to ensure integration with other existing utilities infrastructure including the planned route for power cables associated with the Metrolink project. The route via the R124 would add approximately 2km to the overall cable route (hence the cable route will be approximately 33 – 35km). The two 220kV HVAC cable circuits would be laid underground in either a single trench arrangement (one trench accommodating all electrical cables, fibre-optic and earthing cables) or in twin-trench arrangement (with each cable circuit contained within its own trench). This variation in trench arrangement would be utilised to ensure the cable route can navigate through areas of high utility congestion and minimise the likelihood of disruption during the construction phase associated with works to existing utilities.*

The applicant has provided a drawing with the proposed typical cable trench details.

The Transportation Planning Section recommends that the exact detail of the cable trench, including depth and formation cross section arrangement, should be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The applicant should take cognisance of the latest edition of the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' published by the Department of Transport.

The Transportation Planning Section recommends that the exact detail of the longitudinal layout of the cable trench within the road, should be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development. The applicant should take cognisance that the Council has a preference that the cables be installed at a minimum at the regulation depth and generally located in the centre of the carriageway,

as the verges and edge of the carriageway is needed for localised utilities and road drainage.

Phasing and Interaction with Planned and Proposed Developments
The proposed onshore cable route would be approximately 33-35km in length and would potentially interact with the construction of the following permitted and proposed transport developments (but not limited to this list):

- MetroLink, including advance works projects.
- The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route, on the Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan – which involves the full reconstruction of the road cross section for the entire length of Harry Reynolds Road, to provide improved active travel infrastructure. This project is currently under construction.
- The Council is currently in the process of designing an 'active travel' infrastructure project from Bremore North of Balbriggan to the county boundary with Meath. Planning permission is not yet in place for this project.
- The R132 Connectivity Project in Swords, which involves the full reconstruction of the road cross section and junctions on the R132 from Estuary Roundabout to Pinockhill Roundabout. This project has planning permission in place.
- The Council has a design in place for an 'active travel' project on the section of road between Seatown Road to Malahide Estuary, to provide Road Safety, Cycling and Walking Improvements.
- The Council is in the early stages of the process for designing an improved active travel infrastructure along the Swords Road in Malahide.
- The Council has a design in place for an 'active travel' project on the section of Balheary Road, north of Swords, in the vicinity of the bridge crossing the Broadmeadow River.
- The Seatown Road in Swords (as it approaches Main Street) is currently closed for the next 2 years as part of the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter project.
- Solar photovoltaic ('PV') energy development on lands at Mainscourt, Ballyboghill, Co. Dublin, reg. ref. F22A/0365. This permitted development involves underground electricity cables in ducts from Mainscourt, Ballyboghill to the ESB Mountgorry 38kV Substation, Swords Business Park.
- Eirgrid Cable Route from Meath.
- Swords Main Street Upgrade works. This project is at the early stages of design development.

There are also reoccurring events that are held in Fingal each year, usually in June and July, and include the Malahide Castel Concerts and the Flavors of Fingal. It should be noted that, in general, FCC Operations Department don't allow any road works in the area in the lead up to or during these events.

In order to ensure proper coordination between the proposed development and the various planned projects along the proposed cable route, the Transportation Planning Section recommends that the phasing of the proposed works on the public road,

including the phasing dates and duration of any proposed 'road closures' on the public road, is to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

Road Reinstatement

Any excavation or opening of a public road or footway would require that a road opening licence be applied for through the MRL system; and for further information in regard to road opening licences the Operations Department of Fingal Co. Co. can be contacted at HowMalOpArea@fingal.ie or BalSwoOpArea@fingal.ie. The applicant should apply for a T1 licence at the earliest stage as possible in the project.

Road reinstatement would need to be carried out as per the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' published by the Department of Transport; and to be agreed with the Council under the road opening licence procedure.

In regard to road reinstatement where the roadway has been recently renewed, the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' describes that the protected period for a recently renewed surface will be for 5 years, and a Road Opening Licence Holder would need to carry out full width/lane/bay reinstatement on a renewed surface in the protected period.

Access

In regard to vehicular access directly off the public road, the applicant describes the following in the submission:

- *The applicant describes that three primary contractor compounds would be established to support the construction works, comprising the grid facility contractor compound which would support the construction of the grid facility, and two cable contractor compounds (the Bremore cable contractor compound and the Blakes Cross cable contractor compound) which would support the construction of the cable routes.*
- *The applicant describes that localised HDD (horizontal directional drilling) contractor compounds would be required for the HDD operations at the HDD locations.*
- *The applicant describes that a number of temporary haul routes are required for the construction phase of the proposed development, to enable access to offline areas of construction. These temporary haul routes would be reinstated following completion of construction. A number of permanent access tracks are also required, which will enable access to joint bays and other areas, during the operational phase. These temporary and permanent access tracks/haul routes are identified on the planning drawings as referenced in Section X above and included in Appendix 7.1. Where possible, existing field entrances and access tracks have been utilised.*
- *The applicant describes in the submission that all access roads to the proposed compounds will be designed to ensure abnormal loads can exit the public road during delivery with minimal disruption to the public road. A designated route and parking area for abnormal loads will be provided within the confines of the*

proposed compound for unloading, which will be detailed in the Contractors CTMP. Additionally, the Contractor CTMP will detail the temporary traffic management to be implemented during abnormal load deliveries, such as temporary stop/go lane or road closures, escort vehicles, banksman, etc., to be agreed by the contactor with the local authority and An Garda Siochana prior to starting construction.

- *4.11.3 of the CEMP (contained in appendix 9.1 of the EIAR) states 'On completion of the construction works and energisation of the project, the permanent wayleave will be 8m wide in third party lands. Future access to the joint bays in third party lands for annual inspection will be maintained via the construction of approximately 5m wide permanent access tracks to each joint bay location.'*

The Transportation Planning Section generally require a sightline drawing to be provided for any proposed new vehicular entrance onto a public road. Objective DMSO115 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (Restriction of New Access Arrangements), seeks to restrict unnecessary new accesses directly off Regional Roads, and to ensure premature obsolescence of all County/local roads does not occur by avoiding excessive levels of individual entrances , and to ensure that necessary new entrances are designed in accordance with DMRB or DMURS as appropriate, thereby avoiding the creation of traffic hazards.'

It appears that specific details to demonstrate that the appropriate minimum sightlines are achieved has not been provided by the applicant, such as a dedicated 'sightline drawing'; and the Transportation Planning Section recommend that the Planning Authority satisfy themselves that appropriate sightlines are achieved for the posted speed limit at each of the proposed new vehicular entrances, as per the minimum requirements of DN-GEO-03060 as published by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and where appropriate, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets. This visibility requirement is to the nearside edge of the road both sides of the entrance, viewed at the entrance from a 2.4m setback from the edge of the road, from a driver eyeheight of 1.05m to an object height of 0.6m.

The Transportation Planning Section recommends that the layout of proposed new vehicular entrances are designed so as to provide sightlines as per the minimum requirements of DN-GEO-03060 as published by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), and where appropriate, the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets; the detail of which should be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

Road Closures

In regard to the traffic management for construction works on the public road, the applicant describes the following, in summary:

- The applicant describes in section 5.1.1.1 of the CEMP (contained in appendix 9.1 of the EIAR) that *'The full road closures have been identified along narrower roads where the construction width is limited and where it would not be possible*

to lay the cable while safely maintaining partial traffic flows. In the case of full road closures local property access will still be maintained for car, active travel (pedestrians and cyclists) and service/emergency vehicles throughout, through the contractor's implementation of safe traffic management measures. Local diversion routes have been identified to maintain local community accessibility by car and active modes (See Appendix 24.1 in Volume 11 of the EIAR which provides details on full and partial road closure diversion routes). Strategic diversion routes have also been identified to mitigate the impact on local roads and will be recommended for general 'through' traffic where possible (See Appendix 24.1 in Volume 11). Bus diversion routes and bus stop relocations have been identified to ensure access to bus services is reasonably maintained where possible (See Appendix 24.1 in Volume 11). The strategic diversion routes will limit the volume of diverted general 'through' traffic along the bus diversion routes. There will also be rolling temporary partial (single lane) closures (each approximately 200 - 300m in length) throughout the remaining onshore cable route sections along the public road network. For temporary partial road closures, traffic flow will be maintained with the use of rolling temporary stop/go traffic signals along each section. Local diversion routes have been identified that will alleviate congestion along the corridor (See Appendix 24.1 in Volume 11). Local property access will be maintained for car, active travel and service/emergency vehicles throughout. Buses will be prioritised at stop/go locations where possible. Strategic diversion routes are not proposed for these partial closure locations. Diversion routes will be managed according to the Contractor's Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), refer to further details on the CTMP below. As outlined above, those living along the road closure section will be able to access their properties throughout the road closure.

- In Section 9.2 of the submitted Chapter 9 Construction Strategy, it states *"f public roads: the proposed development boundary for these sections will generally be the width of the public road, and the working corridor width for construction purposes will generally be limited to one side of the carriageway. The proposed development boundary provides flexibility during the construction stage if minor re-routing is required to accommodate local road network conditions. The cable route will be constructed under a rolling lane closure arrangement, with temporary traffic management in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual. At certain narrow sections of road, where there is insufficient space to accommodate the traffic running lane and the excavation, temporary road closures will be required during construction of that specific section. These sections of road closures are outlined in Volume 4, Chapter 24: Traffic and Transportation. There are also seven locations where the onshore cable route deviates off-line from public roads and traverses private lands."*

- In Section 9.3.3 of the submitted Chapter 9 Construction Strategy, it states that *"it is expected that construction works along the onshore cable route will take approximately twenty-four (24) months, with some activities, at different*

locations, taking place in parallel. However, for the majority of the cable route, the duration of works would be much less than 24 months."

- Section 9.3.3 of the submitted Chapter 9 Construction Strategy goes on to describe that *"Due to the narrow widths of certain roads, temporary full road closures with associated traffic diversions are likely to be necessary at some sections of the onshore cable route. These roads are set out in Section 24.4 of Volume 4, Chapter 24: Traffic and Transportation and the expected full road closure durations, taking account of mitigation measures proposed, are set out in section 24.6 of the same chapter. For the remainder of onshore cable route works on public roads, partial road closures (lane closures) will be in place during construction. Installation of the onshore cable will be undertaken on a rolling basis. Where no obstacles or constraints exist within or near the onshore cable route, it is expected that progress rates for the trench excavation and installation of ducts will be up to:*
  - *80m/day in farmland and on road sections with full road closure*
  - *60m/day on roads with single lane closure; and*
  - *30m/day on roads maintaining two-way traffic."*

The Transportation Planning Section has significant concerns with the proposed scale of the proposed potential road closures, and the level of disruption that could be caused to local and regional transport. The Transportation Planning Section recommends that the phasing and duration of the works on the public road, including proposed lane and road closures is kept to an absolute minimum and to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

The Fingal County Council Operations Department has raised concerns for the duration of some of the proposed road closures, for example:

- Malahide Road (R107) – 11 week closure proposed
- Swords Road (R106) – 7 week closures
- Estuary Road 6 -12 weeks depending on option route taken.

Full road closures for these durations would need to be further considered and agreed with Fingal County Council; and the following alternatives may need to be considered:

- Lane closures with significant traffic management measures i.e. flagmen and other appropriate measures could be considered.
- Nighttime road closures could also be considered but would need to be justified, and this option does not appear to have been explored.
- We note from the report that the mitigation measures in terms of increased resources is proposed to reduce some of the duration of the road closures, however, give the volumes of traffic on these roads this may have to be reconsider for partial closures or night-based works to hand back the road to the council each day for example.

Construction Traffic Management

A detailed construction traffic management plan should be agreed in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

Conclusion
The Transportation Planning Section recommend that the following conditions be considered for inclusion, should a grant of planning permission be under consideration:

- The layout and depth of the ducting trench cross section is to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- The exact location/route of the ducting trench within each individual section of road is to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- The exact details for road reinstatement works for each individual section of road is to be as per the 'Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads' (often referred to as 'the purple book'), and the details of which are to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- The phasing of the proposed works on the public road, including the phasing dates and duration of any proposed 'road closures' on the public road, is to be coordinated so as to avoid the proposed development works conflicting with various planned and permitted developments along the proposed cable route corridor; and the phasing plan is to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- The details of the proposed traffic management plan, including the details of all proposed road closures and lane closures is to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- The developer shall agree all proposed public transport diversions due to proposed road closures with all relevant transportation stakeholder's, including the NTA, Dublin Bus, and Bus Eireann, prior to commencement of development; and the agreed details shall be submitted for agreement in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- All necessary consents from the Council shall be obtained before works commence, including the necessary road opening licences.

- All details of temporary construction vehicular access opening onto the public road are to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- All details of new permanent vehicular access onto the public road are to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to commencement of development.

- A photographic pre-condition road survey of the entire proposed route for the ducting trench shall be prepared by the developer and agreed with the council prior to commencement of development.

- Any damage caused to the pavement on the existing road network arising from the construction works (e.g. damage of the surface wearing course, etc.) shall be rectified in accordance with TII Pavement Standards and details in this regard shall be agreed with the Road Authority in writing prior to the commencement of any development on site.

Signed: Shane Comaskey Endorsed: _____
Date: 01/07/2024 Date: _____

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

8th July 2024
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Chief Executive's Foreword

Following the local elections last month, Fingal County Council has 12 new councillors beginning their terms of office and representing their communities. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to the outgoing councillors for their work over the last 5 years and for their support to myself and the Executive Management Team in that period. I hope that you will reflect with pride on the time you spent representing your constituents and the work you undertook on their behalf. To the new members, I extend a warm welcome to you all and I look forward to working with you on behalf of the people of Fingal. At the first meeting of the new council on Friday, June 21st Cllr Brian McDonagh was elected Mayor and Cllr JK Onwumereh was elected Deputy Mayor. I congratulate you, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, on your elections and wish you every success in your endeavours over the next year. Overseeing the democratic process is an important function of the local authority and extensive preparations for the counting of the votes at the National Show Centre in Cloghran began several months ago. The manner in which the count was organised and executed was very impressive and I thank everyone who engaged in the process as well as the external agencies who supported Fingal County Council in this undertaking.

Each year the prestigious Bord Bia Bloom gardening festival attracts many thousands of visitors to the Phoenix Park to view the most spectacular gardens on display. Over the years, Fingal County Council is proud to have forged very successful collaborations with talented garden architects and horticultural teams to further underpin and emphasise our commitment to sustainability, biodiversity and creativity. The theme of Fingal's display this year centred around incorporating biodiversity into urban landscapes and private gardens. With global and national biodiversity in decline, and a high demand for housing, the show garden demonstrates how new developments can not only coexist with nature but also enhance it. This year the 'Coming Home to Nature' garden, which was designed by Nicola Haines from Tierney Haines Architects, was not only awarded a gold medal but was also named as 'Best in Show Large Garden.' It also picked up an award for Best Construction Team and was hailed the Most Sustainable Garden. Following on from last year's gold medal winning garden, 'A Breathing Space for Fingal,' I am delighted that once again we have been recognised for the calibre of the design and workmanship employed in creating stunning spaces. I wish to pay tribute to the Biodiversity, Parks and Landscape teams and all who assisted in the process from design to build and who continue to put Fingal firmly on the horticultural map each year.

There have certainly been many opportunities to enjoy the finest events recently in Fingal. In May we welcomed cycling enthusiasts to the beautiful Millennium Park for a family fun day to mark the beginning of a jam-packed Bike Week which saw participants enjoy a range of activities such as an inclusive cycling event, a small bike parade and a sunset cycle. On Saturday, June 15th Cruinniú na nÓg was celebrated with over 30 events specifically designed to explore and harness the creativity of our young people. Last month the Malahide Castle Concert series was a tremendous success with thousands of fans seeing Take That, LCD Soundsystem, Shania Twain, SZA, Nicki Minaj and Arcade Fire. The always anticipated Flavours of Fingal returned to Newbridge House and Farm for a fantastic weekend of live music performances, cooking demonstrations, agricultural displays, equestrian trials, dog agility and over 150 craft and food stalls. Later on this month, we have more stellar performances lined up as we welcome the ever popular Nathan Carter and iconic 80's superstars Sister Sledge to Swords Castle. It is a source of pride that the best of Fingal is showcased at all the events we stage. We are fortunate to have some of the most picturesque heritage properties and parks in the country right here on our doorstep and to facilitate large scale events, concerts and festivals at these locations offers locals and visitors alike a unique and enjoyable experience. Preparing for and staging these events is a task requiring meticulous planning and internal and multi-agency collaboration and I acknowledge with thanks the huge efforts of all those who undertake this work in order to provide safe and enjoyable experiences for all.

Many of you who live or work in Swords or indeed spend time in the town and its environs will be aware of the work ongoing in preparation for the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ). The SCQ will encompass a 3.89 acre area around the junction of North Street, Seatown Road, Bridge Street and Main Street. This will include Swords Castle, County Hall, Swords Courthouse and the recently refurbished Carnegie Library. 36 homes will also be built on Seatown Road with a further 13 homes to be constructed on North Street. Once fully constructed, the new Civic and Cultural Centre in Swords will include a new 3,000m2 County Library, an art gallery and exhibition space, a café, a civic area, studios and rehearsal rooms, and a Black Box theatre which can cater for audiences of between 165 and 360. This project represents years of intricate planning and a multi-million euro investment in the town - It will marry the historic with the modern and will ensure the vibrancy and character of Swords is maintained as well as enhancing the public realm and offering an exciting and attractive area for recreation, learning and leisure. I look forward to bringing you updates on the works as they progress in due course.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	57
Campaigns Completed	31
Current Campaigns	26
Interviews Held to date	567
New Starters	104
Number of Current Job Offers	90

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	189
Number of Attendees	1724
Number of Training days	1918.5

Throughout July courses will be delivered in the areas of Health & Safety, Specialised Departmental Training & Mandatory Training.

Wellbeing Update

The distribution of the Fingal County Council 2024 Staff Wellbeing Pack took place in June, containing a double walled insulated travel mug and insulted lunch bag. The 'Elephant in the Room' logo was included on the packs to again highlight our participation in this mental health initiative. The packs support Fingal County Council's sustainability efforts by reducing the use of single use cups and encourage the adoption of reusable, durable materials.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

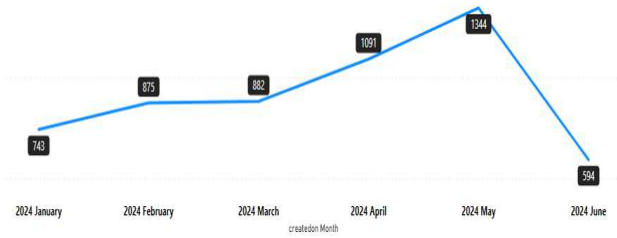
The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 29 site safety inspections and audits. From January 2024 to date the HSU has completed 22 safety audits and 159 site safety inspections. During the month the Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training and protection & safeguarding of young persons training for on-boarding lifeguards. Risk assessments and standard operational procedures continue to be reviewed / created during the month. The HSU continued with its role of VDU assessments and answering staff queries on health and safety issues.

Customer Services

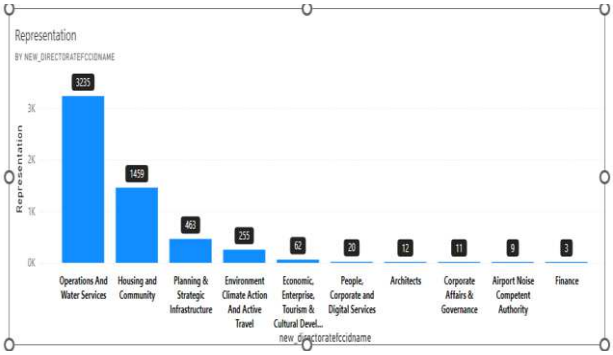
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
June	7,463	1,605	1,262

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 June – 594.



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 May and June.
It worked with the Economic Enterprise Tourism and Cultural Development Department on several projects including the sod-turning for the Quay Street development in Balbriggan and the signing of the contracts for the Swords Cultural Centre.
The Unit also assisted the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department on sod-turning for the Broadmeadow Greenway and National Biodiversity week.
Another project was the sod-turning for the Baldoyle Community Centre with the Housing and Community Development Department.



Local Elections

The Communications Unit was tasked by Corporate Services with providing a results service for the Local Election as well as managing media attending the count in the National Show Centre.
Media attending the count included RTE, Irish Times, Irish Independent, Dublin Live and Phoenix FM. Election results were carried across our social media channels and on our website.

For the first time ever, the Council streamed the Count with 29 hours of live coverage that was watched by 9,893 viewers.
The dedicated results page on the website, www.fingal.ie/count, attracted 23,322 visitors and 52,350 views.
On X our local election coverage generated 595,058 impressions over the three days of the count with 447,396 being recorded on Sunday, June 9.
On Facebook our count coverage had a reach of 315,900 while on Instagram there was a reach of 122,425.
The Communications Unit was also responsible for the content on the big screen which ensured that those in the National Show Centre could follow the different counts.
In the run-up to the election there was a specific campaign encouraging citizens to vote in addition to the ongoing register to vote campaign.



Website

The first six months of 2024 have seen a record number of visitors to the fingal.ie website. Between January 1 and June 30 there were 978,517 visitors and 2,260,034 page views. The average time spend on the site was two minutes and one second. That's an average of 37,635 visitors per week and leaves us on track to improve on last year's record figure of 1.4m visitors.
After the home page, the most frequented pages in the opening six months of 2024 were Planning Applications, Affordable Housing, Jobs, Contact Us and Recycling Centre.

Social Media

The Local Election coverage helped drive traffic on our social media channels during May and June with X recording 1.2m impressions and an engagement rate of 4.8% while Facebook had a reach of 1.2m and an engagement rate of 2%.
Overall, the five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 80,309 which is a rise of 5.8% since April 30.
Facebook has 35, 544 followers, X has 23,784, LinkedIn has 9.381 and You Tube has 1,430 subscribers. Instagram broke through the 10,000 followers barrier during the period and now has 10,170 followers.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 19 press releases in May and 23 in June. Among the press releases issued were ones on Africa Day, Biodiversity Week, Blue Flags, the Bloom Garde, Baldoyle Community Centre, Flavours of Fingal and the appointment of the contractor to build the Swords Cultural Centre.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 34 media queries in the month of May and 23 in June. Some of the topics involved included the local elections, housing, Dublin Airport, drone deliveries and Skerries GAA pitch.

Videos

The Communications Unit were involved in the production of 14 videos during May and June. One of the videos was prepared especially for Dublin Climate Week and detailed the Climate Action work being done internally and externally by Fingal County Council. There was also a video to mark the completion of the LED public lighting scheme and another to mark the recent election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

There was also video about the multi-award-winning Bloom garden which documented the journey from conception to construction in the Phoenix Park.

All the videos can be accessed at
https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

Current Judicial Review Cases – June 2024

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
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 2023/1122 JR
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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Nicola Byrne v Fingal County Council, An Bord Pleanála, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ireland, and the Attorney General, High Court Record Number 2024/342 JR
Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
Ailsa Sexton -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2024/690 JR

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

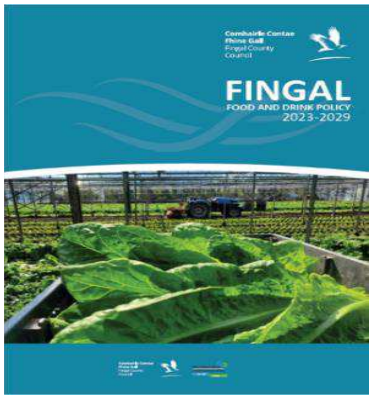
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism

Launch of Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029



The Fingal Food & Drink Policy was launched on Friday, 28 June at an invite-only event for industry professionals hosted at Newbridge House. Fingal food producers, growers and Councillors were joined by TV host and food writer, Donal Skehan and Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD to officially launch the policy, which celebrates local food provenance and positions Fingal as a premier culinary tourism destination.

Attendees networked and discussed the future of food in Fingal while enjoying culinary delights from Sabongi who catered the launch. Recognising the ongoing importance of fostering a long term, sustainable and thriving food sector, the policy was developed, with the Local Enterprise Office Fingal, following an extensive process of consultation and research. The new policy supports businesses and economic growth, aims to develop greater food tourism experiences, engages the community on the benefits of their local food provenance, celebrates Fingal's horticultural history and celebrates culinary excellence across the county.





Fingal Food & Drink Network



The Fingal Food & Drink Network will be well represented at Flavours of Fingal on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June at Newbridge House and will be involved in cooking demonstrations as well as showcasing the wide variety of produce from across Fingal in the 'Coast and Fields' tent. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the Network, recruit new members and meet the public.

Launch of St. Patrick's Trail and Art Trail

The St. Patrick's Trail and Art Trail was officially launched on Saturday 22nd June in Skerries Sailing Club by Cllr Robert O'Donoghue deputising for the Mayor. Among those present for the launch were representatives from Failte Ireland, Skerries tourism group, Skerries autism group and the local community.



Those present were brought on a guided tour of the trail highlighting the new signage and information boards as well as the art sculptures along the route. The new trails were part funded by Failte Ireland's Destination Towns programme and are seen as another tourism asset for Skerries that will attract greater numbers to the town and stimulate further economic activity.

EVENTS

Flavours of Fingal









Flavours of Fingal 2024 was a resounding success, marked by a series of remarkable events and record-breaking attendance on Sunday. The festival kicked off with the highly anticipated launch of the Fingal Food Network and the innovative Additional Needs night on Friday, which catered to all members of the community. Saturday despite rain continued the momentum with a vibrant showcase of farmers, foodies, and family fun, including lively farm competitions, impressive equestrian displays, and engaging cookery demonstrations that captivated the crowds.











Sunday saw unprecedented attendance, with record numbers using public transport to join the festivities, filling the venue with an enthusiastic and diverse audience. The success of the event was made possible by the unwavering support of numerous Fingal County Council departments, emergency services, local residents, Fingal Scouts, and dedicated volunteers, all availing of a free family fun event which contributed to a memorable and well-coordinated celebration that highlighted the best of what Fingal has to offer.







HERITAGE PROPERTIES

American Connections in an Irish Country House

Newbridge House will celebrate July 4th this year with a tour led by Newbridge's own American, curator Mary Cate Babcock, exploring the surprising connections between the Cobbe family and American history. With links to the American War of Independence, the founding fathers, southern plantations and pioneer life on the prairie to be discovered, this very special tour will reveal a new side of Newbridge House.



In the agreed programme of marketing events with Malahide Castle and Newbridge House Ltd (the Council's holding company for the site) this event represents the use of the historical narrative of the house and its former occupants and connections to drive visits North American visitors. This is an important aspect of the ongoing tourism market recovery, as this segment is yet to be restored to pre-pandemic levels of demand.

Skerries Mills Celebrates 25 Years

This June the staff of Skerries Mills celebrated 25 years of serving the public with a very special gathering. Skerries Mills first opened to the public in June 1999 as a community heritage centre and has developed into a vibrant commercial and community-focused amenity with guided tours of the iconic windmills, a thriving café, shop, artist's studios and a busy event schedule to match.



Staff came together to commemorate the anniversary and congratulate two ever-present employees on their 25 years of service.

Malahide Castle Boiler Upgrade

Work began last month on the Malahide Castle and Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems upgrades. These upgrades are part of the reduction of costs on energy spending, and water re-use on-site and form a large part of the commitment of Fingal County Council to deliver on sustainability in its main heritage properties.

While there were measures in place on-site these were designed two decades ago and raising them to a more contemporary specification will help reduce carbon emissions and reduce operating costs.

Guinness Bridge Conservation Works

Works by Jons Civil Engineering Ltd, working on behalf of Fingal County Council, to secure the Guinness Bridge at Farmleigh through restoration and conservation are now substantially complete, with the bridge now re-instated.

The aesthetic appearance and structural integrity of the bridge have been significantly improved and the bridge will now safely remain a part of the Liffey Valley's visually accessible built heritage for decades to come. Land ownership on the northern approach to the site and consideration of options for the future of the bridge are ongoing, given its structural capacity. Fingal County Council is liaising with South Dublin County Council, who have public lands near the southern landfall.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Youth & Education

Orchestral Odyssey



Fingal Arts Office proudly presented Orchestral Odyssey on the occasion of Cruinniu na nOg 2024. This ambitious arts education project brought the magic of a full orchestra directly to children in schools and to families in the newly refurbished Carnegie Library Swords. Scoil Chrónáin Senior National School, Swords Educate Together National School and Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe responded to the unique invitation to host musicians Niall O'Sullivan, Shóna Henneberry and Denice Doyle over the course of three weeks to mentor children in carefully selected songs about inclusivity, diversity, and resilience.

Children were encouraged to explore the intricate art of ensemble performance in preparation for performing in front of their peers accompanied by the 35-piece orchestra. This project connected over 1400 children in Swords with some of the finest musicians in Ireland. In addition to the schools' programme, a series of interactive music workshops for families and the wider community was presented at Carnegie Library – a new focal point for arts development in Swords, on Cruinniu na nOg Saturday 15th of June.



https://vimeo.com/user2162614/orchestralodyssey

Dance in Schools



Fingal Arts Office is conducting research into contemporary dance to better understand the needs and ambition of children and young people when it comes to this underserved artform. Dance artist Alessandra Azevedo facilitated a dynamic consultation workshop exploring movement and rhythm at St. Luke's NS, Tyrrelstown. This is one of a series of dance workshops facilitated across schools. The aim of this action research is to collaborate and communicate with young people through dance.

Space Crafts

Fingal Arts Office is working in collaboration with Dunsink Observatory to offer an exciting new arts and science initiative to local primary school children. Artists Aileen Murphy, Mary Jo Galligan and Julia McConville have completed a residency phase at DIAS where they worked closely with DIAS education officer Sadhbh Leahy. A workshop series exploring planetary compositions, celestial movement, light and optics was developed to stimulate interest in the innovative space research taking place at Dunsink and the exciting contemporary art practice of these three artists. This first phase engaged children from Castaheany Educate Together NS and St. Philip's NS Mountview.

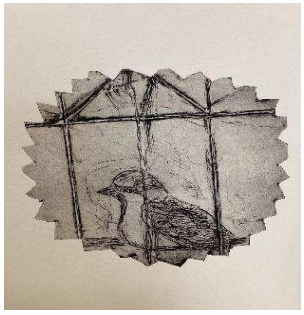


Students of Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School create beautiful print work in response to local biodiversity

Professional Printmaker Clare Henderson worked with 1st year students on a creative response to the Sustainable Development Goal - 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and 15 (life on land).

Using knowledge that emerged from the study of flora and fauna native to Fingal and site visits to a nature reserve, students captured what they saw using drypoint intaglio printmaking. Students discussed the idea of biodiversity and how art plays a huge role in raising awareness on the importance of preserving the wild beauty of our planet.





Public Art

St Patrick's Way & Art Trail

Successfully launched the St.Patrick's Way & Art Trail, at the Skerries Sailing Club, the project included dedicated collaboration between EETCD,Heritage, Operations and Arts. The trail includes 5 new artworks and associated signage which will add to the visitor and local experience in Skerries. We will continue to engage with the local community in the communication of the trail including listing it on Failte Ireland's Visitor Portal.





Artist Funding & Support

2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme

Applications were received for the '***2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme'*** to assist the development of the 'arts' in Fingal.

The 'arts' means any creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form, and includes visual arts, theatre, literature, music, dance, opera, film, circus, and architecture, and any medium when used for those purposes.

The Arts Act grant scheme is intended to assist **groups, organisations, and individuals** in the following:

- stimulating public interest in the arts
- promoting the knowledge, appreciation and encourage practice of the arts
- improving standards and development in the arts in the county

Events supported under this scheme aim to deliver quality arts experiences to participants and audiences, to increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and to contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

A total of 26 eligible applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office and an external advisor. The panel has recommended 26 awards amounting to a total sum of **€160,823.**

Fingal County Council and Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award 2024

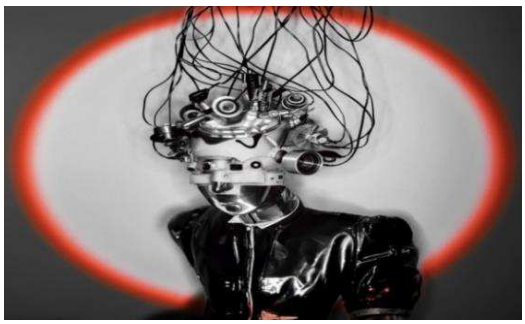


Fingal County Council and Draíocht, Blanchardstown are seeking applications from Visual Artists, from or based in Dublin 15/Fingal, for a 4-month paid Studio Residency in Draíocht's Artist Studio, for the period September to December 2024. The purpose of the residency is primarily to provide time and space for an artist to develop their practice in a comfortable, practical and supportive environment.

This Residency consists of the use of Draíocht's Visual Artist's Studio for the period above rent free. A fee of €4,000 for the 4-month period together with €1,000 material costs are in addition.

Applications from artists who are from under-represented communities are particularly welcome.
The closing date for applications is Friday 28th June 2024 at 5.00pm.

RHA School and Fingal Arts Studio Award 2024



Fingal County Council Arts Office, in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA) School, is pleased to announce the 2024 RHA Studio Award. This prestigious award offers a professional artist a funded studio space for one year, beginning October 2024.

Open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in visual art, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area to be eligible to apply.

The closing date for applications is Friday 19th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Fingal County Council and Graphic Studio Dublin Fine Art Print Residency Award 2024

Fingal County Council Arts Office in partnership with Graphic Studio Dublin is offering two fine art print residencies to professional artists at any stage of their careers, working in any discipline, who are interested in exploring print processes.
The two-week long residencies, in Autumn 2024, will provide artists with an opportunity to develop creative printmaking projects. Selected artists will each work with a Master Printmaker to produce a limited-edition series and artists proofs will enter the Fingal County Council Art Collection.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 25th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award



Fingal Arts Office is pleased to invite applications for the Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award, a new studio residency award open to professional visual artists working in any medium. This opportunity offers a 9-month paid residency in Loughshinny Boathouse from September 2024 – May 2025. The aim of the award is to enable artist(s) to research and develop new work in response to Fingal's coastal environment, focusing on biodiversity and climate change.

The residency consists of a fully funded studio, including utilities and administration. The award is valued at €20,000 which is inclusive of artist fee at €15,000 and €5,000 for materials, production, outcomes, documentation costs and engagement with environmental experts if part of the applicant's proposal.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 30th July 2024 at 4.00pm.

Draíocht



Draíocht is preparing the final report (including the commissioned Evaluation of our hugely successful NEST project. NEST shows played 68 times to an audience of 2,417 in Dublin 15 homes, schools and community organisations on 1st March 2024. 1,140 people attend the Spréacha Soar Festival from the 11th to 16th March 2024 and an additional 1,690 visited the two Exhibitions: NEST: The Portrait Project and Me, You, Us. 900 children and young people participated in NEST workshops with a further 193 children and young people participating in the Me, You, us photographic element of the NEST project. The total reach was 6,400. Draíocht commissioned Dublin 15 artist, Eleanor McCaughey, opened her show to an appreciative gathering on June 12th. Entitled 'Whispers of Rhythm balance on my hands', this will run until September 12th. The joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award will take place from September to December 2024. Closing date for applications is 28th June. A programme of workshops for children and young people will take place over June/July in Draíocht's spaces.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music







Fingal Proms was a fantastic event, with Paul Byrom and Leah Barnivalle – excellent feedback from the attendees, even though the weather was a challenge. Paddy Keenan, Tim Edey, Dermot Byrne played in our indoor theatre marking Séamus Ennis's birthday. American musician Kimmie Rhodes played a sell-out show on 11th May.

Other music performances ahead of the Garden Party starting in June included Niall McCabe, Ahmed Dickenson, Muireann Ni Amhlaoibh, Donal O Connor & Gerry O'Beirne.

Little Seedlings @ The Garden Party

The Garden Party kicked off on June 7th with our Fingal County Council funded festival Little Seedlings. The weekend included a dance performance for schools and families by Roisin Whelan Dance entitled Galaxy of Occupations, a Baby Rave, Bubble Show, a Brazilian dance workshop and family friendly comedy improv show. Throughout the weekend we also turned the theatre space into a sensory room for anyone neurodivergent who may have needed some time away from the louder events.

Garden Party

After a successful weekend of children's events, our first music gig of the summer took place on June 15th with Paddy Casey. The following evening, a comedy trio was hosted by Sharon Mannion, with comedians Gearoid Farrelly, Julie Jay and Ian Coppinger. On June 21st, we held a Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespearience, with a pig on a spit to top off the medieval vibes. And then the following night, bluegrass musician Mike Mitchell and band took to the stage.

Art Exhibition

Margo Banks' exhibition opened in June and has already been a fantastic success, with the majority of paintings sold.

Classes

Music classes ended for the year, which was marked with a concert for the adult and child students.

Cinema

The Eternal Daughter and Typist, Artist, Pirate, King rounded off our cinema nights until September.

Workshops and Other Events

The Food Fair on May 19th had 18 food stalls including a couple of newcomers such as a Nepalese dumpling van. We had steady footfall throughout the day.
A Drawing Workshop with Dave West was held to mark International Drawing Day on May 19th also, and a Clay Figurative Sculpture Workshop the following Sunday.

Bealtaine events

We linked in with the Naul Senior Citizens for events throughout May for Bealtaine, with almost 400 attendees across the concerts that were held in the theatre. In addition, the play Vixen by Helen Casey and featuring Rose Henderson was performed as part of the Bealtaine programme.

Libraries

Creative Ireland

Cruinniú na nÓG



Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Saturday 15th June. To celebrate Ireland's day of free creativity for young people, creative events took place in library branches, arts spaces and parks across Fingal. 22 events took place in libraries for children and young people of all ages, including author and illustrator workshops, a role-play village, graffiti workshop, coding, creative writing, orchestra performances, music recitations, crochet workshops, moviemaking, and comic book creation.

Fingal Arts Office also delivered a beautiful Orchestral Odyssey project featuring 35 of Ireland's most talented musicians and over 1400 children across three schools in Swords. This culminated in three interactive musical workshops held in the Carnegie Library, Swords for Cruinniú na nÓg. Balbriggan Youth Theatre created a promotional video to raise awareness of their group. The video premiered across Fingal County Council and Fingal Libraries YouTube channels and social media on the 15th of June and was subsequently selected to feature in the RTE highlights video of the day.



In Blanchardstown Library, Author/Illustrators Niamh Sharkey and Mary Murphy responded to our Voice of The Child survey with their Cruinniú Creation Station, a big space for children to get creative and messy and try lots of different art forms. The Fingal Makerspace held workshops to print and sew your own bag, and library staff ran a Dungeons and Dragons-themed Fantasy Mapmaking Workshop. All library events were fully booked and well-attended on the day.



Our flagship event, as part of the new Cruinniú Late initiative funded by the Night Time Economy unit, was the Garageland Galaxyz Live Youth Music Festival in Millennium Park. This event was aimed at a target audience of 14 to 18-year-olds, to take place on the day of Cruinniú after 4 pm to a minimum of 8 pm. There was a fantastic turnout and over 50 young musicians got to perform live on stage to an engaged young audience. A video showing the highlights of Cruinniú na nÓg in Dublin 15 can be found here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdOrczxXQbg



Creative Fingal Creative Communities Open Call 2024

Regarding the Creative Communities Open Call, seven successful projects have been chosen by the evaluation team. The selected projects will go before the Council on July 8th.

Bloomsday Garden Party for Library staff at Áras an Uachtaráin

Fingal Library staff were delighted to be invited to Aras an Uachtaráin for the first of President Higgins' Garden parties of the summer. Staff were treated to bag pipers on the lawn of the Aras and a greeting from the President's wife Sabina as we arrived. Over afternoon tea in the marque library staff and literary personalities from around the country listened to speeches and musical guests honouring James Joyce and Blooms Day. President Higgins spoke, acknowledging the tireless work of library staff.

Pictured below: Ray Gainford, Conor Hennessy, Ciara Farrell, Susan Lovatt, Anitha Somasundharam, Brian Mulcahy and Bahel Kaddar



One Book, One Community: David O'Doherty at Blanchardstown Library

On 16th May, students from Blakestown Community School, Scoil Mhuire Senior School, and St Philip's Mountview met author and comedian, David O'Doherty in Blanchardstown Library. This event celebrated One Book, One Community - a community reading project where children and their families are encouraged to read and discuss a particular book, along with supporting activities held in schools, libraries, and the community. The students chose David's novel 'The Summer I Robbed a Bank'.

Summer Programme

Libraries has launched its programme of events for the summer months. The programme includes free events for children such as author visits, creative writing, illustration and painting classes, arts and crafts, tie-dye T-Shirt printing, drama, Lego STEM workshops, board games, and sensory-friendly workshops. The summer programme will also feature events for all the family including a percussion workshop, coding workshops and talks on dyslexia. Events for adults include a summer plant care demonstration, painting on silk workshops, creative writing, sustainable vintage fashion demonstrations, chair yoga, Tai Chi, and a talk for parents on supporting children starting school.



Heritage Week

Heritage Week takes place between 17th – 25th August this year. Libraries will celebrate with events for people of all ages, including a pollinator workshop teaching children about the importance of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for bees. There will be talks for adults on local history including a talk on the history of Balbriggan Library. Fingal Local Studies and Archives have organised open days where the public can view interesting items from the collection and find out what resources are available for local and family history. Local Studies and Archives will also host a Heritage Week talk on genealogy and a talk by Dr. Bernard Kelly on the war of independence in Fingal.

Summer Stars

Libraries are taking part in Summer Stars, the national reading programme that runs annually throughout the school summer holidays. Every child who takes a book out from the library will get a reading card which they can get stamped for each book they read. Children will be issued with certificates at the end of the programme. Summer stars story time sessions will take place in all Fingal libraries.

Little Library Book Bag

Libraries are taking part in the 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative, a collaborative project between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 strategy.

Every child starting school this September will be able to pick up a bag with a free book telling a story about making friends from their local library.

Flavours of Fingal

Libraries will again be taking part in the Flavours of Fingal Festival on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June this year. Libraries will have a stand at the Fingal Village where the public can talk to staff and find information on library services. People who are not already library members will be able to join up on the spot by scanning a QR code. The mobile library van will also be at the Festival along with entertainment for children including facepainting, a magician and an author visit from Alan Nolan.

Donabate Portrane Community Crafters Project

The Donabate Portrane Community Crafters project grew out of the craft group that meets weekly in Donabate Library. Following a successful application for funding from the C.E. Innovation Fund, a programme of workshops was drawn up featuring crafts such as macramé, jewellery making, felting, soapmaking, cyanotype and block printing. These workshops are facilitated by local craft specialists. New equipment including a Singer sewing machine and Cricut cutting machine were purchased. Participants in the project will take part in August Craft Month this year. The group have also been invited to run craft sessions with residents in the newly reopened art therapy room in the Knockamann Resource Centre in Portrane.

Festival in a van



Sounds Like Summer: Fingal Festival in a Van kicks off on the summer solstice, bringing music, spoken word, and dance to every corner of Fingal. Taking place over six days the last two weekends of June, this tour is a free, open air, open-to-all celebration of Fingal's community spirit and creativity.
With the festival atmosphere landing like a celestial ship at their door, Fingal audiences are invited to bring their own picnic blanket, slap on the sunscreen, and enjoy some of Ireland's best talent who were born or are based in Fingal, including Jyellowl, Niamh Bury, Paula Meehan, and Asha Ari. From housing estates to public parks to community gardens to refugee accommodation, all are welcome to participate in the festivities. Let's get the summer going with Fingal Festival in a Van! Taking place **Fri 21 June – Sun 23 June**, and **Fri 28 June – Sun 30 June**. For full locations and details, visit www.festivalinavan.com

Funded by **Fingal County Council** and **Creative Ireland** and presented by **Festival in a Van** in partnership with **Creative Fingal** and **Fingal County Council Community Office.**
Since 2020 **Festival in a Van** has democratised access to the arts by delivering high-quality inclusive performances around Ireland. A trad session in the town square, a classical concert on the green, Shakespeare at schools, craic at care homes, and poets proclaiming in parks… Festival in a Van tours nationwide, bringing the magic of live performance to the parts and places other venues cannot reach.

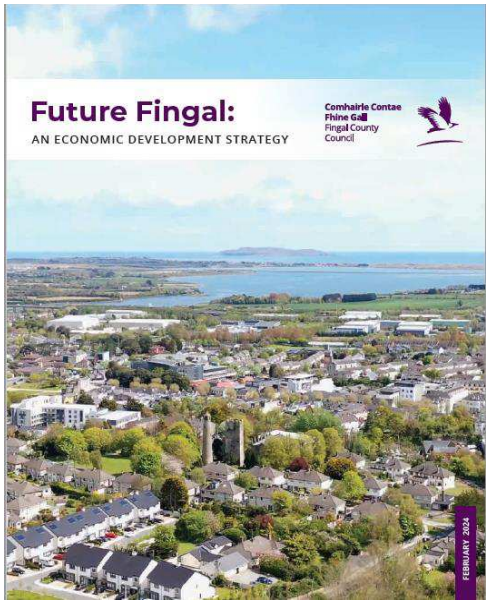
Economic Development

Fingal SKYLA Project Team previously shared two Good Practices from Fingal with our project partners which were identified in collaboration with key Fingal County Council stakeholders DRSF and Baldoyle Training Centre.

The Fingal SKYLA Project team intend to further examine the shared Good Practices and are in the process of identifying the Gap Analysis between our chosen Good Practice and the outcome we aspire to achieve.

The Good Practice we have identified is by our partner Skane Industrial Development Centre in Sweeden 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.

An official launch of the Economic Development Strategy is intended for Q.3, 2024.
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

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; Parnu, Estonia; Kekava,Latvia; Villena, Spain; Ormoz, Slovenia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland.



The EcoCore Project Team accompanied by members of the Project ULG travelled to Parnu, Estonia for our third transnational city visit as part of the EcoCore Project.



Parnu is primarily a summer tourist destination with its own cruise and industrial port.

It is strategically positioned, connected to Tallinn, Riga and Helsinki Vantaa via the Via Baltica highway and a local airport. The city is well-suited for manufacturing industries due to its transport connectivity with successful wood processing and textile manufacturing industries.

There were many good practice examples demonstrated during the visit to Parnu and invaluable learnings for the Balbriggan delegation.



Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

Green It Your Work

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

A meeting took place in Kocevje, Slovenia in May 2024 with a focus on Green Portals for Youth.



The delegation convened at the Kočevsko Institute, the public institute for Tourism and Culture, where they were welcomed by Vice Mayor Andrej Mladenovič. The meeting focused on discussing regional tourism and cultural initiatives.

This was followed by a visit to a local Gymnasium, (a secondary school dedicated to preparing students for higher education). During this visit, students presented their project, 'ITS-GRETA' showcasing their innovative ideas and hard work.

The delegation visited the Organic Farm Kocjančič in Gotenica to explore the opportunities for growth and the challenges impeding the farm's progress. The visit included a detailed tour of the farm, discussions with the owners about their sustainable practices, and the potential obstacles faced by the farm in expanding its operations and enhancing its productivity.



On day 2 the delegation visited local company, Intersocks, a leading developer and supplier of high-quality technical socks to the clothing and sportswear industry for a tour of the facility and attended a presentation on the sustainable measures implemented by the company. The focus was on their commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable practices in their operations.



The visit concluded with a tour of Podjetniški Inkubator in Kočevje which included a tour of the Podjetniški Inkubator where the group explored the facilities. Following the tour, presentations were given on the "Green Portals for You(th)" initiative and the Career Centre for Youth, highlighting efforts to support young people's professional development and environmental awareness.

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 and representatives from Fingal's Sports Office and Empower attended a city visit in Italy in June.



Sustainable Fingal

The EETCD Department are liaising with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2024/25 to progress collaborative sustainable projects. Work is ongoing to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies in the area of biodiversity and circular economy projects and to identify potential funding streams.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan were recently successfully in an application under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week call and has been approved for funding by SFI at a value of €10,000 direct costs.

An introductory partner meeting will take place on 4th July 2024 to discuss the guidelines of the Programme.

Staff from EECTD attended a webinar on Public procurement which stands out as a decisive, high-impact lever that cities can use to lead by example by purchasing goods and services that support the transition to a circular economy.

While a growing number of Circular Cities Declaration signatories are reporting using more circular practices in their procurement processes, there are still challenges with mainstreaming the approach across product categories and departments. This CCD webinar examined best practice examples and tools that cities across Europe have used to implement a more circular approach to public procurement to support the use of circular procurement.

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. The 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 for consideration. Following consultation with Enterprise Ireland in relation to the funding applications, EETCD will pursue potential applications.

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 will meet on 10th July 2024 to review progress on various programmes under its remit including the SICAP Mid-Year Review.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

The LECP was adopted by the Council in January 2024 which 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.



Minister Joe O'Brien TD announced the successful projects which provides vital support to community groups to help them improve their facilities.

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 for a period of 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. Two programmes are scheduled for 2024.

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 projects with the Council submitting an initial drawdown in 2023 of €243,000 with a further drawdown of €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 is targeted to invest in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where a clear need for investment is identified.

The funding is allocated across 3 application windows as outlined below:

Application Window 1: FCC Public Call Closed
Successful applications pending announced by the DRCD

Application Window 2: FCC Public Call Now Open: (25th June to 13th August)
Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st August to 30th September 2024)

Application Window 3: FCC Public Call: (November/December 2024)
Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025)

FCC Public Call 2 is now open and applicants are eligible to apply for capital projects with a minimum level of funding for an individual project of €50,000 and a maximum of €500,000.

It should be noted that applicants who previously applied under Call 1 are eligible to apply for projects under Call 2 irrespective of the status of their Call 1 application.
https://submit.link/2Hq

The allocation of funding will be a competitive process and project proposals will be evaluated by the Council for further engagement with the applicants to agree the project requirements which will then be submitted to the DRCD for approval to proceed.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €1,520,811 with a separate funding provision for new arrivals of €375,372.

The SICAP Mid-Year Review meeting is scheduled for the 10th July 2024 by the LCDC with formal approval by the LCDC to be agreed by Friday 26th July 2024.

LCDCs to provide feedback to POBAL by Tuesday 2nd July. POBAL will complete the Mid-Year review by 16th July 2024.

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 held an online information session on the LEADER application process and an overview of the procurement process.

Applications are sought from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide you through the process More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie



Enterprise Centres

A convention of the Boards of Directors of BASE, BEAT and Drinan Enterprise Centres was recently held in the Carlton Hotel to examine and review the future direction of the Enterprise Centres to align with the Strategic Vision of "Future Fingal" An Economic Development Strategy.
The respective Boards agreed that in order for the three Enterprise Centres collectively to become a beacon of innovation and change leadership for employers, entrepreneurs, employees, social enterprises and creative communities within Fingal that they should merge with a united strategic vision to transcend the current understanding of a Community Enterprise Centre and create a Network of Centres of Enterprise Excellence and Innovation "without walls".

It was agreed by the three Boards of Directors that in the coming months the legal company entities of the respective Centres will dissolve with the formation of a new legal entity "Innovative Fingal"
The Council has engaged Legal Expertise to facilitate the formation of "Innovation Fingal" and has consulted extensively with the existing boards of directors with a view to the formation of an interim board of directors to oversee the formation and implementation of "Innovation Fingal".
Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland and to inform the Council's future policies on such facilities, the Council has concluded a public survey of residents and organisations in the County with regard to the demand of co-working hubs.





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.

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 and John Craddock Ltd in April 2024 for the €15 Million transformation of Quay Street, Harbour & Environs.

The contractor is on site 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 expected during the Summer month. 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 took 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 has commenced to inform options and will continue throughout the design process.



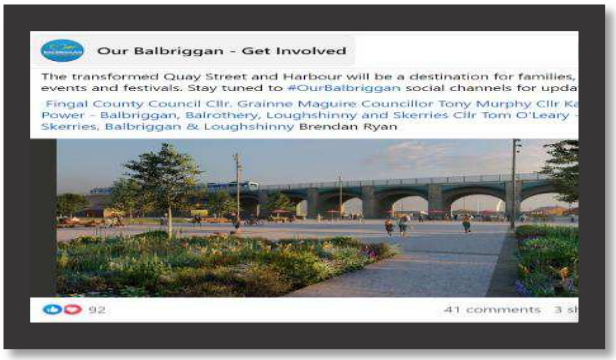
Donnelly Civil Engineering Ltd and MWP Engineering have delivered a package of improvement works at Balbriggan Harbour. The main Harbour upgrade works and shoreside services are complete, with some lighting improvements awaiting final completion further to new electricity connections. The ESB have been on site since 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 which will inform further possible options for this project.

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 at the Martello Tower. 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 Lusk Town Centre First Plan, "Lusk for Life", was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy and the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O'Brien, on 24th May 2024.
This followed months of consultation and engagement by the Town Team and the three Pillar Groups representing the Community, Business and Economy and Public Realm / Climate Action & Sustainability,



Two applications for Project Development Measure funding have been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration. These projects have been taken from the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and, if approved, will support the development of projects listed within the Plan.

In May 2024, under Measure 1: Town Centre First Suite of Supports 2024, three applications for funding of €10,000 per village were approved in respect of establishing and supporting town teams in Ballyboughal, Balrothery, and Donabate.

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.



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 41 applications were received by the closing date, 32 of which have now received offers of funding subject to project completion by 31st August 2024.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, " "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". 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.

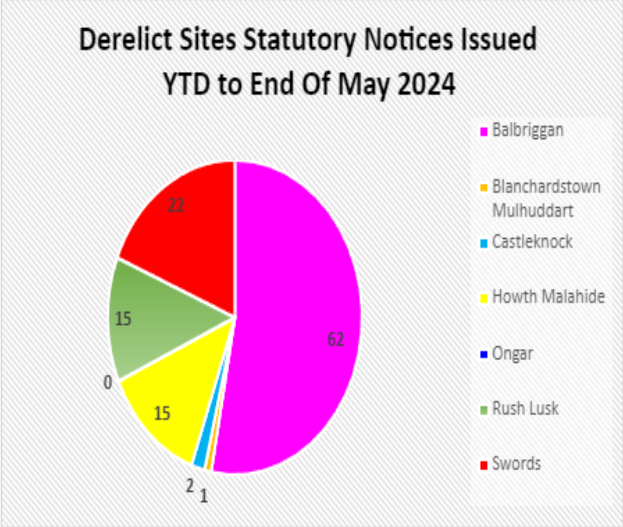
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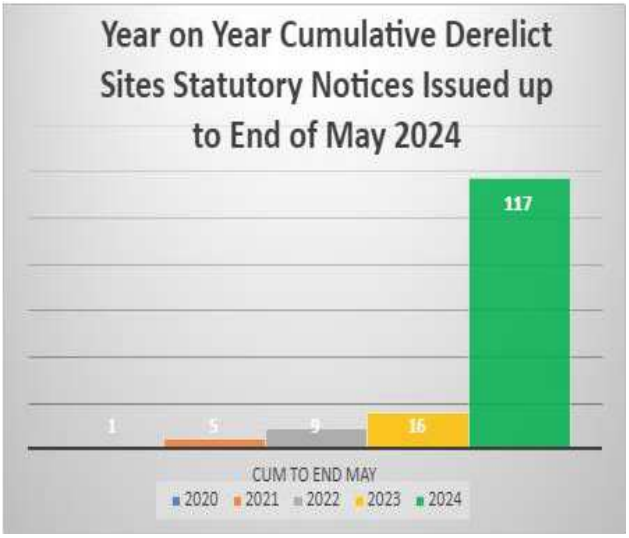
In 2023, the Town Regeneration Office was successful in securing €7 million for a new revolving fund that will acquire vacant or derelict properties to renovate, bring back into use and sell back into the market for housing purposes. 24 properties have been approved for inclusion by the URDF Call 3under this fund which is administered by the Department of Housing Heritage and Local Government. These properties 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

117 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of May 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 16 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

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Local Enterprise Offices – summary changes and general update:

- LEOs celebrated their 10 year anniversary on 14th April 2024.
- DETE/EI policy and Streamlining paper launched at NEA on 23rd May.
- Current Local Enterprise Development Plan (2021-2024) to be updated for the period 2025-2028.

Changes and initiatives:

- Increasing the maximum amount available under the Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme to €10,000 and reducing the business contribution rate from 50% to 25%
- Widening the eligibility for the Trading Online Voucher, extending it to all sectors up to 50 employees, modernise eligible expenditure and doubling the grant to €5,000
- Increasing the lending limit for Microfinance Ireland loans to €50,000 from €25,000
- Widening the eligibility for the Digital for Business Consultancy Scheme and extending it to all sectors with up to 50 employees
- Launching a new 'Ireland's Best Entrepreneur Programme' to encourage entrepreneurship and startups in under-represented groups
- Launching the new online National Enterprise Hub for SMEs to access information on the wide range of Government business supports

Fingal Business Network



Established by LEO Fingal in Summer 2022, Fingal Business Network meets quarterly. Over 100 business owner/managers attended the latest Fingal Business Network event on Friday 10th May in the Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The theme of the meeting was "Using AI for Business" and provided participants with the information they need to use the available AI tools to help them in their business. Attendees were given a live demo of Chat GPT, Gemini by Google & other tools. The response to the event has been astounding and more events of this nature are in the pipeline. The afternoon concluded with a lively networking lunch where many new connections and business opportunities were made and discussed. Next Fingal Business Network event is in planning for the 25th September 2024.

National Enterprise Awards 2024



The National Enterprise Awards took place in the Mansion House, Dublin City Centre on Thursday 23rd May 2024. PRM Assist represented LEO Fingal as the winner of the Fingal Enterprise Awards, and went on to scoop he Dublin Regional Award at the National final. PRM Assist based in Dublin Airport is a global leader in innovative Passenger with Reduced Mobility (PRM) services within airport environments.

The overall winner at the National Enterprise Awards was Dreamdev Technologies who are supported by Local Enterprise Office Kildare. This year's winners share a €50,000 investment fund.

Student Enterprise Programme



Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan and Mount Sackville represented Fingal at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Final which took place in Mullingar on May 9th. 81 businesses from across the country participated in the National Final with close to 28,000 students taking part nationally.

Registrations are now open for participation in the 2024/2025 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Over 140 female entrepreneurs attended the quarterly Fingal Enterprising Women Network event themed "Mind, Body and Business", on June 20th at the Portmarnock Resort Hotel. Dr. Sarah Murphy, a distinguished clinical doctor and GP, led an engaging discussion offering valuable insights for personal and professional well-being. This summer event was a great opportunity for Fingal's businesswomen to connect and gain valuable insights from shared experiences.

Meanwhile, LEO Fingal is making preparations to host the 2024 National Women's Enterprise Day which is scheduled to take place in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown, on October 17th, to be hosted by Gráinne Seoige and featuring a stellar line-up of inspirational speakers.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings



The monthly Fingal Business Supports Briefing series continued on May 7th & June 5th in the Riasc Centre Kinsealy. With over 50 small business owners & entrepreneurs in attendance at each session to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. Presented by the LEO Fingal team, the next business supports briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Supports



LEO Fingal partnered with Champion Green, Maxol Ireland on Thursday 16th May to introduce Fingal businesses to the opportunity to have their products distributed through Maxol stores. The Homegrown Maxol programme accepts entries from various categories including ambient, confectionery, deli, hot foods, fresh produce, soft drinks, juices, smoothies, teas, health and fitness products, dairy, and alcohol. The initiative is aimed at Dublin-based food and drink producers.
Some 70 food producers from the Dublin Region participated in the opportunity.

Meanwhile, LEO Fingal is continuing to work through the Dublin Food Chain & South Dublin LEO to promote specialised training modules for Food and Drinks companies over the Summer months.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €485,503 across 20 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. Nine Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €22,500 and three Digital for Business grants amounting to €13,500 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be held on 3rd July 2024.

Management Development



LEO Fingal established the Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme in 2023, to provide an opportunity for SME owner/managers to build on the necessary leadership skills and knowledge needed to successfully compete in existing, new and international markets. The latest "International Best Practice" training programme commenced on March 26th, concluding on May 21st and was 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. Applications for the Autumn Leadership for Business Acceleration Programme are now open.

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. 2 applications totalling €10,000 have been approved year to date.

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 55 applications have been approved in the amount of €122,379 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on Friday 5th July. New measures will be implemented soon to the TOV Scheme, bringing the scheme in line with updated LEO Digitalisation offerings.

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, 380 clients have availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics. The Mentoring Programme has already seen 198 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 15 MFI loan applications to date in 2024. A government decision in May 2024 will see a doubling of the maximum loan available from MFI funding, rising to €50,000.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide needs-based management development training to Fingal owner/managers, with over 1,877 participants in training so far in 2024. A seventh SYOB started on 27th June 2024 with a total of 80 participants availing of this programme year to date.

Additionally, there have been three Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 34 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development

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 trade mission took place from 18th to 20th June with all clients travelling to Brussels. 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. Eleven Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €27,500. An online First Time Exporter workshop took place on 27 May 2024 with the aim of guiding clients through the essential steps of venturing into the world of exporting.

A new Export Development programme will commence in H2 2024 and will be rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, targeting first-time exporters with national and local targets attaching.

Fingal Grow Your Business (Fingal Business Expo)

A new Fingal Grow Your Business expo is planned as a collaborative initiative with Fingal Chamber on September 20th. LEO Fingal will organise a Business Supports Expo, one to one mentoring and a series of seminars, with the Chamber focusing on providing a Meet the Buyer segment. The event will be widely marketed to appeal to SMEs.

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Balbriggan Area Parks



Craoibhin Park, Balbriggan

As part of ongoing collaboration with 'Our Balbriggan' a series of Teen Spaces are being planned throughout Balbriggan. Some of these spaces are just simple seating that encourages teenagers to sit and chat socially.



Skerries Town Park

Ongoing car park layout improvement works to improve accessibility to Skerries Mills. This is a collaborative project between Operations, Architects, Public Lighting and Active Travel Departments



Beach Steps Balbriggan

Weed control has been made more challenging with the prohibition on the use of pesticides. Weeding of the steps is now undertaken using manual labour.



Before and After

Swords Area Parks



Rose Garden, Ardgillan

As part of the ongoing capital improvement works in Ardgillan Demesne, the Rose Arbour is undergoing a refurbishment plan.



A new raised natural stone planter installed at the Swords Town entrance at Pinnock Hill. Topsoil added and plants provided by the Operations crew with planting completed by the willing volunteers of Swords Tidy Towns with a pollinator friendly scheme. Two additional planters due to be installed at other entrances to the town over the coming weeks.



Broadmeadow Community Garden

Two raised planters recently installed at the front of the Broadmeadow Linear Park Community Garden. The planters were planted up by volunteers with 135 pollinator friendly plants supplied by Operations Department

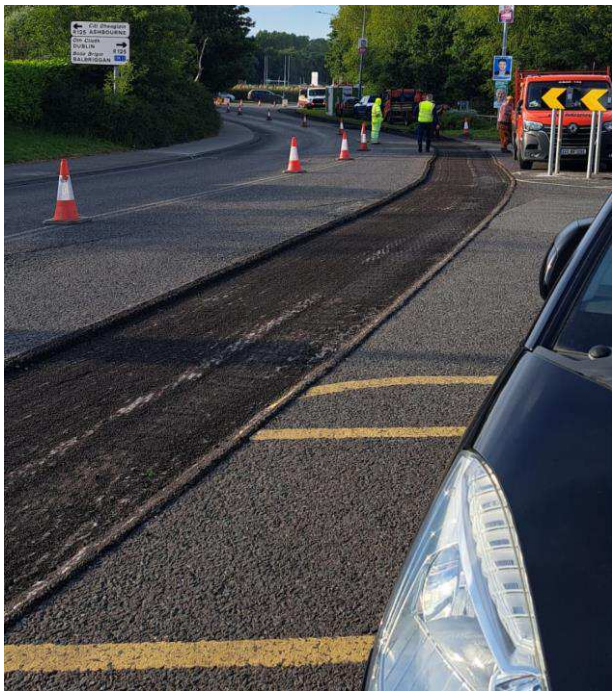


Swords Main Street

The Swords Area Operations team recently installed 10 new recycled plastic planters to replace the mostly damaged planters along Swords Main Street. Older suitable planters were kept by Tidy Towns to be relocated elsewhere in the town. Operations provided 180 Pollinator friendly plants which were all planted by the volunteers of Swords Tidy Towns volunteers.

Area Roads Programme

Swords LEA



Resurfacing and re-lining Works on North Street, Swords as part of the Capital Works programme 2024



Capital funded resurfacing works on Bridge Street, Swords.





Capital funded road resurfacing works took place on the R125 from Swords Fire Station to the Estuary Roundabout. Below are photos of quality checks being carried out during works.



Drainage Rehabilitation works carried out on the R132 between Pinnock Hill and Cloghran Roundabout.





Seatown Lane; resurfacing works as part of the Revenue funded Programme of Works.



Hilltown Grove, Rivervalley, footpath works carried out by direct labour crew.





Mooretown and Castlegrange; Road resurfacing works carried out as part of Revenue funded Programme of Works.

Depot Maintenance Works





Murrough Road footpath works being carried out by Operations crew.



Swords Castle weeding works being carried out by manual labour



Grass Cutting Millers Glen

Roads Programme Balbriggan LEA





Footpath works carried out by Direct Labour crew on Drogheda Street, Balbriggan as part of Revenue Programme of Works.





80 metres of footpaths replaced in New Market Green, Balbriggan by the Direct Labour Crew and Fancourt Construction Crew as part of Balbriggan's Footpath General Maintenance renewal programme.





Further footpath works carried out at Lambeacher Estate by the Fancourt Construction Crew as part of general maintenance programme.



Alterations made to entrance on R127 Skerries Road to address a drainage issue. Works carried out by the Roads Crew.



Rush / Lusk LEA



Drainage works at Brooke Lane carried out as part of 2024 Programme of Works. Direct Labour Crews removed all service pipes from the ditch to facilitate dredging works.



Public Conveniences – South Beach Rush

Replacement of the public toilets at South Beach, Rush is nearing completion. The unit is currently undergoing the certification process, following which they will be available for use by the public during the Summer.



Balbriggan Swords Area Beaches



Balcarrick Beach in Donabate, with its 3.4km stretch of sand, vibrant rockpools, and healthy sand dunes, has received in 2024 both a Blue Flag and a Green Coast Award for the third consecutive year, making it one of the few locations in Ireland to achieve this distinction.

Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works

The defective footpaths in Woodcliffe in Howth were replaced by contractors as part of the 2024 POW.





Footpath works in Woodcliffe, Howth

Depot Works

Fingal County Council Operations Crews have been replacing defective footpaths on Carrickhill Rd in Portmarnock.







Carrickhill Road, Portmarnock Footpath Works







Upgrade works and footpath replacement works, Baldoyle Industrial Estate on behalf of Property Section.

Capital Works

New footpaths have been installed on Kinsealy Lane between Sleepy Hollow and Bright Sparks Montessori by contractor working on behalf of Operations. Operations and the property section purchased the required land to carry out this work.



Footpath Works at Kinsealy Lane

The footpath on the R106 at the Malahide Allotments has been widened out to 2.1m from 0.7m wide with agreement from Epilepsy Ireland. In addition, the ESB removed the overhead cables and existing poles from what would be the centre of the new path after Operations laid new ducting and the public lighting section erected new street lighting.



Footpath Works at Malahide Road adjacent to allotments

Malahide Demesne

Preparations underway for the 2024 Concert Series in Malahide Demesne, including top-dressing of the concert site. There will be 6 concerts in total held over a two-week period in June and July with attendances of up to 27,500 on each date.









27,500 Take That fans attended the first concert on 21st June.



Newly completed works at the Stags Head sculpture in Malahide Demesne.

Talbot Botanical Gardens

Construction of stream in Asiatic Garden



Before works commence



Construction of stream



Completed stream in Asiatic Garden



Drilling of new well to supply Talbot Botanic Gardens and Golf Course Malahide Demesne



Planting at Howth Library as part of the 2024 Programme of Works

Alden Park





Two new boules pistes have been constructed in Alden Park, Bayside, as part of the 2024 Programme of Works

Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

Following approval by the Council of the Chief Executive Reports Part VIII Planning Reports for both Malahide Beach and Howth East Pier Toilets, preparation works for both projects have been ongoing.

Work on the Malahide beach toilet block commenced in June as shown below. Work is scheduled to commence in Howth in July.



Demolition works on Malahide Beach toilets have commenced.

Burial Ground Works Howth Malahide Area







Works in Balgriffin cemetery prior to Blessing of the Graves

Ongoing Works at Fingal and Balgriffin Cemetery









Howth Malahide Area Beaches
Blue Flag Awarded to Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock for 2024.





Blue Flag Awarded to Velvet Strand Beach, Portmarnock



Deployment of lifeguard huts in Howth-Malahide completed.

Portmarnock Beach – Boardwalk Upgrade works complete.









Castleknock Mulhuddart Area

Programme of Works



Footpath construction in conjunction with road resurfacing, Roselawn Road



Oakview, Hartstown Programme of Works



New water font installed in Beechpark completed May 2024.





New story trail (Operations + Libraries) installed in St Catherine's Park along the woodland trail. Works completed 7th June 2024 as part of Community recognition fund.





New Footpath Installation at Delwood, text works were done in conjunction with Active Travel









CONNECT 2024, a two day multi-cultural festival took place on May 4th and 5th in Millennium Park. Over the two days, more than 350 participants from Ukrainian, Eason African, Turkish, Irish, Igbo African, Indian, and Polish communities performed on stage.

The festival's aim was to foster community integration, and we are delighted to say this objective was achieved, as evident from the diverse community participation.

There were 10 food stalls representing global cuisine, including Indian, Brazilian, Filipino, Italian, and Irish options. CONNECT 2024 was organised by Greater Cochin Club, a local community group based in D15.





Spring Colour in Shackleton Gardens

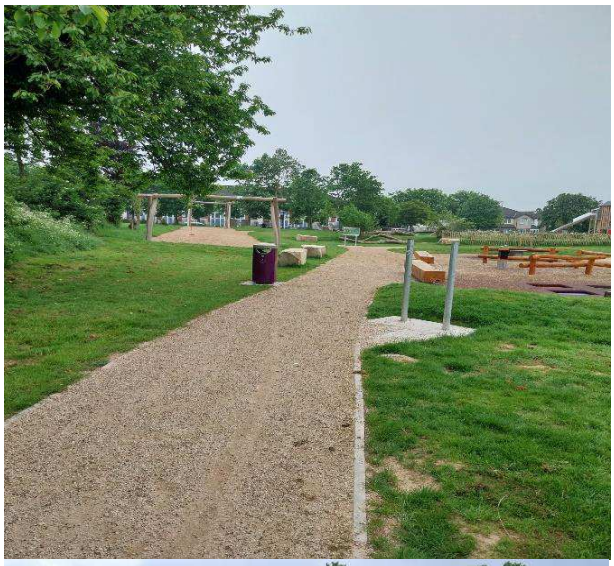




New perennial borders planted in Millennium Park at entrance to Arboretum Area.



New flowers at the entrance to Lanesborough





Relocation of bins and new signage in Lanesborough Park







Heathers being planted in New Bed in Coolmine Operations Dept





Grasscutting being carried on the N3

Car Parking Services
May 2024

There was a total of 1387 parking tickets issued during May 2024.
Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

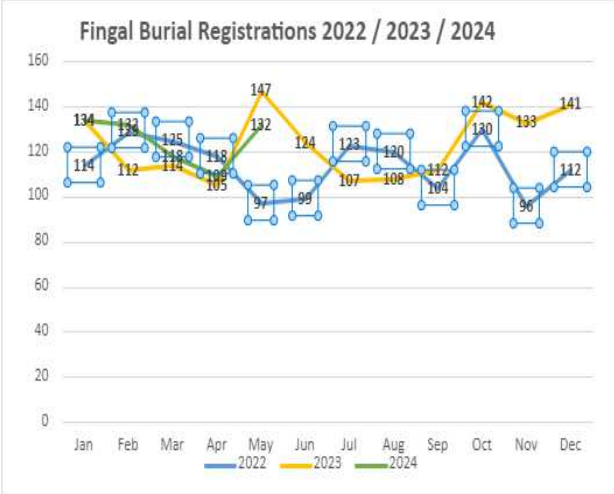
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - May 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	700
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	163
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	159
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	131
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	91
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	33
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	22
04F - EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT IN A LOADING BAY (GOODS VEHICLE)	19
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	13
04A - PARKING ON A CORNER	9

Top 10 Locations

Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2024
North Street - Swords	113
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	106
Main Street - Swords	83
South Strand Skerries	80
Harbour Road - Skerries	58
Church Road - Malahide	57
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	55
The Green - Malahide	48
Strand Street - Skerries	46
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	42

Burial Ground Services

The Operations Department are continuing to administer and monitor delivery to ensure business continuity for Fingal's Burial Ground Service. There were 132 Interments in May 2024.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Fingal County Council is proceeding with tender assessment process and works are expected to commence in the coming months with an approximate 15 month programme in 2 phases.

- Phase 1 with access shared with Castlethorn from Luttrelstown Road- Works behind new hoarding
- Phase 2 Carpark completion and reinstatement of hedge boundary
- Expected completion of cemetery late 2025

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

- **Traffic Signals**



New Zebra crossings at Coolmine Roundabout



New Zebra crossings at Coolmine Roundabout



As part of the Coolmine Roundabout upgrade, the existing signalised pedestrian crossing was removed.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Road Markings**



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Abbeylea



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Mooretown



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Daleview



Rathbeale Road – The installation of a yellow box at the junction with Glasmore Park



Watery Lane – Introduction of parking restrictions - Double Yellow Lines outside SK Biotek



R132 Balbriggan- New Warning Signs on both approaches to Balbriggan Retail Park



Baltrasna- New Warning Signs on both approaches of Ardgillan Castle and Margaretstown Road.

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024





Completion of Kerb Build out and tactile installation in Grange Park Baldoyle





Completion of a pedestrian mobility improvement project around Bayside Square at 14 different locations (Two locations shown in photos)





Bath Avenue/Grove Road Malahide: Installation of uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at junction (before, during and after)



New School Markings for St Andrews School, Church Road Malahide



New Yellow Box for junction of Posie Row and Malahide Road



Anti parking measures in Healy's Lane -Malahide



Kinsealy Shopping Centre: New red epoxy resin finish across entrance to highlight pedestrian crossing point.





Howth/Malahide section facilitated the full Road closure of Station Road – Sutton for essential maintenance works at DART controlled barrier crossing beginning 22nd June Saturday Midnight to Monday 24th June 6AM). Traffic Management issues which occurred during the closure have been brought to the attention of Iarnrod Eireann.

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

91 vehicles and Plant Hires were put in place from 01/06/2024 to 24/06/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

Fleet Management

The purchase of:
2 Fully Electric 3.5T Tipper Lorries





1. Road Sign Washing Machine Vehicle with Directional signs with Cycle Lane Cleaning facilities and graffiti removal (7.5T)



Public Lighting Section

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing, with 45% of POW jobs currently on site and at various stages of completion:
POW works in Huntstown Green in Mulhuddart, Clonard Street in Balbriggan, and Park Road Rush, are almost complete.
POW works in Castlelands in Balbriggan, Ridgewood Park and Forest Road in Swords, and Balrothery Village, are ongoing.
POW works in Porterstown Road Phase 3 in Castleknock, and in Hartstown Park have commenced.

Beaches and Lifeguard Service

Lifeguard Service 2024

Fingal County Council sought to employ 45 beach lifeguards for the 2024 Bathing Season. However, following a rigorous recruitment process, for which we initially received 45 applications, the Council secured just 23 beach lifeguards for the bathing season.

We are currently seeking additional beach lifeguards and recently completed additional interviews on 19th June 2024.

The Water Safety Development Officer (WSDO) was in contact with water safety trainers, who have advised that the two-year closure of pools had a significant adverse impact on the training of potential candidates. It is noted that this is a national issue affecting numerous local authorities.

In the run –up to the recruitment campaign which commenced in February this year, the WSDO sent flyers to secondary schools and universities, and carried out recruitment talks at some of the schools in Fingal.

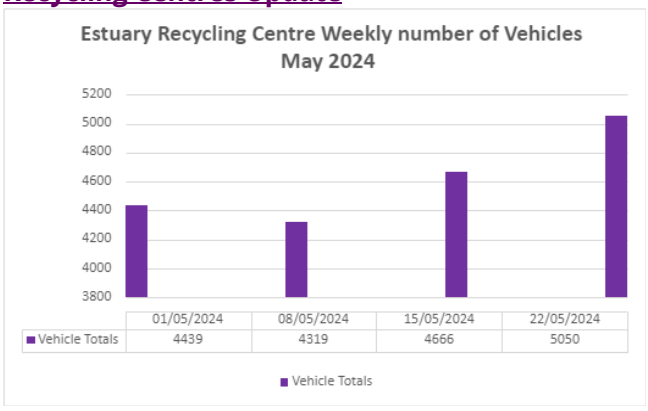


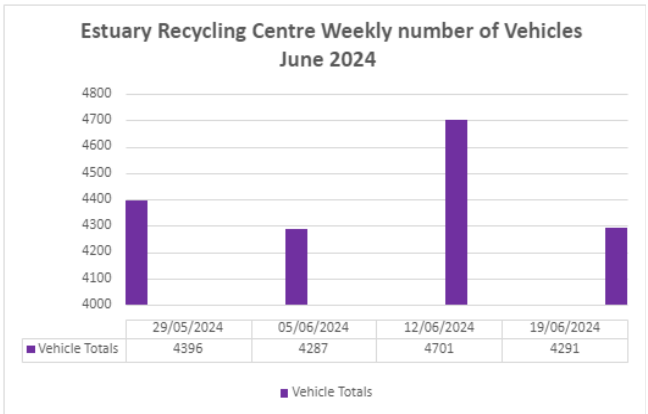
This year will see us having to close some lifeguard stations at some of the designated bathing areas in order to provide a full service at the busier and more challenging locations, including our Blue Flag Beaches at Portmarnock and Donabate.

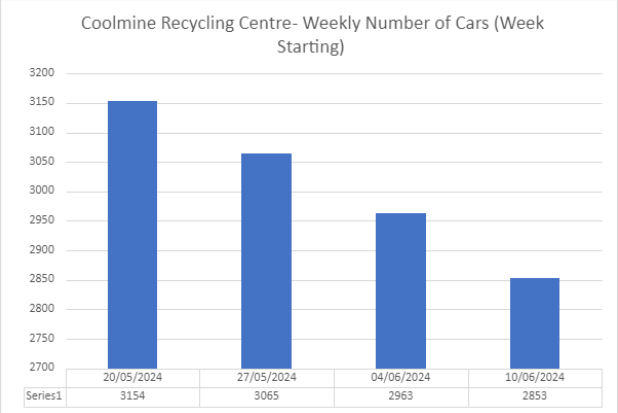
The Council will publish the weekly notice of manned lifeguard stations on its website www.Fingal.ie and through its social media platforms. Any changes will be flagged on social media.
Training exercises with the emergency services are being arranged during the bathing season. A training exercise with the Irish Coast Guard was carried out on Sat 8th June 2024



Recycling Centres Update





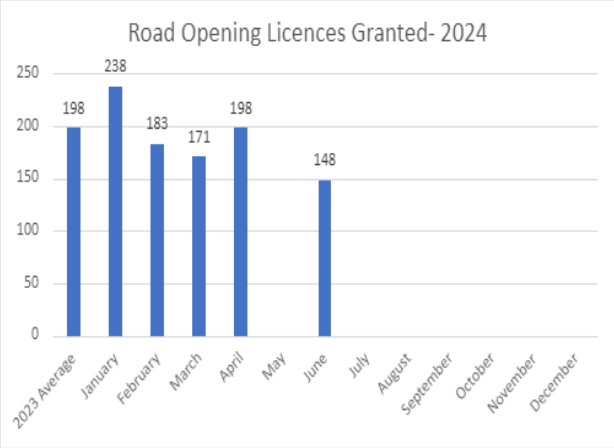


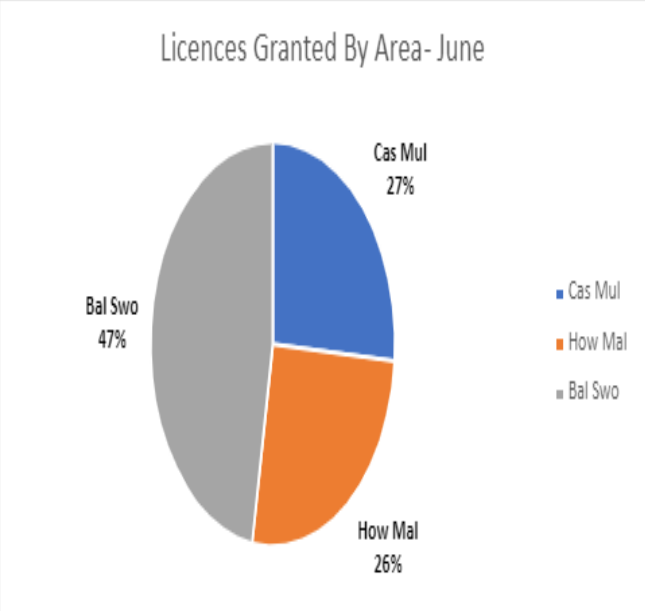
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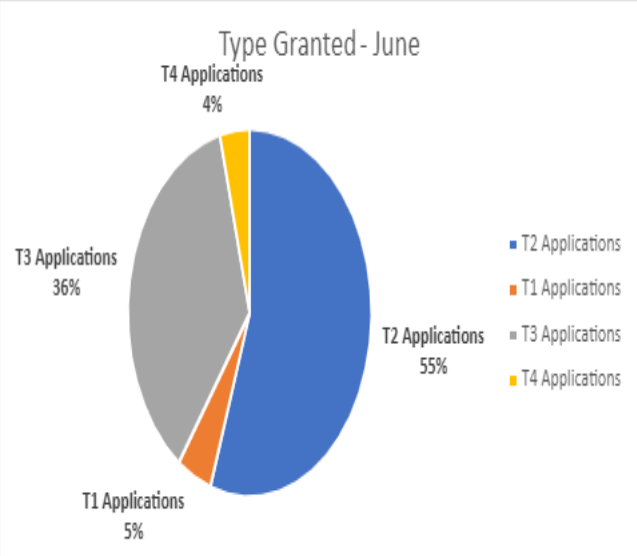
- Road Opening Licenses

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.

148 Licences were granted in the month of **June, 40%** 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. Figures are accurate as of 19/06/2024.







- Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 32 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.

4 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 33 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further three currently been processed.

To date in 2024 a total of 13 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out so far with further planned over the summer months.

Any new street furniture applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

The Operations department 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**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. An updated programme is due from the Design Consultants.

- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. A contract for the manufacture and delivery of precast concrete anchor blocks was awarded to Shay Murtagh. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025. Works will be executed by FCC Direct Labour with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.



- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes 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.





- **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**. Several large restrictions were found and a manhole was completely blocked with household waste. Robotic cutting equipment was used to clear the blockage and the network is now flowing freely. This also allowed facilitated a network survey to determine the route and discharge point. Additional repairs including part liner installation were carried out on collapsed sections along the same network. All works in this area are now complete.



Carpenterstown Road SW Pipe Refurbishment

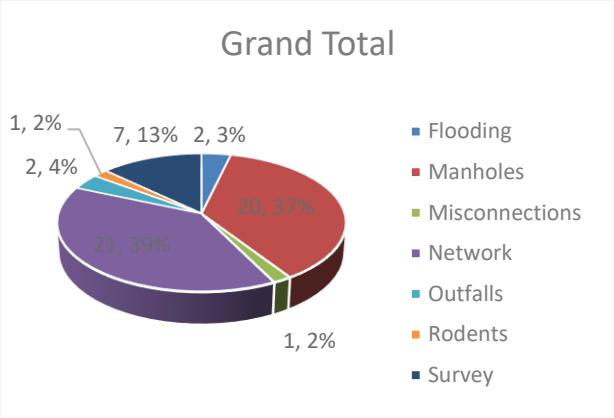
Following survey work and analysis in 2023, various remedial works were identified for sections of network along Carpenterstown Road.
A Contractor was appointed in May to carry various remedial works including part liner repairs on damaged sections of the network along Carpenterstown Road. Works, predominantly overnight, to avoid disruption to pedestrians and road users, started in early June and are now complete. 36 m of roots were removed and 20 m of UV CIPP liners were installed along a section of 450mm concrete pipe.





- **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:**

13 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

➢ **Networks**

Swords

CCTV Surveys were carried out on a section of network in the Balheary area close to Swords Business Park following historical reports of flooding. These showed that the line was heavily restricted with large volumes of aggregate and silt removed. Displaced joints and root ingress were identified which will require additional investment through root cutting and liner installations.

Lusk

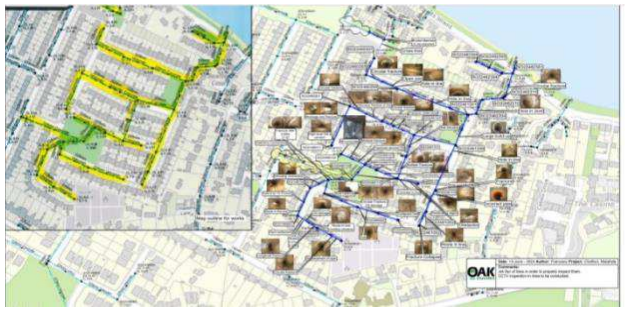
Following reports of road flooding CCTV surveys were completed on a section of pipe along Old Schoolhouse Lane. It has been determined that this section of pipe must be replaced with a larger diameter pipe. The works will also require the installation of a new Headwall. Works are planned to commence in early July

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont – CCTV surveys were carried out in May in the Chalfont area of Malahide to ascertain the condition of the network within the estate and the cause of localised road flooding during periods of intense rainfall. These surveys are now complete, and the findings are being analyzed to determine the most appropriate type of repair required. It is envisaged that there will be a number of invasive and non-invasive repairs required.







Coill Dubh - Following reports of footpath flooding along the R124 surveys were taken of the local network. Following analysis of these surveys a number of areas were jetted to remove silt deposits and a CIPP Liner was installed to remove an area where there was a high level of groundwater infiltration.

➢ **Assets**

Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A Contractor has been procured for on road manhole covers with works commencing in March. Off-road replacements were carried out by maintenance crews in the Balheary /Swords Business Campus area of Swords.

- **Underground Stormwater storage Assets**

In recent years there has been a proliferation of underground storm water assets installed in developments to reduce the risk of future flooding. These will inevitably be taken in charge by the Council. Many require to be properly registered and a **process of identification and recording has begun county wide**. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of system employed to manage storm water on new developments



- **Water Quality/Environment Enforcement**

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.

Samples were received in April indicating ongoing contamination of the storm network (High Ammonia etc)

Flow loggers will be installed on the waste water network to determine whether the "storm overflow" at Seagrange park is the main source of this contamination. These will be monitored for follow up action.



Clonsilla - Lambourne Road

Following multiple reports of Malodours emanating from the local road gully network a series of surveys and die testing was conducted. It has been determined that several properties are incorrectly connected to the network. FCC Environment are now engaging with the properties to attempt to resolve the connection issues internally.

Balbriggan - Clonard Court

An underground survey was carried out in Clonard Court to identify the location of two buried manholes to assist FCC Environment with misconnection surveys being carried out in and around the Bracken River.

Bridge Street

Misconnection surveys are ongoing in the Bridge Street area to assist FCC environment with identifying the source of poor water quality samples in the Harbour area.

Meetings/Briefings

Briefing will be given to Howth/Malahide Councillors on the new public conveniences in Howth and Malahide Muldowney.

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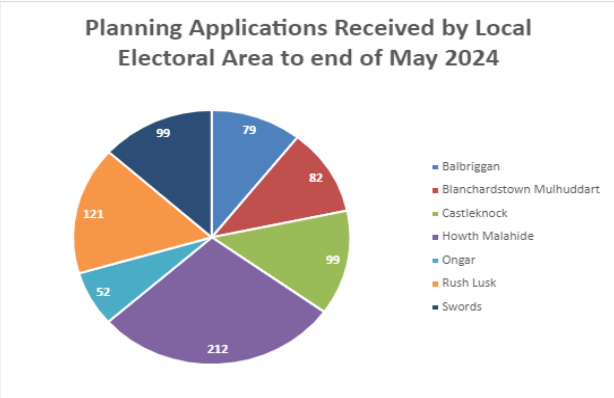
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Planning Applications

There have been 744 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024. This is including 158 E applications via the LGMA portal. 186 applications were invalid leaving a total of 558 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024 there have been four Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024, 6 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 6 decisions made, 4 have been to grant Permission (1,212 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 May 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 557 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st May 2024. There have been 458 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 99 refusals of permission (18%). Included in the 458 grants there have been 38 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 266 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 47 commercial grants of permission, 9 retail grants of permission and 13 grants of permission in respect of housing developments. The breakdown of which is outlined in the table below.

Year	Housing 2-20 Units	Housing 20-50 Units	Housing 50-100 Units	Housing 100+ Units
2024	**9**	**1**	**2**	**1**

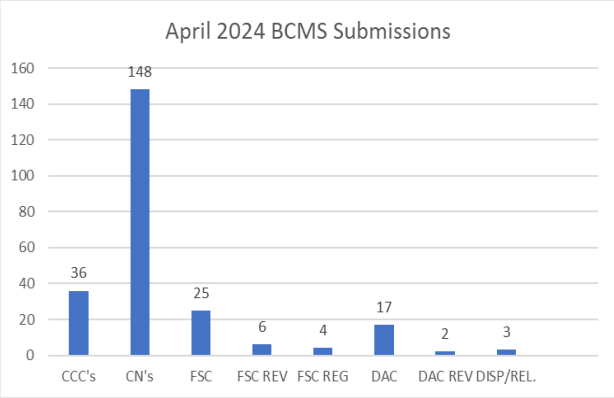
Building Control Admin

In April 2024, there were 241 building control submission's made via BCMS.

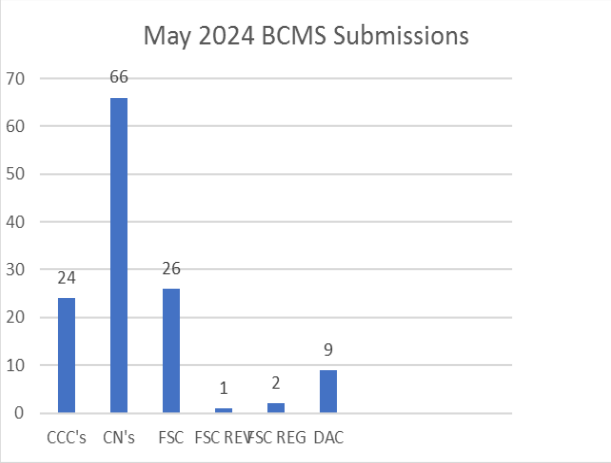
This was made up of 148 Commencement notices, 36 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 35 Fire Safety related Certificates and 22 Disability Access related Certificates.

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 204 decisions in April 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 60 decisions to grant and 143 extensions of time and 1 refusal (DAC).



In May 2024, there were 128 building control submission's made via BCMS.
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The Building Control Admin team processed 219 decisions in May 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 33 decisions to grant, 1 refusal (Dispensation) and 185 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, the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the Old School House Masterplan.

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.
The second phase of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Annual Draft Map 2024 consultation remained open for landowners only seeking a land use zoning change. Submissions until 31st May 2024 (inclusive).
39 submissions were received in total and determinations issued by 1st July 2024

Built Environment Division



- There were 19 no. Building Control Inspections in May 2024 with 44 no. buildings inspected and 11 no. inspections and 19 no. buildings inspected in June 2024 (so far).

- There were 4 no. section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in June and there have been no enforcement notices issued.

- There were 6 developments Taken in Charge in May 2024 namely, The Park in Skerries, Hyde Court in Rush, Lusk Village in Lusk, Thornleigh in Swords, Blackwood Estate in Ongar and Fairhaven in Castleknock.

- There are 3 developments (River Mall Laneway, The Elms Ridgewood and Ashfield Ridgewood) up for taking in charge in September/October meetings depending on the dates of the Area committee meetings.

Dangerous Structures

- There were no dangerous structures notified in May 2023 and 1 dangerous structure notified in June 2024 (so far). There are a total of 99 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Checking rising walls in a housing development in Balbriggan



Checking fire stopping in a building in Donabate.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

Some elements of the Snugborough Interchange upgrade have been completed and were opened to the public during May and June. This includes new signalised junctions at Waterville and at the onramp for the N3, new traffic lanes, footpaths, and cycle tracks. The last element at road level to be completed will be the 5-arm junction and main street which will be completed in mid-July 2024 when the footpath and cycle track on the eastern bridge will open.

Due to the complexity of the underground services and the requirement for the watermain diversion works to be completed, the completion of the active travel corridors through the underpasses will form the last element of the works scheduled to be completed in September 2024. FCC have been working closely with Uisce Eireann to reach a solution to provide for the upgrade of a Watermain to ensure continued high quality and reliable supply to Blanchardstown and surrounding areas.

www.snugboroughinterchange.ie



PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

The beams for the new bridge over the railway line were placed during the June Bank Holiday weekend which marks a major milestone for the project. Embankment construction has continued to advance across the site with the section North of the rail line largely completed. Construction of the new layout north to the tie into Barnwell Roundabout is scheduled to be carried out during the summer months. During Q2/Q3 construction of the bridge deck will be completed with continuation of embankment construction across the site and associated drainage works. The latest 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 assessment for CCTV drainage contractor has taken place and the appointment of the CCTV contractor is currently underway. Outcome letters is currently being drafted for issue with appointment of the GI/GPR contractor expected to take place in July.

These survey Investigations will inform the below ground detailed design process and de-risk the project. The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase is currently being complied with a view to issue stage 1 in July.



PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

Construction works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approx. 70% 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. Works on the Dublin Roundabout are progressing with works to the third quadrant due to start before the end of June.



Another update project briefing will be arranged during the summer 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. A site visit has been organised for the 9th of July as a CPD event.

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]



Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area. The procurement process has now moved to Stage 2 with the tender assessment of the tender submissions taken place in May.

The outcome letters were issued in June and appointment of the consultant will take place in July. The Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

PSI 063 Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 2 of the procurement process. Following assessment of tender submissions outcome letters were issued in June with appointment of the consultant expected in July.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

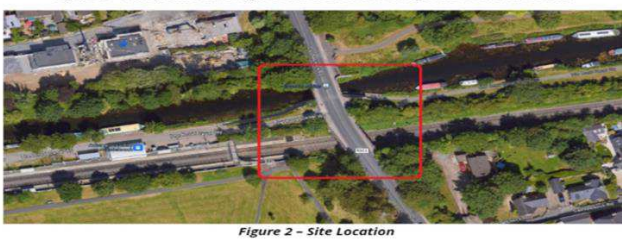


Figure 2 – Site Location

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 month 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.

Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works are progressing along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed. A tree surveyor has been procured and a survey of all trees along the proposed route will be carried out in the coming months. 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.

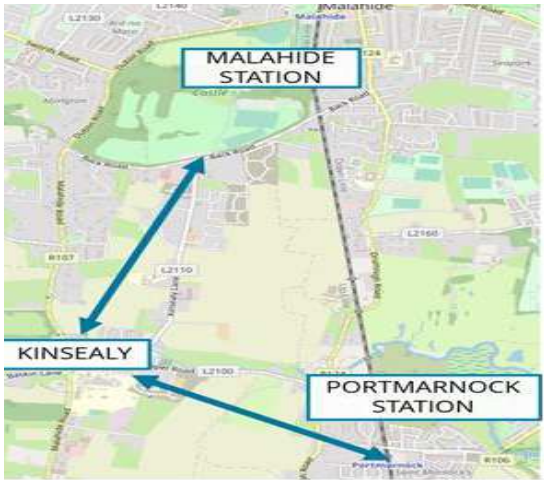


Ongoing Ground Investigations to inform the design of the structures along the route

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) and is due in August 2024. 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 now complete and the last few reports are being agreed with landowners. Site-specific issues and opportunities identified in the reports will be used to move towards agreement on the final position of the route during further consultation with the landowners.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Updated traffic counts in Skerries and Rush took place in May.

Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland and Eirgrid continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the various elements that form the Broadmeadow Way project continue. Works contracts for Donabate landward, Malahide landward and the northern and southern causeways will take place in 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively. It is expected that the greenway will be completed in 2026.

Design options for the northern causeway have been developed using ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract. A Design Workshop, hosted by Fingal County Council, took place with representatives from Irish Rail and the NTA. A decision was reached on how the estuary crossing should be designed to allow for the maintenance of the rock armour on the causeway.

The Foreshore unit in the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, has published the Notice of Determination that advises that the Minister has approved the granting of the Foreshore Lease, Licence and Consent.

On Friday, 31st May, representatives from Fingal County Council, the NTA and Irish Rail joined the Fingal Lord Mayor, Adrian Henchy and the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, in unveiling the foundation stone for the Broadmeadow Way at Bissett's Strand.



Laying of the Foundation Stone – Bissett's Strand – Broadmeadow Way

The OHLE mast strengthening works are substantially complete. The contractor, Global Rail, has demobilised but will be carrying out some additional work over the next 6-8 weeks. Jons, the Irish Rail Contractor for the main estuary bridge have mobilised and works on site are progressing. Preliminary works to prepare the weir for the arrival of the bridge spans and the Self-Propelled Multi-axle Transporter (SPMT) are currently underway. The contract for the manufacture and supply of precast concrete units for the 12-span 180m long precast bridge deck units was awarded to Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd. A trial assembly of four of the spans was undertaken Thursday, 13th June, at the Shay Murtagh premises in Limerick. Also on display were some of the precast units that will make up the southern ramp of the bridge.



Precast units for the southern ramp – Shay Murtagh Premises



Trial Assembly of spans 7-10 of the bridge – Shay Murtagh Premises

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.

Recent works completed to date include the following:



HRA Works – Damastown Roundabout



Roadmarking – Ladyswell Roundabout

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 substantially completed work on the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement project. 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 delivered drainage improvements, footpath improvements on an existing path nearby, road resurfacing, additional kerbing, line markings, speed ramps and signage, resulting in a significantly safer environment for all road users. The contractor working on behalf of Fingal County Council, Priority Construction Limited, is currently finishing off the remaining elements of the project, which include hedge planting, tree planting, installation of driveway gates at affected properties, etc. These elements of work are due to be completed this month.



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works

Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and Train Station and new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. Construction is expected to commence next month.



Photograph of contract signing between Fingal County Council and Jons Civil Engineering Limited

Donabate Transport Projects

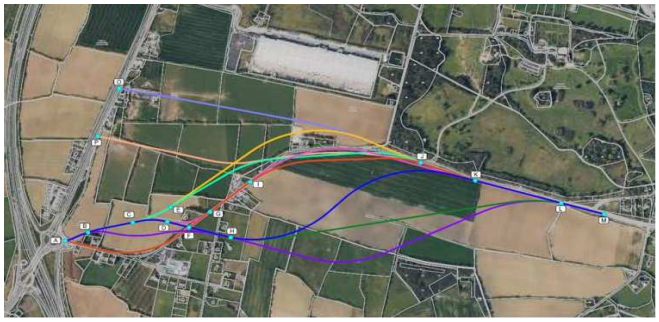
Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel 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 liaising with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to complete the study of 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 are currently being assessed to determine the preferred route. Once the preferred route is established, a non-statutory public consultation will be held, most likely in Q4 2024.



Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Bloom

This year the Fingal Bloom Garden "Coming Home to Nature" won 5 Awards -

- Best Large Garden
- Gold Medal
- Constructors Award
- Most Sustainable Garden
- Designers Choice Award



Opening of Woodland Themed Playground at Garristown Library

The new woodland themed playground at Garristown Library, officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr Adrian Henchy, along with Minister Joe O'Brien TD, and the vibrant and active community, stands as a testament to the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division's commitment to creating engaging and inclusive recreational spaces. The playground, emphasises the use of natural materials such as timber, ensuring it harmonises beautifully with its surroundings.

A key highlight for the playground is a raised tree house unit, built around existing pine trees. This feature incorporates platforms, ropes, slides, and climbing structures, all aimed at promoting balance and coordination among young users. To ensure inclusivity, the playground includes accessible swings and a roundabout, allowing children of all abilities to enjoy the space together. A sculpture of Oscar Mac Cumhaill, commemorating local legend, overlooks the space. Despite its compact size, the playground offers a rich variety of equipment designed to maximise play value. Children can explore a lawn maze, communicate through sensory play talking tubes, and enjoy various other features such as a roundabout, swings, animal themed springers, log pyramid, and an adventure trail. This thoughtfully designed space enriches the local environment and provides a valuable recreational resource for the community.



Construction of Howth Harbour Playground

The specialist construction of the much anticipated and significant upgrade of Howth Harbour Playground is nearing completion.

A recent milestone has been the installation of the wide range of equipment. In the coming weeks, work will focus on safety surfacing and boundary treatments.

The design of the playground is guided by the promotion and encouragement of imaginative play. This has been achieved by combining traditional play pieces, predominantly made of timber, with natural elements such as mounds, boulders, logs and water features. The goal is to provide inclusive, imaginative, adventurous, social, natural, sensory, and educational play opportunities for children of all ages. The diverse range of materials and equipment is arranged to compliment the character of Howth Harbour.

It is anticipated that this exciting new play space will be ready for opening in August, providing a valuable amenity for the community of Howth and beyond.



Heritage Officer

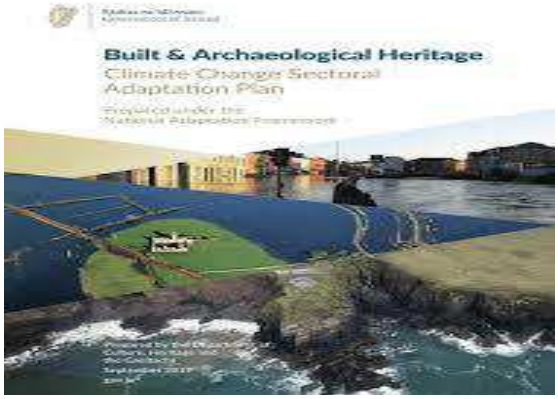
Fingal Gravestone Recording

The first two-day training in gravestone recording took place in Mulhuddart graveyard on 17 and 18 May 2024. John Tierney from Irish Historic Graves https://historicgraves.com/ demonstrated the systematic approach and non-impactful techniques that communities will use to record the history of the people buried in their local graveyard. The online record of the historic graves in each area then forms part of a national resource. A second training session will take place later in the summer at St Margarets' graveyard.



Fingal Heritage X Climate

The Heritage Officer was invited to give a presentation on the Fingal Heritage X Climate project to the CCSAP working group on Community Engagement & Training on 24 June. Learnings from this project https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-climate-change will feed into the recommendations of the group.



Blas-Fingal's Food Heritage Phase 2

A number of events to celebrate Fingal's food heritage are being organised for Heritage Week in August. Opportunities for recipe and food sharing are ongoing see https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage Blas will also be at the heritage tent in the Traditional skills Courtyard at Flavours of Fingal.



Fingal Traditional Skills

Supported by the Heritage Council there will be a Traditional Skills of Ireland courtyard at this years' Flavours of Fingal. Demonstrations of traditional building skills such as stone carving, stained glass making and mud walling can be viewed alongside exhibits of craft skills, from tapestry weaving to lacemaking and patchwork. Both the Architectural Conservation Officer and Heritage Officer will be available throughout to answer the public's conservation and heritage questions.



Heritage Council Visit

The Chair of the Board of the Heritage Council Dr Martina Moloney, along with Virginia Teehan CE of the Heritage Council will lead a visit of the board and staff to Fingal on the 27 and 28 June. The itinerary includes a tour and reception at Malahide Castle, meetings with community groups on Howth head to discuss their ongoing projects and a boat trip around the Howth coast, all designed to showcase the rich archaeological, built and natural heritage of Fingal



Fingal Audit of Oral Heritage Recordings

Dr Tomás Mac Conmara is working with community groups, historians, and collectors to create, for the first time, a comprehensive list of oral heritage recordings made to preserve the stories and memories of Fingal's past. Information on the location and condition of the memories, folklore, oral tradition and recorded stories of Fingal,
recorded on tape cassettes, reel-to-reels or in digital form is sought. For more information see https://www.fingal.ie/.../fingal-audit-oral-heritage...



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. The figures below are for the total that applied for the scheme prior to being assessed for eligibility.

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes	Applications submitted to date
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	21	274
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36	436
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180	461
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86	624
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16	353
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96	208
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57	369



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

To date, 10 of the 21 Properties are sale agreed, with assessments continuing for the remaining 11 homes.

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 an 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 is 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.

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.





Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15



Fingal County Council in partnership with the LDA have made 57 homes available in Dublin 15 under the Affordable Housing scheme.

The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 13 – 2 Bed Properties
- 39 – 3 Bed Properties
- 5 – 4 Bed Properties

This scheme was advertised on May 14th, 2024. The application portal opened on May 28th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

The Wilkinsons Brook Development was officially launched by Housing minister - Darragh O'Brien on May 10th. It was attended by the Fingal County Council Chief Executive and Director of Housing, as well as celebrity architect, Dermot Bannon, who was involved in the design of this project.



Aster Park, Rush

Fingal County Council has agreed with Ballymore to deliver 96 affordable homes in Aster Park, Rush, Co. Dublin. The scheme will comprise of the following:

- 15 no. 2-bed units
- 63 no. 3-bed units
- 18 no. 4-Bed units

The scheme was advertised on May 21st, 2024, and the application portal opened on June 4th, 2024. The portal will remain open.

Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is also engaging with Developers for opportunities to collaborate on Turnkey developments 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	518
Planning and Design	750
Part V	548
TOTAL	2232

Progress of Projects on Site

3 houses delivered in Fosterstown Place, Swords under Part V



4 houses delivered in Beresford, Oakestown, Donabate in partnership with Tuath Housing Association



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 – 36 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. The contract with Duggan Contractors was signed on 27th June.





Housing Asset Management Report
Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is progressing well. The 2024 Programme is well underway, with works having reached completion at Strandmill, Portmarnock. Contractors are on site at Regles Court, Lusk, and Whitestown Park, Dublin 15.

Contractors are being appointed for Energy Efficiency Retrofit works at Remount and Rivermeade presently with feasibility/tender preparation works underway in several other housing estates throughout the county for inclusion in our ongoing programme.





Pre & Post-works – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock (external wall insulation, new windows and doors, Heat pumps, Attic Insulation and heating controls.

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	27th June 2024
In the letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs	30
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	**95**

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 Pinewood Heath, works are ongoing in Pinewood Green, and Brega in Balbriggan. Works will commence next week in Curran Park, Clonard Court and Rise and Grace O'Malley Drive and Road.



Before (L) & after (R) Pinewood Green Road

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 160 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4087 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 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 other Tenancies continuing through the court process in November 2024. 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



Housing Loan Arrears

Borrowers who are struggling to repay their housing loan are encouraged to contact the Mortgage Support Team at the earliest opportunity to examine & agree the best solution for them. Various options are available to borrowers in mortgage arrears under the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process (MARP). Failure to contact the Team will leave the Council with no option but to progress the matter further.

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, 2,670 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 450 inspections carried out in June. Of the 2,670 inspections, 2,334 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving 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.

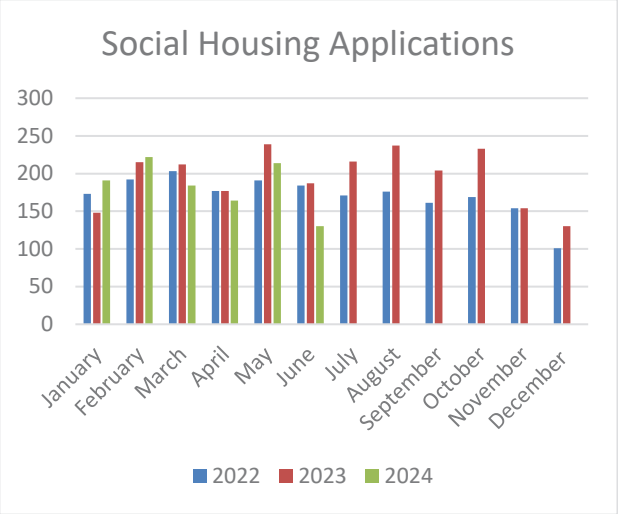
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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 – June 2024 (SHA's received 1st – 25th June)	1,105
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051

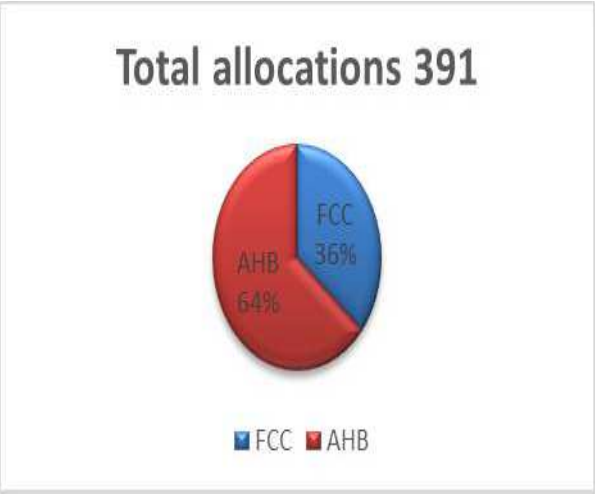


Housing Support Appeals

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

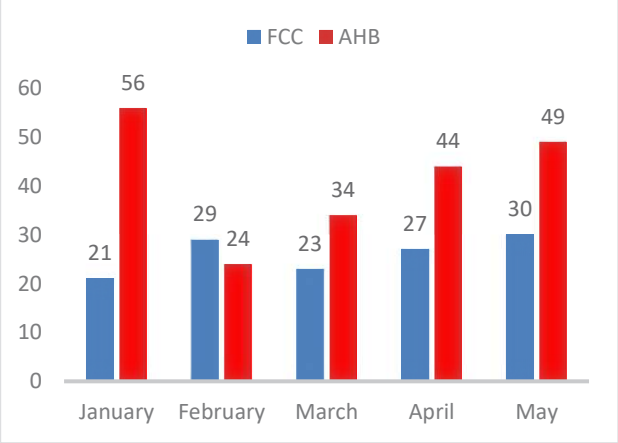
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Lettings

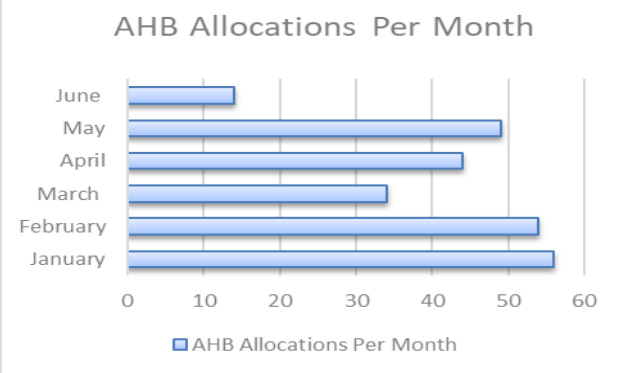


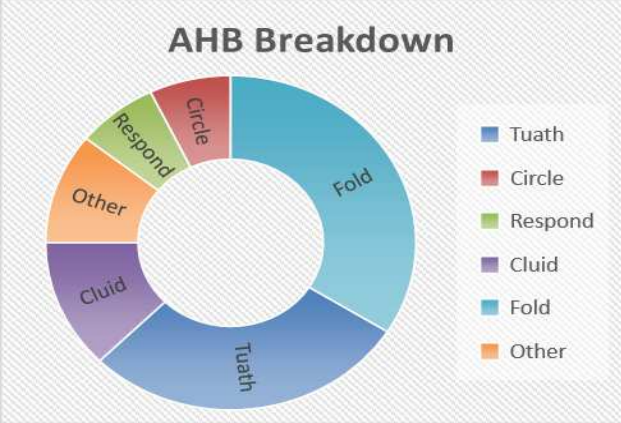
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



251 of the **391** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **140** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

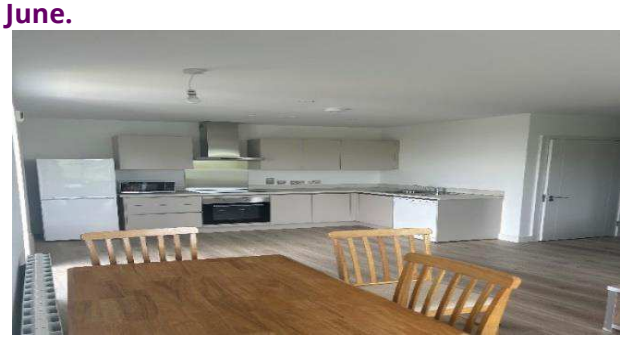




The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Choice Based Lettings Advertised Properties in June.



Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During May and June 2024, 47 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	9	6	15
Homeless Prevention	20	3	23
Other	1	8	9
Total	30	17	47

There was a total of 23 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

3 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 6 who exited emergency accommodation and 8 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

30 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 20 homeless preventions and 9 who exited emergency accommodation and one from Direct Provision.

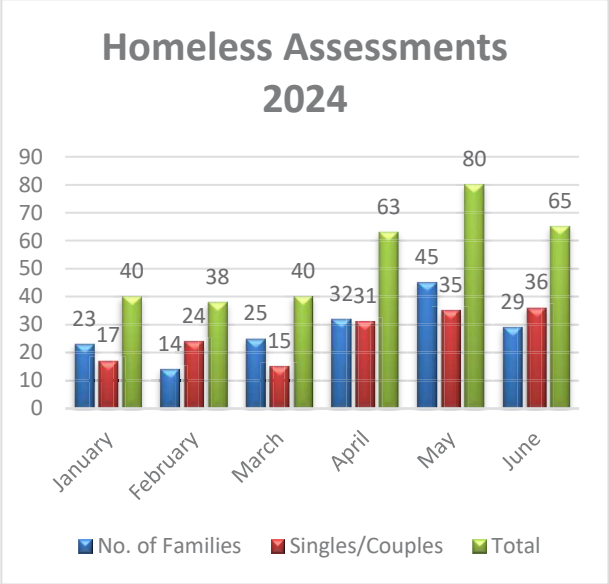
Homeless Assessments

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

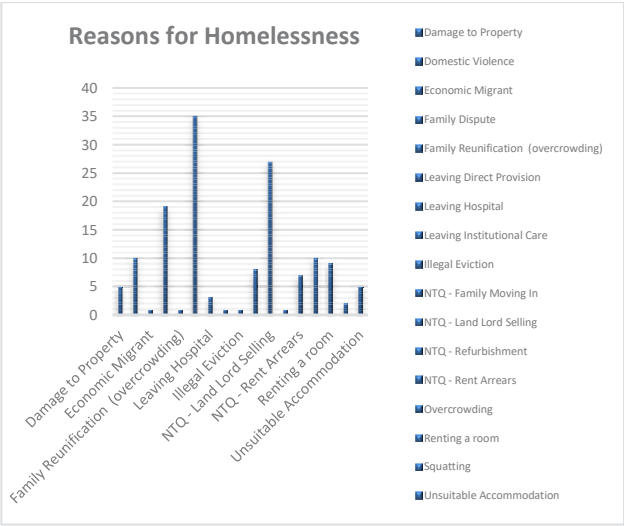
Advertisement period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
5th – 11th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1318	242
19th – 25th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	1	Apt	1138	211
19th – 25th June	Balroy Hall, Carpenterstown Road, Dublin 15	3	Apt	1004	145
19th – 25th June	Hastings Lawn, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	2	House	1490	219
19th – 25th June	Bremore Pastures Green, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	3	Duplex	769	99
			Total	5719	916

In May 2024, there were a total of 80 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 45 families and 34 singles/couples.

In June to date 2024, there were a total of 65 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 29 families and 36 singles/couples.



During May and June 2024, of the 145 Homeless Assessments carried out, 30% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Direct Provision (24%), family/relationship breakdown (13%), living in overcrowded conditions (7%) who state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 26% 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.

Currently 12 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, three have been housed and two more are going through the nomination process

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, 272 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 97 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.

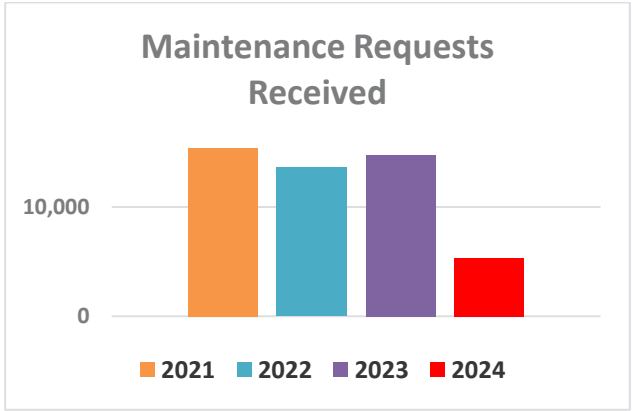
Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

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.



Before and after photos of recent site clean up works at a Halting Site

Housing Maintenance



Maintenance requests are up 3.2% on 2023





Before and after photos of recent Estate Enhancement Works at Dublin Street Flats

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.

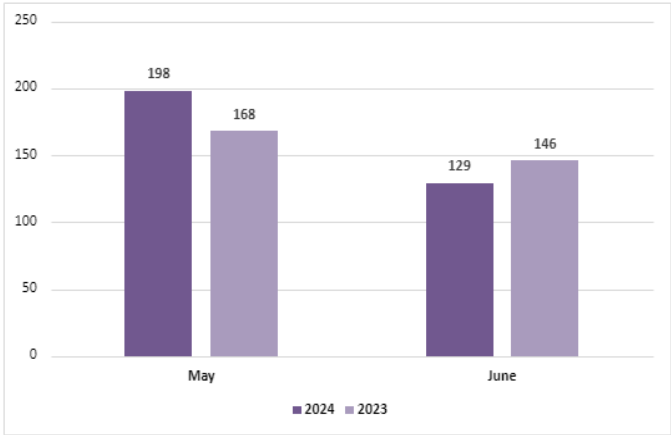
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints May/June2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	33	28	1	4
Rush / Lusk	43	30	6	7
Swords	89	61	6	22
Howth / Malahide	37	24	9	4
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	88	36	21	31
Ongar	34	23	2	9
Castleknock	3	2	0	1
Total	327	204	45	78

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1)

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	67
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	18
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	5
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**823**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Estate Inspections 2024	**589**
Estate Inspections 2023	1305
Estate Management Inspections 2024	**1009**
Estate Management Inspections 2023	1666

Housing Ukraine Response and Vacant Homes

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 Community Integration Forum 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 25th of June 2024.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, taking into account Departmental guidance and the work of Council's newly formed Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) in assisting the target cohorts below the remit of the Forum has expanded to include

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).

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.

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** have also recently taken possession of a vacant residential property by way of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) with a further 3 vacant residential properties referred to the Property Department to initiate the statutory CPO process.

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.

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) with all areas of the County covered.

The expansion of scheme 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 applicant. 142 applications have been received under the scheme with an increasing flow of new applications. 79 applications 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 at Donabate Golf Club on the 7th March 2024 and a promotional stand was present at the Flavours of Fingal Show in the Fingal Tented Village on the 29\30th June.

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

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Grant Photos:

Before



After



Before



After



Recent Vacant Property Grant Approval:







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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 May/June the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

A Sip of Support – New Grief Support Group in Swords

Fingal Community Development Office is delighted to support *"A Sip of Support"*. This new support group came about because of the need bring together members of the community who have lost a loved one and are grieving. The group held their first meeting in the September 2023 and the committee recorded a podcast with the "Everywhere we go – Journey into Heartbreak" in November 2023.

Approximately 150 people have come to the group over this 8-month period and are benefiting from the peer-to-peer support this offered by the group.



Holywell Residents Association

On 15th June 2024, Holywell Residents Association in Swords undertook to create three fabulous planters which are situated at the entrance to Holywell Park. The group also planted flowers and shrubs on the four roundabouts in Holywell. They also carried up a clearing action to remove weeds from the carpark near the public park. A local fund-raiser was organised and publicised locally with support from businesses in the area who donated prizes. A Family Day also took place as part of the activities plan of the Holywell Development Group, supported by the FCC Community Development Office.





Disability Federation of Ireland and Prosper Fingal Hustings Event

The #EveryVoteCounts Project, by Disability Federation of Ireland, with partners Prosper Fingal in Swords and the Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living, hosted hustings workshops for people with disabilities in Swords and Blanchardstown. The workshops were supported by the Community Development Office.

Nine local election candidates took part in a questions and answers hustings event at Prosper Fingal, Seatown Road to support voters with disabilities and allow them to raise their critical issues on topics such as jobs, transport public realm, living with dignity and appropriate community facilities.



Mega Mila Festival – Alsaa

On Saturday 1st June 2024 the cultural and colourful Mega Mela festival took place in Alsaa, Swords. This event was organised by the Malaysian Indians of Ireland. There was chess, carrom, art competitions, tasty food, dancing, a very competitive tug-of-war competition with 16 teams from all over Ireland from Enniscorthy to Drogheda. Fashion stalls, with colourful saris and beautifully ornate jewellery and delicious food, especially the mango lassi. The Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Adrian Henchy lit the inaugural lamp and welcomed everyone to the festival in the company of Jack Chambers TD, and Barry Andrews EP and Indian Actress Anu Sithara. There was something for everyone.





Prioritising Mulhuddart Meeting

The second meeting of the Prioritising Mulhuddart stakeholders took place on 13th of June 2024. The meeting was coordinated and supported by the Community Development Office. There was great turnout from varying service providers and agencies, who discussed potential collaboration opportunities, local issues, and practical solutions. The next meeting is set for 12th September 2024. Going forward, each meeting will feature a presentation from one service provider to highlight their work, followed by updates from all other stakeholders and discussing local issues.

Meakstown Community Centre Updates



On 14th June 2024, the new Board of Management of Meakstown Community Centre carried out a site visit to the new community centre. The purpose of the visit was to give the Board a clear understanding of the available space, aiding in the development of a plan for community use once the centre opens. Meanwhile, a subgroup of Meakstown residents has finalised a research brief for an updated Needs Analysis of the area. Together with the site visit, this analysis will equip the Board of Management with a solid foundation to allocate community space in line with local needs when the centre opens later this year.

Safer Together Festival Blanchardstown



The Community Development Office participated in the recent Safer Together Festival in Blanchardstown on 7th June 2024. The good weather provided an excellent opportunity to engage with community members and network with other local service providers, helping to identify potential projects for the coming months.

Mourne 50



The Mourne Estate Development Working group are continuing with the 'Mourne 50' project to celebrate the 50th year of Mourne Estate in Skerries. A Street Feast took place at Mourne Grove on 25th May 2024 with music, face-painting and an appearance of the Sam Maguire. The celebrations were greatly enhanced by a home win for Mourne Celtic FC which won them a League title.

Mourne Celtic FC, Mourne Estate Residents Association and Foróige are key stakeholders in the project and together with the Community Development office, Local Councillors and Scoil Realt Na Mara, are now planning the estate Family Fun Day on 20th July 2024 which will include children's activities, music, a memorial soccer tournament and an official launch of the new wall designed and built at the front of the estate, which was a collaboration between the residents and FCC Operations department.

The Bold Woman Conference 2024 – Progressive You



The annual Bold Woman Conference took place on 4th May 2024 in the Radisson Hotel at Dublin Airport. The theme this year was Progressive You, with guest speakers on the day including inspiring Dr. Ireti Oghuvbu, Seyi Agbede the first primary school teacher of colour in Ireland.
A financial matters talk was given by Tolulope S. Olaniyan and a panel discussion on community engagement with Fingal Community Officer Jacinta Lowndes included on the panel.
The Bold Woman group is a celebration of women in Ireland of African descent and continue to grow under the leadership of Nike Adesemowo.



Fingal Men's Sheds Walk and Talk



Fingal Men's Sheds Association acknowledged Men's Health Week in June by hosting a walk and talk Slí event at Newbridge House and Gardens, Donabate. The member groups embarked on a choice of a walking routes (1km, 2km or 3km) and had the opportunity to converse with fellow group members and those from other Sheds who participated. Members from over 12 Men's Shed groups from Fingal took part.

Refreshments and music were enjoyed in the Walled Garden afterwards. The Community Development Office, Sports Development Office and Healthy Fingal supported the event and plans for a similar event with support from Irish Men's Shed Association during Men's Health month next November.

Pride of Place 2024

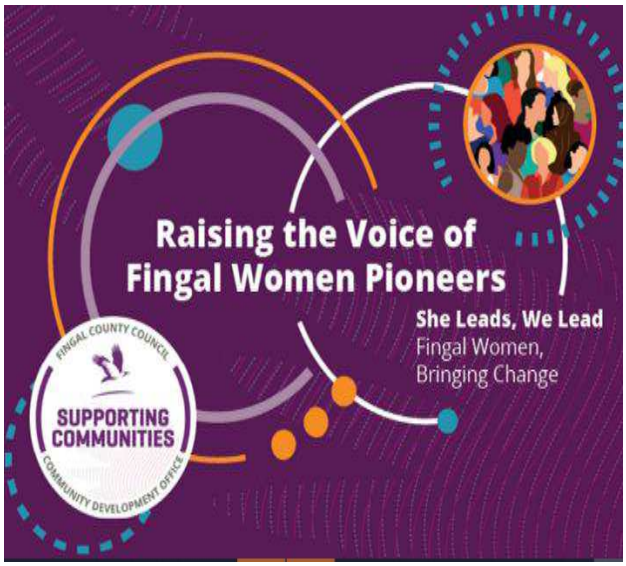






Fingal County Council has nominated Lusk Community Association, Sustainable Skerries and Castleknock Community Centre Laurel Lodge, to represent Fingal in the annual IPB Pride of Place Competition, supported by the Community Development Office. Judging will take place in early September and the three groups will compete in the respective categories of Populations Over 5000, Climate Action and Biodiversity and Inclusive Communities. Pride of place is an all-island competition, organised by Co-operation Ireland and celebrates the best in Community Development on the island of Ireland. The winners will be revealed at an Awards event being held in Monaghan Town on 2nd November 2024.

Fingal She Leads: Raising the Voice of Fingal Women Pioneers



Fingal She Leads: Raising the voice of Fingal Women Pioneers are hosting Community conversations in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Skerries and Baldoyle on the 24th and 25th June, 2024 to gather stories and concerns of women in Fingal. Information gathered will be represented in unique visual boards and displayed in the final exhibition on the 11th July 2024 in Kettles County Hotel Swords.

This five-month women's leadership programme involves 13 women from diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

The project aims to empower the women to enhance their self – awareness of their pioneering qualities and boost their confidence to bring positive change in their communities. During the programme and through creative engagement methodologies, the women develop an understanding of influencing through the local council.



Summer Projects



Over 30 summer projects will take place across Fingal over July and August. Community groups and service providers have been funded through the **Fingal Summer Projects programme** to provide supervised programmes of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer. The focus is on encouraging community involvement and developing resources and groups within localities.

Summer programmes are also required to incorporate themed activities focusing on community safety, health & wellbeing, climate action, and integration.

The Summer Project Programme provides valuable opportunities to young people for personal growth, education, and recreation during the summer months. By funding these initiatives, the Community Development Office not only supports the development of important life skills but also promotes a sense of community and belonging for young people.

Fingal Safer Halloween Programme



The Community Development Office will support Community Safer Halloween activities in 2024. Activities will be led by local voluntary community groups and centres on the lead up to and including the eve of Halloween. Suggested activities will include discos, pumpkin carving, mask making, parades etc. and will include a 'Stay Safe and Awareness' element. The maximum funding available to groups is €750. From the 21st of June, community and voluntary groups are invited to register their interest to host an event. Only groups that have expressed an interest can progress to submitting an application for funding. Closing date for the expression of Interest is the 26th July 2023. Click below to register your interest

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/2024-fingal-community-safer-halloween-programme-expression-interest-form

Online Community Activities Funding Information Evening



The Community Development Office will host an online information evening on Wednesday 11th September, 2024 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on the Community Activities Funding Scheme. This scheme is available to Community and Voluntary groups in Fingal to apply for up to €3000 towards the costs of enhancements activities, office equipment, publications, promotional material, community events, environmental/ climate action initiatives, tutors fees and course material etc.... Join this event to learn about the scheme, how to apply, talk through the criteria and to share ideas.

To book please click on the link below;

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

Facilities Management
Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility

Refurbishment works on the Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility is nearing completion. The Management Committee and Centre Management are busy working with local groups to support their activities once the centre reopens.



Baldoyle Community Centre



On Thursday, 30th May, the official sod turning event for the new Baldoyle Community Centre took place. With a similar design to the centre currently under construction in Meakstown, the state-of-the-art facility will provide high-quality community facilities for this area, new and old. The event was attended by the Mayor and Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, elected members from the Howth & Baldoyle areas, staff from the Community Development Office and representatives of the many vibrant sporting and community groups in the area who will make use of this fantastic facility which will be completed by 2025.

Interagency

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

Fingal Festival in a Van – Sounds Like Summer



Fingal festival in a Van is a co-production between the Community Office, Libraries/Creative Ireland and the Festival in a Van organisation.

Music and poetry were enjoyed by 12 communities across the county as the Van rocked up and locals from community groups, direct provision centres, Ukrainian rest Centres and users of Fingal's public park took part in the pop-up festival. Piloted last year in the North County, the project visited every corner of the county this summer, from Balbriggan to Balseskin and from Corduff to Howth.
Artists taking part included rapper Jyellowl, folk singer Niamh Bury, poet Paula Meehan and spoken word artist Trudy Gorman, to name a few. The tour started at Prosper Fingal, Swords and ended two weeks later in Baldoyle Community Garden.

Fingal Volunteer Week

Fingal Volunteer Week took place from 20th – 26th of May. There were three roadshow events in Fingal during the week in Baldoyle, Balbriggan Swords Castle Chapel. The Community Development Office works collaboratively with Fingal Volunteer Centre to promote opportunities to volunteer in the community, as well as being a platform for community groups and organisations to request and post for support and help through Ivol, the volunteer centre's database.

Africa Day 2024



Africa Day was celebrated across the county on Saturday 25th May 2024 with four events supported by the Community Department with funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs/Irish Aid.

African Advocacy Network Ireland celebrated Africa Day in Corduff Resource Centre with traditional dance performances from East Nigeria, music by Ghanaian artist Benjamin Dey and an award ceremony to acknowledge community members for their contribution to a positive image to Irish society.

Lusk Community Council and the Redeemed Christian Church of God held an exhibition linked to Africa, A Taste of African food, African music, and dance as well as a podcast on "Irish African Voices". Balbriggan African Community celebrated with an event in Flemington Community Centre with traditional African poetry, music, food and costume with presentations by two Youth Motivational Speakers. Fingal Ethnic Network held an event in Blakestown Community Centre to showcase different cultures through music, food, and discussions.



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

Comhairle na nOg are child and youth Councils in 31 local authorities, which give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policy decisions.



The group are busy working on their project about Youth Spaces in Fingal. One member is part of the Road Safety Youth Forum.

7 members took part in a consultation with 'A Lust for Life', a new mental health charity which aims to change how we talk about and treat mental health in Ireland. The charity is developing a new Youth Summit, to create change in schools.
1 member has been nominated to be part of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy Youth Advisory Group. Some of the group took part in the Youth Vote 2024.
Several members took part in a Hustings event prior to the Local and European Elections in Foróige Balbriggan Youth Project alongside Foróige young people, where they had discussions with local councillors Cllr. Brendan Ryan, Cllr. Karen Power and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Gráinne Maguire.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal.

The PPN ran a summer school in DCU for four days from 27th to 30th May, with daytime sessions in-person and evening sessions online, it included all Dublin-based Public Participation Networks; Dublin City, Fingal, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown and South Dublin.

The workshops covered a variety of topics and were chosen in collaboration with the PPN coordinators to strengthen PPN members to affect and advocate for positive change in their communities. This year's Summer School also offered all Dublin-based PPNs and their members a chance to network and learn from each other.
Sessions covered were:

- What is the PPN?
- How to engage with the Council/funding
- Sustainable development goals training
- Media Training
- Grant Writing/Funding Workshop
- Public Policy & Advocacy
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion



PPNs are 10 years old this year and each PPN is currently preparing a comms campaign to advertise this in their own county.

Hello, How Are You Day with Thrive Swords

A colourful stand in the Pavillions Shopping Centre, attracted many visitors to find out about the Thrive Swords Mental Health Project which follows in the footsteps of the Thrive Balbriggan project – aiming to make both towns Mentally Healthy Communities. The Community Development Office is continuing to engage with Mental Health Ireland, local stakeholders and community groups and residents to support Swords Thrive! Several meetings have taken place and potential initiatives and events are being planned as we speak – watch this space for more updates.

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 LAIT Team is completing their current round of meetings with accommodation centre managers and stakeholders during June which will facilitate the prioritisation of centres by the team and allow clinics to commence.

Ukraine Supports

Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland Older and Wiser Showcase Event

Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland hosted an Older and Wiser Event on the 24th June to showcase the work of their group through music and craft Displays.







Ukrainian Network

The Ukrainian Network is facilitated and convened by the Integration Team. The Network met on Tuesday 25th June 2024, the meeting included presentations and updates from all the members on their work and any issues discussed.



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.

OPC Annual Conference



130 representatives from 'senior' groups across Fingal attended the OPC's Annual Conference on 21st May 2024 in Kettles Country House Hotel. The Conference, which was opened by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy covered two themes: Housing in Fingal and Decisions Supports within the HSE.

Housing presentations were provided by Fingal County Council's Aoife Lawler, Carmel Brennan and Danielle Monahan on Housing Options in Fingal, Age Friendly Design and Ageing in Place, respectively. The informative presentations were well received by delegates who were delighted to know that their needs were being considered in new housing developments in Fingal.

Presentations from the HSE's Ciara Palmer, Jacqueline Grogan and Geraldine Farren focused on the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 and the move to a human right centered approach, supports available in acute settings and advance healthcare directive. The presentations highlighted the guiding principles underlying this legislation, with the presumption that everyone can make decisions about their own lives. Delegates were reminded that we all make unwise decisions throughout our life, but this does not affect our capacity to make decisions.

Following a thought-provoking morning, the afternoon provided mental relief as delegates danced to the music of Joe Mann. It was obvious from the dancing that some delegates acted upon the information provided by speakers and made their own decision to forgo the walking sticks and join in the dancing. For them it was a wise decision and for one delegate it felt like "a weight had been lifted" from his shoulders and it was best time he has had in years!

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy (2025)

Work is underway on developing the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy with consultations with older people and key stakeholders taking place throughout June and July. An online survey will be promoted alongside hard copies being made available to inform the strategy.

Consultants will also attend key Council Events such as Vintage Picnic and Flavours of Fingal to seek the views of older people on how to ensure Fingal remains a wonderful place to grow old. They will ascertain the challenges faced by older residents of Fingal and how these challenges can be addressed through policy and action plans. The completed Strategy is expected to be available for approval by year end.

Vintage Picnic: Thursday 25th July 2024



Vintage Picnic will take place on Thursday 25th July in Swords Castle with creative and physical activities for attendees to try out. Entertainment will be provided by local "older groups" followed by headline Acts "The Ronan Collins Showband" and "The Blue Belles". This event is ticket only and is fully sold out.



EU KORALE PROJECT – Tackling Loneliness in the community

The Community Development Office has been selected to take part a four-year EU KORALE project involving a consortium of six European Countries who will focus on preventing and tackling loneliness in their communities through public policy.

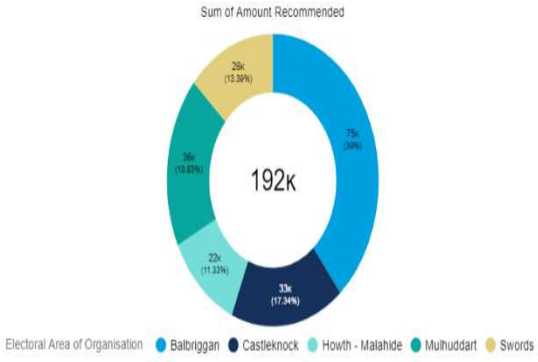
This European funded Interreg project aims to improve public policies by exchanging good practices and integrating ultifaceted approaches to address and prevent loneliness across Europe.

Following the online kickoff meeting in April, the inaugural meeting of the KORALE partner countries took place last week in Donostia/San Sebastian, with members of the Fingal team actively participating throughout the various meetings and events where concepts and workplans were progressed. KORALE will span four years and its outputs include the publication of **24 good practices** and a **KORALE Policy Guide.**

For further information
see https://www.interregeurope.eu/korale

Funding

Community Activities Funding (Up to 21st June 2024)



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **85 projects to the amount of €191,925.71**.

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office and often involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community groups to develop a local project that responds to a local need or issue. For more information click here https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding

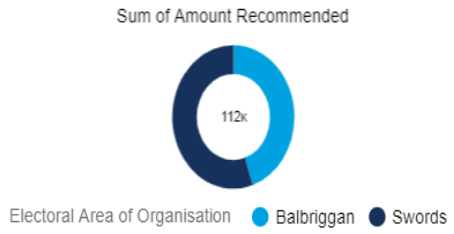
Howth Malahide – €21,747 – across 13 projects

Swords - €25,708 - across 13 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €69,620 – across 27 projects

North County Balbriggan - €74,851 - across 32 projects

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owner Remedial works Funding)



Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **6 projects to the amount of €112,224 in 2024.**

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works. For more information visit https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects

Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have progressed well over recent weeks with the final surfaces applied the Contractor has been carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings are currently being applied when weather conditions are suitable. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is ongoing with the contractor working from the south of the project in a northerly direction. The area at Corduff School with the SRTS treatment has taken shape and really defines the area where the reduced periodic speed limit applies, and the traffic calming takes effect. Some remaining items in this area to be completed is additional signage and advanced warning of school zone.





Seatown Road Swords:

The Engineering Consultant and Project Team are currently working to finalise the tender documents and gateway reports that are required to be submitted to the NTA in advance of going to the tender and procurement process for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. 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.
Full options report together with the preferred option is being drafted at present and this will be presented to the members and internal department 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 has been back on site to complete the outstanding works at the Murrough Road Rathbeale Road Junction. These works included 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 are close to completion together with other snag items on this project. This project is now in the close out phase.

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 has been reviewed and submitted to the NTA for approval 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, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.
It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q3, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.





Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Tender documents are being prepared for Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun. Brief for the appointment of consultant being drafted and currently being assessed and amended.

Enabling works have been substantially 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

A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill 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, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill.

The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



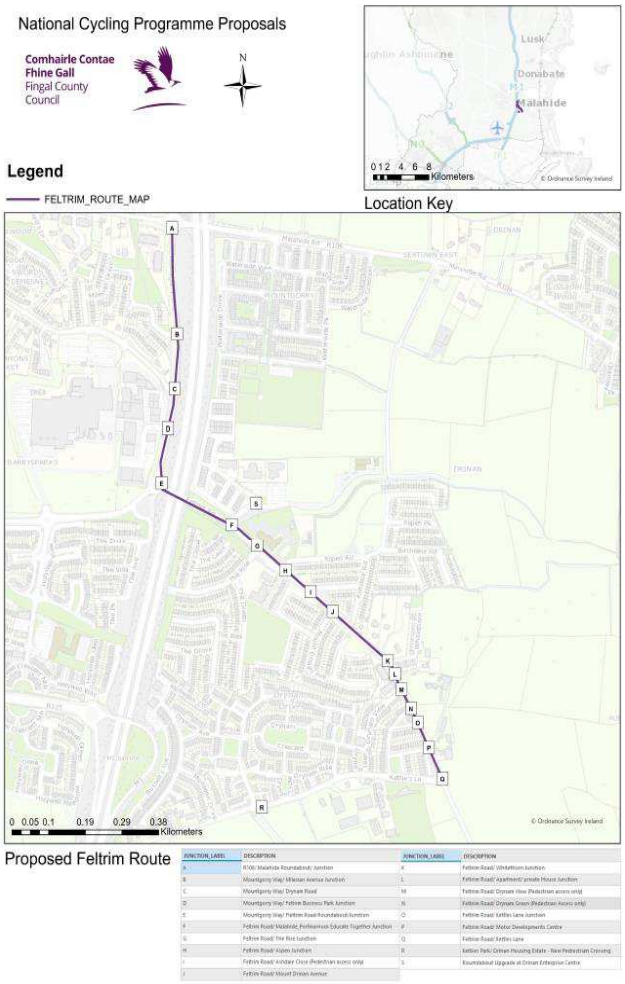
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. The tender return will now be assessed and, pending the outcome of the tender assessment, the consultant will be appointed for multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the provision and improvement of infrastructure for pedestrians, people on cycles and other vulnerable road users.

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 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. The latest drawings are being updated to reflect this design. 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 and site meetings have taken place. 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. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study.

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 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.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.





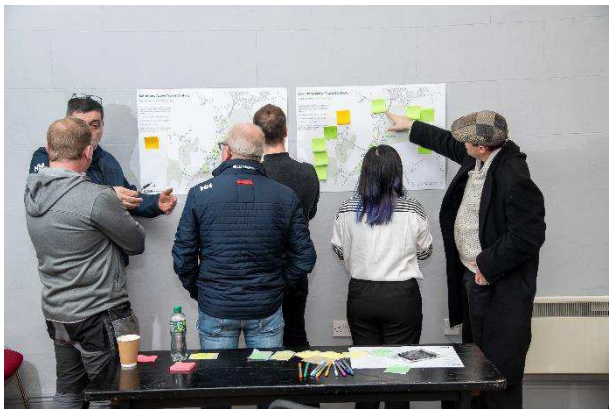
Balrothery Active Travel Plan

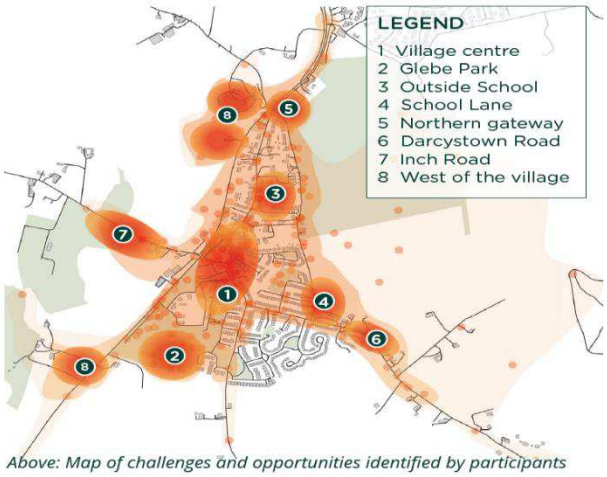
Documentation in relation to a 2nd non-statutory consultation is being prepared for online public consultation, to share conclusions from the event, emerging vision and the key principles informing this vision.

Baseline traffic surveys have been carried out in the village and the design team are awaiting a report of same.

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 approaches will then be put through a feasibility assessment to determine their appropriateness at varying locations across the village, which will inform the emerging plan for Active Travel facilities in Balrothery.







Above: Map of challenges and opportunities identified by participants

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Stage 2 Tender for the appointment of an Integrated Design Team are now currently out to the market with tender's due back by early July. Once the tenders are returned and assessed we anticipate being able to appoint a consultant by mid-August. This will be an important milestone for Skerries and allow us to move forward with an overall plan for the area.

Skerries Harbour Road:
The project team and consultants are reviewing and replying to the issues in the Pre-Planning Report received from the Planning Department. The Project Team has recently met with the local Councillors for the area and provided a brief and update on the status of the project and the next steps. Once documents and drawings are revised by the consultants, the project team will be bringing this project forward to non-statutory consultation with the stakeholder in the area over the coming months during the summer.

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 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 over 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. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided which will provide additional greenage and sustainable urban drainage. Some minor snagging relating to the newly landscaped areas remain and will be completed as soon as possible.







Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

The contractor is progressing works associated with the provision of Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure throughout the county.

The Contractor is also currently progressing works to install a number of bicycle parking facilities across the Dublin 15 and Swords Areas. Works has recently been completed in Skerries, Rush and Balbriggan areas.

Expressions of interest was sent to schools, sports club and community centres in relation to the supply of bike parking facilities earlier this year. These expressions of interest have been assessed and orders are being 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 further flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd outside the school entrance was completed in June. These works took place to further alleviate poor parking near the school gates. The main works are due to start in 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 contractor has commenced work on site at the following school:

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart





Works will start on site at the 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 coming weeks that will inform the design process. Some meetings and brainstorming sessions have taken place with the schools in advance of their summer break to allow the Project Team to continue with their works over the summer break. 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 completed the 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 being developed with detailed design and tender documents for the appointment of a contractor to complete the works on the ground over the coming months.
The upgrade to the nearby 5-arm junction at Millbank Road, Chapel Road and Whitestown Road which forms part of the 2024 Programme of Works will improve the safety measures for vulnerable road users in the area. 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.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks.

The new Learn 2 Cycle Track at Millennium Park in Dublin 15 has now been completed. This has proved very popular during recent Bike Week, and we will be continuing to roll out further training programmes aimed and providing skills and confidence to new and old bicycle users to use the new infrastructure throughout the county.





The success of this track is encouraging, and the Team are in the process of building two more tracks, one in Brackenstown Swords and are working on plans for one in Holywell Park in Swords.

Flavours of Fingal 2024

The Active Travel team will be at Flavours of Fingal to talk with the community about active travel, and the various projects and programmes happening in Fingal to support active travel.

Bike Week 2024

Bike Week took place in Fingal from the 11 to 19 May 2024. The week was a massive success with large crowds attending all the events across the county.

The week began in Millennium Park with a Family Fun Day that included a small bike decorating session and parade, the street velodrome and lots more. The week was all about collaboration, we were in The Phoenix Park with Dublin City Council and The OPW for the inclusive cycling session on Sunday 11 and again for the Sunset Cyle on Wednesday 15, where over 100 cyclists joined us for an 8km spin around the park on a beautiful summers evening.



The next weekend started with our first Balance Bike Buddies Session on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track in Millennium Park, 20 children aged 2 to 4 joined us to start their 6 week course and kickstart their cycling journeys.



Throughout the week we worked in partnership with The Scéal Arts Collective in Balbriggan to host a full schedule of events across the town with everything from a bike themed art exhibition to bike safety checks in the pocket park.



The highlight of the week took place in Malahide on Sunday 19 May, where we kicked things off with a bike parade from New Street to the family fun day in Malahide Castle where over 1,600 people joined us to watch family films, The Secret Life of Pets and Sing 2.

Overall, the week was a huge success and the biggest Bike Week that Fingal has seen. We are already planning and looking forward to Bike Week 2025.



Lease Bike by Bleeper for Staff

The e-bike lease trial is continuing for staff, and feedback has been very positive. As part of our staff behavioural change programme, up to 10 staff per month from County Hall can sign up to receive a Bleeper e-bike, for a one-month trial. 3 different types of e-bikes are available: folding e-bike, trekking or long-tailed cargo bike.



Men's Health Week

This year as part of Men's Health Week we teamed up with the Sports Office, The Irish Men's Shed Association and our Men's Walk & Talk Groups to host the first ever joint Fingal Sheds Slí event. On Wednesday 12th June, approximately 100 members of 9 Fingal Men's Sheds came to Newbridge House and Farm to enjoy a walk around the grounds, followed by an exhibition of the various activities that each shed takes part in. The event was a very enjoyable day and one that will hopefully become an annual event and grow from here.



Walking & Cycling Buses

As the school year comes to a close, the Active Travel Team would like to thank all the parents and guardians who volunteer to lead the various walking and cycling buses that operate week in week out across the County.

If you are interested in starting your own Walking or Cycling bus in September, email active.travel@fingal.ie and we'll do what we can to help get you started.



Mulhuddart Walk & Talk Group

The new Mulhuddart Walk & Talk Group meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Mulhuddart Community Centre. The group is open to people of all ages and abilities and covers around 3km each night. The group is free to join and each night we have a cup of tea/coffee in the Community Centre afterwards. So come along and get walking.



Cycling Without Age

Our Cycling Without Age Trishaws continue to increase in popularity with 26 trips across May and June to date.



Trishaws are piloted by teams of dedicated volunteers in each area and are available to book free of charge in Skerries, Santry, Baldoyle and St Catherine's Park. Simply email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with your name, preferred location, date and time and we'll go from there.



eCargo for Business/Community Group Trials

Five community groups doing valuable work in Fingal have now received their community eCargo bikes. In June, Balbriggan Tidy Towns, and Picker Pals environmental group both received eCargo bikes, which will enable them to carry out their work using an environmentally friendly form of transport. In May Castleknock Tidy Towns, Clonsilla Tidy Towns received 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 bikes have been given to the groups for a 12-month period.







Bike Repair Stations

Tendering has been complete for the next tranche of Bike Repair Stations and it is hoped that we will be in a position to install them across the county in the very near future.



Men's Walk & Talk Groups

In June, As part of Men's Health Week the Fingal Men's Sheds teamed up with our Men's Walk & Talk Groups in Newbridge House & Farm for a group walk and showcase of the activities each shed takes part in. We held 1km, 2km and a 3.5km walks to choose from. The event was a huge success with great attendance.





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 Men's Walk & Talk groups can be found on our website https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/menswalk



Fingal Quiet Streets Community Nomination

The Active Travel unit received a fantastic response to their Quiet Streets nomination process, receiving 150 nominations from the community.
The active travel team are now reviewing the nominations. The Quiet Streets 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

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.



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 May 2024; key statistics

1209 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May
1,227 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (18%) and Sundays (17%).
Howth, Donabate & Hartstown were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 520kg 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 May 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,794
No of Customers	779
Trips / Customer	2.3
Distance Covered (KM)	6,171
Average Trip Duration	15.88mins
Average Trip length (KM)	3.4km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024

Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) will take place from Monday the 9th to Sunday, 15th September 2024.

The week, which is being organised and delivered in partnership with Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), will showcase the ongoing efforts, ambitions and the collaborative approach of the four Dublin local authorities, in addressing climate action.

A number of regional and local events covering a range of climate topics will be delivered as part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 and the full programme of events will be available in August on the DCAW website, at www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie

DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

New Climate Action Page on Fingal.ie

The Fingal Climate Action Team have begun works to update the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County. It is intended when complete that the updated webpage will provide information regarding the Climate Action Plan, its progress and advice on what the public can do for climate action as well as climate education resources and events. The new home page can be found here: https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction

Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference 2024

The Fingal Climate Action Team attended the Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference 2024 'A Shared Response to a Shared Responsibility' on June 5th-7th in Ballina Co Mayo. The Mary Robinson Climate Change Conference draws voices from all sectors, including experts, policymakers, activists, communities and innovators to share climate experiences and discuss pathways for a sustainable future. The diversity of speakers at this conference echoed the need for effective community engagement in climate action which requires transparent communication, inclusive participation, and sustained collaboration with a diverse range of stakeholders. The Climate Action Team will continue to apply these learnings when planning events, creating resources and engaging with different members of the community in relation to climate action.



Climate Action Awareness

Community Climate Action Fingal

All 25 Community Applications for funding have been submitted to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for final approval. The value of the portfolio is the full Fingal County Council allocation of 1.127m Euro. We expect to hear back from the Department in the coming weeks. Legal agreement documents are currently being prepared for the implementation phase.

Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028

The Chief Executive is making a Noise Action Plan (NAP) along with Dublin City Council, Dun-Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Kildare County Council and Wicklow County Council in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 549 of 2018). The making of a Noise Action Plan is not a reserved function.

This Noise Action Plan is aimed at strategic long-term management of environmental noise from transport systems (other than aircraft) and is based on the findings from strategic noise maps and noise exposure statistics which informed assessments of population exposure and harmful effect of noise.

Areas (PIA priority important areas) have been identified with high concentrations of dwellings exposes to elevated noise levels (53dB L_{den} & 45dB L_{night} for roads) in the NAP. These priority areas will be further studied (e.g. further modelling, investigation, noise monitoring & identification and assessment of mitigation measures).
One of the actions for Fingal is to prioritise the use of lower road noise surfaces (stone mastic asphalt) over hot rolled asphalt in urban road surfaces. Stone mastic asphalt has the potential to reduce noise impacts bet 3 -5 decibels (dB) over hot rolled asphalt.

In addition, there is a commitment to assess traffic calming schemes for noise in accordance with the traffic management guidelines and manual for streets to maximise noise reduction (some traffic calming measures can worsen noise if they encourage acceleration/ deceleration).

The results of the strategic noise maps have also been used to identify Candidate Quiet Areas (CQAs) areas within the Agglomeration to be considered for the preservation of areas where environmental noise levels are deemed to be good.

A draft Plan was put on display for Public Consultation for a 6-week period from 12th April to 24th May 2024. A total of 11 submissions from members of the public were received for the Fingal area.

Five submissions were made with regard to road noise. These cover traffic volumes, lack of noise barriers along M50, HGV traffic, and road surfaces.

The M50 will be the subject of further evaluation, there is not proposal in the plan to address HGV traffic which if it is to be addressed would have to be done through a national policy and legislation. There is a commitment in the plan to use lower road noise surfaces in urban areas for resurfacing projects.

One submission related to policy and Planning guidance

This submission is from the Acoustic Association of Ireland and call for noise planning policy. The National Planning Framework has an action prepare national noise planning guidance.

Two submissions commented on the quality of the maps and figures within the plan.

In this regard the noise maps for Fingal have been published on the Fingal Website on a gis viewer in the manner of the county development plan and is a superior way to view the maps

One submission related to the selection of PIAs along the M50 in Dublin 15

There are a number of isolated priority important areas in the near the M50 and N3 these will not be assessed in isolation and most likely the whole length of the N3 and M50 in Dublin 15 for 300 m on both sides where there are residential areas will be assessed

One submission related to industrial noise and sites omitted from the noise mapping and exposure assessment.
Two of the sites raised were in Meath and omitted from the noise mapping. One quarry now being used for the disposal of soil was omitted. The omission of these two sites from the noise assessment is minor and will not impact the outcome of the plan, if there a local issue with noise from these sites the problems can be addressed through existing licences

Another submission requested that Garristown Bog and Bog of the Ring be included as Candidate Quiet Areas.

It is not proposed to amend the plan to include these sites, The eastern end of the Bog of the Ring is not quiet and neither of the sites have public access. It this changes during the life of the plan they can be considered for designation as quiet areas

Fingal County Council will undertake an assessment of the noise mitigation measure options relating to PIAs (areas with high concentration of dwellings with elevated noise exposure) within the life cycle of the NAP. This will include discussions across relevant sections within Fingal County Council and the Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The role and responsibility for the assessment and mitigation of noise from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) managed road network (M50, N3, N2 & M1) is the subject of difference between the local authorities and TII and has not been resolved. This is a significant issue for the mitigation of noise from these roads as Fingal are not in a position to mitigate the noise measures for these roads.

Environmental Awareness

Community Clean Ups

Supporting A.Forall Stephenstown Clean Up





The Environmental Awareness Officer supported Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce and A.Forall to host a community clean up in Stephenstown Industrial Estate and an Electrical Recycling drop off. A.Forall lead on the litter pick and also removed weeds and swept kerb areas.

St Catherine's Residents Association Rush Clean Up



St Catherine's Resident association in conjunction with Lawpro, Rush Tidy Towns and Cub Scouts.

Launch of Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant



The Anti- Litter Anti- Graffiti grant was launched on the 13th May and a brand new webpage was created here to provide information and ideas for grants https://www.fingal.ie/anti-litter-anti-graffiti-grant-2024

The Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Competition is run every year by Fingal County Council. Lots of different projects are initiated by members of Community Groups all over Fingal.

Activities can include litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Communications.

Who Can Apply?

Community groups, schools, sports clubs, Men's/Women's Sheds- we want to hear from you! If you have an idea that will help your community tackle litter or inspire less graffiti in your area, let us know!

National Food Waste Recycling Week

Now in its third year, the National Food Waste Recycling Week ran from the 2nd until the 9th June 2024. This campaign provided advice and easy to follow hints and tips to encourage everyone to recycle more of their food waste.

In Ireland, we waste about 800,000 tonnes of food each year, according to current best estimates. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That's an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.

This year's campaign aims to ensure that people understand that food waste needs to be fully separated from all packaging such as plastic or other containers to prevent contamination at the compost and anaerobic digestion facilities leading to higher quality recycling.

School Food Waste Workshops



Thornleigh ETNS Swords, St Francis Xavier SNS and Scoil Phadraig Calíní received interactive food waste workshops from the Environmental Awareness Officer. Students explored the impacts of food waste, examined the links between climate action and food waste and created practical solutions to manage waste. 150 students were reached through these workshops.

Composting Workshop GLAS Garden TU Blanchardstown



A composting workshop was held in conjunction with Global Action Plan for National Food Waste Recycling Week. Participants experienced a hands-on workshop in which they learned about composting techniques and the links between food waste and climate change. All participants received a brown food waste caddy.

Brown Caddy Giveaway: Estuary Recycling Centre



To promote National Food Waste Recycling Week, brown food waste caddies were offered to members of the public in the Estuary Centre. Information was disseminated also regarding food waste, best practice with caddies and promotion of the Estuary Recycling Centre. 130 caddies were given away.

Website Update

The Food Waste section of Fingal.ie has been updated with infographics and up to date information of upcoming events and statistics https://www.fingal.ie/food-waste-prevention-management-and-upcoming-events



Circular Economy Talks: Estuary Recycling Centre

Two groups from Prosper Fingal and a TY student group were welcomed to the Estuary Centre for a tour and circular economy talk. Participants learned about the functions of the Estuary Recycling Centre and best practice regarding the three R's – Reduce Reuse and Recycle





Gum and Litter Taskforce Launch

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) took to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre on June 20, 2024 as a part of its Summer Roadshow. They were joined by the Fingal County Council Environment team, children from St Francis Xavier Senior National School and Blanchardstown, Castleknock and Clonsilla Tidy Towns groups.

The interactive Roadshow works with local authorities and communities across the country to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the proper means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of gum litter. Now in its seventeenth year, the campaign is a collaboration between Food Drink Ireland, the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, the chewing gum industry, and local authorities.





Castleknock Educate Together

Castleknock Educate Together NS Green School Committee hosted a tour of their sustainable initiatives concluding in a tree planting ceremony.

The Green School committee have a dedicated waste team that ensures students and staff are adhering to correct waste management techniques and composting correctly.



Green Schools

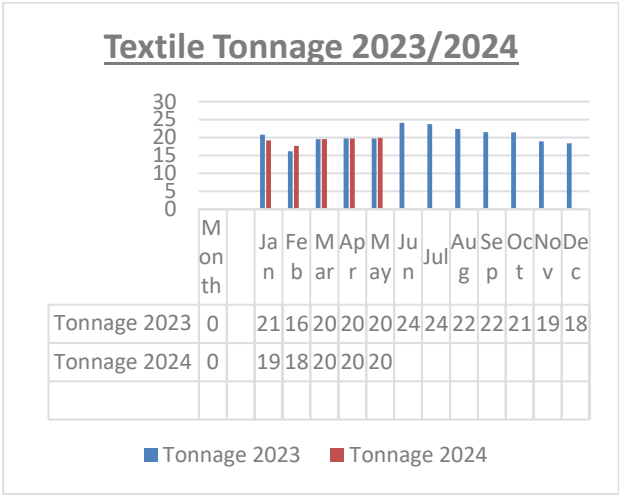
29 Fingal Schools were awarded a Green Flag this year in themes ranging from Litter and Waste to Global Citizenship. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of their Green School Committees and Coordinators.

To support the sustainability journey of Fingal's Green Schools, €250 is being awarded to the 29 successful schools this year. Well done to all schools!

School Name	School Address	Theme
Belmayne ETSS	Belmayne Ave	Litter and Waste
Bracken Educate Together	Castlelands	Biodiversity
Burrow National School	Howth Road	GC Marine
Castleknock N.S	Main Street	GC Litter and Waste
Colaiste Pobail Setanta	Phibblestown	GC Litter and Waste
Dominican College Santa Sabina	Greenfield	Litter and Waste
Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe	Coill na nÚll	GC Travel
Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School	Barnwell Road	Water
Hartstown Community School	Hartstown	Litter and Waste
Holy Family Junior National School	Forest Fields	Biodiversity
Loreto Secondary School	Brick Lane	Water
Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School	Swords Enterprise Park	Litter and Waste
Mary Queen of Ireland N.S	Toberburr	GC Marine
Rush and Lusk Educate Together N.S	Raheny Lane	GC Marine
Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville	Tower road	GC Energy
St Laurence's N.S	Grange Road Brookstone rd	GC Marine
St. Francis Xavier Senior N.S	Roselawn Glade	Litter and Waste
St. George's N.S	Naul Road	GC Litter and Waste
St. Helen's S.N.S	Limetree Avenue	GC Litter and Waste
St. Joseph's Secondary School	Convent Lane	Travel
St. Mary's N.S	The Green	Water
St. Michael's Holy Angels	Glenmaroon	Biodiversity
St. Mológa's N.S	Bremore	GC Travel
St. Patricks J.N.S	Corduff	GC Energy
St. Patrick's Junior School	Tennis Court Lane	GC Food & Bio
St.Brigid's N.S	Rolestown drive	Water
Swords Community College	Broadmeadow	water
Thornleigh E.T.N.S	Applewood	Biodiversity

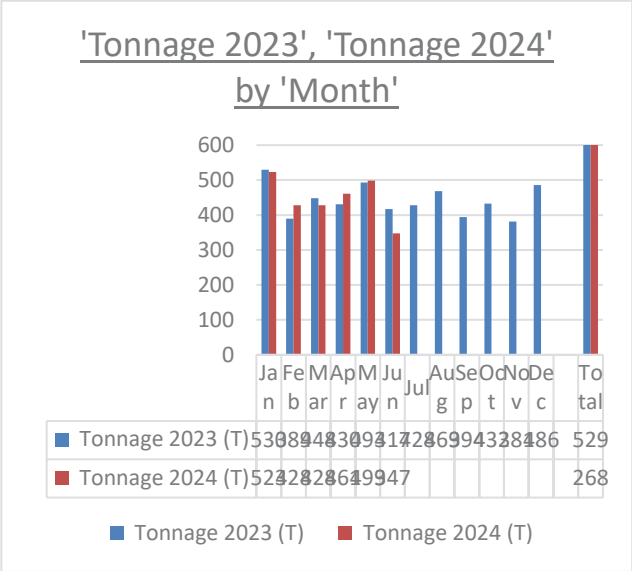
Bring Centres

Textiles Banks



Textiles volumes recorded in May 2024 were 19.93 (T). This compares with May 2023 volumes collected in the sum of 19.68 (T).

Bottle Banks



Bottle bank tonnages recorded in June 2024 were 347 (T). This compares with tonnage figures for June 2023 of 417 (T).`

Litter Management

To tackle littering and dumping more effectively, the Litter Wardens were assigned more targeted CRMs each day. They reported any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.





The Litter warden continued to carry 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 targeting hot spots for dog fouling. They attended a beach awareness event on Balbriggan Beach on 4th June and meet with local Tidy Towns, Local Schools and Community Groups to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.





The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, they carried out extra inspections daily and on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place, which take place from May to September this year. They carried out an awareness campaign in June on the following beaches engaging with dog owners and dispensing dog poo bags, to make people aware of their responsibilities to clean up after their dogs.

1. Balbriggan
2. Skerries
3. Loughshinny
4. Portmarnock
5. Rush South
6. Rush North
7. Donabate
8. Portrane
9. Burrow beach, Sutton

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.

The Litter Wardens also attended the Gum Litter Taskforce roadshow which took place in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre.

The wardens started the annual litter quantification surveys in May to quantity the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.

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.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4

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 May 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	27
General Litter Issue	100
Muck on road	4
Litter incident with witness	5
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	6
Abandoned cars	35
Annual surveys	86
Inspection of bottle banks	248
Inspection of dumping black spots	218
Litter at Bottle banks	114
Unauthorised signage	7
Walking patrols	2
Env - Miscellaneous	7
CRMs June 2024	**Amount**
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	19
General Litter Issue	16
Muck on road	1
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage -	3
Abandoned cars	31
Annual surveys	8
Inspection of bottle banks	205
Inspection of dumping black spots	262
Litter at Bottle banks	114
Unauthorised signage	9
Env - Miscellaneous	10

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 227 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 24th June 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.

Please email environment@fingal.ie to report a suspected abandoned vehicle.

The following information is required when reporting a suspected abandoned vehicle:

- 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



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 408 x 10 Day Notices and 38 Fines issued by the dog wardens during May 24. There were 247 10-day notices and 58 fines issued to the 21st of June 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	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€1180	€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	1680	1597	229	477	€11,230	€31,372

The Animal Welfare Section received 59 complaints in relation to dogs up in May 2024 and 51 complaints from 1st to 24th June 2024. In 2023 there were a total of 572 complaints received for the full year

Service	No of complaints per service from 1 May 2024 to 21st June 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	12
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	10
Env - Dog on Person Attack	10
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	22
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	32
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env- Stray Dog	23
Grand Total	110

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during May and up to the 21st of June 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	1193	918	90	64	€36,460	€27,320
June	738	516	69	41	€24,420	€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



Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter. At the beginning of May there were 26 dogs in the shelter.

During May 2024, 14 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 3 dogs was surrendered by a member of the public. Of these 26 dogs, 2 were reclaimed by members of the public and 1 were PTS. At the end of May there are 23 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 rehome.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of May 2023	9	Dogs in Shelter at start of May 2024	26
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	20	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14
Surrendered by owners	4	Surrendered by owners	3
Reclaimed	3	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	11
Rehomed to Public	8	Rehomed to Public	6
PTS	2	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of May 2023	**33**	**Dogs in shelter at the end of April 2024**	**23**



Contact the shelter on **087 3914008**, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming





Max and Bear in their new home down in Cork, living their best lives after being rehomed from the shelter.



Benny in his new home following a successful adoption from the Shelter.



Our Dog Wardens and Environment team were on Front Strand Balbriggan for a Dog Fouling Awareness event on the 4th of June. Free poo bags were issued on the day to encourage the public to pick up after their dogs.

We are asking pet owners to leave only paw prints in the sand and pick up after their pets when using beaches.

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. Hay feeders continue to be filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis.
Over May & June there were 3 horses seized from the public realm.

Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)

Water Quality

Bathing Water:

The 2024 bathing water season commenced on the 1st of June 2024 and already to date Fingal County Council has completed 3 bathing water sampling rounds. Bathing water samples collected from the designated bathing waters are analysed for two types of bacteria namely E. coli and Intestinal Enterococci.

To date all bathing water samples collected during the bathing water season have been determined to be of excellent water quality.

Bathing water sampling results recorded for the season will at the end of the year be added to a four-year sampling period which is then used to classify the beaches according to the levels of bacteria detected.

NAME OF BEACH	Pre-season 22nd and 28th* May	4th June	10th June	17th June
Balbriggan, Front Strand *All Season Advisory 2024*	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Skerries, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Loughshinny Beach *All Season Advisory 2024*	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Rush, North Beach	Excellent*	Excellent		Excellent
Rush, South Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Portrane, The Brook Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Sutton, Burrow Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent
Howth, Claremont Beach	Excellent*	Excellent		Excellent
Malahide Beach	Excellent	Excellent		Excellent

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal at the 2024 Go for Life National Games

A team representing Fingal took part in the 2024 Active Age & Opportunity's National Go for Life Games event held in DCU on Saturday, June 8.

Over 250 older adults took part in the event with Fingal represented by players from Baldoyle's Men Shed, Swords ICA, Active Retired members from Skerries, Castleknock and Blanchardstown. The Fingal Team were selected following a series of Games Practice Workshops held in the ALSAA Sports Complex in May. It was first time that the National Games was held since 2019 as the annual event had been interrupted by the pandemic. The Sports Office supports and encourages such initiatives and programmes that promote the continued participation in physical activity and the Go for Life Games demonstrate that sport is for everyone no matter what age or ability. The Go for Life Games are three target games. Málaí, an adaption of Cornhole, Flisk, an adaption of frisbee and horseshoe toss and Scidil, an adaption of ten-pin bowling. Teams from Cavan, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, Laois, Meath, Dublin City South and Westmeath were in Fingal's side of the draw and following a series of close competitive matches the Midlanders went home with the best County title.



Movement & Mindfulness Workshops

Following the success of Fingal Sports Office's Movement & Mindfulness Workshops held in April & May at St. Colmcille's GAA, Swords. A new summer six-week programme was arranged for of June and July. Due to the high demand for places two sessions have been provided on the same day. Fifty-two participants were successful in obtaining a place in the classes. The workshops are a combination of chair yoga, breathing and mindfulness techniques and previous participants have praised the tutor for her teaching methods.



Men's Shed Physical Activity Day

Fingal Sports Office and Active Travel collaborated on a Men's Shed Physical Activity Day during Men's Health Week. The event brought together upwards on 80 participants from 9 different Sheds in the Fingal area. The event started with a warm-up session followed by a 1k, 2k and 3k walk around Newbridge House. The Shed then returned to the walled gardens for displays on each shed, music, refreshments and garden games. This initiative allowed different Sheds and other stakeholders such as Age and Opportunity and Walk and Talk Groups to collaborate on various projects.
It also recognized the need to focus on health-related activities that can improve men's well-being with a move towards the formation of a sustainable walking and exercise group.



Defibrillator Training

Fingal Sports Office delivered 2 Defibrillator Training Workshops following up from last month's Sports First Aid Series. These workshops were an accredited qualification from the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council focusing on cardiac arrest, heart attacks and strokes. This accreditation will give local club coaches key life skills in and outside the sports arena.





Safer Together Summer Festival

As part of the Safer Together Summer Festival in Millennium Park on 8th June, the Sports Office facilitated a mini-football blitz for local clubs, a 3x3 basketball competition, and parkour demonstrations. Five local football clubs participated in the under-7 mini-football blitz, and for some of the teams, it was their first time playing organised matches. The 3x3 Basketball Ireland competition brought teams from all over Fingal to compete in the U14 boys', U14 girls', and senior men's categories. Dublin has an active parkour community with several spots, including Millennium Park, and groups dedicated to the discipline. Dublin Parkour came along for the day to demonstrate their acrobatic skills. They amazed festivalgoers with jumps, flips and tricks.







Men's Health Week

International Men's Health Week (MHW) always begins on the Monday before Father's Day and ends on Father's Day itself. During 2024, it ran from Monday 10th until Sunday 16th June.

The overall aims of MHW are to:

- Heighten awareness of preventable health problems for males of all ages.
- Support men and boys to engage in healthier lifestyle choices / activities.
- Encourage the early detection and treatment of health difficulties in males.

As part of this year's Men's Health Week, the Sports Office supported clubs in delivering come-and-try sessions for men, with the intention that there would be follow-up sessions to introduce new male members to the club. There were 16 clubs across Fingal that signed up to deliver come and try sessions ranging from martial arts to fishing.

Active Cities Dublin also provided a Men's Health Walk on Saturday 15th June. Over 40 men took part in a walk on the Bog of Frogs Trail in Howth, with Beann Eadair GAA club providing refreshments along the route.







Come and Try Netball

Fingal Sport Office in partnership with Netball Ireland have started a come try netball programme in the Liam Rodgers centre in Swords. The aim is to see if there is the interest in the Swords area to start a new netball club to cater for North Fingal Area. The project is set to run for 16 weeks from June 17th and will see females form the Swords and surrounding areas train in the skills of netball on Monday nights 7pm – 8pm. We have 10 participants turn up for the first's session and they were joined by the ladies from Boyne Netball who provided the coaching support.



Fingal Active Cities Dublin Race Series 5km
The four Dublin Local Authorities collaborated through Active Cities Dublin to sponsor the Athletics Ireland Race Series 5km events that take place in the phoenix Park over three months. These events have over 10,000 people participate in the three events. The Active Cities Dublin Coordinators in each Local Authority linked in with local areas in areas of deprivation and running clubs with the aim to get people more active through running. We have linked in with clubs to set up beginner's couch to 5km programmes and for the participants to take part in the race series.



Autism in Sport Course
Fingal Sport Office hosted an autism in sport course online via zoom with Active Disability Ireland. We had 20 participants from clubs across the Fingal area. Most participants are volunteers with these local clubs who are upskilling their volunteers to help them be more inclusive. Staff also presented to the local Children's disability network groups to create a link with sports office and its offerings to help support children with additional needs join local clubs.

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Energy Efficiency Retrofit Project – Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock

The Council continues to improve the energy performance of its social housing stock under the Government's ten-year Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme for social housing upgrades.

Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock Retrofit Works

Phase 3 of Strandmill Estate has just reached completion.

The works included the installation of:

- attic insulation,
- external wall insulation,
- new windows & doors,
- heat pumps, & heating controls.

The retrofit works result in improved BER ratings, significant energy cost savings and an overall more comfortable home for Council tenants.



Strandmill - Before Retrofit



Strandmill - After Retrofit

Public and Private Home Retrofit Initiative

The Council's Housing & Architects Departments explored options to help drive the uptake and delivery of private residential energy efficiency upgrades by coupling certain activities with the delivery of public housing upgrades in mixed estates. Strandmill in Portmarnock was one such estate.



Strandmill - Council and Private Owned Houses - Before



Strandmill - Council and Private Owned Houses – After

Fingal County Council partnered with SEAI and Retrofit Energy Ireland and provided private homeowners in mixed estates with the opportunity to be included in the Retrofit programme in a streamlined process for upgrading their homes. Some private owners have availed of the opportunity to upgrade their homes along with their neighbours.



Strandmill Bungalow - Before Retrofit



Strandmill Bungalow - After Retrofit

Helsinki City Council Delegation Visit

The Strandmill Retrofit project was the subject of a visit by a delegation from Helsinki City Council as part of the 'City to City Exchange Programme'. This EU programme facilitates the exchange of ideas between public bodies. Helsinki City Council and Fingal County Council had site visits and discussions related to Social, Affordable and Cost Rental methods of delivery and maintenance of Publicly owned housing stock.

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The tables below outlines key financial statics at the end.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of June 2024 is running at 69%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€112.3m
Rates collected %	69%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €5.7m this is c.105**%** of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€9.5m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	105%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of May is €36.6m which is c. 101% of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	36.6
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101%

Procurement

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

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	146	
Value €m	53.86m	
Procurements ongoing at end of June		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	10	(i)
Value €m	31.86m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	469.0m	
No. of procurements at approved	4	(iii)
Value €m	0.86m	

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

Appendix 1 (a)

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	48,075,727	105,932,600	45%	52,354,479	108,268,800	48%	-4,278,753
Road Transport & Safety	17,942,736	36,130,600	50%	4,630,536	9,056,100	51%	13,312,200
Water Services	8,621,440	14,369,700	60%	8,493,122	17,039,600	50%	128,318
Development Management	13,914,377	20,845,600	67%	6,844,160	6,574,000	104%	7,070,216
Environmental Services	24,323,059	48,453,500	50%	5,525,296	10,947,500	50%	18,797,764
Recreation & Amenity	26,921,109	56,603,300	48%	2,297,722	4,841,800	47%	24,623,387
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,131,964	1,513,800	75%	204,998	409,700	50%	926,966
Miscellaneous Services	11,516,432	21,972,500	52%	14,373,577	29,279,600	49%	-2,857,144
Central Management Charge	26,347,552	56,075,600	47%	2,132,046	3,969,700	54%	24,215,506
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,183,150	12,366,300	50%	-6,183,150
Rates				79,572,050	159,144,100	50%	-79,572,050
	178,794,397	**361,897,200**	**49%**	**182,611,136**	**361,897,200**	**50%**	**-3,816,740**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2024					
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	87,529,899	-58,564,799	3,257,088
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	26,577,382	-2,379,197	35,940,595
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,031,004	-551,832	-10,826,163
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	18,929,413	-19,715,431	-143,782,713
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	1,662,078	-1,264,689	-14,193,088
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	16,386,646	-1,876,813	-4,048,600
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	6,477,585	-7,665,861	-50,086,478
	Total	**-250,314,744**	**158,594,008**	**-92,018,622**	**-183,739,358**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 30/06/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,534	€50,356,080	€48,692,587	€1,663,492
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,134,513	€236,701	€1,897,812
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,267,679	€4,734,241	€5,533,438

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	Actual Duration (months)
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	3
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	12
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	21
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	6
EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consturction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	9
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle , Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	1

Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrange Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€26,622.50	29/04/2024	17/05/2024	29/05/2024	0
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	6
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	3
Operations	Conrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	4
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	12
Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	5
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	12
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€79,729.49	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	12

Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	1
Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	3
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portaloo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	1
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	9
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	4
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	36
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	24
Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	18

IT	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	36
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	2
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	8
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€86,570.00	00/01/1900	00/01/1900	15/04/2024	0
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	1
EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	1
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	12

Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Contract A, Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	19
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – Contract B, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	24
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	6
Operations	Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	10
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	3
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	1

Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	2
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	6
People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€0.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	6
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liaison Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	01/03/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	1

Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	12
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	€110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	38
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	5
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	2
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€90,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2024	16/02/2024	11
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
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	16
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	3

Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	33
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	11
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	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	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€1,008,052.00	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	48 months
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
Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	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
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	8
Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	25
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
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	23
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	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

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
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	12
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	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	12
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
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€240,000.00	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
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

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**	**4,105**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	104
	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**	**136**
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	12
	Waste	16	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	**12**

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, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway. It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q3, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.

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 schedulled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Fingal County Council has received notification of 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. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.

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	Documentation in relation to a 2nd non-statutory consultation is being prepared for online public consultation, to share conclusions from the event, emerging vision and the key principles informing this vision. Baseline traffic surveys have been carried out in the village and the design team are awaiting a report of same. 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 approaches will then be put through a feasibility assessment to determine their appropriateness at varying locations across the village, which will inform the emerging plan for Active Travel facilities in Balrothery.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill 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, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill. The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.
FCC/22/0022 **Page 150**	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	Tender documents are being prepared for Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework for 'Concept Development and Options Selection'. Preparation of the brief and tender documents have begun. Brief for the appointment of consultant being drafted and currently being assessed and amended.

		Enabling works have been substantially 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 returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. The tender return will now be assessed and, pending the outcome of the tender assessment, the consultant will be appointed for multi-disciplinary consultancy services for the provision and improvement of infrastructure for pedestrians, people on cycles and other vulnerable road users. 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 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, 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	Q3 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** 10 x Social 51 x Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Q4 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	Phased delivery
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	Phased delivery

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	Q3 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	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
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 under evaluation.	Q3 2024	Q3 2026
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	Q4 2026

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

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	Q4 2025

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**	TBC 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.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**274**	S179a planning process ongoing. .	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32**	Design ongoing. Surveys to commence.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027

Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	**4**	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
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	Balroy House	**82**	On-site	Q3 2024

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3 **"Role of the Chief Executive, Executive Functions, Council Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders"**

Friday 12th July 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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4 **"Local Authority Financing, Funding and Expenditure"**

Friday 19th July 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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5 **"Elected Members Governance & Oversight Role, Internal/External Audit Committees & National Oversight and Audit Committee"**

Friday 26th July 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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6 **"Local Authority Plans including Corporate Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan, Development Plan & Climate Action Plan"**

Friday 2nd August 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024

ITEM NO. 25

CORRESPONDENCE

COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

14th May, 2024.

Our Ref: May24 - 24/AR/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the May meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

"I am calling on the Taoiseach of the day Simon Harris and the coalition partners Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Green Party to address the huge failures in the reconfigured health services established by the Government some years ago and the establishment of the HSE for responsibility in implementing the policy.
Health services for the public in Ireland has been led by Health Ministers from Fianna Fail, Progressive Democrats and Fine Gael for over 24 years and the current model of reconfiguration has been a failure. Recent reports indicated that rural parts of Ireland have been impacted the most and have a higher risk of poor outcomes and this is borne out by the experience of people from Clare attending overcrowded emergency departments and at times having tragic outcomes. People in need of health services from Clare are suffering and there is no evidence to suggest that the reconfigured health service has delivered improved outcomes. I am calling on the Government to urgently address the serious consequences for the public in Clare from the current government's model of health care. I would request the circulation of this motion if supported to our Oireachtas Members in Clare and other local authorities."

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

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Register of Electors
047 30551

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Environment
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Na hEalaíona
Arts
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Housing Loans/Grants
047 30527

Leabharlann an Chontae
County Library
047 74700

Mótarcháin
Motor Tax
047 81175

Músaem an Chontae
County Museum
047 82928

Pleanáil
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047 30532

Pobal
Community
047 73719

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047 30521

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047 71818

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Our Ref: May 2024/03

15 May 2024

Private Secretary to
Ms. Norma Foley, TD
Minister for Education and Skills,
Department of Education and Skills,
Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1.
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A Chara

At the May meeting of Monaghan County Council, the members passed the following resolution, and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

> *That Monaghan County council writes to Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley, T.D., urging that the procurement of materials for the fulfilment of the 'Free Education Scheme' will be at the autonomy of each individual school to tender for their own supplier. For ETB schools to have one centralised supplier it will have an enormous impact on local suppliers who depend on the back-to-school season to keep their doors open.*

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention.

Mise, le meas,

Mary McGarvey

Mary McGarvey
Meetings Administrator

c.c.: Cavan/Monaghan Oireachtas Members
c.c.: All Local Authorities

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20th May 2024

Minister Eamonn Ryan T.D.
Department of Environment, Climate Action, Communications & Transport
2 Leeson Street Lower
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister Ryan,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 13th May the Elected Members passed the following motion and requested that it be forwarded to your offices for consideration:

"Due to the very worrying increase in road fatalities throughout the country, this Council demands that the Government provides funding for the employment of a full time Road Safety Officer in every Local Authority in the country.

If passed, that this motion be sent to every local authority'.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Purcell.

HELEN PURCELL
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEETINGS ADMINISTRATOR
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21st May, 2024

To/ All Local Authorities

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the May meeting of Tipperary County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"That Tipperary County Council would write to the Minister for Land use and Biodiversity, Pippa Hackett, asking that she implements in full, without further delay the recommendations of the report titled REVIEW OF SUPPORT FOR FARMERS IMPACTED BY ASH DIEBACK which was compiled by Dr. Matthew Crowe, Jerry Grant and Jo O'Hara.

In June 2023, Dr. Matthew Crowe, Jerry Grant and Jo O'Hara were asked to carry out a rapid review of the DAFM approach and supports for landowners affected by ash dieback since 2013 and to provide the Minister with advice and recommendations on a way forward in line with the draft Forest Strategy. The report was submitted to the Minister last September.

Furthermore, that the letter would be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Taoiseach, Tanaiste, and the Minister for the Environment and that this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities".

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh,
Meetings Administrator

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& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

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4th June, 2024.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the May Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support –

> **"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, T.D., and the Government, to allow taxpayers one week where no tax is paid, in line with Social Welfare recipients whereby their welfare payments increase at Christmas; and, if agreed, that the Motion be circulated to all Local Authorites."**

Is mise le meas,

Laura Flannery,
Meetings Administrator.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 26

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Senator Robbie
Gallagher
Government Chief Seanad Whip
Príomh-Aoire an Rialtais sa Seanad



9th May 2024

A chara,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I just wanted to drop a few lines to thank all elected representatives for their work on behalf of local communities around the country over the past five years.

For those seeking re election in the coming weeks, I wish you every success and for those who are not running, thank you for your service and best wishes for the future.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the Executive Staff for their help and assistance over the years, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Robbie

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 27

COUNCIL DIVESTMENT FROM PRODUCTS MADE BY COMPANIES ASSISTING THE ISRAELI MILITARY AND SECURITY APPARATUS

Motion: Councillor J. Burtchaell

"In the context of the ongoing genocide in Gaza where over 35,000 civilians have been killed by the actions of Israeli military, that this Council divests from IT and other products manufactured by corporations connected to the Israeli military and security apparatus including the Elected Representatives HP laptops, as HP helps to run the biometric ID system that Israel uses to restrict Palestinian movement and are one of the top corporation on the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) list."

Report:

The procurement of IT and other products is carried out in accordance with EU rules and national regulations. The Council is not permitted to specify that products from particular companies are excluded from any tendering process.

The Chief Executive has legal responsibility for all Fingal County Council procurements and is obliged to comply with all statutory procurement requirements. The award of public procurement contracts is governed by EU Public Procurement Directives. The Revised Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament was transposed into Irish law in 2017. The Directive addresses the procurement of goods and services and contains strict rules around the principles of treating all economic operators equally, without discrimination by acting in a transparent manner.

Restricting the market and any failure to conduct a Public Procurement in keeping with these principles or the Directives could result in penalties being imposed, including financial penalties.

Source of Joint Report
Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 29

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 calls on TII to engage constructively with residents and bring forward solutions to address this long-term problem."

Report:

If the motion is passed the Council will write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) conveying the contents of the motion.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. **30**

CALL TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING

MOTION: Councillor T. O'Leary

"That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to acquire more land for the construction of affordable and social housing in Fingal and outline the progress to date and plans for the delivery of affordable and social homes across Fingal by this Council, Land Development Agency, (LDA) and other organisations including Approved Housing Bodies and collaboration with private home builders to deliver affordable and social homes in Fingal."

REPORT:

Fingal County Council actively acquires land for the delivery of social and affordable housing throughout the County on an ongoing basis, in a sustainable manner and when suitable land becomes available. The Council has recently purchased large sites in Swords and Balbriggan for residential development.

Fingal County Council has launched seven Affordable Housing Schemes so far with 492 new homes being made available to purchasers at a reduced price from open market value in line with the provisions of affordable homes legislation. These new affordable homes are in a number of locations across the County.

Our construction pipeline has 416 new homes on site, 518 new homes at planning and tender stage and 750 new homes at pre-planning stage.

Currently, there are a further 475 affordable and 651 social units in the construction pipeline being brought forward in partnership with the LDA and Approved Housing Bodies.

There are 62 other active construction sites across the County with 2,726 units under construction and new Part V social homes will be delivered from these sites also.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department

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ITEM NO. 31

DELIVERY OF SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Motion: Councillor R. Coppinger

"In the context of the abject failure of the private market to deliver affordable homes for purchase or rental in this Local Authority area, that this Council calls on the Chief Executive to dramatically increase the pace of direct delivery of Social and Affordable housing and bring forward, as a priority, a plan to fast-track the development of Fingal County Council's own landbanks and identify any other Council land that can be developed in the short to medium term to alleviate the suffering and widespread impact of the housing crisis throughout Fingal."

Report:

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All available Council-owned land has been considered and assessed for residential development and these sites are being brought forward accordingly. Further lands will be acquired as and when they become available.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department.