Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th September, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
O'Leary, Tom
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted

Councillors:

Maguire, Grainne
McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Donoghue, Robert
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Ruth Coppinger, and Dean Mulligan.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh 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); Roisin Burke (Senior Planner); Liz Hartigan (Administrative Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The Mayor informed the Members one Emergency Motion was received and was ruled out of order.

F/343/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

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

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor J. Newman, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED –**

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

F/344/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

a **Filling of Casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the resignation of Councillor Marian Buckley**

The report by the Chief Executive, setting out the required procedures, which had been circulated was READ.

The nomination of Ann Graves to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor A. Donnelly and seconded by Councillor M. Quinn.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, Ann Graves was co-opted as a Member of Fingal County Council.

F/345/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

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

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 18 be **ADOPTED**."

F/346/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Wastewater Treatment Capacity

F/347/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Vacant and Derelict Register

F/348/24 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Short Let Rentals

F/349/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Unacceptable level of littering on Fingal Beaches

F/350/24 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor D. Butler - Council owned Public Swimming Pools

F/351/24 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillors D. Butler, D. Mulligan, J. Newman - Feeding of Seagulls - Litter Act

F/352/24 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting list

F/353/24 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor P. Mulville - Coastal flood/Erosion Protection Measures

F/354/24 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor T. Doyle - Funding to Support the Resourcing of Dog Warden Services from 2025

F/355/24 (Agenda Item No 12)

Councillor T. Doyle - Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Weight Limitations - Residential Estates

F/356/24 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor M. Quinn - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Facilities

F/357/24 (Agenda Item No 14)

Councillor B. Ryan - Amount of Money Spent on Consultancy Fees

F/358/24 (Agenda Item No 15)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Information on Airbnb Lets in Fingal

F/359/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor C. Johnston - Derelict Sites Register

F/360/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor D. Healy - Ensuring a High Level of Service for People Walking and Cycling in Traffic Light Signalisation

F/361/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Walsh - Derelict and Vacant Homes

F/362/24 (Agenda Item No 19)

Report of Committees

F/363/24 (Agenda Item No 19a)

Report of Special Corporate Policy Committee (CPG) Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Special Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024, be **APPROVED.**"

F/364/24 (Agenda Item No 19b)

Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024

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

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

F/365/24 (Agenda Item No 19c)

Report of Howth/Malahide (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth Malahide Services (B) meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/366/24 (Agenda Item No 19d)

Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/367/24 (Agenda Item No 20)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/368/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Grant of Wayleave and temporary works licence for Finglas to Fieldstown Cable Route, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Eirgrid**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor J. Newman and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of wayleave and temporary works licence at Coldwinters, Dublin 11, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 12th August 2024, be granted to Eirgrid, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Prosper Fingal**

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

"That lands at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th August 2024, be disposed of to Prosper Fingal, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c **Fee Simple Proposed Disposals**

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Guerin and **RESOLVED**:

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

F/369/24 (Agenda Item No 22)

Declarations of Roads

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/370/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh and **AGREED.**

That the updated Terms of Reference set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED**.

F/371/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Report on Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee

David Storey, Director of Services provided a verbal report:

"The Council will provide a quarterly update on the Balleally landfill at the Marine & Coastal SPC. The report will also be circulated to all Councillors in Rush/Lusk/Donabate Electoral Area."

Following discussion the verbal report was **AGREED**.

F/372/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Draft Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2024-2029

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

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey and seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That the SPC scheme is amended to include 7 elected members on the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC."

Following discussions, the amendment was **AGREED**.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That the SPC scheme is amended to include 8 elected members on the Housing SPC as was the case in the previous council term."

Following discussions, the amendment was **AGREED**.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED:**

"That the **Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2024-2029** as amended be **ADOPTED**."

F/373/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/374/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Condemnation of Racism**

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

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

F/375/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Conference Report

a **AILG Elected Member September to November 2024 Training Programme**

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

b **AILG - UCC Climate Crisis and Local Government Course for Councillors open for Enrolment - Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Climate Crisis and Local Government in partnership with the University College Cork. Deadline for applications is the 9th September 2024**

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

c **The Irish Council for Social Housing Finance and Development Conference 2024, 16th-17th October, 2024, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo**

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

d **Decarbonising Dublin Summit Thursday 14th November 2024, Camden Court Hotel, Dublin City Centre**

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

F/376/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Correspondence

a **Email from R. Begley, Regulatory & Administration Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland dated 3rd July 2024 re Item 44 - Cllr J. Walsh - Impact of Noise from M50 Motorway**

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

b **Email from Wexford County Council dated 9th July - re Motion - Adopt a zero tolerance approach towards gender based violence**

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

c **Email from the Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, Sichuan Province, P.R. China dated 17th July 2024 Re- 2024 Chengdu Horticulture Expo - 10th Anniversary of the sister cities between Chengdu and Fingal**

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

d **Email from National Transport Authority dated 26th August 2024 - re Item 47 Cllr B Manton - Hospital Access by Public Transport**

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

e **Email from Uisce Éireann dated 27th August 2024 re- Motion Item 39 Cllr D Mulligan - Water Outage due to Trunk Main Connection 26th February 2023**

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

F/377/24 (Agenda Item No 30)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was noted there was no business on this item.

MOTIONS

F/378/24 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor C. Boland - Breaches of Planning Permission - daa

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

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

F/379/24 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor M. Quinn - Terms of Reference of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Committee

Councillor M. Quinn withdrew the motion.

F/380/24 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Tormey - Council's Approach to Managing Graffiti

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

During discussions, it was **AGREED** that this matter will be reviewed by the relevant SPC.

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

F/381/24 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Survey of Cycles lane - Five years or older

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

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

F/382/24 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Swimming Pools for Fingal

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude item 35.

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

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

F/383/24 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor J. Newman - Fairness and Transparency of the Housing Appeals Procedure

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

The report was **ACCEPTED.**

The Meeting concluded at 8.05p.m.

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ITEM NO. 02

FINGAL'S COUNTY BOUNDARIES – COASTAL EROSION

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the protection measures undertaken to save Fingal from its Northern County boundary with Meath to its Southern County boundary with Dublin City County from the effects of further coastal erosion, presenting a full analysis of the areas lost in the past ten years and state, if there was any complementary uptake in other areas of the coastline?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council currently has a limited legal remit with regard to the management of coastal change (including erosion) especially as it affects private property. The Council is however very mindful of the understandable concerns of residents in Fingal affected by this issue. The recently published *"Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change"* outlines recommendations for the management of coastal change over the short, medium, and longer terms. It is our understanding that the government intends developing national policy/legislation on coastal change based on these recommendations. The Council does not have comprehensive data on the extent of land lost through coastal change over the past 10 years. The Council is however continuing to work with the Office of Public Works (OPW) on the development of a standard for National Coastal Monitoring. The process for the development of this standardised approach is nearing completion. To this end, Rogerstown Outer Estuary has been included by the OPW as a pilot site for coastal monitoring in Ireland. When the coastal monitoring process is extended countrywide, the data for Fingal from this monitoring will be made available to FCC and their consultants

and used to assist future decision making in relation to appropriate management of Coastal Change for the entirety of the coastline in Fingal. In relation to coastal change, the most vulnerable location along the Fingal Coastline is the Rogerstown Outer Estuary and more specifically, The Burrow Peninsula Portrane. In response to the level of coastal change in this area and the concerns of the local community, the Council has commissioned a Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) plan. This plan proposes a long-term solution to coastal change including erosion at the peninsula. The plan has been submitted as part of a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority. A MAC is required before the CFERM is submitted to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) for statutory approval.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

TIMEFRAME FOR THE NEXT FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline estimate dates and time frames for the next Fingal Development Plan so that Councillors can plan accordingly?"

Reply:

Current legislation governing the review and making of a Development Plan is set out under Part II 'Plans and Guidelines' of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

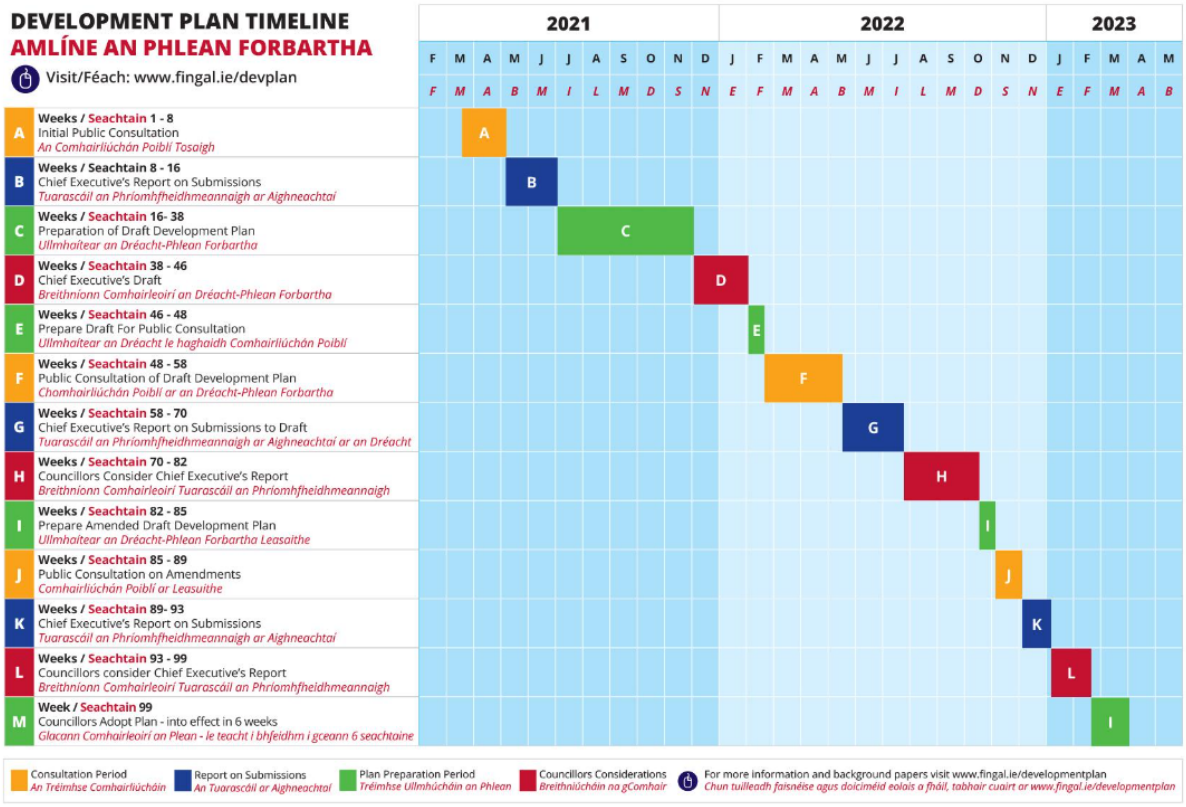
Under Section 9 of the Act, a planning authority is required to make a Development Plan for its functional area every six years.

Under Section 11 of the Act, the planning authority must give notice of its intention to review its existing Development Plan and to prepare a new Development Plan for the area not later than **four years** after the making of the existing Plan.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was made by the Elected Members on the 22nd of February 2023 and came into effect on the 5th of April 2023.

Hence, the review of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 under current legislation, would likely commence in March 2027 with the publication of the Strategic Issues Paper, culminating in February/March 2029 with the adoption of a new Development Plan.

For reference, please see the timetable associated with the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which outlined the various stages of the process.



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

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ITEM NO. 04

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FACILITY FUND

Question: Councillor D. Mulligan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the status of Ireland's Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) funding in terms of Fingal and to give an overview of projects in this County that received funding under this scheme and progression to date, given €323 million of €915 million has been drawn down to date?"

Reply:

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is the key instrument of the NextGenerationEU initiative, which seeks to make the EU stronger and more resilient. The aim is to mitigate the economic and social impact of the coronavirus pandemic and make European economies and societies more sustainable, resilient and better prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the green and digital transitions.

Ireland has been allocated €914 million in grants for its National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).

The projects in Ireland's NRRP cover the following priority areas:

- Advancing the Green Transition
- Accelerating and Expanding Digital Reforms and Transformation
- Social and Economic Recovery and Job Creation

More details and a list of the top 100 beneficiaries to date under the scheme are included at the following link.
https://eufunds.ie/covid/recovery-and-resilience-facility/

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 05

NUMBER OF HOMELESS FAMILIES IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor B. Hanaphy

"To ask the Chief Executive for a breakdown of the number of homeless families in Fingal, specifically detailing how many children; age profile; gender; average number of children per family; location; any other information that would be useful for Support Services to assist these families; and a commitment to report this Fingal-specific data on a quarterly basis?"

Reply:

Currently there are 269 families accessing emergency accommodation registered with Fingal County Council for social housing support. These families comprise 468 adults (some of these adults are adult children) and 636 children. These families are placed in emergency accommodation in various locations and Fingal County Council works with a variety of state bodies and NGOs to provide support services to assist these families.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

LOW REGISTRATION ON THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive, as to what initiatives are currently underway in Fingal to address the low registration of more recent residents to the Local Authority area, on the Register of Electors and would it be of any benefit to initiate a campaign with Inclusion Projects across the County to facilitate this?"

Reply:

The Council continues to engage with national media campaigns to remind people to register to vote and to vote on election day.

A significant advertisement campaign was held across the County in the lead up to the Local Elections in June. This campaign included adverts on social media, bus shelters, local media outlets, etc. These adverts were encouraging people to register to vote.

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

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

Register of Electors staff will also be taking part in Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo on 15 October, 2024.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 07

FUTURE EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive, following on from the successful events across the County this summer, has the Council any plans for Widescreen Public Events, as they arise, or cinema showings, in the coming year?"

Reply:

The Council is planning an extensive events calendar for 2025 which includes a wide variety of Community and Cultural events. Whilst we have no plans at present for Council led widescreen or cinema public events, these do take place across the County operated by our partners in the Seamus Ennis Centre and Newbridge House and other community facilities.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 08

REQUIREMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST REPORT FOR A HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANT

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive, if she can provide a justification for the policy that requires Council tenants to provide an Occupational Therapist (OT) report with an application for a bathroom modification on health or mobility grounds, whereas applications from private homeowners for grants for similar work do not need to be accompanied by an OT report and, that there is a one year wait to get an OT Assessment through the public health system?"

Reply:

The Council administers the Adaptation to Council Dwellings Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing and Local Government (DHLHG). The particulars of the scheme are set by the DHLHG for all Local Authorities. One of the conditions is for the provision of an OT Report to be provided by the applicants. OT Reports outline the particulars of the adaptations required to meet the needs of the applicants. This scheme differs from private homeowner applicants, whereby the private homeowner engages a contractor directly, covers the costs and then recoups some of the funds from the Council.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

REVIEW THE BEACH AND FORESHORE BYE LAWS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to reviewing the Beach and Foreshore Bye Laws which have not been reviewed in a long time?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council Beach and Foreshore Bye-Law 2006, the Bye-Laws governing beach and foreshore in the county of Fingal at Blackrock (Balbriggan), Balbriggan, Barnageera, Skerries North, Skerries South, Loughshinny, Rush North, Rush South, Portrane, Tower Bay, Donabate, Malahide, Portmarnock, Sutton (Burrow Beach and Howth (Claremont) were adopted by the Council on 13th February 2006 and came into force on 15th March 2006.

A Review of the current Bye-Laws will be carried out and included in the 2025 Work Programme for the Public Realm, Transportation / Mobility Management SPC to review.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 10

BYE LAWS SURROUNDING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING CABLES

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the Bye laws surrounding the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging cables under public footpaths outside dwellings that do not have a driveway?'

Reply:

There are no Bye-Laws for the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Cables under public footpaths as a licensing system is already in place for the opening of a public footpath or public road.

The authorisation for the opening of a footpath is regulated and controlled by way of a Road Opening Licence which is administered via the MRL system which is a shared service administered by the Roads Management Office. Utilities like ESB, Bord Gas etc, apply for road opening licences when they are installing infrastructure that requires the opening of the road or footpath. Conditions are applied to the licence in accordance with the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads.

Destination and Neighborhood Charging for EV's
The four Dublin Local Authorities have completed a strategy on the provision of EV infrastructure to examine how the four Councils can best facilitate the

provision of electric vehicle-charging infrastructure across the Dublin region and the scale of investment required.

The procurement process for destinations chargers was completed recently. Works will soon commence for the installation of up to 200 destination chargers on local authority sites across the four Dublin Local Authorities – these are typically community centres, libraries, sports pitches, local authority carparks etc. Fingal County Council is currently engaging with ESB Networks to put electricity connections in place for these chargers and once this is confirmed, locations will be announced. It is envisaged that the first destination chargers will become operational under this scheme by March / April 2025. The Dublin local authorities will move to consider neighborhood chargers as a follow on to the destination charger project.

Source of Joint Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations
David Storey, Director, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department

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ITEM NO. 11

SCHOOL WARDENS PANEL

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if the People, Corporate and Digital Services Department would consider training, vetting and calling up people who are waiting on panels to become School Wardens, so they are ready to fill spaces in the event of an absence?"

Reply:

Garda Vetting is conducted in respect of any person who is carrying out work with children or vulnerable persons in accordance with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012. Therefore, all School Wardens are Garda Vetted once they have accepted an offer of employment by Fingal County Council. However, this process is currently under review by People Services with a view to conducting Garda Vetting and training in a more timely manner to persons waiting on a panel.

Source of Reply:
Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services Department

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ITEM NO. 12

REMOVAL OF NATIVE HEDGEROW FROM COUNCIL LANDS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an estimate as to the amount of native hedgerow, in metres, which has been removed from Council owned Development lands, for each year since 2014?"

Reply:

The Council does not remove hedgerows that are within open spaces taken into charge by the Council. These hedgerows are managed and maintained in line with the Open Space Strategy.

New projects under construction may require some hedgerow removal which is always minimized and compensatory landscaping is put in place. The data as requested above is not recorded.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 13

RESCOURCING OF TOWNS CENTRE FIRST PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to prepare a comprehensive report on how this Council intends to ensure that all towns that are partaking in the Towns Centre First Programme will be properly resourced and funded, outlining recommendations for each respective town, as it is currently the case that different towns of similar population sizes are receiving varying levels of national funding?"

Reply:

Town Centre First aims to create town centres that function as viable, vibrant and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit, while also functioning as the service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community. Town Centre First Policy supports "Our Rural Future", Ireland's rural development policy which is integral to the national economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being. It advocates for a holistic, place-based approach to sustainable rural development.

The policy seeks to support towns of all sizes, recognising each town is unique and diverse and acknowledges that a "one size fits all" approach will not achieve sustainable and thriving communities.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys announced a €4.5 million package on 7th February 2024. This Suite of Supports, approved and allocated by central government, enabled the implementation of a series of measures for rural communities.

The package of supports included the following measures:

- Town Team Support Fund: Funding of up to €10,000 each for three towns in each eligible local authority area to support the establishment and development of town teams.
- Town Centre First Plan: Funding of €30,000 in each eligible local authority area to support the development of a TCF plan in a rural town.
- Project Development Measure**:** This measure aims to assist local authorities to contribute to a pipeline of significant, well developed projects by providing funding of €50,000 each to support two projects.

Fingal County Council has applied for, and been awarded, all available resources allocated from central government. Projects within Fingal have received funding to the value of €137,000.

Town	Funding
Ballyboughal	€10,000
Balrothery	€10,000
Donabate	€10,000
Lusk	€50,000
Lusk	€27,000
Rush	€30,000

The Town Regeneration Office are currently working with communities in five towns of different sizes to utilise these funds to their best effect.

Source of Reply:
John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 14

BREAKDOWN OF HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of Housing Allocations indicating:- how many allocations to social housing has this Council made in the year to date; - how many of these allocations have been families and individuals who were living in Emergency Homeless Accommodation; - how many of these allocations have been made to families and individuals not in Emergency Homeless Accommodation, but were assessed as homeless as they had been given a valid Notice of Termination by their landlord?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has allocated 608 tenancies of Social Housing to date. Of these 608 tenancies, 35 allocations were from applicants that were residing in emergency accommodation and 49 were from applicants at risk of becoming homeless.

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

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ITEM NO. 15

HOMES PURCHASED UNDER THE TENANT IN-SITU SCHEME

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to give a breakdown of how many homes have been purchased under the Tenant in-situ Scheme this year?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has closed sales on 106 properties under the Tenant in-Situ scheme so far this year. There are a further 67 properties going through conveyancing and 29 properties at assessment stage.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS OF FINGAL RECYCLING CENTRES

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the timeline for the extended opening hours of Fingal Recycling Centres?"

Reply:

There is a review currently underway with regards to the costs and proposed extension of the opening hours at Coolmine Recycling Centre in order to bring them in line with the Estuary Recycling Centre. Expenditure costs to cover increased wages, security and minor contracts will need to be provided for in the Draft Revenue Budget for 2025. An increase in income at the recycling centres is currently being reviewed and will be required to meet the increased expenditure costs.

The extension of opening hours is dependent on the required resources being in place.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department

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ITEM NO. 17

MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on how many private housing estates, where Fingal County Council owns properties, are managed by a Management Company providing the percentage of ownership this Council holds in each company and include in the report how many Annual General Meetings (AGM) of these management companies has the Executive attended in the last five years, either directly or through appointed representatives, what is this Council's policy when exercising its voting rights at these AGMs, particularly concerning issues such as service charges, maintenance standards, and governance, does the Council collaborate with Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) when voting at AGMs, in how many companies, if any, do this Council and AHBs combined hold more than 50% of the voting share?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council owns 629 properties with 98 Owner Management Companies and 42 Managing Agents engaged. The breakdown is as follows:

OMC with 1 Unit in Ownership	42
OMC with between 2- 10 units in Ownership	42
OMC with between 11 – 20 units in Ownership	8
OMC with between 20 – 40 units in Ownership	2
OMC with over 40 units in Ownership	4

Fingal County Council has representatives elected to the boards of seven OMCs, and 35 AGMs have been attended in this respect over the last five years. OMCs have a responsibility to undertake their functions under the Multi-Unit Development Act which includes management and maintenance of common areas and ensuring the safe operation of the building for the benefit of all residents. The company directors are obliged to fulfil their duties in accordance with the company's constitution.

Whilst we engage extensively with Approved Housing Bodies with respect to many issues, heretofore we have not engaged with respect to voting intentions at AGMs.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

DEVELOPMENT LEVIES ACCRUED

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide on a yearly basis since 2019 the amount of Development Levies accrued by each Local Electoral Area and how much is outstanding to date?"

Reply:

The Planning Department's Financial Management System does not record Development Levies by Electoral Area as levies collected within the County are spent throughout the County.

From January 1st, 2019, to September 30th, 2024, a total of €360,894,967 has been invoiced in development levies and a total of €152,106,002 remains outstanding. Of this, €34,652,690 are in phasing arrangements and €51,652,282 are owed to Fingal by the Department under the Development Levy Waiver Scheme.

It is the policy of Fingal County Council to invoice for full developments on commencement. As developers build larger developments in phases some of the money invoiced may not fall due until further phases within the development have commenced.

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

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ITEM NO. 19

EXTEND THE HOURS OF THE DOG WARDEN SERVICES

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there are any proposals to extend the hours of the Dog Warden Services in Fingal to pick up stray and abandoned dogs, particularly at the weekend?"

Reply:

The provision of the Dog Warden Service in Fingal has increased over the last few years from 2 full-time Dog Wardens initially to 4 full-time Dog Wardens providing a 7-day service and 2 additional part-time Dog Wardens to cover the busy summer period from May to September.

The Dog Wardens carry out their duties in accordance with the Control of Dogs Act 1986 and Control of Dogs Regulations 1998 and are focused on ensuring responsible dog ownership countywide. The Dog Wardens will seize stray or abandoned dogs following reports from members of the public or other authorities, 7 days p/wk during their operational hours. The Dog Warden Service is provided for 9 hours per day Monday to Friday and 6 hours per day Saturday and Sunday.

The Dog Wardens do not collect stray or abandoned dogs outside of these hours unless it is a restricted breed. If this is the case, a member of the public wishing to make a report can contact Fingal County Councils Customer Care number on 01-8905000 and they will be put through to the Emergency Out of Hours call centre.

If a stray dog that is not on the restricted breeds list is reported outside of operational hours, the caller is usually requested to hold onto the dog overnight and the dog warden will attend the following morning. If this is not possible, they are advised to contact their local Garda Station. All Garda Stations in Fingal are aware of the out of hours Control of Dogs procedure.

It is not proposed to extend the operational hours of the Dog Warden Service at this time.

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

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ITEM NO. 20

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 20a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

MATTERS OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE AND FINANCE

Finance Matters

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



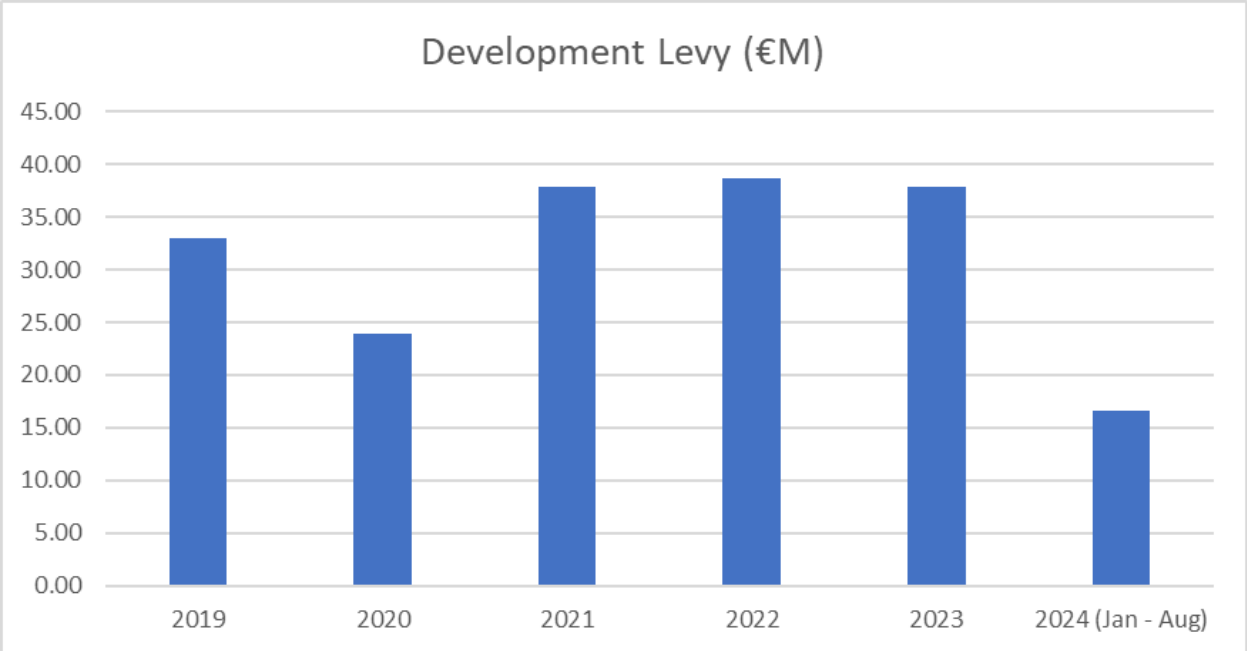
REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 31 August 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	65,891,159	105,932,600	62%	69,704,444	108,268,800	64%	-3,813,285
Road Transport & Safety	22,821,383	36,130,600	63%	6,024,849	9,056,100	67%	16,796,534
Water Services	11,295,648	14,369,700	79%	11,320,752	17,039,600	66%	-25,104
Development Management	25,500,966	20,845,600	122%	15,131,783	6,574,000	230%	10,369,183
Environmental Services	32,409,492	48,453,500	67%	7,362,498	10,947,500	67%	25,046,994
Recreation & Amenity	36,960,558	56,603,300	65%	3,787,962	4,841,800	78%	33,172,596
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,260,501	1,513,800	83%	262,428	409,700	64%	998,072
Miscellaneous Services	16,241,861	21,972,500	74%	19,255,136	29,279,600	66%	-3,013,276
Central Management Charge	35,537,836	56,075,600	63%	2,753,181	3,969,700	69%	32,784,655
Local Property Tax / GPG				8,244,200	12,366,300	67%	-8,244,200
Rates				106,096,067	159,144,100	67%	-106,096,067
	247,919,403	**361,897,200**	**69%**	**249,943,300**	**361,897,200**	**69%**	**-2,023,897**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2024

		Balance at 0/01/2024 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012	130,829,815	-101,593,571	3,528,232
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410	36,643,752	-20,294,852	28,091,310
C	Water Services	-11,305,335	1,324,194	-1,150,655	-11,131,796
D	Development Management	-142,996,695	22,402,053	-17,690,898	-138,285,540
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477	2,049,811	-1,567,901	-14,108,567
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433	22,865,863	-6,396,641	-2,089,211
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202	8,540,772	-10,208,589	-50,566,019
	Total	**-250,314,744**	**224,656,261**	**-158,903,107**	**-184,561,590**

Payroll 2024	**Actual to 31/8/2024**	**Outturn 31/8/2024**	**Variance**	**% of Outturn**
Wages	18,011,920	19,022,800	1,010,880	95%
Salaries	41,524,722	39,532,800	(1,991,922)	105%
Total Salaries and Wages	**59,536,642**	**58,555,600**	**(981,042)**	**102%**
Pensions	11,733,991	11,653,333	(80,657)	101%



Rates report to 31/8/2024									
Opening Arrears at 1/1/2024	Accrued	Vacant Property Adjustment	Write Offs	Waiver	Total for Collection	Amount Collected	Closing Arrears at 31/5/2024	2024 collection %	2023 collection %
2,579,534	160,154,711	(38,427)	(1,152,559)	209,670	161,752,928	130,671,582	31,081,346	81%	79%

		Tailte Eireann valuation (VO)	Appealants valuation
Total Valuation of accounts under appeal		200,353,390	64,908,876
ARV		0.1796	0.1796
Rates Payable		35,983,469	11,657,634
Annual Loss in rates if all appeals were decided based on the appellants estimates			24,325,835
Potential maximum cumulative loss (2020 - 2024)			**121,629,174**
Rates revaluation Capital Reserve 31/12/2024			**87,981,816**
Reserve Coverage of maximum losses			**72.3%**

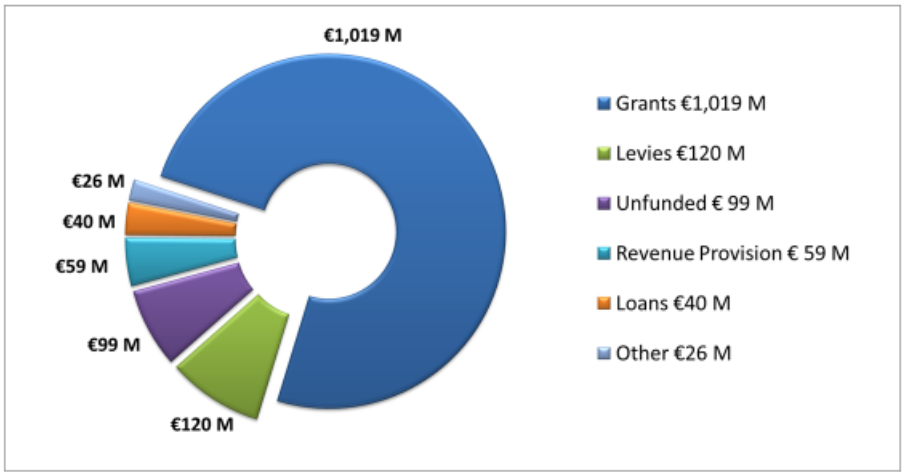


3 Year Capital Plan

- Available on FCC website.
- 3 year Capital Plan brought to Council annually (October).
- Plan is prepared by each Department.
- It outlines the anticipated capital projects across the County.
- Includes projects in different stages from those on feasibility study to onsite.
- Currently **c.€600m** of capital projects on site with a further **c.€280m** in tender stage.
- Includes details on project funding.

	EXPENDITURE				FUNDED BY						
	2024	2025	2026	Total Expenditure 2024-2026	Levies	Grants	Loans	Revenue Provision	Unfunded	Other	TOTAL INCOME 2024-2026
HOUSING	214 M	352 M	295 M	860 M		834 M		9 M		17 M	860 M
COMMUNITY & SPORTS	9 M	14 M	9 M	32 M	1 M			17 M	14 M		32 M
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	61 M	62 M	63 M	186 M	92 M	85 M				9 M	186 M
OPERATIONS	17 M	15 M	17 M	48 M	26 M			12 M	10 M		48 M
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	28 M	33 M	17 M	77 M		74 M		3 M			77 M
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	54 M	45 M	41 M	139 M		26 M	40 M	12 M	61 M		139 M
CORPORATE AFFAIRS & GOVERNANCE	7 M	7 M	6 M	20 M				6 M	15 M		20 M
	389 M	528 M	447 M	1364 M	120 M	1019 M	40 M	59 M	99 M	26 M	1364 M

Capital Programme – Funding



Capital Programme – Projects Funding under assesment

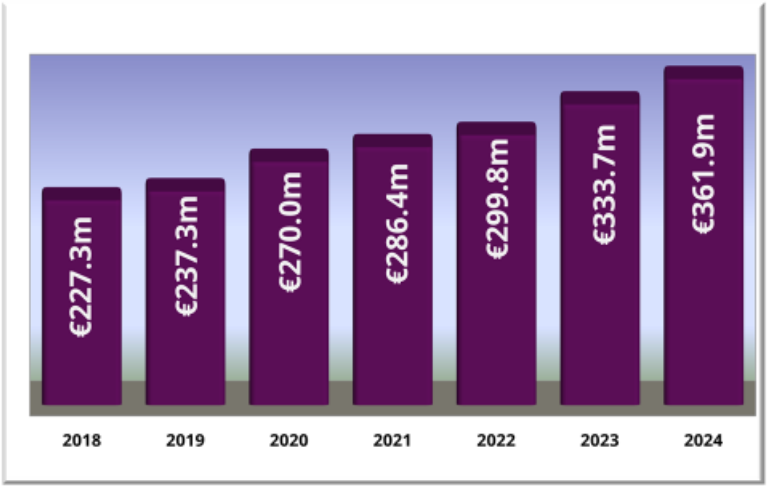
- Heritage Properties €15.4m
- Industrial Development €37.0m
- Corporate Buildings €14.5m
- Community Centres €14.2m
- Harbours €9.6m
- Libraries €5.2m

Annual Revenue Budget

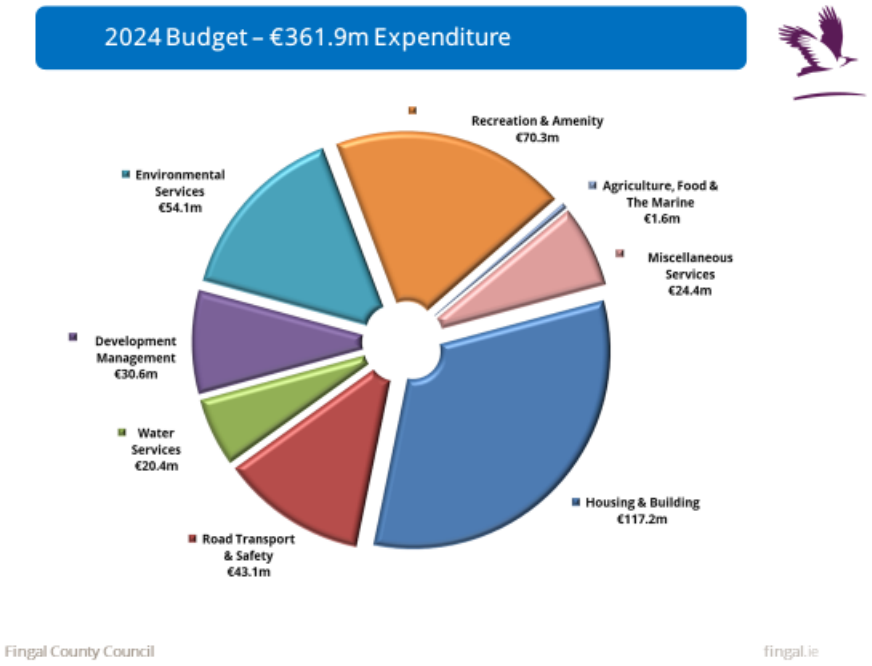
- Budget presented annually for approval by Members. 2024 budget available on FCC website.
- Budget reflects the estimated annual income and expenditure across all Departments (including Capital transfers).
- Initial budget submission prepared by each department.
- Budget must be balanced i.e. expenditure must match income.
- Ongoing consultation with CPG through the budgetary process.
- Key revenue raising levers available to Members are LPT and Commercial rates.
- Date for 2025 budget is December 3rd.

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Annual Budget Growth



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Following discussion, the report was **NOTED** by the Members**.**

Representation Portal

Mr. Paul Barker, Systems Analyst, Digital Services, gave the Members a demonstration of the new Representation Portal, answering questions and addressing queries.

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Councillors Portal

Paul Barker
Systems Analyst

Sept, 09, 2024

Reasons

- Current portal is developed using old technology and approaching end-of-life.
- Need for enhanced functionality to include greater reporting and mapping
- Tighter integration with internal CRM
- Enable greater system interoperability

New Functionality

- New mapping functionality
  - Place representation on map
  - View all mapped representations
- Commitments
  - Separate view for commitments
  - Sourced from representations and council meetings(TBD)
- Ability to reset passwords
- Increased attachment size
- Improved security

Demo

- Home (powerappsportals.com)

Dates

- 16/09/2024/WC – Testing invites sent
- 16/09/2024/WC – Training schedule circulated
- 30/09/2024/WC – 3-week training commences
- 18/10/2024 – Current portal disabled
- 19/10/2024 – Export of 12 months reps to new system (12 months rolling from close date)
- 21/10/2024 – Go Live

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Questions

- Questions?

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

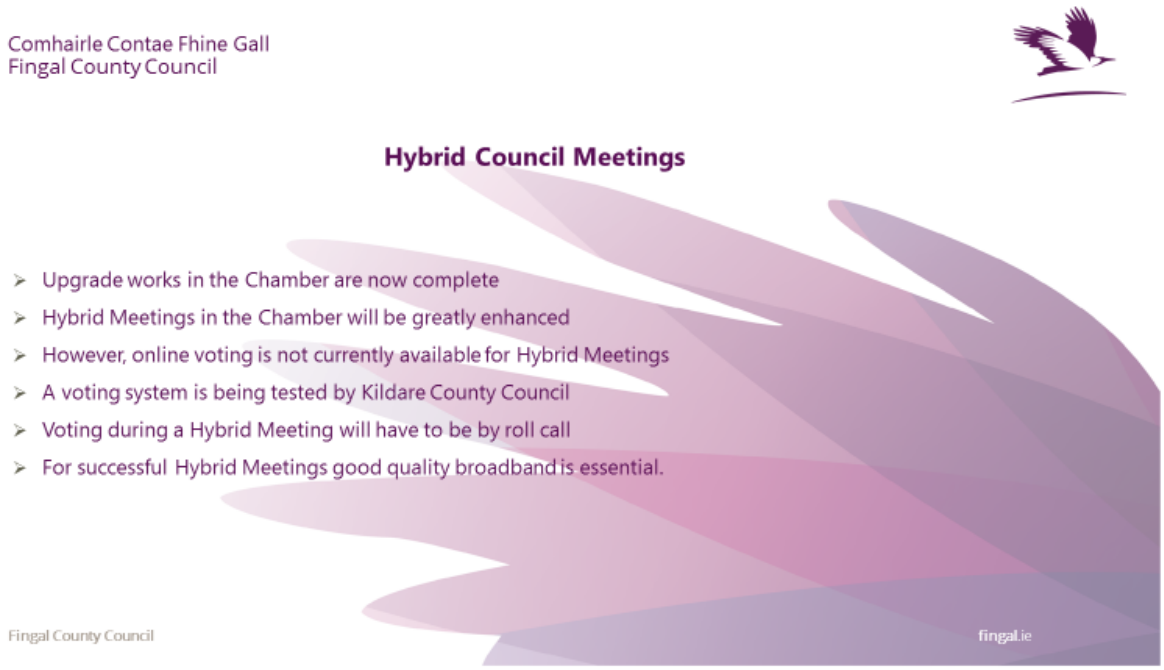
Approval of Corporate Calendar July - December 2024

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

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to bring the January 2025 – June 2025 to the next OP&F meeting. The Calendar of Meeting dates was **AGREED**.

Hybrid Council Meetings

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services gave the Members a presentation on Hybrid Council Meetings.





Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that this item is to be given further consideration by the CPG, the presentation was **NOTED**.

Corporate Plan 2024-2029

Mr. Gerry Mc Dermot, Head of Communications, gave the Members a presentation on the Corporate Plan 2024-2029.

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Corporate Plan 2024 - 2029

Gerry McDermott
Head of Communications, Corporate Planning and Office of the Chief Executive

September 9, 2024

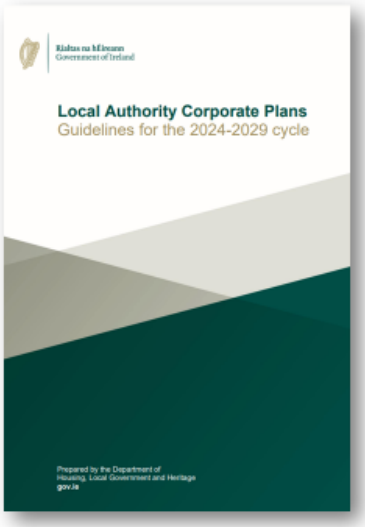
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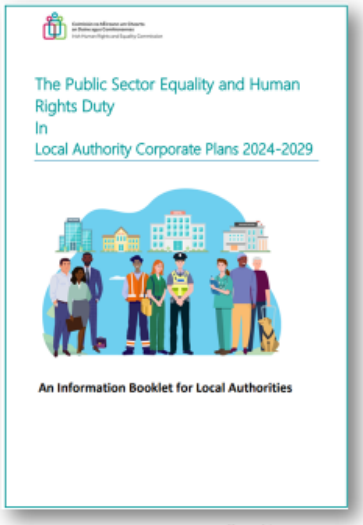
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Guidelines







Current Corporate Plan

OUR VISION

Fingal - a great place to live, work, visit and do business

OUR MISSION

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

OUR CORPORATE VALUES

ACCOUNTABLE - We are accountable for delivering on our commitments

ACT WITH INTEGRITY - We work in a principled, open and conscientious manner]

CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE - We embrace change and pursue excellence

DEMOCRATIC AND CIVIC LEADERSHIP - We value the democratic process and protect civic leadership

ENGAGE AND INSPIRE - We focus on engaging and inspiring our citizens

INCLUSIVENESS - We will include all citizens in our activities

PUT PEOPLE FIRST - We value people, encourage their development and reward their performance

SUSTAINABILITY - We keep sustainability to the forefront of everything we do

Four Themes

QUALITY OF LIFE
3 Priorities, 20 Objectives

QUALITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT
2 Priorities, 11 Objectives

QUALITY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT
3 Priorities, 11 Objectives

QUALITY IN OUR WORK
3 Priorities, 14 Objectives

Work to date

June 4:	Presentation to Executive Management Team
June 18:	Kick-Off Meeting with RPS
July 1:	Meeting with Corporate Policy Group
July 2:	Workshop 1 with Directors and Senior Managers
July 3:	Workshop 2 with Other Staff
July 24:	Workshop 3 with Councillors (Postponed)
July 30:	Review meeting with RPS
August 29:	Workshop 4 with External Stakeholders
September 2:	Update to Corporate Policy Group

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Work ahead

September 9:	Update to Organisation Procedure and Finance Meeting
September 11:	Launch of Public, Councillors, and Staff Surveys
September 19:	**Workshop 3 with Councillors**
September 30:	Closing date for Public, Councillors and Staff Surveys
October 1:	Drafting process commences
October:	Update to Corporate Policy Group
November:	Update to Corporate Policy Group
December:	Presentation of Draft Plan to Executive Management Team
December:	Presentation of Draft Plan to Corporate Policy Group
December 9:	Presentation to Council for approval

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

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ITEM NO. 20b

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS (SERVICES B) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously ? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Thrive Balbriggan GA-003137	€1,900.00	Venue Hire - Bracken Court Hotel Guest Speaker - Colman Noctor	N	N/A	€1,900.00
Ballyboughal Boxing Club GA-003153	€620.00	Storage Cabinet for defibrillator	Y	€2,252.30 - 2024	€620.00

Balbriggan Meals On Wheels GA-003115	€1,950.00	Fire Training Cardiac First Aid Training Emergency First Aid Safeguard Vulnerable Persons x2 sessions.	Y	€1,179.63- 2023 €900.00 - 2022	€1,950.00

It was proposed by Councillor Cllr. Boland and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 20c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE (SERVICES B) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Baldoyle Family Resource Services GA-003131	€2,850	Chess tutor, Music facilitator, Chess Equipment	Y	€1000 – 2024 €480 - 2023	€2000
Malahide Active Retirement Association GA-003132	€500	Bus Hire for 50 persons	N	N/A	€500

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Red Rox Baseball Club	€2150	Red Rox Baseball require shared equipment for their sessions to go ahead, they are requested baseball bats, safety gloves, bases and safety gear for the catchers	Yes	2021- €3000 2022 - €3000	€2150

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

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 20d

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Mountview Fortlawn Youth and Sports Hub GA-003171	€2,909	Supply of Flowers for class's Christmas Decorations Strimmer Water hose Flymo easi weeder Halloween Decorations	Y	2023 - €3,000	€2,909

		Easter Hunt Decorations/ Baskets Cooker Christmas event			
Luttrellstown Community Centre GA-003157	€2,506	Clevertouch M 65" Interactive Display Clevertouch CMS Trolley Onsite Installation	Y	2024 - € 300 2023 - €1,200	€2,506
Porterstown Panthers GA-003006	€1,500	Defibrillator	N	N/A	€2,220
Huntstown Family Resource Centre Ltd GA-003160	€3,665	Tutor Dance Fitness Siel Bleu Women's Exercise Class Floral Workshops DJ Yoga with Linda Unwind with Plants Quotation Irish Institute of Music	Y	2023 - €3,000 2022 - €2,328	€3,000
Mountview Family Resource Centre GA-003077	€3,000	Tutor fees for exercise class 42 weeks	N	N/A	€3,000

It was proposed by Councillor T. Doyle and seconded by Councillor J. Walsh.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Mountview FC	€2,500	Mountview FC require football nets, first aid kits, tram water bottles, small sided training goals and poles	Yes	2022 - €3,000	€2,500

It was proposed by Councillor T. Doyle and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt.

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

Signed: **Councillor JK Onwumereh**

Area Chairperson

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 20e

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2024

Capital Plan / Budget 2025 (L.P.T.)

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the members of the Corporate Policy Group. He advised that the Capital Programme 2025-2027 will be circulated to all Councillors following the CPG meeting and a briefing is scheduled for Wednesday, 9th of October. The CPG discussed the Local Property Tax. It was proposed by Cllr McDonagh and seconded by Cllr O'Brien that the CPG recommend that the rate of -7.5% is retained. The majority of the CPG were in favour of the proposal and agreed to recommend to full Council at its meeting on Monday, 14th of October.

SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029 Chairs & SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029 Committee Membership

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a slide presentation to the members of the Corporate Policy Group. She outlined the proposed chairs for each of the 7 Strategic Policy Committees and the proposed membership of each Committee. Amendments were proposed by the CPG, and it was agreed to recommend the revised draft to full Council at the October meeting. Ms. Egan advised that the nominations for the sectoral representatives may not be available for the October meeting and it may be necessary to defer consideration of this item to the November council meeting. She indicated that if the details of the proposed nominees are made available this week the CPG will be notified, and their agreement sought for recommending to full council in October.

Appointment of External Members by Resolution to Audit Committee

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services advised the Members that she is awaiting confirmation of the last external member to the Audit Committee. She sought the agreement of the Corporate Policy Group to forward confirmation of the membership of the Audit Committee when available for their recommendation to full Council at the October meeting. The CPG agreed to revert with their recommendation once the final detail is received.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 20f

Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th October 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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Swords Photographic Group GA-003158	€ 2948	Horizon Pr4k Projector Lenovo Laptop	N	N/A	€2848
34th Dublin Ballyboughal Scouts	€3061	2* Group Leader Training (Scouting Ire), 2* Being a	N	N/A	€3000

GA-003217		Scouter Training (Scouting I), 2*Group Printed Flags (Flagman), 1*Ceremonial Flagpole (Flagman), 3*Force 10 Mk 5 Tents (Scoutshop), Eco Fold Twin Kitchen (Scoutshop), Eco Kitchen			
Swords Senior Citizens GA-003149	€1171	Microwave x 1 Tableclothes x 8 Burco Boiler x 1 Cake Stands x 10 Craft Supplies Microphone x 1 Printing Membership Cards Bus Transport Vinyl Promotion Banners	N	N/A	€1171
Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club GA-002990	€1151	oleomac bch250d-pu 5 in 1 multi tool, 46mtr roll strimmer cord, 5 ltr petrol can, 1 shot 2 stroke 1 ltr 2 stroke, waterskline 7 mm 100m homologated ring lifebuoy 65 cm 5 broad anti-foul 2.5l true blue 3	N	N/A	€1131

Fingal Ukrainian Support Group GA – 003227	€2993	Insurance, Room Hire Halloween event 26 October Art & Crafts 70 children Halloween event Room Hire St Nicholas Event 6 December Face Painting 4 hours St Nicholas event Decorations St Nicholas event	N	N/A	€2993
Castleland Park Neighbourhood Watch GA-003224	€1272	Gaming bus Cyber safe speaker Room Hire Advertising (A0 poster in estate)	Y	2023 – €965.58 2022 - €834	€1272
Balrothery Tidy Towns GA-003228	€932	Insurance Newsletter	N	N/A	€912
Balbriggan Cancer Support Group GA-003138	€2500	New Website Design	N	N/A	€3000
Garristown Community Council Ltd GA-003230	€3000	Annual Insurance Premium for Garristown 6 Folding trestle tables	Y	2023 - €2829 2022 - €2300	€2999.94
Swords I.C.A. GA-003162	€1019	Gemini Die Cutting machine accessory Glue pens	Y	2024 - €537	€1019

		19 die cutters and stamps for cards Katy sue Card sets 6 Acrylic paint x 20 The Works Craft pliers 6 packets x 7.50 The Works Scotch Tape x 20 Tes			
Rush Tidy Towns GA-003229	€3000	WEEDHEX 140 Weed Scraper & ancillaries Printing of 200 copies of bygone days	Y	2023 - €3000	€3000
OWLS - The Childrens Nature Charity GA-003232	€1606	Project 1. The School Programme Covers the school monthly visits - 7 Hands outs Guide on end of year field visit Project 2 The ponds will be dug by volunteers Liners x2	N	N/A	€1784

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

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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McNally Swords Cycling Club	€1379	The club require a safety car for all their events and also their leisure/ recreational cycles for safety and first aid. The club require insurance for their safety car, which has been funded previously in 2023 and 2022.	Yes	2022 – 3000 2023 - 3000	€1379
Lusk United FC	€2980	Lusk Utd require net fix sets, futsal nets for small sides games, full size nets, Velcro	Yes	2022 - €3000	€2980

		straps, corner flags and 7 aside goals.			
Sportslink Bowls Club	€2807	Sportslink Bowls Club require new sets of bowls for their shared programmes for beginners who wish to trial out the sport, bowl gathers and lifters for older adults to utilise and bowl measures.	No	N/A	€2807
Skerries AC	€3000	Skerries AC require new equipment due to an increase in membership, this grant will fund. High jump landing mats, starting blocks, hurdles and a rechargeable work light and tripod.	Yes	2022 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3000

It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue.

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

Signed: Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 21a

3-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

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Fingal County Council

Capital Programme

2024 Outturn

Capital Programme 2025-2027

14th OCTOBER 2024

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Report on Capital Programme

Outturn 2024 & Capital Programme 2025-2027

INTRODUCTION

The Three-Year Capital Programme 2025-2027 is attached for the Members' consideration. In addition, an up-to-date projected Outturn on the Capital Programme for 2024 is also attached. The original Programme for 2024 was presented to the Members at the Council Meeting of October 2023.

It is important to note that consideration of the Capital Programme by the Members does not confer Council approval on any individual project. This can only be done through the normal statutory processes and compliance with the Public Spending Code. Funding arrangements also need to be clearly identified and secured in advance of committing to any project.

The Capital Programme is a rolling programme which will be revised annually - time and other constraints may vary the progress of projects within a given period.

The original Capital Programme for 2024 provided for estimated expenditure of €386.2m and identified 312 projects. The projected Outturn expenditure for 2024 is €431.4m which represents significant progress and investment in the County.

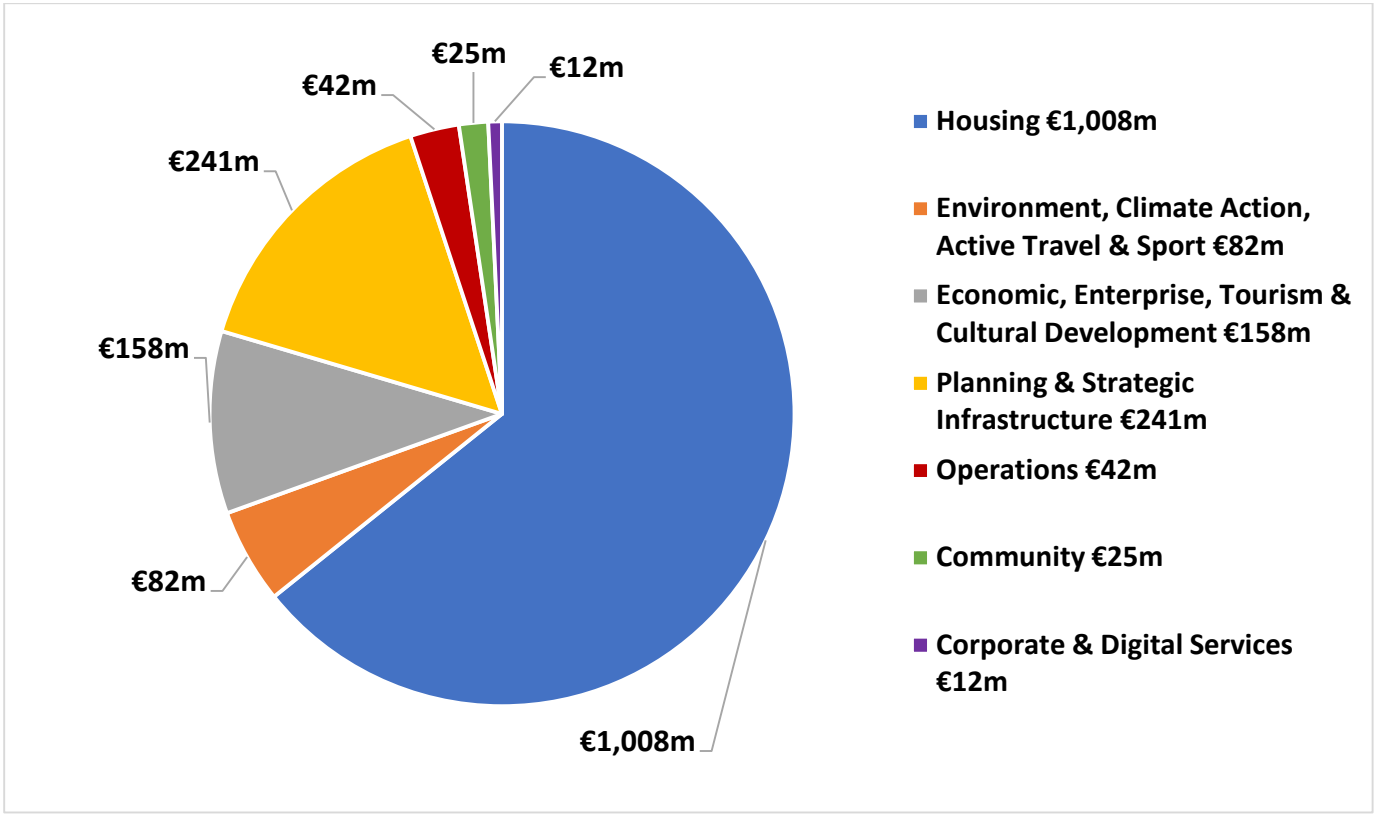
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2027

The Capital Programme 2025-2027 identifies 331 individual projects with an estimated spend of **€1,568.7m** over the 3 years.

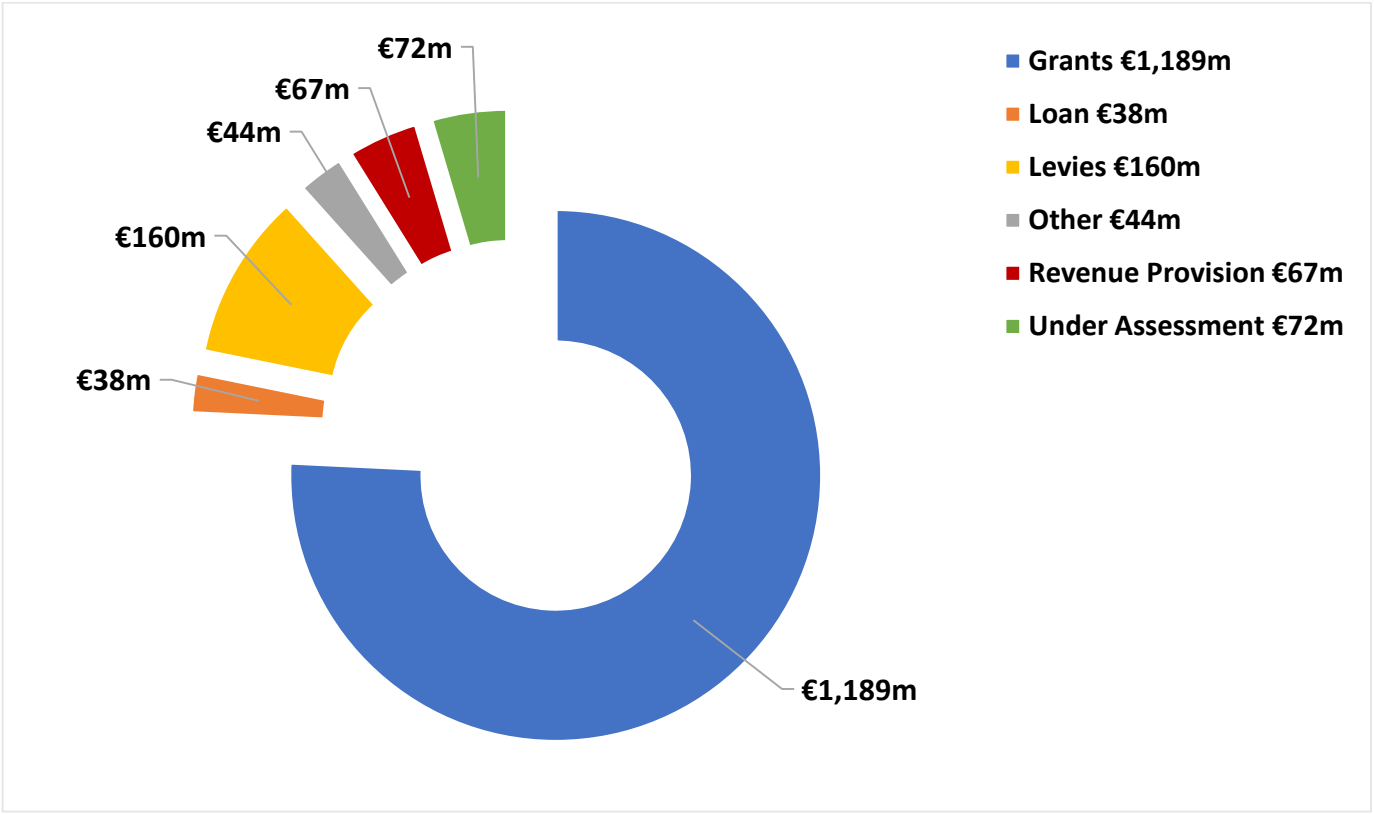
This expenditure can be summarised as follows:

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY						
	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	LOANS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
HOUSING	361,628,800	358,139,700	287,887,800	1,007,656,300		963,625,400		9,895,000		34,135,900	1,007,656,300
COMMUNITY	11,290,000	9,860,000	3,955,000	25,105,000		749,000		13,346,000	10,810,000	200,000	25,105,000
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	72,920,000	55,080,000	112,860,000	240,860,000	108,890,000	122,970,000				9,000,000	240,860,000
OPERATIONS	20,050,000	13,530,000	8,905,000	42,485,000	28,625,000			11,160,000	2,700,000		42,485,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT	23,377,602	39,465,594	19,590,550	82,433,746	6,495,000	72,559,562		2,379,184	1,000,000		82,433,746
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	76,483,802	56,662,660	25,029,225	158,175,687	15,500,000	28,772,267	38,000,000	24,337,066	51,341,354	225,000	158,175,687
CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES	7,249,145	3,200,395	1,525,395	11,974,935				5,931,935	6,043,000		11,974,935
	572,999,349	535,938,349	459,752,970	1,568,690,668	159,510,000	1,188,676,229	38,000,000	67,049,185	71,894,354	43,560,900	1,568,690,668

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY DIVISION



SOURCES OF FUNDING – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025 – 2027



The total estimated expenditure for Housing capital works in this Division totals €1,007.7m for the period 2025-2027.

2025	€361,628,800
2026 – 2027	€646,027,500

Introduction

The projected spend underpins this Council's continuous commitment to deliver a significant & progressive housing programme in accordance with Government Housing Policy and Housing for All, a new Housing Plan for Ireland.

The overall objective of this 3-year programme is to maximise Housing Supply and the availability of suitable accommodation for households unable to provide accommodation from their own resources; along with the provision of high-quality housing to purchase or rent at an affordable price. It is expected that over the 3-year programme, funding will enable the Council to realise and deliver a substantial number of social housing dwellings via the available housing support mechanisms.

Projects Include

- New Build Social Housing
- Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes
- Advance purchase turnkey acquisitions
- Tenant-in-Situ Acquisitions
- Part V Acquisitions
- Approved Housing Bodies
- Asset Management
- Traveller Accommodation Programme

New Build Social Housing

A total of €134.2m has been provided in the 3-year Capital Programme 2025-2027 for expenditure on Fingal County Council's own build construction projects in locations across the County. It is anticipated that 3,000 homes will be delivered through the various construction projects between 2025 and 2027. Many of these are on recently acquired lands throughout the County.

Mixed Tenure/Affordable Homes

A provision of €317.1m has been made for the continuing development of mixed tenure developments of the major land banks in the County including an amount of €135.6m for the Church Fields development in Dublin 15 and €101.7m for the development of sites in Donabate at New Road & Ballymastone. An amount of €52.5m is also provided for the development of a newly acquired site in Mooretown in Swords. These schemes include a mix of tenures of some or all social homes, affordable sales and cost rental homes.

An amount of over €44.5m has also been provided across the 3-year period for future land purchase.

Advance purchase turnkey acquisitions

An Expression of Interest for new turnkey developments for acquisition by the Local Authorities has been issued across the four Dublin Local Authorities. An amount of €65.5m has been provided for in the 3-year plan for the acquisition of developments under this call and to complete those entered into previously.

Tenant-In-Situ Acquisitions

An amount of €39.0m has been provided for the continuing acquisition of housing with tenants in situ as a homeless prevention measure.

Part V Acquisitions

A provision of €243.1m has been made for the Acquisition of Part V units in private developments over the next number of years.

Approved Housing Bodies

Approved Housing Bodies (AHB's) play a key role in the delivery of social housing. The ability of AHB's to source non state funding under the Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF) assists the Council to achieve the overall delivery of social housing in the County. Provision has been made for the delivery of units under CALF during the period 2025-2027 at an estimated cost of €99.0m.

A provision of €3.0m has been made under the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) for the acquisition of social housing to cater for priority groups such as homeless persons, elderly persons, people with a disability with a particular emphasis, but not exclusively, on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting to community living.

Asset Management

This Capital Programme provides for significant investment in Council owned housing stock over the period 2025-2027. Effective asset management means that our homes will meet the needs and standards for the future, therefore sustainability is a key theme.

The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme is in the fourth of a ten-year programme which provides for the move to a 'deeper retrofit' programme, thus building on what has been completed in previous years. The revised programme focuses on ensuring that the fabric of the home is upgraded. Approved properties are retrofitted to a B2/Cost Optimal standard.

A provision of €33.7m has been made for asset management during the period 2025-2027.

A provision of €1.5m for works to council owned dwellings for people with a disability is also included.

Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-24 was adopted by the Council at its meeting on 8th July 2019. Works are ongoing in relation to several projects in accordance with current Council's Traveller Accommodation Plan and it is anticipated that further applications for funding will be submitted to the Department of Housing for capital funding.
The preparation of the sixth Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 has commenced in accordance with the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998.

The projected expenditure in this area totals €25.1m for the period 2025-2027.

2025	€11,290,000
2026 – 2027	€13,815,000

The Community Development Office comprises the activities of the Community Development Office, Community Facilities Management, Integration, PPN, Comhairle na nÓg, Fingal Age Friendly, Ukrainian Crisis Support, and the Local Authority Integration team (LAIT). All activities are supported by an Administration section.

Community Development empowers members of the local community to create strong, connected communities. Operational programmes are assisted by the Community Development Office, using a cross departmental collaborative approach to ensure that communities across Fingal are supported to identify and take collective action on issues which are important to them. The work of the Community Development Office is key to building sustainable, inclusive, progressive and resilient communities across the County.

With the support of the Community Development Office communities across Fingal develop strong social bonds, are safer places, and have happier and healthier people living in them.

Community Development Office 2024 Outturn

- Significant capital funding was provided for improvement works to a number of Community Centres across the County.
- The construction of the Meakstown Community Centre was completed in 2024.
- The construction of Baldoyle Community Centre commenced in 2024 and is expected to be completed in 2025.
- Refurbishment works in Mourne Estate Community centre was completed in 2024.
- Refurbishment, extension and public realm works at Rush Multipurpose youth facility were completed in 2024.
- A full redesign and upgrade of Hartstown Community Centre commenced in 2024, works are progressing and expected to be completed in 2025.
- Mechanical & electrical upgrades have been tendered with the aim of commencing on site in St. Margarets Community Hall in 2024.

Community Development Office Capital Projects 2025-2027

New Community Facilities

- The Meakstown Community Centre construction project commenced on site in 2023 and was completed in 2024. The centre management has commenced internal fit out. The centre will open to the public in October.
- The construction of Baldoyle Community Centre commenced in 2024 and is expected to be completed in 2025.

Older Community Centre Improvement Works Programme

Over the life of the 2025-2027 programme funding is provided for improvement works to older community centres. The funded works include Fire Safety, Health & Safety and Mechanical & Electrical upgrades in the eight identified centres below.

Corduff Resource Centre
Donabate Portrane Community Centre
Baldoyle Community Hall (Forum)
Mulhuddart Community Centre
Corduff Sports Centre
Rivermeade
Parslickstown House
Mountview Community Facility

The programme also includes for conditioning surveys to be carried out on the four identified centres listed below.

Blakestown Community Centre
Mountview Family Resource Centre
Fortlawn Community Centre
St Macullins Church



Key exchange Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility



Meakstown Community Centre

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €240.9m over the period 2025-2027.

2025	€72,920,000
2026 – 2027	€167,940,000

Key Projects include:

Snugborough Interchange

The Snugborough Interchange at road level was fully opened on the 26th of July 2024. The junction is operating well and will be reviewed to determine if further measures are required. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses. Fingal County Council are laying a new water main for Uisce Éireann which will delay the opening of the scheme at the lower level until November 2024. The additional delay has incurred increased costs, however the Council are working with Uisce Éireann to recuperate some additional costs associated with the new Watermain.

Ongar to Barnhill Link Road

The Ongar-Barnhill Link Road in Dublin 15 was a long-standing objective of the Fingal Development Plan and Fingal County Council appointed civil engineering contractor BAM Civil Ltd to construct the project. This new high quality transportation corridor will significantly improve accessibility in this fast-growing area and facilitate the construction of over 1,100 new homes on the surrounding residential zoned lands. BAM Civil Ltd constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during the first half of 2024. Many of the culvert units for the stream under the proposed Ongar Barnhill Road have been completed. Much of the earthworks for the road embankments on the approaches to the bridge have been carried out. Installation of ducting, watermains, kerbs, footpaths capping, subbase and blacktop for the new road will continue during Q3 and Q4 2024. Expected completion of the scheme is Q2 2025.

Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Scheme

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department commenced work in 2022 on this key scheme that will be delivered as part of the wider Churchfields Masterplan. This scheme will underpin the development of significant housing and green infrastructure in Mulhuddart and will provide a strong link between the existing community and the schools campus. Churchfields Link Road includes Irelands first cycle friendly 'Dutch style' roundabout opened to the public in August 2023. 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 nearing completion. Material is being removed from the site to return the area within the redline boundary and adjacent lands to the original ground level. Surveys will be carried out to verify completion of this task. Snagging is ongoing throughout the site. Substantial completion of this project is expected in October 2024.

Swords Transport Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Barry Transportation Consulting Engineers to work collaboratively with Fingal County Council on the delivery of a range of schemes in Swords and Kinsealy. In particular, the recommendations of the Sustainable Swords Strategy will inform the development of a number of new urban realms, walking and cycling projects over the coming years including the upgrade of Swords Main St. cycling and walking connections on the Malahide Road, the

Swords Western Distributor Road and a new high-quality walking and cycling bridge connection over the Ward River Valley as part of the wider regional park proposal.

A brief for the upgrade of Swords Main Street and the detailed design works for the public realm element of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) is currently being drafted with a view to procuring a consultant to carry out design works for the permitted SCQ public realm and to progress the Main street through statutory planning. It is planned to issue the tender in Q4 2024.

Donabate Local Transport Projects

The Donabate Transport Projects comprises several 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 Transport Infrastructure Ireland (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 and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council and Roughan and O'Donovan are liaising with TII 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 and for the upgrade of Blakes Cross. Once the preferred route is established for each, public consultation will be held.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

This project will deliver a key piece of transport infrastructure and provide connectivity and integration of development lands with Donabate Train Station, Donabate Village and Newbridge Demesne. 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 National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. A haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway has been installed and main construction works are due to commence at the end of September 2024 and be complete by Q2 2025.

R132 Connectivity Project

The R132 Connectivity Project was granted planning consent by An Bord Pleanála in February 2022. The consultants working on behalf of the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department have undertaken a Rapid Build Options Assessment Report, in line with NTA requirements, which concluded that the approved scheme design remains the preferred option. This project will improve connectivity for the town of Swords and includes a renewed focus on safe facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on the R132. The R132 Connectivity Project will improve the connectivity and safety of pedestrians and cyclists moving along, and across, the R132 and enhance facilities for all road users with particular benefits for those choosing sustainable modes of transportation such as bus users, cyclists, and pedestrians. Currently surveys are being undertaken to allow informed decisions to be made on the detail design phase. Stage

1 of the procurement process for the construction phase has begun with the SAQ published in September.
The Project programme will be considered in the context of other projects in the wider Swords Area.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

This unique project represents the first time a greenway will be constructed on a 'live' railway embankment. It is also running through an SAC (Special Area of Conservation) and SPA (Special Protection Area) and surrounded on three sides by water. As such, the planning, environmental and technical challenges that the project has presented have been considerable. This project is being delivered in partnership with Iarnród Éireann and with funding support from the NTA.
Progress on various elements that form the Broadmeadow Way project continues. Jons, the main contractor for the main estuary bridge is progressing with works on site. All 13 pre-cast concrete spans of the bridge are now in position. Work on the installation of the southern access ramp has commenced which will be the final piece of the major infrastructural work on the bridge.
The detailed design of the greenway along the southern and northern causeways within the Broadmeadow Estuary is underway. It is expected that a design will be finalised in the coming months. The procurement process to appoint contractors for this contract will follow with the intention of construction commencing in Q2 2025.
The detailed design of the greenway in Donabate is currently being finalised and the detailed design of the greenway in Malahide will commence soon. The procurement process to appoint contractors for the construction of the Donabate landward and Malahide landward packs is also underway. The stage 1 SAQ is expected to be released in October with the intention of establishing a framework for works contractors. The Donabate landward works will be delivered first. It is expected that the greenway will be completed in 2026.

Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route will provide a cycle-link between Drogheda Street and Hamilton Road in Balbriggan. The route will serve 3 school campuses at Ardgillan Community College, St. Mologas and Balbriggan Educate Together National School, as well as offering a safe cycling and walking route to shops, childcare facilities and community amenities including Millpond Park and Flemington Community Centre. The route will make travelling by Active Travel in Balbriggan safer and more convenient, particularly for children, older people and less experienced cyclists.
Construction work began in Summer 2023 and works are progressing on the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan. The Project is now approximately 80% completed. The work is ongoing and progressing well, the major phase of works which is currently underway is the resurfacing of the road along the entire length of the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route project.

Sutton to Malahide

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. Ground Investigation Works have been complete along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed and the design for these structures is progressing. A tree survey has been completed and we are awaiting the final report. 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 in Q2 2025.

Royal Canal Urban Greenway

Dialogue continues to be held with key stakeholders, the NTA 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 complies with the new cycling manual is achieved at interfaces between existing facilities and the proposed scheme. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing also.

Following completion of the preliminary design, all the required documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in Q2 2025.

Taking In Charge Works Programme

The Taking in Charge Works Programme will use funds from various sources (bond funds, grant funds, IBRC funds, etc.) to carry out works on developments in Fingal to bring them up to the 'taking in charge' standard so that they can be formally taken in charge. Initially, it is intended for the Council to begin Taking in Charge works on the following developments:

- Cloch Choirneal – Contractor engaged
- Cnoc Dubh – Taken in Charge 2024
- The Gallops – Contractor engaged
- Rockabill
- The Sanctuary
- Cian Lea
- Hoar rock
- Palmer Avenue
- Mount Eustace – TIC Works Complete
- Cruise Park – TIC Works Complete
- Weston Park
- Dooroge Woods – TIC Works Complete

Bremore Castle and Regional Park

Works on the construction of the Castle Gatehouse are now completed and landscaping and boundary treatment including railings and hedge planting is nearing completion. Works are proceeding on the construction of 3 car parks in the park (at the front of the Castle, an overflow car park at Bath Road and the Bath Road Car Park). Works on the upgrade of Bells Lane will proceed in the coming months. The first phase of the active 'Recreational Hub' at Bremore is completed and procurement will proceed during 2025 for the further phases of the Hub. A new playground located at Cardy Rock was recently completed. The estimated expenditure on this Scheme is €10.8m over the duration of this Programme.

Coastal Defence Works

A Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application has been submitted to the Maritime Area Consent Authority (MARA) in respect of the Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) plan for The Burrow Portrane. Subject to receiving approval for the MAC application a planning application for the planned coastal defence works has been prepared and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála and the works progressed in line with planning approvals obtained.

General Biodiversity Work

The key projects to be implemented over the next three years as prioritised by the Fingal Biodiversity Forum are the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Rogerstown Estuary (action 1) and Malahide Estuary (action 5). Pilot a biodiversity inclusive design for a social housing estate

(35). 'Biodiversity makeover' of 3 housing estates (41). Weir removal projects on the Ward, Broadmeadow and Liffey rivers (84). Wetland and river restoration project of the Bog of the Ring and Bracken River (43). Development of the St Ita's local nature reserve (44). Preparation and implementation of Woodland Management Plans for St Catherines Park, Ward River Valley and Newbridge, Santry and Malahide Demesnes (46). Development of SUDS demonstration sites in the Ward River Valley and Balbriggan (45). Installation of Osprey platforms (52). Wilding project Corballis Golf Club (53). Develop Newbridge Farm as a national hub for the promotion of Irish rare farm breeds (58) and the development of a nature education centre at Turvey Nature Park (95).

Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)

Procurement of the approved works related to significant improvements to this park including an extension to the All-weather Pitch, new playground, new car park and improved paths and community gardens is progressing with a view to having the works undertaken during 2025.

Lanesborough Park, Meakstown

The major new destination playground in the park opened in 2024 and works are proceeding on the development of the Community Gardens. Other significant additional park facilities and improvements to the existing boundaries and park infrastructure will be completed over the next 2 years.

Racecourse Park Baldoyle

A major new Regional Park will be developed on the former Racecourse site in Baldoyle. The required estimated funding is €9.0m over the course of this programme. Works are proceeding on expanding the existing car park and development of new section of Greenway, extensive walking routes, a new playground, skatepark, multi-use games area, dog run, bowls green, football pitches, wetland creation and general landscaping works will proceed over the next 3 years.

Ward River Park Development Project

The preparation of an integrated masterplan for the entire 80Ha. (200 Acre) Ward River Regional Park is advancing, and it is planned to submit the plan for statutory planning approval during 2025. A wide range of works which do not require planning approval are being progressed including the conservation of protected structures, extensive woodland management works and the reopening of historic paths in the valley.

Ballymastone Recreational Hub

Phase 1 of the Recreational Hub which includes the development of 2 GAA sized sports pitches is nearing completion. Procurement of the works related to Phase 2 which include extensive all-weather facilities, a new access road, car parking and changing facilities will commence in Q4 2024 with the site works beginning in 2025 for completion in 2026. The planned expenditure in respect of this project is estimated at €10.5m, with a grant approval in place.

Recreational Hubs

A planning application for the Rathmore Recreational Hub at Lusk has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála for approval. Subject to approval it is planned to progress the development of this hub over the next 1-2 years. It is also planned to develop a Recreational Hub at St. Catherine's Rush. The combined estimated cost of these projects over the course of this programme is €4.3m.

Local Parks & Playgrounds

Works on the following local parks and playgrounds have commenced/are due to commence in 2025 & 2026 at a combined estimate of €3.2m over the course of this programme. The development of the new playgrounds is in line with the adopted "Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal".

- Naul Village Park Development (including a major new playground)

- Skerries Town Park Sports facilities upgrades including Tennis Courts Upgrades and Sports Pitch improvements
- Hazelbury Park Playground (new going for Part 8 approval)
- Hartstown Park Playground (new going for Part 8 approval)
- Portrane Village Playground (new going for Part 8 approval)

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (Lap's, Masterplans, Framework Plans and Other Studies/Projects)

The Development Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in February 2023 and came into effect on 5th April 2023. The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes 7 new Local Area Plans, 8 new Masterplans and 21 Framework Plans to be prepared during the plan period. These Plans range in scale from strategic LAP's to more localised studies and plans. The Development Plan also requires additional studies and projects to be undertaken by the Planning Team. All plans and projects require environmental assessment of varying complexity.

Following adoption of the Development Plan and in line with stated requirements, a priority list of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans was agreed with the Elected Members. This provides for the preparation of the following eight plans over the course of the next 12-18 months:

- Dunsink Local Statutory Plan
- Swords Local Area Plan (LAP 8.B)
- Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP 4.B)
- Stephenstown Framework Plan (FP 4.A)
- Folkstown Little Framework Plan (FP 4.B)
- Old Schoolhouse Clonsilla Masterplan (MP 13.A)
- Clonsilla Framework Plan (FP 13.C)
- Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan (MP 10.A)

Following on from the prioritisation of these plans, the Council has commenced a procurement process in relation to the appointment of specialist consultants to supplement the Council's Forward Planning team for different elements of the plan-making processes. Work is ongoing in relation to the above list of plans, with Flemington LAP currently at Draft stage.

OPERATIONS

The total estimated capital provision for Operations totals €42.5m over the period 2025-2027 which provides for the delivery of new and improved works, with the continued integration and implementation of climate actions to all areas of the public realm. The programme provides for works to our Regional Roads, Public Lighting, Bridges, Harbours, Public Conveniences, Beaches, Playing Pitches, Burial Grounds, Allotments, Regional and Local Parks, Coastal Walks and Car Parks and Surface Water.

2025	€20,050,000
2026 – 2027	€22,435,000

The Capital Programme provides for development works to be undertaken in the following areas:

- Increased investment of €8.4m in improvement works to approx. 20km of the Regional Roads, ensuring that our road assets are better adapted and more resilient to predicted climate changes and the allocation of road space promoting the modal shift to cycling and walking.
- An additional €1.4m for Countywide pedestrian connectivity works.
- Installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points within Council depots and Parks.
- €1.0m provision for the design and refurbishment/replacement programme for existing Public Conveniences to units that are accessible to all. The Programme of refurbishment will continue into 2025 and 2026 with newly approved public conveniences at Portrane, Donabate, Loughshinny and Skerries. Improvement works will continue to toilets at Malahide Village, Skerries Harbour and Rush Harbour Road.
- Upgrading and Improvement to general utilities at the harbours are ongoing with a budget of €4.2m. This provides for the replacement works to the sheet piled section at Skerries Harbour and works at Balbriggan Harbour.
- Works to commence at the entrance to Mulhuddart Cemetery alongside the completion of the new cemetery at Kellystown.
- Boundary improvements to Council owned allotments supporting their use for communities to grow their own food, lower food miles and food waste.
- Increased provision has been made in transfers from Revenue to Capital to cover the future cost of works on bridges, EV Charging, public conveniences, burial grounds, harbours, beaches and council owned depots.
- Upgrading and improvement works with investment of €13.5m are planned to further develop the regional and local parks, open spaces and recreational areas including:
- Ardgillan, Newbridge, Santry, St. Catherines and Malahide Demesne (including Talbot Gardens).
- Ward Rivervalley, Recreation Hub Lusk, Skerries Townpark, St. Catherines Open Space Rush, Glebe Park Balrothery.
- Tolka Valley, St. Catherines, Shakleton Gardens, Hartstown, Tyrrelstown, Ladyswell, Corduff, Tir na N'Og Carpenterstown, Porterstown, Littleplace and St. Catherines Park, Ongar, Waterville, Cherryfield and Hazelbury Parks and Open Spaces.
- Racecourse Park Baldoyle, Red Rock and Robs Wall Parks.
- Development of Upper and Lower Courtyards at St. Catherines Park, Lucan.
- Countywide playground refurbishments and ongoing installation of play trails and Outdoor Fitness Equipment including outdoor callisthenics fitness areas.
- Provision of €1.8m on Sport Pitch improvements including provision for the installation of changing rooms.
- Accessibility works totalling €1.0m to the Coastal Walks encouraging the modal shift to walking and cycling.
- A provision of €970k has been made for improvement works to the depots including Newbridge and Estuary Recycling Centre.

Stormwater

The Capital Programme provides for a focused approach on works to the stormwater network and stormwater pumping stations. This comprises the investigation of identified issues on the existing stormwater network including misconnections and the development and delivery of upgrade or major repair solutions, alleviating flooding and maintaining water quality.

The provision of €2.3m includes for the upgrading and improvements to the stormwater network across the County with provision for specific projects including:

- Tucketts Lane Combined Network Separation
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
- Clonsilla-Mulhuddart Surface Water Network Improvements
- Swords/Lissenhall Surface Water Network
- Lusk Surface Water Network
- Surface Water Pumping Stations Improvements

Over the life of the programme, other planned works initially include the investigation of a number of stormwater outfalls along the coast, misconnection works in the public space and network issues with provision made in the programme for expansion to investigate further works in other areas across Fingal.

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €82.4m over the period 2025-2027.

2025	€23,377,602 (€2,371,837 - Environment)
2026 – 2027	€59,056,144 (€900,000 - Environment)

Environment

The Environment programme covers the restoration of Balleally Landfill, the aftercare of Dunsink Landfill, a provision for the remediation of historic landfills. More specifically this includes specified engineering works to improve gas and leachate management infrastructure, capital asset maintenance, site access and safety infrastructure and landscaping of the closed licensed landfills and works and services related to the regularisation and remediation of historic and legacy landfills.

Landfill Projects

Maintenance Building Balleally

Fingal County Council are close to completing the construction of a €1.1m purpose-built maintenance shed for Balleally which will provide a maintenance building to not only house plant and machinery for the on-going maintenance and operation but additional plant and machinery to serve as the landfill continues to be developed into a public park and amenity.

Balleally decommissioning of Existing Leachate Tanks

Fingal County Council are preparing tender documents for the decommissioning and demolition of existing landfill leachate holding tanks which are no longer required at the landfill. Works are expected to cost circa €100k and be completed by Q2 2024.

Balleally Fire Main

Fingal County Council has completed the design of a new fire main connecting the Balleally Maintenance Building to the public mains supply running adjacent to the site. Works are expected to cost circa €50k and will be completed by Q4 2024.

Dunsink Drainage Works

Dunsink Landfill currently operates under the auspice of an EPA Licence. The EPA Licence requires that Fingal County Council works to continuously improve the environmental management of the site. Fingal County Council are currently carrying out improvement works to sections of the landfill site boundary and to the internal drainage of the site. Works are expected to commence in 2024.

Historical Landfills

Fingal County Council are currently working on remediating a number of historical landfills including Brooks End and Barnageeragh which require remediation as part of the historical landfill regularisation process. Fingal County Council has budgeted €550k to complete this work which is expected to be completed by 2025.

Active Travel

Active Travel is very simple, it is about getting more of us out of our cars and using more sustainable transport modes like cycling and walking as part of a purposeful journey. To achieve this, Fingal County Council, in partnership with the NTA plans to expand and improve our cycling and pedestrian infrastructure across the County.

It includes all journeys, with an emphasis on distances under 5km, including trips to work, education, shopping, visiting friends and for recreation. Active Travel considers the needs of those who use prams, pushchairs, scooters, wheelchairs and adapted cycles, as well as new mobility modes such as e-scooters and e-bikes. Along fast or busy roads, new cycling infrastructure will be physically separated from traffic. This can be achieved by reallocating road space using kerbs, verges, simple segregation measures such as bollards along existing cycle lanes, and junction changes.

The 3-year Capital Programme 2025 to 2027 includes an overall provision for expenditure of €78.2m however all of these schemes are subject to NTA funding.

Active Travel Projects

R132 Ministers Rd. to Blakes Cross & Kilhedge 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.
A provision of €350k has been allocated to this project over the three-year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme. This is to cover the final account for the works and retention.

Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Rd. (Swords to Malahide)

The Project Team are engaging with the NTA to progress the gateway report for approval and proceed to the next phase of the project. Works are ongoing to put in place the statutory requirements in advance of the next phase. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender 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 Q4 2024. This is subject to NTA approvals and funding availability.
A provision of €3.9m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

This project involves the delivery of active travel infrastructure 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 and published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal where a non-statutory public consultation has now been completed.
A provision of €4.8m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

The phase 2B roundabout and junction designs for connectivity to Ongar Road and Shelerin Road are with the NTA and Cycle Design Office for approval. A provision of €2.5m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Skerries Harbour Road

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently working on the preferred option from the Design Options Report. This project will require planning approval and this process has commenced with internal stakeholder engagement. A provision of €4.3m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

New Street Malahide

A provision of €5.2m has been included in the Capital Programme for public realm works at New Street Malahide, from 2025-2027. Fingal County Council has received notification of Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. The court proceedings are due for hearing in April 2025.

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

Design consultants for the project have been appointed. A provision of €13.1m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

A design consultant has been appointed and topographical/traffic surveys have taken place. A provision of €9.4m has been allocated to this project over the three-year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Ave.

Engineering consultants Clifton Scannell Emerson & Associates (CSEA) appointed in July 2022 to commence all stages of the project life cycle. The consultant is currently working on the preferred Design Options Report for this project. Land acquisition will also be required for part of this scheme and this is being managed by the project team together with our property section. A provision of €3.0m has been allocated to this project over the three year period of the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Skerries Active Travel Plan

Appointment of preferred multi-disciplinary design consultant is now underway with expected start of design services for this exciting active travel plan for Skerries Town to commence in September. Allocation of €2.7m for the project over the three year 2025-2027 Capital Programme. It is expected this figure will change subject to the outcome of the study, public consultation, and consideration of extent of construction.

Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. Assessment of the tender return is currently being finalised. Pending the outcome of the tender assessment, the consultant will be appointed directly afterwards with surveys and information gathering carried out in Q4, 2024 and Q1, 2025. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.

An allocation of €5.6m has been included for project over the three years 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Fingal County Council have completed the tender process for the appointment of a contractor to commence the installation of EV charging point across the Dublin region. An allocation of €3.0m has been included for project over the three years 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Sport Projects

Castlelands Swimming Pool

The feasibility study for the Castlelands swimming pool in nearing completion. An Allocation of €1.0m has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme to allow for the completion of detailed design.

*****Footnote All funding including for Active Travel Schemes is subject to NTA approval*

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €158.2m over the period 2025-2027.

2025	€76,483,802
2026 – 2027	€81,691,885

Swords Cultural Quarter

County Library, Arts Centre & Theatre – The main building contractor mobilised on site in August 2024. Substantial completion of the building, which will include a library and Arts venue, is expected in Quarter 4 2026. Provision of €56.3m has been made in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for the Swords Cultural Centre.
SCQ Public Realm – In addition, a sum of €10.0m has been allocated to the public realm component of the Swords Cultural Quarter project in the Capital Programme.

Urban/Rural Regeneration

Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan
URDF funding of €25.4m was allocated by the Department of Housing Local Government & Heritage in 2021 with the Council to provide a match-funding provision of €6.4m over the period to 2030.

URDF 1 – The Quay Street Project went on site in May 2024 and will be completed in late 2025 with anticipated expenditure in the 2025-2027 period of €9.7m.

URDF 2 – 2-4 Dublin Street project The Integrated Design Team is progressing the design and tendering stage following the agreement of Members under Part VIII of the Planning & Development Acts as amended. Expenditure projected during this programme of €3.6m.

URDF 3 – 6a-14 Bridge Street (DeBruns) project Significant progress has been made in 2024 with demolition works undertaken and an Integrated Design Team appointed and progressing site work on the 6a-14 Bridge Street (DeBruns) project. Expenditure during the period of this Capital Programme is projected at €8.8m.

URDF 4 – Railway Street & Station Plaza A provision of €250k has been made for progression of the Railway Street & Station Plaza later in this programme.

URDF 5 – Promenade, Coastal Improvements & Restorations The Boathouse and Bathhouse Project at the Martello Tower went on site in Q1 2024. Enabling works and feasibility studies are ongoing for these and other coastal improvement projects.

Non – URDF – Balbriggan Youth Recreation Spaces A provision of €50k has been provided for 2025-2027 to provide support for the development of youth recreation spaces in Balbriggan.

Non URDF – Sea Swimming Facilities Balbriggan Provision of €50,000 is made for feasibility studies for such facilities.

Urban / Rural Regeneration – Town Regeneration Supported Schemes

An estimated cost of €3.0m has been included over the period 2025-2027 to provide match-funding for improvement and regeneration schemes in Fingal's Towns and Villages. These funds will be dependent on the availability of funding schemes from central Government such as Town Centre First, RRDF / Town & Village Renewal, ORIS etc.

Urban / Rural Regeneration – URDF 3: Vacant Properties & Derelict Sites

A provision of €6.5m is made over the period for the potential use of funds available for the acquisition of derelict sites and refurbishing for resale in the private property markets.

Heritage Properties

Malahide Castle – The significant item in the costs for the Capital Programme relates to structural works to the roof, and conservation works to the windows. There is an upgrade of the boiler room in the Visitors Centre ongoing. On completion of these projects energy costs and carbon emissions will reduce for both buildings over time.

Bremore Castle – The development of Bremore Castle is nearing completion with park spaces being landscaped and the ground floor open to the public. The next phase will see the appointment of an Integrated Design Team to progress the internal and accessibility works needed to cover fire safety, accessibility - in particular compliance with Part M Building Regulations. It is anticipated that works to a value of €2.5m will allow the upper floors of the castle to be opened up.

Ardgillan Castle – A sum of €518k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for continuing conservation works at the castle including, in sequence, publication of the conservation plan, works on internal rooms and outbuildings.

Skerries Mills & Red Barn – With enabling works started at the end of 2023, the redevelopment of the Red Barn will be completed in 2025 enhancing the offering at Skerries Mills and providing revenue generating opportunity. Separately in 2024 an integrated design team will be appointed to work on a condition survey of the main building in year 1 of the programme.

Skerries Martello Tower – A design team has been appointed to deliver on the brief of a multi-functional space. The majority of works will be complete in 2025 and €1.2 million is allowed for this in the capital programme.

Guinness Bridge – The conservation works required to secure the Guinness Bridge were completed in 2024. Future phases of work will require feasibility studies to assess how and whether the bridge can be developed as an asset. This work is being undertaken in collaboration with South Dublin County Council.

Swords Castle – In 2024 the mechanical and electrical upgrade is expected to start, leading on to the final phase of the conservation plan works bringing some accessibility to the Knights and Squires Quarters, for which €434k has been allowed for in the Capital Programme. The project to date has been part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Urban Centre Development Scheme.

Shackleton Mills – A sum of €270k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for conservation and stabilisation of the main building, including repairs and renovations to roof and windows.

Howth Martello Tower – An estimated cost of €70k has been included over the life of the programme to cover costs associated with essential repairs to the Martello Tower. An engineering assessment of the structure is required as a first step.

Malahide Demesne Properties – A sum of €575k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for gradually upgrading and restoring the various properties, with a priority for uses that will support the tourism and amenity use of the Demesne.

Newbridge House & Farm – The redevelopment of Newbridge House & Farm will continue during 2025-2027. With the roof works complete in 2023 attention will turn to upgrading of mechanical and electrical services to the house and development of the courtyard buildings.

Industrial Development

Future Land Purchase – An estimated cost of €30.0 million is included for the acquisition of future development lands and having regard to the strategic needs of the Council. Acquisition of future lands will be subject to the availability of funding.
Enterprise Centres – An estimated cost of €300k has been included over the period 2025-2027 for the future re-development and upgrade of the Council's three Enterprise Centres.
Industrial Development Lands – An estimated cost of €6.6m is included in the Capital Programme for the servicing of, and significant improvement works to enhance the Council's existing industrial development land bank and existing industrial/business parks in the County. Engineering consultants have been appointed to progress works to the Council's industrial lands which include:

1. Landscaping works to enhance and preserve industrial development lands
2. Improvement works to major roundabouts, footpaths & verges
3. Utility upgrades and new installations
4. Advance planning of suitably zoned industrial lands
5. Provision and upgrade of road infrastructure to service industrial lands at Stephenstown Industrial Estate (including the Naul Road, R122)

Works are planned to be undertaken at Council owned lands in Damastown in the Dublin Enterprise Zone, College Business & Technology Park in Dublin 15 and Stephenstown Industrial Estate in Balbriggan with works to existing industrial/business parks in other parts of the County.

This programme is subject to the availability of funding.

Council Properties

Sluagh Hall – An estimated cost of €320k has been included over the period 2025-2027 for essential repairs and structural works to the hall.
Maintenance of Community Properties – An estimated cost of €115k has been included over the period 2025-2026 for essential repairs and structural works to Balrothery Community/Heritage Centre.
56 Church Street Skerries – An estimated cost of €70k has been included over the period 2025-2027 for repurposing works to the property following the end of its use as a temporary library.
Buzzardstown House – An estimated cost of €400k has been included over the period 2025-2026 for essential repairs and structural works to the property.

Libraries

Skerries Library
The refurbishment of and extension to Skerries Library is expected to be completed in Quarter 1 2025 with the overall cost of the project expected to be approximately €8.5m, increased costs are primarily associated with the resolution of the impact of economic and contractual factors on the main contract.

Improvement works to Libraries
A sum of €1.0m has been included in the Capital Programme to purchase library shelving and furniture and to refurbish the children's sections of Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries.

Baldoyle Library
Improvement works at Baldoyle Library to enhance lay-out, access and visibility began in Quarter 3 2024. The project overall will cost €1.2m. To date €98k has been spent and an estimated €424k will be spent in the remainder of 2024. A sum of €721k has been committed to the project in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme.

Donabate Library
A sum of €1.0m has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for the relocation of Donabate Library to the former Credit Union building, Ballisk House. This will be the first phase and will bring the overall expected cost of phase one to an estimated €2.3m. A second phase would see an extension to the building, which will provide an enhanced library facility will be assessed.

Howth Library
Provision of €187k has been made in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme to develop an options report on the possible expansion of Howth Library into a feasibility study.

My Open Library
Following on from the success of My Open Library at Baldoyle Library, whereby the public have access to the building beyond the normal staffed hours, Malahide and Blanchardstown Libraries will also be fit out to provide this service to the public. A sum of €701k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme which will be part funded through a grant of €274k from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The balance is subject to funding by Fingal County Council.

Arts

Public Art – Strategic Infrastructure Programme & Per Cent for Art – Provision of €225k is made during the lifetime of this programme to progress the installation of public art throughout the County. The budgets detailed are reflective of the per cent for art estimates aligned to capital housing schemes and reflect the national guideline funding bands.

Artists' Studios – A sum of €200k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for the fit-out of artist studios in the County.

Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre – A provision of €1.5m is made over the programme for the redevelopment of the site including neighbouring lands and outbuildings recently acquired. Studies will be undertaken in early 2025 to take account of the Naul Village Park Development, condition reports of the existing buildings and a feasibility study to follow. Any progress on the redevelopment will be subject to the identification of funding.

The projected expenditure in this Division totals €12.0m over the period 2025-2027.

2025	€7,249,145
2026 – 2027	€4,725,790

Through the Climate Action Plan 2024, the Government requires the public sector to achieve various energy and emission targets by 2030. These include 50% improvement in energy efficiency and a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Fingal County Council must carry out significant energy performance upgrade works in its buildings to meet the 2030 emissions reduction targets. Projects include:

County Hall – Energy Performance Improvements including electrical/fire alarm upgrade works and provision of PV panels. Fire safety upgrades and lift replacements are also provided for.

Grove Road – Energy Performance Improvements to include provision of PV panels and LED lighting upgrade. Lift replacements and remedial/maintenance works are also provided for.

Draíocht/Blanchardstown Library – Energy Performance Improvement works to include roof upgrade and provision of PV panels.

IT Build to Share – Development of shared digital systems.

FUNDING OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The progress of the projects outlined in the Capital Programme 2025-2027 relies heavily on the availability of funding from the following sources:

i. **Development Levies**
The Capital Plan anticipates the utilisation of c.€159m of development levies in the three year period. The development levies required for projects will be dependent on the final cost estimates of projects and the ultimate grant funding available. We will need to ensure that development levy funding is deployed efficiently to ensure the maximum benefit in developing the Counties infrastructure.

ii. **Grant Funding**
Grant funding is critical to the delivery of the Capital Plan as it accounts for over 75% of the anticipated funding. The key funders for FCC are DHLGH for our large housing delivery programme, NTA for key projects in planning and strategic infrastructure and active travel and URDF for the delivery of the Our Balbriggan project. If grant funding is not forthcoming as anticipated in the Capital Plan this could result in projects being curtailed or cancelled. All departments within the Council continue to focus on maximising grant funding from Government Departments and other agencies.

iii. **Revenue Provisions**
This reflects the funding made available or is anticipated to be made available by Members from the revenue account for the delivery of certain projects. This funding source is required by most departments but Community, Operations, EETCD and Corporate Services are particularly dependant.

iv. **Under Assessment**
This reflects where the direct funding pathway is to be finalised. If funding cannot be sourced through grants or other sources, then it will fall on the Members to make the required funding available through the annual revenue budget. The Members have significant revenue raising powers with regards to Commercial Rates and Local Property Tax in this regard. These projects are at most risk of not proceeding due to inadequate funding being made available.

v. **'Other' funding**
This reflects where another funding source has been identified such as Internal Capital Receipts (ICR) within housing or bonds in strategic infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

The programme being presented to the Members follows a significant amount of work and analysis by all Directors and their teams. It involves a substantial increase in the level of capital investment in Fingal over the years 2025 to 2027. Every effort will be made to maximise funding, particularly grant funding, from Central Government, to deliver on projects.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024

EXPENDITURE		
	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
HOUSING	213,650,100	277,479,500
COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND SPORTS	9,053,586	11,435,000
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	58,160,000	75,690,000
OPERATIONS	16,680,000	16,894,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL	27,553,643	8,945,252
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	53,681,974	38,807,311
CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES	7,423,000	2,122,455
	386,202,303	431,373,518

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
HOUSING		
Asset Management		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	75,000
Pre-let repairs	3,000,000	3,000,000
Central heating	400,000	700,000
Estate Improvement Works	100,000	100,000
Contract Painting	550,000	800,000
Minor Upgrade Works	200,000	230,000
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	5,000,000	5,000,000
Remediation Schemes	750,000	-
Asset Management Sub Total	**10,120,000**	**9,905,000**
Travellers		
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	80,000
Pre-let repairs	250,000	250,000
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accommodation	150,000	150,000
St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment Works	200,000	250,000
Barnlodge Refurbishment Works	900,000	-
Meakstown Close Refurbishment Works	300,000	300,000
Upgrading Works	300,000	420,000
Emergency Accommodation Refurbishment	100,000	50,000
Refurbishment/Remediation Works	1,000,000	400,000
New Build	1,000,000	-
Travellers Sub Total	**4,320,000**	**1,900,000**
Construction		
Disabled Persons Grant		
Works to Council owned dwellings for persons with a disability	500,000	500,000
Construction Programme		
Mourne View Infill, Skerries	200,000	200,000
Fingerpost, Kinsealy	20,000	-
O'Dwyers, Balbriggan	100,000	10,000
Millers Glen, Swords	200,000	200,000
Park Road, Kenure, Rush	100,000	-
Fortlawn (3No units)	50,000	50,000
Church Fields 2B	500,000	500,000
Cappaghfinn Ph3	500,000	500,000
Dublin 15 Infill Site @ 169 Clonsilla Rd	9,500	30,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Woodside, Swords (Construction of Houses)	250,000	150,000
Remount, Lusk	500,000	500,000
CPO for vacant dwellings	2,500,000	800,000
Murtaghs Refurbishment Project Ballough, Lusk	1,000,000	10,000
Construction Support Programme	100,000	100,000
Tuckett's Lane	50,000	50,000
Bowden Court, Outlands, Swords	1,100,000	1,700,000
Wellview Wraparound	180,000	-
Mayeston (Poppintree)	200,000	300,000
Monastery Road (Church Rd, Lusk)	500,000	600,000
Ballough Place (Site at Leonards Garage)	2,284,100	2,200,000
Holywell	3,000,000	1,500,000
Blakestown Rd / Huntstown Way	405,000	5,000
North Street Swords	2,400,000	2,400,000
St Ita's Portrane	2,000,000	1,000,000
Seatown Road, Swords	500,000	800,000
50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Infill)	12,000	40,000
Knocksedan, Swords - Development of Social Housing	500,000	-
Ballyboughal	-	20,000
Affordable Housing Construction		
Dun Emer, Lusk	200,000	200,000
Hayestown, Rush	5,000,000	5,000,000
Mixed Tenure Construction		
Churchfields 3A	36,899,500	36,899,500
Churchfields 3B	500,000	500,000
Churchfields 4	200,000	-
Ballymastone Phase 1	16,000,000	16,000,000
Mooretown, Swords Phase 1	250,000	800,000
New Road Donabate	200,000	200,000
Blanchardstown T.C. (Verona)	100,000	-
Land Acquisition		
Future Land Acquisition	20,000,000	4,000,000
Construction Sub Total	**99,010,100**	**77,764,500**
Acquisitions		
Social Housing Acquisitions - ongoing programme	27,000,000	27,000,000
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023)	15,000,000	-

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023) - Station Road, Portmarnock (41 units)	-	21,600,000
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023) - Balleally Rise, Lusk (12 units)	-	16,500,000
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023) - Hampton Gardens Close, Balbriggan (5 units)	-	1,300,000
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023) - Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 (12 units)	-	6,100,000
Buy and Renew	800,000	800,000
Acquisitions Sub Total	**42,800,000**	**73,300,000**
Part V		
Part V	24,000,000	45,500,000
Part V Sub Total	**24,000,000**	**45,500,000**
Voluntary		
AHB's-C.A.L.F. (Capital Advanced Leasing Facility)		
CALF - Construction	-	-
CALF - Advance purchase turnkey + Part V	23,000,000	57,800,000
Voluntary Sub Total	**23,000,000**	**57,800,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme		
Capital Assistance Scheme - Construction		
Cluid- 22 College Street (Construction)	150,000	160,000
Aoibhneas	-	150,000
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath)	4,470,000	4,000,000
Garristown N&E	780,000	-
Capital Assistance Scheme - Acquisitions		
Various - to be confirmed	5,000,000	7,000,000
Capital Assistance Scheme Sub Total	**10,400,000**	**11,310,000**
HOUSING TOTAL	**213,650,100**	**277,479,500**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS		
New Build		
Meakstown Community Facility	1,233,191	4,540,000
Community Centre Improvement Phase 1 Works		
Corduff Resource Centre	766,364	165,000
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	1,255,462	170,000
Baldoyle Community Hall	738,850	90,000
Mourne Estate Community Centre	162,108	680,000
Hartstown Community Centre	753,883	1,765,000
Community Centre Improvement Phase 2 Works	2,100,000	-
Parslickstown House and Hall	-	15,000
Mountview Community Centre	-	15,000
Rush Multi Purpose Youth Facility	99,119	720,000
Baldoyle Community Facility	1,694,609	2,750,000
Mulhuddart Community Centre	50,000	125,000
Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre - Lift Installation and Toilet Upgrade	-	200,000
St Margarets Parish House and Hall (Refurbishment)	100,000	200,000
Swimming Pool Feasibility Study	100,000	-
COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS TOTAL	**9,053,586**	**11,435,000**
HOUSING, COMMUNITY, CULTURE & SPORTS TOTAL	**222,703,686**	**288,914,500**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
LIHAF Funded Schemes		
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	500,000	500,000
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	1,150,000
LIHAF Funded Schemes Sub Total	**1,100,000**	**1,650,000**
Greenways		
Broadmeadow Way	10,000,000	12,500,000
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	300,000	500,000
Fingal Coastal Way	600,000	500,000
Royal Canal Greenway	4,000,000	250,000
Harry Reynolds Road Cycle route	4,000,000	8,000,000
Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock (formally known as Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park Route)	150,000	100,000
Kinsealy-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	50,000	50,000
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	100,000	50,000
Ward River Valley Bridge	50,000	155,000
Donabate Active Travel Routes	-	60,000
DDR Greenway	200,000	80,000
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	600,000	800,000
Toberburr Road	20,000	-
Lusk-Rush Cycle Route	20,000	20,000
Transportation Schemes Land Acquisition	2,000,000	-
Liffey Crossing	50,000	50,000
Greenways Sub Total	**22,140,000**	**23,115,000**
Other Transportation Schemes		
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	7,000,000
N3 Upgrade	300,000	550,000
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	6,000,000	14,000,000
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	4,000,000	4,500,000
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	80,000
Donabate Green Routes	200,000	800,000
Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2	-	300,000
Lissenhall Interchange Traffic Study	-	40,000
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	50,000
Dublin Airport Surface access	50,000	-
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	50,000	200,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
R132 Junctions	200,000	400,000
Swords Western Distributor Road	100,000	50,000
Other Transportation Schemes Sub Total	**15,050,000**	**27,970,000**
LIHAF, Greenways and Other Transportation Scheme Sub Total	**38,290,000**	**52,735,000**
Building Control Inspectorate		
Ongar TIC	300,000	200,000
National Taking in Charge Incentive	2,000,000	500,000
Building Control Inspectorate Sub total	**2,300,000**	**700,000**
Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces		
Bremore Castle & Regional Park	200,000	1,100,000
Bremore Regional Park (approved part 8 works)	2,000,000	1,700,000
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	200,000	-
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	1,500,000	200,000
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	20,000	20,000
Coastal Defence Works (for planned works at the Burrow & Rush)	1,500,000	250,000
Shackleton's Mills Refurbishment	200,000	200,000
General Biodiversity Work	1,800,000	1,500,000
Dublin Bay Biosphere	250,000	30,000
Pathway upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	165,000
Restoration of Historical Buildings	150,000	-
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	30,000
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	500,000	250,000
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	1,000,000	500,000
Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces Sub Total	**9,520,000**	**5,945,000**
Recreational Hubs		
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	500,000	1,800,000
Rivervalley Park (including All Weather Pitch & Recreational Hub)	10,000	100,000
Ward River Park Development Project	2,000,000	3,000,000
Porterstown Park Recreational Hub	20,000	200,000
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	2,000,000	1,300,000
Tolka Valley Greenway	20,000	-
Rush Public Realm including Rush Recreational Hub	100,000	50,000
Acquisition of Land at Coldblow Lucan	-	8,000,000
Rathmore Park Recreational Hub	1,000,000	300,000
Recreational Hubs Sub Total	**5,650,000**	**14,750,000**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Town Parks & Playgrounds Sub Total		
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground	500,000	200,000
The Naul Town Park	500,000	250,000
Garristown Playground	300,000	210,000
Howth Playground	600,000	600,000
Town Parks & Playgrounds Sub Total	**1,900,000**	**1,260,000**
Masterplans & Studies		
FDP 2017 - 2023 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	500,000	300,000
Masterplans & Studies Sub Total	**500,000**	**300,000**
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL	**58,160,000**	**75,690,000**

OPERATIONS		
Roads Investment & Bridges		
Roads Investment Programme	2,620,000	2,620,000
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	50,000	50,000
Traffic Control Room / Infrastructure	300,000	-
Bridge Rehabilitation	500,000	950,000
Countywide Pedestrian Connectivity Works	-	390,000
Traffic Upgrade Works	-	210,000
Reconstruction of Brackenstown Road	-	41,000
Roads Investment & Bridges Sub Total	**3,470,000**	**4,261,000**
Energy Efficiencies		
Public Lighting Installations	500,000	70,000
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	400,000	971,500
Energy Efficiencies Sub Total	**900,000**	**1,041,500**
Harbours		
Skerries	200,000	90,000
Balbriggan	500,000	402,000
Loughshinny	50,000	30,000
Rush	50,000	40,000
Harbours Sub Total	**800,000**	**562,000**
Public Conveniences		
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences - Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Portrane, Donabate, Howth	1,700,000	1,100,000
Public Conveniences Sub Total	**1,700,000**	**1,100,000**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Cemeteries		
Mulhuddart Cemetery	200,000	25,000
Balgriffin	455,000	455,000
Kellystown	1,000,000	600,000
Cemeteries Sub Total	**1,655,000**	**1,080,000**
Regional Parks		
Ardgillan Demesne Development Works	250,000	100,000
Newbridge Demesne Playground	1,250,000	1,000,000
Santry Demesne Footpaths	150,000	300,000
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	50,000	275,000
St Catherines Park, Lucan	1,000,000	707,000
Malahide Demesne	450,000	450,000
Town Centre Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	100,000	250,000
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House	350,000	300,000
Regional Parks Sub Total	**3,600,000**	**3,382,000**
Parks & Open Spaces		
Castleknock/Mulhuddart		
Dunsink - Former landfill	50,000	50,000
Hartstown Park Improvements	50,000	150,000
Tyrrelstown Park	150,000	210,000
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	100,000	100,000
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	25,000	86,000
Porterstown Park	50,000	100,000
Ongar Open Space	150,000	60,000
Waterville Park	50,000	95,000
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	45,000	45,000
Hazelbury Park	50,000	25,000
Shackleton Gardens	200,000	200,000
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	25,000	25,000
Balbriggan/Swords		
Ward River Valley Park	200,000	500,000
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	100,000	600,000
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	80,000	80,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Recreation Hub, Lusk	150,000	100,000
St Catherines Park, Rush (Kenure Woods)	150,000	80,000
Skerries Townpark	100,000	300,000
Balbriggan Town Park including Millpond Park (Operations)	-	150,000
Howth/Malahide		
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	60,000	80,000
Robswall Park Development	80,000	60,000
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	20,000	20,000
Parks and Open Spaces Sub Total	**1,895,000**	**3,126,000**
Coastal Walks, Carparks and Signage		
Howth Malahide Area Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	150,000	350,000
Parks & Heritage Signage	75,000	90,000
Barnageeragh Beach - Feasibility and Design Assessment options on improved access	70,000	35,000
Balbriggan/Swords Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	150,000	50,000
Coastal Walks, Carparks and Signage Sub Total	**445,000**	**525,000**
Playing Pitches		
Countywide Playing Pitches	300,000	350,000
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	50,000	-
Barnageeragh Pitch	100,000	-
Countywide Pitch Changing Facilities	250,000	200,000
Upgrade Works at Allotments	40,000	55,000
Playgrounds General - Replacement Repair	-	200,000
Playing Pitches Sub Total	**740,000**	**805,000**
Depot Works		
Fancourt Depot	25,000	25,000
Coolmine Depot	250,000	250,000
Depot Works Sub Total	**275,000**	**275,000**
Surface Water		
Howth Surface Water Culvert	500,000	-
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	50,000	12,000
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	110,000	120,000
Assessment of Storm Water Network in Portrane/Donabate	10,000	10,000
Dublin 15 Area - Storm Water Network	20,000	40,000
The Bawn Stormwater Upgrade	50,000	-

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Bath Avenue Storm Water Pipeline	100,000	-
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	150,000	100,000
Malahide / Portmarnock Surface Water Network	10,000	28,500
Carpenterstown Rd Storm Water Sewer refurbishment	80,000	56,000
Feasibility Study for Countywide SW Drainage Model	60,000	10,000
Balbirggan/Rush/Lusk/Skerries Surface Water Network	30,000	120,000
Surface Water Works Improvement Programme (Misconnection Works)	20,000	25,000
Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements	10,000	5,000
Chalfont Storm Water Network Remediation	-	100,000
Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement	-	110,000
Surface Water Sub Total	**1,200,000**	**736,500**
OPERATIONS TOTAL	**16,680,000**	**16,894,000**

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION AND ACTIVE TRAVEL		
Environment		
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	600,000	1,200,000
Nevitt Landfill	100,000	50,000
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	400,000	200,000
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill	400,000	130,000
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	50,000	200,000
Environment Sub Total	**1,550,000**	**1,780,000**
Climate Action		
Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme	500,000	60,000
Climate Action Sub Total	**500,000**	**60,000**
Environment & Climate Action Sub Total	**2,050,000**	**1,840,000**
Active Travel		
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	2,000,000	100,000
New Street, Malahide	3,135,643	182,875
Fingal Cycling Training Centre	200,000	200,000
Broomfield to Paddy's Hill Cycling Scheme	200,000	100,000
Bicycle Parking	300,000	300,000
Baldoyle Circle	80,000	50,000
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	1,100,000	1,302,353
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	200,000	190,524
Harstown to Hunstown Cycle Scheme	1,000,000	49,945

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	600,000	50,000
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	1,947,000	60,000
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary (Swords to Malahide)	1,110,000	150,000
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue	80,000	100,000
Balbriggan - Coney Hill from Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	1,500,000	50,000
Skerries - Harbour Road (Footpath build-outs)	855,000	150,000
Skerries Active Travel Plan	570,000	250,000
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	300,000	100,000
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	1,200,000	93,444
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	1,470,000	37,346
Balrothery Active Travel Review	250,000	253,799
Rush - South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore Rd) New footpath & cycle path	445,000	50,000
Balbriggan Road, Mill Street and Drogheda Street	250,000	50,000
Park and Ride (Lissenhall)	100,000	-
NTA New Schemes	2,000,000	-
Data collections traffic, air, noise	100,000	25,000
Permeability Links North County	750,000	625,000
Phoenix Park to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	150,000	224,496
Active Travel Pathfinder- Swords to Airport	1,500,000	500,000
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure	250,000	143,537
Bayside Senior (SRTS R1)	25,000	25,000
Scoil Ghrainne CNS (SRTS R1)	133,000	123,834
Bayside Junior (SRTS R1)	25,000	25,000
Scoil Choilm (SRTS R1)	475,000	343,539
Rush & Lusk (SRTS R1)	8,000	18,144
Pope John Paul II (SRTS R1)	350,000	380,000
Castaheany ETNS (SRTS R1)	15,000	5,000
St Benedicts NS (SRTS R1)	15,000	5,000
Ladyswell NS (SRTS R1)	315,000	253,828
Holy Family Junior National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	90,000	10,000
St. Helen's National School - Portmarnock (SRTS R2)	90,000	10,000
Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	90,000	10,000
Scoil Bhríde Cailínií - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	90,000	10,000
St Colmcille's National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	90,000	10,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Balscadden Beach ORIS	50,000	50,000
Re-design and Construction of Three Junctions at Offington, Sutton, Dublin 13	-	150,000
Footpath Installation & Associated Works at Balscadden	-	53,245
Fingal Small Works Safe Routes to School	-	100,000
Footpath Installation & Associated Works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	-	64,343
Wild Cat Lane, Skerries	-	70,000
Active Travel Sub Total	**25,503,643**	**7,105,252**
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & ACTIVE TRAVEL TOTAL	**27,553,643**	**8,945,252**

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT		
Swords Cultural Quarter		
Civic & Cultural Centre	13,227,600	3,183,600
Carnegie Library	52,100	401,400
St Michael's House	50,000	-
Swords Cultural Quarter Sub Total	**13,329,700**	**3,585,000**
Urban/Rural Regeneration		
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour including RNLI Boathouse	5,900,000	11,106,609
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project No.2: 2-4 Dublin Street	1,100,000	66,706
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project No.3: 10-16 Bridge Street (Main St, Green Corridor)	500,000	1,131,196
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project No.4: Railway Street & Station Plaza	1,500,000	-
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project No.5: Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations (Beach/Banks/Martello Tower/Boathouse/Public Baths)	1,000,000	200,000
Our Balbriggan URDF - Project Management	150,000	150,000
Balbriggan Youth Recreation Space	150,000	150,000
Town Centre First	500,000	500,000
URDF 3: Vacant Properties & Derelict Sites	4,800,000	4,800,000
RRDF: Town and Village Application	1,500,000	-
Tidal Pool Balbriggan Harbour	50,000	50,000
Urban/Rural Regeneration Sub Total	**17,150,000**	**18,154,511**
Heritage Properties		
Development works to Malahide Castle	1,004,548	445,000
Bremore Castle	500,000	130,000

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	302,488	252,600
Development works to Newbridge House	1,302,724	278,000
Skerries Mills Red barn	1,324,534	75,000
Skerries Martello Tower	610,466	200,000
Guinness Bridge	300,250	568,000
Swords Castle	311,864	62,800
Shackleton Mills	587,500	-
Howth Martello Tower	30,000	20,000
Malahide Demesne Properties	300,000	-
Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	500,000	75,000
Maintenance of Heritage Properties	250,000	250,000
Heritage Properties Sub Total	**7,324,374**	**2,356,400**
Industrial Development		
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000
Enterprise Centres	100,000	100,000
Damastown Industrial Estate	500,000	200,000
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	700,000	400,000
College Business & Technology Park Buzzardstown	100,000	100,000
Cherryhound Lands	50,000	50,000
Upgrade Works for Industrial /Business Parks	300,000	200,000
Maintenance of Community Properties	-	10,000
Industrial Development Sub Total	**11,750,000**	**11,060,000**
Council Properties		
Sluagh Hall, Swords	150,000	10,000
Morton Stadium	50,000	50,000
56 Church Street Skerries (Skerries Library)	50,000	-
Buzzardstown House	200,000	100,000
Council Properties Sub Total	**450,000**	**160,000**
Libraries		
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	186,300	2,512,700
Improvement works to Libraries (Malahide/Balbriggan/Blanchardstown)	1,000,000	-
Baldoyle - General Works	1,169,500	423,500
Donabate Library - Ballisk House/Donabate Credit Union	893,100	243,900
Howth - Refurbishment of Library	129,000	-
My Open Library	-	111,300
Libraries Sub Total	**3,377,900**	**3,291,400**

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 2024 €	PROJECTED OUTTURN 2024 €
Arts		
Per Cent for Art Projects	75,000	75,000
Artists Studios	100,000	-
Youth Education	90,000	90,000
Initiatives arising from Arts Plan 2018-2025	35,000	35,000
Arts Sub Total	**300,000**	**200,000**
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TOTAL	**53,681,974**	**38,807,311**

CORPORATE SERVICES		
Corporate		
Corporate Buildings Improvements	3,300,000	1,000,000
Workplace Spatial Strategy	3,800,000	310,000
Corporate Sub Total	**7,100,000**	**1,310,000**
IT		
Build to Share	323,000	812,455
IT Sub Total	**323,000**	**812,455**
CORPORATE SERVICES TOTAL	**7,423,000**	**2,122,455**
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024 PROJECTED OUTTURN TOTAL	**386,202,303**	**431,373,518**

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027

EXPENDITURE					FUNDED BY						
	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	LOANS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
HOUSING	361,628,800	358,139,700	287,887,800	1,007,656,300		963,625,400		9,895,000		34,135,900	1,007,656,300
COMMUNITY	11,290,000	9,860,000	3,955,000	25,105,000		749,000		13,346,000	10,810,000	200,000	25,105,000
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE	72,920,000	55,080,000	112,860,000	240,860,000	108,890,000	122,970,000				9,000,000	240,860,000
OPERATIONS	20,050,000	13,530,000	8,905,000	42,485,000	28,625,000			11,160,000	2,700,000		42,485,000
ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT	23,377,602	39,465,594	19,590,550	82,433,746	6,495,000	72,559,562		2,379,184	1,000,000		82,433,746
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	76,483,802	56,662,660	25,029,225	158,175,687	15,500,000	28,772,267	38,000,000	24,337,066	51,341,354	225,000	158,175,687
CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES	7,249,145	3,200,395	1,525,395	11,974,935				5,931,935	6,043,000		11,974,935
	572,999,349	535,938,349	459,752,970	1,568,690,668	159,510,000	1,188,676,229	38,000,000	67,049,185	71,894,354	43,560,900	1,568,690,668

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Asset Management								
Fire Damaged Dwelling	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**			360,000	**360,000**
Pre-let repairs	3,150,000	3,307,500	3,472,900	**9,930,400**	3,600,000	2,550,000	3,780,400	**9,930,400**
Central heating	735,000	771,700	810,300	**2,317,000**		750,000	1,567,000	**2,317,000**
Estate Improvement Works	105,000	110,300	115,700	**331,000**		300,000	31,000	**331,000**
Contract Painting	840,000	882,000	926,000	**2,648,000**		300,000	2,348,000	**2,648,000**
Minor Upgrade Works	262,500	275,600	289,400	**827,500**		390,000	437,500	**827,500**
Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme EERP	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**15,000,000**	10,203,000	2,760,000	2,037,000	**15,000,000**
Remediation/Renovation Schemes	750,000	750,000	750,000	**2,250,000**		1,200,000	1,050,000	**2,250,000**
Asset Management Sub Total	**10,962,500**	**11,217,100**	**11,484,300**	**33,663,900**	**13,803,000**	**8,250,000**	**11,610,900**	**33,663,900**
Travellers								
Fire Damaged Dwellings - Traveller Sites	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**			360,000	**360,000**
Pre-let repairs Traveller Sites	250,000	250,000	250,000	**750,000**	450,000	300,000		**750,000**
Maintenance of Traveller Specific Accommodation	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		150,000	300,000	**450,000**
St Brigid's Lawn Refurbishment Works	50,000			**50,000**	50,000			**50,000**
Barnlodge Refurbishment Works	600,000	400,000		**1,000,000**	1,000,000			**1,000,000**
Meakstown Close Refurbishment Works	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
Upgrade Works (All Traveller Sites)	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**		900,000		**900,000**
Emergency Accommodation	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Refurbishment of Travellers Sites	700,000	700,000	700,000	**2,100,000**	2,100,000			**2,100,000**
New Build	300,000	700,000	700,000	**1,700,000**	1,700,000			**1,700,000**
Travellers Sub Total	**2,770,000**	**2,920,000**	**2,520,000**	**8,210,000**	**6,200,000**	**1,350,000**	**660,000**	**8,210,000**
Disabled Person's Grant								
Works For Disabled Tenants	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**	1,350,000		150,000	**1,500,000**
Disabled Person's Grant Sub Total	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**1,500,000**	**1,350,000**		**150,000**	**1,500,000**

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HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Construction Projects								
Social Housing Construction								
Mourne View Infill, Skerries	600,000	3,500,000	200,000	**4,300,000**	4,300,000			**4,300,000**
Fingerpost, Kinsealy	20,000	200,000	1,180,000	**1,400,000**	1,400,000			**1,400,000**
O'Dwyers, Balbriggan	20,000	20,000	100,000	**140,000**	140,000			**140,000**
Millers Glen, Swords	200,000	1,500,000	6,000,000	**7,700,000**	7,700,000			**7,700,000**
Park Road, Kenure, Rush	200,000	3,200,000	10,000	**3,410,000**	3,410,000			**3,410,000**
Fortlawn Housing Infill Scheme (Social Units)	150,000	600,000	500,000	**1,250,000**	1,250,000			**1,250,000**
Church Fields 2B	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Cappagh Finn Ph3	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Woodlane, Swords (Construction of Houses)	300,000	11,000,000	2,800,000	**14,100,000**	14,100,000			**14,100,000**
Remount, Lusk	4,500,000	4,200,000	100,000	**8,800,000**	8,800,000			**8,800,000**
CPO for vacant dwellings	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**	6,000,000			**6,000,000**
Construction Support Programme	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**	1,500,000		1,500,000	**3,000,000**
Tuckett's Lane	50,000	2,000,000		**2,050,000**	2,050,000			**2,050,000**
Bowden Court, Outlands, Swords	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Mayeston (Poppintree)	150,000	1,000,000	10,000,000	**11,150,000**	11,150,000			**11,150,000**
Monastery Road (Church Rd, Lusk)	51,000			**51,000**	51,000			**51,000**
Ballough Place (Site at Leonards Garage)	127,800			**127,800**	127,800			**127,800**
Holywell	13,162,500	10,000,000	2,500,000	**25,662,500**	25,662,500			**25,662,500**
Blakestown Rd / Huntstown Way	5,265,000	10,000,000		**15,265,000**	15,265,000			**15,265,000**
North Street Swords	4,800,000	155,000		**4,955,000**	4,955,000			**4,955,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
St Ita's Portrane	300,000			**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Seatown Road, Swords	4,000,000	6,000,000	9,500,000	**19,500,000**	19,500,000			**19,500,000**
50 Sheepmoor Avenue (Infill)	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Knocksedan, Swords - Development of Social Housing	50,000	300,000	4,000,000	**4,350,000**	4,350,000			**4,350,000**
Ballyboughal		100,000	200,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**
Affordable Housing Construction								
Dun Emer, Lusk	100,000			**100,000**	95,000		5,000	**100,000**
Hayestown Rush	1,500,000			**1,500,000**	1,425,000		75,000	**1,500,000**
Mixed Tenure Construction								
Churchfields 3A - Affordable Units	13,400,000	13,000,000		**26,400,000**	25,080,000		1,320,000	**26,400,000**
Churchfields 3A - Social Units	7,000,000	7,000,000		**14,000,000**	14,000,000			**14,000,000**
Churchfields 3A - Cost Rental units	18,000,000			**18,000,000**			18,000,000	**18,000,000**
Churchfields 3B - Social Units	25,000,000	25,107,600		**50,107,600**	50,107,600			**50,107,600**
Churchfields 3B - Affordable Sales	6,500,000	4,500,000		**11,000,000**	10,450,000		550,000	**11,000,000**
Churchfields 4 - Future Project	100,000	1,000,000	15,000,000	**16,100,000**	16,100,000			**16,100,000**
Ballymastone Phase 1 - Social	20,000,000	7,000,000	100,000	**27,100,000**	27,100,000			**27,100,000**
Ballymastone Phase 2 - Social, Affordable & Private		13,000,000	13,000,000	**26,000,000**	26,000,000			**26,000,000**
Mooretown, Swords Phase 1 - Social	15,000,000	12,000,000	100,000	**27,100,000**	27,100,000			**27,100,000**
Mooretown, Swords Phase 1 - Affordable	3,000,000	2,200,000	100,000	**5,300,000**	5,035,000		265,000	**5,300,000**
Ballymastone Ph 1A. Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate - Affordable	4,200,000	1,680,000	20,000	**5,900,000**	5,605,000	295,000		**5,900,000**
Ballymastone Ph 1A. Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate - Social	30,000,000	12,500,000	233,500	**42,733,500**	42,733,500			**42,733,500**
Mooretown Ph 2		100,000	20,000,000	**20,100,000**	20,100,000			**20,100,000**
Clegheddar, Balbriggan	200,000	300,000	20,000,000	**20,500,000**	20,500,000			**20,500,000**
Blanchardstown T.C. (Verona)	100,000	100,000	5,000,000	**5,200,000**	5,200,000			**5,200,000**
Land Acquisition								
Future Land Acquisition	11,000,000	22,000,000	11,500,000	**44,500,000**	44,500,000			**44,500,000**
Construction Projects Sub Total	**192,446,300**	**178,262,600**	**125,143,500**	**495,852,400**	**473,842,400**	**295,000**	**21,715,000**	**495,852,400**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
HOUSING

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Acquisitions								
Social Housing Acquisitions - ongoing programme	27,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	**39,000,000**	39,000,000			**39,000,000**
Advance purchase turnkey Acquisitions (EOI 2023)	35,500,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	**65,500,000**	65,500,000			**65,500,000**
Buy and Renew	800,000	800,000	800,000	**2,400,000**	2,400,000			**2,400,000**
Acquisitions Sub Total	**63,300,000**	**21,800,000**	**21,800,000**	**106,900,000**	**106,900,000**			**106,900,000**
Part V								
Castlelands LDA		24,960,000	17,160,000	**42,120,000**	42,120,000			**42,120,000**
Hackettstown (Part v - LDA)		7,500,000	7,500,000	**15,000,000**	15,000,000			**15,000,000**
Part V	60,000,000	62,000,000	64,000,000	**186,000,000**	186,000,000			**186,000,000**
Part V Sub Total	**60,000,000**	**94,460,000**	**88,660,000**	**243,120,000**	**243,120,000**			**243,120,000**
Voluntary								
C.A.L.F. (*Capital Advanced Leasing Facility*)								
CALF - Advance purchase turnkey + Part V	30,000,000	33,000,000	36,000,000	**99,000,000**	99,000,000			**99,000,000**
Voluntary Sub Total	**30,000,000**	**33,000,000**	**36,000,000**	**99,000,000**	**99,000,000**			**99,000,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)								
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Construction								
Aoibhneas	200,000	6,300,000		**6,500,000**	6,500,000			**6,500,000**
Marion House	200,000	7,900,000		**8,100,000**	8,100,000			**8,100,000**
Dun Emer, Lusk (Tuath) - Construction	250,000			**250,000**	250,000			**250,000**
Garristown N&E		780,000	780,000	**1,560,000**	1,560,000			**1,560,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) - Acquisitions								
Various Acquisitions (to be confirmed)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000			**3,000,000**
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Sub Total	**1,650,000**	**15,980,000**	**1,780,000**	**19,410,000**	**19,410,000**			**19,410,000**
HOUSING TOTAL	**361,628,800**	**358,139,700**	**287,887,800**	**1,007,656,300**	**963,625,400**	**9,895,000**	**34,135,900**	**1,007,656,300**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
COMMUNITY

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Meakstown Community Centre	585,000			**585,000**		585,000			**585,000**
Mourne Estate Community Centre	20,000			**20,000**		20,000			**20,000**
Hartstown Community Centre	850,000	60,000		**910,000**	402,000	508,000			**910,000**
Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility	35,000			**35,000**		35,000			**35,000**
Baldoyle Community Centre	7,000,000	1,000,000		**8,000,000**		6,000,000	2,000,000		**8,000,000**
Corduff Resource Centre	1,500,000	2,000,000	150,000	**3,650,000**	197,000	3,303,000	150,000		**3,650,000**
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	145,000	2,100,000	1,800,000	**4,045,000**	150,000	2,895,000	1,000,000		**4,045,000**
St Margarets Community Hall	200,000			**200,000**			200,000		**200,000**
Mulhuddart Community Centre	300,000	1,360,000	85,000	**1,745,000**			1,745,000		**1,745,000**
Corduff Sports Centre	50,000	400,000	600,000	**1,050,000**			1,050,000		**1,050,000**
Rivermeade		80,000		**80,000**			80,000		**80,000**
Baldoyle Forum	400,000	1,300,000	100,000	**1,800,000**			1,600,000	200,000	**1,800,000**
Parslickstown House and Hall	115,000	765,000	465,000	**1,345,000**			1,345,000		**1,345,000**
Mountview Community Centre	45,000	435,000	210,000	**690,000**			690,000		**690,000**
Blakestown Community Centre			400,000	**400,000**			400,000		**400,000**
Mountview Family Resource Centre	45,000	360,000	45,000	**450,000**			450,000		**450,000**
Fortlawn Community Centre			80,000	**80,000**			80,000		**80,000**
St Macullins Church			20,000	**20,000**			20,000		**20,000**
COMMUNITY TOTAL	**11,290,000**	**9,860,000**	**3,955,000**	**25,105,000**	**749,000**	**13,346,000**	**10,810,000**	**200,000**	**25,105,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
LIHAF Funded Schemes								
Donabate Road (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	45,000			**45,000**	45,000			**45,000**
Hole in the Wall Road, Baldoyle (LIHAF) (Cycle facilities included)	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**
LIHAF Funded Schemes Sub Total	**195,000**			**195,000**	**195,000**			**195,000**
Greenways								
Broadmeadow Way	11,500,000	12,000,000	1,000,000	**24,500,000**		24,500,000		**24,500,000**
Sutton to Malahide Greenway	400,000	400,000	2,000,000	**2,800,000**		2,800,000		**2,800,000**
Fingal Coastal Way	450,000	300,000	1,000,000	**1,750,000**		1,750,000		**1,750,000**
Royal Canal Greenway	200,000	800,000	8,300,000	**9,300,000**		9,300,000		**9,300,000**
Harry Reynolds Road Cycle route	3,500,000			**3,500,000**		3,500,000		**3,500,000**
Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock (formally known as Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park Route)	175,000	375,000	600,000	**1,150,000**	1,150,000			**1,150,000**
Kinsealy-Portmarnock Cycle Route Design	200,000	200,000	8,000,000	**8,400,000**	8,400,000			**8,400,000**
Damastown-Clonsilla Cycle Network	200,000	200,000	800,000	**1,200,000**		1,200,000		**1,200,000**
Brackenstown Bridge Swords	400,000	200,000	12,000,000	**12,600,000**		12,600,000		**12,600,000**
Donabate Pedestrian Bridge (Cycle facilities included)	900,000			**900,000**		900,000		**900,000**
DDR Greenway	200,000			**200,000**	100,000	100,000		**200,000**
Donabate Active Travel Routes	200,000	200,000	1,000,000	**1,400,000**		1,400,000		**1,400,000**
Canal Loop Greenway Lucan to Royal Canal	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Kellystown Road	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Toberburr Road	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Lusk-Rush Cycle Route	200,000	450,000	2,000,000	**2,650,000**	2,650,000			**2,650,000**
Liffey Crossing	300,000	200,000	100,000	**600,000**		600,000		**600,000**
Land Acquisition for Transport Schemes	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**	6,000,000			**6,000,000**
Greenways Sub Total	**21,175,000**	**17,325,000**	**38,800,000**	**77,300,000**	**18,650,000**	**58,650,000**		**77,300,000**
Transportation Schemes								
Snugborough Interchange (Cycle facilities included)	500,000			**500,000**	500,000			**500,000**
N3 Upgrade	200,000	200,000		**400,000**		400,000		**400,000**
Ongar to Barnhill Link Road	7,000,000	500,000		**7,500,000**	7,500,000			**7,500,000**
Churchfields Link Road (Cycle facilities included)	500,000			**500,000**	500,000			**500,000**
Swords Transport Network (Cycle facilities included)	100,000	100,000		**200,000**		200,000		**200,000**
Turvey Avenue & Portrane Road Enhancement Projects	1,000,000	150,000		**1,150,000**	1,150,000			**1,150,000**
Lissenhall Interchange Traffic Study	200,000			**200,000**		200,000		**200,000**
Donabate Distributor Road Phase 2	200,000	300,000	4,500,000	**5,000,000**	5,000,000			**5,000,000**
Kinsealy Lane Upgrade Design (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	200,000		**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Blakes Cross (Cycle facilities included)	200,000	400,000	10,000,000	**10,600,000**	10,600,000			**10,600,000**
R132 Junctions	5,800,000	5,500,000		**11,300,000**		11,300,000		**11,300,000**
Swords Western Distributor Road	450,000	450,000		**900,000**	900,000			**900,000**
Dublin Airport Surface Access	150,000			**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Fosterstown Link Road	250,000			**250,000**	250,000			**250,000**
Swords Main Street Transformation	650,000	650,000	10,000,000	**11,300,000**		11,300,000		**11,300,000**
Swords Transport Network (Swords to Malahide Active Travel Route)	400,000	400,000		**800,000**		800,000		**800,000**
Portmarnock Bridge	350,000			**350,000**	350,000			**350,000**
Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project	100,000	75,000	600,000	**775,000**	775,000			**775,000**
Transportation Schemes Sub Total	**18,250,000**	**8,925,000**	**25,100,000**	**52,275,000**	**28,075,000**	**24,200,000**		**52,275,000**
LIHAF, Greenways and Transportation Schemes Sub Total	**39,620,000**	**26,250,000**	**63,900,000**	**129,770,000**	**46,920,000**	**82,850,000**		**129,770,000**
Building Control Inspectorate								
Taking in Charge Works Programme	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**			6,000,000	**6,000,000**
Building Control Inspectorate Sub Total	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**6,000,000**			**6,000,000**	**6,000,000**
Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces								
Bremore Castle & Car Park	300,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	**2,800,000**	2,800,000			**2,800,000**
Bremore Regional Park (approved part 8 works)	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000	**8,000,000**	8,000,000			**8,000,000**
Rogerstown Estuary Plan	150,000	500,000	3,000,000	**3,650,000**	3,650,000			**3,650,000**
Baleally Landfill (Development of Rogerstown Park)	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**4,000,000**	4,000,000			**4,000,000**
Beechpark Gardens (Shackleton Gardens)	20,000	20,000	20,000	**60,000**	60,000			**60,000**
Coastal Defence Works (I.a. for planned works at The Burrow & Rush)	3,000,000	5,000,000	25,000,000	**33,000,000**		33,000,000		**33,000,000**
Shackleton's Mills Refurbishment	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000			**600,000**
General Biodiversity Work	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**6,000,000**	6,000,000			**6,000,000**

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PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Dublin Bay Biosphere	120,000	120,000	120,000	**360,000**	360,000			**360,000**
Pathway Upgrading Howth (SAAO Operational Plan)	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**
Drumanagh Conservation Capital	50,000	200,000	200,000	**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**
Corduff Sports Centre (All Weather Pitch)	1,500,000	30,000	10,000	**1,540,000**	1,540,000			**1,540,000**
Lanesborough Park, Meakstown	750,000	100,000	30,000	**880,000**	880,000			**880,000**
Parks, Pitches & Open Spaces Sub Total	**13,240,000**	**13,320,000**	**35,230,000**	**61,790,000**	**28,790,000**	**33,000,000**		**61,790,000**
Recreational Hubs								
Racecourse Park Baldoyle (cycle facilities included)	5,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	**9,000,000**	9,000,000			**9,000,000**
Ward River Park Development Project	3,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	**13,000,000**	13,000,000			**13,000,000**
Portersstown Park Recreational Hub	30,000	10,000		**40,000**	40,000			**40,000**
Ballymastone Recreational Hub & Corballis Nature Park	5,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**8,000,000**	880,000	7,120,000		**8,000,000**
St. Catherine's Park Lucan - Coldblow Lands Development	50,000	100,000	500,000	**650,000**	650,000			**650,000**
Tolka Valley Regional Park Development Plan	50,000	500,000	1,500,000	**2,050,000**	2,050,000			**2,050,000**
Clongriffin Access Public Realm	100,000			**100,000**	100,000			**100,000**
Rush Recreational Hub	500,000	1,500,000	500,000	**2,500,000**	2,500,000			**2,500,000**
Rathmore Park Recreational Hub (Lusk)	1,500,000	200,000	100,000	**1,800,000**	1,800,000			**1,800,000**
Recreational Hubs Sub Total	**15,230,000**	**11,310,000**	**10,600,000**	**37,140,000**	**30,020,000**	**7,120,000**		**37,140,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Town Parks & Playgrounds								
Skerries Town Park Skatepark & Playground (upgrade)	300,000	200,000	50,000	**550,000**	550,000			**550,000**
Hazelbury Park Playground	10,000	300,000	10,000	**320,000**	320,000			**320,000**
Hartstown Park Playground	10,000	300,000	10,000	**320,000**	320,000			**320,000**
Portrane Village Playground	10,000	300,000	10,000	**320,000**	320,000			**320,000**
Naul Village Park Development	1,500,000	100,000	50,000	**1,650,000**	1,650,000			**1,650,000**
Town Parks & Playgrounds Sub Total	**1,830,000**	**1,200,000**	**130,000**	**3,160,000**	**3,160,000**			**3,160,000**
Masterplans and Studies								
FDP 2023-2029 (LAP's, Masterplans & Studies)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**			3,000,000	**3,000,000**
Masterplans and Studies Sub Total	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**3,000,000**			**3,000,000**	**3,000,000**
PLANNING TOTAL	**72,920,000**	**55,080,000**	**112,860,000**	**240,860,000**	**108,890,000**	**122,970,000**	**9,000,000**	**240,860,000**

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OPERATIONS

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Road Investment and Bridges								
Roads Investment Programme	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	**8,400,000**	8,400,000			**8,400,000**
Pay & Display Meter Replacement Programme	60,000	60,000	50,000	**170,000**		170,000		**170,000**
Bridge Rehabilitation	600,000	600,000	600,000	**1,800,000**		1,800,000		**1,800,000**
Traffic Control Room	100,000	150,000	150,000	**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Countywide Pedestrian Connectivity Works	450,000	450,000	450,000	**1,350,000**	1,350,000			**1,350,000**
Traffic Upgrade Works	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**	450,000			**450,000**
Road Investment and Bridges Sub Total	**4,160,000**	**4,210,000**	**4,200,000**	**12,570,000**	**10,600,000**	**1,970,000**		**12,570,000**
Energy Efficiencies								
FCC Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	400,000	300,000	200,000	**900,000**		900,000		**900,000**
Energy Efficiencies Sub Total	**400,000**	**300,000**	**200,000**	**900,000**		**900,000**		**900,000**
Harbours								
Skerries	1,000,000	1,500,000	500,000	**3,000,000**		1,000,000	2,000,000	**3,000,000**
Balbriggan	200,000	500,000	300,000	**1,000,000**		300,000	700,000	**1,000,000**
Loughshinny	40,000	40,000		**80,000**		80,000		**80,000**
Rush	40,000	40,000		**80,000**		80,000		**80,000**
Harbours Sub Total	**1,280,000**	**2,080,000**	**800,000**	**4,160,000**		**1,460,000**	**2,700,000**	**4,160,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Public Conveniences								
Refurbishment of Public Conveniences	700,000	300,000		1,000,000		1,000,000		1,000,000
Public Conveniences Sub Total	**700,000**	**300,000**		**1,000,000**		**1,000,000**		**1,000,000**
Cemeteries								
Mulhuddart	300,000	50,000		350,000		350,000		350,000
Balgriffin	400,000	200,000	100,000	700,000		700,000		700,000
Kellystown	2,750,000	400,000		3,150,000		3,150,000		3,150,000
Cemeteries Sub Total	**3,450,000**	**650,000**	**100,000**	**4,200,000**		**4,200,000**		**4,200,000**
Regional Parks								
Ardgillan Demesne	500,000	800,000	300,000	1,600,000	1,600,000			1,600,000
Newbridge Demesne	2,000,000	250,000	250,000	2,500,000	2,500,000			2,500,000
Santry Demesne	100,000	150,000	50,000	300,000	300,000			300,000
Tolka Valley Park Improvements	200,000	150,000	150,000	500,000	500,000			500,000
St Catherines Park, Lucan	900,000	500,000	250,000	1,650,000	1,650,000			1,650,000
Town Centre, Millennium Park, Blanchardstown	150,000	130,000	100,000	380,000	380,000			380,000
Malahide Demesne	250,000	250,000	250,000	750,000	750,000			750,000
Talbot Gardens and Butterfly House	900,000	150,000		1,050,000	1,050,000			1,050,000
Regional Parks Sub Total	**5,000,000**	**2,380,000**	**1,350,000**	**8,730,000**	**8,730,000**			**8,730,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Parks & Open Spaces								
Castleknock/Mulhuddart								
Hartstown Park Improvements	150,000	40,000	40,000	**230,000**	230,000			**230,000**
Tyrrelstown Park	150,000	150,000	100,000	**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Ladyswell Park/Mick Walsh Park	70,000	30,000	30,000	**130,000**	130,000			**130,000**
Corduff Park	10,000	10,000	10,000	**30,000**	30,000			**30,000**
Tir Na N'Og Park, Carpenterstown	85,000	40,000	25,000	**150,000**	150,000			**150,000**
Portestown Park	200,000	40,000	40,000	**280,000**	280,000			**280,000**
Ongar Open Space	280,000	150,000	50,000	**480,000**	480,000			**480,000**
Waterville Park	150,000	60,000	60,000	**270,000**	270,000			**270,000**
Cherryfield Park, Clonsilla	45,000	25,000	10,000	**80,000**	80,000			**80,000**
Hazelbury Park	50,000	20,000	10,000	**80,000**	80,000			**80,000**
Shackleton Gardens	150,000	125,000	100,000	**375,000**	375,000			**375,000**
Littlepace Park, Clonee, D15	25,000	25,000	25,000	**75,000**	75,000			**75,000**
Balbriggan/Swords								
Ward River Valley Park	200,000	200,000	100,000	**500,000**	500,000			**500,000**
The Glebe Park, Balrothery	250,000	75,000		**325,000**	325,000			**325,000**
Open Space Chapel Farm Drive Lusk	75,000	50,000	50,000	**175,000**	175,000			**175,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Recreation Hub, Lusk	50,000	30,000	20,000	100,000	100,000			100,000
St Catherines Park, Rush including Portico Open Space	100,000	50,000	50,000	200,000	200,000			200,000
Holywell Park, Swords	20,000	20,000	20,000	60,000	60,000			60,000
Balbriggan Town Park including Millpond Park Operations	100,000	100,000	50,000	250,000	250,000			250,000
Skerries Townpark	100,000	100,000	50,000	250,000	250,000			250,000
Howth/Malahide								
Redrock Park, Howth - Improvements	50,000	25,000	25,000	100,000	100,000			100,000
Robswall Park Development	45,000	45,000	45,000	135,000	135,000			135,000
Racecourse Park, Baldoyle (Millennium)	30,000	30,000	30,000	90,000	90,000			90,000
Parks & Open Spaces Sub Total	**2,385,000**	**1,440,000**	**940,000**	**4,765,000**	**4,765,000**			**4,765,000**
Coastal Walks, Carparks & Signage								
Howth Malahide Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	125,000	125,000	125,000	375,000	375,000			375,000
Balbriggan/Swords Coastal Walks, Footpaths & Car Parks	125,000	100,000	75,000	300,000	300,000			300,000
Digital Beach Signage (Bathing Water quality etc.)	40,000			40,000	40,000			40,000
Parks & Heritage Signage	75,000	75,000	75,000	225,000	225,000			225,000
Damastown Carpark	75,000			75,000	75,000			75,000
Coastal Walks, Carparks & Signage Sub Total	**440,000**	**300,000**	**275,000**	**1,015,000**	**1,015,000**			**1,015,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Countywide Works								
Countywide Playing Pitches	400,000	300,000	100,000	**800,000**	800,000			**800,000**
Countywide Pitch Changing Facilities	150,000	150,000	100,000	**400,000**	400,000			**400,000**
Playgrounds General - Replacement Repair	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**		600,000		**600,000**
Upgrade Works at Allotments	40,000	10,000	10,000	**60,000**		60,000		**60,000**
Countywide Works Sub Total	**790,000**	**660,000**	**410,000**	**1,860,000**	**1,200,000**	**660,000**		**1,860,000**
Depot Works								
Fancourt Depot	150,000	100,000		**250,000**		250,000		**250,000**
Newbridge - Depot Works	200,000			**200,000**		200,000		**200,000**
Estuary Recycling Centre	60,000			**60,000**		60,000		**60,000**
Watery Lane	10,000			**10,000**		10,000		**10,000**
Coolmine Depot	150,000	150,000	150,000	**450,000**		450,000		**450,000**
Depot Works Sub Total	**570,000**	**250,000**	**150,000**	**970,000**		**970,000**		**970,000**
Surface Water								
Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement	35,000			**35,000**	35,000			**35,000**
Tucketts Lane Combined Network Separation	230,000	200,000	10,000	**440,000**	440,000			**440,000**
Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement Contract		150,000	150,000	**300,000**	300,000			**300,000**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme	40,000			40,000	40,000			40,000
Burrow Beach Surface Outfall Pipeline	60,000			60,000	60,000			60,000
Assessment of the Storm Water Network in Portrane / Donabate	10,000	30,000	40,000	80,000	80,000			80,000
Clonsilla-Mulhuddart Surface Water Network Improvements	40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000	120,000			120,000
Swords / Lissenhall Surface Water Network	80,000	100,000	50,000	230,000	230,000			230,000
The Brown, Stormwater Upgrade - Malahide		50,000	50,000	100,000	100,000			100,000
Ballyboughal Surface Water Network	60,000			60,000	60,000			60,000
Feasibility Study for Countywide SW Drainage Model	50,000	20,000		70,000	70,000			70,000
SUDS Strategy Study		50,000		50,000	50,000			50,000
Lusk Surface Water Network	50,000	30,000		80,000	80,000			80,000
Fingal Surface Water Network Improvements (excluding specific areas above, including Fingal South, Central and North)	30,000	100,000	100,000	230,000	230,000			230,000
Surface Water Works Improvement Programme (Misconnection Works)	30,000	30,000	30,000	90,000	90,000			90,000
Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000	30,000			30,000
Chalfont Storm water network remediation	150,000	150,000		300,000	300,000			300,000
Surface Water Sub Total	**875,000**	**960,000**	**480,000**	**2,315,000**	**2,315,000**			**2,315,000**
OPERATIONS TOTAL	**20,050,000**	**13,530,000**	**8,905,000**	**42,485,000**	**28,625,000**	**11,160,000**	**2,700,000**	**42,485,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Environment									
Landfill Projects									
Balleally Landfill Restoration & Development	300,000	200,000	200,000	**700,000**			700,000		**700,000**
Nevitt Landfill	50,000	50,000	50,000	**150,000**			150,000		**150,000**
Dunsink Landfill Restoration & Development	400,000	100,000	100,000	**600,000**			600,000		**600,000**
Brooks End Unregulated Landfill	400,000	50,000	50,000	**500,000**			500,000		**500,000**
Barnageeragh Historic Landfill Remediation	200,000	50,000	50,000	**300,000**			300,000		**300,000**
Landfill Projects Sub Total	**1,350,000**	**450,000**	**450,000**	**2,250,000**			**2,250,000**		**2,250,000**
Climate Mitigation Measures									
Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme	1,021,837			**1,021,837**		892,653	129,184		**1,021,837**
Climate Mitigation Measures Sub Total	**1,021,837**			**1,021,837**		**892,653**	**129,184**		**1,021,837**
Sport									
Castlelands Swimming Pool	1,000,000			**1,000,000**				1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Sport Sub Total	**1,000,000**			**1,000,000**				**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**
Active Travel									
Public usage - Electric Vehicle Charging Points and Software	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**		3,000,000			**3,000,000**
New Street, Malahide	1,000,000	4,000,000	234,858	**5,234,858**		5,234,858			**5,234,858**

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DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Fingal Cycling Training Facilities	80,000	80,000	80,000	**240,000**	240,000				**240,000**
Broomfield to Paddy's Hill Cycling Scheme	150,000	150,000	550,000	**850,000**		850,000			**850,000**
Bicycle Parking	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**	900,000				**900,000**
Baldoyle Circle (Baldoyle Phase 2 Improvement of Pedestrian and Cycle Facilities on existing Road Network for Baldoyle Village)	300,000	350,000	2,000,000	**2,650,000**		2,650,000			**2,650,000**
R132 Phase 1 Blakes Cross to Ministers Road	350,000			**350,000**		350,000			**350,000**
Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Road Cycle Scheme	320,000			**320,000**		320,000			**320,000**
Hartstown to Huntstown Cycle Scheme	2,370,000	100,000		**2,470,000**		2,470,000			**2,470,000**
Rathingle to Rivervalley Cycle Scheme	450,000	15,000		**465,000**		465,000			**465,000**
Snugborough Road - NAC to Ongar	138,000	5,584,000	7,400,000	**13,122,000**		13,122,000			**13,122,000**
Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	3,000,000	500,000	350,000	**3,850,000**		3,850,000			**3,850,000**
Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue	150,000	2,500,000	300,000	**2,950,000**		2,950,000			**2,950,000**
Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Bremore Cottages	100,000	1,500,000	250,000	**1,850,000**		1,850,000			**1,850,000**
Skerries - Harbour Road Public Realm Scheme	1,500,000	2,000,000	750,000	**4,250,000**		4,250,000			**4,250,000**
Skerries Active Travel Plan	300,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	**2,700,000**		2,700,000			**2,700,000**
Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park	500,000	20,000		**520,000**	520,000				**520,000**
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane	4,554,000	206,000		**4,760,000**		4,760,000			**4,760,000**
Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	122,500	6,995,000	2,310,000	**9,427,500**		9,427,500			**9,427,500**
Balrothery Mobility Scheme	408,211	2,805,887	500,000	**3,714,098**		3,714,098			**3,714,098**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Rush - South Beach	100,000	1,000,000	120,000	**1,220,000**	1,220,000				**1,220,000**
Balbriggan Road Mill Street and Drogheda Street	200,000	2,000,000	250,000	**2,450,000**		2,450,000			**2,450,000**
Data collections traffic, air, noise	75,000	50,000	50,000	**175,000**		175,000			**175,000**
Permeability Links North County	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**	3,000,000				**3,000,000**
Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh (cycle scheme)	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**		600,000			**600,000**
Active Travel - Feltrim Road Improved Pedestrian & Cycling Facilities	279,101	5,184,707	95,692	**5,559,500**		5,559,500			**5,559,500**
SRTS Scoil Ghrainne CNS (SRTS R1)	14,000			**14,000**		14,000			**14,000**
SRTS Scoil Choilm CNS (SRTS R1)	38,000			**38,000**		38,000			**38,000**
SRTS Pope John Paul II (SRTS R1)	13,953			**13,953**		13,953			**13,953**
SRTS Ladyswell NS (SRTS R1)	28,000			**28,000**		28,000			**28,000**
Holy Family Junior National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	150,000	15,000		**165,000**		165,000			**165,000**
St. Helen's National School - Portmarnock (SRTS R2)	150,000	15,000		**165,000**		165,000			**165,000**
Scoil Bhríde Buachaillí - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	150,000	15,000		**165,000**		165,000			**165,000**
Scoil Bhríde Cailínií - Blanchardstown (SRTS R2)	150,000	15,000		**165,000**		165,000			**165,000**
St Colmcille's National School (Swords) (SRTS R2)	150,000	15,000		**165,000**		165,000			**165,000**
Fingal Small Works Safe Routes to School	200,000	200,000	200,000	**600,000**	600,000				**600,000**
Wild Cat Lane, Skerries	15,000			**15,000**	15,000				**15,000**
Active Travel Sub Total	**20,005,765**	**39,015,594**	**19,140,550**	**78,161,909**	**6495000**	**71,666,909**			**78,161,909**
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION, ACTIVE TRAVEL AND SPORT TOTAL	**23,377,602**	**39,465,594**	**19,590,550**	**82,433,746**	**6,495,000**	**72,559,562**	**2,379,184**	**1,000,000**	**82,433,746**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	LOANS	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Swords Cultural Quarter											
County Library, Arts Centre & Theatre	27,985,100	26,601,500	1,704,800	**56,291,400**		38,000,000	3,000,000	15,291,400			**56,291,400**
SCQ-Public Realm	7,000,000	3,000,000		**10,000,000**	10,000,000						**10,000,000**
Swords Cultural Quarter Sub Total	**34,985,100**	**29,601,500**	**1,704,800**	**66,291,400**	**10,000,000**	**38,000,000**	**3,000,000**	**15,291,400**			**66,291,400**
Urban/Rural Regeneration											
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour including RNLI Boathouse	9,367,475	316,903		**9,684,378**			7,263,284	2,421,095			**9,684,378**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.1: Quay Street & Harbour including RNLI Boathouse	3,426,607	170,010		**3,596,617**			2,697,463	899,154			**3,596,617**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.3 : 10-16 Bridge Street (de Bruin's Site)	840,408	3,933,977	4,008,976	**8,783,361**			6,587,521	2,195,840			**8,783,361**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.4 : Railway Street & Station Plaza			250,000	**250,000**					250,000		**250,000**
Our Balbriggan URDF Project No.5 : Promenade Coastal Improvement & Restorations	500,344	1,002,961	2,634,949	**4,138,254**					4,138,254		**4,138,254**
Balbriggan Youth Recreation Spaces	50,000			**50,000**				50,000			**50,000**
Sea Swimming Facilities Balbriggan	50,000	50,000		**100,000**				100,000			**100,000**
Town Regeneration Supported Schemes	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	**3,000,000**			2,250,000	750,000			**3,000,000**
URDF 3: Vacant Properties & Derelict Sites	1,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	**6,500,000**			6,500,000				**6,500,000**
Urban/Rural Regeneration Sub Total	**16,734,834**	**8,973,851**	**10,393,925**	**36,102,610**			**25,298,267**	**6,416,089**	**4,388,254**		**36,102,610**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	LOANS	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Heritage Properties											
Development works to Malahide Castle	1,205,568	648,009		**1,853,577**				253,577	1,600,000		**1,853,577**
Bremore Castle	1,000,000	1,300,000	200,000	**2,500,000**					2,500,000		**2,500,000**
Development works to Ardgillan Castle	18,000	250,000	250,000	**518,000**				118,000	400,000		**518,000**
Skerries Mills Red barn	1,600,000	75,000		**1,675,000**					1,675,000		**1,675,000**
Skerries Martello Tower	1,100,000	72,000		**1,172,000**					1,172,000		**1,172,000**
Guinness Bridge	111,000			**111,000**				111,000			**111,000**
Swords Castle	413,000	21,000		**434,000**					434,000		**434,000**
Shackleton Mills	255,000	15,000		**270,000**					270,000		**270,000**
Howth Martello Tower	30,000	30,000	10,000	**70,000**				70,000			**70,000**
Malahide Demesne Properties	75,000	250,000	250,000	**575,000**					575,000		**575,000**
M&E Newbridge House	1,121,000	260,000	77,000	**1,458,000**				577,000	881,000		**1,458,000**
Heritage Properties Sub Total	**6,928,568**	**2,921,009**	**787,000**	**10,636,577**				**1,129,577**	**9,507,000**		**10,636,577**
Industrial Development											
Future Land Purchase	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	**30,000,000**					30,000,000		**30,000,000**
Enterprise Centres	100,000	100,000	100,000	**300,000**					300,000		**300,000**
Damastown Industrial Estate	500,000	500,000	500,000	**1,500,000**	1,500,000						**1,500,000**
Stephenstown Industrial Estate	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**4,000,000**	4,000,000						**4,000,000**
Cherryhound Lands	100,000	50,000		**150,000**					150,000		**150,000**
Upgrade Works for Industrial/Business Parks	300,000	300,000	300,000	**900,000**					900,000		**900,000**
Industrial Development Sub Total	**12,000,000**	**12,950,000**	**11,900,000**	**36,850,000**	**5,500,000**				**31,350,000**		**36,850,000**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	LEVIES	LOANS	GRANTS	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Council Properties											
Sluagh Hall, Swords	300,000	20,000		**320,000**					320,000		**320,000**
Maintenance of Community Properties (Balrothery Community/Heritage Centre	100,000	15,000		**115,000**					115,000		**115,000**
56 Church Street Skerries	50,000	10,000	10,000	**70,000**					70,000		**70,000**
Buzzardstown House	350,000	50,000		**400,000**					400,000		**400,000**
Council Properties Sub Total	**800,000**	**95,000**	**10,000**	**905,000**					**905,000**		**905,000**
Libraries											
Skerries - Refurbishment of Library	1,632,500	178,000		**1,810,500**				1,500,000	310,500		**1,810,500**
Improvement works to Libraries (Malahide/Balbriggan/Blanchardstown)	304,000	637,100	58,500	**999,600**					999,600		**999,600**
Baldoyle - General Works	681,100	40,300		**721,400**					721,400		**721,400**
Donabate Library - Ballisk House / Donabate Credit Union	997,300	48,500		**1,045,800**					1,045,800		**1,045,800**
Howth - Refurbishment of Library	187,000			**187,000**					187,000		**187,000**
My Open Library (MOL) Works	658,400	42,400		**700,800**			274,000		426,800		**700,800**
Libraries Sub Total	**4,460,300**	**946,300**	**58,500**	**5,465,100**			**274,000**	**1,500,000**	**3,691,100**		**5,465,100**
Arts											
Per Cent for Art Projects	75,000	75,000	75,000	**225,000**						225,000	**225,000**
Artists Studios		100,000	100,000	**200,000**			200,000				**200,000**
Seamus Ennis Arts Centre	500,000	1,000,000		**1,500,000**					1,500,000		**1,500,000**
Arts Sub Total	**575,000**	**1,175,000**	**175,000**	**1,925,000**			**200,000**		**1,500,000**	**225,000**	**1,925,000**
ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TOTAL	**76,483,802**	**56,662,660**	**25,029,225**	**158,175,687**	**15,500,000**	**38,000,000**	**28,772,267**	**24,337,066**	**51,341,354**	**225,000**	**158,175,687**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025-2027
CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES

DESCRIPTION	EXP 2025	EXP 2026	EXP 2027	TOTAL EXP 2025-2027	REVENUE PROVISION	UNDER ASSESSMENT	TOTAL INCOME 2025-2027
Corporate							
Corporate Buildings Improvements	1,393,000	50,000	50,000	**1,493,000**	150,000	1,343,000	**1,493,000**
County Hall Upgrade Works	1,500,000			**1,500,000**	800,000	700,000	**1,500,000**
Baldoyle Library	275,000	75,000		**350,000**	350,000		**350,000**
Draíocht/Blanchardstown Library	173,000			**173,000**	173,000		**173,000**
Grove Road	651,000	100,000		**751,000**	751,000		**751,000**
EPC	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	**5,000,000**	1,000,000	4,000,000	**5,000,000**
County Hall	373,000	450,000		**823,000**	823,000		**823,000**
Malahide Library	200,000			**200,000**	200,000		**200,000**
Balbriggan Library	50,000	50,000		**100,000**	100,000		**100,000**
Corporate Sub Total	**6,615,000**	**2,725,000**	**1,050,000**	**10,390,000**	**4,347,000**	**6,043,000**	**10,390,000**
Digital Services							
Build to Share	634,145	475,395	475,395	**1,584,935**	1,584,935		1,584,935
Digital Services Sub Total	**634,145**	**475,395**	**475,395**	**1,584,935**	**1,584,935**		**1,584,935**
CORPORATE AND DIGITAL SERVICES TOTAL	**7,249,145**	**3,200,395**	**1,525,395**	**11,974,935**	**5,931,935**	**6,043,000**	**11,974,935**

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 21b

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX VARIATION

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MEETING OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

14TH OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO 21 (B)

REPORT ON SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2025

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REPORT ON SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual self-assessed tax charged on the value of residential properties effective from 1 July 2013 and is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

The LPT process is governed by the provisions of the following which are included in the appendices to the report:

- Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 SI 358 of 2022
- Circular Fin 08/2014 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014.
- Circular Fin 06/2022 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.
- Circular Fin 9/2024 Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2025 – Fingal County Council.

The Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 introduced a number of changes to LPT which are outlined in the accompanying circulars. The key points are summarised below:

- The revaluation of LPT properties took place in November 2021 with changes to the individual yield in each local authority area.
- The process of equalisation was removed with 100% of the estimated LPT yield retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.
- Members can now pass an LPT resolution which can be in effect for a multi annual period of their choosing.

The report that follows provides a significant amount of information which must be considered by the Members in making a decision in relation to the variation of the local adjustment factor.

It is important in this context to note that the matter for decision at the October meeting is the Local Property Tax variation and not the 2025 Revenue Budget which will be considered at the Budget meeting on December 3rd. The figures reflect the current position with regards to budgetary discussions with the draft budget continuing to be under review.

In their October 2022 meeting Members voted to set the LPT variation at -7.5% for 2023 and 2024 which facilitated increased resources in areas such as operations, community, libraries etc.

2. ROLE OF ELECTED MEMBERS IN RELATION TO SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR.

Under Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by Section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013, a Local Authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of plus or minus 15% of the basic rate.

The decision by a Local Authority to vary the basic rate of LPT must be taken by the 15th of October this year in order that it can be advised to the Revenue Commissioners who are responsible for the administration of LPT.

3. PROVISIONAL LOCAL PROPERTY ALLOCATION 2025

Appendix A to circular FIN 09/2024 outlines the basis for the allocation of the Local Property Tax to Fingal County Council for 2025. (Ref: Appendix 1)

2025 Baseline

Every Local Authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the baseline. During 2024 DHLGH undertook a review of baseline allocation which all Members could contribute to. Following this review Fingal was allocated an additional €2.1m which brought the overall baseline allocation to €5.8m. This was incorporated in the 2024 budget and has been maintained for the 2025 allocation.

The table below shows the comparison of the 2025 LPT Allocation to the 2024 allocation.

LPT	2025	2024	Inc vs 2024
LPT retained locally (no variation)	45,836,328	43,609,512	2,226,816
Baseline	5,824,881	5,824,881	0
LPT after baseline	40,011,447	37,784,631	2,226,816
Less Self funding	29,698,273	27,972,490	1,725,783
LPT for own use (pre variation)	10,313,174	9,812,141	501,033
Variation (assume 7.5%)	(3,437,725)	(3,270,713)	(167,011)
LPT for own use (post variation)	6,875,449	6,541,428	334,022
Baseline	5,824,881	5,824,881	0
Total LPT for own use	**12,700,330**	**12,366,309**	**334,022**
Each 1% adjustment in the variation yields:	**€458,363**		

4. KEY DATES

The Revenue Commissioners and the DHLGH must be notified by **15th October 2024** of the Council's decision to vary, or not, the basic rate of the LPT for 2025.

Consultation with the CPG regarding budgetary strategy in the formation of the 2025 Budget will continue over coming weeks.

The Fingal County Council budget meeting is scheduled for the **3rd December** but the budget must be adopted within 14 days of the initial meeting so by 16th December 2024 at the latest.

5. MATTERS TO WHICH A LOCAL AUTHORITY MUST HAVE REGARD

The Local Property Tax (local adjustment factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) prescribe certain matters to which the Local Authority must have regard in order to determine whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of local property tax. These include:

- Estimation of income and expenditure.
- The financial position of the Local Authority.
- Estimation of financial effect including:
    - Potential impact on a liable person
    - Potential impact on the LPT revenue
    - The potential impact on the service delivery plans of the Local Authority,
    - Any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.
- Public consultation.

6. ESTIMATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2025

SI 358/2022 (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 lays out a prescribed format for outlining an estimation of income and expenditure for the purposes of this report.

The LPT decision is made on the basis of the projections for 2025 which are still **preliminary** as the annual budget process is not complete. As outlined at meetings with all parties and independents facilitated during July and September there are significant financial pressure with regards to the formation of the 2025 budget. The executive will continue to engage with the CPG as we proceed through the finalisation of the 2025 budget.

SCHEDULE 1
ESTIMATION OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

	2024 Estimated Outturn	Next local financial year Draft 2025	
INCOME			
Commercial Rates	161,442,104	165,511,559	**1**
Local Property Tax	12,366,300	12,700,330	**2**
Grants & Subsidies	130,361,636	136,746,636	**3**
Other Income	69,612,700	65,086,900	**4**
Total Income	**373,782,740**	**380,045,425**	
EXPENDITURE			
Payroll expenses	109,991,100	114,260,300	**5**
Loan Interest and principal repaid	19,016,200	19,551,300	**6**
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)	62,976,200	80,491,500	**7**
Capital grants paid	5,344,900	6,506,300	**8**
Other expenditure	178,636,887	171,096,925	**9**
Total Expenditure	**375,965,287**	**391,906,325**	

Notes (2024 estimate outturn)
1. Reflects annualised rates.
2. LPT income reflects -7.5% reduction in the basic rate for 2024
3. Grant allocations based on departmental estimates.
4. This reflects all other income including Rents, Loans, Irish Water, Planning Fees, etc.
5. This reflects payroll, pension and retirement costs.
6. This reflects loan principle and interest payments.
7. This reflects RAS, Long Term Leasing, Payment & Availability, Affordable Leases, HAP, contribution to DRHE etc.
8. This reflects grants paid.
9. This reflects all other expenditure including Fire Service, Contract Payments, Materials, Energy, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.

Notes (2025 estimate)
1. Reflects estimate of annualised rates for 2025 reflecting estimated buoyancy.
2. LPT reflects on a -7.5% reduction in the basic rate.
3. Grant allocations estimates.
4. This reflects all other income including Rents, Loans, Irish Water, Planning Fees, etc.
5. This reflects payroll, pension and retirement costs.
6. This reflects loan principle and interest payments.
7. This reflects RAS, Long Term Leasing, Payment & Availability, Affordable Leases, HAP, contribution to DRHE etc.
8. This reflects grants paid.
9. This reflects all other expenditure including Fire Service, Contract Payments, Materials, Energy, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: -

The following table sets the financial position of the Council as of the 30th June 2024.

SCHEDULE 2

ASSETS	€	Notes
Current Assets (Including cash and investments)	523,698,519	1
General Revenue reserve	15,980,456	2
Loans receivable	314,203,753	3
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities (including overdraft)	246,089,962	4
General Revenue reserve (if deficit)		
Loans Payable		
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	192,847,492	5
Non Mortgage Loans	110,283,870	6
INDICATORS		
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	0.84	7
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	2.13	8

Notes

1 Includes stock, trade debtors and prepayment, bank investments, cash at bank cash in transit

2 Reflects cumulative revenue account surplus. DHPLG requirement to ensure that it does not deplete.

3 Loans receivable from mortgage loans issued, including voluntary loans and Irish Water loans recoupable.

4 Creditors and accruals and finance leases.

5 Voluntary Housing, Irish Water loans and Mortgage Loans payable to the Housing Finance Agency.

6 Includes Loans for Assets, Affordable Housing and Shared Ownership Rented Equity.

7 Total loans payable as outlined above amounts to €303m. Revenue income budget 2024 is €361.9m. Ratio of loans payable to revenue income is 084: 1. It is completely acceptable for a gearing ratio . But if you exclude voluntary & water loans of €62m as they do not go through the revenue account, the ratio improves from a risk perspective to .75 : 1.

8 A desirable ration from a financial management perspective is 2 : 1. At 2.13 : 1 our liquidity or our ability to pay off debts at short notice is considered excellent. We are efficiently using our current assets or short term financing facilities.

Comment on financial position.

The ratio of current assets over current liabilities of 2.13 reflects a financially healthy position. The cash held by the Council includes c.€158.7m of development levies which are required for the delivery of capital projects and a significant reserve to deal with possible outcomes under the rates revaluation appeals process.

From a debt perspective the main issue is in regards bridging finance of €42.1m in respect of legacy affordable housing units. Currently, these loans are being serviced mainly on an interest only basis. There has been ongoing engagement with DHLGH on this legacy issue.

Fingal has significant unfunded capital balances relating to land acquisition primarily for industrial development. It is anticipated that these balances will be funded through future land sales but the position will need to be continued to be monitored.

8. POTENTIAL IMPACT ON A LIABLE PERSON

Based on the statistical information provided by DHLHG the table below the cost per week to an LPT payer under various bands at a -7.5% and -5% variation.

LPT Valuation Bands	0-200,000	200,001-262,500	262,501-350,000	350,001 – 437,500	437,501 – 525,000	525,001 – 612,500	612,501 – 700,000	700,001+
Annual LPT payable € (no variation)	90	225	315	405	495	585	675	
No of properties (net)	15,702	18,187	28,467	20,107	11,748	6,439	3,841	8,472
% of properties	13.9%	16.1%	25.2%	17.8%	10.4%	5.7%	3.4%	7.5%
Implication of variations								
Cost at -7.50%	83.25	208.13	291.38	374.63	457.88	541.13	624.38	
Difference (per week) (-7.5% vs -15.0%)	**0.13**	**0.32**	**0.45**	**0.58**	**0.71**	**0.84**	**0.97**	

Cost of -7.5% variation for c.83% of LPT payers is less than €0.71 per week,

Implication of variations								
Cost at -5.00%	85.50	213.75	299.25	384.75	470.25	555.75	641.25	
Difference (per week) (-5% vs -7.5%)	**0.04**	**0.11**	**0.15**	**0.19**	**0.24**	**0.28**	**0.32**	

Move from -7.5% to -5.0% would yield an additional €1.145M annually
Each 1 % variation in LPT yields c. €458k per anumn

9. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - VARIATION OF THE BASIC RATE OF THE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT)

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) requires a 30-day consultation period by the Local Authority with the public in its administrative area. The consultation period facilitates members of the public to make known their views in respect of the potential impacts of varying the Local Property Tax (LPT) rates on businesses, individuals, and the Local Authority Services.

Fingal County Council commenced the public consultation process on Monday 1st July 2024 by the placing of a notice in the national press and on our website, inviting submissions from the public. The closing date for receipt of submissions was Wednesday 31st July 2024.

The notice as prescribed in S.7 (2) of the Local Property (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations was published as follows:

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2025

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended) makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by Fingal County Council to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate or may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

Fingal County Council will meet to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor for 2025.

Fingal County Council welcomes submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

The period for submissions is from 1st July 2024 **to 12 noon** 31st July 2024**.**

Submissions must be received by **12 noon** 31st July 2024**.** and can be made by completing an on-line survey at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys.

AnnMarie Farrelly

Chief Executive

25th July 2024

All comments, including the names and addresses of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this consultation process will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented to a meeting of Fingal County Council. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and consequently will appear on the Council's Website.

Submissions

A total of 43 submissions were received by the closing date. A summary of the submissions is as follows:

LPT Public Consultation – 1st July **to** 31st July 2024

Brief summary of submission	Number of Submissions
Decrease 0% - 5%	3
Decrease 6% - 10%	6
Decrease 11% - 15%	22
Do not vary	8
Increase 0% - 5%	2
Increase 6% - 10%	2
Increase 11% - 15%	
Total	**43**

Synopsis of observations from submissions:

- LPT payers are still feeling the impacts of inflation from the last few years.
- LPT payers pay management fees and mortgages and other out goings, as a result we should cut the LPT charges.
- The rising costs of residential properties in Fingal has increased the costs of everyone's LPT as a result LPT cost should be reduced.
- The local property tax is a significant financial burden on homeowners, particularly on those on a state pension, fixed or low incomes.
- We need more public services in Fingal and to do that Fingal needs funding.
- Any increase in LPT could be used for the improvement of public services.
- LPT cost may rise providing there is the appropriate services increases.

10. CONCLUSION

This report is submitted for consideration of the Members to vary the LPT in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations.

FCC has held its LPT variation percentage at **minus 7.5%** for the last two year which has allowed the Council to continue its investment in operational activities, libraries, community facilities, tourism and events across the County.

The LPT variation is a significant lever available to Members with regards to raising revenue as each 1% adjustment in variation will yield €458k in additional discretionary revenue to fund investment in services across the County.

As outlined to Members in our meeting with all grouping and independents over the past few months there are significant budgetary pressures in forming the 2025 budget. As such Members should be mindful of the opportunity available to them when considering the LPT variation in easing those pressures.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
10th October 2024

APPENDIX 1 - CIRCULAR FIN 09/2024

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

20 June 2024

Circular Fin 09/2024

Chief Executive

cc. Director of Finance

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2025 – Fingal County Council

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I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to inform you that the provisional Local Property Tax (LPT) allocations from the Local Government Fund for 2025 have been agreed and Fingal County Council's allocation is set out below and in **Appendix A** to this document. LPT allocations have been calculated based on an estimated yield (pre variation) for the 2025 LPT liability year of €552.6m, based on data regarding 2023 LPT liabilities (including deferrals) as provided by the Revenue Commissioners, adjusted for newly liable properties in 2024 and 2025 (as set out in **Appendix B** to this document).

LPT Baseline and Distribution Methodology

Under the current LPT allocation model, every local authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the Baseline. Following a review of LPT Baselines last year, Local Authority Baselines were increased overall from €353m to €428.4m for 2024 and will remain at this level again in 2025. Accordingly, Fingal County Council's Baseline for 2025 is €5,824,881.

LPT allocations for 2025 are set in line with the methodology whereby 100% of the estimated LPT yield is retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.

Equalisation.

As previously, all equalisation funding will be met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline. The equalisation funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

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Based on its surplus position when expected 2025 LPT receipts are compared to the 2025 Baseline, Fingal County Council will not be in receipt of equalisation funding in 2025.

Self-Funding

As previously, those local authorities with a surplus LPT yield above their baseline, will have that surplus allocated in two ways:

- Part of the surplus, up to the equivalent of 22.5% of total expected LPT income (or the full amount of the surplus if that is less than 22.5%), can be used as additional income by local authorities for the authority's own use as part of their normal budgetary process; and
- The remainder of the surplus, if any, will then be available to the local authority to fund services in the housing and/or roads areas thereby replacing Central Government funding for some of these services. Authorities are expected to continue providing such services regardless of the changed approach to funding.
- The self-funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area before any application of a local variation decision and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

Based on its surplus position when expected 2025 LPT receipts are compared to the 2025 Baseline, Fingal County Council will be required to self-fund services in the Housing and Roads areas.

The specific detail of the level of Central Government Voted grants funding to be provided to local authorities is a matter that will be considered, as normal, as part of the Estimates process.

Provisional LPT allocation to Fingal County Council in 2025

The LPT allocation for Fingal County Council for 2025 **(pending any decision to locally vary the basic rate)** is **€45,836,328.** As a local authority that will be in receipt of 2025 LPT income in excess of the Baseline, Fingal County Council will be entitled to retain an amount of this surplus funding equivalent to 22.5% of the total expected LPT yield or **€10,313,174** for its own use. Fingal County Council will be required to use the remainder of the surplus to self-fund some specified services in the Housing and Roads areas to the value of **€29,698,273.** Details of the self-funding breakdown between Housing (Capital and Revenue) and Roads will issue in a separate circular.

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Please refer to the table in **Appendix A**, which sets out the basis for the allocation.

Variation

Every local authority has the power to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to 15%. It should be noted that if a local authority decides to vary the LPT basic rate upwards in 2025; 100% of the resultant additional income will be available for the authorities' own use. Similarly, if an authority decides to vary the LPT basic rate downwards (by up to 15%) in 2025, the resultant loss in LPT income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

Local authorities are further reminded of their statutory obligations as set out in the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022) which take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. These regulations provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

Apart from the formal notification to the Minister of the passing of a resolution in accordance with the regulations, local authorities will be requested, as a procedural matter, to confirm with the Department, the local adjustment factor (or the basic rate, as the case may be) that should apply for the 2025 LPT liability year, on or before 15 October 2024.

Previous guidance circular Fin 08/2014 and Fin 06/2022 also refers.

LPT Statistics and Property Valuation Bands

2024 LPT Preliminary Statistics and Property Valuation Bands are available on the Revenue Commissioners website at the following web link:
https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/information-about-revenue/statistics/property-taxes/current-year-stats/index.aspx

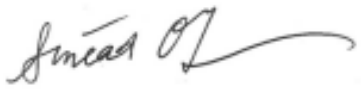
LPT amounts set out in **Appendix B** to this document outline the following:

- Estimated Net LPT Liabilities for 2025 (before the application of any local adjustment factor variation). These figures (based on current 2023 liability data) include deferrals and, in addition, newly liable properties for 2024 as well as an estimate for 2025 (based on the assumption that buoyancy will remain at 2024 levels).
- Properties Newly Liable in 2024 and 2025 (before local variation). Included in the Estimated Net LPT Liabilities amount.

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The projected amounts for 2025 LPT do not reflect any local decision to lower/increase the basic rate by the local adjustment factor in 2025, i.e. data provided is pre-variation.

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Sinéad O'Gorman,
Principal,
Local Government Finance

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Appendix A

Fingal County Council - 2025 LPT Allocation (pending any decision to vary the basic rate)

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LPT Retained Locally 100%	45,836,328
2025 Baseline	5,824,881
2025 Surplus (LPT Retained Locally – 2025 Baseline)	40,011,447
Amount of Surplus to be retained for authority's own use (22.5% of basic rate of LPT income)	**10,313,174**
Balance of Surplus to Self-Fund Housing and Roads Services	29,698,273
2025 Surplus	40,011,447
Amount of LPT Allocation to be retained for authority's own use in 2025 (pending any decision to vary the basic rate)	**16,138,055**
Total LPT Funding to be provided in 2025	45,836,328

Value of potential increase or decrease in 2025 LPT Allocation **for every 1%** of variation implemented	+/- 458,363

Appendix B – Estimate of LPT yield in respect of the 2025 Liability Year, before the application of any Local Adjustment Factor

Local Authority	Estimated Net LPT Liabilities for 2025 (before the application of any local adjustment factor variation)*	Newly Liable Properties in 2024 and 2025 (before any local variation). Included in the Net LPT Liabilities column*
Carlow County Council	€4,122,540	€56,592
Cavan County Council	€4,129,985	€32,324
Clare County Council	€9,963,939	€90,478
Cork City Council	€23,280,755	€419,943
Cork County Council	€34,699,877	€817,214
Donegal County Council	€9,333,886	€101,083
Dublin City Council	€100,900,493	€2,686,782
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CC	€63,013,543	€2,119,606
Fingal County Council	€45,836,328	€1,564,054
Galway City Council	€9,349,048	€283,309
Galway County Council	€15,806,419	€250,134
Kerry County Council	€13,686,697	€131,281
Kildare County Council	€27,382,910	€1,766,630
Kilkenny County Council	€7,878,456	€149,622
Laois County Council	€5,531,250	€202,307
Leitrim County Council	€1,929,751	€12,245
Limerick City and County Council	€15,676,454	€295,177
Longford County Council	€2,202,856	€17,835
Louth County Council	€10,684,712	€293,689
Mayo County Council	€9,392,210	€92,879
Meath County Council	€21,402,920	€715,033
Monaghan County Council	€3,361,696	€45,036
Offaly County Council	€4,987,624	€91,247
Roscommon County Council	€3,937,151	€32,669
Sligo County Council	€4,902,924	€53,161
South Dublin County Council	€37,049,775	€2,094,391
Tipperary County Council	€11,255,219	€73,319
Waterford City & County Council	€10,288,915	€257,451
Westmeath County Council	€6,866,930	€131,048
Wexford County Council	€12,834,389	€271,165
Wicklow County Council	€20,946,669	€823,420
Total	**€552,636,318**	**€15,971,125**

*Note: The estimated €552.6m (pre-variation) yield for the 2025 LPT liability year is based on the Revenue Commissioners' latest yield estimates of €529.7m (post-variation) for the 2023 liability year, including any deferrals. The 2025 estimated yield includes deferrals (based on 2023 liability data) and, in addition, newly liable properties for 2024 and an estimate for 2025 (based on the assumption that buoyancy will remain at 2024 levels). The effect of the application of any local adjustment factor is excluded in the table above.

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APPENDIX 2 - CIRCULAR FIN08/2014

Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government

Circular Fin 08/2014

1 July 2014

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014

I am directed by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations (S.I. 296 of 2014), which come into effect from 1 July 2014. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2013, a local authority may as a reserved function resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%. This power will be available to local authorities effective from 2015, as the relevant sections of the Act will come into operation on 1 July 2014.

Any decision by a local authority to vary the basic rate of LPT must be taken by 30 September each year in order that it can have effect from 1 November (the liability date) and therefore determine the LPT liability for taxpayers in that local authority area the following year.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. The Regulations are set out in four Parts:

Part 1 - General Interpretations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard – These provisions provide that, in varying the rate, a local authority must take account of its financial position, and have regard to a number of factors:

- The local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect,
- The financial position of the local authority,
- The financial effect of the varied rate, and
- Feedback from any consultation held.

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This financial information is to be made available to the members of the local authority in preparation for the meeting at which the local adjustment factor will be considered (September at the latest).

Part 3 – Consultation – These provisions relate to the public consultation process that must be followed by a local authority before the setting of the local adjustment factor for the Local Property Tax.

Part 4 – Meeting to consider the local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the requirements for a meeting to consider setting a local adjustment factor.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the notification process for a local authority that passes a resolution to vary the basic rate of LPT.

Appendix to this circular

Appendix 1 - Indicative timelines for setting the local adjustment factor

Detailed Guidance – Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Regulations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to. To provide sufficient information to members on which to base their decision, the Regulations give further effect to the Act's requirements and set out the following matters to which the members of a local authority must have regard:

- Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect
- Financial position of the local authority
- Financial effect of the varied rate
- Feedback from public consultation

Information in relation to each of these issues must be provided to the elected members at least 3 days before the day on which they will meet to consider setting a local adjustment factor for the period 1 November in the current year to 30 October in the following year.

2.1 Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect

Section 20 (2A)(a) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate will have effect."

In proposing to increase or decrease the income of the authority, the members must be cognisant of the current levels and types of income, and the level of expenditure that is currently being met, including those elements of expenditure which are strategic, non-discretionary and cannot be reduced in the short term.

2.1.1 Basis for the estimation of income and expenditure

The timing of the requirement to prepare an estimate of income and expenditure falls in advance of the budget meeting. Therefore the local authority should prepare an estimation based on the current year, adjusting for the impact of any information or policies known. Financial assumptions should be noted.

2.1.2 Form of the presentation of the estimation of income and expenditure

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	*Next local financial year*
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

The report, while similar in layout to the Report required by the Department by 30 September (Preliminary Estimate of Income and Expenditure), is different in a number of important ways:

LPT variation – estimation of income and expenditure	**Report to Department – preliminary estimation of income and expenditure**
Format prescribed in Regulations	Format set out in Fin 05/14
Revenue income and expenditure only	Revenue and capital income and expenditure
Current financial year and next financial year	Next financial year only
To inform the members of the local authority	For compilation into general government budget information
Detailed information on preparation provided in this Circular	Detailed information on preparation will be provided in Budget Circular

2.1.3 Basis of the preparation of the estimation of income and expenditure

As noted above, the basis of preparation is particular to this report, and is set out below.

Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn

The information presented for the current local financial year, should be the local authority budget, or the estimated outturn, if anticipated to be significantly different than the budget position. In the case of 2014, the current year information should be the combined budget for the merged local authority, with eliminations if required to take account of budgetary provisions between county councils and town councils in the 2014 adopted budgets.

INCOME

Commercial rates

Commercial rates should be presented gross, as is currently the requirement for the Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Budget.

Local Property Tax

The total amount anticipated to be received by the local authority in respect of LPT. To account for the portion retained locally in addition to any portion provided for equalisation (if appropriate and as notified by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government).

Grants and subsidies

To include all other grants and subsidies, including the pension related deductions retained.

Other income

The balance of revenue income of the local authority in the relevant year.

EXPENDITURE

Payroll expenses

To include the total of payroll costs (as is normally set out in Appendix 1 of the Annual Financial Statement).

Loan interest and principal repaid

The total expected to be paid by the local authority in loan servicing and repayments.

Social benefits (transfer payments to households)

The expenditure to be included should comprise homeless services, community employment scheme, RAS, mortgage allowance, and shared ownership/affordable housing subsidy.

Capital grants paid

This comprises grants paid through the revenue account to enterprises and individuals including where appropriate grants for voluntary housing, capital loan and subsidy scheme, community facilities voluntary housing, improvement works in lieu (grant aided portion),

affordable housing, sale of private sites scheme, new house grants, thatching grants, disabled persons and essential repairs grants.

Other expenditure
The balance of revenue expenditure of the local authority in the relevant year.

2.2 Financial position of the local authority

Section 20 (2A)(b) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the financial position of the local authority, including the amounts standing as its accumulated assets and liabilities not less than one month before the date on which it is proposed to pass the resolution".

The statement of financial position relates to the current year. In considering the capacity of the local authority to balance its budget, to collect the income due to it, and to meet the costs of servicing its borrowings, the members must consider the overall financial position. For example, the members may note in particular where a combination of factors exist, such as where: a significant general revenue deficit exists, particularly where it has been disimproving further from losses incurred in recent years; the loan book of the authority is very high in comparison to annual revenue income (e.g. in excess of 150%); and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities is concerning (e.g. a ratio of 2:1 would be considered positive). Members should consider if any reduction in LPT income combined with such matters as set out above or any other relevant factors may therefore result in unmanageable pressure on the cash flow of the local authority.

2.2.1 Basis for preparation

The legislation requires that this report should provide financial information to members as at a date at least one month before the meeting. As the financial position is to be provided at a point during the financial year, the Quarterly Report on Income and Expenditure, and the GGB returns may be used as the basis for this report. The most recently completed quarter end information should be used, provided it is at least one month before the meeting. For example, if the meeting is to be held in September, the financial position should be prepared as at the end June, using the Quarter 2 year to date information.

2.2.2 Form of presentation of financial position

The financial position of the local authority shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Regulations. The financial information presented is a sub-set of the Balance sheet, and the individual lines should not be added together.

	As at Year To Date .....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

2.3 Estimation of financial effect

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax."

Any variation in the Local Property Tax rate will have an impact including on the local authority, on those paying LPT, and on those receiving council services. The effect of a variation on all stakeholders must be considered.

2.3.1 Financial effect

The estimation of financial effect shall be set out in a report prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive. The report must, at a minimum, contain the sections set out below. The latest available statistics on Local Property Tax will be published on www.revenue.ie

(a) Potential impact on a liable person

(b) Potential impact on the LPT revenue in the forthcoming financial year

(c) Potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority

(d) Any other information the Chief Executive considers necessary

2.4 Feedback from consultation

Sections 20(6)(b) and (c) of the Act provide that the Minister may make regulations on the nature and extent of consultations that a local authority must undertake with other persons before setting a local adjustment factor. See Part 3 below for further details in respect of the public consultation process that should be undertaken.

Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

In accordance with the general guidance in the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and CPG Guidelines, the CPG will need to be involved from the preliminary phases of preparation of the budget, and should assist in the setting of overall parameters, identification of issues to be addressed and approaches to be taken.

The Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) (subsection 133(1)) made provision for early presentation of proposals to the local authority connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy, and this includes the annual budget. The Chief Executive is required to discuss, in outline form, or on the basis of very preliminary papers if available, the development of the budget with the CPG.

The consultation with the CPG should focus on the overall financial position of the local authority and, in a pre-budget context, should discuss a number of key items of budget policy and strategy including the financial consequences of any variation in basic rate of Local Property Tax (LPT) (See Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and Circular Fin 05/14 for further details in respect of broader budgetary issues).

2.5 Decision making process

The local authority must consider all of the elements as set out above and reach a decision on that basis.

Appendix 1 of the guidance circular sets out a suggested indicative timeline for the necessary actions required to pass a resolution to set a local adjustment factor to vary the basic rate of local property tax. This is not a prescribed timeframe and local authorities are free to adapt it as necessary.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. The local authority should invite the views of the public in respect of the potential impacts of any variation in LPT rates on businesses, individuals and on local authority services. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions. Written is understood to include submissions provided by email, to a website, or delivered to the office. Submissions received should generally be published on the website of the local authority, subject to the normal data protection and freedom of information requirements.

The members of the local authority must consider the feedback received from the public consultation as part of the decision-making process and a report must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive, to provide them with a summary of the written submissions received, for this purpose.

3.2. Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor

The local authority shall publish a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made and on their website. The form of the Notice is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Part 4 – Setting of a local adjustment factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The Chief Executive must provide the documents set out in Regulations 4 to 7, to a meeting of the local authority.

The meeting

Not less than 3 days' notice must be given of the date of the meeting, and the documents referred to above must be provided to members 3 days before the date of the meeting.

At that meeting, the members may decide to set a local adjustment factor by resolution, not to vary the basic rate, or to consider the matter further at a later meeting. It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 30 September.

A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of a local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed.

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Public Notification

Regulation 9 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Statutory Notice of Variation of the Local Adjustment Factor for the inspection of the public;

(a) in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made;

and

(b) Published on the website of the local authority.

The notice shall at a minimum specify the following-

(a) Name of the local authority,

(b) Address of the local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed a resolution that the basic rate of local property tax stands varied in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution (the next local financial year) and with effect from the relevant liability date (1 November), and

(d) The local adjustment factor.

The Statutory notice shall be signed by the Chief Executive

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Emma Reeves at 053 911 7417.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Quinn

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

To: Chief Executives and CC Heads of Finance

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Appendix 1

Suggested indicative timelines for Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)

Mid July	Notices of public consultation of LPT to be published, advising that the local authority will be considering whether to vary the basic rate of LPT in September 30 day period of consultation to commence during which written submissions will be accepted from the public
Mid August	Report of feedback on public consultation to be prepared
Late August	Chief Executive to meet with CPG to discuss the overall budget strategy including LPT and feedback from public consultation
5 - 18 September	The members must receive information for the council meeting setting out the matters to which they must have regard in making a decision on LPT
8 -21 September	Council meeting to make decision on variation of Local Property Tax.
30 September **(at latest)**	Revenue commissioners to be notified of any resolution passed Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to be notified of any resolution passed
(At latest) 14 days after Resolution passed	Public notice of decision to be published

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APPENDIX 3 - STATUTORY INSTRUMENT S.I. NO 358



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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S.I. No. 358 of 2022

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR) REGULATIONS 2022

I, Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 20(6) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (No. 52 of 2012) hereby make the following regulations:

PART 1
GENERAL INTERPRETATION

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.

Commencement

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on 18 July 2022.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these Regulations -

"Act" means the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013 (No. 4 of 2013) and by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 31 of 2021));

"local authority" has the meaning given to it by section 2(1) (as amended by section 5 (1) and Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001;

"local financial year" has the meaning given to it by section 96 of the Local Government Act 2001;

"Minister" means the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;

"Chief Executive" means a chief executive for the purposes of section 144 (as amended by section 54 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 19*th July,* 2022.

PART 2

MATTERS TO WHICH A LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE REGARD

Estimation of income and expenditure

4. (1) An estimation of income and expenditure as specified in Section 20(2A)(a) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The estimation of income and expenditure referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 1.

Financial position of the local authority

5. (1) A summary of the financial position of the local authority, as specified in Section 20(2A)(b) of the Act, shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The summary of the financial position referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 2.

Estimation of financial effect

6. (1) A report estimating the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor in the local authority area as specified in Section 20(2A)(c) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain the following information in respect of the local authority area -

(a) the potential impact on a liable person,

(b) the potential impact on the local property tax revenue,

(c) the potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority, and

(d) any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.

PART 3
CONSULTATION

Public consultation

7. (1) The local authority shall consult with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor and, for that purpose, shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor would apply, a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor providing a period of at least 30 days during which written submissions will be accepted.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 3 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purposes of the notice referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) A report summarising the written submissions received from the public consultation shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

PART 4
MEETING TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Local authority meeting

8. (1) The documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 shall be considered by the local authority at a meeting of which not less than 3 days' notice has been given to every member of the local authority.

(2) Not less than 3 days before the day on which the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) is held, the Chief Executive shall send a copy of the documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 to every member of the local authority.

(3) At the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) the local authority may -

(a) by resolution set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period as specified in the resolution and with effect from the next local property tax liability date, or
(b) not vary the basic rate, or
(c) decide, subject to section 21(1) of the Act, to consider the matter further at a subsequent meeting of the local authority in accordance with paragraphs (1), (3) and (4).

(4) Except in accordance with this regulation, a local authority shall not set a local adjustment factor.

PART 5

NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Persons who must be informed

9. (1) Notice of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act must be received by the Minister on or before the date on which the Revenue Commissioners are to be notified as specified in Section 21(1)(b) of the Act.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 4 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purpose referred to in paragraph (1).

Statutory notice of variation

10. (1) Within 14 days of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act, the local authority shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor will apply, a Public Notice, signed by the Chief Executive.

(2) The Notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(a) Name of local authority,

(b) Address of local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed, a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area, for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date,

(d) The local adjustment factor, and

(e) any other information the Chief Executive considers to be relevant.

Revocations

11. The following are revoked:

(a) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), and

(b) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and

(c) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

SCHEDULE 1

ESTIMATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF (1).....

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	(2)..... local financial year
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

(1) **Insert name of local authority**

(2) **Insert year(s) in additional columns for each relevant local financial year, in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect**

SCHEDULE 2

FINANCIAL POSITION OF (1) .....

	As at Year To Date (2).....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the month as at which the year to date information is prepared

SCHEDULE 3

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by (1) .....to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

(1)..... will meet in (2)..... to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor.

(1)..... welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

Submissions must be received by (3)..... and be sent to:

(4).....

or

(5).....

Signed_____

Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date (month/year) on which it is proposed to consider the resolution

(3) Insert the date being a minimum of 30 days from the publication of the notice

(4) Insert the postal address to which submissions may be sent

(5) Insert the email address and /or website address to which submissions may be sent

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 20(2) OF THE FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended)

(1).....

In pursuance of the provisions of section 20 of the FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended), I the undersigned, hereby notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the passing, of a resolution at a meeting of the above mentioned local authority on (2)..... to the effect that the basic rate of local property tax should stand varied (3)..... by (4).....per cent for the year(s) (5)..... in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area.

Signed

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Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date on which the resolution was passed

(3) Insert upwards OR downwards.

(4) Insert the local adjustment factor (number)

(5) Insert year(s) to which the local adjustment factor applies (Notifications received by the Revenue Commissioners in the current year are implemented in the following year)

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GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 July, 2022.

DARRAGH O'BRIEN,
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation*)

These Regulations provide the requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), including the factors that they must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process. These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

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APPENDIX 4 - CIRCULAR FIN 06/2022 & FAQ FOR LPT LOCAL VARIATION DECISIONS

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

18 July 2022

Circular Fin 06/2022

Chief Executive

cc. Head of Finance

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022), which come into effect from 18 July 2022. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, a local authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax

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(Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

Regulations in 2021 changed the public consultation period from 30 days to 14 days and adjusted the issues that local authorities had to formally consider as part of the local adjustment factor. Under the 2022 Regulations the public consultation period will revert to 30 days and the report estimating the financial impact of the local adjustment factor should once again include information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person. The regulations also include the factors that local authorities must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process.

The 2022 regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution", meaning elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a multi-annual local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The Finance (Local Property Tax)(Amendment) Act 2021 amended the dates on which Revenue must be notified of the local adjustment factor to 31st August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15th October in any other year (previously this was 30th September). The later notification date in a year in which revaluation does not take place, will allow the meeting to consider the local adjustment factor to happen nearer to the local authority budget period specified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage every year (usually the month of November).

The new regulations will require that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is informed of the local adjustment factor decision by the same dates as those specified for notification to the Revenue Commissioners in the Act.

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The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts.

The substantive changes to existing provisions in the regulations are as follows:

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority shall have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to.

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax." The report to estimate the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor must now contain information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person, in accordance with Regulation 6 as amended.

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations. This form now includes additional columns provided for each relevant local financial year in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect, in the case where a multi-annual decision is being made. Financial assumptions should be noted.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the matters to which a local authority must have regard.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions regarding the public consultation period.

Part 4 – Meeting to Consider the Local Adjustment Factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The 2022 Regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution". This means that under the 2022 Regulations elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. In deciding the period to which a local adjustment factor will apply, elected members are asked to have regard to lifetime of the Council, or in other words to the number of years remaining before the next local elections are due and a new Council will be in place.

It is only possible to make a resolution for a period of more than one local financial year in circumstances where a local adjustment factor is being set. It is not possible to make a decision to not vary the basic rate or to not set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one local financial year. Likewise, if no resolution at all is passed in respect of the basic rate or local adjustment factor, where by default the basic rate will apply, then that applies only for a period of one local financial year.

As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

A decision to revoke a resolution which previously set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one financial year, and to subsequently set a different local adjustment factor, or revert to the basic rate, is permissible, once it complies with the following:

- Existing provisions regarding the revocation of resolutions;
- The relevant requirements regarding the preparation of the financial reports outlined in regulations 4-6;
- The relevant requirements regarding the public consultation outlined in regulation 7;
- The relevant requirements regarding provision of reports for the meeting, and notice of the meeting outlined in regulation 8; and
- The statutory timelines regarding notification of local adjustment factor decisions to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister, provided for in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, and in the 2022 Regulations.

The attached FAQ document outlines a number of scenarios regarding the possible decisions taken at the meeting, and associated decision timeframes and revocation options.

It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year.

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A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21(1)(b) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year. (This date was previously 30 September).

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year, using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Apart from the formal notification to the Minister of the passing of a resolution as referred in the paragraph above, local authorities will be requested, as a procedural matter, to confirm with the Department on an annual basis, the local adjustment factor (or the basic rate, as the case may be) that should apply for the following financial year. The Department will circulate the relevant forms each year for return on or before the relevant deadlines.

Public Notification

Regulation 10 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Public Notice. The Public Notice shall give notice that the local authority has passed a resolution under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the requirements in relation to the Public Notice.

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Deirdre McCarthy or Joe Sinnott at lgfinance@housing.gov.ie .

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Sinéad O'Gorman

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

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Frequently Asked Questions for LPT local variation decisions

Q.1 – What primary legislation gives local authorities the power to vary LPT rates in their local area?

Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Act) 2012, as amended, outlines the power of elected members to vary the basic rates of LPT in their local area. Extract below:

> **Power of elected members of local authority to vary basic rates.** ***Section 20(2)***
>
> Where the passing of such a resolution is a reserved function (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of a local authority, a local authority may pass a resolution that the basic rate should, for a period specified in the resolution and with effect from the date specified in *section 21(2)* (inserted by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013), stand varied (either upwards or downwards) by a specified percentage in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's functional area.

Q.2 – Can local authorities make a local variation decision for more than one year?

Yes, the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022, allow for a local variation decision to apply for a period beyond one year.

The LA follows the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, resolution passed and relevant parties notified. For example, the LA may decide to apply an upward variation decision of 10% for three years without having to revisit the matter again until the three years have passed. Each year, as a procedural matter, the LA is requested to confirm the applicable local variation rate with the Revenue Commissioners and the Department.

Q.3 – What happens if the local authority decides to change the local adjustment factor in year two of a decision that originally spanned three years? For example, LA decides to discontinue with the 10% upward variation after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 15% upward variation?

In order to apply a different varied rate other than that set out in the original resolution; the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, new resolution passed in accordance with the standing orders of the local authority to supersede any previous decision and relevant parties notified of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports, and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the position.

Q.4 – What if a local authority, with a 10% upward variation decision for a three year period, wants to revert back to the basic rate after the first year has passed?

In order to revert back to the basic rate, the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, revoke the resolution in accordance with the standing orders of the local authorities and notify the relevant

parties of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm position.

Q.5 – Can a local authority pass a resolution to not vary the Basic Rate for 3 Years?

No; in order to pass a resolution for a specific period e.g. 3 years, it must be varied either upwards or downwards. If the authority decides not to apply any varied rate for 3 years, that is their entitlement, but in order to do so, the authority has to consider the matter and go through the full process as outlined previously, each year. If, at the end of that process, the LA decides not to vary the Local Adjustment Factor, that decision can only apply for the following financial year and must be considered afresh each subsequent year.

Q.6 -- What if a local authority decides to discontinue with a Basic Rate after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 5% upward variation?

As any decision not to vary the Basic Rate can only apply for one year, the matter has to be considered afresh the following year. Having completed the full consultation and financial report process in the following year, the LA may decide to pass a resolution to apply a 5% upward variation for a subsequent two year period.

Q.7-- What happens if a local authority does not pass any resolution in respect of variation of the local rate?

If, having considered the matter, the local authority does not pass any resolution to apply a local adjustment factor, then the basic rate applies by default. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the 'no variation 'position. The matter must then be considered afresh the following year.

Q.8-- What are the final dates for notifying the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of a local variation decision?

Any local variation decision in a specific year can only take effect from the following liability year onwards e.g. a decision taken in September 2022 will have an effect from the 2023 LPT liability year. The period, or the number of years that the variation decision is to apply for must be stated in the resolution.

The specific resolution notification dates to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage are as follows; 15 October for any year other than a LPT revaluation year and 31 August in a LPT revaluation year.

As a matter of course, the local authority will continue to notify the Revenue Commissioners and the Department (DHLGH) each year of the applicable local adjustment factor, if any, in place for the following liability year.

APPENDIX 5 - LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LPT) STATISTICS 2024 JULY 2024.

Property Tax Statistics

Local Property Tax 2024

& Vacant Homes Tax 2024

(July 2024)

Revenue

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Irish Tax and Customs

Local Property Tax (LPT)

The Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 introduces a new structure for LPT from 2022 onwards. LPT for the years 2022 to 2025 will be based on property values on 1 November 2021. Residential properties are valued for LPT purposes, by their owners under self-assessment, into one of 20 valuation bands.

For properties where a return has previously been made, the same valuation continues for 2024 and the owner must put payment arrangements in place unless the payment arrangement rolls over. Newly liable properties must base their submission on the market value of their property as if it was eligible on 1 November 2021.[1]

Throughout this report, newly liable properties refer to properties that have been completed or became suitable for use as a dwelling between 2 November 2022 and 1 November 2023, and are submitting their first LPT return for LPT year 2024.

Returns and/or payments are filed and up to date in respect of 1,979,842 properties

96% Return Compliance

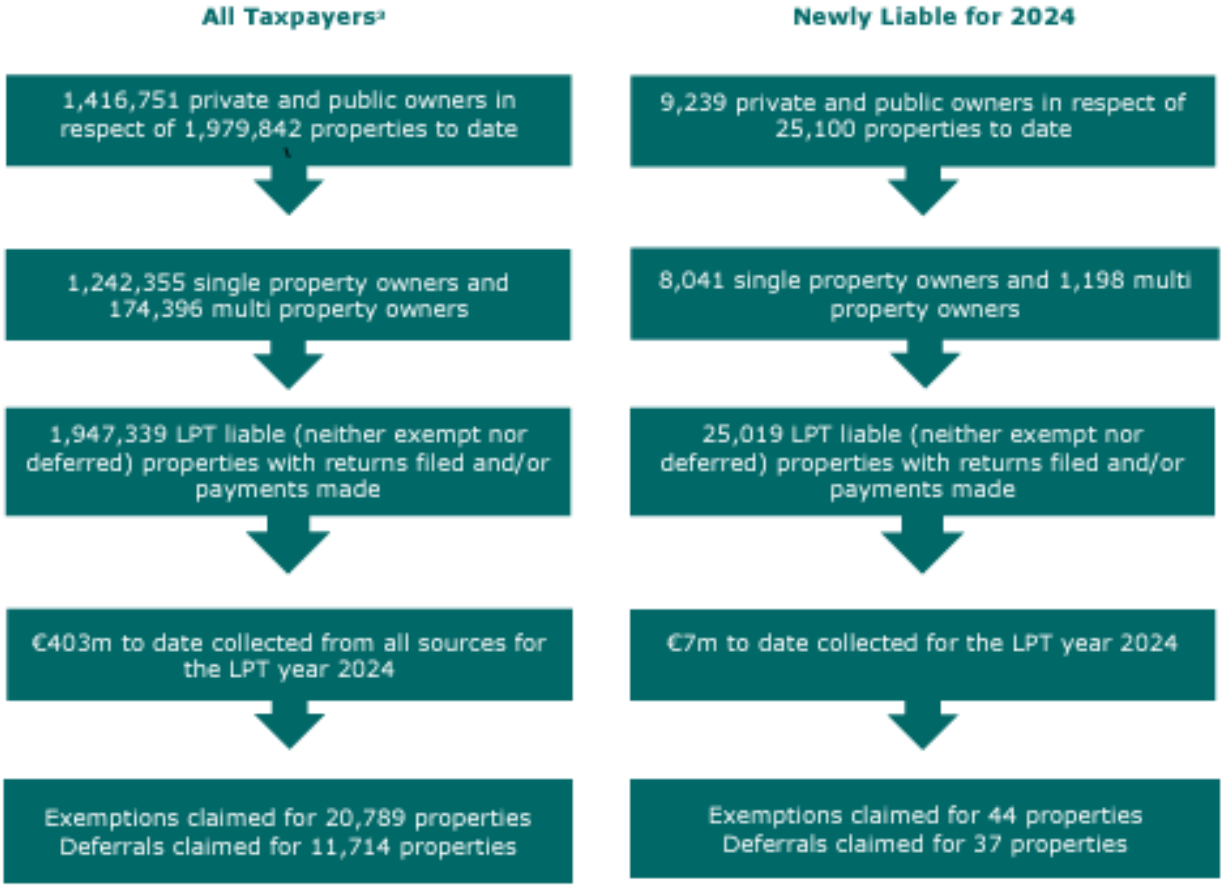
Filing arrangements have been finalised in respect of 186,923 Local Authority and Approved Housing Body properties and are included in the figure shown.

95% Payment Compliance

Payment arrangements are in place for 11,299 properties where returns are not yet filed and are included in the figure shown.

[1] Revenue has published discount factors which these taxpayers can use to estimate the value of their property on the valuation date of 1 November 2021.

LPT Table 1: Revenue's Engagement with Property Owners and Collections[2] so far for 2024



[2] The monetary figures in Table 1 refer to tax collected while the monetary figures in Table 2 refer to the tax liability. The collection figure at a point in time is dependent on the payment method chosen e.g., annual direct debit, Deduction at Source (DAS). €25 million from Deduction at Source (DAS) is included in the €403m All Taxpayer collection figure for LPT year 2024. However, it is not possible at present to separately identify the DAS for Newly Liable properties, so there is no DAS included in the €7m Newly Liable collection figure.

[3] 1,416,751 private and public owners refer to those who filed returns and/or those who made payments but filed no returns. This number is also inclusive of Local Authorities (LA) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHB).

LPT Table 2: Analysis of Returns and /or Payments Filed to Date

Properties	All	Newly Liable for 2024	LA/AHB[4]
Carlow	1.2%	0.6%	1.4%
Cavan	1.5%	0.4%	1.3%
Clare	2.7%	0.9%	1.9%
Cork City	4.4%	3.7%	6.8%
Cork County	7.1%	5.7%	5.5%
Donegal	3.7%	1.1%	3.0%
Dublin City	12.2%	10.2%	17.8%
Dún L/Rathdown	4.7%	10.3%	3.3%
Fingal	5.7%	8.7%	4.9%
Galway City	1.7%	2.0%	1.7%
Galway County	3.7%	2.4%	1.9%
Kerry	3.6%	1.7%	3.0%
Kildare	4.4%	11.1%	4.1%
Kilkenny	1.9%	1.1%	1.8%
Laois	1.6%	2.2%	1.9%
Leitrim	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%
Limerick	4.0%	2.3%	3.5%
Longford	0.9%	0.3%	1.4%
Louth	2.6%	2.4%	3.2%
Mayo	3.0%	0.9%	1.5%
Meath	3.8%	5.6%	3.1%
Monaghan	1.2%	0.6%	1.2%
Offaly	1.4%	0.8%	1.4%
Roscommon	1.4%	0.4%	0.9%
Sligo	1.6%	0.6%	1.4%
South Dublin	5.3%	11.4%	6.7%
Tipperary	3.3%	1.0%	3.3%
Waterford	2.6%	2.1%	3.4%
Westmeath	1.8%	1.1%	1.4%
Wexford	3.3%	2.5%	3.4%
Wicklow	2.9%	5.9%	3.4%
All Local Authorities Number of Properties	**100% 1,979,842**	**100% 25,100**	**100% 186,923**

Liability to-date for LPT year 2024[5]	All (Cm)	Newly Liable for 2024 (Cm)
Carlow	4	0.03
Cavan	5	0.02
Clare	11	0.05
Cork City	25	0.25
Cork County	36	0.50
Donegal	11	0.07
Dublin City	84	1.16
Dún L/Rathdown	52	0.95
Fingal	41	0.76
Galway City	9	0.15
Galway County	16	0.13
Kerry	15	0.08
Kildare	29	1.01
Kilkenny	9	0.09
Laois	6	0.12
Leitrim	2	0.01
Limerick	18	0.17
Longford	2	0.01
Louth	10	0.15
Mayo	10	0.05
Meath	21	0.38
Monaghan	4	0.03
Offaly	6	0.06
Roscommon	4	0.02
Sligo	6	0.03
South Dublin	30	0.90
Tipperary	12	0.04
Waterford	11	0.15
Westmeath	7	0.07
Wexford	14	0.16
Wicklow	22	0.45
All Local Authorities	**531**	**8.07**

[4] This is All LA/AHB Properties i.e. includes Newly Liable LA/AHB for 2024.
[5] €531 million is the LPT liability, with €403 million collected to date.

LPT Table 3: Analysis of Returns and /or Payments Filed to Date cont.

Payment Method	All	Newly Liable for 2024
Annual or Monthly Direct Debit	45.4%	68.7%
Credit or Debit Card	28.0%	25.5%
Deduction at Source	15.3%	5.2%
Service Provider	9.6%	0.5%
Cheque or Cash	1.6%	0.1%
All Payment Methods	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**1,947,339**	**25,019**

Exemptions Claimed to date	All	Newly Liable for 2024
Charitable recreational activities	1.2%	
Charity/Public Body owned for special needs	52.8%	*
Defective concrete blocks grant scheme	4.1%	
Fully subject to commercial rates	7.1%	*
Long term illness	15.1%	
Pyrite damaged	6.7%	
Registered nursing home	1.3%	
Residence of a severely incapacitated individual	11.7%	*
North-South implementation bodies	0.2%	
All Exemptions Claimed	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**20,789**	**44**

Property Ownership (Number of Properties in range)	All	Newly Liable for 2024
1	63.0%	32.1%
2	12.1%	2.4%
3-5	7.2%	1.5%
6-10	2.4%	1.4%
Over 10	15.3%	62.5%
All Ranges	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**1,979,842**	**25,100**

Deferrals	All	€m	Newly Liable for 2024	€m
Deceased liable person	6.7%	0.2		
Financial hardship	0.1%	0.0	*	0.0
Gross income**	82.5%	2.1	*	0.0
Insolvent liable person	2.4%	0.1		
Mortgage**	8.3%	0.2	*	0.0
All Deferrals Claimed	**100%**	2.6	**100%**	**<0.1**
Number of Properties	**11,714**		**37**	

***Includes partial and full deferrals.*

Deferral and exemption categories are explained on the Revenue website.

**Exact number is not provided due to Revenue's obligation to protect taxpayer confidentiality and Revenue's statistical disclosure protocols.*

LPT Table 4: Expanded Distribution of Valuations to Date for 2024

The table below provides the distribution of valuation bands to date including properties owned by Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies. All properties owned by Local Authorities/Approved Housing Bodies are in Band 1.

The full distribution is provided where possible. Where a Local Authority has low property numbers in the upper bands the remaining bands are grouped under the last value shown. For example, .1% of properties in Carlow are in bands 9 to 20. This is to protect taxpayer confidentiality.

Local Authority of Property	Band 1 %	Band 2 %	Band 3 %	Band 4 %	Band 5 %	Band 6 %	Band 7 %	Band 8 %	Band 9 %	Band 10 %	Band 11 %	Band 12 %	Band 13 %	Band 14 %	Band 15 %	Band 16 %	Band 17 %	Band 18 %	Band 19 %	Band 20 %
Carlow	55.0%	26.2%	13.4%	3.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%											
Cavan	75.5%	14.9%	7.3%	1.7%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%												
Clare	51.6%	26.5%	14.6%	4.6%	1.6%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%										
Cork City	33.7%	20.4%	23.9%	11.8%	4.9%	1.8%	1.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%					
Cork County	37.1%	22.8%	24.1%	9.1%	3.8%	1.2%	0.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%								
Donegal	80.1%	11.8%	5.6%	1.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%												
Dublin City	23.3%	13.9%	21.0%	16.2%	9.0%	4.1%	3.1%	2.0%	1.7%	1.3%	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%
Dún L/Rathdown	7.7%	2.5%	10.3%	14.5%	15.1%	12.9%	9.9%	7.5%	6.6%	3.6%	2.4%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	1.4%
Fingal	14.2%	15.9%	24.9%	17.7%	10.6%	5.8%	3.4%	2.2%	1.7%	1.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Galway City	28.3%	23.5%	26.4%	10.6%	5.0%	2.5%	1.4%	0.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%					
Galway County	43.0%	28.4%	18.0%	6.0%	2.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%								
Kerry	49.8%	26.5%	16.1%	4.6%	1.8%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%									
Kildare	24.0%	17.1%	28.4%	17.1%	7.5%	2.5%	1.4%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%						
Kilkenny	43.7%	28.6%	17.4%	5.6%	2.1%	0.9%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%									
Laois	55.4%	28.1%	11.9%	3.0%	0.9%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%											
Leitrim	83.3%	11.5%	4.2%	0.7%	0.2%	0.1%														
Limerick	49.9%	25.2%	15.8%	5.2%	2.2%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%								
Longford	77.5%	17.1%	4.2%	0.9%	0.2%	0.2%														
Louth	47.7%	23.9%	18.2%	6.3%	2.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%										
Mayo	65.3%	21.3%	9.6%	2.4%	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%										
Meath	24.4%	22.6%	29.0%	13.0%	6.4%	2.1%	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%							
Monaghan	71.0%	16.8%	9.4%	2.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%											
Offaly	51.6%	29.9%	13.3%	3.4%	1.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%									
Roscommon	73.0%	18.6%	6.2%	1.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%												
Sligo	67.7%	14.1%	11.1%	4.6%	1.4%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%										
South Dublin	9.9%	16.2%	29.3%	19.8%	10.4%	6.6%	4.0%	1.6%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%					
Tipperary	61.6%	22.5%	11.0%	3.2%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%										
Waterford	52.3%	23.1%	14.9%	5.2%	2.5%	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%								
Westmeath	54.3%	25.8%	13.1%	4.4%	1.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%										
Wexford	46.0%	28.7%	17.5%	4.9%	1.7%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%									
Wicklow	23.1%	13.7%	22.3%	16.4%	10.0%	5.4%	3.3%	1.7%	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%				
All	39.6%	19.5%	18.3%	9.6%	5.1%	2.6%	1.7%	1.0%	0.8%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%

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LPT Table 5: Analysis of Newly Liable Properties in LPT year 2024

The tables below provide an analysis of properties that are newly liable in 2024 where a return has been filed or payment has been made. The full distribution is provided where possible. Where a Local Authority has low property numbers in the upper bands, the affected bands are grouped under the first or last value shown. For example, 42% of properties in Carlow are in bands 3 to 20 and 100% of properties in Leitrim are in bands 1 to 20. This is to protect taxpayer confidentiality.

Valuation Band	All	LA/AHB-owned	Non-LA/AHB
1: €0-€200,000	26.6%	100.0%	6.3%
2: €200,001-€262,500	7.2%	0.0%	9.2%
3: €262,501-€350,000	21.1%	0.0%	27.0%
4: €350,001-€437,500	24.5%	0.0%	31.3%
5: €437,501-€525,000	12.1%	0.0%	15.4%
6: €525,501-€612,500	4.4%	0.0%	5.6%
7: €612,501-€700,000	1.6%	0.0%	2.0%
8: €700,001-€787,500	0.8%	0.0%	1.0%
9: €787,501-€875,000	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
10: €875,001-€962,500	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%
11: €962,501-€1,050,000	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%
12: €1,050,001-€1,137,500	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
13: €1,137,501-€1,225,000	<0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
14: €1,225,001-€1,312,500	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
15: €1,312,501-€1,400,000	<0.1%	0.0%	<0.1%
16: €1,400,001-€1,487,500	<0.1%	0.0%	<0.1%
17: €1,487,501-€1,575,000	<0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
18: €1,575,001-€1,662,500	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
19: €1,662,501-€1,750,000	<0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
20: Over €1.75 million	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
All Bands	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**25,100**	**5,448**	**19,652**

Local Authority of Property	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5+	All Bands
Carlow	41%	17%	42%	*	*	100%
Cavan	66%	6%	28%	*	*	100%
Clare	45%	16%	23%	8%	8%	100%
Cork City	54%	2%	18%	16%	10%	100%
Cork County	21%	5%	34%	23%	17%	100%
Donegal	44%	24%	18%	7%	7%	100%
Dublin City	5%	6%	11%	33%	45%	100%
Dun L/Rathdown	11%	10%	9%	35%	34%	100%
Fingal	18%	10%	19%	18%	35%	100%
Galway City	33%	6%	14%	32%	15%	100%
Galway County	50%	8%	22%	12%	8%	100%
Kerry	68%	11%	11%	5%	6%	100%
Kildare	22%	4%	27%	27%	20%	100%
Kilkenny	27%	6%	35%	16%	15%	100%
Laois	53%	11%	25%	10%	*	100%
Leitrim	100%	*	*	*	*	100%
Limerick	33%	7%	36%	13%	11%	100%
Longford	77%	23%	*	*	*	100%
Louth	30%	13%	38%	15%	4%	100%
Mayo	45%	14%	23%	10%	9%	100%
Meath	34%	7%	27%	24%	8%	100%
Monaghan	63%	11%	26%	*	*	100%
Offaly	40%	10%	33%	17%	*	100%
Roscommon	57%	24%	19%	*	52%	26%
Sligo	30%	21%	36%	13%	63%	12%
South Dublin	9%	3%	22%	48%	18%	100%
Tipperary	69%	6%	17%	8%	*	100%
Waterford	33%	9%	39%	12%	7%	100%
Westmeath	41%	4%	22%	24%	9%	100%
Wexford	41%	17%	31%	8%	4%	100%
Wicklow	46%	2%	9%	17%	25%	100%
All Local Authorities	**29%**	**10%**	**22%**	**19%**	**21%**	**100%**

APPENDIX 6 – LPT FOR THE VALUATION PERIOD 2022 TO 2025.

Valuation bands and rates		
Basic rate of LPT for the valuation period 2022 to 2025		
Valuation band number	**Valuation band €**	**LPT charge basic rate €**
1	0 – 200,000	90
2	200,001 – 262,500	225
3	262,501 – 350,000	315
4	350,001 – 437,500	405
5	437,501 – 525,000	495
6	525,001 – 612,500	585
7	612,501 – 700,000	675
8	700,001 – 787,500	765
9	787,501 – 875,000	855
10	875,001 – 962,500	945
11	962,501 – 1,050,000	1,035
12	1,050,001 – 1,137,500	1,189
13	1,137,501 – 1,225,000	1,408
14	1,225,001 – 1,312,500	1,627
15	1,312,501 – 1,400,000	1,846
16	1,400,001 – 1,487,500	2,064
17	1,487,501 – 1,575,000	2,283
18	1,575,001 – 1,662,500	2,502
19	1,662,501 – 1,750,000	2,721

The LPT charge for properties with a market value greater than €1.75 million is not calculated
from a valuation band. It is based on the market value of the property. The LPT charge for these properties is calculated as the sum of:
0.1029% of the first €1.05 million of declared market value of the property
0.25% of the portion of the declared market value between €1.05 million and €1.75 million
and
0.3% of the portion of the declared market value above €1.75 million.

APPENDIX 7 – 2025 LPT funding pre-variation.

Provisional 2025 Local Property Tax (LPT) Allocations to Local Authorities		2025 LPT funding pre-variation							
		Estimated 2025 LPT Yield 100% €552.6m* (before any local variation of base rate)	2025 Baseline**	2025 Surplus/Shortfall (100% LPT Retained Locally minus LPT Baseline)	2025 Distribution of Equalisation Funding	Amount of Surplus*** for LA own use (22.5% of estimated LPT yield)	Balance of Surplus*** to Self-Fund Housing and Roads Services	2025 LPT for authority's own use (Baseline & any Surplus, less Self-Funding)	Total LPT funding to be provided in 2025 (before any local variation of base rate)
Local Authority		A	B	C = (A- B)	D = Shortfall in 'C'	E = (A x 22.5%)	F = (C - E)	G = (H- F)	H = (A + D)
Carlow County Council	Authorities requiring equalisation	4,122,540	8,914,470	-4,791,930	4,791,930			8,914,470	8,914,470
Cavan County Council		4,129,985	11,783,496	-7,653,510	7,653,510			11,783,496	11,783,496
Clare County Council		9,963,939	10,179,318	-215,379	215,379			10,179,318	10,179,318
Donegal County Council		9,333,886	26,619,850	-17,285,964	17,285,964			26,619,850	26,619,850
Galway County Council		15,806,419	20,309,071	-4,502,651	4,502,651			20,309,071	20,309,071
Kerry County Council		13,686,697	15,276,761	-1,590,064	1,590,064			15,276,761	15,276,761
Kilkenny County Council		7,878,456	12,173,913	-4,295,457	4,295,457			12,173,913	12,173,913
Laois County Council		5,531,250	11,620,533	-6,089,283	6,089,283			11,620,533	11,620,533
Leitrim County Council		1,929,751	10,456,315	-8,526,565	8,526,565			10,456,315	10,456,315
Limerick City & County Council		15,676,454	19,054,464	-3,378,010	3,378,010			19,054,464	19,054,464
Longford County Council		2,202,856	10,406,648	-8,203,792	8,203,792			10,406,648	10,406,648
Louth County Council		10,684,712	11,366,198	-681,486	681,486			11,366,198	11,366,198
Mayo County Council		9,392,210	21,312,344	-11,920,135	11,920,135			21,312,344	21,312,344
Monaghan County Council		3,361,696	12,738,572	-9,376,876	9,376,876			12,738,572	12,738,572
Offaly County Council		4,987,624	11,252,214	-6,264,590	6,264,590			11,252,214	11,252,214
Roscommon County Council		3,937,151	11,993,634	-8,056,483	8,056,483			11,993,634	11,993,634
Sligo County Council		4,902,924	11,702,627	-6,799,703	6,799,703			11,702,627	11,702,627
Tipperary County Council		11,255,219	27,451,602	-16,196,384	16,196,384			27,451,602	27,451,602
Waterford City and County Council		10,288,915	20,178,971	-9,890,056	9,890,056			20,178,971	20,178,971
Westmeath County Council		6,866,930	12,705,507	-5,838,578	5,838,578			12,705,507	12,705,507
Wexford County Council		12,834,389	15,126,453	-2,292,064	2,292,064			15,126,453	15,126,453
Cork City Council	Authorities in surplus	23,280,755	11,198,643	12,082,112		5,238,170	6,843,942	16,436,813	23,280,755
Cork County Council		34,699,877	18,453,747	16,246,129		7,807,472	8,438,657	26,261,220	34,699,877
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co.Council		63,013,543	9,770,919	53,242,624		14,178,047	39,064,577	23,948,966	63,013,543
Dublin City Council		100,900,493	20,595,592	80,304,901		22,702,611	57,602,290	43,298,203	100,900,493
Fingal County Council		45,836,328	5,824,881	40,011,447		10,313,174	29,698,273	16,138,055	45,836,328
Galway City Council		9,349,048	4,099,723	5,249,325		2,103,536	3,145,789	6,203,259	9,349,048
Kildare County Council		27,382,910	13,255,790	14,127,121		6,161,155	7,965,966	19,416,944	27,382,910
Meath County Council		21,402,920	12,372,034	9,030,886		4,815,657	4,215,229	17,187,691	21,402,920
South Dublin County Council		37,049,775	8,926,059	28,123,716		8,336,199	19,787,516	17,262,258	37,049,775
Wicklow County Council		20,946,669	11,230,668	9,716,001		4,713,001	5,003,000	15,943,669	20,946,669
Proposed 2025		**552,636,318**	**428,351,015**	**124,285,303**	**143,848,959**	**86,369,022**	**181,765,240**	**514,720,037**	**696,485,277**
Actual 2024		**€ 528,805,743**	**€ 428,351,015**	**€ 100,454,728**	**€ 149,117,779**	**€ 82,192,627**	**€ 167,379,880**	**€ 510,543,642**	**€ 677,923,522**

LPT 100% €552.6m* LPT allocations have been calculated based on an estimated yield (pre variation) for the 2025 LPT liability year of €552.6m, based on 2023 LPT liabilities (including deferrals), as provided by the Revenue Commissioners, adjusted for newly liable properties for 2024 and 2025.

2025 Baseline ** Every local authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process known as Baseline. The 2025 LPT Baseline is unchanged from the 2024 Baseline.

Surplus*** Certain local authorities, with stronger property bases, will receive additional income in 2025 from LPT compared to their Baseline. These local authorities will use this surplus funding in two ways, with a portion available for their own purposes and the remainder, if any, to fund some services in the Housing and Roads areas, thereby replacing Central Government funding. The portion retained for the authorities' own purposes is an amount equal to 22.5% of the total expected LPT Yield in their respective areas (before any decision to vary rates) or, in the case where that surplus is less than 22.5%, the full amount.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 22

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: STE61

1st October 2024

To: **Each Member of Fingal County Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed disposal of land at Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan to S&F Global Fresh Exotics Limited**

An application has been received from S&F Global Fresh Exotics Limited, for the purchase of a site comprising of 7.01 acres approximately at Stephenstown Industrial Estate to facilitate the provision of a new facility for their business which is the supply of fresh exotic produce to the retail and wholesale markets.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of a site comprising 7.01 acres approximately at Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan as shown on Drawing No. 22_176-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1052, by way of agreement for lease and lease on the following terms and conditions.

1. That the purpose of the disposal is for the provision of a new facility for the business.

2. That the plot of land to be transferred is as shown indicatively on the attached map 22_176-CSE-GEN-XX-DR-C-1052 outlined in blue and comprising 7.01 acres or thereabouts.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the site subject to a 250 year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of **€1,610,000 (one million six hundred and ten thousand euro) plus** VAT (if applicable).

    a. A deposit of 20% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.

        i. The 20% deposit will be subject to the standard provisions of the Law Society Conditions of Sale

    b. 80% upon completion of the disposal – which is conditional on receipt of satisfactory planning permission, as per term 3 below.

4. That the disposal is subject to the receipt of a final grant of permission.

5. That the Council will permit a temporary access to the site until an internal road network has been constructed by the Council.

6. That the rent shall be in the amount of €12.70 per acre, or part thereof, per annum, exclusive of all outgoings and paid annually in advance.

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

8. That the purchaser be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

9. That the applicant shall sign contracts no later than 8 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

10. That the applicant shall apply for full planning permission for development on the site of no later than 6 months from the date of a binding contract for sale. Prior to lodging the application, the proposal shall be submitted to the Economic Development Department for approval.

    Failure to lodge a planning application within the stated period shall render the agreement null and void.

11. That the applicant shall be permitted to lodge one (1) planning application to the Planning Authority and shall be entitled (without obligation) to lodge one (1) planning appeal to An Bord Pleanála, if required

    The entitlement to lodge a second comprehensive planning application shall only arise if the Planning Authority refuses permission for the first application or if the proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) deem the grant of planning permission by the Planning Authority to be unacceptable and onerous. The second comprehensive planning application, if it occurs, must be lodged within 12 (twelve) weeks of the date of the Planning Authority's decision.

    The proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) shall be obliged to confirm in writing to the Council within 4 weeks of the date of final grant, that a planning permission received from the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála is acceptable or not to them.

12. That in the event that the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála refuses permission for the proposed development, or the applicant (acting reasonably) deem a planning permission to be unacceptable or otherwise fail to comply with any of the conditions above, the contracts will be rescinded and all monies received will be returned, without the payment of interest.

13. That the applicant will be responsible for all costs in relation to the planning process.

14. That completion of the sale shall be 6 weeks after the final grant of planning issues in respect of the proposed development ("the Closing Date").

15. That the development must be completed within 30 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the Lessor shall have the right to repossess the site or part thereof. That the timeline can be extended by agreement of the parties.

16. That the applicant shall not build or erect on the demised premises any building other than those for which planning has been granted and consent of the Lessor received.

17. That the applicant is responsible for, and shall incur the costs associated with, fully insuring the demised property and any buildings located thereon, in the joint names of the Lessee and Lessor.

18. That the applicant is not to sell, assign, sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation of the demised premises without receiving the prior consent in writing of Fingal County Council, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

19. That the applicant shall satisfy the Council that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the capital premium and the undertaking and completion of the proposed Development on the site.

20. That both parties shall be responsible for their own professional fees.

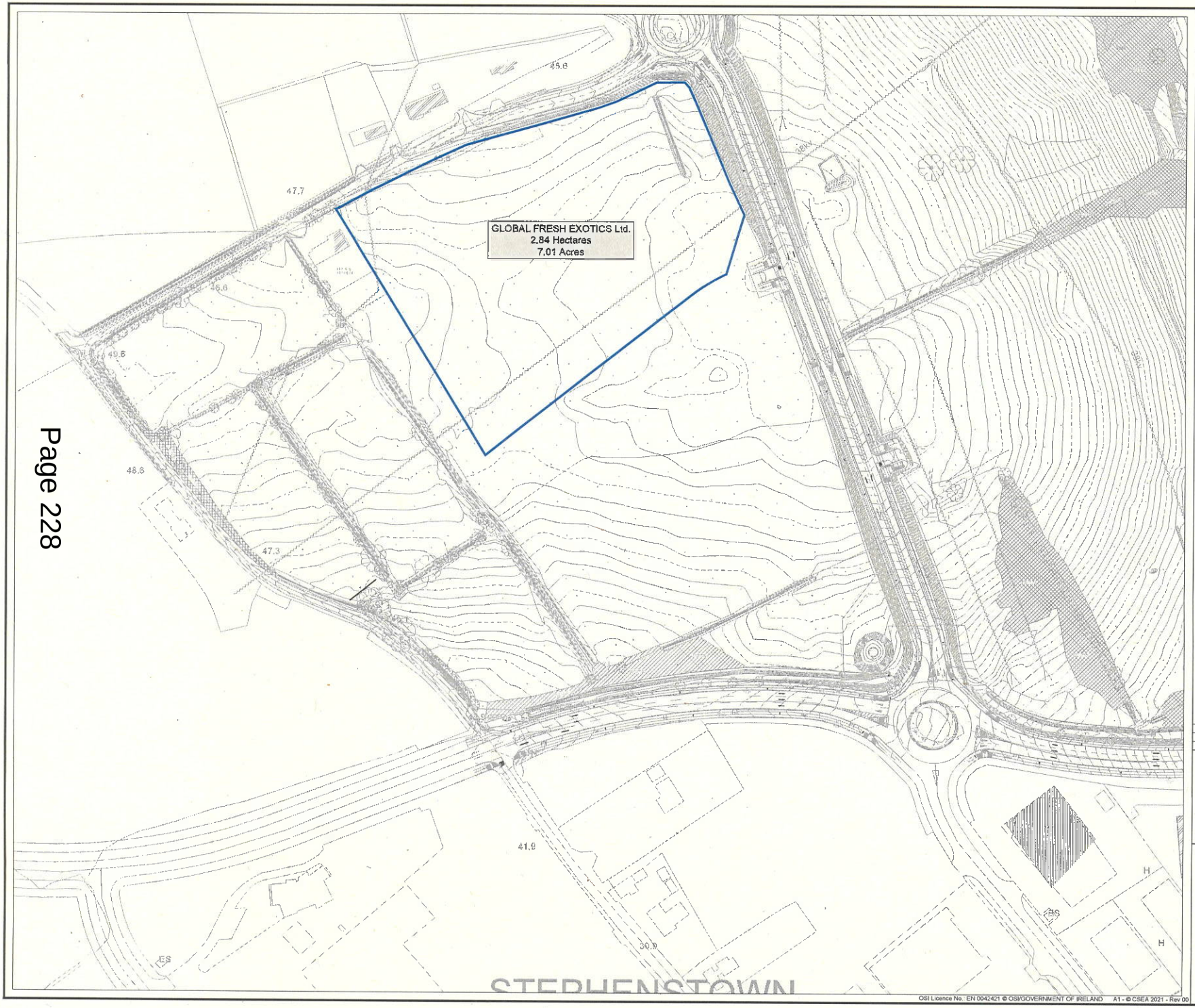
21. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired between 2000 and 2003 from Mr John Mollohan, Mr Thomas Richardson, Mr John Joseph Mc Cormack and Crescent Park Properties Limited for industrial purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) meeting scheduled to be held on 10th October 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
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Legend:

Proposed 7 Acre Site Boundary

NOTES:
1. Drawing is for Valuation Purposes only.
2. Boundaries based on Topographical Survey

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Project: Stephenstown North

Dwg. Title: Proposed 7 Acre Site
From Survey

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Property Services Division,
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County Hall,
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File Ref: LD 1578

1st October 2024

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of Proposed disposal of land and grant of permanent wayleaves at Church Fields Phase 3A, Mulhuddart, Co. Dublin, to ESB Networks**

An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of ESB substations and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction which requires the disposal of land and the granting of permanent wayleaves at Church Fields Phase 3A, Mulhuddart, Co. Dublin.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended to dispose of land comprising 37 square meters approximately as outlined in red, for the construction of ESB substations and to grant permanent wayleaves comprising 24 square meters approximately, hatched yellow as set out in Drawing No LA-4051-24 dated 20th September 2024, to ESB Networks on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal and wayleaves is for the construction of ESB substations and associated ancillary works to facilitate housing construction at Churchfields Phase 3A.

2. The land to be disposed of comprises 37 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-4051-24 dated 20th September 2024.

3. The wayleaves comprise 24 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4051-24 dated 20th September 2024.

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

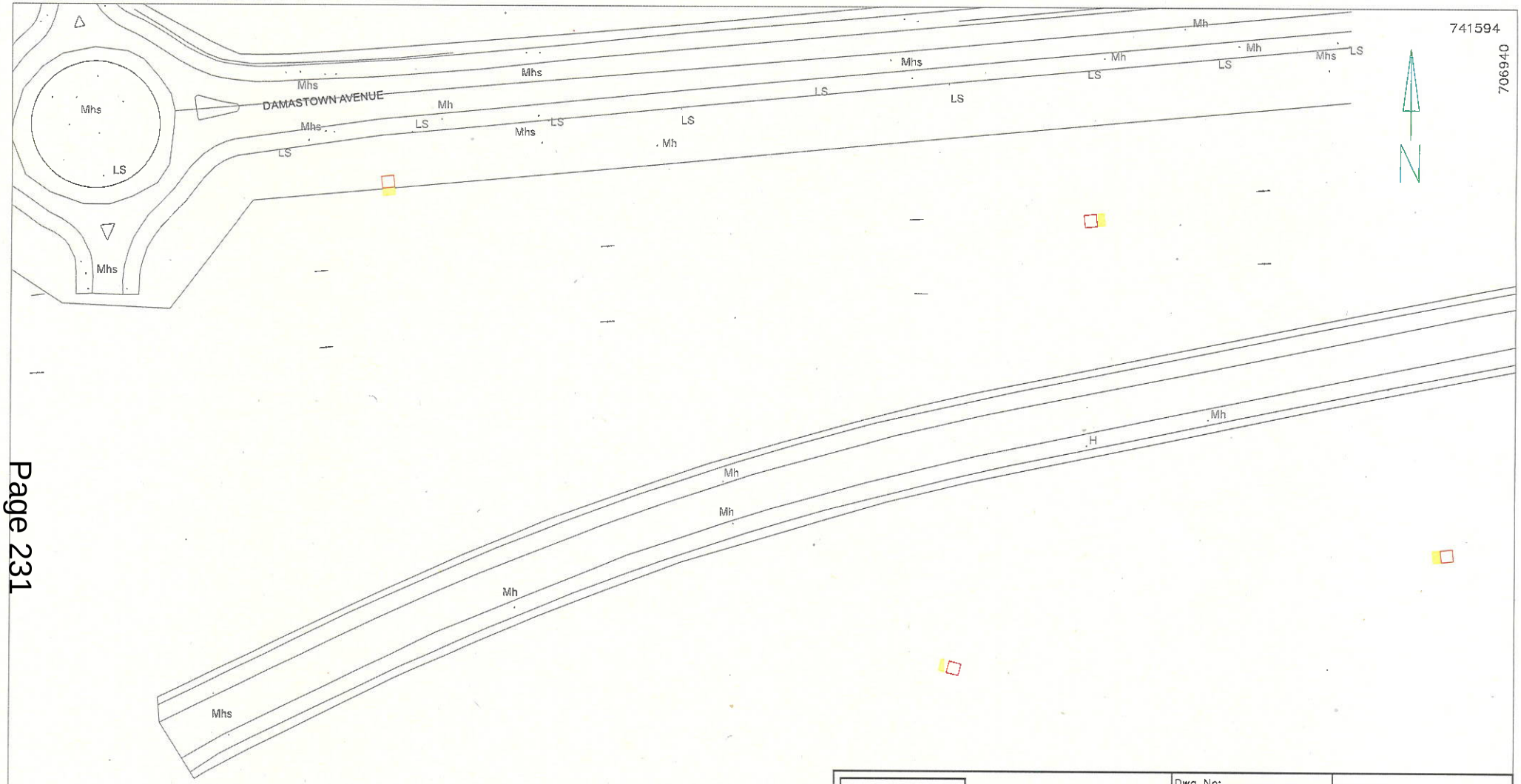
5. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred from Dublin Corporation to Fingal County Council under the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993 on 1st January 1994.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for 3rd October 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024.

Aoife Scanlon

Senior Executive Officer,
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Area of Lands delineated by
center of red line surrounding the lands
37 m2 to be transferred by Fingal

Area of Lands hatched yellow and delineated by
center of yellow line surrounding the lands
24 m2 wayleave to be granted by Fingal

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Project:
Land at Churchfields
D15 County Dublin

Transfers and Wayleaves to ESBN

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Property Services Division,

Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &

Cultural Development Dept,

County Hall,

Swords,

Fingal,

Co. Dublin.

File Ref: LD1592

3rd October 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Church Fields Phase 3B, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, to GEM Construction Limited.

In keeping with the National Housing Strategy, "Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland", Fingal County Council's vision for the Church Fields lands is to develop a sustainable mixed tenure housing development integrated with the existing urban areas in Dublin 15 and to provide an exemplar sustainable housing development in tandem with the provision of community and green infrastructure. This project gives the opportunity to provide dwellings in accordance with the target delivery set out in the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

Fingal County Council have a policy to facilitate the delivery of housing on lands within the Council ownership. The Council is providing a mixed tenure development initially of 300 no. dwellings on the subject site which forms part of a larger landholding at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 owned by the Council. It is now proposed to provide a further mixed tenure development of 217 new homes on the eastern side of the residual part of the site. This part of the development has been made possible through AHF funding of c. €11 million euro and SHIP funding of c. €50 million euro.

The Council's vision for the Church Fields lands is to develop a sustainable mixed tenure housing development integrated with the existing village of Mulhuddart and provide an exemplar sustainable housing development in tandem with the provision of community and green infrastructure. The development of the Church Fields land is a local authority driven project which will be delivered in partnership with GEM Construction Limited. The Council has established the vision for the development and defined parameters and constraints for the project to ensure that the Council maintains a strong level of oversight and control over the development of the site. Oversight and supervision of the development of the land will be managed by the Council Executive through the phased control of land transfers to the Developer and ongoing liaison with the Developer's project team over the whole term of the project. It is essential that the Council's key deliverables are realised and that the objectives that the Council set out to achieve are delivered.

Key objectives to securing this vision were set at the outset of the project and are outlined in the Fingal Development Plan 2017 – 2023 & 2023 - 2029, and the Church Fields Design Framework Plan. The key outcomes that the Council has sought to achieve with this project are:

- the delivery of homes of the right type, quality and cost at the right locations to address housing supply demands
- to leverage the value of the Council's land to provide homes at affordable prices in order to address the issue of housing affordability in the market
- to provide First Time Buyers with an opportunity to purchase a home at an affordable price
- to secure the sustainability of the development with a mixed tenure approach to support strong social integration and cohesion

The site is situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north and between Church Road to the east and Church Fields Phase 3A. The development comprises 217 no. residential units and ancillary facilities along with all associated site development works including an access road, footpaths, site boundaries, open space, drainage, public lighting, utilities and services.

Church Fields is a Fingal County Council development which will provide circa 800 new homes over the entire land bank, a creche, retail units and extensive new parks in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

The proposed 217 no. unit site is in the ownership of Fingal County Council. The subject land comprises 4.959 hectares (12.25 acres) approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. No. LA-6077-24 dated 10th September 2024 contained within Folios DN200990F and DN55212F, situated between the existing Wellview and Avondale Estates to the south, Damastown Avenue to the north and between Church Road to the east and Church Fields Phase 3A to the west.

A two-stage Procurement Process was used to select the Economic Operator to develop the Council's lands at Church Fields, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin. GEM Construction Limited

has been selected as the most economically advantageous tender. The terms of the development agreement allowed for additional phases at the discretion of Fingal County Council.

The proposed project has full planning permission by way of Planning Reference ABP-317346-23 for 217 units. The delivery of the planning permission by the successful tenderer will comprise of: -

1. The construction of:

   - 121 no. two and three storey houses (34 no. 2 beds, 76 no. 3 beds, & 11 no. 4 beds);
   - 3 no. four-storey apartment blocks with balconies on all elevations, green roofs, and external amenity courtyards, providing a total of 96 no. units (36 no. 1 beds, 56 no. 2 beds, & 4 no. 3 beds)

2. Landscape works including:

   a) provision of Class 2 open space of 7,600 sqm, private communal open space of 725 sqm, playgrounds and kick about areas;
   b) new pedestrian and cycle connections to Damastown Avenue to the north; to the new Church Fields footpath cycleway to the east; and to the linear park to the south; and
   c) a new pedestrian connection to Church Road and to Mulhuddart Cemetery on Church Road

3. 306 no. car parking spaces (263 no. residential and 43 no. visitor spaces), including 15 accessible spaces; and 897 no. bicycle parking long term and short term spaces, including 6 no. external bike stores providing 300 bicycle spaces for the apartments, and 16 no. free-standing bike bunkers accommodating 96 no. bicycle spaces for mid-terrace houses

4. A temporary construction access to the site from Damastown Avenue;

5. Associated site and infrastructural works include provision for water services, foul and surface water drainage and associated connections to the permitted Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park scheme (as permitted under Plan Reg. Ref.: PARTXI/012/21); and Sustainable Drainage Systems, including permeable paving, green roofs and swales. The proposed development includes for proposed surface water drainage which is amended from that permitted under Church Fields Housing and Eastern Linear Park development.

6. The proposed application includes all site enabling and development works, landscaping works, PV panels, bins stores, plant, storage, boundary treatments, ESB substations, lighting, servicing, signage, and all site development works above and below ground.

It is proposed to dispose of lands at Church Fields, Phase 3B, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, Co. Dublin to Gem Construction Limited in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is the delivery of housing, green infrastructure and associated works.

2. The disposal includes all wayleaves and easements necessary to facilitate the construction and provision of all housing, green infrastructure and associated works.

3. Lands to be disposed of comprises 4.959 hectares (12.25 acres) approximately as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-6077-24 dated 10th September 2024 contained within Folios DN200990F and DN55212F (copy attached) with the exception of those units designated as social unit and or cost rental apartments where applicable which shall remain in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

4. GEM Construction Limited have been identified as the preferred tenderer following procurement process FCC/094/22.

5. The developer shall carry out the Development on the development site in accordance with the planning permission (Planning Reference ABP-317346-23) and the Development Agreement.

6. The preferred tenderer will execute the Development Agreement and become the "Developer". The Development Agreement includes the grant of a licence from the Council to the Developer (and its sub-contractors, professional team etc.) to enter the site for the purpose of the delivery of the development.

7. The Developer shall adhere to the Development Agreement in respect of insurance obligations. The Developer shall be responsible for insuring the Works being completed on the Development Site and includes appropriate market indemnities in favour of the Council. The Developer (who is also the building contractor) shall take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance in accordance with the Development Agreement and each policy shall contain provisions which require a specific indemnity in favour of Fingal County Council. The Developer shall ensure that All Risks Insurance and Professional Indemnity Insurance is taken out and maintained in accordance with the Development Agreement.

8. The Developer's Consideration payable to the Council in respect of the land shall be the sum of €1,833,332.60 (one million eight hundred thousand three hundred and thirty two euro and sixty cents) plus VAT (if applicable) payable as follows: The Developer shall pay the Developer's Consideration to FCC by way of a payment in the sum of €16,666.66 (sixteen thousand, six hundred and sixty six euro, sixty six cent) plus VAT (if applicable) in respect of the transfer of title to the lands on which each Affordable Unit has been constructed. The Developer's Consideration is payable by

the Developer as a pre-condition for the completion of the transfer of title to the lands for each Affordable Unit.

9. 110 no. Affordable units shall comprise 2 bed housing units with a base price payable to the Developer including VAT of €270,000.00 (two hundred and seventy thousand euro) and 3 bed housing units with a sale price including VAT of €320,000.00 (three hundred and twenty thousand euro) as specified in the Development Agreement.

10. The Affordable Housing Units will be sold by the Developer to Affordable Housing Applicants (the Nominees) nominated by Fingal County Council all in accordance with the Affordable Housing Act 2021. Fingal County Council shall take equity in each unit.

11. The cost of the Social Houses and Apartments are fixed for the duration of the works. The Affordable Units as specified in the Development Agreement are fixed for the first 18 months from the base date specified in the Development Agreement with indexation of the base price to be agreed at that point.

12. The term of the Development Agreement shall be for a duration of 2 years (24 months) from the date of execution of the Development Agreement with an option to extend at Fingal County Council's discretion.

13. In the tender process the Developer was required to select an appropriate form of performance security and in this case, the Developer has agreed to provide a Development Bond for the Development of the Project which shall be 10% of the value of the FCC Works Contract Sum.

14. The development shall be subject to the Council's Development Contribution Scheme in operation at the time.

15. Fingal County Council will retain ownership of the undeveloped phases of the Development Site and will only transfer title to a phase within which affordable units are contained to the Developer upon substantial completion of such phase, and in agreed phases. The transfer of title will be completed subject to all payments that are required as part of the Developer's Consideration having been made.

16. The social units will be completed in accordance with the standards and specifications outlined in the Employers Requirements.

17. The Development Agreement is non-assignable or transferrable by the Developer to any other party, save in the case of a financial institution which has entered into a mortgage with the Developer for the purposes of financing the development, which mortgage must be approved by Fingal County Council in writing and must have been

entered into specifically for the purpose of financing the Developer to undertake the development of the site.

18. That both parties will be responsible for their respective fees in the transaction.

19. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT, Stamp Duty or other costs arising.

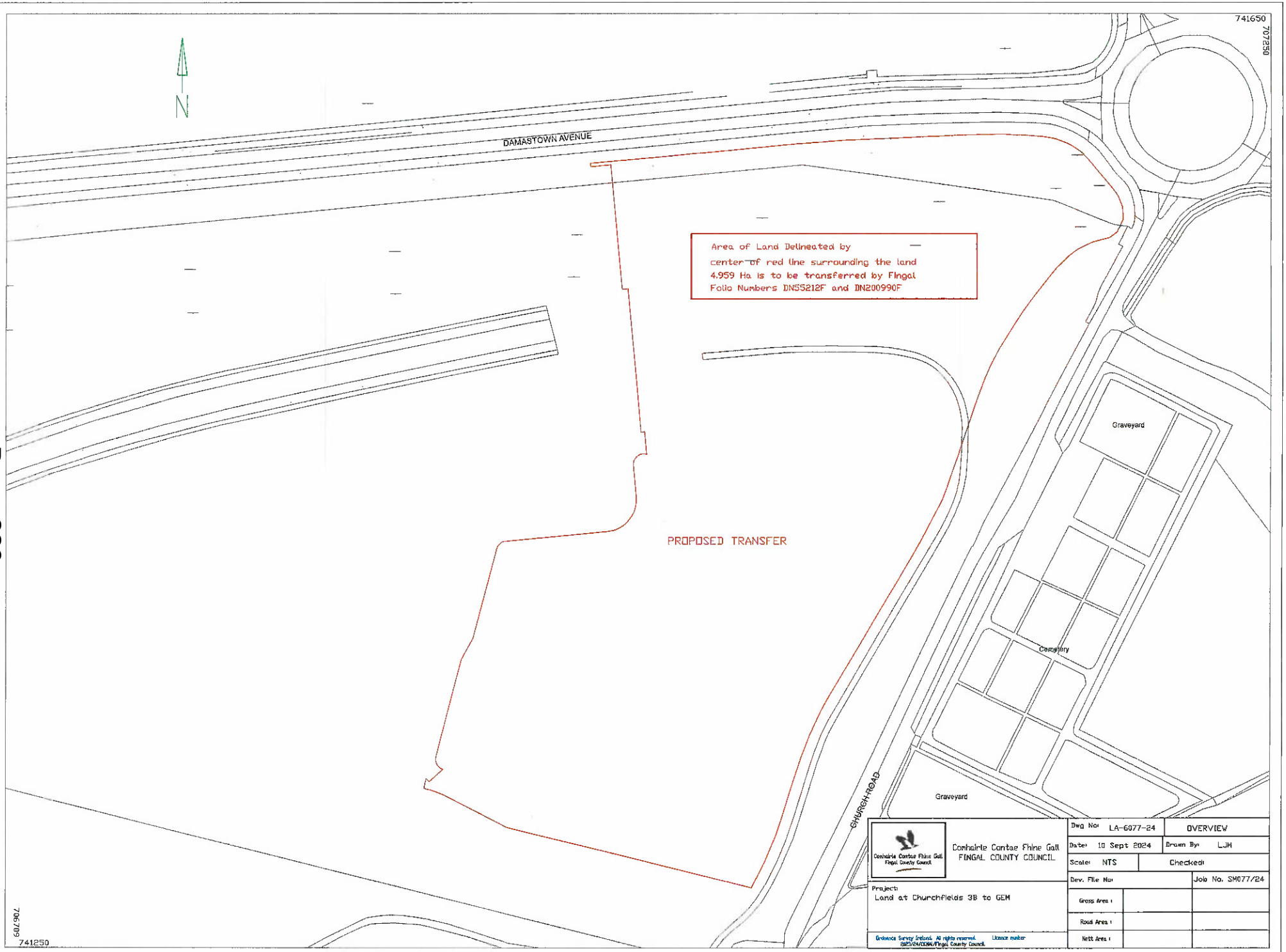
20. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the Development Agreement and associated legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred from Dublin Corporation to Fingal County Council under the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993 on 1st January 1994.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting that was held on 3rd October 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024.

Aoife Scanlan

Senior Executive Officer
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Property Services,
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File Ref: LD 1560

3rd October 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of proposed Grant of Wayleave at Batter Lane, Co. Dublin to ESB Networks

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The Electricity Supply Board (ESB) is seeking to acquire land comprising 9,415 square metres approximately at Batter Lane, Co. Dublin for the purpose of facilitating a wayleave and associated works for the provision of a new substation.

It is proposed, to dispose of land comprising an area of 9,415 square metres approximately as shown coloured yellow on Map No. LA-4021-24 dated 21st February 2024 contained within Folio DN162252F at Batter Lane, Co Dublin in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to allow for the provision of a permanent wayleave to facilitate future upgrades of the electricity network.

2. That the Council shall grant a permanent wayleave over the land coloured yellow on the attached Map No. LA-4021-24, extending to 9,415 square meters approximately.

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

4. That the consideration payable shall be in the amount of €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

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

6. That the applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if necessary).

7. The Council shall grant a temporary works licence for an area comprising 1,432 square meters approximately, as outlined in green on Map No. LA-5021-24 for a period of 6 months.

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

9. That in the event that any trees or shrubbery are to be removed, this will be agreed with Fingal County Council in advance. Fingal County Council will be adequately compensated for the loss of trees and an appropriate boundary feature will be reinstated.

10. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.

11. That the applicant shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The applicant shall provide fourteen days advance written notice to the Council of any intended works and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of the Council. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption. In the event of an emergency the above requirements can be waived. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.

12. That the applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,000 (one thousand euro) plus VAT and the Councils legal fees and surveyor fees in respect of the wayleave agreement.

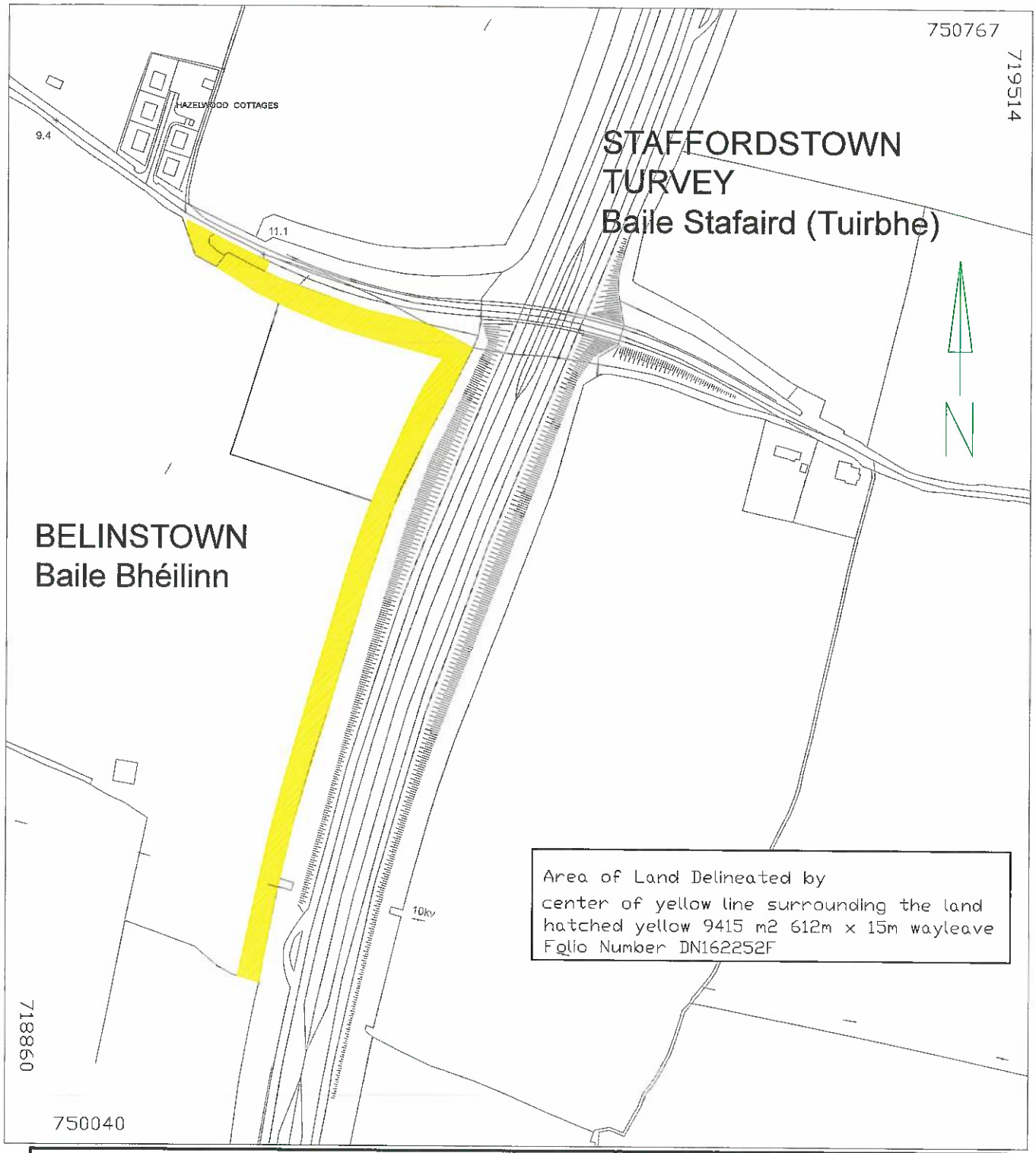
13. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Padraigh & Patricia Flynn in September 2003 for the Fingal County Council Northern Motorway Scheme 1995.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting to be held on Thursday, 10th October 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
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County Hall,
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File Ref: LD 1573

1st October 2024

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of Proposed disposal of land and grant of permanent wayleave at Ballymastone Recreational Hub (Phase 2), Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin, to ESB Networks**

An application was made by Fingal County Council to ESB Networks for the construction of a substation and associated ancillary works to facilitate the construction of Ballymastone Recreational Hub which requires the disposal of land and the granting of a permanent wayleave at Ballymastone Recreational Hub (Phase 2), Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended to dispose of Council owned land comprising 6 square meters approximately as outlined in red for the construction of an ESB substation and to grant permanent wayleaves comprising 1,908 square meters approximately shown coloured yellow as shown on Map Index No 6115 dated 27th June 2024, to ESB Networks on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal and grant of permanent wayleaves to ESB is to facilitate the construction of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub and associated ancillary works.

2. The land to be disposed of comprises 6 square meters approximately as shown outlined in red on Map Index No. 6115 dated 27th June 2024.

3. The wayleaves comprise 1,908 square meters approximately as shown coloured yellow on Map Index No. 6115 dated 27th June 2024.

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

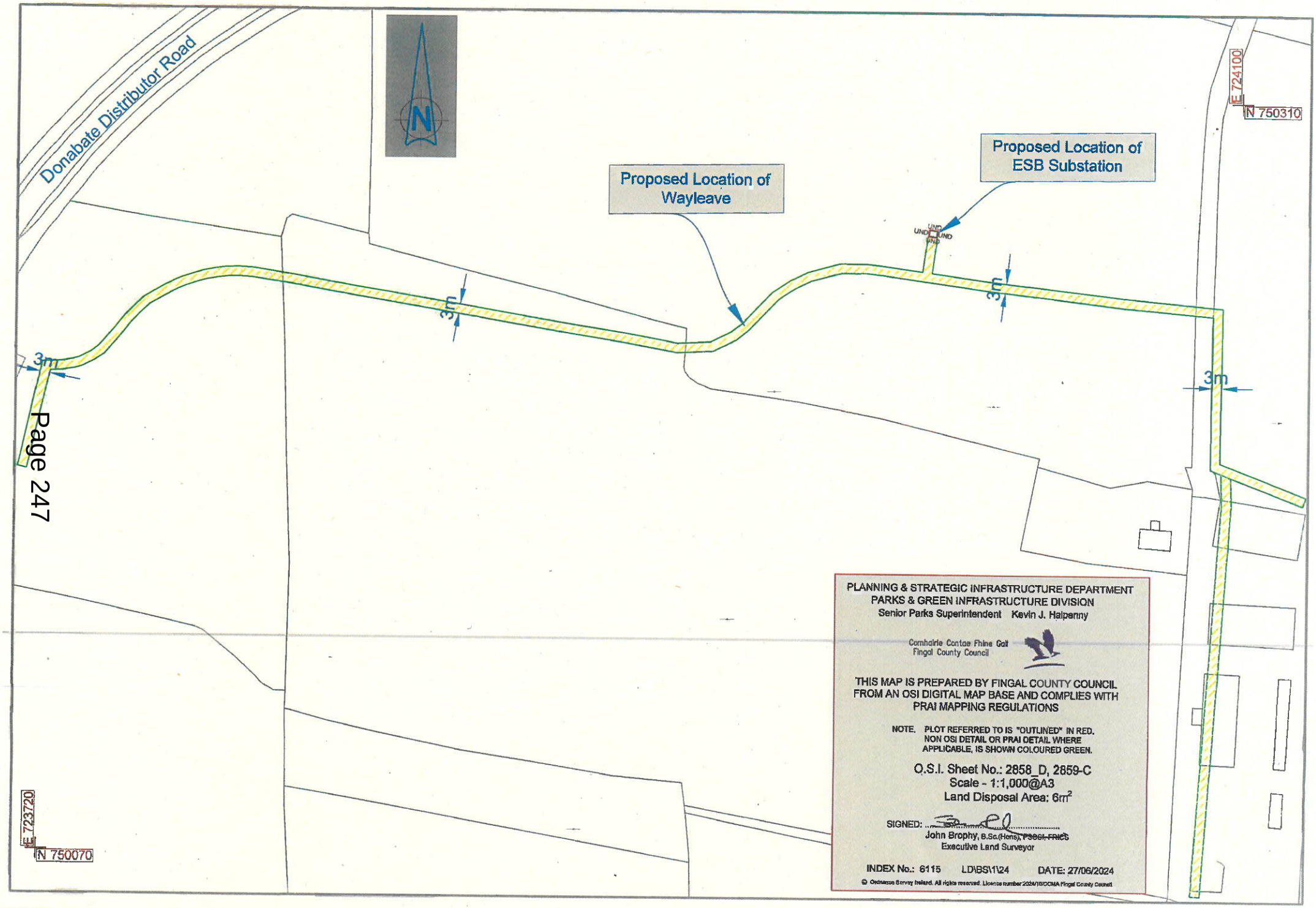
5. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from The Eastern Health Board in 1974 for housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for 10th October 2024 and the proposed disposal will be included on the Council Agenda for consideration at the meeting of Fingal County Council to be held on Monday 14th October 2024.

Aoife Brendan

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


Donabate Distributor Road
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Proposed Location of Wayleave
Proposed Location of ESB Substation
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N 750310
E 723720
N 750070
PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT
PARKS & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION
Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin J. Halpenny
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
THIS MAP IS PREPARED BY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FROM AN OSI DIGITAL MAP BASE AND COMPLIES WITH PRAI MAPPING REGULATIONS
NOTE. PLOT REFERRED TO IS "OUTLINED" IN RED. NON OSI DETAIL OR PRAI DETAIL WHERE APPLICABLE, IS SHOWN COLOURED GREEN.
O.S.I. Sheet No.: 2858_D, 2859-C
Scale - 1:1,000@A3
Land Disposal Area: 6m²
SIGNED:
John Brophy, B.Sc.(Hons), FSCSI, FRICS
Executive Land Surveyor
INDEX No.: 6115 LD\BS\1\24 DATE: 27/06/2024
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 23

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 23a

RIVER MALL LANE WAY, SWORDS

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1742
Taking In Charge – River Mall Lane Way
DED: Swords Village, TL: Townparks

Road Name	Length	Description
River Mall Lane Way	72m	From the junction of Main Street, Swords Village turn west onto River Mall Lane Way for 72m to end of the road.
	Total Length: 72m	

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 23a

DECLARATION OF ROADS

RIVER MALL LANE WAY

ROAD SCHEDULE

BC Number – 1742
Taking In Charge – River Mall Lane Way
DED: Swords Village, TL: Townparks

Road Name	Length	Description
River Mall Lane Way	72m	From the junction of Main Street, Swords Village turn west onto River Mall Lane Way for 72m to end of the road.
	Total Length: 72m	

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RIVERMALL LANE WAY, SWORDS

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:100

Foul Sewer				Storm Sewer			
Manhole Number	Invert Level	Cover Level	Pipe Diameter	Manhole Number	Invert Level	Cover Level	Pipe Diameter
F1	19.02	19.73		S1	17.53	19.66	
			100mm				100mm
F2	19.15	19.83		Buried Storm	--------	--------	
			100mm				
F3	18.99	19.78					
			100mm				
F4	18.95	19.68					

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	May 2024	SURVEYED BY:	M.Byrne/Y.Cao
CHECKED BY:	C. Gallagher	DRAWN BY:	Y.Cao
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC .	BC 1742
DRAWING NUMBER: BC-1742-1001	REV.	SCALE:	1:100 @ A1
		OS Ref.	

ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm.DIA UNLESS STATED.
SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE River Mall Lane Way
Townparks Swords Village

Areas proposed to be taken in charge
Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.
Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.
HYD Hydrant
Sluice Valve

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 23b

DECLARATION OF ROADS – TAKING IN CHARGE

THE ELMS, RIDGEWOOD, SWORDS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1754
Taking In Charge – The Elms
DED: Swords, TL: Swords

Road Name	Length	Description
The Elms	640m	From the House No.1 on The Elms heading South for 31m to the junction of The Elms outside House No.20. From the junction of the Elms heading West for 29m to the end of the road. From the junction of the Elms heading East for 79m to the gate of House No.1 on the Elms.

		From the junction of the Elms heading heading South for 65m to the Tri-Junction outside House No.27. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.27 turn West for 22m to the boundary of the Elms. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.27 turn East for 70m to the end of the road. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.76 turn South and then East for in total 182m to the end of the road. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.70 turn South for 139m to the end of the road. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.56 turn East for 23m to the end of the road.
	Total Length: 640m	

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ITEM NO. 23b

DECLARATION OF ROADS

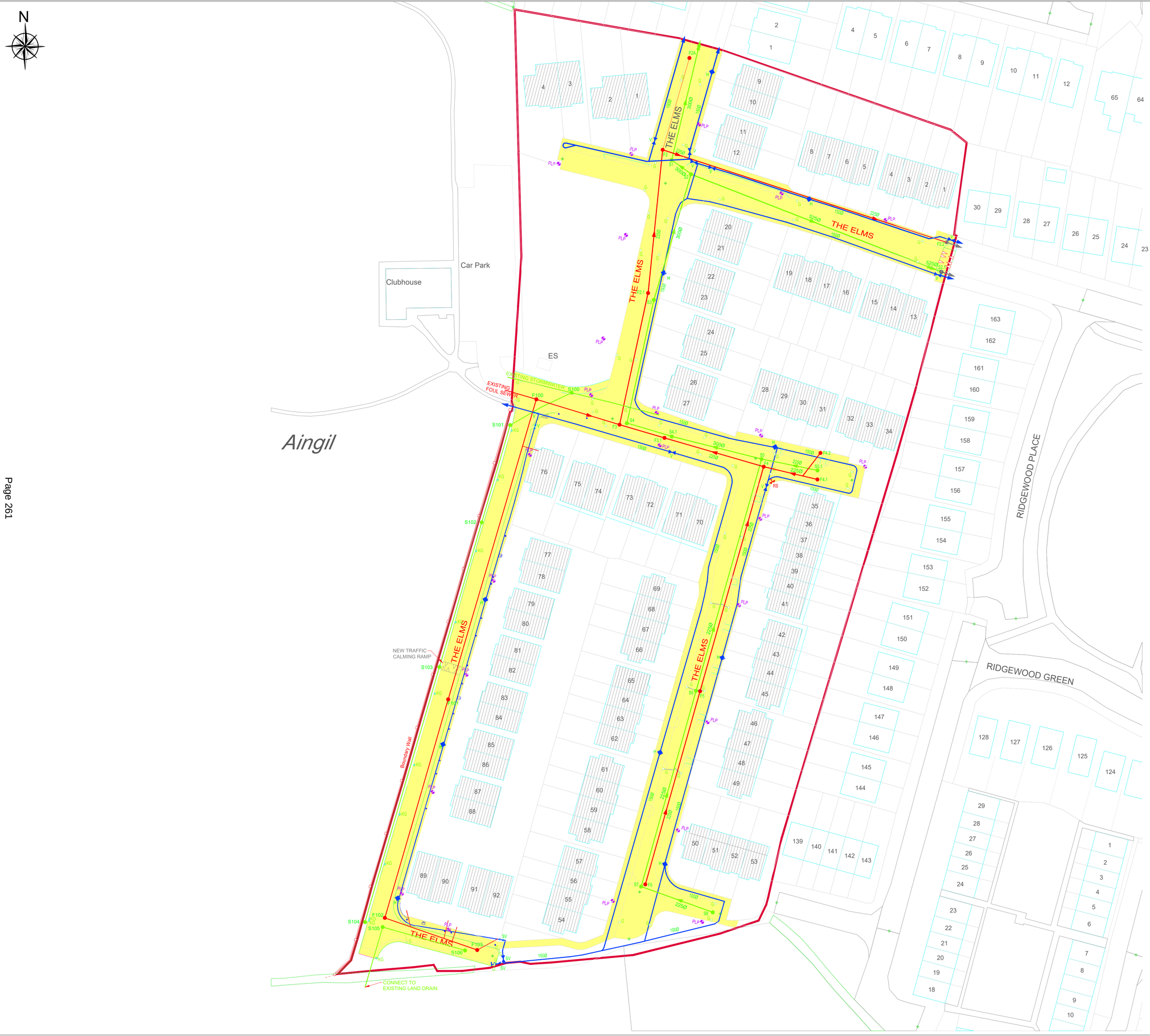
THE ELMS RIDGEWOOD, SWORDS

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1754
Taking In Charge – The Elms
DED: Swords, TL: Swords

Road Name	Length	Description
The Elms	640m	From the House No.1 on The Elms heading South for 31m to the junction of The Elms outside House No.20. From the junction of the Elms heading West for 29m to the end of the road. From the junction of the Elms heading East for 79m to the gate of House No.1 on the Elms. From the junction of the Elms heading South for 65m to the Tri-Junction outside House No.27. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.27 turn West for 22m to the boundary of the Elms. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.27 turn East for 70m to the end of the road. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.76 turn South and then East for in total 182m to the end of the road. From the Tri-Junction outside House No.70 turn South for 139m to the end of the road.

		From the Tri-Junction outside House No.56 turn East for 23m to the end of the road.
	Total Length: 640m	



FOUL MANHOLES

MANHOLE REFERENCE NUMBER		PIPE DIMENSIONS			DOWNSTREAM MANHOLE LEVELS (m)		
FROM	TO	PIPE Ø (mm)	LENGTH (m)	GRADIENT	COVER LEVEL	IL (INLET)	IL (OUTLET)
	F6				64.75		63.74
F6	F5	225	56.7	1:62	64.45	62.83	62.83
F5	F4	225	65.9	1:78	63.92	61.99	61.99
F4	F3.1	225	29.2	1:68	64.19	61.56	61.02
F3.1	F3	225	13.2	1:189	64.41	60.95	60.95
F3	F2.1	225	38.0	1:119	63.90	60.63	60.63
F2.1	F2	225	40.7	1:93	62.70	60.19	60.19
F2	Ex FMH	225	84.3	1:66	61.46	58.91	58.91
	F4.1				63.77		62.72
F4.1	F4	225	15.6	1:98	63.92	62.56	61.99
	F103				64.916		63.927
F103	F102	225	27.6	1:40	65.446	63.243	63.243
F102	F101	225	64.2	1:62	65.611	62.20	62.20
F101	F100	225	88.8	1:88	64.803	61.187	61.187

STORMWATER MANHOLES

MANHOLE REFERENCE NUMBER		PIPE DIMENSIONS			DOWNSTREAM MANHOLE LEVELS (m)		
FROM	TO	PIPE Ø (mm)	LENGTH (m)	GRADIENT	COVER LEVEL	IL (INLET)	IL (OUTLET)
	S8				64.57		62.44
S8	S7	225	21.5	1:165	64.72	62.31	62.31
S7	S6	225	57.4	1:179	64.42	61.99	61.99
S6	S5	300	68	1:234	63.89	61.70	61.70
S5	S4.1	300	26.2	1:119	64.16	61.48	60.19
S4.1	S4	300	13.2	1:63	64.37	59.98	59.98
S4	S3	300	35.7	1:112	64.03	59.66	59.66
S3	S2	300	37.1	1:63	62.74	59.07	59.07
S2	S1	300	6.8	1:30	62.70	58.84	58.84
	S5.1				63.76		62.82
S5.1	S5	225	16.1	1:62	63.89	62.56	61.70
	S106				64.962		64.104
S106	S105	225	24.2	1:129	65.362	63.917	63.917
S105	Ex LAND DRAIN	225	17.7				
	S104				65.326		64.167
S104	S103	225	75	1:156	65.425	63.686	63.686
S103	S102	225	42.6	1:106	65.13	63.283	63.283
S102	S101	225	28.6	1:182	64.764	63.126	63.126
S101	S100	225	19.6	1:117	64.579	62.958	62.958

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: May 2021	SURVEYED BY:	F MCNeary	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: Aaron O Callaghan	DRAWN BY:	F MCNeary	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC .	BC No.1754	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: 1000 REV.	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	2991	

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

The Elms, Ridgewood, Swords.
DED: Swords/Forrest TL: Rathingle.

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 23c

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

ASHFIELD, RIDGEWOOD, SWORDS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1753
Taking In Charge – Ashfield
DED: Swords, TL: Swords

Road Name	Length	Description
The Elms	33m	From the House No.1 on The Elms heading North for 33m to the junction of Ashfield Avenue.
Ashfield Ave	818m	From House No.12 on the south east of Ashfield Ave heading West for 117m passing the junction of The Elms and turn Northeast for 55m passing the junction of Ashfield Grove and turn North for 144m to the Tri-Junction outside House No's. 54 & 55, the upper branch road keep North and head East

		then South for 320m, meet up with another branch heading from the Tri-Junction outside House No's. 54 & 55 heading East for 182m.
Ashfield Court	46m	From Tri-Junction of Ashfield Ave, heading south for 46m to the end of the road.
Ashfield Park	194m	From junction of Ashfield Ave and Ashfield Grove, heading East then South for 194m to the turning for Ashfield Ave.
Ashfield Grove	279m	From Tri-Junction of Ashfield Ave heading Northeast for 181m, and outside House No.23 along the open space a loop road for 98m.
	Total Length: 1,370m	

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DECLARATION OF ROADS

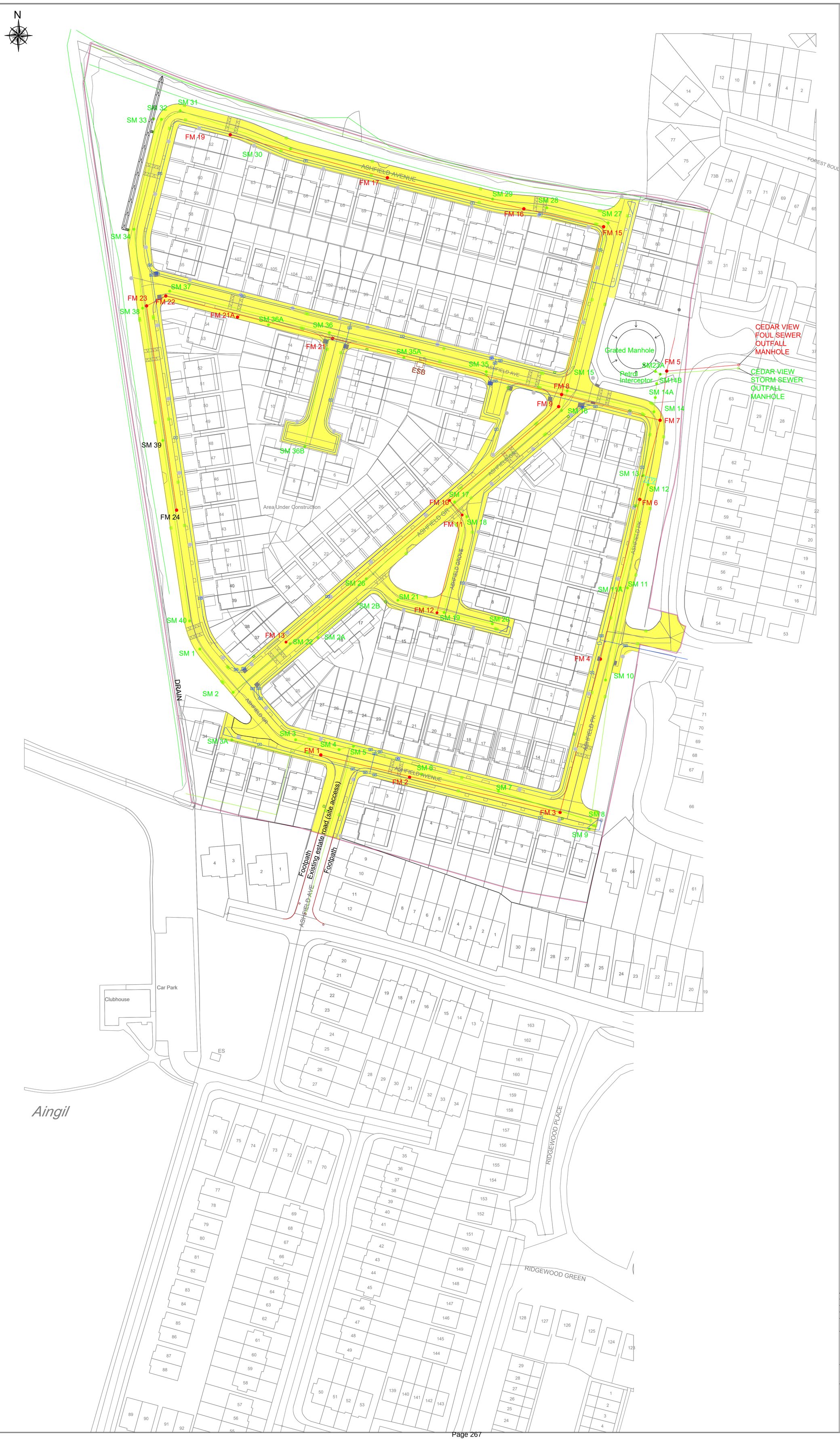
ASHFIELD, RIDGEWOOD, SWORDS

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DED: Swords, TL: Swords

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STORMWATER							
MANHOLE REF NUMBER		PIPE DIMENSIONS			DOWNSTREAM MANHOLE LEVELS (m)		
FROM	TO	PIPE DIAM (mm)	LENGTH (m)	PIPE GRADIENT	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL (INLET)	INVERT LEVEL (OUTLET)
	SM20				61.04		59.926
SM20	SM19	225	19.8	1:93	61.808	59.712	59.712
	SM21				62.05		60.053
SM21	SM19	225	19.3	1:57	61.808	59.712	59.712
SM19	SM18	225	39.6	1:336	60.898	59.594	59.594
SM18	SM17	225	7.5	1:100	60.886	59.519	59.519
	SM1				63.626		62.618
SM1	SM2	225	22.07	1:113	63.597	62.422	62.422
SM2	SM22	225	30.19	1:105	63.053	62.133	62.133
SM22	SM26	225	40.5	1:46	62.339	61.244	61.244
SM26	SM17	225	47.24	1:28	60.886	59.519	59.519
SM17	SM16	225	56.876	1:25	58.847	57.168	57.168
SM16	SM15	225	8.31	1:6	58.742	55.628	55.628
	SM40				63.616		61.571
SM40	SM39	225	73.73	1:181	62.588	61.162	61.162
SM39	SM38	225	54.1	1:35	61.369	59.587	59.587
SM38	SM34	225	32.1	1:29	60.632	58.449	58.449
SM34	SM32	225	45.735	1:126	59.35	58.084	58.084
SM32	SM31	225	8.18	1:35	59.286	57.847	57.847
SM31	SM30	225	47.137	1:182	59.085	57.588	57.588
SM30	SM29	225	84.33	1:85	57.966	56.585	56.585
SM29	SM28	225	22.155	1:75	57.576	56.289	56.289
SM28	SM27	225	25.51	1:85	57.064	55.987	55.987
SM27	SM15	400	69.992	1:195	58.742	55.628	55.628
SM15	SM14	600	36.1	1:58	58.046	55.003	55.003
SM14	SM14A	600	5.8	1:51	57.800	54.890	54.890
SM14A	PETROL I.	600	5.6	-	57.800	-	-
PETROL I.	SM23	600	4.0	-	57.872	55.048	55.048
SM23	GRATED MH	-	7.5	-	56.852	56.452	56.452
	SM33				59.433		58.108
SM33	SM32	225	3.14	1:131	59.35	58.084	58.084
	SM37				60.903		59.211
SM37	SM36	225	66.58	1:64	59.934	58.158	58.158
SM36	SM35	300	65.318	1:107	59.206	57.543	57.543
SM35	SM15	300	33.573	1:18	58.742	55.628	55.628
	SM36A				60.300		58.910
	SM35A				59.570		58.260
	SM2A				63.033		62.023
	SM2B				63.000		62.430
	SM3				63.45		62.106
SM3	SM4	225	18.25	1:63	63.059	61.816	61.816
SM4	SM6	225	34.654	1:23	62.502	60.274	60.274
SM6	SM7	225	31.82	1:198	61.909	60.113	60.113
SM7	SM8	225	39.275	1:12	61.202	56.57	56.57
SM8	SM11	225	94.767	1:123	59.76	55.799	55.799
SM11	SM13	225	46.237	1:114	58.653	55.392	55.392
SM13	SM14	225	25.9	1:67	58.046	55.003	55.003
	SM9				61.199		59.718
SM9	SM8	225	3.5	1:2	61.202	56.57	56.57
	SM10				60.69		59.105
SM10	SM11A	225	37.75	1:24	59.79	57.529	57.529
SM11A	SM11	225	4.127	1:3	59.76	55.799	55.799
	SM12				58.862		57.862
SM12	SM11A	225	37.75	1:114	59.79	57.529	57.529

FOUL SEWER						
MANHOLE REF NUMBER		PIPE DIMENSIONS			DOWNSTREAM MANHOLE LEVELS (m)		
FROM	TO	PIPE DIAM (mm)	LENGTH (m)	PIPE GRADIENT	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL (INLET)	INVERT LEVEL (OUTLET)
	FM1				63.121		61.574
FM1	FM2	225	36.953	1:52	62.538	60.857	60.857
FM2	FM3	225	62.413	1:65	61.472	59.882	59.882
FM3	FM4	225	63.958	1:52	60.496	58.647	58.647
FM4	FM6	225	66.727	1:84	58.872	57.845	57.845
FM6	FM7	225	32.97	1:12	58.162	54.889	54.889
FM7	FM5	225	20	1:85	57.521	54.652	54.652
	FM24				63.04		61.489
FM24	FM23	225	83.28	1:50	61.351	59.792	59.792
FM23	FM22	225	8.63	1:32	61.091	59.522	59.522
FM22	FM21	225	65.16	1:66	60.017	58.522	58.361
FM21	FM8	225	99.77	1:32	58.715	55.361	55.361
FM8	FM7	300	41.55	1:89	58.162	54.889	54.889
	FM19				59.348		57.923
FM19	FM17	225	65.783	1:92	58.542	57.201	57.201
FM17	FM16	225	56.49	1:67	57.7	56.352	56.352
FM16	FM15	225	32.88	1:85	57.069	55.965	55.965
FM15	FM8	225	69.96	1:116	58.715	55.361	55.361
	FM13				63.057		61.732
FM13	FM10	225	87.69	1:33	60.888	59.06	59.06
FM10	FM9	225	58.1	1:30	58.837	57.085	57.085
FM9	FM8	225	5.3	1:4	58.715	55.361	55.361
	FM12				61.828		59.701
FM12	FM11	225	40.66	1:87	60.946	59.232	59.232
FM11	FM10	225	6.926	1:41	60.888	59.06	59.06
	FM21A				60.554		59.174
	FM21B				62.000		60.450

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: MAY 24	SURVEYED BY:	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: AC	DRAWN BY: FMN	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C.Gallagher.	BC . BC. No.1753	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV:	SCALE: 1:500	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE

Ashfield, Ridgewood, Swords.
DED: Swords/forrest TL: Rathingle

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 23d

FOOTPATH ON PARK ROAD, RUSH

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1755
Taking In Charge – Footpath on Park Road
DED: Rush, TL: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
Footpath on Park Road	94m	From Junction of Brook Lane, head North for 94m, to end of footpath.
	Total Length: 94m	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 23d

FOOTPATH ON PARK ROAD, RUSH

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1755
Taking In Charge – Footpath on Park Road
DED: Rush, TL: Rush

Road Name	Length	Description
Footpath on Park Road	94m	From Junction of Brook Lane, head North for 94m, to end of footpath.
	Total Length: 94m	

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POND OUT

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HYDROBRAKE

RIVER

STONED CAPPED WALL 1M

LINE OF RAILING.

FOOTPATH

LINE OF RAILING.

STONED CAPPED WALL 1M

GRASS VERGE

CONCRETE PAVEMENT

EXISTING MH
R5 1.2
IL 9.576
CL 12.646

SV

LINE OF RAILING.

SAMP

Ø 100 WATER

CONCRETE PAVEMENT

GRASS VERGE

PARK ROAD

MINI PILLAR

TACTILE PAVING

STOP

PARK ROAD

HYD

SENIOR ENGINEER COLIN GALLAGHER

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TAKING IN CHARGE

Footpath on Park Road

Electoral Demesne - Rush Townland - Rush

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

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ITEM NO. 23e

BRACKEN PARK, CASTLEKNOCK

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Road Schedule

BC Number – BC1666
Taking In Charge – Bracken Park
DED – Castleknock- Knockmaroon TL – Carpenterstown

Road Name	**Length**	**Description**
Bracken Park Drive	481m	From junction with Carpenterstown Road, heading North for 126m then turning Northeast for 188m, turning North for 91m, then East for 76m to end of road.
Bracken Park Close	155m	From junction with Bracken Park Drive 33m heading Northwest for 33m and then heading North for 122m to end of road outside No. 27.

Bracken View	43m	From junction with Bracken Park Close heading West for 42.5m to end of road.
	Total = 679m	

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SURFACE WATER

MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S1	57.255	55.710	225
S2	57.790	55.855	450
S3	57.680	55.910	450
S4	57.770	56.050	450
S5	57.745	56.120	450
S6	57.835	56.235	450
S7	57.800	56.380	450
S8	57.860	56.735	450
S9	57.945	56.910	300
S10	58.130	57.270	300
S11	58.250	57.370	300
S1-1	56.950	55.790	225
S3-1	57.930	56.380	225
S3-2	58.010	56.690	225
S4-1	58.025	56.450	225
S4-2	57.925	56.670	225
S6-1	57.630	56.270	450
S7-1	57.850	56.480	450
S7-2	57.740	56.720	300
S7-3	57.885	56.950	300
S7-1A	57.955	56.875	300

FOUL WATER

MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F1	58.220	55.500	225
F2	58.090	55.620	300
F3	57.900	56.000	300
F4	57.750	56.280	300
F5	57.820	56.570	300
F6	57.710	56.815	300
F7	57.750	56.975	300
F8	57.860	57.140	300
F9	58.010	57.330	225
F2-1	58.300	56.825	225
F4-1	57.880	56.545	225
F4-2	57.760	57.030	225
F7-1	57.840	57.180	225

ATTENUATION TANK
DESIGN VOLUME: 700m³
ACTUAL VOLUME: 700m³

ATTENUATION TANK
DESIGN VOLUME: 293m³
ACTUAL VOLUME: 293m³

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Sept 2024 | SURVEYED BY: S.Boylan & Y.Cao

CHECKED BY: S.Boylan | DRAWN BY: Y.Cao

APPROVED BY: C.Gallagher | BC . BC1666

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Castleknock-Knockmaroon

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ITEM NO. 23f

CASTLEGRANGE ESTATE, CASTAHEANY

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1759
Taking In Charge – Castlegrange
DED: Blanchardstown-Blakestown, TL: Castaheany

Road Name	Length	Description
Castlegrange Avenue	219m	From the junction of Phibblestown Road heading North-West for 64m to the junction of Castlegrange Drive then heading South-East for 102m to the junction of Castlegrange Green and finally head North-East for 53m to Tri-junction of Castlegrange Grove and Castlegrange Dale.
Castlegrange Drive	163m	From the junction of Castlegrange Avenue head North-West for 43m then turn Right and head North-East for 120m to end of road.

Castlegrange Square	84m	From the junction of Castlegrange Avenue heading North-West for 58m and then heading South-West to the end of the road.
Castlegrange Grove	157m	From Tri-Junction of Castlegrange Avenue and Castlegrange Dale heading North-East for 57m to the junction of Castlegrange Court and then heading North-West for 100m to the end of the road.
Castlegrange Dale	154m	From Tri-Junction of Castlegrange Avenue and Castlegrange Grove heading South-East for 154m to Tri-Junction of Castlegrange Park and Castlegrange Lawn.
Castlegrange Court	194m	From the junction of Castlegrange Grove heading East for 194m to the end of the road.
Castlegrange Gardens	120m	From the junction of Castlegrange Avenue heading South-East for 120m to the junction of Castlegrange Green.
Castlegrange Green	264m	From the junction of Phibblestown Road heading North-West for 264m to the junction of Castlegrange Dale.
Castlegrange Lawn	159m	From Tri-Junction of Castlegrange Dale and Castlegrange Park heading North for 159m to the end of the road.
Castlegrange Park	270m	From junction of Castlegrange Gardens heading South for 270m to the end of the road.

Castlegrange Terrace	91m	From junction of Castlegrange Park heading North for 91m to the end of the cul-de-sac.
Castlegrange Row	125m	From junction of Castlegrange Green heading North for 125m to the end of the cul-de-sac.
	Total Length: 2,000m	

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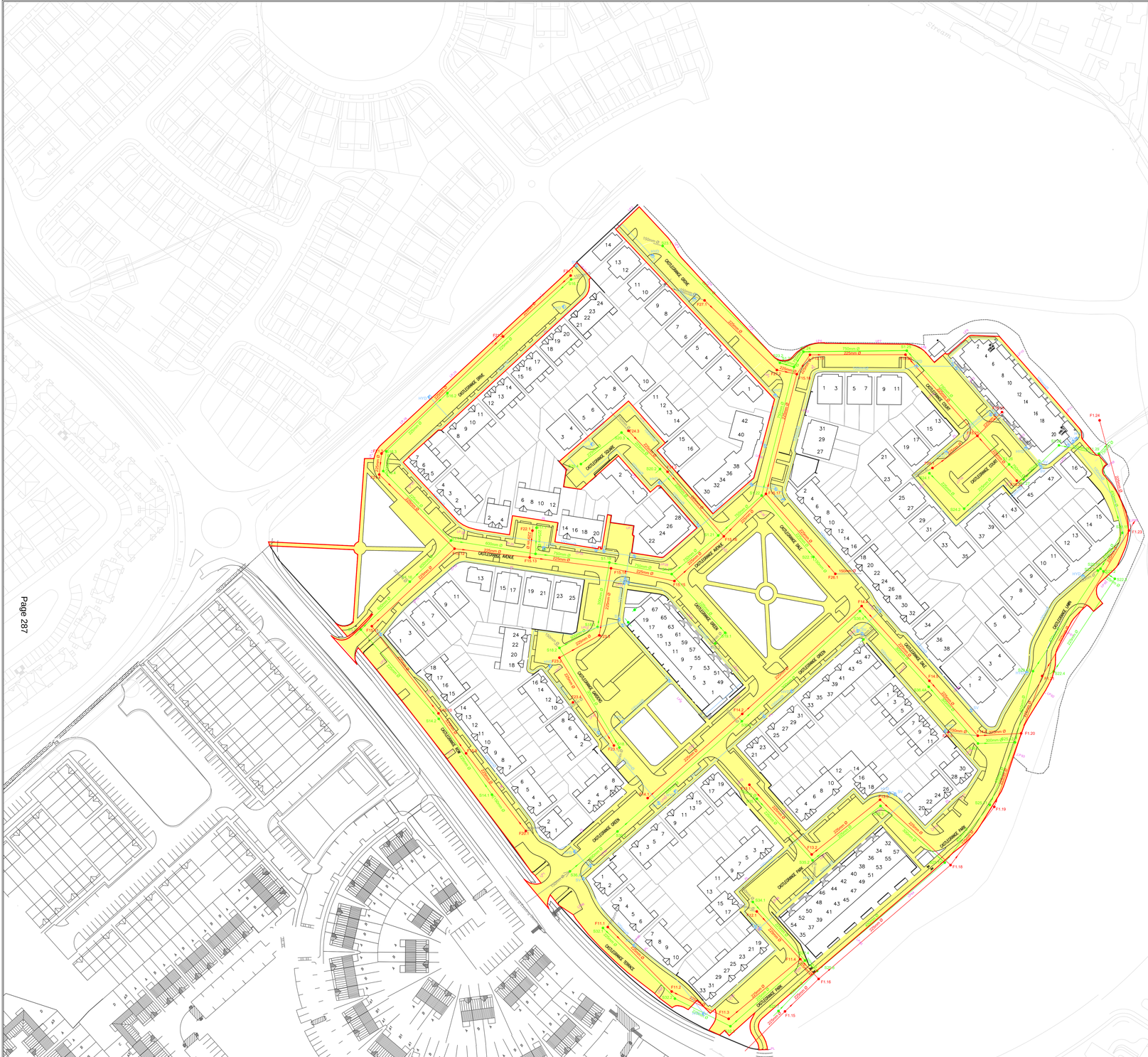
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FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
			150mm
F20.1	62.06	60.06	
			225mm
F15.9	61.10	58.31 58.13	
			225mm
F15.10	60.89	58.03	
			225mm
F15.11	60.96	57.86	
			225mm
F15.12	60.73	57.83 57.66	
			225mm
F15.13	60.73	57.51	
			225mm
F15.14	60.53	57.31	
			225mm
F15.15	60.81	57.18	
			225mm
F15.16	60.41	57.05	
			225mm
F15.17	60.77	58.97 56.90	
			225mm
F15.18	60.31	56.68	
			225mm
F15.19	60.34	56.56	
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			225mm
F15.22	60.46	55.98	
			150mm
			225mm
F26.1	61.07	59.57	
			225mm
F21.4	60.87	58.70	
			225mm
F21.3	60.95	58.73	
			225mm
F21.2	60.72	59.06	
			225mm
F21.1	60.98	59.28	
F22.1	60.83	58.33	225mm
			225mm
F23.3	60.98	58.59	
			225mm
F23.2	60.32	58.73	
			225mm
F23.1	61.32	59.23	
			150mm
F23.4	61.04	60.03	
			225mm
F24.2	60.57	58.63	
			225mm
F24.3	60.75	58.94	
			150mm
			225mm
F27.2	60.42	58.45	
			225mm
F27.1	60.47	59.50	
			150mm
			225mm
F28.1	60.52	59.00	
			150mm
			225mm
F15.23	60.65	59.24	
			225mm
F1.15	61.93	57.33	
			225mm
F1.16	61.52	57.19	
			225mm
F1.18	61.42	56.78	
			225mm
F1.19	61.25	56.69	
			225mm
F1.20	60.89	56.57	
			225mm
F1.21	60.55	56.41	
			225mm
F1.23	60.40	56.02	
			225mm
F1.24		55.74	
			225mm
F11.4	62.02	59.40	
			225mm
F12.1	62.04	59.78	
			150mm
			225mm
F11.3	61.70	59.74	
			225mm
F11.2	61.81	60.45	
			225mm
F11.1	62.33	60.80	
			150mm
			225mm

FOUL SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F13.3	61.49	59.82	
			225mm
F13.2	61.78	60.03	
			225mm
F13.1	62.17	60.85	
			225mm
F14.6	60.88	59.76	
			225mm
F14.5	61.11	59.97	
			225mm
F14.4	61.45	60.23	
			225mm
F14.2	61.90	60.57	
			225mm
F14.1	62.35	60.84	
			150mm
F20.6	61.19	60.38	

STORM SEWER			
MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
			600mm
S1.15	61.01	57.60	
			600mm
S1.16	60.79	57.56	
			600mm
S1.17	60.74	57.34	
			600mm
S1.18	60.74	57.27	
			750mm
S1.19	60.49	57.14	
			750mm
S1.20	60.76	57.06	
			750mm
S1.21	60.44	57.04	
			750mm
S1.22	60.78	56.99	
			750mm
S1.23	60.37	56.94	
			750mm
S1.24	60.33	56.92	
			750mm
S1.25	60.24	56.89	
			750mm
S1.26	60.40	56.62	
			750mm
S1.27	60.61	56.51	
			750mm
S1.28	60.71	56.48	
			750mm
S1.29	60.58	56.36	
			750mm
			225mm
S14.2	60.94	59.30	
			225mm
S14.1	61.56	59.52	
			150mm
			225mm
S16.4	60.87	58.32	
			225mm
S16.3	60.97	58.38	
			225mm
S16.2	60.73	58.71	
			225mm
S16.1	61.00	59.10	
			150mm
			225mm
S17.1	60.83	57.85	
			300mm
S18.3	60.16	58.96	
			300mm
S18.2	60.32	59.38	
			300mm
S18.1	61.40	59.90	
			150mm
			225mm
S19.1	61.22	59.32	
			225mm
S19.2	61.37	59.80	
			150mm
			225mm
S20.2	60.57	58.02	
			225mm
S20.3	60.76	58.24	
			225mm
S20.4	60.93	58.49	
			225mm
S22.1	60.94	59.42	
			150mm
			225mm
S23.2	60.40	58.70	
			225mm
S23.1	60.74	59.43	
			150mm
			225mm

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MANHOLE No.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
S24.2	60.65	58.46	
			225mm
S24.1	60.53	58.71	
S25.7	61.92	59.02	
			450mm
S25.8	61.26	58.28	
			450mm
S25.10	61.31	57.87	
			450mm
S25.11	61.10	57.72	
			450mm
S25.12	60.86	57.20	
			450mm
S29.13	60.56	56.83	
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S29.14	60.43	56.51	
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S29.15	60.39	56.45	
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S34.1	61.97	59.86	
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S32.3	61.63	59.73	
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S32.2	61.76		
			225mm
S32.1	62.37	61.25	
			225mm
			300mm
S35.3	61.51	59.55	
			225mm
S35.2	61.77	59.95	
			225mm
S35.1	62.11	60.79	
			150mm
			300mm
S36.5	60.84	58.79	
			300mm
S36.4A	61.10	59.12	
			300mm
S36.4	61.45	59.54	
			300mm
S36.3	61.90	60.10	
			300mm
S36.2	62.38	60.78	
			300mm
S36.1	62.56	61.04	
			150mm
S20.7	61.83	60.50	
			150mm
			225mm
S22.2	60.46	56.92	
			225mm
S22.3	60.39	58.79	
			225mm
S22.4	60.76	59.57	
S22.1	60.44	58.93	
			150mm

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

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Fingal County Council

Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE: Castlegrange Estate, Castaheany
Castaheny Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Watermains proposed to be taken in charge.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 24

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL MEMBERS BY RESOLUTION TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

In line with Section 4.(3) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014. The membership of the audit committee will comprise of seven members and shall include:

- Not less than four external members,
- Not more than three serving or retired elected members, and
- Three or more persons having knowledge or experience in finance, audit or accounting.

At its Adjourned Annual Meeting held on 24th June 2024 Fingal County Council approved the following nominations for participation in the Audit Committee.

- Councillor Eoghan Dockrell
- Councillor James Humphreys
- Councillor Mary McCamley

The following nominees have been contacted and have confirmed their availability to participate:

- Noel O'Connell, former Director of Audit at the Local Government Audit Service
- Chris Harmon, Chief Financial Officer, Country Crest,
- Alison Byrne, Head of Internal Audit, Dublin City University
- Anne Carter, Strategic Project Executive, CRH Group Services

Articles 4(6) & 4(7) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014 provide that:-

4.(6) Nominations for appointment to an Audit Committee shall be made by the Corporate Policy Group to the local authority following consultation with the Chief Executive.

4.(7) Appointment to an Audit Committee shall be Reserved Function of the Local Authority.

The Corporate Policy Group agreed to recommend that the Council approve the appointment of the external nominees named in the foregoing report as members of the Council's Audit Committee.

Accordingly, should the Members wish to approve the appointment of the external nominees, a resolution is required as follows -

"In accordance with Section 4. (3) of the Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations 2014, it is hereby resolved that Noel O'Connell, Chris Harmon, Alison Byrne and Anne Carter are appointed as the external members of the Audit Committee."

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 25

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC) MEMBERSHIP 2024 -20029

As a significant number of the external nominees to all Strategic Policy Committees have not yet been nominated, it is proposed to defer the consideration of this item to the November Council meeting.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 26

HALLOWEEN PROJECTS 2024 FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Fingal County Council intends funding forty-three Safer Halloween Projects taking place around the County this year, totalling €25,896.85. The community groups and centres running Safer Halloween Projects have applied for funding under the Community Division's Safer Halloween Projects Funding Scheme, as part of Activities funding.

The purpose of these projects is to provide fun recreational and diversionary activities for approximately 3000 young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity in addition to promoting Fingal County Council's 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures. Twenty-two projects are taking place in or close to locations where bonfires took place in 2023.

The maximum funding available to Safer Halloween Project groups is €750. The amounts being recommended in the body of this report below will reflect the request submitted by the groups in their applications according to project eligible costs.

All the projects listed below have submitted an expression of interest, a funding application and event details with costings.

It is intended to fund the following Safer Halloween Projects subject to each project meeting all of the requirements that are set out in the Activities Funding Application Form.

Payments are recommended in the amounts set out hereunder:

	Name of Group	Electoral Area	Amount Recommended
1.	Balbriggan Integration Forum	Balbriggan	€95.00
2.	Balbriggan Hope Arch Club	Balbriggan	€382.37
3.	Flemington Community centre	Balbriggan	€431.00
4.	Aster Family Resource Centre	Balbriggan	€500.00
5.	Castleland Park Estate Residents Association	Balbriggan	€624.55
6.	Downside Residents Association	Balbriggan	€646.00
7.	Ballyboughal Boxing Club	Balbriggan	€705.00
8.	Churchfield Residents Association	Balbriggan	€720.00
9.	Taylor Hill Residents Association	Balbriggan	€750.00
10.	Rush Tidy Towns / Let's Play Rush	Balbriggan	€750.00
11.	Lusk Community Council	Balbriggan	€750.00
12.	St. Catherines Residents Association	Balbriggan	€750.00
13.	Loughshinny Community Association	Balbriggan	€750.00
14.	Castleknock Community Centre Association	Castleknock	€750.00
15.	Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre CLG	Castleknock	€677.00
16.	Fortlawn Flower Power	Castleknock	€684.73
17.	Lambourn Residents Association	Castleknock	€750.00
18.	Luttrellstown Community Centre	Castleknock	€750.00
19.	Baldoyle Forum CLG	Howth - Malahide	€600.00
20.	Inbhir Ide Drive and Close Residents Association	Howth - Malahide	€735.50
21.	Grace O'Malley Residents Association	Howth - Malahide	€750.00
22.	St. Samson's Community Group	Howth - Malahide	€750.00
23.	Foroige Huntstown Sewing Club	Mulhuddart	€222.50
24.	Blakestown Community Resource Centre CLG	Mulhuddart	€393.60
25.	Castaheany Community Centre	Mulhuddart	€394.00
26.	Mulhuddart Community Centre	Mulhuddart	€400.00

27.	Mountview/Fortlawn Community Centre	Mulhuddart	€430.50
28.	Parslickstown House	Mulhuddart	€576.10
29.	St Mochta's Residents' Association	Mulhuddart	€650.00
30.	Ongar Community Centre	Mulhuddart	€727.00
31.	Greater Cochin Club	Mulhuddart	€750.00
32.	Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative CLG	Mulhuddart	€750.00
33.	Blakestown & Mountview NYP	Mulhuddart	€750.00
34.	Corduff Resource Centre	Mulhuddart	€750.00
35.	Whitestown Estate Management	Mulhuddart	€750.00
36.	Grow Getters - Foroige gardening group	Ongar	€115.00
37.	Bright Sparks Preschool	Swords	€160.00
38.	Applewood Community Centre	Swords	€430.00
39.	Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre	Swords	€560.00
40.	Donabate Portrane Community Centre	Swords	€580.00
41.	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	Swords	€707.00
42.	Ballyboughal Tidy Towns	Swords	€750.00
43.	Gravity Autism Support	Swords	€750.00
	TOTAL		**€25,896.85**

It is proposed to process the payments in late October. This will be subject to the group accepting conditions of funding and any other additional material deemed necessary. All projects will be required to submit valid receipts in December 2024.

It is intended that each funded Project will complete a detailed evaluation form after the project has ended. The feedback gathered from these evaluations will play a large part in assessing funding for Safer Halloween Projects in 2025.

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Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

One of our key priorities is delivering housing for the people of Fingal and the Croí Cónaithe scheme is just one of the mechanisms available to help applicants realise their ambition of owning a home. Designed to help bring vacant and underused buildings back into residential use across the region, Fingal County Council has now approved over €4.5 million in grant payments under the scheme. Since the scheme was launched, 93 individual households have benefitted from grants to rejuvenate properties which were previously vacant or in need of renovations. Up to €50,000 is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, or properties which will be made available for rent. The grant can be increased by a further €20,000 if the property is deemed to be derelict (i.e. structurally unsound and dangerous). Not only does the scheme provide the means to give a new lease of life to homes in need of repair but it also improves the aesthetic of towns and villages by reducing instances of vacancy and dereliction. If you have a project in mind, please talk to our team by emailing vacant.homes@fingal.ie and enquire about the Croí Cónaithe scheme.

Last month I was very pleased to attend the launch of a new exhibit which showcases experiences of non-Irish nationals through a collection of eight comics. The "Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" exhibition is the fourth and final phase of the SALAAM project which was developed in partnership with Fingal County Council and the University of Limerick, Doras, the Immigrant Council of Ireland and the Irish Network Against Racism. Told through the medium of art, thought provoking stories and lived experiences promote discussion on integration and inclusion. Fingal is a richly diverse county that is home to people from many different cultures and ethnicities and we all play a role in welcoming and supporting new arrivals to our communities. The Fingal Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy is overseen by our Fingal Integration Officers and over 125 actions have been implemented across the organisation. You can view the "Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice" exhibition https://www.fingal.ie/building-bridges-forging-pathways-beyond-prejudice-exhibition

Ireland's largest trad and folk music festival, TradFest marks 20 years in January and what better way to celebrate than to immerse yourself in the musical offerings taking place in Fingal from 22-26 January 2025. Now in its third year in Fingal, an array of local and international talent have graced stages in venues including Malahide Castle, Swords Castle Chapel, The Millbank Theatre, Skerries Mill, Draíocht Theatre and the iconic Seamus Ennis Arts Centre. Further locations The Lark, Ardgillan Castle, The Abbey Tavern and Donabate Community Centre have been included in the programme for January and an incredible 30 concerts will take place in Fingal over the week. As well as stunning musical performances, you can expect a special celebration for multi award winning actor, TradFest patron and Fingal resident, Stephen Rea and a tribute to Barney McKenna whose talent and musicianship cemented the popularity of The Dubliners both at home and abroad. Proudly promoting our culture through traditional music and spoken word whilst enjoying the festival atmosphere of TradFest is something that will appeal to all ages and I look forward to seeing you next January.

The end of October is fast approaching and with that comes the anticipation for the annual Fingal Festival of Fire. Each year on Halloween evening, thousands of spectators are treated to a fun spooky disco followed by a spectacular fireworks display at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan, Swords Town Park, Malahide Castle and Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. In addition to the fireworks display, Fingal County Council supports local community and voluntary groups to provide diversionary activities for young people and encourage greater safety through Safer Halloween events across the county.

To find out what is on in your area you can consult https://www.fingal.ie/safer-halloween

I hope however you spend Halloween in Fingal and that you have a safe and enjoyable evening.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Recruitment

People Services Recruitment Programme continues through 2024.

Recruitment Programme 2024	
Total Recruitment Campaigns	89
Interviews Held to date	778
New Starters	190
Promotions	124
Number of Current Job Offers	37
Total Recruitment Campaigns	89

Learning & Development Update

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	298
Number of Attendees	2467
Number of Training days	2739.5

Throughout October, courses will be delivered in the areas of Dignity & Equality, Managing Aggressive Behaviour, Outlook, Health & Safety, and more.

Wellbeing Update

We are pleased to confirm that Fingal County Council's Employment Assistance Services provided through Spectrum Life has been renewed. The Employee Assistance Service will continue to provide staff with 24/7 advice, support and 6 free counselling sessions if appropriate. The service is also now available to people in the household if they are over 16 years of age. (Provision of support to those aged 16 and 17 years of age is to be provided with prior written parental consent).

Health & Safety Unit – HSU

The HSU carried out 30 site safety inspections and audits for the month of September. From the start of the calendar year to date the Unit has completed 238 site safety inspections and 30 safety audits. The Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training of new entrants who had recently onboarded into the organisation. The HSU also engaged with the Health & Safety Authority who had reached out and sought further information with regard to Fingal staff acting on HSA reports of inspection on Fingal County Council work sites earlier this year.
The HSU to date has completed 112 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents and dangerous occurrences.

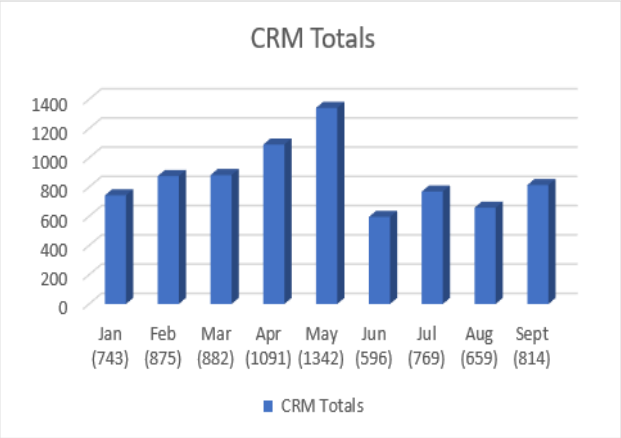
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Customer Care Unit Statistics – July & August 2024

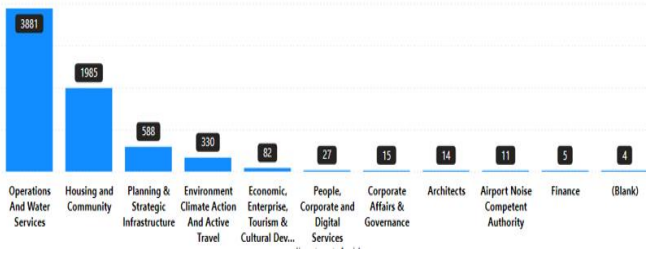
Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
Sept	**8,674**	**1,128**	**1,319**

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 for September were 814.



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



Digital Services

Success at Ireland eGovernment Awards

Fingal County Council won three awards, including Overall Winner, at the Ireland eGovernment awards on Thursday the 19th of September in the Radisson Blue Hotel. Members of the Digital Services department, Aishling Hyland and Lisa Deacon, were there to collect the awards along with Marguerite Drake from Fingal Libraries Department.



The team returned with the Overall Winner trophy for their work on the use of 3D models and VR experiences in public consultation. This project also won the Smart Cities award and the Council's VR for Libraries project, took home the Education award.

CE Innovation Fund – Project Showcase

An event was held on the 16th of September in the newly refurbished Carnegie Library building in Swords, to showcase and celebrate the previous recipients of the CE Innovation Fund. Now in its third year, the fund was setup to support staff to trial and test innovative ideas. Past projects include; VR for Libraries, Smart Tappable Signage, Weather Stations for Schools, Staff Wellbeing Packs, Fingal Community Gaming and Digital Signage for Beaches.



At the event we heard from the 2024 recipients about their projects –

Ciara Farrell from Libraries spoke about the **Donabate Community Crafters** Project.



Hemerson Ramos from Housing showcased a proof of concept pilot to enhance processing of **HAP amendments**.



Lilian Whelan from Libraries spoke about a new collaborative project with Libraries and Active Travel – the **Fingal Library Book Bike**.



Emma Maxwell spoke out a new pilot wellbeing initiative led by People Services – **VR for Wellbeing.**



VRs Showcase at Culture Night

The Digital Services team was delighted to join the Arts office in the Carnegie Free Library, North Street, Swords, to chat to the public about the Swords Cultural Quarter plans. Attendees had the option of looking at the miniature model and renderings of the building and then jump into the 3D model on the Virtual Reality headsets. Staff got positive feedback especially around the use of the building and how much it's needed in the area.

Balbriggan Innovation Challenge - The EcoCore Hackathon

Fingal County Council Economic Development and Digital Services Departments in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan are running a Hackathon on Friday the 8th November. FCC are hosting this as a part of the URBACT EcoCore project in Balbriggan, which is exploring the development of a green corridor for industry and encouraging Circular Economy solutions, startups, companies and hubs to develop in Fingal and Balbriggan. Visit Eventbrite to find out more.



Balbriggan Science Week: How It's Made. Where Science and the Arts collide to educate!

This year Smart Balbriggan will be hosting a series of SFI funded events for Science Week. The events take place from 10 to 17 November in various locations across Balbriggan. Keep an eye on FCC and Smart Balbriggan social media channels for further information.

Funding Applications: New European Bauhaus

Fingal County Council has participated in a funding application to take part as a pilot location to test innovative solutions to support co-designing of public spaces. The New European Bauhaus: Empowering Neighbourhoods (NEBourhood) project aims to increase the adoption of innovative codesign methodologies for public spaces, ensuring these approaches are accessible and adaptable to diverse local contexts and community needs. If the funding application is successful and EU funding is awarded, FCC would be one of six municipalities to test solutions.

Communications

The Communications Unit provided support for the Economic, Community, Housing, Operations, Planning, Corporate, Arts, Tourism, Sports, Active Travel, Environment, Integration, Libraries, Events and Our Balbriggan sections during September.

A Corporate Plan workshop was also supported by the Communications Unit while 12 consultations and one survey were uploaded onto the Fingal Consultation Portal. Two students from the Masters in Strategic Communications and Public Relations course at Dublin City University completed their three month Intra work placement with the Communication Unit.



Website

The fingal.ie had 119,425 visitors during September which was a six per cent increase on the figure recorded for August. There were 249,803 page views which was an increase of one per cent on the previous month. The most popular pages were Planning Lists, Affordable Housing and the Howth Maritime and Seafood Festival. The average time spent on the site was one minute and 59 seconds.

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 82,870 which is a rise of 1% since September 30.
Facebook has 36,659 followers, X has 23,803, Instagram has 10,999, LinkedIn has 9,909 and You Tube has 1,500 subscribers.

Videos

The Communications Unit is now relaying the webcast of Council's meetings on You Tube in order to increase public access. A recording of the broadcast meeting can be accessed from the Council's You Tube channel. The Unit produced six videos during September including one about the new housing development at Monastery Court, Lusk and another about the ongoing works at Quay Street Balbriggan. There were also two Sustainable Fingal videos and another about the Fingal Integration art exhibition. All the videos can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 21 press releases in September. Among the press releases issued were ones on the launch of the new Economic Strategy; the Draft Area Plan for Flemington, Balbriggan; the opening of Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility; Marathonkids; and the Ongar Bike Library.



Media Queries

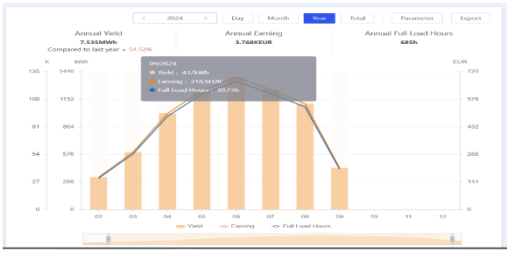
The Communications Unit responded to 33 media queries in September. Topics included Dublin Airport, Housing, Illegal Parking, Dog Wardens, Culture Night and Slurry Spreading.

Irish Language

We continue to fulfil our commitments to promoting Irish within the Council and the County and providing Irish Language services to the public. A further 17 staff members have commenced Gaelchultúr courses in September, after 13 people completed courses earlier this year. The weekly Irish language staff lunch continues to be popular and many Fingal staff have signed up to the new Gréasán Gaeilge na hEarnála Poiblí (Irish Language Network in the public service). Many of our Libraries and Community Centres facilitate Irish Language classes and groups on a weekly basis.

Building Facilities
Energy

Blanchardstown Grove Road (11kwp PV Array) since installation in May 2023 has generated 23.01 MWh.
The Period Jan 2024 – Sept 2024 has generated 7.53 MWh.
Equivalent of planting 15 trees and a CO2 reduction of 10.95t



County Hall (11kwp PV Array) since installation in March 2023 has generated 20.88 MWh.
The Period Jan 2024 – Sept 2024 has generated 7.69 MWh.
Equivalent of planting 14 trees and a CO2 reduction of 9.92t



Current Judicial Review Cases – October 2024

Mayeston Hall Management Company Limited by Guarantee -v- Fingal County Council, Ireland and the Attorney General 2024/505JR
Kimpton Vale Limited -v- an Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2022/390 JR
Christian Morris v. An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council and Trafalgar Capital Limited High Court Record No. 2022 1074 JR
Graymount House Action Group, Darragh Richardson, and Aoife Grimes v An Bord Pleanála, Fingal County Council, the Minister for Housing, Ireland, and the AG High Court Record Number 2022/1107 JR
Joan Reynolds and Edel McDonough -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/372 JR
MKN Properties Limited and another -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/373 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/383 JR
Fiacre Ó Cairbre -v- An Bord Pleanála, Garlandbrook Limited, Alcove Ireland Four Limited, and Uisce Éireann High Court No 2023/570 JR
daa plc -v- Fingal County Council and the Irish Aviation Authority High Court Record No. 2023/916 JR
Friends of the Irish Environment CLG and SMTW Environmental DAC-v- the Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and the Office of Planning Regulator and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1047 JR
Niall O'Connor and Geraldine Kiernan -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record No 2023/1122JR
Erigo Limited and Joseph Flood -v- Fingal County Council and others High Court Record No 2023/1233 JR
Timothy Fitzgerald and James Fitzgerald -v- Fingal County Council Record No 2023/1236 JR
Kinwest Limited -v- An Bord Pleanala, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023/1206 JR
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KInwest Limited -v- an Bord Pleanala, Minister for Housing Local Government and Heritage, Ireland and the Attorney General and Fingal County Council High Court Record No. 2023.1208 JR
Ailsa Sexton -v- An Bord Pleanala and Fingal County Council High Court Record Number 2024/690JR
Noel Murphy v An Board Pleanala, Fingal County Council and Kilshane Energy Limited. High court Record No. H;JR;2024/883
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

ECONOMIC, ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

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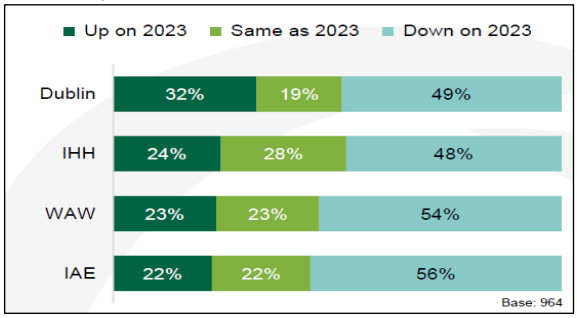
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Results for Summer 2024

Failte Ireland's barometer report for the summer takes into account the tourism results and visitor numbers for summer 2024. The barometer report is based on a sample survey of over 1000 different tourism sector operators. The operators include Accommodation, Visitor Attraction, Sports & Activities, Restaurants, tour operators, cafes and festivals.

There is no precise figure for Fingal, but the Fingal Tourism sector is represented in the Dublin figures, compared to the other regional destination brands (Ancient East/Hidden Heartlands/Wild Atlantic Way). In Dublin 49% of Operators report that visitor numbers are down on the same period in 2023.



Other findings:

- The worst affected cohort in the sector is Food and Drink, which of 64% report less foot-fall
- Also disappointing were visitor attractions of which 43% report reduced footfall
- Particular markets that have reduced footfall are domestic (Republic of Ireland) -47%, Great Britain -57%, and Germany -48%

Failte Ireland has concluded that "results are poor this year". Further consideration of the effect on the Fingal-based tourism businesses overall is needed, and the results for the Fingal Heritage properties which have separately reported a poor June, July and August.

Food Network Kitchen visit

The Fingal Food Network visited the Howth Castle cookery school for a hands-on kitchen demonstration, gaining further insight into the main items that are prepared on site as part of the cooking school.



The group also received a tour and talk by the historian – Daniel Eglington-Carey looking at the history of the Castle.



The group will proceed with an AGM later in October as they agree a more formal structure to work on behalf of the Food & Drink sector in Fingal.

EVENTS

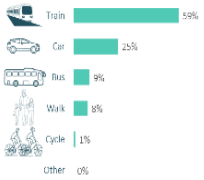
Howth Maritime Festival

We undertook an extensive survey of attendees at Howth Maritime Festival to research attendees satisfaction levels, suggestions for improvements and travel options. Highlights include: 70% travelled by public transport, 43% were tourists, 96% of the surveys said that Howth Maritime exceeded or met their expectations.

Train most likely used by people to access Howth Festival

1 in 4 respondents travelled by car, with older age groups significantly more likely to drive.

Transport to Festival



	18-34	35-54	55+	MALE	FEMALE
	(n=121)	(n=115)	(n=64)	(n=151)	(n=149)
Train	67%	56%	54%	56%	63%
Car	14%	30%	34%	32%	19%
Bus	15%	6%	5%	7%	11%
Walk	6%	8%	9%	5%	10%
Cycle	2%	2%	0	1%	1%
Other	*	1%	*	1%	*

Family days, street markets, community events what people want

Sporting and environmentally focussed events requested the least by respondents.

Other festivals people would like organised



	18-34	35-54	55+	With Kids	Without Kids
	(n=121)	(n=115)	(n=64)	(n=126)	(n=174)
Family Fun days	21%	53%	24%	50%	22%
Street markets	36%	27%	28%	29%	32%
Community Festivals	26%	28%	30%	27%	28%
Seasonal celebrations	30%	19%	22%	23%	25%
Cultural workshops	23%	26%	21%	22%	24%
Outdoor concerts	20%	24%	20%	21%	22%
Environmental focused	12%	22%	18%	12%	21%
Sporting based	15%	17%	12%	10%	18%
Other	0	4%	5%	4%	2%
Don't know	21%	22%	28%	14%	30%

Experience of the Howth Festival was almost universally positive

Accessibility & parking were noted as areas with most issues for future consideration.

Experience of Festival



	18-34	35-54	55+	With Kids	Without Kids
	(n=171)	(n=115)	(n=64)	(n=176)	(n=174)
Buzz/Vibe of the festival	92%	96%	93%	99%	90%
Cleanliness, access to bins etc	88%	91%	95%	93%	91%
Variety of things to do	89%	93%	92%	94%	90%
Feeling of safety	87%	93%	88%	95%	86%
Quality of food and drink	83%	82%	82%	84%	80%
Ability to move around freely/easily	87%	80%	75%	84%	79%
Range of food and drink on offer	78%	82%	81%	86%	76%
Value for money	70%	77%	71%	77%	71%
Public transport/parking	64%	56%	52%	52%	61%
Accessible for mobility impaired	44%	41%	49%	54%	37%
None of these	3%	*	3%	1%	3%

Festival of Fire 2024



Festival of Fire will take place in four venues across the County on Thursday 31st October; Millennium Park, Bremore Castle, Swords Town Park & Malahide Castle. Scary discos start at 7pm followed by the fireworks at 7.30pm

Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2025 is now open with a closing date of late December. Successful applicants will be informed in January, allowing time to plan their festival and events in 2025.

Christmas Event Programme 2024



The Events Unit are currently working on an extensive programme for Christmas across the County. Including markets in Swords Castle & Shackleton Garden, Santa Events and Christmas Tree illuminations countywide. We will have an extensive list of all Christmas events countywide at the November Council meeting.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Skerries Mills



Skerries Mills co-hosted an Eco Weekend in conjunction with Sustainable Skerries on September 28th. This special edition of the weekly market featured eco-friendly crafters and traders, information stalls, free gardening advice and information talks on renewable energy, biodiversity, and bugs with live music adding to the atmosphere.

Skerries Mills will welcome the Skerries Community Garden Scarecrow Festival later this month on October 20th. With a host of free activiities for all the family including face painting, arts and crafts and a scarecrow competition it is sure to be well attended and all are welcome.

Ardgillan Castle

A new website for Ardgillan Castle has launched at www.ardgillancastle.ie. This was achieved with the assistance of Fáilte Ireland, through the "digital that delivers" scheme, in which Ardgillan Castle is a participant.



The upgraded website presents an attractive and engaging online presence for the property with more multimedia content and encourages visitors to book their attraction tickets ahead of time, while also providing ample practical and historical information on the Castle and Gardens.

Halloween Offering at Newbridge House



A Halloween themed farm tour designed for young visitors will run from October 26th to November 3rd at Newbridge House and Farm. The Scarecrow Stroll will feature a trail of spooky scarecrows and Instagram photo ops for a gentler Halloween experience.

Courtyard Kitchen to open at Newbridge House and Farm



Newbridge House & Farm is diversifying the offering to visitors and has a new space for food classes housed in the eastern range of the historic courtyard buildings. This state of the art demo kitchen, designed to blend sympathetically with its heritage surroundings, is the perfect location to host farm-to-fork feasts, culinary masterclasses, wine and dine events and nutritional workshops.

The Courtyard Kitchen is a brand new offering for corporate and private events in Fingal. Enquiries can be made by email to events@newbridgehouseandfarm.com

The event space will officially open on Thursday 24th October with a launch event hosted by celebrity cook and Fingal resident Donal Skehan.

Malahide Castle and Gardens VIP Visitors in September

Governor of Florida Ron de Santis, Mayor of Atlanta Andre Dickens and the Australian Ambassador to Ireland the Hon Gary Gray AO and their families and guests all enjoyed recent Castle tours, showing how VIPs enjoy the peaceful and discreet tourism offering at the site.

Halloween Offering at Malahide Castle



The Haunted Trail at Malahide Castle and Gardens runs on October 26th and 27th offering a midterm break experience tailored to younger children.

Miniature Art Collection at Malahide Castle



For a limited time, Malahide Castle is hosting the George and Madeline Long Miniature Collection. Step into the turret room and experience the castle's 19th and 20th-century ambiance as it would have been originally decorated with these miniature portraits.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

John Kindness returned to Balbriggan to develop further research with project architects PKA for his new sculptural works for Quay Street & Harry Reynolds Road.



Arts Act Funding

The Arts Office is currently reviewing the Arts Act Grant Scheme in preparation for its relaunch in mid-October.

As part of the process, past recipients were invited to attend one of two consultation sessions, on Tuesday 10th and Saturday 14th September, in Carnegie Library. Over 20 individuals, community groups and organisations were represented and offered invaluable insights into their experiences with the scheme.



All the feedback gathered will be incorporated into the updated guidelines and online form to ensure the application process is comprehensive, transparent and supportive of the arts community.

Artist Funding & Support

Four Writers selected for the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme 2024

Fingal County Council Arts Office have partnered with the Irish Writers Centre to offer valuable professional development opportunities to writers through the Irish Writers Centre's National Mentoring Programme.

This year, four writers — Sam Furlong Tighe, Beth Storey, Joshua Manuel-Oni, and Mary Lennon — have been selected to receive eight months of one-on-one literary mentoring from a renowned Irish writer of their choice.



After a national call out, 39 writers have been selected from over 400 applicants. Fingal Arts Office funds the literary mentorships along with the Arts Council of Ireland to guarantee that the best applicants from the county would be selected. This funding ensures the selected writers receive this transformative mentorship free of charge, fostering both personal growth and the literary reputation of the region.

Fingal County Council and Ardgillan Castle Studio Award 2024-2025 Recipient Announced

Fingal County Council, in partnership with Ardgillan Castle, is delighted to announce Genevieve Howard, a visual artist, maker and musician living and working in Fingal, as the recipient of the 2024 Fingal County Council and Studio Award Studio Award.



This prestigious award provides a funded studio space for the period of one year and offers the recipient an opportunity to develop their practice within the institutional framework of the RHA.

This significant award includes provides a funded studio space for the period of one year and offers the recipient an invaluable opportunity to develop their practice in supportive environment.

In addition, this year's award also includes a €5,000 bursary, which commissions the artist to create work for a solo exhibition to mark the culmination of the residency.

Carnegie Library

Culture Night

Culture Night at the Carnegie Library offered two exciting events showcasing local talent and future cultural developments. The future of the Swords Cultural Quarter will remain on display in an exhibition of plans and models of Swords Cultural Quarter.



Swords Youth Choir (SYC), a dynamic ensemble of secondary school students aged 13 to 18, celebrated diversity and youthful talent in 30-minute performance. SYC provided an evening of musical excellence showcasing the rich tapestry of voices from Swords' young community.



Draíocht

Draíocht's Autumn Programme

Draíocht's Autumn season has got off to a great start with sold out shows in Dublin Fringe Festival as well as a very successful programme for Culture Night 2024. Our headline event, curated by local singer/songwriter, Asha Ari, was very well attended by a diverse audience aged between 8 and 80 years. Titled, Blanchardstown Resonance, this was a real celebration of the range of young and diverse talent from the area. Plans to hold a similar event twice a year in Draíocht are in train.
Fingal artist, Joanne Beirne was awarded the Fingal Arts Office/Studio Award and has taken up Residence in Draíocht's Studio from September to December 2024. Using plaster and steel as her core materials, Beirnes' work is sculptural in form.
Draíocht's next Exhibition entitled 'The Subversive Stitch' opens on October 30th. Works will be shown in both Ground and First Floor Galleries. This is a group show, featuring Fingal based artists, and focuses on stitching and embroidery with its roots in women's stories.

Matt Szczerek's Dance Residency (supported by Fingal County Council and the Arts Council) returned after the summer break to once again work with 21 classes from 7 Dublin 15 schools on a new dance piece for children called 'Monsters'.

Szczerek will also facilitate workshops for children over the Halloween break.

A showing of the documentary made on the 'NEST' project, will take place in Draíocht's Main Space on Saturday 28th September at 12 noon. Invites to same have been sent to Councillors and Executive in Fingal.

Draíocht's full Autumn performance programme has a wide variety of theatre, dance, music, film, comedy and work from our local groups for our audiences to enjoy in their local arts centre. Our extensive programme of education workshops and family days, and our gallery programme in addition. Full details www.draiocht.ie



Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

In September TSEAC moves to it's Autumn/Winter season with the majority of events transitioning back to the inside spaces. We are off to a promising start to the new season with most events very well subscribed.

Music

Daoirí Farrell was a sellout gig at 91 attendees on 12th September – a fantastic start to our Autumn season, as all events move back inside for the Autumn/Winter.

Three Tennessee Tenors, this country show sold 72 tickets on 13th September
Austin Walkin Cane, a blues performance, sold 71 tickets on 14th September

No Crows performed on the 27th and 28th of September to 88 and 83 audience members respectively.

The first Traditional Slow Session of the new season took place on 15th September with 26 participants in person and 34 joining on zoom from across the globe!

Singing Sessions also returned with Séamus O Flathartha as our first guest of the new season. 19 registered in person and 7 on zoom.



Art Exhibition

Diana Marshall range of landscapes and still life exhibited in the Easter Snow gallery during August and September.

Classes

Music Classes began again for another term with 60 students across Uilleann Pipes, Guitar, Fiddle, Tin Whistle and Harp.

Our Céilí Beag parent and toddler sensory music class began again on the 13th of September and was fully booked with 13 parents and children.

Art Classes with Noel Manning also began a new term and is popular as always with 23 across two classes.

Cinema

Film Thursdays started again for another season with Farewell to Hughes' drawing an audience of 52.

Culture Night

Journalist John Robb, who coined the phrase "Britpop" was in conversation with Niall McGuirk founder of the Hope Collective in Dublin. An extremely interesting event that completely sold out in advance.

In addition, we held our first Pop Up Gaeltacht of the season as part of Culture Night, with tae, caife, brioscaí agus comhra!

Workshops and Other Events

The Harvest Food Fair took place on Sunday 29th September had 18 food stalls including homemade cordials, baked goods, kombucha, fresh flowers, handmade sauces and preserves, cheese, seafood, chocolate, crepes and dumplings! We had steady footfall throughout the day, even in the middle of a storm warning.

We held a sold-out Willow Basket Workshop on 28th September. This event is always very popular, with beautiful outcomes.

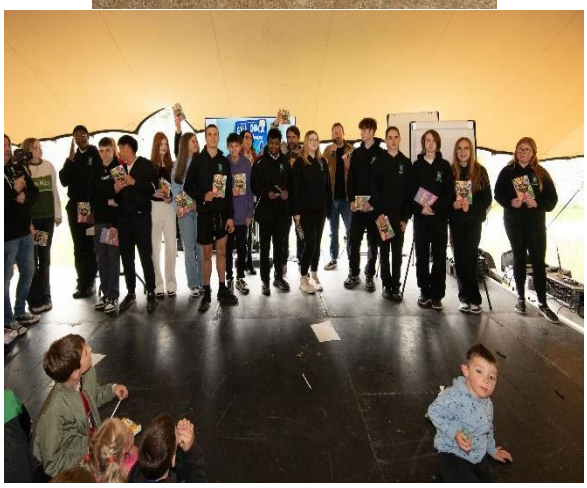


Libraries

Magic of Stories







The third year of the Magic of Stories, Fingal Libraries' Children's Literature Festival went with a bang on Saturday the 28th of September. Over 2,100 families descended on Swords Castle with queues forming from 10.30am

This festival aims to give children across Fingal access to the best in Irish authors, illustrators, and books in the safe environment of Swords castle. The festival village consisted of the tall tales tent, the story tent, the Chapel, the book doctor clinic, the little library tent and the creative zone, with everywhere a buzz of activity on the day.

Entertainment roamed the grounds in the guise of the Snails Trail, the wonderful Fanzini Brothers circus entertainers and Cup of Focals, and children could even access a mobile Planetarium.

Featured authors included Alan Nolan, Leona Forde, Eve McDonnell, Derek Landy, Chris Judge, Tarsila Kruse, Sarah Bowie, Paddy Donnelly, Marita Conlon-McKenna, Niamh Sharkey, Owen Churcher, Sarah Sparkles, Margaret Anne Suggs, and Mary Murphy.
The creative zone featured graffiti art, tie dye t-shirt workshops, Childvision and creative colouring. The library tent, as well as showcasing all that Fingal libraries has to offer, hosted a Creation station with Mary Murphy and Niamh Sharkey where kids of all ages got to release their creativity. A fantasy map making workshop with Esther completed the line up in the library tent.

Children in attendance also got the chance to meet the authors and received a book to be signed by their favourite writer. This is one of the most important aspects of the festival aiming to give children access to books and to foster literacy and a love of literature in the home.

Also on the day, "Made in Swords" a graphic novel created with Chris Judge and the students at Fingal Community College was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh, with the whole of the TY class taking to the stage to celebrate this huge achievement. A mural based on this novel will adorn the hoarding on the construction site of the SCC in the coming weeks.

Autumn/Winter Events



The Autumn/ Winter programme of events will take place in libraries in Fingal up to the end of the year. Events for children include storytelling, design workshops to celebrate Open House Dublin Junior Weekend, Irish language workshops, sensory-friendly workshops, arts and crafts, music workshops and festive puppet shows. The Schools' Programme includes STEM workshops for Space Week (4th – 10th October) Maths Week (12th – 20th October) and Science Week (10th – 17th November). The Big Bear Planetarium will also be visiting Blanchardstown Library. Events for adults include courses on art, chair yoga and Tai Chi. Malahide, Blanchardstown, and Swords Libraries will host career advice sessions. There will be talks from Birdwatch Fingal and Bat Conservation Ireland. On the theme of sustainable living, Blanchardstown Library will host a talk on ethical fashion, and a clothes swap event, while Malahide Library will host a sustainable Christmas outfit demonstration.

Fingal Festival of History



Fingal's eighth annual Festival of History was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, at the Carnegie Free Library, Swords on 10th September 2024. This year, the festival will run from Monday 1st to Sunday 13th October 2024 throughout library branches, with a History at the Library Day taking place on Saturday 5th October in the newly refurbished Carnegie Free Library on North Street, Swords. A pop-up museum and a heritage trail has been included in the programme. The festival will also see the re-launch of Fingal Studies, a local history journal dedicated to recording the history of Fingal, from the earliest times to the present day. Fingal Studies will be distributed through libraries during the festival with an e-book version also available through BorrowBox.

The Write-Time

The Write-Time literary festival for readers and writers takes place this year over the first two weeks in November in library branches, culminating in a showcase of events in the Carnegie Free Library, Swords, on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th November. There are events for writers on how to get a book published as well as workshops on screenwriting, poetry, writing young adult fiction, and how to get creative ideas down on paper.

For readers, there is a brilliant line-up of stellar writers 'In Conversation,' including Katriona O'Sullivan, author of the best-selling memoir Poor, international best-selling author Christine Dwyer Hickey, Wendy Erskine, Claire Kilroy, and Kevin Curran. The Write-Time is sure to provide inspiration for all those interested in the written word.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Fingal Libraries celebrated Dublin Climate Action Week (9th to 15th September), with events for schoolchildren and adults. Dublin Climate Action Week aims to showcase and inspire climate action across the Dublin region. Primary school children in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan took part in climate action and bio-diversity workshops with the Rediscovery Centre. Author and ecologist Pádraic Fogarty gave a talk in Blanchardstown Library and there were also screenings of Irish Documentary Film 'A Note for Nature' in three libraries.

Sustainable Development Goals Week

Ireland's third Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week takes place this year from 20th – 29th September. To mark this week, the Sustainable Life School will give talks on reducing plastic, sustainable fashion, and sustainable food in Blanchardstown and Malahide Libraries. Biodiversity in Schools will be hosting workshops for schools in Swords, Skerries, and Baldoyle on increasing awareness of Irish biodiversity.

Family Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project in November with parents and children selected by St. Luke's National School, Tyrrelstown. Literacy specialist Stephen Brett and his colleague Colm O'Donovan will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a fun story session with the children.

Culture Night

Malahide Library, Blanchardstown Library, Balbriggan Library and Fingal Local Studies and Archives celebrated Culture Night on Friday 20th September with well-attended family-friendly events, including children's entertainers, storytelling, exhibitions, and a local history talk. There were live music performances from the Balbriggan Gospel Choir in Balbriggan Library, and the Blanchardstown Brass Band and Craobh Slí Dhála in Blanchardstown Library. Fingal Local Studies and Archives hosted an open evening showcasing their services and resources with a genealogist answering questions about how to research family history.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Council is preparing the next Fingal Skills Strategy, having completed consultation and surveys during the summer. The Skills Strategy Implementation Group met on the 10th September where they reviewed and discussed the consultation findings.

Fingal's TY Student Skills Expo 2024, in collaboration with DCU, is set to take place on October 15th at The Helix, DCU. This dynamic one-day event is designed to showcase future education pathways and skill development opportunities to Transition Year students across Fingal.



Building on the success of last year's event, this year's Expo promises to be even more impressive, featuring additional stalls, enhanced interactive experiences, and a broader range of career possibilities for students to explore.

With notices sent to all secondary schools in Fingal, over 2,000 students have already registered to attend this exciting event.

Skyla Project



Fingal SKYLA Project Team recently travelled to Malmo Sweden on 23rd – 25th September to share our second round Good Practice on our journey for "Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition". Fingal shared our newest Good Practice of the STEM Internship which our Stakeholders DCU facilitate over the summer break annually on Campus in DCU.

The STEM Teacher Internship (STInt) Programme is an iconic partnership between Irish education and industry – a globally unique programme – and addresses Ireland's vision for global leadership in STEM education, citizenship and enterprise. Further information can be found here: https://stemteacherinternships.ie/.

The visit started with introductions from the Skåne Team and Magnus Thure, Media Evolution (the venue). Then a study visit to Genarps Lådfabrik [Pallet factory] Manufacturer of load carriers and pallets on a twin transition journey working with sustainability and skills development.

The next study visit was to STEM students at the Faculty of engineering, University of Lund. Lund Formula Student – student racing team representing Lund University. Every year we start a new project with the goal to design, develop and manufacture a top-class racing car during the school year, and compete against other universities from all over the world.



https://lundformulastudent.se/

Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September the Economic Development is progressing the implementation of actions, including the preparation of a Marketing Plan and work on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project

Fingal County Council continues to lead 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.

The Fingal EcoCore Team recently attended their third and fourth transnational city visits to Tuusula in Finland 16th – 18th September and Kekava in Lativa, 18th 20th September. Both cities have similar sustainable development challenges along strategic transport corridors.



Our meeting in Tuusula commenced with a speech by the Mayor Kalle Ikkelä and Kristiina Salo, Director of Competitiveness, Tuusula municipality, then the delegation participated in workshops addressing Profiling and the Ecosystem, Actions in the Horizontal Themes EcoCore review progress and next steps.

They also visited the inspirational Housing Fair Area and learned first hand the challenges that Tuusula face in the Housing Market.

Delegates then transferred to Riga where they met with leaders of the local government and Ķekava EcoCore team. Delegates visited the Gurnicas Plastic Recycling Plant and the boiler house of SIA "Ķekavas nami" in Valdlauči where they learned of the use of renewable energy sources for district heating. Delegates also visited Baložu komunālā saimniecība" to learn of the use of solar energy for the company's operational needs.

Delegates were brought to The Forest Gallery which is a part of Baldone walking trail and features 34 paintings by participants of Baldone Art Plenaires. The Forrest is part of the Sustainable Tourism in Baldone (Riekstukalns Hill Ski Resort, Walking Trails etc).



The visit finished up with an inspirational talk by “Riga TechGirls” The first community in Latvia aimed at educating and inspiring women & girls about all things digital. https://rigatechgirls.com/



Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

Green It Your Work

The Fingal Project Team participated in the Network meeting from September 24th to 27th 2024, focusing on Work Package 7: Green Transition Needs Synergy, hosted by the Municipality of Pregrada, Croatia.

Participants from Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia engaged in a series of activities centered on green transition and sustainable development.



At a local kindergarten, Dječji vrtić "Naša radost," children and educators showcased their ecological initiatives to the partners. Participants also explored cultural and community projects at the Muzej grada Pregrade, where they learned about the city's rich history.



The Savjet mladih Grada Pregrade shared insights into its youth program, including the initiative "Take Money and Make Something for Young People." This was followed by presentations on the recycling yard project and the ecological pool construction project.



At the Regional Centre of Competence in Tourism and Hospitality CUT Zabok, attendees gained practical knowledge through work-based learning opportunities. The meeting concluded with a visit to the family farm TRAGEC, where participants learned about sustainable agriculture and local production practices.



InclusEU

The InclusEU project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe. The final event, a visit to the town of Heerlen, The Netherlands, took place last week with partners from Italy, Ireland, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal and Romania in attendance. Fingal was Represented by Fingal's Sports Office, Healthy Fingal Coordinator and Foroige and the four days of site visits, discussion and presentations ended what has been a fantastic project.



European Urban Initiative – City To City Exchanges

Fingal has been successful in its application to participate in a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange. The exchange brings together an urban authority facing a specific implementation challenge (Fingal) and another urban authority that has expertise which could help tackle the challenge. Fingal have entered in an exchange agreement with the city of Nokia in Finland to face the challenge of developing a strategic eco-industrial zone to drive sustainable economic development in Balbriggan. The city of Nokia has practical experience and proven results in this challenge through the development and management of the ECO3 industrial zone in Nokia, a bio and circular economy pioneer. The exchanges are planned for November and December 2024.



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.

Two videos were developed with Techrete and A.forall in Balbriggan on the sustainability journeys of these two companies. These videos were released as part of Dublin Climate Action Week. Also as part of Dublin Climate Action Week and the Urbact EcoCore Project a breakfast briefing 'Sustainability in Business' was held in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 12th September, in association with Fingal Chamber and Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce. The event was very well attended and featured speakers from Fingal LEO on grants available to business, from Baldoyle Training Centre on new sustainability microcredential courses and Mark Kane, CEO of Sustainabil-IT as well as panel discussion with Atteyeh Natanzi from Techrete, Richard Dunne from A.forall and Mark Kane from Sustainabil-IT.

The Economic Development also spoke at the Malahide Chamber Sustainability Event on the 27th September in the Grand Hotel, Malahide.

Work is commencing on the procurement of consultants to prepare the Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to encourage sustainability measures in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan is progressing work under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000.

The Economic Development team co-ordinates reporting for the Council as a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration and how to incorporate circular principles into the Council's work through the Climate Action Plan, the Urbact EcoCore Project, the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Sustainable Fingal Initiative.

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Fingal County Council hosted the Political Advisory Group meeting of DBEC partners in County Hall on the 17th September where representatives met to discuss the ongoing work of DBEC and potential projects for collaboration.

At this meeting it was agreed that the Mayor would take the co-chair position of the PAG for the forthcoming year.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council had submitted a number of concept proposals to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund, including 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. However, following further discussions with Enterprise Ireland and onsite visits by Enterprise Ireland to the three enterprise centre, it has been agreed to pursuing two applications for Smart Regions Funding applications for feasibility studies.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the Social Enterprise Grants Scheme.

The LCDC met on 4th September 2024 to review progress on the implementation of the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 - 2028 and various programmes under its remit including SICAP. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled for the 23rd October 2024.

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Local Enhancement Programme 2024, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has allocated €220,842.98 to support community groups and organisations within the Fingal administrative area. Minister Joe O'Brien TD announced the successful projects, which will receive essential funding to enhance their facilities.

All recipients have received their allocated funds via Electronic Fund Transfer and are now required to submit receipts and photographs as proof of expenditure.

Smoke Free Homes

Healthy Fingal, the HSE and Empower have teamed up to deliver the Smoke Free Homes Challenge in Dublin 15 to encourage people to make their home or car smoke free. The programme is linked with the local primary school (Mulhuddart NS) to educate children on the harmful effects of smoking/vaping and through a colouring competition to encourage them to speak about the topic at home with their families. 26 families have gotten involved with the project which will culminate in a presentation day in Mulhuddart in October and a display of some of the artwork by the children.

Woodlands for Health

The final Woodlands for Health programme of 2024 will come to an end this October. The programme has seen groups from the HSE's Mental Health Services and a group from Empower attend weekly in Newbridge Demesne. The programme, which targeted older adults and young people with mental health difficulties brought people together in a calm and relaxing environment with information and support around reducing alcohol and quitting smoking/vaping. The success of the programme will hopefully see and expansion in 2025 to include the Dublin 15 area.

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.

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 approximately €425,000 submitted in respect of works completed to date in 2024. We expect to lodge claims of approximately €600,000 over the next few weeks. A number of project extensions have been approved by DRCD where works were delayed due to procurement or ground conditions over the summer.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 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: A number of community projects in Fingal received investment of over €630,000 in funding announced on 2nd August by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD.



The successful projects to be funded are:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building (€100,000)
- Accessible Transport Project CLG- Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus (€100,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities (€100,000)
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows (€102,010)
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus (€80,000)
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing (€50,007)
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities (€50,000)
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation (€50,001)

Application Window 2: The FCC public call closed on August 13th, 2024. The evaluation meeting took place on 30th August, after which the successful applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval. Applicants shall be notified of the status of their application once approval has been received from DRCD.

Application Window 3: The third and final Public Call for applications under this funding stream will issue in November with a deadline in December 2024. 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.

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SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 is €2,036,355.06 which includes a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The SICAP Oversight Committee meeting took place on 10th July 2024. Empower presented an overview of the Mid-year report. The SICAP Oversight committee recommended the Mid-year Report be brought to the LCDC for approval.
The Mid-year report was approved by the LCDC.

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 next Dublin Rural LAG meeting will take place on 17th October 2024.

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

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has engaged Legal Expertise to facilitate the formation of the new legal entity "Innovate 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 "Innovate Fingal".

The Managers of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres are participating in the Dublin Food Centre Manager's Network which was established in conjunction with Enterprise Ireland earlier this year. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the food sector in Dublin with 11 Enterprise Centre's participating. The Manager's meet quarterly to share knowledge, learnings and best practise and discuss the challenges and opportunities in the sector to support start up entrepreneurs in the food sector.



Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the Leadership Group in providing oversight and stewardship for the plan's implementation and is chaired by Dr. David Begg. Following the completion of the 'Review and Renew' process in June by the Leadership Group, the Economic Development, Public Realm & Placemaking, Education, Skills & Employment, and Community Development Pillar Groups are to be restructured to reflect the implementation progress in the programme. A new Pillar Group for Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar is being established also.
The Leadership Group met in September and received updates on the Public Realm/URDF projects, Governance and Communications. The Economic Development and Education Skills & Training Pillar Groups met in September and have begun the process of reviewing their respective Pillar Group workplan objectives and actions.

The review process confirmed the extension of the Rejuvenation programme until 2030, bringing it in line with the funding horizon for the Urban Regeneration Development Fund supported by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government.



The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work has commenced on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs Project to be completed on a phased basis and will take approximately 19 months. The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on alternative car parking and frequently asked questions. Up to date information on the project is available on Balbriggan.ie

Tender pack documents for 2 – 4 Dublin Street are currently under review and are expected to be issue by Q4 2024. 2 - 4 Dublin Street is to be transformed into a new Creative Hub with 8 workspaces at 2 Dublin Street and an ancillary connected space at 4 Dublin Street which will support STEAM education, training and enterprise activities supported by SMART Balbriggan and the Fingal Arts Office. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 6a to14 Bridge Street have been completed. A temporary Pocket Park has been installed at site of the former house at 14 Bridge Street and has been welcomed locally.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Early and on-going stakeholder engagement continues which will inform design options.



The Programme Office is currently engaging with stakeholders in examining options for sea swimming facilities in Balbriggan.

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 have now been completed. Full surveys and assessment of the site is being completed, which will inform the full works design and planning proposal. Engineers have been appointed to the project.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,500 followers across all 4 social channels.



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, in May 2024.



Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, Two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration. Both these projects have now been approved for funding These projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include projects focusing on the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a Farmers Market in Lusk. €75,000 in total has been approved.

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. A consultant was appointed to assist the Town Regeneration Office Team in establishing the new Town Teams, building their capacity and identifying projects for funding opportunities.

Town Team Meetings for Balrothery have taken place on the 9th and 23rd of September 2024 to finalise the Town Team and agree a strategy to identify key objectives of the Team.



An initial capacity building Town Team meeting took place on 9th September for Ballyboughal. A Town Team has been established and a second meeting took place on 25th September where further progress was made.



On 26th September the first Donabate Town Team capacity building workshop was held at the Community Centre in Donabate where a presentation on Town Centre First was given by the Town Regeneration Officer and further expressions of interest were sought from members of the community.



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.

A consultant has been selected to work with the new Town Team in supporting the Town Regeneration Office in delivering a new Town Centre First Plan for Rush.



Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two recently approved projects under this scheme from 2023. 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.



The Town Regeneration Office has 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 in April 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 received offers of funding.

To date, a total of €15,979 has been paid to 17 approved businesses under the scheme. A further scheme will be announced in October.

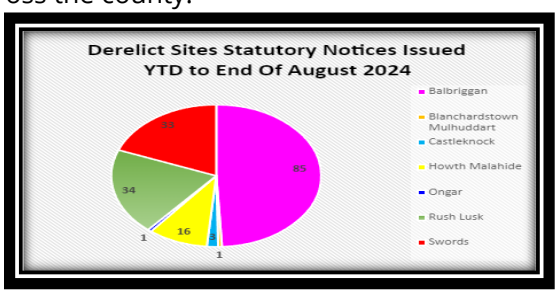
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

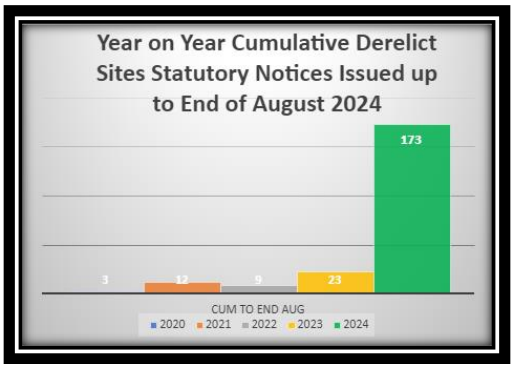
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, " "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". The Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering, and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope. Consultant engineers have been appointed to assist with the study and have met with the local swimmers during August.

Derelict Sites

173 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of August 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 23 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 Town Regeneration Office actively encourages 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

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

Fingal Business Network



The Fingal Business Network Event was attended by over 120 Business Owners and Entrepreneurs on Wednesday 25th September in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport. The topic for the event was all things Digital for Small Businesses and a lively talk was given by Marketing expert Greg Fry.

The attendees eagerly engaged in networking and discussions about marketing and how to attract more customers using all the online tools available to them. The event concluded with a buffet lunch, which allowed for further networking and conversations. Feedback for the session has been resoundingly positive and the next Fingal Business Network event will be the Christmas event in early December. Details will be announced soon. Established by LEO Fingal in Summer 2022, Fingal Business Network meets quarterly.

Student Enterprise Programme



There has been a significant increase in Second level schools across Fingal signing-up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP). It is anticipated that a record-breaking number of more than 28,000 students nationally will participate, by setting-up and running a mini enterprise over the course of the academic year.

Fingal schools and students have a strong track record in the competition, encouraged and incentivised by a significant prize fund that includes an international educational trip to Barcelona for the students and teachers of "Senior category" winners. Most importantly, the programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn the ropes of creating a successful business, whilst competing at local and national level. Each year the Fingal winning projects go on to the National Final, where they battle it out with other entrepreneurial students from throughout Ireland.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



LEO Fingal is hosting National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) on Thursday, 17th October on behalf of the four Dublin Local Enterprise Offices. Taking place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel Blanchardstown, this annual Dublin NWED event is a highlight in the business calendar for enterprising women across the region and offers a unique opportunity to celebrate female entrepreneurship.

The theme of this year's National Women's Enterprise Day is 'Making It Happen' and the programme includes a variety of guest speakers, female entrepreneurs, lively panel discussion, small-business case studies, an exhibition of enterprise support agencies as well as plenty of opportunities to network with other female entrepreneurs and business owners.

Celebrated TV broadcaster Mary Kennedy will be this year's NWED Master of Ceremonies, while a number of inspiring speakers from several business sectors will also feature including Lorraine Heskin (CEO of Gourmet Food Parlour), Oonagh O'Hagan (MD of Meaghers Pharmacy), Fiona Buckley (CEO of She Speaks Agency), and Breda McCague (CEO of Aiming4Awesome).

Fingal Business Supports Briefings

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

One hundred and thirty one business owners managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the September Fingal Business Supports Briefing on September 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 580 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on October 9th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports





On Wednesday 18th September, the 4 Dublin Local Enterprise Offices accompanied 20 food businesses to the "Lunch" Trade Show in London to learn about the latest innovations in food service and food product packaging and distribution. The group also visited Eataly and the Shoreditch markets. The event was organised by the Dublin Food Chain, an initiative of the LEOs in partnership with Bord Bia.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €724,278 across 34 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants to date in 2024. 16 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €39,400 and three Digital for Business grants amounting to €13,500 have been approved year to date. The next EVAC meeting will be held on 2nd October 2024.

Management Development

LEADERSHIP FOR ACCELERATED GROWTH

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

Eight Fingal SME owner/managers are participating in the Autumn "International Best Practice" Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme which commenced on September 17th. The programme provides 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 programme is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, participating owner/managers each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant has just been revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs.

The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months.

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.

More than 70 businesses attended the latest TOV seminar in person on 6th September in Riasc, Kinsealy. A total of 88 applications have been approved in the amount of €196,951 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on Tuesday 22nd October 2024, clients must attend the webinar to apply for the Scheme.

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. In September, sixty six people availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 604. Twenty one clients received mentoring in September, which means that 321 clients have been approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 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 26 MFI loan applications to date in 2024. A government decision in May 2024 announced the doubling of the maximum loan available from MFI funding, rising from €25,000 to €50,000.

Training and Events

September has seen a strong return to the classroom with a packed schedule and courses booking out in record time. The training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 2,612 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The eleventh Start Your Own Business course of 2024 has just been announced for October and the SYOB programme has had a total of 125 participants trained year to date with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 54 participants year to date.

Internationalisation and Export Development



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. Seventeen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €40,600.



A new Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is currently being rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, **Get Exporting** is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. **Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland and delivery partner OCO Global.**

Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher starting on 1st November 2024 will offer small and medium businesses with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

Funding will be in the form of a grant. The grant aid will be 50% of eligible costs with minimum grant aid of €500 up to a maximum grant of €5,000 per application. Enterprises can be approved a maximum of two Grow Digital Voucher projects up to a maximum cumulative grant value of €5,000 as identified in their Digital for Business project to support their Digitalisation journey.

The National Ploughing Championships 2024



The National Ploughing Championships was held on 17th – 19th September 2024 in Ratheniska, Co. Laois for a 50-acre exhibition and trade arena. Each year the Local Enterprise Offices host a Local Enterprise Village to provide an opportunity for clients to take full advantage of this unique consumer event. Each Local Enterprise Office nominates one business for the event and this year the Corr Optical Frames & Glazing Laboratory was supported to represent Fingal.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass and Wineracks.ie. These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions.

In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks



- **Balbriggan**

A new teenage hangout space 'Blox Unit' has been installed at Millpond Park Balbriggan. This is part of a series of new teenage hangout areas being installed throughout Balbriggan as a collaborative project between the Operations Department and the 'Our Balbriggan' project team.



- **Millpond Park**

Some vegetation pruning Works have been carried out at the entrance to Millpond Park Balbriggan. It is planned to open up and upgrade the two existing pedestrian entrances between the Church Car Park and the park.



- **Skerries Mills**

A newly installed graded path has been added to link the upper and lower paths between the skate park and playground in Skerries Mills Skate Park.



➢ **Skerries Mills**

Landscaping works complete along the new pedestrian walkway at Skerries Mills car park.



➢ **Balbriggan Beach Swimming Shelter**

The recently installed beach changing shelter in Balbriggan allows for a hanging and sitting area that is under cover to prevent bags and clothes being exposed to the weather and is open visually so that it does not become an attraction for anti-social activity. This was a long-awaited addition to the beach and has been well received by the vibrant sea swimming groups.



➢ **Skerries Mills**

Recently installed outdoor Table Tennis tables at Skerries Mills Park.



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➢ **Rose Garden Ardgillan**

Recently installed replacement and refurbishment of the Rose Arbor at the Rose Garden in Ardgillan Demesne.



➢ **Glebe Park**

As part of the improvements being carried out to the pedestrian network with Glebe Park, Balrothery, a new set of steps with a handrail are being installed to compliment the existing path network. These steps allow a more direct access to the sports pitches from the car park while also having a longer sloped path to facilitate universal access.

Swords Area Parks



➢ **Somerton Estate Donabate**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Somerton Estate Donabate. This involved the removal of overgrown vegetation to the rear of the railings and the planting of a pollinator planting scheme at the entrance.



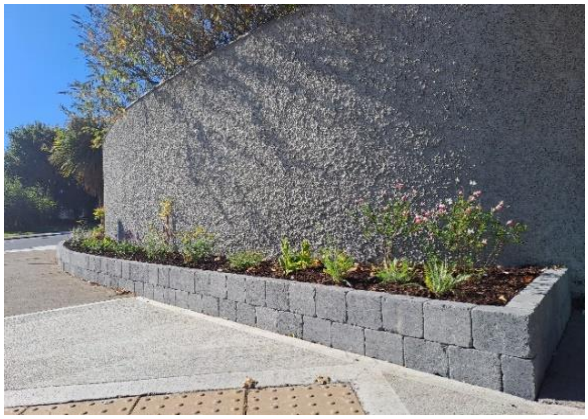
Glasmore Estate Entrance Stone - Before Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Stone - After Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Wall - Before Photo



Glasmore Estate Entrance Wall - After Photo

- **Glasmore Estate Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Glasmore Estate Swords. This involved the installation of a cobble edge to retain a new planting scheme.



- **Glasmore Estate Swords**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the entrance to Brackenstown Avenue Estate Swords. This involved the planting of an additional pollinator planting scheme within an existing shrubbery.



- **Brackenstown Road Learn to Cycle Area**

150 metres of additional pedestrian pathways have been created in the Ward River Valley Park along the Brackenstown Road in collaboration with the Active Travel Department. Pollinator Planting schemes, tree planting and a new pedestrian park entrance are also planned as part of these phased works.

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Area Roads Programme

Swords LEA

Surface Dressing works at various locations carried out by roads crews.







Balbriggan LEA

Footpath Replacements at Harrison's Cove in Skerries by the Fancourt Construction Crew.





Footpath renewals on Church Street in Skerries as part of this year's Programme of Works.





Footpath replacements at Greenlawns in Skerries by the Fancourt Construction Crew.







Rush / Lusk LEA

Road drainage works carried out by the Direct Labour crew at Baleally Lane junction ahead of road resurfacing on the R127 from Blakescross to Lusk as part of the 2024 Capital Roads Programme.







Howth Malahide Area

Programme of Works

Contractor is repairing Footpaths in Ard Na Mara in Malahide. Footpath repairs as part of the 2024 POW.







Contractor resurfaced Oakleigh Court in Malahide as part of the 2024 POW.





Contractor resurfaced a section of Hanlon's Lane in Malahide





Capital Works

➢ Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery

Clarcon Construction Ltd are currently constructing phase 3 of Balgriffin Cemetery. The drainage and plinths are complete. Footpaths are 80% complete and the roads are 40% complete.







Howth Malahide Depot Works

FCC roads crew replacing footpaths in Binn Eadear Sutton.





Malahide Demesne



Line marking completed on wheelchair accessable bays.

➢ Talbot Botanical Gardens



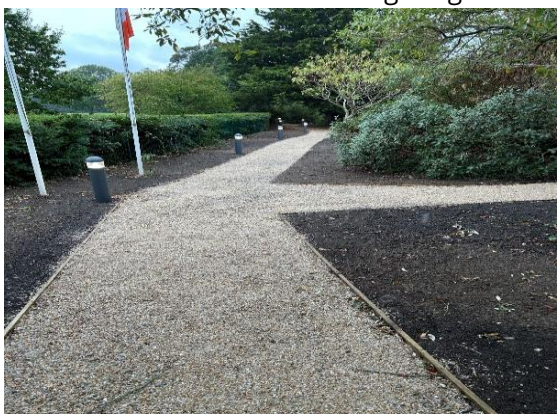
Construction of path In Chilean Gardens



Landscaping edges of new Chilean walk



Installation of Bollard lighting



Completed path with lights.

Seabury Playground Extension

The extension of Seabury playground will be officially opened on 12th October.



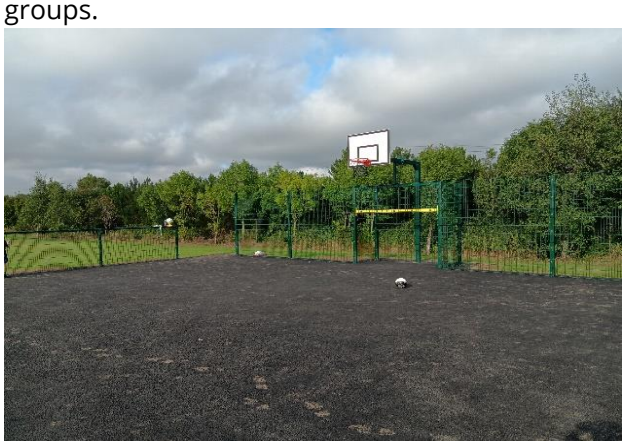
- **Kettles Park new benches**





- **Kettles Park new MUGA**

Works on the new MUGA was recently completed, providing a wider range of sports for all age groups.





Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

- **Malahide Beach Toilets**

Work on the Malahide beach toilet block commenced in June and construction work is completed. Commissioning work on the new toilet block is completed now that the ESB connection has been made earlier this week. The toilets are expected to be opened to the public within the next week.



- **Howth East Pier Toilets**

Work commenced on the Howth East Pier Toilets in July. All works are completed except for the ESB connection. Commissioning works will follow the ESB connection with the toilets expected to open in the next 3 weeks. (Dependent on ESB availability)

Beaches & Cleansing



Beach cleaning Burrow Beach & Portmarnock Beach.

Burial Grounds Maintenance

Clean up at Fingal Burial Grounds following storm damage.







New signage

Castleknock Mulhuddart Area









A great weekend at Clonsilla Heritage Festival where there was lovely weather. We had over 100 people each afternoon: on Saturday at the Blanchardstown Brass Band and again, on Sunday we had trad band Craobh Slí Dhála.
We also had three story time sessions on Saturday morning, as well as three artworks for kids on Sunday morning, which went down well!





Drainage works been carried out at the pitches at Tyrellstown Park.





Hedge cutting Works in the Tyrellstown Area





Before & after photos of painting work carried out at Tolka Valley bridge in Mulhuddart.





Cutting of overgrown grass at Avondale Place, Dromheath.





Cut & Collection at Fingal Playing Pitches





Weed removal on footpaths and cycle lanes in the Dublin Enterprize zone.

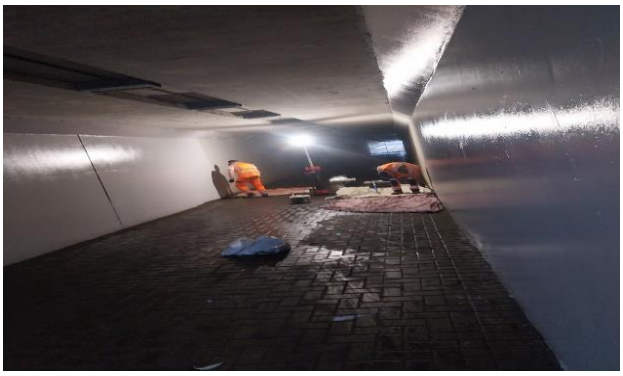




New Footpath & Entrance at Castlefield Court Estate







Our crews cleaning the underpass at the new junction at Blanchardstown.





Before and after Photos of cutting back of hedges encroaching Footpaths at Sycamore Avenue.
This work was done on health and safety grounds for pedestrian use of footpath.







Grasscutting at Dunsink



Works on open space The Pines Castleknock







Before and after photos of New Perennial Border planted in Cherry Park/ Sycamore in September 2024.



Flooding cleared recently at Hartstown Road

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Signage cleaning on the Ongar Road

Car Parking Services

August 2024

There was a total of 1587 parking tickets issued during August 2024.
Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

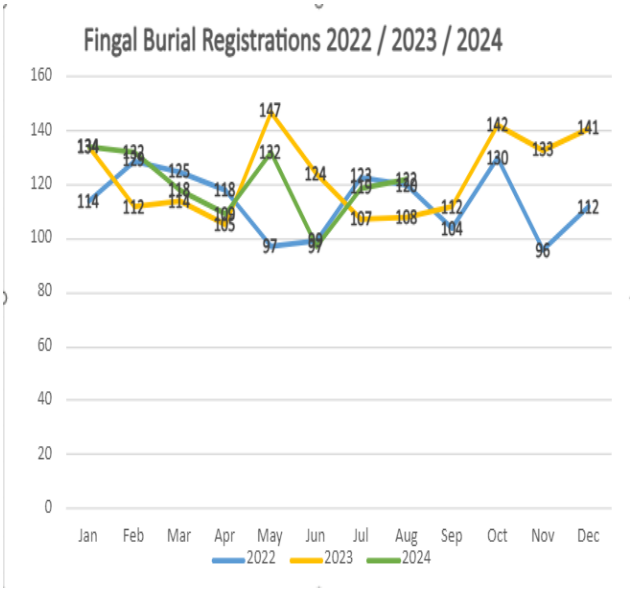
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - August 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	808
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	194
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	189
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	115
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	104
08B - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A GRASS MARGIN	37
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	30
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	20
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	17
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	13

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations August 2024
North Street - Swords	130
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	115
Main Street - Swords	86
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	74
Harbour Road - Skerries	68
Harbour Road Howth	68
Strand Street - Skerries	64
Church Road - Malahide	62
South Strand Skerries	60
Coast Road - Malahide	51

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 122 Interments in August 2024.



Kellystown Burial Ground

The Architects Department successfully appointed the contractor in August 2024 to carry out the works on Kellystown Graveyard capital project. The Contractor will mobilise to commence works in October 2024.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

- **Traffic Calming Ramps**

Traffic calming measures in the form of ramps were installed on Damamstown Way.



Newly installed ramps on Damastown Way



Newly installed ramps on Damastown Way

Road Markings



SLOW road markings were repainted on the R121, from Tinkers Hill to Luttrelstown Golf Course.



The double yellow lines on St. Mochtas Green were repainted in September.



SLOW road markings were repainted on the R149, around the Barberstown Lane area.

Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **Balbriggan/Swords South**

- **Traffic Calming Ramps**





St. Margarets – Rivermeade Drive – New Traffic Calming Ramps





Donabate – Beverton Meadows – New Traffic Calming Ramps

- **Signage & Lining**



Swords – Seatown Villas – New Stop Sign and Road markings relined throughout

- **Balbriggan/Swords North**



Garristown – New Zebra Crossing Works as part of 2024 POW.





Rush-Whitestown/Millbank Junction Upgrade Completed as part of 2024 POW.

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024

- **New uncontrolled crossing on Old Yellow Walls road**







Complete repairs to existing raised signalised pedestrian crossing–Coast Road

- **New Road Lining**



Howth Garda Station Line Marking



Red Arches Road-Refresh



New Road Signage for Bissett Strand Parking area-Malahide



New signage on Kinsealy Lane

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Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

86 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

Public Lighting Section

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date: Clonard Street, Balbriggan; Balrothery Village; Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart; Park Road; Rush; Ridgewood Park; Barnageeragh Skerries;

- **Clonard Street, Balbriggan.**

Two (2) no. additional lighting columns installed.



- **Balrothery Village**

To facilitate the relocation of an ESB Network pole from the junction and future junction redevelopment, one public lighting column with new supply section pillar and associated ducting was installed. The footpaths will be upgraded as part of future works.



- **Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart**

One (1) no. additional column installed at end of the cul-de-sac.



- **Barnageeragh, Skerries**

One New lighting column installed on pedway which links Fulmar, to the Barnageeragh Road.





POW Works in Progress/Ongoing: Forest Road, Swords; Hartstown Park; Castlelands, Balbriggan

- **Forest Road, Swords**

Replacement of eleven (11) no. poles and associated cabling. All columns are stood and civil works complete. Works remaining: Replacement of overhead supply cables, transfer of existing luminaires and removal of the old poles.



- **Hartstown Park**

To facilitate the installation of the new lighting scheme in Hartstown Park, preparatory works for supply points have been completed. Two new service pillars and two existing columns were also replaced.



- **Downside, Skerries**

New ESB service pillar installed. Four new Raise and Lower lighting columns installed on pedway linking Downside Park with the Shenick Road. See two following photos.

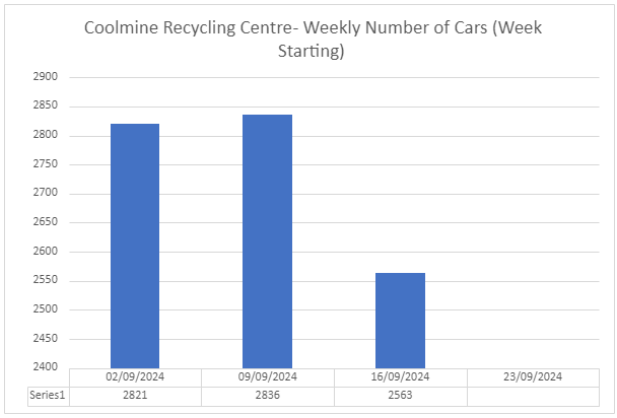


➢ Laurel Lodge Green, Blanchardstown

11 new lighting columns installed in green linking Castleknock train station with Laurel Lodge Road.





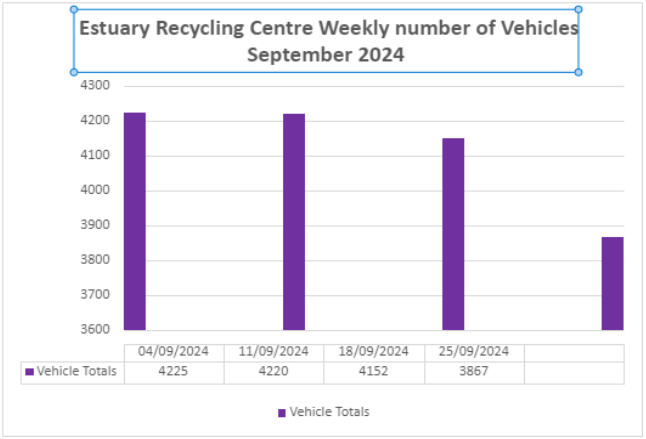


Beach Lifeguard Statistics for Summer 2024

	Rescue	Rescue Craft	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Balbriggan	1	0	12	0	51	5	0
Skerries South	3	3	29	6	301	69	18
Loughshinny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rush South	0	0	0	0	70	16	4
Portrane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donabate	3	0	29	0	264	31	11
Malahide	6	4	10	1	644	277	10
Portmarnock	3	2	77	3	1121	163	37
Sutton	6	9	33	1	618	125	20
Howth	0	0	6	0	120	13	2
JUN-SEPT FULL RETURNS	22	18	196	11	3189	699	102

Recycling Centres Update

Operations are reviewing the opening hours at Coolmine to determine the financial provision required in the Revenue Budget 2025 to cover staffing, minor contracts and security. Extension of opening hours is dependant on the resources being in place.

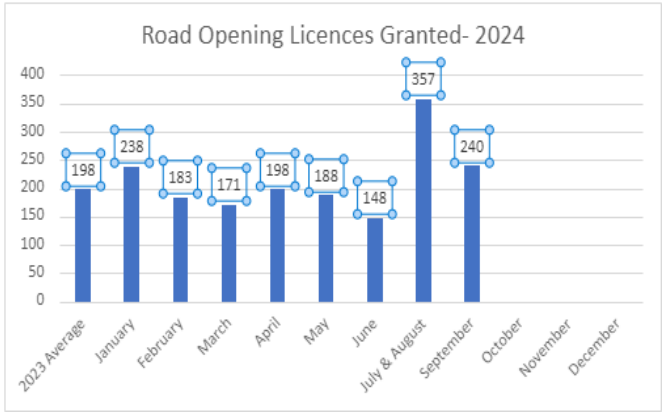


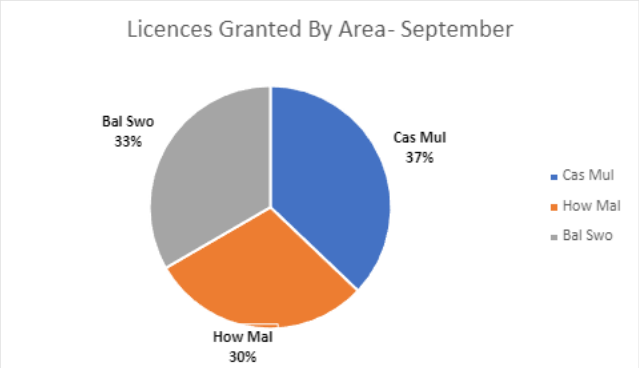
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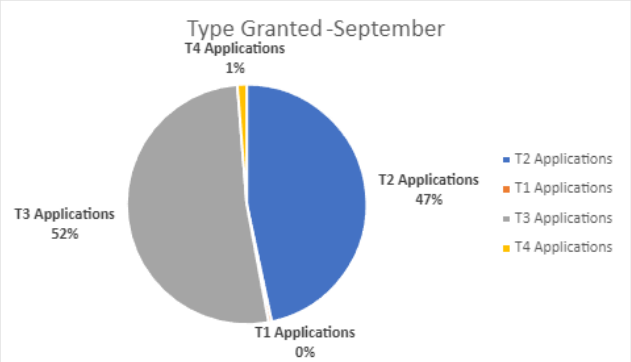
- Road Opening Licenses

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.

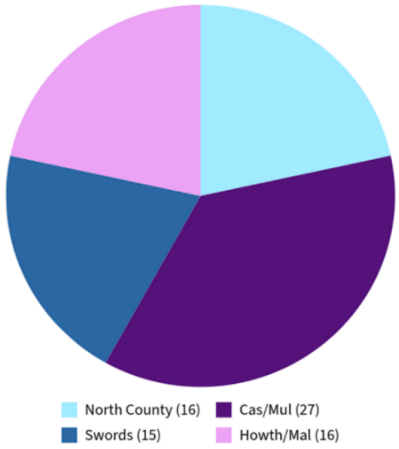
240 Licences were granted in the months of **September, 53% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







- **Pitch Playability Applications 2024/25**



See above Pie Chart outlining the number of Pitch Playability Applications received for the 2024/25 playing season, in total we have received 74 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

- **Casual Trading License**

Fingal County Council have a total of 38 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.

2 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 continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

- **Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets**

A total of 39 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further two currently been processed.
The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. To date in 2024 a total of 19 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out.

There are a number of temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets which were to be removed at the end of September 2024 will now be removed after 31st December 2024. Street Furniture Licences associated with the parklets will now be extended to this date.

The Operations Department will make provision in the 2025 draft revenue budget for footpath buildouts to commence in January 2025 to continue to facilitate outdoor dining where feasible. These will be considered where requested and deemed suitable in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.

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. A GPR survey has been undertaken and detailed design can shortly be completed for WPB.

- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design and various consents. Precast concrete anchor blocks are due for delivery in mid-October. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Minor works crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.





- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

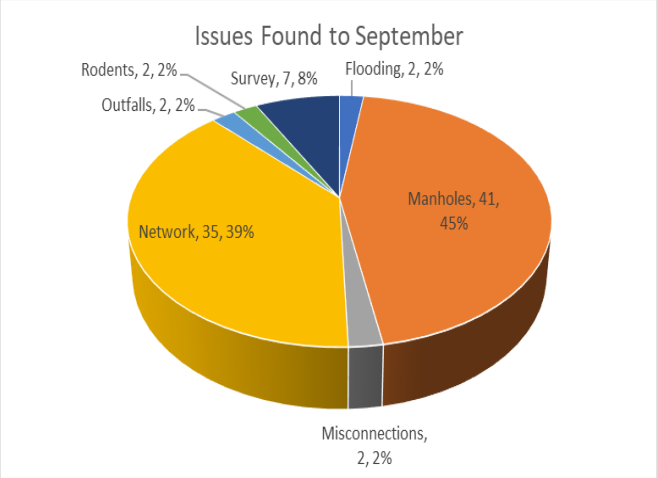
The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover. The work will be carried out under separate work packages with an overall duration of 24 months. Works to date completed are Barrack Lane SW pipe replacement, a short relay outside Top Shop and CCTV surveys. Sections of network along Station Rd & Dublin Rd have recently been surveyed and dye-tested. The findings from these surveys have been analysed and costing is being undertaken for works programme.





- **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:**

18 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 confirmed significant restrictions in the line requiring large volumes of aggregate and silt to be removed. Works on excavating and repairing a collapsed and root-affected section were completed in September.



Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding several estates in the **Rivervalley** area of Swords have been identified that require further investigation and mapping to determine the condition of the network. A Contractor has completed 75% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates.

Following a procurement process a Contractor has been appointed to carry out a road reinstatement outside the **Forty-Four Hotel**. Works will also include the raising and replacement of two ancillary manhole cover and frames.

Lusk

Following reports of road flooding CCTV surveys were completed on a section of pipe along **Old Schoolhouse Lane** and it was determined that the pipe was under capacity. Works to replace the pipe and to install a new head wall were completed in 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. These works are being separated into a number of distinct work packages for project costing and planning.

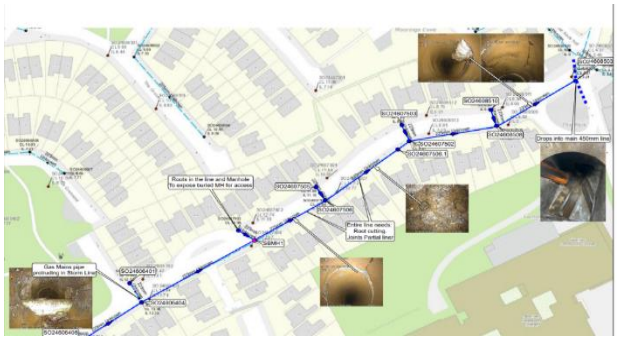






Skerries

Following reports of a collapsed manhole additional surveys were carried out on a section of the network in the **Seacrest estate** in Skerries. Following these surveys a gas main has been identified as a culprit and Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) have been contacted to carry out repair works and remove their service from the line. Follow on remediations will be carried out by a mixture of in-house repairs and Contractor support. A Contractor has been appointed to carry out the UV CIPP Liner repairs and works will be complete in early October.



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- **Assets**
  Ironworks

The Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement programme for replacing assets at the end of life is ongoing. A contractor has been engaged to replace covers along Howth main Street and the Drynam and Balheary areas 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 a system employed to manage storm water on new developments



A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

- **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 2024 indicating ongoing contamination of the storm network (High Ammonia etc)

Flow loggers on the waste water network are being monitored for signs that "storm overflow" at Seagrange park may be the main source of this contamination. To date no correlation has been found.



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. Dye testing and an engagement meeting with residents took place on 14/07/2024. FCC Environment have are engaging with householders to try to resolve the issue within the private curtilage.

Balbriggan - Clonard Court

Two buried manholes were found and uncovered in August following an underground survey at Clonard Court. This assisted FCC Environment with misconnection surveys being carried out in and around the Bracken River.





Balbriggan - 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.

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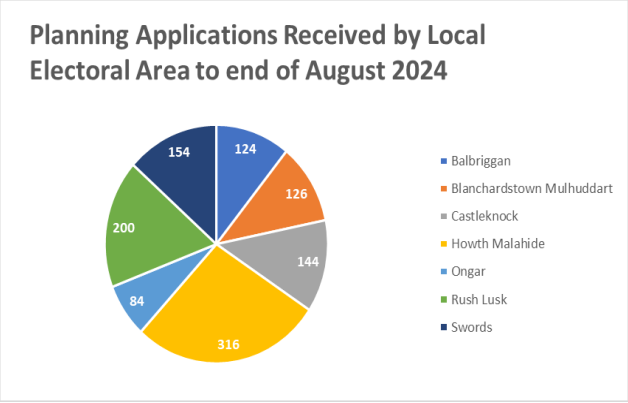
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Planning Applications

There have been 1149 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024. This is including 413 E applications via the LGMA portal. 274 applications were invalid leaving a total of 875 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024 there have been 10 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024, 14 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 14 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 3 decisions have been made to refuse permission and one request for Further Information has been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024, this decision was to refuse permission. There are four SHD's (3,932 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 896 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st August 2024. There have been 701 decisions to grant permission and 158 refusals of permission.

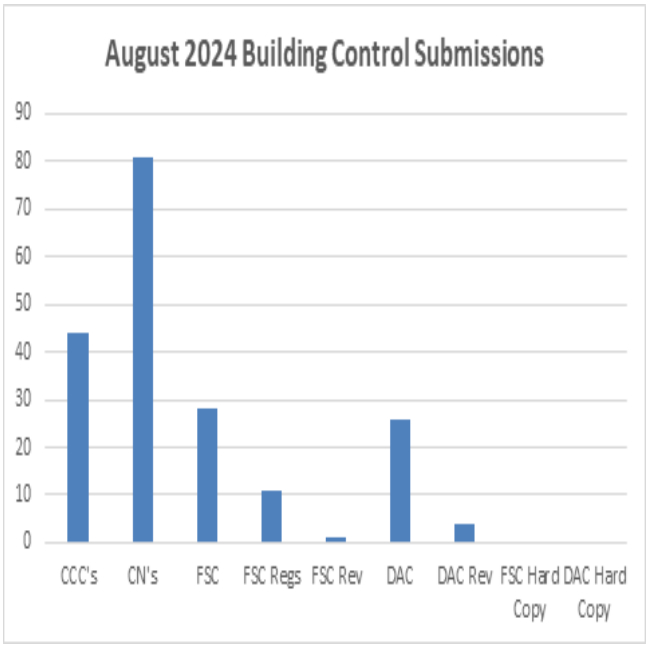
Building Control Admin

In August 2024, there were 191 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 81 Commencement notices, 44 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 39 Fire Safety related Certificates and 27 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 the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 45 decisions in August 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 42 decisions to grant and 155 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan has been agreed and comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Draft Flemington LAP was published on the 10th September and a public consultation event was held in Flemington Community Centre on Wednesday 18th September.

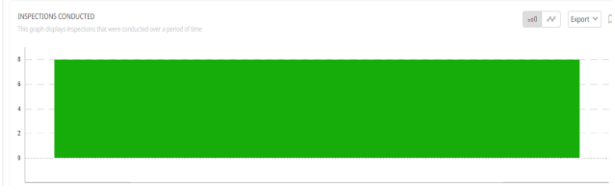
Work is progressing in relation to the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the Old School House Masterplan. Preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

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 no. submissions were received by the closing date (1st April 2024). All submissions received were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The local authority was notified of 25 no. appeals to An Bord Pleanála following determination of the submissions. No decisions form An Bord Pleanála with regard to these cases have issued to date.

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section



- There are 6 developments (River Mall Laneway, The Elms Ridgewood, Ashfield Ridgewood, Footpath on Park Road Rush, Bracken Park Castleknock and Castlegrange Castaheaney) up for taking in charge in the October council meeting.
- There are 2 estates up for taking in charge in November council meeting (Willans Estate in Ongar and Lilys estate in Ongar).

Dangerous Structures

- There was 1 dangerous structure notified in September 2024. There are a total of 102 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Checking out insulation and door details at a site in Rush.



Stud walls being assembled in a timber frame house in Rush.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange at road level was opened in July 2024. The junction is operating well. A new toucan crossing on the L3020 opposite the eBay offices was commissioned during September. Also new cycle-lane coloured marking through the junctions was laid recently. The last element of the scheme to be completed will be the shared active travel route through the underpasses. FCC have completed a new water main for Uisce Eireann which delayed the opening of the scheme at the lower level until November 2024. Active travel routes between Main St, Tolka Valley, the Old Corduff Road and Waterville Park will open at this time.





PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. have constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during the previous months. Also, many of the culvert units for the stream under the proposed Ongar Barnhill Road have been completed. Installation of kerbs, capping and subbase for the new road will continue during Q4. On the R149 traffic management will be in place at interval periods during Q4 to complete the culvert north of Barberstown Lane South. In late July Barberstown Lane North was closed to allow the new road to be constructed. It is intended that some of the new Barberstown Lane South will be opened during Q4 this year. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary
Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), 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 together information for detailed design.



CCTV Drainage
The tender assessment for CCTV drainage contractor has taken place and the CCTV Contractor was appointed in August with works started and progressing well. Below there is a summary of the works done in September:

- Started at Pinnock Hill Roundabout and moving north;
- Approx 2000m of main line survey complete;
- Approx 800m of main line unable to survey due to roots in the pipe;
- Completing approximately 260m per night;
- Silt levels slightly below assumed value (50%) - actual = 20-30% silted;
- 57 manholes complete;
- 1 week to completion – 1st week in October.


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GI Works
Letter of Acceptance was signed for the GI/GPR contractor on 24/07/2024. Works on this project are progressing the GPR Survey which is being carried out by Murphy. Geo Spatial has completed all paths and off-road survey works and is scheduling the on road GPR works for early next week. The FWD pavement survey has been ongoing this week and is scheduled to be completed end of this week. The GI non-intrusive works is scheduled to commence early October.

These survey Investigations will inform the below ground detailed design process and de-risk the project for construction stage.

SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage
The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and will be in the market until 10/10/2024. The Project team is responding to clarifications as received. When the closing date for submissions has passed the project team will begin assessing the tender responses.

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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. 85% completed. The works on Hamilton Road are substantially complete. Most of the resurfacing is complete with only the ramps and one of the two new lay-bys remaining. On Harry Reynolds Road between the public car park at the Church and the Harry Reynolds Road roundabout most of the resurfacing is complete with some small areas of cycle track still to be surfaced. Signing and lining works are underway. The section of road between the Moylaragh roundabout and the Harry Reynolds Road roundabout is currently being resurfaced. The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street have commenced. 75% of the resurfacing and ling works is now complete with most of which done at night with road closures.

Works on the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout are progressing with the stonework for the walls to begin soon. The upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park will commence in the coming weeks.

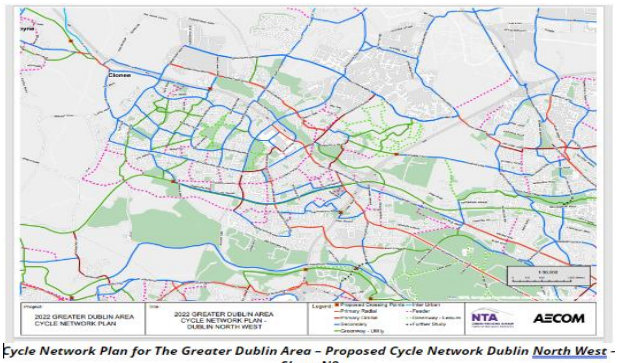




To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route. Fingal County Council website was recently updated.

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. The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the successful consultant in July with the appointment of RPS is arranged to take place on the 3rd of October. The Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route with the initial project Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 2 of the procurement process. The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the successful consultant in July. The contract signing date is arranged to take place on the 3rd of October.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

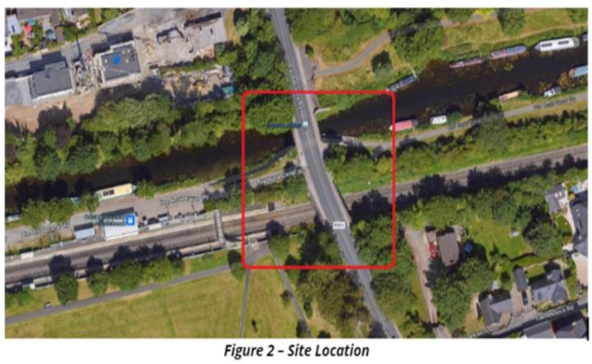


Figure 2 – Site Location

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.

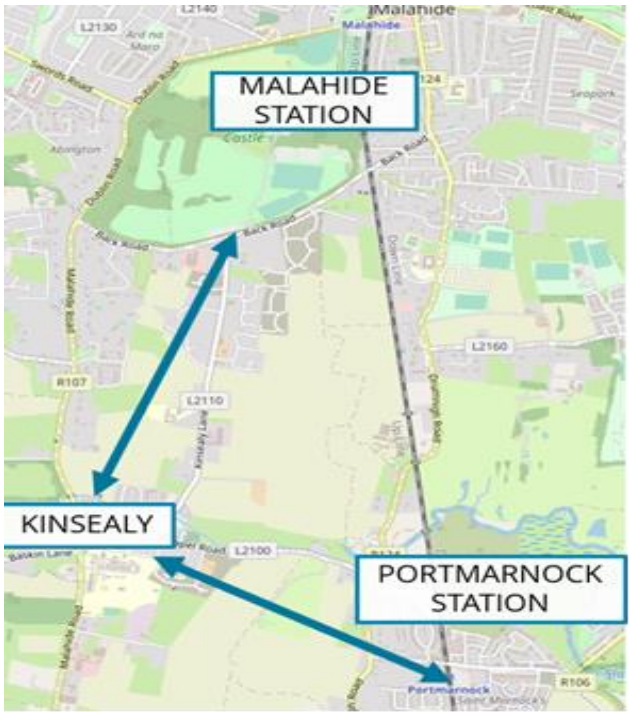
PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation is now being prepared.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –
The preliminary design drawings have been received and are under review. 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 have been complete along the route at all locations where new structures are being proposed and the design for these structures is progressing. A tree survey has been completed and we are awaiting the final report. 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.

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 Options Selection phase has concluded on both routes from Kinsealy (north towards Malahide and east towards Portmarnock). Traffic and topographical surveys on public lands have concluded and the various constraints along all route options are now being analyzed, this will lead to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). A public consultation strategy is being planned for Q4 2024 to progress from the EPR stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this project.



Fingal Coastal Way
Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads. Coordination continues with affected landowners to work towards finalising the position of the route in rural areas.

Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland and Eirgrid continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.
Baseline wildlife surveys have along the route have now been completed for 2024. These will inform further environmental assessments.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway
Construction of the main estuary bridge is progressing on site with all 13no. precast concrete bridge spans now installed.

Design options for the northern causeway were work-shopped with the NTA and Irish Rail at end May and a single preferred design option was discussed which meets the project objectives and ensures the safety and integrity of the railway causeway. This option is being brought through detailed design by the project designers, RPS and discussed further by all parties. Relevant RPS and FCC personnel undertook IR PTS training during June and undertook a survey of the line of the top of the rock armour on the Northern Causeway on 14th August to further inform the design. Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the various other elements of this project continue. Works contracts in Donabate, Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the greenway will be complete in 2026.


Bridge in place and painting of bridge piers ongoing



On the bridge looking northwards towards Donabate



Southern access ramp nearly complete

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.

All the material has now been removed from the site and the area within the redline boundary and adjacent lands has been returned to the original ground level. Surveys was carried out to verify completion of this task.

All concrete works are completed on the ramp at Wellview Avenue. The contractor is currently backfilling the structure and landscaping around the ramp. A rowlock brick header, fencing and dash are all that remains to be done on the ramp.

All cycle track markings have been updated as per the current Cycle Design Manual. Pedestrian barriers at the crossing at R132 and Powerstown Road have been installed. The pedestrian traffic signals and the Variable Speed limit Signs outside Gaelscoil an Chuilin on Powerstown Road are to be made live by ESB. This work is underway.



Cycle Track Markings outside Gaelscoil an Chuillin

Snagging is ongoing throughout the site. The works required to finish the attenuation ponds has started. The estimated arrival of materials for this work and is approximately 2 weeks. This project is expected to finish by mid/late October.

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 tree planting and hedge planting. These elements of work are due to be completed imminently.



Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works



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Photographs of Turvey Avenue, pre and post works

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle 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 new residential developments on either side of the railway. The NTA has allocated funding for delivery of the project in 2024. A haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway has been installed and a site compound has been set up to facilitate the main construction works which are currently getting underway.



Photograph of approximate location of where the new pedestrian and cycle bridge will cross the railway.



Photograph of haul road for construction vehicles to access the site from the eastern side of the railway.

Donabate Transport Projects

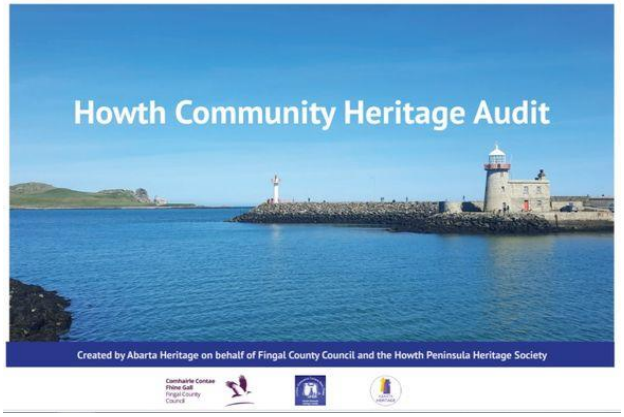
Fingal County Council has appointed Roughan and O'Donovan, a leading multi-disciplinary consultancy firm, to provide engineering, planning and environmental services for the Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel 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 and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects is underway including topographical and ecological 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 options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

Heritage Officer



Howth Community Heritage Audit

The Howth Community Heritage Audit was launched by local man Nicky McLoughlin at the Howth Peninsula Heritage Society's monthly lecture on 24 September 2024. https://www.facebook.com/AbartaHeritage?__cft__[0]=AZWBL1RMJEGo6eN_akwPJHnlemk3ymkMn20Er1U2kwKn8tvbPA3CJC64H7heYNMn1ezbwI30C1UTlpKMgQyaS-HDpqzxNkzkiv_Hat-vWmHo96aYqOHtVLC61U0frSt2SXW1hyxO3Tb1jfZa9q0qdJzKNPiOagG_UvhoTmPjHSpLauR7N7tkOEPDA-ycoquSvtQ&__tn__=-]K-R Abarta Heritage were commissioned by Fingal Heritage Office to work with members of Howth Peninsula Heritage Society to undertake an audit of the built, natural and cultural heritage of Howth. A community survey was created, and two community workshops were held in Howth to gather information from the residents. This allowed the local community to share stories, memories, objects and express their feelings and desires for the future of their area's heritage. Over one hundred sites were researched and narrowed down to 21 key points of interest that were visited and evaluated by the project team. The results of this evaluation and key recommendations from the audit can be found in this report https://www.fingal.ie/.../howth-community-heritage-audit.pdf . This is action of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030.

Community Monument Fund 2024



Consolidation works under Stream 1 of the Community Monument Fund 2024 have commenced in Balrothery and Swords. Phase 2 of works at Balrothery Tower house will fulfil the actions of the Conservation Plan to protect this unusual structure into the future. Works are also focused on the interior of the round tower, Swords and will also include the reinstatement of floors in the belfry tower making this medieval structure more accessible.

HOUSING

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Fingal County Council continues to roll out a number of affordable housing schemes across the county. To increase awareness of these initiatives, the Affordable Housing Team held an Information Event to support potential purchasers on September 12th in the Carlton Hotel, Blanchardstown.

This event aimed to provide guidance and support for potential applicants applying to the Affordable Scheme.

A further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team in Q1 2025. This event will be held in the North County area of Fingal. Further information will follow.

Affordable Home Purchase Scheme



Fingal County Council is making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County. We have a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. We continue to work through the application and assessment process with applicants across all available schemes.

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	20
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57

Upcoming Schemes:
Fingal County Council in partnership with Glenveagh Homes Ltd will be delivering 112 two and three bed affordable homes in Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year.

Fingal County Council will also be delivering 151 units in Mooretown (Baile Na Mona), Swords, which is currently at tender stage.

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



We are delighted to report that all of our Balleally Rise Affordable Homes have now gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 – SALE AGREED/CLOSED



The sales of 15 no. of the Kilmartin Grove Properties are now closed with the remaining 21 no. properties currently sale agreed.

Church Fields, Dublin 15 – ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 31 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

The next phase of 110 affordable homes will start on site this year.







Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 44 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed for new applications.

North County Homes – SALE AGREED

All 16 North County Homes have all gone Sale Agreed with first sales due to close in the coming weeks.





Hayestown, Rush – SALE AGREED

Hayestown: 51 homes are now sale agreed in Hayestown, Rush with Phase 1 due for handover in the coming weeks.



Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 – PORTAL CLOSED



30 of the 57 homes in Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15 are now sale agreed, with assessments for the remainder still ongoing. **The application portal has now closed.**

Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The application portal opened on June 4th, 2024 and is still open for new applications. 20 of 96 homes are now sale agreed with assessments continuing for the remaining properties.



Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is actively engaging with various homebuilders 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	405
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	931
Planning and Design	322
Part V	778
TOTAL	2436

Delivered units

9 homes at Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing Association. Fingal County Council – Tuath Housing Association, Kilhedge Lane, Lusk

Recently, 31 new age-friendly homes at Kilhedge Gardens, Lusk were delivered in partnership with Tuath Housing Association. The Minister for Housing opened the scheme on 27th September and new tenants have already started to move into this high-quality new town centre development.







Fingal County Council - Construction Scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings

Five units in Monastery Court, Lusk, Co. Dublin have been delivered, consisting of 5 x 2 bed apartments which are specially adapted.





Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings

In Swords, 11 units are nearing completion at Bowden Court, Swords, Co Dublin consisting of 3 x 3-bed apartments, 4 x 2-bed apartments & 4 x 1-bed apartments all of which are specially adaptable. It is hoped to invite councillors and other stakeholders to view this new development in the coming weeks.







Schemes on Site

Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

Nine units have been completed and restoration works have commenced on the final five units.





Fingal County Council - construction scheme at Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings



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.





Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes on a site at "Ballisk Park", New Road, Donabate following the granting of planning permission earlier this year. These will be a mixed tenure scheme of social and affordable homes.

Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council's Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme is progressing well. Works have been completed at Strandmill, Portmarnock and Regles Court, Lusk. Contractors are currently on-site in Whitestown in D15, Remount in Lusk and Rivermeade in St. Margaret's.





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	1st October 2024
In the letting process	48
Undergoing re-let repairs	36
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	11
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 Minister's Estate, Bremore Castle and one-off houses in North County Dublin. Works are ongoing in Grace O'Malley, Loughshinny Park and Longstone Park. Works will commence shortly in Seamount, Malahide and will then move onto the Swords area.



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 230 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4157 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 will take further action.

Housing Loans

- **Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)**

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 and for Council tenants wishing to purchase their home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

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



- **Local Authority Purchase & Renovation Loan (LAPRL)**

The Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan is a government-backed mortgage for the purchase and renovation of derelict and non-habitable homes. The property must be eligible for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, whether derelict, non-habitable or simply vacant.

Anyone wishing to purchase and/or renovate a Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant eligible home but cannot get sufficient funding from commercial lenders, can apply to Fingal County Council for a Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan.

Further information on the LAPRL & the eligibility criteria can be found at www.purchaseandrenovationloan.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.

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Some restrictions with regard the Council property type that can be sold apply. Tenants looking for further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria should contact the Tenant Purchase Section.

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, 4,359 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 582 inspections carried out in August. Of the 4,359 inspections, 3,855 dwellings were inspected. The team continue to work on this target and improving compliance.

Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

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.

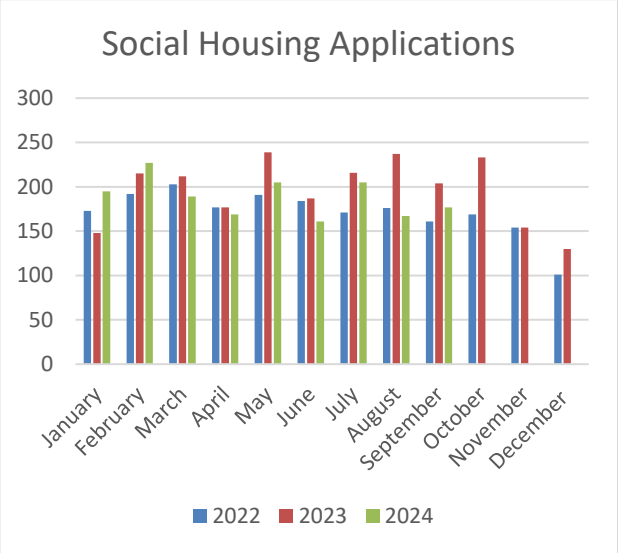
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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.

Jan - 30th Sept 2024	1,695
Jan - Dec 2023	2,354
Jan - Dec 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.

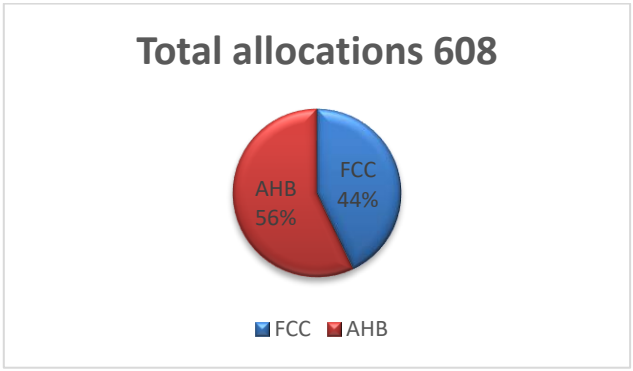
Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) is due for return to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024. Letters have been issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. Following the successful launch of the online HNA System in 2022, applicants will be advised to complete the assessment where possible online.

Reminder letters will issue to applicants who have yet to complete their assessment. The closing date for these assessments to be returned is 18th October 2024.

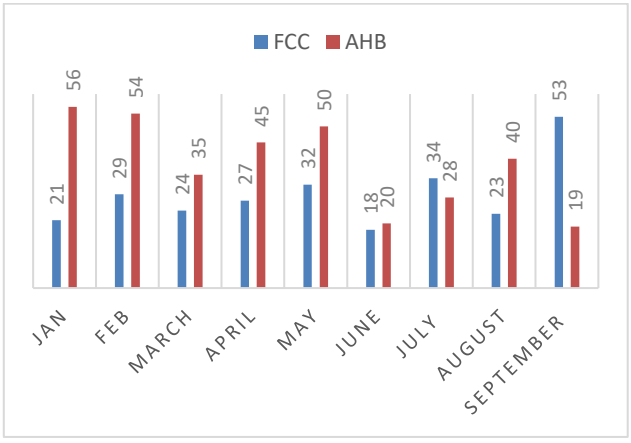
All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms will be available, if necessary.

Lettings

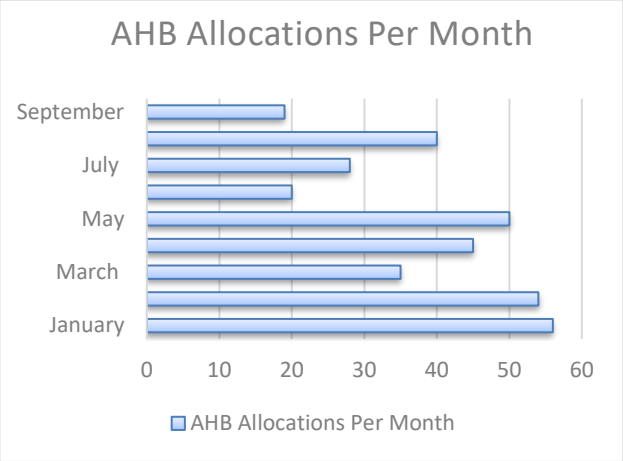


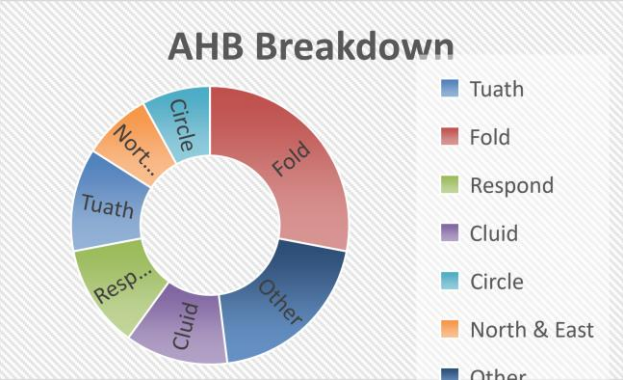
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



347 of the **608 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **261** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.





FOLD have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of September.

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.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During September 2024, 45 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	10	8	18
Homeless Prevention	14	13	27
TOTAL	**24**	**21**	**45**

There was a total of 27 homeless prevention cases and 18 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

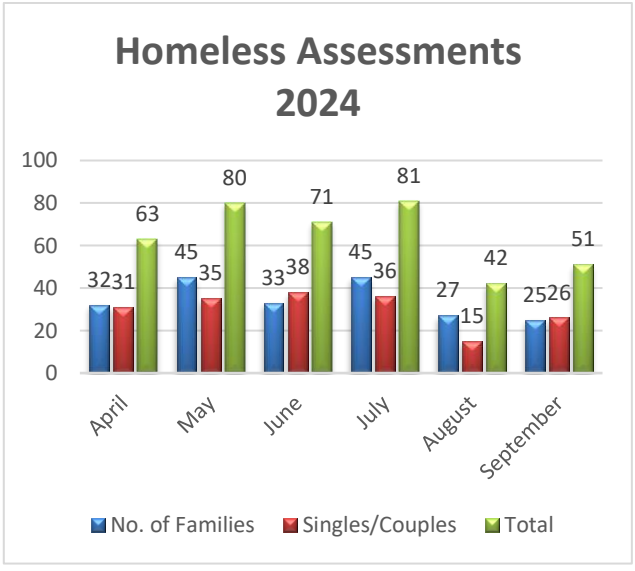
13 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 8 who exited emergency accommodation and 10 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

24 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 7 who exited emergency accommodation and 3 from Direct Provision.

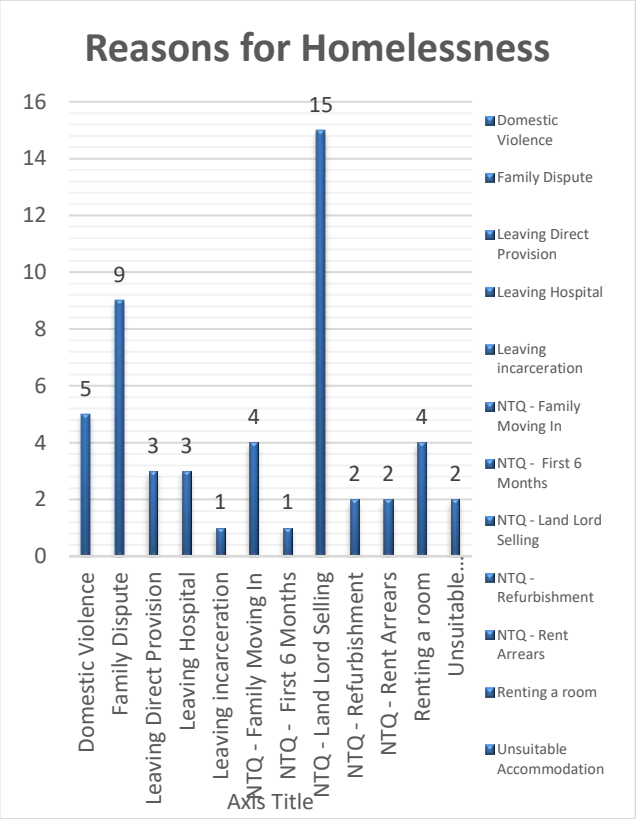
Homeless Assessments

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

In September 2024, there were a total of 51 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 25 families and 26 singles/couples.



During September 2024, of the 51 Homeless Assessments carried out, 47% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from family/relationship breakdown (18%), renting a room (8%) and leaving Direct Provision (6%). The remaining 22% 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.

In 2024, there have been 81 reported rough sleeping cases. 24 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 1 other in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are currently 2 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 males). 1 male has 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 16 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and three 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.

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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 79 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 37 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 280 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.

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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 continue as part of the current Traveller Accommodation Programme on various sites across the County, including St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 and Philomenas Court.

Preparation of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 is progressing. Following a public consultation during July and August, all submissions received are currently being reviewed in advance of the Draft TAP being presented to the Elected Members. The Draft TAP sets out the 5 year plan to meet the existing and projected needs of the Traveller Community without the Fingal Administrative Area.

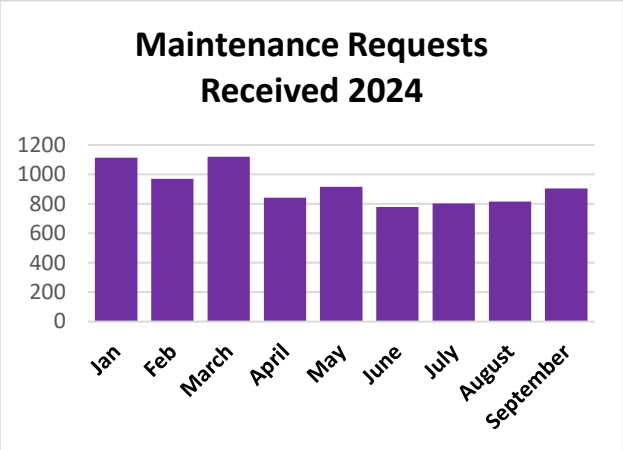
Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

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.



Mobile home delivery at St Brigid's Close

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Clonsilla, Tyrellstown, Blanchardstown Village, Santry, Baldoyle, Howth, Swords, Rush, Balbriggan, Garristown, and Malahide.

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.

A further two Tenant Induction Courses were held in September in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall and Kilmartin.

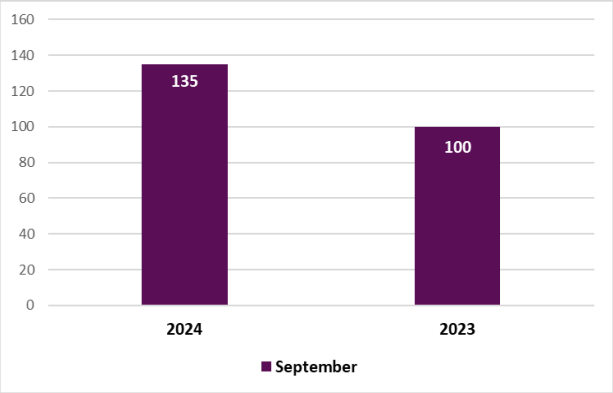
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Sept 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	12	0	7	5
Rush / Lusk	10	3	6	1
Swords	32	12	8	12
Howth / Malahide	25	7	7	11
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	49	25	9	15
Ongar	7	5	0	2
Castleknock	0	0	0	0
Total	**135**	**52**	**37**	**46**

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2), September (2),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	84
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	28
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	6
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**1428**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report September 2024	**985**

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, accommodation and policy changes for Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are available on the following links
www.gov.ie/ukraine

gov - Designated Accommodation Centres (www.gov.ie)

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 and other new arrivals with the next meeting to be held on the 18th October 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. For further information, see website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com

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** has recently taken possession of a vacant residential property by way of Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) with the statutory CPO process commencing this month with 3 other vacant residential properties. 30 vacant residential units in varying standard of condition identified in 2023 are either back in occupancy or advancing to occupancy through initiatives such as Compulsory Purchase Order, Buy and Renew scheme, Repair and Lease scheme, SHIP or arising from general engagement with owners of vacant properties. This work is on-going and will lead to the further properties coming into occupancy.

In addition to the above, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes 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

This scheme was launched in July 2022. On the 1st May 2023, the scheme was further extended with the eligibility criteria 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 arising from the expansion of the scheme. 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. **161** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued increasing flow of new applications.

In the last month a further **9** applications have been approved with further applications moving to approval stage. In all **102** applications have been approved which equates to over **€5m in funding.** 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 the Carlton Hotel in Tyrellstown on the 12th September 2024

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation

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Recent Vacant Property Grant Approvals:



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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 September/October the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Integration Through Gardening



In September the Community Development Office partnered with Jesuit Refugee Service and Community Collectives to run a 6-week gardening course in Balseskin, Finglas. This course was aimed at encouraging local community members from Meakstown to join the course, encouraging integration through shared learning and working in partnership.

At this time of year, there is plenty to be done in the garden, with lots of fruit and vegetables ready for harvest for sharing among the group for use in the on-site canteen. The garden and polytunnel also needs to be prepared for a new growing season.

In addition, we have collaborated with the Environment Office who have committed to running recycling and waste education workshops onsite to compliment the above programme.

Ongar Funday Sunday



Ongar Community Centre is a vital hub for the local community, offering a wide range of activities that cater to the diverse needs of residents.

With the support of the Community Development Office, Ongar Community Centre host a free family-friendly event to promote community participation and inclusivity.

This years' Funday Sunday was held on 8th September and included new activities and stalls, focusing on education, environmental awareness, and local crafts. Approximately 1,000 people of all ages attended the event which is always successful in strengthening relationships with local volunteers, by empowering them to connect with residents to foster a harmonious and diverse atmosphere.

Keen To Be Green (KTBG)



Flemington Community Centre's Green Festival took place on 14th September with the aim of promoting *Climate Action Week 2024* and supporting the Climate Action Plan 2024 -2029 Community Engagement objective. The event was attended by Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian **McDonagh,** Green Party TD & Minister for State Joe O'Brien and **Cllr. Grainne Maguire**.

The festival was inclusive and informative a wide age groups were engaged with interactive stalls and information stands. Workshops included Global Action Plan's composting, paper-flower making, Balbriggan Travellers Project and crafting using upcycled material. Local residents were encouraged to dispose of small electrical items safely and to learn more about managing & reducing food waste in the home with children's workshops before taking a brown kitchen bin home.



Balbriggan

The Community Development Office continues to support the development of the Balbriggan Residents Association Network (RA). The RA network continues to meet and is working on a number of collaborative projects for the Balbriggan community. The RA network is working with An Garda Siochana, Active Travel and Castleland Neighbourhood watch to deliver a community safety initiatives around cyber security and road safety for bikes.

The group is also actively working with local development company Empower to develop the local sustainability group to deliver a series of Clothing swop shops in the Flemington community centre building on the work of the local development company's poverty initiative. On 9th October, a safer Halloween project in Castlelands Community Centre will also be launched with support of the RA network members, Community Development Office.

Baldoyle Community Forum World Food Day

Baldoyle Community Forum organised a world food day, aimed at encouraging the local community explore cuisine, culture and music from around the world, present in the diverse community of Baldoyle and surrounding neighbourhoods. Food and culture from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and from the local community garden was available to sample, along with dance and music from several continents. Supported by FCC Community Development Office, Fingal Events and the Fingal Ethnic Network, it is hoped the Baldoyle World Food Day will become an annual event.

Community Facilities Management Support Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility

On 12th September, Mayor of Fingal Cllr Brian McDonagh received the keys for Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility from the building refurbishment and extension contractor CTS Group. The major renovation project it is now ready for the Rush Multipurpose & Youth Facility committee to take charge and reopen to the public. An open evening taking place on 3rd October.

The facility will be an important asset to the town of Rush to deliver programmes for people across the whole community and will host a Foroige Hub whose work will focus on at-risk young people in the area.

The Community Development Officers will provide ongoing support as the facility develops over time.



Ongar Community Centre – Bike Library

Ongar Community Centre was supported by our team to host the new Ongar Bike Library. The initiative is a collaboration project between the community centre, FCC Active Travel, **UCD and Bleeper Bikes. The bike library is aimed at promoting sustainable transportation and providing accessible cycling opportunities for the local community.** Local Residents are invited to borrow a range of bikes that can be accessed via the community centre for an extended period of time- free of charge.



Castaheany Community Centre – Swap Shop

With Support from our Keen to Be Green Initiative, the board of Castaheany Community Centre recently coordinated *a Reduce & Reuse Fashion Swap-Shop*. Local Cllr's Tania Doyle and Tom Kitt attended the event which gave local people an opportunity to donate & Swap unwanted items, providing a cost-effective way to extend the life of clothing and reduce the environmental impact of items going landfill prematurely. Because of its success there are plans to host more similar events going forward.

Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg
Your Local Youth Council

The new Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg logo was unveiled in line with all other Comhairle Na nÓg across the country at the official launch of the new National Comhairle Na nÓg Branding event.

The Fingal Comhairle na nÓg (FCNN) is busy working on a presentation on research completed on Youth centres and facilities across Fingal. The presentation will be made at a meeting of the Fingal Community Facilities Network. The group will hold two further invitational workshops on the topic in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown Library in October, as well as their annual Youth Conference. The FCNN Steering Committee also welcomed a new youth member to its group and Councillors Luke Corkery, Dean Mulligan and Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Brian McDonagh.

Fingal Public Participation Network

The PPN plenary took place on 12th September with over 68 groups represented on the night. One of the main objectives at this event was to secure nominations from the PPN membership to the various SPCs, the LCDC and the PPN Secretariat.

- Fingal PPN Membership 2024 x 815 groups
- Community Pillar x 632
- Social Inclusion Pillar x 138
- Environment Pillar x 45

Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Information Event for over 55s: Balbriggan



Despite the weather conditions, over 80 older people attended the Information Event in Balbriggan on Thursday 26th September 2024.

The event took place in the Senior Citizens Centre and provided many older people in the area with an opportunity to visit the centre for the first time. Local groups and organisations presented included An Garda Siochana, Fingal Healthy Age Friendly Homes, Care & Repair, Alone, Citizens Information, Money Advice & Budgeting Services, Cairde, Meals-on-Wheels, LGBTI Balbriggan and Fingal Community Library and Community Depts as well as representatives from local community centres.

The Information Event targeted older people who may not have access to, or are uncomfortable, sourcing information online and provided them with information on services and activities available in their locality. Like previous information events for older people, this event was advertised on various social media platforms and through the distribution of flyers to local business such as chemists, GPs, post-office etc. Similar to previous events, 97% of attendees were informed about the event through information flyers and posters, thus reiterating the need to continue to provide information to older people in-person rather than online.

Positive Ageing Week 2024



Positive Ageing week takes place from Monday 30th September with a continuation of last years' theme ***"Challenging Ageism".*** To support this theme a number of events have been organised throughout the county ranging from the OPC's Social Harvest to inspirational speakers in Huntstown and yoga classes in a number of community centres in Dublin 15.

A games afternoon will take place in Donabate-Portrane Community Centre with members of Donabate Active Age for All and members of the Dementia Café. This peer-to-peer games event will highlight the ability of older people with dementia to continue to engage and participate in activities.

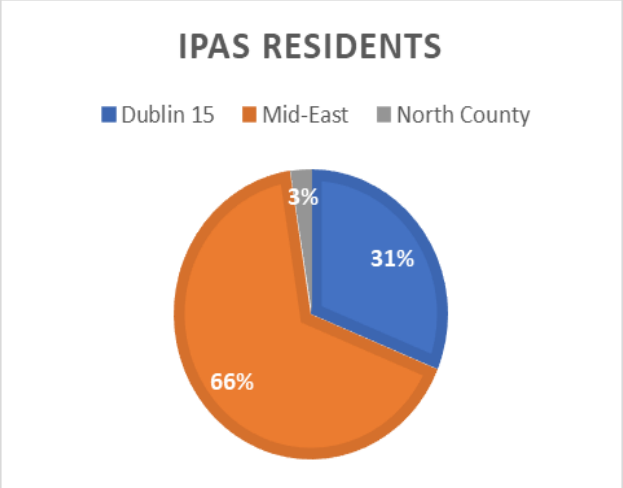
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

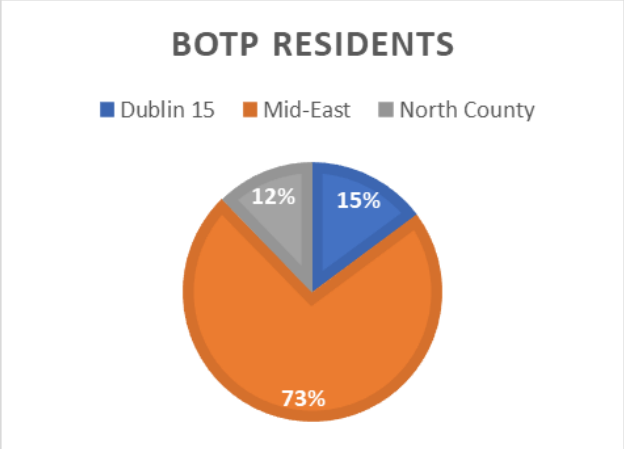
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

In September and October, the LAIT has hosted clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). The team provide support and guidance clinics and will, in collaboration with stakeholders, deliver an Expo in October to an accommodation centre housing 50+ aged out minors.
The following accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Response Team).

Geographical Area	Number in IPAS Accommodation	Number in BOTP Accommodation
North County	61	83
Mid-East	1656	491
Dublin 15	779	100
Total	**2496**	**674**

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:





Launch of the Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition



The Integration Team launched the ***Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice Exhibition*** which formed part of a national anti-racism campaign. The exhibition was developed in partnership with the Community Development Office, the University of Limerick, Doras, the Immigrant Council of Ireland and the Irish Network Against Racism.

The exhibition showcased a powerful visual arts collection of 9 unique storyboards showcasing the narratives and lived experiences of Irelands new communities which fosters a dialogue that champions diversity, equality and inclusion. The exhibition is now available on our website and will be displayed across Fingal in the coming months to promote anti-racism awareness.

Funding

Community Development Funding Initiatives
Fingal Safer Halloween

The Community Development Office is supporting 44 groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme which is an increase of 25% in the number of groups participating in 2023. 23 of the funded events are taking place in or close by locations where bonfires are prevalent.

The purpose of this programme is to provide recreational and diversionary activities for young people to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity. Participating projects promote the Fingal 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives undertaken by Fingal County Council including Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures and the Festival of Fire.

To compliment the safety message, 22 groups will participate in a local bulb planting programme in the area. Similar, to 2023 the Community Development Office is hosting an online Scarecrow competition. Participating households and community groups are invited to create a climate friendly scarecrow using everyday materials which will be displayed outdoors.

Closing date to entry is the 11th October https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-safer-halloween-scarecrow-compedition Public voting will be facilitated on - https://www.fingal.ie/safer-halloween where information on all Fingal Halloween Services is available.

Fingal Inclusion Week

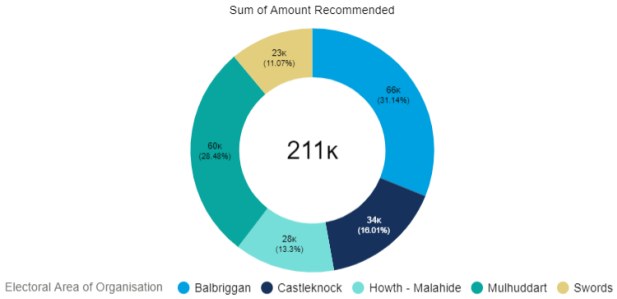
Fingal Inclusion Week is an initiative led by Fingal County Council and provides an opportunity to showcase the positive work that is being carried out by community groups and agencies that help reduce social exclusion and poverty in their communities.

Now in its sixth year, the Community Development Office is encouraging communities to participate by holding events across the county from Monday 11th of November to Sunday 17th of November. Some examples of events could include: inclusive yoga or fitness, photography exhibition, themed inclusive coffee morning, community choir/music sharing event, heritage walk, volunteer day, panel discussion, arts & crafts workshops, language exchange, cultural story telling night, community information day, inclusive or cultural awareness training.

A small bursary of €250 is available to groups participating. To register an event or apply for funding before the 4th October, please click here https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-inclusion-week-small-bursary-support

Community Activities Funding

Up to 26th September 2024



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.

Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **107** projects to the amount of **€210,538.40** so far in 2024

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

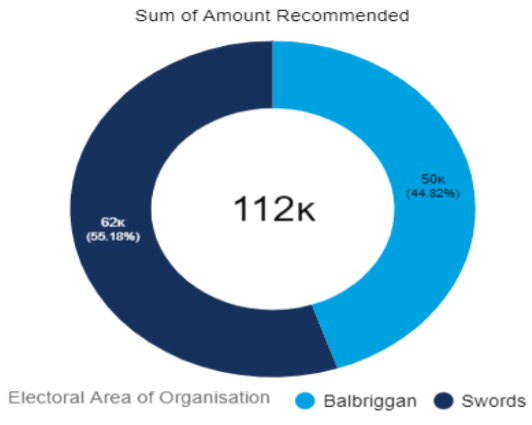
Howth Malahide – €21,747 – across 13 projects

Swords - €25,708 - across 13 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €93,668 – across 43 projects

North County Balbriggan - €74,851 - across 32 projects

Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme (CFRWG)



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

CFRWG Supported Projects

Ballyboughal Boxing Club Expansion



Ballyboughal Boxing Club has completed a new extension to their sports facilities which was 50% funded through the Council's Non Council-owned Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme (CFRWG).
The increased space in the training gym will now allow for an Olympic-sized boxing ring to be set up for the members to train in. The Club caters for many young people in the local rural area which includes the communities of Ballyboughal, Rolestown, Oldtown, Garristown, Naul and Lusk.
The club can now host other community-based activities such as a planned Safer Halloween Arts and Crafts day for the younger members and the club was also used as an event space to launch the 2023 LCDC community grants funding scheme.
The club is also installing an outdoor AED defibrillator which will be available to both the club and the community to use. The installation and purchase of the AED unit was funded by the Community Development Office Activity Funding Grant.

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Active Travel

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have progressed well over recent weeks with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. 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. There has been a supply issue in securing the lane separator's and we await the final ones to complete the north bound carriageway between Minister Road and Quickpenny Lane. The periodic speed limit signs have been installed and are operational during the set times. An Garda Siochána traffic division have been active along the route and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.







An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed once final bollards and road signs are complete. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

Seatown Road Swords:
The Project Team is continuing engagement with the NTA to progress the gateway report for approval and proceed to the next phase of the project. Works are ongoing to put in place the statutory requirements in advance of the next phase. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.

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 proposed walking and cycling infrastructure.
The Integrated Design Team is preparing an options report with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to the members and internal department later in the year.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Integrated Design Team is currently working with the Project Team to finalise concept designs and options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. 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 project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before handing over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor will be on site over the following month to address the snagging works and agree final account.

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The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the Contractor.

Pathfinder Pinnock Hill to Airport cycle paths:

An options report for the project has been submitted to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Consultation is ongoing with the relevant stakeholders including the DAA, NTA and their Bus Connects' project team.

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 2024-2026, 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.

Once the review of the Options Report is complete, the brief and tender documents will be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants for the preliminary design phase of the project.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents are currently being reviewed.

Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.

The indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



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 to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

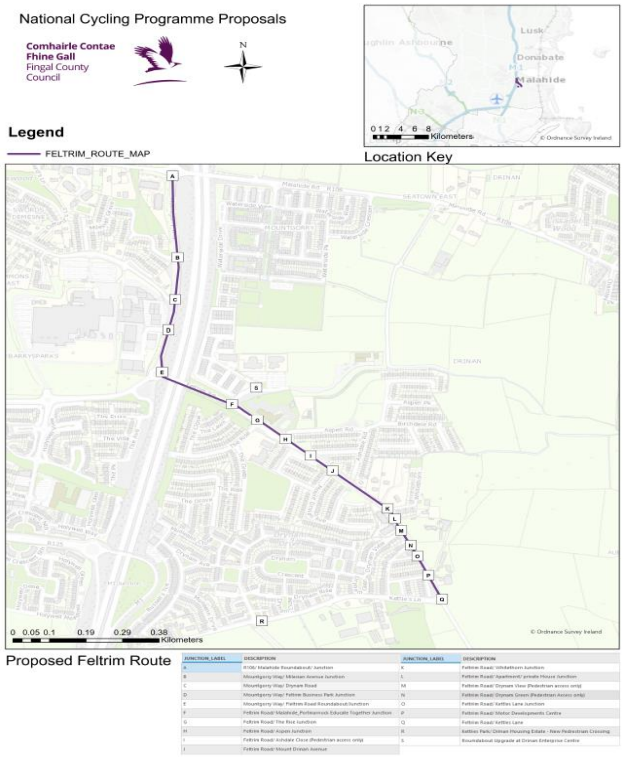
The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from concept development and options selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

The consultant will now scope and procure topographical surveys and begin the relevant information gathering.

Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025.

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.



BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. 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. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. 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.

A workshop was recently held with the NTA who are to provide feedback on the emerging preferred option to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design.

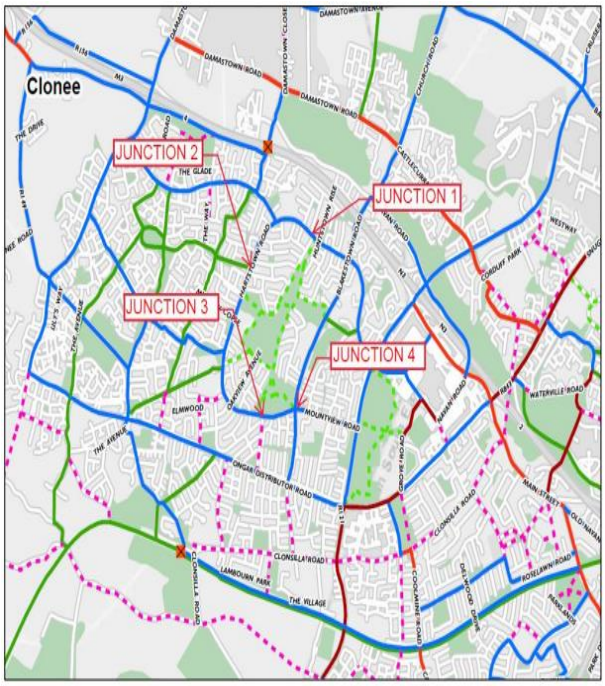
Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-stat public consultation on the scheme has just closed and all submissions have been forwarded to the designer for review. A public consultation report will issue and be published in due course.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

It is proposed to use a Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

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. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

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

Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.





Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery

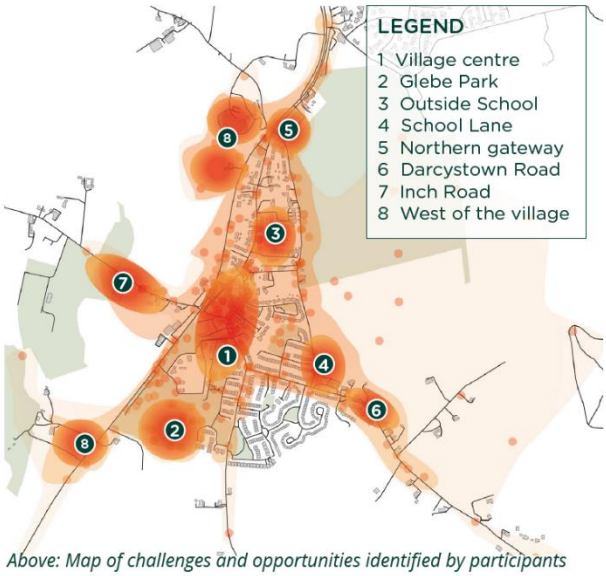
A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and survey are currently available on this webpage.

The Consultant is in the process of developing a plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan.

The emerging plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.







Above: Map of challenges and opportunities identified by participants

Skerries Active Travel Plan Appointment of preferred multi-disciplinary design consultant (DBFL Consultants) has now been completed with Contract signings taken place on Friday the 27th September. The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys will commence over the coming weeks.

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The information collected and collated as part of the public consultation will guide the team with the initial concepts and ideas for Skerries Active Travel Plan. We are planning to have our initial concepts and ideas prepared before the Christmas break so that we can engage with the local representative and present the concepts.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop: This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultants to assist with the non-statutory stakeholder engagement and help manage a number of local engagement events and workshops with residents, businesses and other local groups throughout September.



Feedback received from the stakeholders will be reviewed and considered by the project team to see if any changes and concerns raised can be amended in the overall design. The next step with be to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation and make any amendments that can be accommodated in advance of bringing the project forward for Part 8 planning.



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.

A permeability and connectivity project summary table are presented in Appendix 5.

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 Active Travel Unit have completed a Non-Statutory Public Consultation with observations or submissions received online between the 14/08/2024 and the 28/08/2024. The project has gone to tender to appoint a contractor for the construction of the project. If we are successful in securing a Contractor in the tender process we would hope to able to appoint them by the end of October.

Rush South Beach:

The project team and the Integrated Design Team 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.

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, and snagging on these landscaped areas is due to be carried out in the coming weeks.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county are currently being reviewed to increase the number of bicycle parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1

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

All works are complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS

All works are complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Bayside Junior & Senior School

All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract is making great progress at each of the three school sites in Dublin 15. Works to date have progressed well, with little or no disruption to the schools or traffic in each of the three areas. A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart

Works are substantially complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space and ducting has been installed for new public lighting. The road surface outside the school has been upgraded and new pencil bollards are in place just in time for the school opening.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

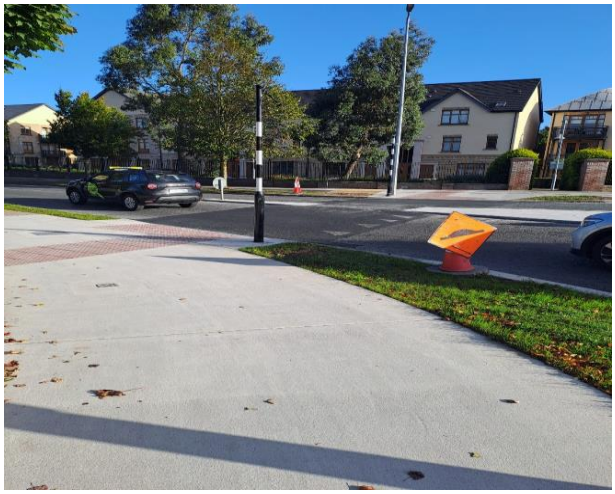
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin which the contractor expects to complete in the coming weeks, weather permitting.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works continue at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings are being installed at various locations to make it safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. All bollards are now installed with protected kerbs included at the busy 4 arm junction.



Scoil Choilm CNS

Round 2

An Taisce have 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 is 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 is 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 earlier this year. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school are now being developed and are currently at Construction stage with completion of the junction upgrade at snagging stage.

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 school area.
The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during October with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after the mid-term break.

Scoil Chormaic CNS Balbriggan:

Contractor has completing works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Scoil Chormaic CNS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also included the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.





Balscadden National School:

Our Contractor has completed works on the installation of Type B Zebra crossing at the entrance road to Balscadden NS to provide a safer crossing point for students travelling too and from the school. The works also include the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.
In addition new public lighting has been provided to ensure adequate lighting of crossing location.
The approach road has been resurfaced with an increase in the size of the Set Down area to improve the efficiency of movement through the area in the mornings and afternoons.

This has been a welcome improvement for the school and local community.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

STEM & Cycling Workshops

Over the course of September we held a series of Science and Cycling Workshops in our Parks. These 90min workshops focused on educating participants around wind and solar energy, engineering and propulsion as well as cycling skills like balance, stopping, turning and road safety. The courses are run by The Afterschool Club and follow on from our Summer Camp in Donabate.

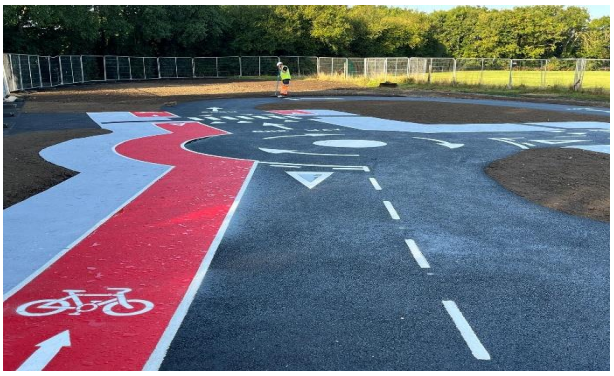


Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

Our learn 2 cycle with a disability sessions are continuing each week in Applewood, Rivervalley and Flemington. The courses have proved to be a huge success again this year and we are working on ways to expand them for 2025.

Learn 2 Cycle Track

The Learn 2 Cycle Track in Brackenstown is complete and is now in regular use by people in the community. An official launch will take place later in the Month and it is hoped that schools projects will begin on it over the next quarter.



Sofa to Saddle

A new Sofa to Saddle Course has started in St Catherine's Park on Tuesdays at 11am from the main car park. The group have been working away on their skills and are making great progress.

As part of European Week of Sport we partnered with Age & Opportunity to lead a 13km cycle along the Royal Canal Greenway. The day was a brilliant success, with most participants experiencing cycling outside of a park setting for the first time in many years. 18 people took part in what we hope will become an annual event.

We are currently finalising a full schedule of courses for next year.



Dublin Climate Action Week

As part of Dublin Climate Action week we supported our colleagues in Climate Action and Community at events in Millennium Park and Flemington Community Centre.

In Millennium Park, as part of the Climate Action Festival we had bike repair and pedal powered games for the public as well as an Active Travel information station.



In Flemington Community Centre we supported the Community Department rolling out their Keen to be Green Event. Here we had Bike Tattoos, Bike Safety Checks and a make your own handlebar bag sewing workshop.



Baldoyle Biodiversity Cycle

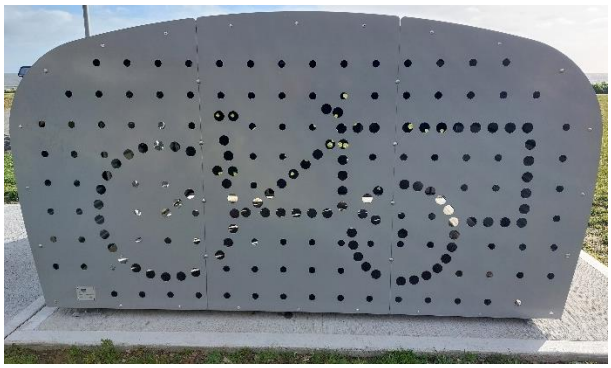
On Sunday 15th September we held a Biodiversity Cycle with the guys from Baldoyle Wildtown. The cycle was a great success and a big thank you to the team in Baldoyle for making it such an enjoyable experience.

This followed on from a recent visit to Baldoyle by Minister Eamon Ryan.



Public Shared eCargo Bike

We have extended the Dublin 15 eCargo Bike Share scheme with Bleeper Bike for another 12 months. The bike has been relocated to Laurel Lodge where it is available to hire through Bleeper Bike.



Ongar Bike Library

As part of European Mobility Week we have launched Fingal's first Community Bike Library.

The Bike Library gives people the chance to borrow an ebike, ecargo bike or longtail ecargo bike for an extended period of time.

The Library consists of 9 bikes and the initial participants will be contacted directly by Bleeper Bike in early October to arrange the collection of their bike.

The Bike Library is being run in conjunction with UCD and Bleeper Bike.



Mayors eCargo Bike

As part of his commitment to sustainable travel and climate action, Mayor of Fingal, Brian McDonagh recently took possession of a Dolly eCargo Bike for his term in office.

The bike is an open box ecargo bike and we look forward to seeing it at various events, meetings and appointments over the next 12 months.



The Bike Disco

Our 3rd Annual Bike Disco took place on Friday 20th September in the Phoenix Park. The event was attended by over 500 people and was a true celebration of European Mobility Week and Culture Night.



As part of the event, over 6km of the park was closed to traffic and an array of coloured lights illuminated the route.

The event is run in conjunction with Dublin City Council, The OPW and I Bike Dublin



This is our third year running the Bike Disco and the numbers have continually grown year on year, with potential for continued growth into the future, massive thank you to everyone who came, lit up and boogied!

Swords Walk & Talk – EWS Walk

As part of European Week of Sport, the Swords Mens Walk & Talk Group hosted an open walk for members of The Men's Sheds and other Walk & Talk Groups from around the County.

The 5km walk was led by Michael, Shea and Marcus and was a very enjoyable occasion for all who could make it.



Plant Blindness Walk

We partnered up with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns Group on Sunday 22nd of September to host a botanist led walk along the Royal Canal. The walk gave a fascinating insight into the nature that is all around us and encouraged people to get out walking in their locality.



Thornleigh ETNS School Street Day

As part of European Week of Sport, we hosted a school street event with Students from Thornleigh ETNS on Friday 27th September.



The event saw over 300 school children take over the road for the day with a road closure in place from 8am to 2:30pm. It was a wonderful experience for all the staff and students involved and showed what can be done when we reimagine road space.



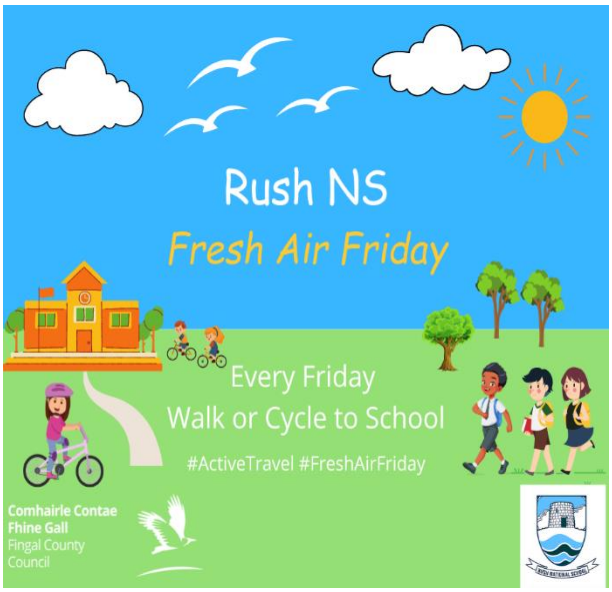
Schools Active Travel Day

Thursday 26th September was Schools Active Travel Day and to help promote the day we held a competition where schools could enter to win one of three €250 vouchers.

We had a huge number of schools take part and despite the wet weather on the day, reports back were incredibly positive.

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.



Winter Ready – ABC Bike Checks

On Saturday 28th September we started our 6 week get winter ready campaign for cyclists with our ABC Safety Checks.

Bike Mechanics from Cyclopedia were on hand in Baldoyle Community Hall between 11am – 1pm to offer cyclists a free three-point safety check.

The checks consisted of checking air pressure, brakes, and chain health.

Our next pop-up safety session is on Saturday 5th October in Donabate/Portrane Community Centre between 11am – 1pm.

ABC Checks – Full Schedule (all 11am – 1pm)
Saturday 28th September – Baldoyle Community Hall
Saturday 5th October – Donabate Portrane Community Centre
Saturday 12th October – Mulhuddart Community Centre
Saturday 19th October – Castleknock Community Centre
Saturday 26th October – Fingallians GAA Club
Saturday 2nd November – Castlelands Community Centre



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.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



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 August 2024; key statistics

1012 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May
1,034 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Saturdays (21.2%) and Sundays (17.9%).

Hartstown, Howth and Coolmine were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 275kg 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. There were 75 active TIER ebikes across Fingal in August.

TIER Mobility August 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,633
No of Customers	757
Trips / Customer	2.2
Distance Covered (KM)	6,605
Average Trip Duration	18.67mins
Average Trip length (KM)	4km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024

Dublin Climate Action Week took place from September 9th -15th. During this week, we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action.

Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the great work that is taking place across the County and during DCAW we saw events take place that not only demonstrated that but also highlighted Community Climate Action and the 6 themes of the Climate Action Plan. Events in Fingal took place in multiple formats such as demonstrations, talks, festivals, film screenings, walks and hands-on workshops. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).















Environmental Awareness

Shore to Sea Launch





The Shore to Sea Campaign launched on Friday September 20th in conjunction with Portmarnock Tidy Towns, Clean Coasts and St Marnock's NS. We aim to work with local community groups to highlight awareness around the detrimental impacts litter and pollutants can have on our precious marine life when placed in gullies. Groups are invited to use bespoke stencils to create anti-litter messages around coastal gullies.

A common source of litter placed in gullies are cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are made from the plastic and most abundant form of plastic waste- often ending up in gullies. It can take up to ten years for butts to break down and they can leak toxic chemicals. Many of our gullies in Fingal are linked to the sea, so it is vital that people are aware to dispose of cigarette butts and other forms of litter in the correct bins.

A new website for this campaign was created here https://www.fingal.ie/shore-sea-campaign-sea-starts-here with a sign up form for community groups and schools to sign up for this innovative anti- litter campaign.







Anti-Graffiti Webpage and Workshops



Anti- Graffiti webpage has been launched to provide information on anti-graffiti workshops and arts-based programming for young people.

Two Anti-Graffiti programmes have been launched:

1. **Sustainable Creative Fingal**
   These programmes will focus on linking community development with sustainability. Young people will focus on different innovative ways to channel their creativity from graffiti to video, zines and sanctioned murals
2. **Street Art Ink**
   This is an arts-based programme for youth groups and community centres in which young people will gain collaborative skills in creating a mural on environmental themes. Community Centres will then be able to display the mural.

Green Festival: Keen to be Green Flemington

The Green Festival, in conjunction with the Keen to be Green Programme, took place on Friday 13th September. Participants took part in circular economy educational activities such as a Fast Fashion Clothing Shop, WEE recycling collection with the ERP. Younger participants took part in a food waste workshop with the Cool Foods School and enjoyed sustainable toys and organic messy play from the Toy Box.



Climate Action Week: Composting Workshop with Global Action Plan



As part of Dublin Climate Action Week, the Environment and Climate Action team in conjunction with Global Action Plan, hosted a composting workshop. Participants learned about home composting techniques and the impact of reducing food waste and composting as a climate action.

Baby Kids Market: Applewood Community Centre

The Baby-Kids Market took place in Applewood Community Centre. This market facilitated the sale and sharing of baby and infant items such as prams, highchairs etc. This event was an example of circular economy in action, supporting parents in accessing quality, affordable second-hand infant goods while keeping these materials in the closed loop.



Community Climate Action Fingal

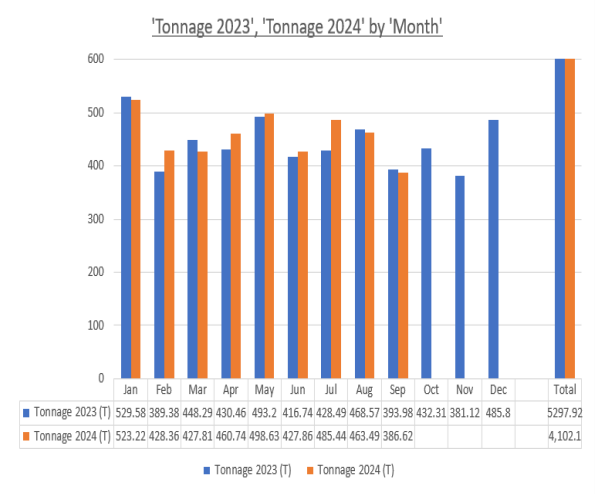
Community Climate Action Projects have stared to be implemented in the communities around Fingal. Payments are now in process for some groups. Solar panels are being installed around the county and other measures are planned.



Bring Centres

Bottle Banks

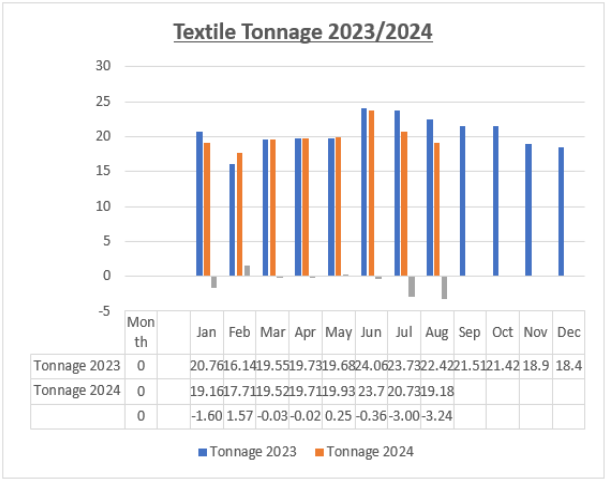
Total Glass tonnages collected in **September** were **387 (T).** Glass tonnages collected in September 2023 were 394 (T) by comparison.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tonnage 2023 (T)	529.58	389.38	448.29	430.46	493.2	416.74	428.49	468.57	393.98	432.31	381.12	485.8	5297.92
Tonnage 2024 (T)	523.22	428.36	427.81	460.74	498.63	427.86	485.44	463.49	386.62				4,102.1

Textiles Banks

Textiles Tonnages collected in **August 2024** were **19 (T).** This compares with Textiles tonnages of 22 (T) collected during August 2023.



Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tonnage 2023	0	20.76	16.14	19.55	19.73	19.68	24.06	23.73	22.42	21.51	21.42	18.9	18.4
Tonnage 2024	0	19.16	17.71	19.52	19.71	19.93	23.7	20.73	19.18				
	0	-1.60	1.57	-0.03	-0.02	0.25	-0.36	-3.00	-3.24				

Bottle Banks

Glass tonnages collected in September to date were 387 (T). This compares with 394 (T) collected in September 2023.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens completed daily inspections of the bring banks across Fingal during September. In cases where there is evidence identifying the person(s) guilty of illegal dumping, fines are issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

The Litter Wardens ensure that all rubbish is reported to the Operations Department for removal.



The Litter Wardens carry out regular inspections of roads across the county to ensure they are kept clean of muck and that construction sites have road sweepers in operation in line with their planning conditions.

They continue to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches. They target known hot spot areas and highlight the environmental impact it has on bathing waters whilst reinforcing the message of responsible dog ownership.
The Litter Wardens carried out patrols 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.

- Balbriggan
- Skerries
- Loughshinny
- Portmarnock
- Rush South
- Rush North
- Donabate
- Portrane
- Burrow beach, Sutton

They also erected additional anti-dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received and the signage was insufficient.



The Litter Wardens regularly conduct walking patrols, engaging with businesses regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter.



The annual litter quantification surveys continued throughout September. These enable the Litter Wardens to quantify the level of litter in the assessed areas and to identify any potential black spots or problematic locations.
There were 7 cases before the district court in September, all of which resulted in successful prosecutions for Fingal County Council.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	1

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Wardens under the CRM system for September.**

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CRMs September 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	14
General Litter Issue	16
Muck on road	1
Litter incident with witness	1
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	2
Abandoned cars	33
Annual surveys	42
Inspection of bottle banks	219
Inspection of dumping black spots	506
Unauthorised signage	1
Env - Miscellaneous	4
Dog fouling reports	4
Littering at bottle banks	15

Abandoned Cars

There have been 299 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 26th of September 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

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

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



Month	Abandoned Vehicles Removed			Burnt Out Vehicles Removed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0	2	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	5	0
July	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	3	0
September	0	3	0	0	0	0
October	2	0		0	0	
November	2	4		1	0	
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9

Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 43 complaints in relation to dogs from August 23rd to September 26th. In 2023 there were a total of 572 complaints received for the full year.

Service	No of complaints per service from 23 August 2024 to 26 September 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	8
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	16
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	7
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	7
Grand Total	43

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.

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 29 x 10 Day Notices, and 23 Fines issued by the dog wardens during September 24.

The dog wardens concentrated on patrolling the parks and beaches for the summer months and do not do door to door license checks during this period.

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	29	109	88	35	€3550	€2,644.20
August	15	140	52	21	€4050	€1,500
September	29	125	23	40	€2700	€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	1753	1597	392	477	€21,530	€31,372

XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st 2024, new regulations will prohibit the importing, breeding, selling and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides. This Certificate of Exemption will be unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and will specify the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It will also specify the dog owner's name, address, date of birth and contact number. Owners may be required to present their Certificate of Exemption to a Dog Warden within 10 days of a request to do so. For more information contact controlofdogs@fingal.ie

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during September 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	841	766	49	47	€23,680	€21,900
August	680	838	51	51	€20,740	€23,900
September	888	759	62	48	€26,440	€21,900
October		670		30	€	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980
December		626		37	€	€17,700
Total for year	7493	7964	547	578	€226,540	€240,180

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



Dog Shelter Service

Dublin County Dog Shelter holds "Meet and Greet" visits for anyone looking to rehome a dog. Visits can be arranged by calling the shelter and arranging an appointment. These visits can be arranged from Monday – Friday from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 3.30pm. The shelter is also open on Saturday from 11am – 1pm. The shelter is closed to the public on Sundays. The dog shelter holds stray dogs picked up by the dog warden and dogs who have been surrendered by their owners either to the dog wardens or directly to the shelter.

At the beginning of September there were 18 dogs in the shelter. During September 2024, 15 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as strays or surrenders. Of these 33 dogs, 1 was reclaimed, 5 were rehomed by members of the public and 5 were rehomed to charities. At the end of September there are 22 dogs remaining in the shelter. The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter and Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of September 2023	16	Dogs in Shelter at start of September 2024	18
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	23	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	17	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	7	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	16	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	1	Rehomed to Public	5
PTS	2	PTS	0
Dogs in Shelter at the end of September 2023	**30**	**Dogs in shelter at 26.9.2024**	**22**





Daisy came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed! 💔 We think Daisy is a bull terrier crossed collie roughly 8 months old who is looking for her forever home.



Kathleen is also looking for her forever home, she came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed! She is a cane Corso, approximately 2 years old.

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 15 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

Bathing Water Quality Report 2024

The annual bathing water season commenced on the 1st of June 2024 and ended on the 15th of September 2024 where Fingal County Council monitored and managed their 10 designated bathing areas in accordance with the 2008 Bathing Water Regulations.

The 2024 Bathing Water season included 9 sampling rounds of bathing water at 9 of the designated bathing areas and 16 sampling rounds at the designated bathing area Front Strand, Balbriggan.

Sampling frequency was increased at Front Strand, Balbriggan for 2024 as Fingal County Council was requested to provide evidence of a significant "change" in bathing water quality following the removal of a significant pressure from the contributing catchment in 2023.

The EPA may be able to reclassify the current bathing water status at Balbriggan if the sample results for the 2024 samples proved the finding and removal of pollution source of 2023 was significant.

Fingal County Council also sampled 1 non-designated bathing area namely Malahide Beach.

The identified and non-identified bathing waters are listed in Table 1.

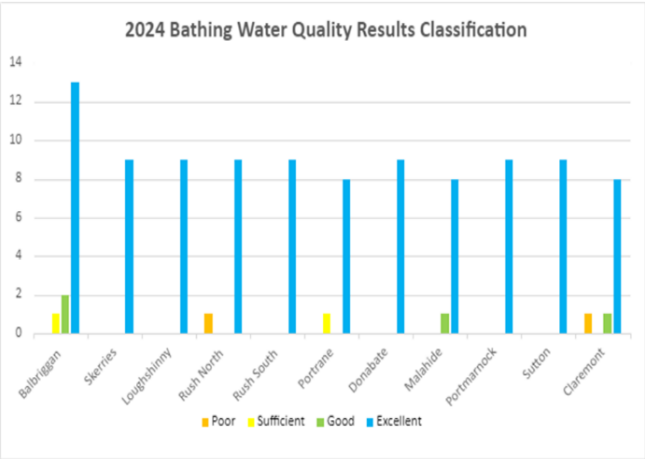
Identified Bathing Waters	Non-Identified Bathing Waters
Balbriggan Front Strand Beach	Malahide Beach
Skerries South Strand	
Loughshinny Beach	
Rush North Beach	
Rush South Beach	
Portrane, The Brook Beach	
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	
Sutton, Burrow Beach	
Howth, Claremont Beach	

Interpretation of Results

Bathing water quality sample results are rated as being either of Excellent, Good, Sufficient or Poor Status pending the number of Escherichia Coli (E.coli) and Intestinal Enterococci (Enterococci) colonies identified in each water sample.

The following graph, Graph 1.1 below, details the bathing water status achieved in every sample collected and tested at each of the bathing areas in 2024;

Graph 1.1



Bathing sampling results for the most part in 2024 were determined to be of "excellent" status even though some pre-season samples raised concerns that a potential challenging season may lie ahead which thankfully didn't materialise.

Pre-season replacement samples were required to be taken on the 28th of May at Claremont beach, Howth and Rush North as the initial first pre-season samples on 22nd May were found to have elevated E.coli results beach (Poor status) where all repeat samples proved to be of excellent water quality. In total during the 2024 bathing water season there was a requirement for four additional unscheduled re-samples.

The results of all bathing water samples collected and tested from all the identified and unidentified bathing waters in 2024 are detailed in Appendix 1.

2024 Bathing Water Season Weather Conditions:

Heavy rainfall and lower levels of UV light exposure during a bathing water season is intrinsically linked to a higher risk of the designated bathing water quality not meeting with the requirements of the bathing water regulations.

The summer months of 2024 saw the lowest seasonal total rainfall (104.7 mm at Dublin Airport, Co Dublin) since 2018. The season's highest temperature was reported at Phoenix Park, Co Dublin on Monday 24th June with a temperature of 26.6 °C (the lowest maximum summer temperature for Ireland since 2015). June and July were described as dry and cool. August saw most of the rainfall of the summer.

In 2024 Fingal County Council did not experience a repeat of the heavy rainfall events which occurred in Summer 2023, however did experience one significant storm on the 22nd and 23rd of August, namely Storm Lilian, which brought widespread heavy rain and strong winds. The resulting heavy resulted in an increase in stormwater overflows and consequentially bathing prohibition notices were required at Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock and Claremont beach.

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Total rainfall in millimetres for DUBLIN AIRPORT 2024

Year	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
2024	37	30	38	37	42	184
2023	36	49	149	119	123	477
2022	48	44	30	35	128	284
2021	84	13	73	65	42	276
2020	9	70	99	87	61	326
Long Term Average	60	67	56	73	60	

Incidents and Actions

Most individual bathing water sample results throughout the 2024 bathing season were determined to be of "excellent" water quality status.

Preseason bathing water sampling takes place between 22nd May and 31st May. If a sample is found to be less than excellent an investigation is conducted and the beach resampled.

1 Prohibition Notice at Claremont beach, Howth and 1 Advisory Notice was issued at Rush North beach for pre-season samples (as directed by the EPA).

However, these were resampled and met excellent water quality samples on 28/5/24, and the previous results were replaced and are not included in the dataset for assessment of classification.

2 No. Prohibition Notices were issued for bathing areas during the bathing season both raised on 23rd August (Storm Lilian) for overflows reported by Uisce Éireann. These notices were issued as a precaution due to stormwater overflow incidents at Portmarnock Strand Pumping Station and Deer Park Pumping Station, Howth.

Appendix 6 details the scheduled and unscheduled sampling dates at each beach during 2024 and the single sample status result. It also details when a Prohibition Notice was issued.

Bathing Water Classifications:

Classification of a bathing water is based on a calculation including 4 years of bathing water quality results, using a percentile evaluation of all bacterial enumerations in the data set. Each bathing water is given a classification status of "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor" water quality status based on a 95%-ile of the scheduled water quality sample results for the current year's results and the previous 3 years.

Unscheduled or investigative samples are not included in the data set for the classification. The bathing water assessment and classification is carried out in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008 and as per the Regulations, the mandatory requirement for bathing water quality over a 4-year assessment period is at least "sufficient".

The EPA will classify each bathing water as "excellent," "good," "sufficient" or "poor," by the 31st of December 2024. In applying the 95%-ile calculation the EPA is likely to assign the bathing water classifications as detailed in Appendix 2.

Blue Flag Beaches

Water quality at Fingal County Council's two blue flag designated bathing areas, namely Portmarnock, Velvet Strand and Donabate, Balcarrick Beach remained at "excellent" water quality for 2024. Accordingly, applications for Blue Flag awards at Portmarnock and Donabate will be made again for next year, subject to relevant 2025 application criteria set by An Táisce.

Collaborative cross departmental/agency water pollution investigative work took place prior to and during the 2023 and 2024 bathing seasons, which enabled Fingal County Council to address foul sewer misconnections to the surface water drainage network.

In terms of environmental awareness Fingal County Council initiated environmental educational campaigns to cover the area of dog fouling to try and prevent controlling certain pollution sources that could cause a failure of a bathing water.

This year two educational events took place on 4th June (Front Strand beach, Balbriggan) and 7th August (Loughshinny beach) which included the free distribution of dog waste bags to interested dog owners who were visiting the beaches by Dog Wardens, Litter wardens and Environment staff.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal on the Move

Following the success of the Fingal summer programme Parkfit, Fingal Sports Office are running a fitness programme Fingal on the Move to engage or re-engage adults into exercise within the community.

These programmes will run in Balbriggan, Rush, Swords, Howth and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Toddler Programme

Fingal Sports Office completed research in 2022 in Tyrrelstown Community Centre in partnership with Technological University Dublin Blanchardstown to firstly provide an engaging experience to promote toddlers developmental milestones (18-36 months) while also building connections with the community through parents interacting. The research at the beginning found 76% of the parents who attended were isolated after covid with no outlets for their toddlers and they also were not aware of what programmes were ran in their community. The toddler programme is now a successful Fingal programme ran across Fingal with classes starting back in October in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Fingal's Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office regularly run older adult programmes; they will now all go under the name Fingal Active for Life programme. These programmes involve light exercise to encourage movement, build muscle and support bones for over 55s. The programmes will be ran in Balbriggan, Lusk, Swords, Baldoyle and Blanchardstown.



Communities Get Moving Fund 2024

Thirty-one community groups and organisations were awarded funding under the Community Get Moving Fund for 2024. The Fund is designed to help community groups add sport or physical activity to their core purpose. All applicants must be member of Fingal Public Participation Networks. Here is a list of those who were awarded the funding:

98th Dublin Scouting Ireland	Huntstown Family Resource Centre
Active Age for All (Donabate/Portrane)	Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (Balseskin)
Balbriggan and Skerries fishing club	Lusk Community Council
Balbriggan Cancer Support Group	Lusk Men's Shed
Baldoyle Family Resource Centre	Luttrellstown Community Centre
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society	Mountview Family Resource Centre.
Balscadden District Community Council	Mulhuddart Community Centre CLG
Blanchardstown ICA Guild	Oldtown Community Council
Castleknock Community Centre	Ongar Community Centre
Castleknock Wellbeing Group	Rivervalley & Rathingle Community Centre
Corduff Community Resource Centre	Rush Men's Shed
Corduff Sports Centre	Skerries Neighbourhoods Network
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre	Swords ICA
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	Swords Men's Shed
Dublin 15 Pickleball	Women's Shed Clonee
Heart and Soul Friendship Group (Hartstown)	



Sport Ireland Evaluation Funding (Sports Con)

Fingal Sports Office has successfully secured Sport Ireland Evaluation Grant Funding. This funding will be used to evaluate the Sports Conditioning programme which has been delivered very successfully in 80 schools and clubs throughout Fingal for the last number of years The objective of Sports Con is to improve children's fundamental movement skills which research suggests is a major indicator of long-term sport and physical activity participation. The funding will be used to collaborate with TUD to complete a Masters or Research Dissertation on the project. Currently the programme has resulted in 15-20% improvements in fundamental movement skills conducted by internal assessment from the Sports Office over 5 years in 80 primary schools in Fingal. It is envisaged that academic research can both validate and enhance current practice to establish a bespoke Movement Skill Model that schools and especially clubs can use as best practice to improve long term physical activity youth development.





MarathonKids 2024

Fingal County Council, partnering with Marathonkids Ireland for its 10th year, launched this year's programme on 16th September. Over 3,000 students from 31 schools across Fingal County are participating in this year's programme. The eight-week programme, which targets 5th and 6th class primary school students, involves students running four sessions each week, inching them closer to completing their first marathon. Students also learn about the physical, mental, and social benefits of exercise. The finale will see the students running their last mile and completing the marathon at DCU Morton Stadium on November 12th and 13th. For this year's programme we have introduced a progress chart, for classes to track their daily runs and weekly live calls with Marathonkids ambassador, David Gillick.





Fingal's iCoachKids Regional Conference

During European Week of Sport, Fingal Sports Office and Dublin City Sports Partnership collaborated with Sport Ireland Coaching to present an iCoachKids Conference to over 150 underage coaches, the conference discussed being child centred and was a great benefit to all coaches who attended.



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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of September 2024 is running at 86%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€139.1m
Rates collected %	86%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of August is €17.3m this is c.92**%** of the overall collection for same period in 2023.

Development Levy Income	
Levies Receipted	€17.3m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	92%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of September is €66.7m which is c. **101%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€66.7m
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 September 2024

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	74,826,749	105,932,600	71%	78,837,233	108,268,800	73%	-4,010,485
Road Transport & Safety	26,527,870	36,130,600	73%	6,677,701	9,056,100	74%	19,850,169
Water Services	12,548,175	14,369,700	87%	12,734,031	17,039,600	75%	-185,856
Development Management	27,251,356	20,845,600	131%	16,613,508	6,574,000	253%	10,637,848
Environmental Services	36,815,144	48,453,500	76%	8,527,532	10,947,500	78%	28,287,613
Recreation & Amenity	41,574,774	56,603,300	73%	3,265,221	4,841,800	67%	38,309,553
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,555,371	1,513,800	103%	296,723	409,700	72%	1,258,647
Miscellaneous Services	18,375,415	21,972,500	84%	21,712,284	29,279,600	74%	-3,336,869
Central Management Charge	40,735,617	56,075,600	73%	3,070,760	3,969,700	77%	37,664,857
Local Property Tax / GPG				9,274,725	12,366,300	75%	-9,274,725
Rates				119,358,075	159,144,100	75%	-119,358,075
	280,210,470	**361,897,200**	**77%**	**280,367,794**	**361,897,200**	**77%**	**-157,324**

Appendix 1 (b)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/09/2024						
		Balance at 0/01/2024 €		Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/09/2024 €
A	Housing & Building	-25,708,012		148,344,644	-103,900,236	18,736,396
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,742,410		39,762,411	-20,443,022	31,061,799
C	Water Services	-11,305,335		1,537,737	-1,329,471	-11,097,069
D	Development Management	-142,996,695		27,385,632	-22,619,163	-138,230,226
E	Environmental Services	-14,590,477		2,112,082	-1,719,507	-14,197,902
F	Recreation & Amenity	-18,558,433		26,253,305	-6,678,308	1,016,564
H	Miscellaneous Services	-48,898,202		9,608,240	-11,480,490	-50,770,452
	Total	**-250,314,744**		**255,004,051**	**-168,170,197**	**-163,480,890**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/09/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 30/09/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,534	€22,495,518	€21,305,500	€1,190,017
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,033,556	€211,431	€1,822,125
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,669,086	€5,135,648	€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 Liaison 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	Construction 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 Cemetery	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	Concrete 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 Balleally 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 - Bathing Water Results 2024

Identified Bathing Water Scheduled Sample Results				
2024 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	**Total** Poor*
Scheduled	90	3	2	97 (2 pre-season) replaced
Unscheduled	3	1	0	4 0
Total	93	4	2	**101** 2
Non-Identified Bathing Water Scheduled Samples				
2024 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	**Total** Poor
Malahide	8	1	0	9 0
Grand Total	101	5	2	**110** 2

Appendix 4
Potential Changes in 2024 EPA Bathing Water Classifications

"Excellent"	"Good"	"Sufficient"	"Poor"
Donabate **(no change)**	Sutton **(no change)**	Loughshinny **(improved from poor at end of 2023 season)**	
Portmarnock **(no change)**	Rush South Beach **(no change)**	Howth and Claremont Beach **(no change)**	
Rush North Beach **(improved to "excellent")**	Skerries **(improved from "sufficient")**	*Portrane **(decline from "good")**	
	Balbriggan **(potential for classification "change" needs to be approved by EPA – 2024 16 no. samples as "good" but this is just a single year).**		

**The decline in the status at Portrane Beach is due to the statistical analysis over a 4-year period; a number of "excellent" single sample results in 2020 were replaced with a mixture of "excellent" and "good" single sample results in 2024, thereby leading to a decline in the 4-year classification period 2020-2024.*

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Appendix 5

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 2024-2026, 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. Once the review of the Options Report is complete, the brief and tender documents will be prepared and finalised to appoint consultants for the preliminary design phase of the project.
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 completing works to address feedback from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. Once work are complete the final account will be arranged and the project will be handed over to Fingal's Operations Department for maintenance.
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	Tender evaluation for design consultants complete and official appointment of consultant underway with expected start on design services for this project in Q4 2024.
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	Contractor completing final bollard and sign installation with expected completion date for construction works in September. Stage 3&4 Road Safety Audit to follow and final account.
FCC/22/0011	Skerries – Harbour Road €150,000	Project team has engaged M-CO Communication Consultant to assist with non-statutory stakeholder engagement with local businesses and residents at a number of events and workshops in September 2024.
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 September 2024.
FCC/22/0015	Rush South Beach (Bawn Rd across carpark and out to South Shore. €500,000	We are continuing engagement with Property Section about acquisition of lands in this area. Works are also ongoing to look at options in this area that will serve not only this project but that will benefit the Fingal Coastal way route options. further discussions with landowner are scheduled.
FCC/22/0016	New Street Public Realm Project €300,000	Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	Appointment of integrated design ongoing with design works expected to start on the Skerries Active Travel Plan in September 2024.

FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review €50,000	The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here: https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and survey are currently available on this webpage. The Consultant is in the process of developing a plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches and are being put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan. The emerging plan (and component projects) will be presented to the public in Q4, 2024.
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 to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddy's Hill via Naomh Mearnog GAA €100,000	Brief and Tender documents have been prepared for a Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents are currently being reviewed. Enabling works have been completed to provide connectivity from Paddy's Hill Car Park to St. Helen's Junior School and Limetree Avenue. This included tree surgeon works, footpath works, new access points to the school, ramps, table-top crossings, dropped kerbs and ramps on the carriageway on Paddy's Hill.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	

FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to carry out a topographical survey has been completed with survey works starting May 2024.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0018	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport Quick Build €500,000	Project team have engaged an Integrated Design Team to work on the project. Preferred Options report has been completed and is going through discussion and consultation with the Statutory stakeholder at present.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Construction is underway at this site.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	All works are substantially complete for this project and the Employer's representative is currently managing the final account with the contractor and release of retention monies.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	The Consultant has been appointed to lead an Integrated Design Team to deliver the project from Concept Development and Options Selection, through construction to project completion and handover.

		The consultant will now scope and procure topographical surveys and begin the relevant information gathering. Current projections indicate that preliminary design will commence in Q2, 2025. 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.
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 6

Permeability & Connectivity Project Summary

Project		Location	Description	Status	Photographs
Beaverstown Road Works		Donabate	• New section of footpath installed • New fencing • New planting	**Completed**	
St Theresa's Work		Balbriggan	• Installation of Pencil Bollards	**Completed**	
Scoil Chormaic Works		Balbriggan	• Zebra crossing installed • Pencil Bollards installed	**Completed**	

Balscadden Works		Balscadden	• Zebra crossing installed • New public lighting • Bollards installed • Road resurfacing • New line markings	**Completed**	 
Wild Cat Lane Works		Skerries	• New surfacing • New footpath section • Resurfacing • Public Realm improvements	**To Tender**	

Appendix 7
Classification Standards for 2024 Bathing Season

2024 Bathing Season

Classification Standards for Bathing Waters (Single Sample Status Assessment)

			Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor					
Date	Balbriggan	Skerries	Loughshinny	Rush North	Rush South	Portrane	Donabate	Malahide	Portmarnock	Sutton	Howth
22-May-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	**Poor
^28/05/2024				Excellent^							Excellent^
04-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
10-Jun-24	Excellent										
17-Jun-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
24-Jun-24	Excellent										
01-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
08-Jul-24	Excellent										
15-Jul-24	Excellent						Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
16-Jul-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
22-Jul-24	Sufficient										
*30-Jul-24	Good *	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent					
31-Jul-24							Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
06-Aug-24	Excellent								8th - o/flow		
12-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
19-Aug-24	Excellent								17th blockage		
23-Aug-24									*** 2 o/flows		***1 o/flow
26-Aug-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Sufficient	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
*28-Aug-24						Good*			notice lifted		notice lifted
02-Sep-24	Good								5th - o/flow		
*09-Sep-24	Excellent										
11-Sep-24	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
15-Sep-24	End	of	Bathing	Season							
											no resample

* Indicates a re-sample wa

** Prohibtion Notice issued at this beach following the "poor" result

Advisory Notice issued at this beach following "suficient" result

*** Prohibition Notice issued at this beach due to a pump station overflow

Appendix 8
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	Ballough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	**10** 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q4 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	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush - Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	St. Ita's, Portrane Portrane Ave - Google Maps	**5** Restoration of existing cottages.	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q1 2025
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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	**36 social** 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026

Appendix 8 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 social** 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q1 2025	Q1 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 social** 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 social** 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 social** 4x 1 Bed 4x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	**57 social** 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	Tender under evaluation.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W – Google Maps	**217** 107 Social 110 Affordable	ABP approved planning Q4 2023.	Q1 2025	Q4 2026

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	**14 social** 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	Tender package progressing well.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	**18 social** 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	Tender package being prepared.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**274** 151 Affordable 123 Social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**175** 112 affordable 63 social	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W – Google Maps	**119** 39 x 1 Bed 68 x 2 Bed 12 x 3 Bed	On Hold	TBC	TBC

Appendix 8 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	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	**80 -120**	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	**34**	Design pack issued.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
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	**172** 86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC

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

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Long Term Leasing

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

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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ITEM NO. 28a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – AIRCRAFT NOISE PRESENTATION

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council invite representatives of St. Margaret's The Ward (SMTW) to brief the Members in this Chamber on the impact of Aircraft Noise and related matters on the day of the November Council meeting, Monday 11th November 2024."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the briefing referred to will be arranged. The only available time to hold a briefing is 2.30pm on the 11th of November 2024.

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

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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Dear Councillor

Congratulations on your successful Local Election.

Cllr. Brian Lawlor, of South Dublin County Council, here. I am your newly elected General Secretary of LAMA.

Congratulations to Cllr. Damien Ryan, from Mayo, who was elected Chair of LAMA.

Your LAMA Officer Board has been busy planning for our Autumn Seminar which will take place on the:

17th and 18th of October in the Newgrange Hotel in Navan, Co. Meath, Eircode C15 A6WV.

The training fee for the Autumn Seminar is €170 per attendee. Your Local Authority pays this fee for you, please book through them.

Rooms can be booked directly with hotel at a rate of €129.00 Double/Twin room, €99 Single room per night.

The full programme will be sent to you as soon as it is finalised.

If you are a first-time Councillor this will be a great opportunity not just to come and hear from our guest speakers, but also to meet colleagues from around the country.

If you are a newly elected member, here's what you need to know about LAMA:

- The LAMA Executive is made up of one Councillor from every Local Authority. You elected your representative at your recent AGM or the meeting afterwards.
- LAMA liaises with the Minister and Department of Local Government to advance issues of relevance to Councillors
- LAMA offers a free confidential service for Councillors who experience any mental health challenges (simply email councillor.confidential@lama.ie to arrange an appointment with a trained mental health professional)
- Every year LAMA run the All Ireland Community and Council Awards, this is an opportunity for you to recognise community groups / initiatives in your Local Authority. Our next Awards will be held on the 22nd of February in Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork.
- LAMA organise two Seminars every year, one in Autumn and one in Spring. These are an opportunity for you to learn from special guest speakers and from your colleagues. They run over two days and end with a banquet dinner.

LAMA works in the best interest of its members at all time. If you have any issues, as a Councillor, please do not hesitate to contact your LAMA representative in your Local Authority who can escalate it to us on your behalf.

Looking forward to working with and representing you.

Regards,

Councillor Damien Ryan, Chair & Councillor Brian Lawlor, General Secretary

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council

Ms. Catherine Martin T.D.
Minister for Tourism Arts Culture Gaeltacht Sport and Media
23 Kildare Street
Dublin 2
D02 TD30

Date: 2nd September 2024
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Minister

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Keogh
SECONDED by Cllr. Fitzmaurice
It was **AGREED** to send a letter to the Minister for Finance Jack Chambers and Minister for Tourism Catherine Martin seeking the reintroduction of the 9% VAT rate for the hospitality sector.

At the request of the Council, I would be obliged to receive your reply to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
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Mr. Jack Chambers T.D.
Minister for Finance
Government Buildings
Upper Merrion Street
D02 R583

Date: 2nd September 2024
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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
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Mr. Eamonn Ryan T.D.
Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin
D02 X285

Date: 2nd September 2024
Re: Notice of Motion - Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Minister

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

NOTICE OF MOTION 16.24 HOUSEHOLD WASTE DISPOSAL
On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Frain
SECONDED by Cllr. Keogh
It was **AGREED** to write to the Minister for Environment seeking the imposition of tougher and increased new fines to deter illegal dumping.

At the request of the Council, I would be obliged to receive your reply to this matter at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

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Carrick on Shannon
County Leitrim
N41 PF67

6th September 2024

All Local Authorities

Our Ref: LCC 2024-0901

Re: Reduce Vat rate from 13.5% to 9%

A Chara,

At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council, the members passed the following resolutions:

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Finance, Jack Chambers to reduce the VAT rate from 13.5% to 9% for the hospitality sector. With the amount of cafes, restaurants and pubs shutting due to increased operating costs, the cost of living impacting visitors and footfall, and inflation impacting prices, this sector is being significantly and badly impacted. I ask for this motion be approved and sent to other County Councils for their consideration and support".

"**That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Finance, and the Government to again look at reducing the VAT rate from 13.5% back to 9% for the food and restaurant sector. Restaurants & cafes are finding it extremely difficult to survive with the current rate of VAT."**

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

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CC: Minister for Finance, An Taoiseach

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6th September 2024

Minister Eamon Ryan
Minister of Transport
Department of Transport
Leeson Lane
Dublin 2,
D02 TR60

Our Ref: LCC 2024-0908

Re: Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve

Dear Minister Ryan

At the September meeting of Leitrim County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council write to Eamon Ryan, Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications expressing our deep concern and disappointment with government plans to build a Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve in Ireland in the form of a Fracked Gas Import Terminal as per action 17 of the Energy Security in Ireland to 2030 (Energy Security Package) published November 2023. We ask him to change the new policy and instead ban LNG terminals in Ireland, in policy and in line with the May 2021 Policy Statement on the Importation of Fracked Gas without conditions and in line with the Programme for Government."

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

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NOAC
National Oversight and Audit Commission
An Coimisiúin Náisiúnta Maoirseachta agus Iniúchóireachta

Dear Councillor,

The National Oversight & Audit Commission (NOAC) has just published its 10th annual Local Authority Performance Indicator Report.

The report provides measurable and meaningful indicator data on progress, and performance of local authorities on 45 separate indicators over 11 distinct areas. Some of the report's findings are shown below, but you may find it useful to look at indicators relative to your particular local authority.

Indicative key Indicators

- The overall vacancy percentage of directly provided local authority stock is now at **2.81%** down from **3.03%** in 2022.
- **Average Re-letting Time** in 2023 was **33.72 weeks,** an improvement on 35.22 weeks in 2022.
- The number of **rented dwellings inspected** was **50,436,** a rise from 40,282 in 2022**.**
- **70,584** pollution complaints were made to local authorities in 2023.
- The total number of **library visits** in 2023 was **13,879,927**, with **16,219,445 items issued** to library members.
- **299,333.79** days were lost to certified sick leave by the local authority sector in 2023.
- **1,278** separate **websites** are being operated by the 31 local authorities.
- **Six** local authorities showed a **deficit on the Revenue Account** at the end of 2023.

At the launch of the report the **Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage** said: "This 10th Anniversary Performance Indicator Report is evidence of our local government's dedication to excellence and accountability."

Michael McCarthy, Chair of NOAC: "Local government continues to demonstrate its resilience and ability to embrace and adapt to new demands and priorities. In addition, they are also facing increasing demands and rising costs, which makes financial management and sustainability more important than ever."

It is hoped that this 10th Annual Local Authority Performance Indicator Report will support local government in their ongoing efforts a high standard of service and accountability to their communities.

The report can be found at the link below;

https://www.noac.ie/noac_publications/report-71-noac-performance-indicator-report-2023/

Printed copies of the report will be available in due course. Please contact the NOAC Secretariat by email at NOAC@housing.gov.ie if you wish to receive a copy.

Yours sincerely



Claire Gavin
Head of Secretariat

20 September 2024

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Ms. Nikki Halleran
CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie

September 2024

Our Ref: CHG-MO-03050-2024

Dear Ms. Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence regarding "Motion 35- Council Meeting 13th February 2023 –Introduction of pilot scheme for artists with disabilities".

I note the motion which called on the Minister for Social Protection "to introduce of a new pilot scheme for artists with disabilities to co–exist for the duration of the Basic Income for the Arts pilot scheme". In the first instance it is important to note that eligibility for social welfare supports is a matter for the Minister for Social Protection and Minister Martin does not have any statutory function in that regard. It is worth nothing that the BIA was open to artists with disabilities and 6.9% of the applications received were from those with a disability. It

The pilot scheme is a three-year research programme to examine the impact a basic income style payment could have on artists and creative arts workers and their creative practice. A key research question is the impact such a payment could have on artists with disabilities.

Minister Martin was determined since the outset of the BIA pilot scheme, that artists with disabilities would be in a position to participate in the scheme to the greatest extent possible within the legislative framework to ensure the research captured the experience of disabled artists. To that end, bilateral engagement was conducted between this Department and the Department of Social Protection, to get agreement that the payment will be treated as earnings from self-employment, and can be taken into account in earnings disregards that apply to many social welfare payments, including Disability Allowance. That means that the basic income for the arts be treated like any other income a person on social welfare earns from employment.

Minister Martin is advised that as part of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy (2017-2022) the respective Steering Group is considering any actions required by Government Department's on foot of the Cost of Disability Report (commissioned by the Department of Social Protection in the context of income supports). The Minister has noted the contents of this report, and the fact that people with disabilities more generally, not just artists, face additional costs when they enter the workforce. The Minister of State with responsibility for disability, Deputy Anne Rabbitte, is chairing the Group and this is the most appropriate forum in which actions arising from the report can be driven forward.

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Officials from this Department held an in-person Disabled Artist Stakeholder Meeting in June 2023. It was agreed that regular engagement should continue in this area between all stakeholders, including the Arts Council, Arts Disability Ireland, Safe to Create and individual disabled artists

This Department continues to action measures to support disability matters across the various sectors under its remit, and will continue to engage with stakeholders accordingly. In addition, the Arts Council and Arts & Disability Ireland (ADI), both of whom are funded by the Department, are strong advocates for supporting artists with disabilities. For example, the Arts Council, in partnership with Maynooth University, is supporting a new research project exploring the lived experience of disabled artists in receipt of welfare supports

Access can be a major issue for both disabled artists and audiences. Minister Martin recently launched a new stream of capital funding of €1.4million which will support projects that reduce an organisation's carbon footprint as well as projects that address access including, for the first time, accessibility audits.

Arts Disability Ireland (ADI) is the national development and resource organisation for arts and disability and is funded by this Department via the Arts Council. The Department has built up a very good working relationship with ADI in recent years and has regular engagement with ADI.

Coimisiún na Meán are currently developing a Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion strategy to progress diversity standards across the media sector. The development of the strategy will, in part, be informed widespread consultation with the audio and audiovisual industry as well as bodies concerned with issues of diversity and inclusion. This strategy is expected to be published in 2024 and, upon publication, Coimisiún na Meán will develop a set of GEDI standards for the sector.

I trust the information outlined is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Francis
Private Secretary

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

September 2024

Ms. Nikki Halleran,
County Hall,
Main Street,
Swords,
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K67X8Y2.

Ref: HPLG-MOBO-03032-2024

Dear Ms. Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D. and Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 2nd September 2024.

For 2023 and 2024, the Government has agreed that there will be increased provision for social housing acquisitions and the Department will fund local authorities to acquire at least 1,500 social homes.

The additional acquisitions are focused on properties where a tenant is in receipt of social housing supports, including Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), and has received a Notice of Termination due to the landlord's intention to sell the property.

A circular letter issued to all local authorities in March 2024, setting out details of these arrangements. Local authorities have delegated sanction in relation to these acquisitions, subject to those acquisitions being within Acquisition Cost Guidelines (ACGs) issued by the Department.

Individual property purchases can be delayed for various reasons such as the owner not having full legal title, various planning issues, outstanding property taxes, general contractual conditions of sale not in place etc.

The process is also reliant on timely progress from the vendor's legal and sales agents, so timeframes vary from purchase to purchase. Where delays are experienced, local authorities are taking appropriate steps to ensure that the first response will be to support households to try to prevent homelessness in cases where tenants have been served with a notice of termination by their landlord.

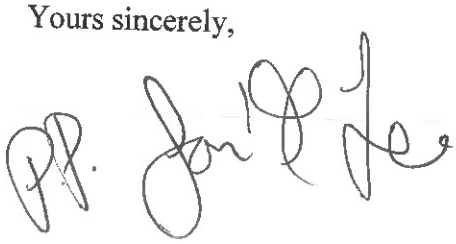
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It is also worth noting that my Department has introduced a €1,200 administration payment for each local authority acquisition to support local authorities to provide additional resources.

It is a matter for individual local authorities to identify suitable acquisitions in line with local circumstances and their social housing allocations policy.

Yours sincerely,



Eoghan McCarthy
Private Secretary

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

ITEM NO. 32

ASSOCIATED HOUSING BODIES AND THIS COUNCIL

Motion: Councillor K. Dennison

"That the Chief Executive reports on the Council's relationship with the various Associated Housing Bodies, to include the number of units each of them now operates in the County and what responsibility they have in relation to anti-social behaviour and how this is monitored."

Report

Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) are responsible for some 4,000 homes across Fingal.

TUATH HOUSING	1053
RESPOND	571
CLUID	532
C0-OP HOUSING	417
FOLD	259
CIRCLE	196
OAKLEE HOUSING	189
PETER MCVERRY TRUST	165
IVEAGH TRUST	153
DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY	130
NORTH & EAST	94
ST MICHAELS HOUSE	64
HAIL	63
DUBLIN SIMOM	57
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	48
I CARE	34
FOCUS	25

SOPHIA HOUSING	21
MARILLAC HOUSING ASSOCIATION	20
CLANMIL	17
PROSPER	13
DEPAUL HOSING ASSOC.	11
L'ARCHE IRELAND	11
NATIONAL ASSOC FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED	11
COOLMINE THERAPUTIC CENTRE	9
HEART & MINE	8
SONAS	8
DAISYHOUSE HOUSING ASSOCIATION	3
PACE HOUSING ASSOCIATION	2
DARA VOLUNTARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION	1
DON BOSCO CARE	1
NOVAS	1
PRAXIS HOUSING ASSOCIATION	1

The Housing Lettings Team within the Housing Department work very closely with each of the Approved Housing Bodies operating within the County. Nominations are provided to the AHBs from the Council's Approved Waiting List for Social Housing Support. Each Approved Housing Body is responsible for managing their own stock including dealing with allegations of bad behaviour or breach of tenancy.

As per a commitment made at the March 2024 Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk, Swords Area Committee Meeting, a briefing was held on 8th May 2024. The Director of Development Operations of the Irish Council for Social Housing and the Chair of the Housing Alliance of Approved Housing Bodies attended and gave presentations on their roles and responsibilities and Members were afforded the opportunity to discuss similar matters with the AHB representatives.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 34

VARIATION TO THE FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – DRONES LAND USE ZONING

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive consider a variation to the current Development Plan to include 'Drones' in the Land Use Zoning chapter".

Report:

Section 10(2)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) requires that a Development Plan shall include objectives for: "the zoning of land for the use solely or primarily of particular areas for particular purposes (whether residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, recreational, as open space, or otherwise, or a mixture of these uses) where and to such extent as the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, requires the uses to be indicated"

'Development Plans- Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2022' published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, require that land-use zoning objectives within a Development Plan provide a high degree of consistency, certainty and clarity regarding future development; avoid overly specific or narrowly devised land use zoning objectives and achieve standardisation of such uses on a national basis having regard to Appendix B of the Guidelines. A wide variation in land use zoning objectives also militates against the monitoring of development trends, both regionally and nationally.

In accordance with these provisions, the Fingal Development Plan 2023 -2029 provides a comprehensive range of zoning objectives to support a combination of

land uses and is considered to be sufficiently robust to inform and guide the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

Having regard to the foregoing, drones are not regarded a land use under the provisions of the Act for the purposes of land use zoning. Classification as such would not comply with Ministerial guidance relating to standardisation of zoning in Development Plans, with which the planning authority is statutorily obliged to comply. Furthermore, it should be noted that the regulation/operation of drone operations is subject to separate regulatory processes and is therefore outside the remit of the Development Plan.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

A MAP OF THE CURRENT FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOUSING AREAS

Motion: Councillor P. Mulville

"That the Chief Executive, further to Representation R21\13723, Question 4 on the October 2023 Council Meeting Agenda and Motion 45 December 2023, on the December Council Meeting Agenda, provide a detailed map of the current Fingal County Council's housing areas, which can be zoomed in on and which also shows the Local Electoral Area or Committee area boundaries, similar to the housing map for the Dublin City Council's administrative area."

Report:

A map outlining the 4 Housing areas including Dublin 15, Swords, Balbriggan and Howth/ Malahide has been forwarded to Councillor Mulville.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department.

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ITEM NO. 39

TACKLING ILLEGAL SHORT-LETS IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Chief Executive takes an active investigation role with respect to planning enforcement for Short Term lets in the County, we have 68 planning permissions for Short Term lets over the last 5 years for the entire County, it is evident that there are significantly more homes across the County available to rent on various sites than have planning permission."

Report:

The rules around short-term letting are based on regulations introduced in July 2019 as part of the measures to help address pressures in the private housing rental market.

Short-term letting is defined as the letting of a house or apartment, or part of a house or apartment, for any period not exceeding 14 days.

Residents, including home sharers, are allowed to let their entire principal private residence (house or apartment) on a short-term basis for a cumulative period of up to 90 days per calendar year where they are temporarily absent from their home.

Where the 90 day threshold is exceeded, change of use planning permission is required.

Where the house or apartment is not a 'principal private residence' the 90 day exemption does not apply and change of use planning permission will be required for all short-term letting.

Where the Council is notified of an alleged short term let, Planning Enforcement Section carries out an investigation on a case by basis as to whether or not unauthorised development is taking place. Recourse to enforcement proceedings is available once it has been determined that unauthorised activity is taking place.

In relation enforcement action from 2019 to date, 65 warning letters have been issued in relation to short term lets in this LEA, with 34 of those files now closed due to compliance as a result of action taken by the Planning Enforcement Section or action taken through legal proceedings.

Regarding the introduction of new regulations in the area of short term tourist letting, the proposed Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill was submitted by Government to the European Commission on December 21st, 2022, under the terms of an EU Technical Regulations Information System directive and a decision is awaited.

Under the plans announced in December 2022 (Registration of Short-Term Tourist Letting Bill), and after the Bill is signed into law, property owners offering accommodation for periods of up to and including 21 nights will be required to be registered with Fáilte Ireland who will monitor online platforms to ensure compliance with the obligation for advertised properties to have a valid registration number.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 52

TRANSIENT VISITOR TAX

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Minister for Finance and all local Councils calling for the introduction of enabling legislation to allow County Councils' to levy a Transient Visitor Tax, on overnight stays in hotels, short-term rentals, such as Airbnb's, and other accommodations within the County."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Minister for Finance and all Local Authorities and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

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

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