Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Marian Buckley, Eoghan Dockrell, Corina Johnston, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary and Ellen Troy.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor JK Onwumereh presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure); Liam Burke (Senior Executive Officer) Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Deirdre Fallon (Senior Planner); Paul Keane (Senior Executive Engineer).

F/303/24 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

At the start of the meeting, it was **AGREED** that Deputy Mayor, Councillor JK. Onwumereh chair the meeting in the absence of the Mayor Councillor Brian McDonagh.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor JK. Onwumereh reminded Members that Standing Orders would apply to all aspects of the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor JK. Onwumereh advised the Members that two emergency motions were received and that both emergency motions were ruled out of order.

F/304/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council and Annual Meetings

a **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024**

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

b **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Annual meeting held on Friday 21st June 2024**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 21st June 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Friday 21st June 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

c **Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Annual meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024**

Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

F/305/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

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

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

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

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee."

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

"That Councillor Malachy Quinn be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee."

The Deputy Mayor then instructed that a roll call vote be taken.

It was **AGREED** that Deputy Mayor Councillor JK Onwumereh cast his vote as the Mayors vote.

The division of the voting resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O'LEARY: 18 EIGHTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN: 12 TWELVE

ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR COUNCILLOR O'LEARY: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Aoibhinn Tormey; John Walsh.

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

ABSTAIN: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Deputy Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee.

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

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

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

"That Councillor JK. Onwumereh be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee."

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

"That Councillor Tania Doyle be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee."

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

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: 18 EIGHTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR DOYLE: 13 THIRTEEN

FOR COUNCILLOR ONWUMEREH: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Kieran Dennison; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Tom Kitt; Ted Leddy; Grainne Maguire; Mary McCamley; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; JK Onwumereh; Brendan Ryan; Siobhan Shovlin; Aoibhinn Tormey; John Walsh.

FOR COUNCILLOR DOYLE: Councillors Cathal Boland; John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Jimmy Guerin; Breda Hanaphy; Darren Jack Kelly; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Malachy Quinn; Gerard Sheehan.

The Deputy Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor JK Onwumereh be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee.

c Election of Chairperson of Howth/Malahide Area Committee

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

It was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **AGREED**:

"That Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee."

The Deputy Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Aoibhinn Tormey be appointed as Area Chairperson of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

d Appointment of six members to Balleally Landfill Liaison Committee

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

David Storey, Director of Services informed the Members that this project is approaching completion.

It was **AGREED** that David Storey, Director of Services will provide an updated report at Septembers Council Meeting. It was also **AGREED** to **DEFER** the nomination of members until the report is considered.

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

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

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

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be appointed to the Dublin North East Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

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

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be appointed to the Dublin North East Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

F/306/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor T. Kitt and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 10 be **ADOPTED**."

F/307/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Enforcement Notices

F/308/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Increased Housing Targets 2024- Variations to Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029

F/309/24 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Short-term Lets registered in Fingal

F/310/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Claims relating to inadequate footpaths in Fingal

F/311/24 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Additional Revenue - Discarded Cigarette Butts and Disposable Vapes

F/312/24 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Tree pruning - Obstructed footpaths and/or cycle paths

F/313/24 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor C. Johnston - Location of Hang-Out Spaces for teens - Space for Play- A Play Policy for Fingal

F/314/24 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor C. Johnston - Accessible Play Equipment in all Public Playgrounds

F/315/24 (Agenda Item No 11)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024, be **APPROVED.**"

F/316/24 (Agenda Item No 12)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/317/24 (Agenda Item No 13)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/318/24 (Agenda Item No 14)

Declarations of Roads

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/319/24 (Agenda Item No 15)

Judicial Reviews - Authorisation pursuant to 153(2) of the Local Government Act 2001

The attached report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED** and all four Resolutions were **AGREED**.

Resolution 1:

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

Reynolds and McDonough v Fingal County Council
[High Court Record No. 2023/372JR]"

Resolution 2:

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

daa plc v Fingal County Council
[High Court Record No. 2023/383JR]"

Resolution 3:

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

MKN Properties Ltd. – Fingal County Council
[High Court Record No. 2023/373JR]"

Resolution 4:

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

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 No. 2024/342JR]"

F/320/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Creative Ireland Grants

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That the award of Creative Ireland Grants as set out in the foregoing report is hereby **APPROVED."**

F/321/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Scheme

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville:

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report be **APPROVED**."

F/322/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

2003 Arts Act Grants Scheme

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor R. O'Donoghue and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the attached report be **APPROVED**."

F/323/24 (Agenda Item No 19)

Report on Proposed Extinguishment of Right of Way at Barberstown Lane North

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was provided to the Members by Paul Keane, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department.

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison and seconded by Councillor S. Shovlin and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Right of Way at Barberstown Lane North, referred to in the attached report be extinguished in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/324/24 (Agenda Item No 20)

Marine Development - Oriel Wind Farm

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

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

F/325/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

Marine Developments - North Irish Sea Array Windfarm

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

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

F/326/24 (Agenda Item No 22)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/327/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

It was noted there was no business on this item.

F/328/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Conference Report

a **MacGill Summer School 2024, Glenties, Co Donegal on the 18th to 20th July 2024**

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

b **AILG Induction Training Programme for Elected Members Post June Local Elections**

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

F/329/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Correspondence

a **Letter from Clare County Council dated 14th May 2024 re- Reconfiguration to Health Services**

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

b **Letter from Monaghan County Council dated 15th May 2024 - Re -Free Education Scheme**

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

c **Letter from Wicklow County Council dated 20th May 2024 Re - Employment of Full time Road Safety Officer**

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

d **Letter from Tipperary County Council dated 21st May re- Review of support for Farmers impacted by Ash Dieback**

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

e **Letter from Limerick County Council dated 4th June 2024 re Allow Taxpayers one week where no tax is paid in line with Social Welfare recipients**

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

F/330/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Letter from Senator Robbie Gallagher dated 9th May 2024 - Thanking all Elected Representatives for their work on behalf of Local Communities**

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

MOTIONS

F/331/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Council Divestment from products made by companies assisting the Israeli Military and Security Apparatus

The motion, in the name of Councillor J. Burtchaell was proposed by Councillor J. Burtchaell and seconded by Councillor R. Coppinger.

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

FOR: 19 NINETEEN

AGAINST: 3 THREE

ABSTAIN: 8 EIGHT

FOR: Councillors John Burtchaell; Ruth Coppinger; Angela Donnelly; Tania Doyle; Breda Hanaphy; Cathal Haughey; David Healy; James Humphreys; Mary McCamley; Dean Mulligan; Paul Mulville; Joe Newman; Eoghan O'Brien; Robert O'Donoghue; JK Onwumereh; Malachy Quinn; Brendan Ryan; Gerard Sheehan; John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Kieran Dennison; Ted Leddy; Aoibhinn Tormey.

ABSTAIN: Councillors Darragh Butler; Eimear Carbone-Mangan; Luke Corkery; Darren Jack Kelly; Tom Kitt; Grainne Maguire; Patrick Quinlan; Siobhan Shovlin.

The Deputy Mayor then **DECLARED** the motion **PASSED.**

F/332/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor C. Boland - Breaches of Planning Permission - daa

It was **AGREED** to defer this item to the next meeting.

F/333/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor J. Walsh - Noise from the M50 Motorway

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

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

F/334/24 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor T. O'Leary - Call to acquire more land for Affordable and Social housing in Fingal

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

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

F/335/24 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor R. Coppinger - Delivery of Social and Affordable Housing

The motion, in the name of Councillor R. Coppinger was proposed by Councillor R. Coppinger and seconded by Councillor J. Burtchaell.

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.02pm

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 02a

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MARIAN BUCKLEY

In accordance with Section 19 (2) of the Local Government Act 2001, following the resignation of Councillor Marian Buckley with effect from 15th July 2024, a causal vacancy now exists in Fingal County Council.

Section 19(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001 provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the local authority to fill the vacancy whereby a Member resigns, subject to such person being nominated by the same registered political party who nominated for election or co-option the Member who caused the casual vacancy.

Section 19(4) provides that the co-option shall be made, after due notice (email sent to the Members on 21st August 2024), at the next meeting of the Local Authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 03

WASTEWATER TREATMENT CAPACITY

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if it has been established when the Wastewater Treatment capacity will be upsized to adequately meet the current demands and the additional capacity requirement, which arises from the adoption of the 2023 Development Plan, and if there will be a time lag in bringing services in line to meet development demand?"

Reply:

As part of our commitment to support growth and development, Uisce Éireann publishes annual water supply and wastewater treatment capacity registers on our website www.water.ie

The indication of available capacity on these registers is based on a standardised review regarding current and future capacity in water and wastewater treatment plants. Capacity is always subject to change and network capacity must also be taken into consideration when proposing future development.

Developers can submit queries for individual sites at any time via our Connection and Developers Services Team and we encourage individuals or developers to engage with Uisce Éireann as early as possible in the development process. Updated capacity registers will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

Source of Reply: Uisce Éireann councilmeetings@water.ie

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 04

VACANT AND DERELICT REGISTER

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the impact the Vacant and Derelict Register has had on bringing buildings back into use, broken down by area if possible?"

Reply:

The Town Regeneration Office took responsibility for the Derelict Sites function in September 2023. Since this time 37 properties have had positive outcomes. This can be broken down as:

- 22 no. properties have complied with Section 11 statutory notices (requirement to do works to remove dereliction) and have been rendered non derelict.
- 1 no. property has been reactivated for residential use.
- 5 no. properties have been placed on the Derelict Sites Register.
- 3 no. properties are in the process of availing of refurbishment grants.
- 6 no. properties have been released to the market by the owner for sale.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 contains a number of objectives which support the regeneration of town and village centres, and is committed to urban rejuvenation, compact development and consolidation, ensuring that towns and villages accommodate new uses, increase their resident populations, promote activity and employment and deliver high quality public realms and placemaking objectives.

In this regard, Strategic Objective 6 of the Development Plan requires that the Council continues to develop a strategic approach to town centre regeneration through Town Centre First: A Policy Approach for Irish Towns and by utilising existing buildings and unused lands for new development, promote residential occupancy in our rural towns and villages and provide for a mix of uses within these areas. The objective seeks to address vacancy and dereliction to create compact attractive, vibrant and safe environments in which to live, work, visit and invest.

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

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 05

SHORT LET RENTALS

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that only 78 properties registered with Fingal are available for short-let and what methodology has been used to establish this figure?"

Reply:

Currently, 79 properties are registered for Short-Term Letting with Fingal Council. This number is determined by the mandatory registration process required for homeowners in Rent Pressure Zones who wish to let their properties under planning exemptions. If the letting of the property is not exempt, the owner must apply for planning permission.

	Malahide Howth	Swords	Blanchardstown Mulhuddart	Balbriggan	Rush Lusk	Castleknock	Ongar	Year Total
2019	16	4	4	2	4	7	2	39
2020	11	1	4	1	1	2	2	22
2021	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2022	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	8
2023	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2024 YTD	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	6
LEA Total	36	10	9	3	7	10	4	79

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

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ITEM NO. 06

UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF LITTERING ON FINGAL BEACHES

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to look into the upscale of littering on Fingal beaches, especially Burrow Beach, Sutton, and to consider the provision of more bins, installation of additional signposts to discourage littering, and, if necessary, extra fines be instituted when people litter at the beaches in Fingal?"

Reply:

The Operations Department deploy additional temporary bins on beaches in Fingal well in advance of the busy summer season. The usage of bins is monitored and, if required, more temporary bins can be deployed at particular locations. It can be found that people sometimes leave litter in situ rather than bring litter to bins provided.

The Operations Department's Beach Cleansing staff commence duty early every morning to remove litter and empty all bins on the beaches and their surrounds.

Arrangements are made to implement additional Operations Department staff resources on an overtime basis when extra fine weather is forecast. This is subject to availability of resources.

It is found that signage alone does not have the effect intended, so Fingal County Council promote the 'Leave No Trace' message across Fingal social media channels encouraging visitors on our beaches to bring home their own litter.

The Litter Wardens include all Fingal beaches in their patrols and issue fines under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 if they witness littering or come across evidence of who has littered in the area.

Source of Reply:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Services, Operations Department
David Storey, Director of Services, Environment, Climate Action & Active Travel

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 07

COUNCIL OWNED PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the prospects of Council owned public swimming pools being developed during the lifetime of this Council?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council have engaged UK Modular Pools experts, ReCreation, to carry out a feasibility study and business case model for a proposed swimming pool at Castlelands Balbriggan. The feasibility report is expected to be completed in October 2024.

This swimming pool feasibility report will be considered as part of the Sports Facilities Audit, which will also be completed in October.

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 08

FEEDING OF SEAGULLS – LITTER ACT

Question: Councillor D. Butler, D. Mulligan, J. Newman

"To ask the Chief Executive to detail what action can be taken against residents who, from within their estate, leave food out for seagulls, resulting in seagulls congregating within their estate and attracting rodents to the area, can the Litter Act and additional signage at such locations be used as a deterrent?"

Reply:

Discarding litter or food scraps in public areas is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. If a Litter Warden witnesses littering, they can issue an on-the-spot fine. If a member of the public witnesses littering, they can complete a Witness Statement on foot of which a Litter Warden can issue a fine.

The Environment Department do not erect signage in relation to the feeding of seagulls.

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 09

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL'S SOCIAL HOUSING WAITING LIST

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on Fingal County Council's Social Housing list to show the total number of people awaiting allocations and in receipt of social housing, with a breakdown of nationality, citizenship status and foreign-born applicants awaiting and in receipt of Social Housing Support from this Council?"

Reply:

The total number of applications on the housing waiting list is 14,465 as of the 21st of August 2024. This figure includes Transfer Applicants, and Referrals from other Local Authorities.

Allocations are made to eligible applicants in accordance with the Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

COASTAL FLOOD/EROSION PROTECTION MEASURES

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive, if consideration is being given to the planting of Christmas trees, post-Christmas 2024, along coastal areas affected by erosion, in order to help rebuild the dunes and to complement existing coastal flood/erosion measures, as was carried out, for example, as part of the Fylde Sand Dunes Project in the Blackpool area, see links below?"

https://www.lancswt.org.uk/our-work/projects/fylde-sand-dunes
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6f8a8nOadFk

Reply:

The Council has previously investigated the use of Christmas trees to address coastal erosion. There appears to be some evidence that that these measures work in areas where there is accretion of sand occurring. There does not however appear to be good evidence for the benefit of using of Christmas trees where significant erosion is occurring. The Council is employing measures, (at suitable locations), which enhance sand accretion including the use of split chestnut paling and these measures will be monitored and reviewed to check their effectiveness in the coming months.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE RESOURCING OF DOG WARDEN SERVICES FROM 2025

Question: Councillor T. Doyle

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if an application has been made by Fingal County Council, further to the announcement by Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Alan Dillon TD, that funding of €2 million for Local Authorities to support the resourcing of Dog Warden Services from 2025, to avail of this funding?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council are awaiting further details from the Department in relation to this funding which is expected shortly. Fingal County Council currently employ 4 full time Wardens and 2 weekend Wardens.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VEHICLES WEIGHT LIMITATIONS - RESIDENTIAL ESTATES

Question: Councillor T. Doyle

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm the weight restriction for parking of mechanically propelled vehicles within residential estates, to also confirm under what statute/bye law can breaches be enforced and prosecuted, as may be determined?"

Reply:

The appropriate vehicle weight restriction for vehicles parking in residential areas in Fingal is 3-tonne weight.

Older estates may have legacy signage indicating a No Parking 2-tonne restriction, however this is now redundant as many modern large cars, electric cars SUVs/Jeeps would be over the 2-tonne weight.

The Operations Department intends to replace older 2-tonne signs with appropriate 3-tonne signs, subject to the approval of An Garda Síochána.

An Garda Síochána is the statutory body with enforcement powers, in the case where vehicles larger than 3-tonnes are parking in a residential area with a 3-tonne restriction.

In addition, under Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations, An Garda Síochána has powers of enforcement which do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings.

The following regulations apply in a general context and do not require the installation of statutory signage or road markings.

Section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations:-

A vehicle shall not be parked -

(c) within 5 metres of a road junction;

(g) in any place, position or manner that will result in the vehicle obstructing an entrance or an exit for vehicles to or from premises, save with the consent of the occupier of such premises,

(i) on a footway, a grass margin or a median strip

(k) in a manner in which it will interfere with the normal flow of traffic, or which obstructs or endangers other traffic;

Parking in locations that are in contravention of the section 36 (2) of the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations are enforcement issues under the rules of the road which should be reported to An Garda Síochána.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING FACILITIES

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive, what is the Executive's position regarding electric vehicle (EV) overhead charging arm?"

Reply:

Limited details have been provided in this question as to the exact nature, scale and location of such EV charging infrastructure and each query may have individual characteristics which would impact the position taken.

However, in relation to the query as to whether such infrastructure would require planning permission, Class 29 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 as amended, contains exemptions from planning permission in relation to the construction of charging point for electric vehicles.

This class allows for the installation of EV charging points that do not exceed a volume of (i) 0.75 cubic metres above ground on a public road, and (ii) in all other cases, does not exceed 3.6 cubic metres by volume above ground.

Article 9(1)(a)(iii) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended outlines restrictions on exempted development where the carrying out of such development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard or obstruction of road users.

It is considered that an EV overhead charging arm, which traverses over the public pavement, and an EV pedestal, located on the public pavement, would not come under

the meaning of Class 29A of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001(as amended), as the exemptions do not specifically mention charging arm mechanisms, which require an electric cable traversing over the public footpath, and could possibly lead to a hazard for pedestrians, and could give rise to safety issues.

The planning exemption would be dis-applied under Article 9(1) (a) (iii) of the Regulations and the property owner would be required to apply for planning permission.

Note: other issues may arise if the proposed EV pedestal is located on a public footpath.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON CONSULTANCY FEES

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the amount of money spent on consultancy during each of the 12-month periods of 2022 and 2023, as well as the first six months of 2024?"

Reply:

A breakdown of the cost of Professional Services & Consultants on the Revenue Account:

	2022	2023	to 30/6, 2024	Note
ARCHITECTS	16,217	48,795	4,728	
EETCD	921,126	1,895,549	638,970	**1**
ANCA	343,342	322,192	147,289	
CORPORATE	253,252	247,154	31,938	
ENVIR & CLIMATE CHANGE	318,499	428,986	99,198	
FINANCE	184,452	164,403	61,213	
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY	1,427,828	1,852,876	626,727	**2**
PEOPLE SERVICES	90,022	214,004	48,255	
DIGITAL SERVICES	64,229	80,088	40,898	
LAW	42,240	62,665	34,448	
OPERATIONS	244,902	235,195	88,110	
PLANNING	465,240	772,184	259,538	**3**
Grand Total	**4,371,349**	**6,324,089**	**2,081,311**	

1. Costs associated primarily with the delivery of events across the County, Balbriggan Socio Economic Regeneration, tourism promotion, local development etc.

2. Costs associated primarily with the private rented accommodation inspections, Ukrainian crisis support, community, management fees etc.

3. Costs associated primarily with building control, heritage services, biodiversity, and planning control.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 15

INFORMATION ON AIRBNB LETS IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor A Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to report in tabular format on Airbnb types: - Short-term Lets in Fingal 2022 and 2023; how many short-term lets have been registered in Fingal; how many unregistered lets have been reported; how many unregistered lets have had enforcement action taken?"

Reply:

The following table sets out the number of registered short-term lets, the number of reported unregistered lets and the number of unregistered lets where enforcement action has been taken:

	2022	2023
Short-Term Let Notifications Received by Fingal County Council:	8	2
Number Of Reported Unregistered Lets:	3	3
Number Of Unregistered Lets Where Enforcement Action Has Been Taken:	3	3

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

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ITEM NO. 16

DERELICT SITES REGISTER

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to give consideration to making available on the Council's website, a listing of the sites that are currently on the Derelict Sites Register?"

Reply:

The Town Regeneration Office took responsibility for the Derelict Sites function in September 2023. As part of ongoing efforts to make the reporting of Derelict Sites more accessible and ensuring ease of access for the public to the Derelict Sites Register, the Register will be made available on the Council's website in the coming weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

ENSURING A HIGH LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WALKING AND CYCLING IN TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALISATION

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive, in relation to recently constructed or redesigned signalised street and road junctions in Fingal, to set out the policy approach used to ensuring a high level of service for people cycling and walking, including whether automatic detection of people cycling and walking is provided for, and whether specific timing of traffic lights to ensure prompt passage of people cycling and walking through the junction has been included in the signalisation, for example at Snugborough Road Junction?"

Reply:

The Operations Department currently operates and maintains the existing traffic signal infrastructure. This includes infrastructure that caters for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. This includes the following items:

- Signal controlled junctions
- Signalised pedestrian and toucan crossings
- Zebra Crossings

Depending on the type of signal infrastructure installed, adjustments can be made to increase time, dynamically, for pedestrians and/or cyclists, where appropriate. This is done in conjunction with keeping vehicles moving to ensure a balanced approach.

However, as mentioned previously, the adjustments are dependent on the type of infrastructure installed e.g. controlled MOVA junction which can respond dynamically to traffic loads be they pedestrian, cyclist or vehicle related.

New pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure is being rolled out through the Active Travel and Planning & Strategic Infrastructure sections through various projects across the county. It should be noted that several key junctions within Fingal are managed by Dublin City Council, and this includes the Snugborough Road Interchange junction. This junction is on a separate signal control system known as SCATS. This junction is

new, and the traffic system is learning and adapting the traffic volumes over the coming weeks.

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

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ITEM NO. 18

DERELICT AND VACANT HOMES

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of 1) derelict homes on the derelict sites register across Fingal in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2) the number of vacant homes, public or private, known to the Council across Fingal in 2021, 2022 and 2023?"

Reply:

For the period 2021 to 2023, there were 6 sites listed on the Derelict Sites Register which totaled 11 housing units.

At August 2024, there are 11 sites listed on the Derelict Sites Register with a total of 15 housing units.

The Council actively encourages the reporting of potentially derelict sites to derelictsites@fingal.ie for investigation.

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

The Central Statistics Office states: "*The Census definition of a vacant dwelling is a point in time indicator taken on Census Night as to whether the property was inhabited or not on Sunday 03 April 2022. Census vacancy should not be used as a measure of long-term vacancy or compared directly with vacancy figures produced by other sources which may use different definitions or methodology*."

Accordingly, this figure also includes properties that are vacant due to being in the conveyancing process or undergoing building and renovation works.

A more detailed survey dataset provided to Fingal County Council by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2023 led to the survey of 671 potentially vacant private residential units. Following on-site survey during 2023 by staff from the Council's Vacant Homes Team, 284 of these premises were confirmed as vacant. The Vacant Homes Team are engaging on an on-going basis with the owners with a view to bringing the properties back into occupancy through various schemes, for example, the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant scheme.

Vacant properties can be reported via website https://vacanthomes.ie/contact or by e-mail info@vacanthomes.ie. All reports are investigated by the Vacant Homes Team.

In terms of the vacancies that arise in the Council's own housing stock, there is an on-going re-let repair programme which brings vacant stock back into occupancy throughout the year. During the period 2021 to 2023, the number of units that remained vacant at year end is set out below. All were advancing through the re-let repair programme to occupation stage at year end.

2021 – 66

2022 – 100

2023 – 78

Source of Reply:

Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Services, Housing & Community Development Department.
John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 19

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 19A

REPORT OF SPECIAL CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2024

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services presented the report on submissions received on the Draft Strategic Policy Scheme following the period of public consultation.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **AGREED** the Report.

Ms. Egan then advised the Members of the amendments made to the Draft Scheme since the meeting of 1st July and following consideration of the submissions received.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **AGREED** that the Draft Scheme be brought to the next meeting of the CPG on Monday, 2nd September for final consideration and recommendation that the Scheme be brought to full Council for adoption.

Ms. Egan then outlined the procedure and timeline in relation to the formation of each Strategic Policy Committee.

Signed: [redacted]Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 19b

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Revenue Budget 2025/Capital Programme

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, advised the CPG that work is ongoing in relation to the Revenue Budget and that meetings will take place over the coming weeks. He advised that the Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December.

Mr. Hunt also updated the Members in relation to the Capital Programme, advising it will be brought to the October Council Meeting.

Draft SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services advised the Members that, following the special meeting of the CPG on Tuesday, 27th August, the Draft SPC Scheme 2024 – 2029 is due to go to the Council Meeting for approval.

Following discussion, the Corporate Policy Group **RECOMMENDED** that the draft Scheme be brought to the Council Meeting of 9th September for approval.

Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services gave a presentation to the CPG on the Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 to include upcoming dates to note, in particular a workshop for Councillors on 19th September.

Update on Representation Portal

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services gave the CPG an update of the rollout of the Representation Portal. A more detailed presentation will be brought to the O, P & F meeting on Monday, 9th September.

Hybrid Council Meetings

Ms. Mary Egan, Director, People, Corporate & Digital Services gave the CPG a presentation on Hybrid Council Meetings. The CPG advised that further consideration is needed on this issue prior to making a decision to hold hybrid Council meetings, to include;

- broadband issues especially during voting/roll call
- requirement for some meetings be held in person, e.g. Budget, Annual Meeting, Development Plan, etc.
- requirement for each Member to physically attend a set number of meetings during the year
- initial trial period

A presentation will be brought to the O, P & F meeting on Monday, 9th September.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 19c

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE (SERVICES B) AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 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**
Ard Na Mara Residents Association GA 003154	€2,834.00	Insurance BHP, Gazebo Omera Camping, 2 x fold up tables, 2 flasks Nesbits, 4 x bunting, 20 x Christmas christmasland.i Steadfast brass band Pauls Pets Party	N	N/A	€2,734.00

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

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 19d

REPORT OF
BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (SERVICES B) HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH 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: -

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
Clonsilla Tidy Towns GA 003108	€3,000.00	Defibrillator, Planters, Gardening Equipment, Branded Cart for storage/use, Graffiti removal, Litter picking equipment, Insurance, Branded signage, social media branding, Christmas festival	N	N/A	€2,545.00
Fortlawn Flower Power GA-003142	€3,000.00	Insurance, Tools, Bouncy Bundy & Sumo suit, Fun day, Christmas	Y	2023 - €3,000.00 2022 - €2,570.79	€3,000.00

Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living GA-003106	€3,000.00	Band Display and décor, Booklet and printing	Y	2022 - €2,888.00	€3,000.00
Heart and Soul Friendship Group GA-003097	€3,000.00	Samsung Galaxy A9 Tablet, Coach to Kilmainham Gaol, Coach to Japanese Gardens, Coach to Kilkenny Castle, Coach to Johnny Foxes, Glencullen, Tai Chi Classes, Ballroom Dancing Classes	N	N/A	€2,996.26
Autism Friendship GA-003150	€2,658.00	Insurance for year – September 24 to August 25, Community centre rental, Publicity, not so different workshops, Special Sterne workshop, Tai Chi relaxation, Yoga relaxation	N	N/A	€2,658.00
Kurdish Art Nergz Group Ireland GA-003152	€3,000.00	Mountview Community Centre, Insurance, Sony Camera	Y	2023 - €2,937.00 2022 - €926.00	€3,000.00
Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland (The Failte Project) GA-003144	€3,000.00	Adult yoga classes, Art therapy, Horticultural therapy, Bus for beach clean, adult ukulele classes	Y	2023 - €2,958.00 2022 - €2,339.00	€3,000.00
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club GA-003107	€3,000.00	Leaf Blower, Wheelbarrows, Defib Pads, Plastic Tubing, Projector Screen, Hose Pipes Cleaning Equipment, Trolley, Burco Boiler	N	N/A	€3,000.00
Aldemere and Windemere Residents Association	€2,937.00	Stonework for estate, Insurance, Woodies Paint and paint brushes	Y	2023 - €1,964.00	€2,497.00

GA-003096					
Westmanstown Bowling Club GA-003129	€3,000.00	Timber, Sleepers, Paint for huts, Lawnmower, Pebbles for drainage, 3 Scoreboards, 3 Sets of 2nd Hand Bowls	N	N/A	€1,717.00
Lambourn Residents Association GA-003130	€2,976.00	Pro Lawn Hyundai Powered Petrol Lawnmower, True Temper One4You Wavy Blade Hedge Shears, ProCut Plus 4-piece Multi Garden Tool 33cc, Black+Decker String Trimmer 28cm 18V 2.0Ah, Ilyapa Outdoor Library Book Box, Adjustable Portable Basketball Stand 230 to 305cm, Molten Basketball Ireland Beginners Basketball - Size 5, Insurance, Santa Visit 2024, Family Day 2024 - Polydron Giant: 160 Piece Set, Giant 4 in a Row Game, Giant Wooden Tumbling Tower Blocks, Family Day 2024 - Face Painting	Y	2023 - €1,815.00	€2,955.80
CoSA - PACE GA-003126	€1,500.00	Room Rental - Carmelite Center, Speakers / Workshop Facilitators, On-going training - online	Y	2023 - €1,940.00 2022 - €2,000.00	€1,500.00

St Mochta's Residents Association GA-003139	€1,264.00	Planters (small) x 4, Wooden borders / edging x 6, Bulb planters x 2, Digging fork x 1, Rake / weeder x 1	N	N/A	€1,639.00

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

Signed: OBJ _____

Councillor JK. Onwumereh

Area Chairperson

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 21

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1421 & TL416

12th August 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of proposed grant of wayleave and temporary works licence for Finglas to Fieldstown Cable Route, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Eirgrid

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A formal notice of disposal was brought before the Elected Members at the Council meeting held on 8th April 2024 for the grant of a wayleave at Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Energia. The proposal was passed at that meeting and approved by the Elected Members. Energia has since informed the Council that the wayleave application should be granted to Eirgrid as the owner of the energy cable rather than Energia and the route of the wayleave and terms of the original wayleave previously granted by the Council are otherwise unchanged and are as set out below.

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

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

1. The purpose of the disposal is to facilitate a wayleave for an energy cable.
2. That the land to be disposed is shown coloured yellow on the attached Map No. LA-4026-24 dated 8th March 2024, comprising an area of 200 square meters approximately on Folio DN184482F.
3. That the Council shall retain the freehold title to the wayleave area.
4. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €3,300.00 (three thousand three hundred euro) plus VAT if applicable.
5. That the full costs of the works shall be borne by the Applicant.
6. That the Applicant shall ensure they have the necessary planning permission (if required).
7. That the wayleave agreement shall only be completed if reinstatement works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council.
8. That the Council shall reserve the right to create other legal interests in the wayleave area, subject to them not interfering with the apparatus.
9. That the Applicant and/or System Operator shall have access to the wayleave area for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining. The Applicant and/or System Operator 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.

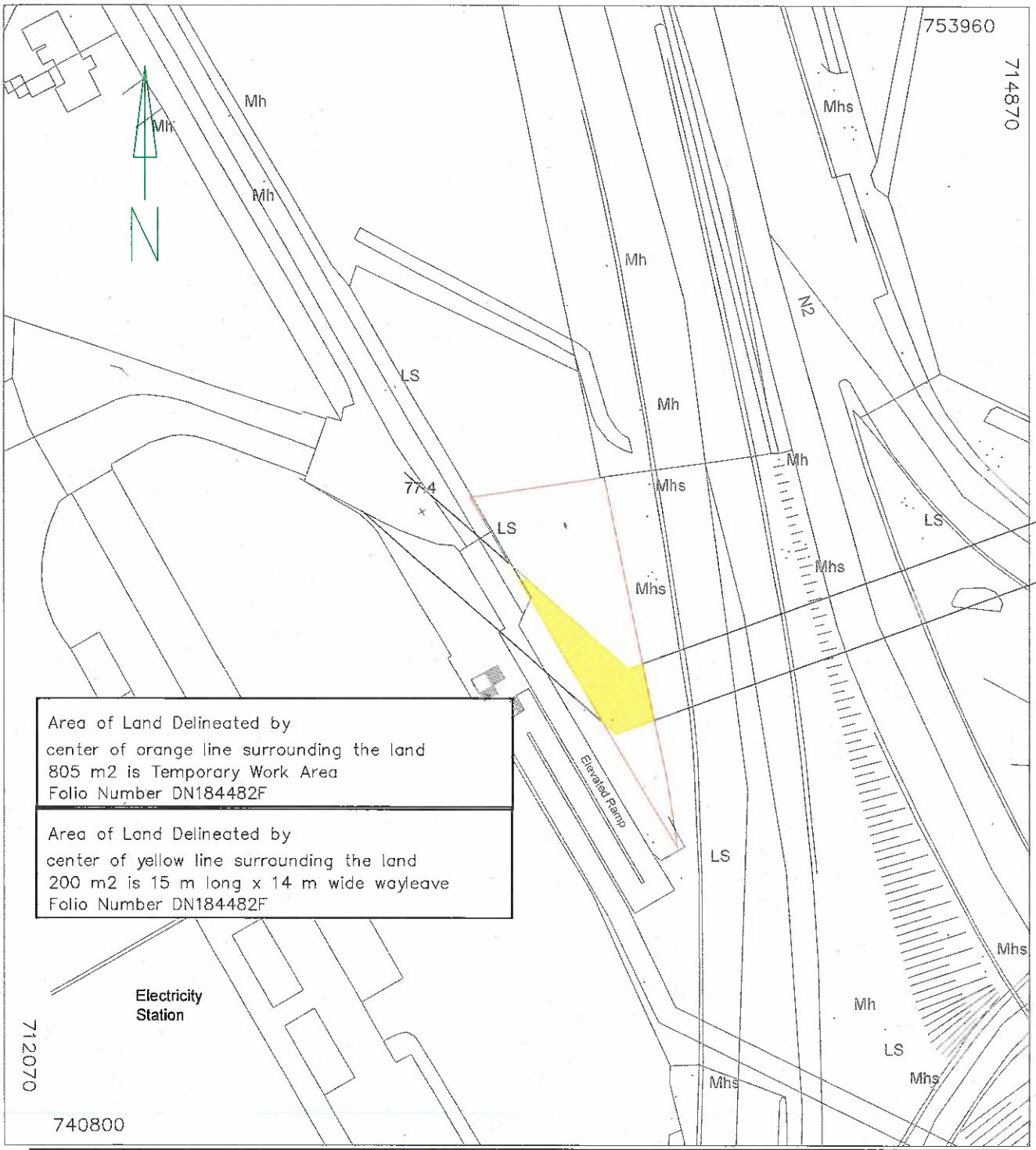
10. That the land subject to the temporary works licence is outlined in orange on Map No. LA-4026-24 dated 8th March 2024, comprising an area of 805 square meters approximately on Folio DN184482F.
11. That the licence fee shall be in the sum of €1,700.00 (one thousand seven hundred euro).
12. The term of the licence shall be 12 months from execution with an option to extend for a further 6 months subject to the agreement of the Council.
13. That the Applicant shall pay the Council's Valuer's fee of €1,200 (one thousand two hundred euro) plus VAT and the Council's legal fees and surveying fees plus VAT in respect of the wayleave agreement.
14. That this proposal is subject to the necessary statutory consents and approvals.
15. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

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

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for the 5th September 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 9th September 2024.

Aoife Brendan

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



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

Project:
Wayleave at Fieldstown to Energia

Land to be transferred to:

Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

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

File Ref: LD 1453

28th August 2024

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co Dublin, to Prosper Fingal

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Prosper Fingal, a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, are seeking to acquire land comprising 3,162 square meters approximately at the Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin for the purpose of developing a day-service facility for the provision of support services to adults with intellectual disabilities.

It is proposed to dispose of land comprising an area of 3,162 square meters approximately as shown coloured red on Map No. LA-271-22 dated 22nd September 2022, contained within Folio DN210700F at the Old Reservoir Site, The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin to Prosper Fingal in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the

provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the disposal is for the provision of a day-service facility for the provision of support services to adults with intellectual disabilities.

2. That the subject lands are shown outlined in red on the attached Map No. LA-271-22 (copy attached) and comprising a gross site area of 3,162 sq. m. approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the site, subject to a 250 year lease, on the basis of an abated capital payment of €90,000 (ninety thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

    a. A deposit of 10% shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.
    b. 90% upon completion of the disposal – which is conditional on receipt of satisfactory planning permission, as per term 3 below.

4. That the Council's rationale for the abatement of the market value of the site from €800,000 (eight hundred thousand euro) to €90,000 (ninety thousand euro) is set out in a *Report on the Abatement of Land Value* in accordance with Article 206(2) of the Planning & Developments Regulations, 2001 (copy attached).

5. That the disposal is subject to the receipt of a final grant of permission for a community service/support centre for adults with an intellectual disability on the site.

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 proposed purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

9. That a right of way and wayleave shall be retained over the area hatched yellow in favor of Fingal, and any relevant third party to access the mast.

10. That the proposed purchaser shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

11. That the proposed purchaser shall apply for full planning permission for development on the site no later than 6 months from the date of a binding contract for sale. Failure to lodge a planning application within the stated period shall render the agreement null and void.

12. That the proposed purchaser 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 Pleanala, 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) deems the grant of planning permission by the Planning Authority to be unacceptable and onerous. A 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 10 (ten) working days 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.

13. That in the event that the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanála refuses permission for the proposed development, or the proposed purchaser (acting reasonably) deems 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.

14. That the proposed purchaser will be responsible for all costs in relation to the planning process.

15. That the completion of the sale shall be 14 days after the final grant of planning issues in respect of the proposed development ("the Closing Date").

16. That the development must be completed within 24 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the Lessor shall have the right to repossess the site or part thereof.

17. That the Lessee 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.

18. That the Lessee 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.

19. That the Lessee 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.

20. That the proposed purchaser 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.

21. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in a lease of this nature and any other terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Council's Solicitor.

22. That the purchaser shall be prepared to pay the Council's reasonable legal costs, Valuer's fee and surveyor's fee incurred in this transaction.

23. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from The County Health District of Dublin for water services purposes and from Joseph and Colette McDonnell for access purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee (Services B) meeting scheduled for Wednesday 4th September 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 9th September 2024.

Rob Brendan

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

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

File Ref: LD 1453

Report on the Abatement of Land Value

Disposal of Land at The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin

Purchaser: Prosper Fingal

Pursuant to Article 206 (2) of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001

Prosper Fingal is an organisation which provides services and supports to adults with intellectual disabilities, with a core purpose to *'support each individual to live the life they choose, in the same way and same places as everybody else'*. Prosper Fingal is a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, established in 1978 by parents and friends of people with disabilities, which offers day services, residential homes, respite care and clinical support to approximately 300 individuals in the Fingal and Meath areas.

Prosper Fingal has sought the acquisition of c. 3,162 square metres of Council owned land at The Hill, Malahide, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-271-22, for the purpose of constructing a new dedicated centre for adults with intellectual disabilities in the Malahide area. The site is valued at €900,000.

Prosper Fingal has incurred significant expenditure to date investigating the suitability of the site and the delivery of the centre at this location. As a result, Prosper Fingal has requested that the Council consider an abatement of 90% of the value of the land so that the organisation has sufficient in place for the construction of the facility. An abatement of 90% of the value of the land, if approved, would result in a disposal consideration of €90,000.

Legislative Background

Section 211 (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 provides that where a Local Authority is disposing of land and the price is not the best reasonably obtainable that Ministerial consent is required for the disposal. However, Article 206 (2) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, provides for the disposal of Council land without Ministerial consent in cases where the Local Authority is of the opinion that for economic or social reasons it is reasonable that the disposal of land be carried out in accordance with the terms specified by the Authority in the notice issued to the Elected Members of the Local Authority in relation to the proposed disposal of land, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

Rationale

The Council has considered the request for abatement of the price of the land at The Hill, Malahide made by Prosper Fingal and having regard to Article 206 (2) of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001, the Council is of the opinion that the proposal satisfies the required criteria and sets out below the community benefits derived from an abatement of the price of the lands and the reasons for the Council's decision.

Prosper Fingal provides services and supports to adults with an intellectual disability in in the North County Dublin area, including areas within Fingal and in Meath. The organisation has the core purpose to *'support each individual to live the life they choose, in the same way and same places as everybody else'*. Prosper Fingal offers day services, residential homes, respite care and clinical support to approximately 300 individuals in the Fingal and Meath areas.

Prosper Fingal have been working with the Council since the inception of their current proposal in 2018 and has to date incurred significant expenditure in an effort to bring the concept of a dedicated centre for adults with intellectual disabilities in their own locality to fruition. The organisation has experienced a growing number of service users and families from the Malahide area attending Prosper Fingal centres in adjoining towns, signifying a growing demand for services in Malahide and its environs. There are currently

no disability day care services in the Malahide area and the presence of such services would make a meaningful difference to the lives of the service-users currently and into the future.

Recommendation

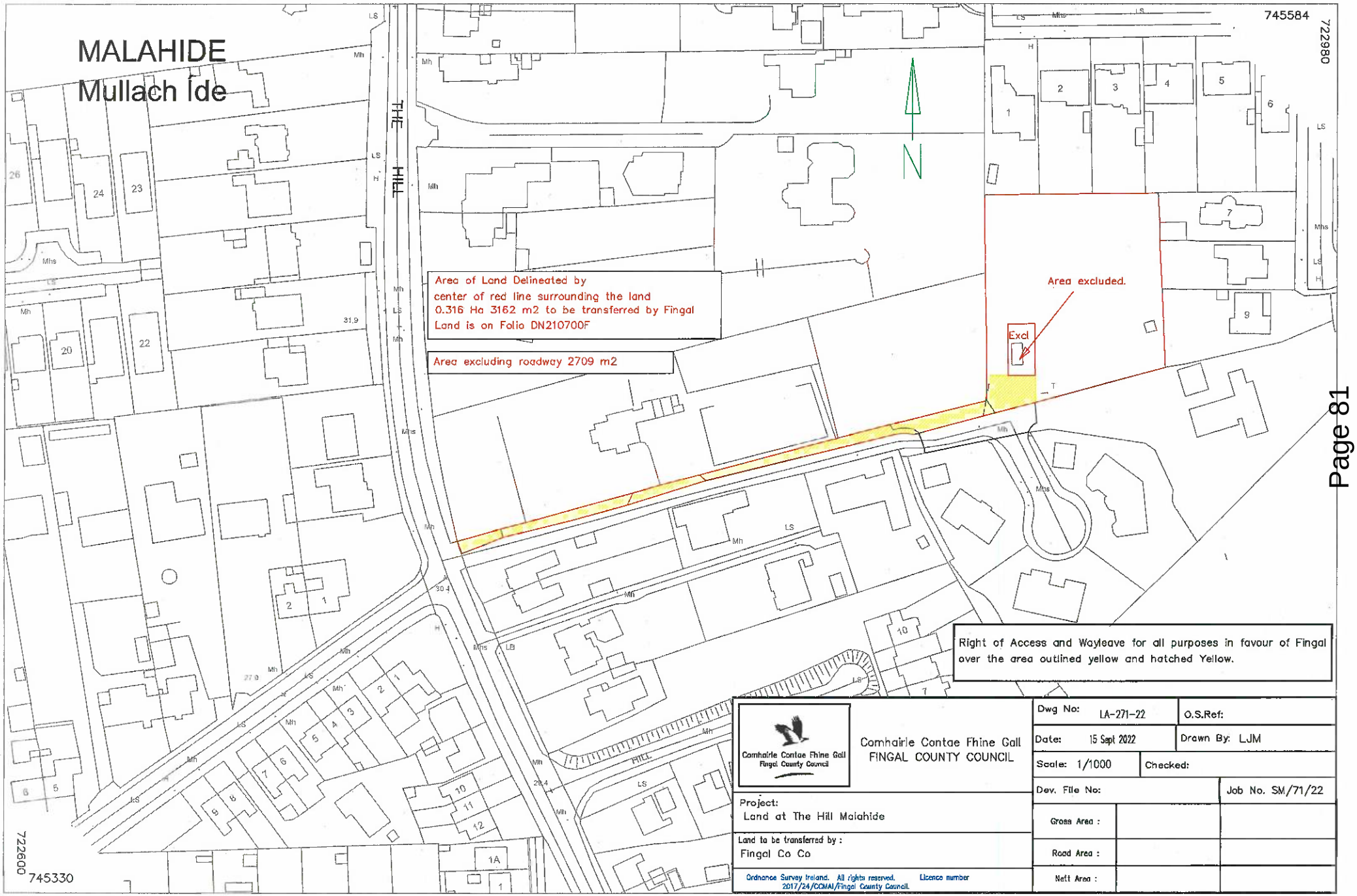
Fingal County Council considers that Prosper Fingal will provide significant community benefit in the Malahide area.

The Council recommends an abatement of 90% of the value of the land at The Hill, Malahide, bringing the consideration payable to the Council from €900,000 to €90,000. This abatement in the value of the land will enable Prosper Fingal to deliver a new dedicated centre for adults with intellectual disabilities in the Malahide area and meet growing demand for services in Malahide and its environs.

In accordance with Article 206 Subsection 2 (b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, a copy of this report will be appended to the Section 183 Report presented to the Elected Members for consideration at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 14th October 2024.

Aoife Brennan

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


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Land is on Folio DN210700F
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ITEM NO. 21c

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

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

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
51 Martin Savage Park, Ashtown, Navan Road, Dublin 15	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 16/12/1972	£2.60 = €3.30 x 59.17 = €195.26	€195.26 +€130.00 = €325.26
44 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 17/12/1977	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55
52 Aisling Heights, BlanchardstownDublin 15	[redacted]	[redacted]	150 years from 29/07/1976	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55

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DECLARATION OF ROADS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 23

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE OUR BALBRIGGAN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Leadership Group is to provide collaborative leadership, oversight and stewardship in the implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and to monitor progress, review and recommend adjustments where necessary across all aspects of the plan.

Further to the recent Our Balbriggan Leadership Group led 'Review and Renew' process for the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme, and the Programme moving to the implementation phase with projects now on site, the Terms of Reference for the Leadership Group have been amended. In this regard, a headed Item is brought to the September monthly meeting. To reflect the programme's move to the implementation phase, the updated Terms of Reference for the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group have been amended to increase from 3 to 5, the number of Councillors from the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area on the Leadership Group and that the elected Members from that Area be made members of the Group. The Revised Terms of Reference have been circulated.

It is now recommended that the updated Terms of Reference be agreed and approved.

If the Revised Terms of Reference are agreed and approved, all Members from the Balbriggan Local Electoral Area are to be appointed to take up the 5 positions on the Leadership Group.

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Terms of Reference

Balbriggan Leadership Group

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan

1.0 Background

1.1 The first meeting of the Leadership Group took place in May 2018. The group guided the process and development of the Our Balbriggan 2019-2025 Rejuvenation Plan which was launched in May 2019. A review and renew process for the Rejuvenation Plan commenced in October 2023 and was completed in June 2024 extending the Rejuvenation Plan and Implementation Programme to 2030.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 To develop – in concert with the local community, businesses and stakeholders – a long-term socio-economic strategy for Balbriggan, under the direction of an external Leadership Group and with the senior-level buy in of all relevant statutory agencies.

2.2 Provide collaborative leadership, oversight and stewardship in the implementation of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan.

2.3 To monitor progress, review and recommend adjustments where necessary, across all aspects of the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan.

2.4 To ensure the Implementing Values and Principles in the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan are consistently upheld.

2.5 Implementing Values & Principles:

- **Engagement:** Listening to local people about their ambitions and their aspirations for the town of Balbriggan and sharing the plans and actions for the development of the town.
- **Collaboration:** Working in partnership with government agencies, local service providers, local businesses, new investors and intended beneficiaries to best harness resources and ideas to deliver on the Our Balbriggan Plan.
- **Shared Learning and Innovation:** A willingness to learn from each other and from other cities and locations with the intention to test new ideas and initiate innovations.
- **Placemaking:** Capitalise on community assets and potential with the intention of creating public spaces that promote people's health, happiness, and the development of a strong sense of belonging.

2.6 When all other options have been exhausted at sub group level to deal with impediments to the implementation of the strategy, the Leadership Group shall have a role in assisting with delays and removal of barriers with the appropriate authorities and / or governmental departments where required.

3.0 Functions

3.1 To seek assurances that resources which are committed to the Plan will be available

3.2 The need for cooperation and coordination of activities with those of other public authorities and other public-funded bodies in the implementation of the Plan.

3.3 The need to take account of best practice in relation to governance.

4.0 Membership

Function	Category	Rule
Chair	Leadership Group	Independent nominee appointed by the Chief Executive, Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Community Development	Independent nominee appointed by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office, Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Education, Skills & Employment	Independent nominee appointed by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office, Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Economic Development	Independent nominee appointed by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office, Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity	Independent nominee appointed by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office, Fingal County Council
Pillar Chair	Public Realm	Nominee appointed by Chief Executive, Fingal County Council
Elected Member 1 (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council
Elected Member 2 (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council
Elected Member 3 (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council
Elected Member 4 (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council (to be added on commencement of projects implementation phase following review and renew process)
Elected Member 5 (Cllr)	Balbriggan Local Electoral Area	Nominated by Fingal County Council (to be added on commencement of projects implementation phase following review and renew process)
Community	Local Ethnic Interest	Nominated by the Chair (in conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Community	Community groups and volunteer led interests.	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Public	An Garda Síochána	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Public	Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection / Or other nominated Public Body	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Public	Health Service Executive	Nominated by the Chair (In conjunction with Our Balbriggan programme office)
Local Authority Official	Fingal County Council	Director of Services - Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

Local Authority Official	Fingal County Council	Director of Services - Housing & Community

4.1 The Leadership Group Chair's duration of office is by mutual agreement/nomination by the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council.

4.2 The Pillar Chairs duration of office will be for a maximum period of 3 years.

4.3 Elected Members (5) to be nominated by Fingal County Council at full Council Meeting.

4.4 Community members (2) nominated by the Chair in conjunction with the Our Balbriggan Programme Office.

Community representatives should be able to demonstrate sufficient seniority / leadership, knowledge, accountability and be representative of networks within the category they represent.

4.5 Public Bodies (3) nominated by the Chair in conjunction with the Our Balbriggan Programme Office.

4.6 Additional members may be required due to retirement or rotation of members, to include different sectoral interests as priorities change over time. Members may need to be replaced due to a conflict of interest or where there is poor attendance. State agency representatives may change due to changing roles. Local authority members may change at local elections. Nominating processes for other sectors may bring forward new members at various times, as required.

4.7 Leadership Group Terms of Reference to be reviewed at least once every three years.

4.8 Attendance at Leadership Group meetings of non-group members is by invitation only by the responsible Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager in agreement with the Chair.

4.9 Members of the Leadership group will be:

- Open & honest,
- Promote high standards and working practices, r
- Respectful of other views
- Operate to high ethical standards a
- Be fully transparent
- Work in an enabling capacity to support implementation of the Plans objectives and actions

5.0 Governance & Accountability

5.1 The Leadership Group Chair will liaise directly with the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council on an ongoing basis.

The Chairperson's responsibilities will be to

- Oversee corporate governance within the group.
- Set the agenda for Leadership Group meetings focussing on strategic matters and current business
- Determine in consultation with the Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager, schedules, dates, times and locations of meetings
- Manage meetings efficiently and effectively, ensuring that meetings are held and the Group's functions are discharge in accordance with its values and principles
- Lead debate and consideration of policy matters

- Ensuring responsibilities are delegated to members, sub-committees and task-groups as appropriate.

5.2 Pillar Chairs will be responsible for reporting to the Chairperson and Leadership Group members on the delivery and progress of actions in their category and to agree implementation plans for actions and opportunities where necessary, in consultation with Chair, Senior Executive Officer/Programme Manager, Balbriggan Programme Office.

5.3 Leadership Group Members representing the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme at external meetings/forums will only be at the request of the Senior Executive Officer/ Programme Manager, Balbriggan Programme Office in agreement with the Chair.

6.0 Meetings

6.1 A minimum of three Leadership Group meetings will be held per annum. Required additional meetings will only be held in agreement with the responsible Senior Executive Officer / Programme Manager and the Chair.

6.2 A minimum of three Pillar Group meetings will be held per annum.

6.3 Administration for the Leadership Group will be provided by the Our Balbriggan Programme Office.

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ITEM NO. 24

REPORT ON BALLEALLY LANDFILL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Update will be given at the Meeting by the Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport.

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ITEM NO. 25

DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES SCHEME 2024 - 2029

Notice of the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 went on public display on Wednesday 17th July 2024, following approval of the Council at its meeting on Monday 8th July. Submissions were invited and eight submissions were received by the closing date of Monday 19th August.

A special meeting of the Corporate Policy Group was held on 27th August to consider the submissions received and proposed changes to the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029. The Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 2nd September approved the proposed changes to the Scheme and recommended the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024-2029 for adoption by Council.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Strategic Policy Committee Scheme

2024 – 2029

September 2024

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1. Introduction

The statutory basis for Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) is set out in the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 48) as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014, which provides that *"a Local Authority shall establish committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committees to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Local Authority and advise the authority on those matters."*

The Strategic Policy Committees provides Councillors with a framework and opportunity to fulfil their role as overall policy makers for and within the local government system. It also develops opportunities for partnership with local and appropriate sectoral interests. The SPC process provides for better focus and enhanced capacity for involvement in policy formulation, review and evaluation.

In June 2024 the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published revised Guidelines for the establishment and operation of Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees. It summarises the central features of the SPC system as follows:

- The role of the Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) and the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) is to assist the Council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy and strategy.
- The SPC system presents councillors with an opportunity to become more involved in policy formulation.
- The SPC system should take account of the Council's overall corporate policy and objectives, integrate with statutory plans and link realistically to financial resources.
- Each authority will generally have four SPCs, but the number should be tailored to the size, membership and administrative resources of the local authority, with the option of more in the largest authorities, if warranted.
- Local authorities are statutorily required to have an SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise. All SPCs should consider climate action as a cross-cutting issue in their work programmes.
- All SPCs will integrate the overall wellbeing of communities across their work programmes.
- Each SPC will promote the use of the Irish language across their work programmes.
- SPCs are to be chaired by one of the councillor members.
- SPCs are to have a minimum total membership of nine.
- At least one third of the members of each SPC are to be drawn from relevant sectoral interests; to provide relevant expertise and advice and allow for a range of inputs in the formulation of policy.
- Relevant organisations for each sector will be identified as early as possible, parallel with the drafting of the scheme.
- Each sector will select its own nominee(s) via the PPN, where appropriate.
- The Corporate Policy Group (CPG) is to comprise the Mayor of the local authority and the SPC chairs. It is to be chaired by the Mayor. It will be supported by the Chief Executive.

- The role of the CPG is to coordinate the work of the SPCs and facilitate the flow of the outcome of the work of the SPCs to the council.
- Area Committees can complement the SPC system. Local operational matters should be assigned to these area committees as the SPC system will not deal with local representational issues and operational issues.

2. Role of the Corporate Policy Group

The statutory basis for Corporate Policy Groups (CPGs) is set out in section 133 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by section 48 of the 2014 Act.

This provides that the CPG may:
(a) "advise and assist the elected council in the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy for the local authority and for that purpose propose arrangements for the consideration of policy matters and the organisation of related business by the elected council", and

(b) "make proposals for the allocation of business as between strategic policy committees and for the general coordination of such businesses".

The membership of the CPG comprises of the Mayor and the chairpersons of each SPC and is supported by the Chief Executive. The CPG is a committee of the council, links the work of the SPCs and provides a forum where policy positions affecting the whole council can be agreed for submission to the full council. Its task is to advise and assist the council, with full decision-making authority remaining with the council. The Mayor reports to the full council on the work of the CPG.

The CPG will:
- play a key role in preparing the budget;
- provide input to the full council on any matter of general concern to the council either on its own initiative or following a request from the council;
- monitor the overall performance of a local authority, including in relation to matters of governance and oversight, in particular though consideration of reports of the Audit Committee, Local Government Auditor and National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC), and in accordance with the Local Government Code of Governance;
- deal with overall issues in relation to service delivery plans, customer service, value for money, etc., (individual SPCs would deal with such issues in their work insofar as their particular service remit was concerned);
- approve the work programmes of the SPCs and monitor their achievement;
- co-ordinate the work of the SPCs;
- request SPCs to consider particular policy issues; where appropriate; and
- provide feedback to the SPCs on council policy and views in areas relevant to the SPCs.

The minutes of CPG meetings will be circulated to all members of the local authority as a matter of course.

3. Role of the Strategic Policy Committees

The statutory basis for Strategic Policy Committee's (SPC's) is set out in the Local Government Act, 2001 (Section 48) as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which provides that *"a Local Authority shall establish committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committees to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the Local Authority and advise the authority on those matters."*

3.1 SPCs and the Council

It is the task of the SPCs, as committees of the council, to advise and assist the council in its work. While it is the task of each SPC to assist the council in the formulation and development of policy, the final policy decisions rest ultimately with the full council.

The SPC system is intended to give councillors and relevant sectoral interests an opportunity for full involvement in the policy-making process from the early stages, when policy options are more fluid. Therefore, if the SPC system operates satisfactorily, much of the preliminary and background work, discussion and recommendation should be completed at SPC level for final consideration and ratification by the council.

The work of the SPC chair and Director of Services is of critical importance and the success of the SPCs is crucially dependent on the active involvement of councillors and on a positive mindset from all involved – Councillors, sectoral representatives, Chief Executive, Directors and staff – that are focused on the strategic role of SPCs.

3.2 SPC Work Programme

Each SPC will adopt a multi-annual work programme linked to the local authority's Corporate Plan which may be updated as necessary.

The CPG should approve the work programmes of the SPCs and may, as appropriate recommend issues to be considered by the SPCs. A review of SPC work programmes should be carried out by the CPG in the third year of the local authority electoral term.

Once a suitable draft work programme for an SPC has been prepared, it should be circulated to the SPC membership for their observations, comments, and feedback. At least four weeks should be allowed for SPC members to return responses on a draft work programme. Having considered any responses from SPC members, the work programme should be finalised and submitted to the CPG for approval.

3.3 Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy

There is a requirement on each SPC to have regard to the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES) prepared by the Regional Assembly.

3.4 Commitment to Inclusive Community Engagement

Fingal County Council is committed to collaborative and inclusive processes in policy development and will have regard to available resources in developing consultation and engagement processes. The Council will ensure that a diverse range of views and interests are represented from other sectors to ensure that all SPC's are inclusive and effective.

3.5 SPCs and Service Delivery Plans (SDPs)

The development of Service Delivery Plans (SDPs) will facilitate the identification of objectives and preparation of strategies for individual services.

SPCs can provide advice and assistance to the council in the preparation of individual SDPs and in setting out the related objectives, strategies, standards and performance indicators.

In this context too, particular policy issues can be identified for special consideration and in-depth examination by the SPC. Such SDPs could set out statements of overall policy, focus on best practice issues, identify particular issues to be addressed and approaches taken, review overall performance of programmes, set out the future strategic direction for the service, address value for money (VFM) issues, effectiveness and efficiency etc. Responsibility for staffing matters is not altered by these arrangements.

More generally, the work of SPCs would take account of the council's overall corporate policy and objectives, integrate with statutory plans where relevant, link realistically to financial resources and be responsive to sectoral consultations.

4. SPC Meetings

4.1 SPC Meetings – Procedures

Procedures for SPC meetings are set out in the Fingal County Council Standing Orders.
A calendar of SPC meetings should be agreed at the start of each year. Meetings of SPCs are generally held quarterly and at a minimum of twice yearly.

SPC meetings should be conducted in a less formal way than full council meetings in order to create an informal and collaborative atmosphere that would allow views and opinions on policy issues.

4.2 SPC Meetings – Linkage with the Council and Nominating Bodies

SPC chairs should introduce SPC recommendations for approval by the full council.

The SPCs sectoral representatives should provide feedback to their nominating organisations on the activities of the SPC.

Members of SPCs should be provided with automatic feedback on the outcome of the council's decisions on SPC recommendations.

4.3 SPC Meetings - Training

Training will be provided for SPC members as appropriate to their needs. These may include: -

- Workshops on policy to cover the various areas within the remit of the SPCs, particularly in respect of climate action;
- Briefings on public sector / local government reform programmes;
- Briefings on the role and functions of local government;
- Legal and ethical responsibilities of SPC members, including but not limited to GDPR, lobbying, etc.;
- Skills orientated training such as team building.
- Effective meeting skills for SPC Chairs

Fingal County Council will assess training needs through a consultative process with the Sectors generally and the SPC members specifically.

5. SPC's 2024 – 2029: Structure and Membership

5.1 Structure

The factors to be taken into account in determining the overall framework of SPCs for Fingal County Council include:

- the total number of elected members on the council;
- the range of sectoral and other interests to be represented, including facilitating a reasonable spread of interests;
- the desirability of allowing adequate opportunity for participation by councillors and sectoral interests;
- the organisational arrangement of service groupings within the authority and the remit envisaged for each SPC;
- the need to ensure that the organisational and financial resources of the particular local authority are not over-stretched; and
- integration with other meeting requirements and committee structures and ensuring streamlined procedures generally.

Regard must also be had to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), including its membership and remit.

Section 48(1A) of the 2001 Act, as inserted by Section 41(a) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires that at least one of the SPCs that is established shall be to consider matters which relate to the functions of a local authority in relation to economic development and enterprise support.

In addition, each SPC is required to consider climate action and climate impacts as part of its work programme. Again, deliberations in this regard should operate in a cross-cutting manner and in the broader public policy context; any interrelationships with other policy domains should be taken into account while considering policies. Climate action should be considered in its widest sense, to include biodiversity action, water quality action, sustainable land use, energy (source and usage), resource management, sustainable transport/mobility, air quality/emissions, soil quality, waste management, community action, etc., and other related issues .

The following are the seven Strategic Policy Committees proposed for Fingal County Council:-

- Housing
- Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
- Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment
- Community, Sports and Culture
- Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development
- Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management
- Marine & Coastal Management

5.2 SPC Remit

Climate Action, Biodiversity and the Environment

- Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029
- Water Quality Management
- Recycling, Waste Minimisation and Management
- Control of Animals
- Tree Management Policy
- Biodiversity Policy

Community, Sports and Culture

- Community Development and Inclusion
- Strengthen communities through participation, connectivity, inclusion and building capacity of community leaders
- ~~Foster community connections~~
- Social Inclusion = Active Inclusion
- Gender Equality
- Oversight of Community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2024 – 2029
- Creative Ireland Programme

- Arts Plan 2019 – 2025
- Enhance and Protect the Heritage of the County
- Promotion of Irish Language
- Sports Activities
- Public Participation and ~~Citizen~~ Resident Engagement
- ~~Build Inclusive Communities~~
- ~~Social Participation~~
- Focus on capabilities rather than disabilities
- Active Citizenship

Housing

- Social & Affordable Housing delivery and supports
- Homeless Strategy
- Estate Management Strategy
- Traveller Accommodation Programme
- Housing Allocations
- Housing Architecture and Design
- Refurbishment & Retrofit Programme

Economic, Enterprise & Tourism

- Economic Development Strategy
- Tourism Strategy
- Skills Strategy
- Food Strategy
- Enterprise Development & Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
- Oversight of Economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)
- Urban, Rural, Town and Village Regeneration

Planning, Strategic Transport and Infrastructure Development

- Fingal Development Plan 2023 - 2029
- Development of New Strategic Infrastructure –
  - Strategic Greenway Infrastructure
  - Strategic Transport Routes
  - Recreational open space
- Building Control and Building Standards
- Planning and Development Urban Design
- Heritage
- Development Contribution Scheme

Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management

Strategic management of all outdoor public spaces including –

- Road Maintenance and Management
- Road Safety
- Regional Parks and Open Space
- Playing Pitches

- Tree Management
- Beach Management
- Permeability & management of Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities
- Traffic Management
- Special Speed Limits
- Fleet Management & Electric vehicle
- Parking Management
- Burial Grounds
- Allotments
- Public Lighting
- Recycling Centres
- Bike Share, E-scooters (Bye Laws)
- Active Travel Programme Implementation

Marine and Coastal Management

Project 2040 National Marine Planning Framework in terms of marine strategy as it relates to local authorities including:

- Harbours
- Coastal Recreation & Leisure
- Water Safety
- Blue Economy
- Coastal Erosion
- Bathing Water Quality
- Renewable Energy
- Flood Risk Management

5.3 Membership

The Guidelines recommend that each of the Strategic Policy Committees will have two-thirds of its membership drawn from the elected representatives of the Council and that one-third of the membership be drawn from external sectoral groupings. While this general principle is respected the distribution of council membership is also reflective of potential workload. The Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development, Housing, Marine & Coastal Management, Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment, Community, Sports & Culture, Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development and Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC's will each have 6 elected members. The Chair of each SPC will be from among the Elected Members.

The Chairs of the SPC's, the Mayor and the Chief Executive will form the Corporate Policy Group.

There are seven overall sectors recommended in the guidelines which should, in general, be represented in each local authority SPC configuration. These are:

1. Agricultural / Farming
2. Environmental / Conservation
3. Development Construction
4. Business / Commercial
5. Trade Union
6. Community / Voluntary

7. Social Inclusion

The allocation of membership for each committee is as follows:

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2024-2029			
Membership by committee	**Elected Members**	**Sectoral Interest**	**Total**
Housing	6	4	10
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development	6	3	9
Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment	6	3	9
Community, Sports & Culture	6	3	9
Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development	6	3	9
Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management	6	3	9
Marine & Coastal Management	6	3	9
Grand Total	**42**	**22**	**64**

Sectoral Nominees by Committee	**Environment Pillar**	**Chambers/ Business**	**Social Inclusion**	**ICTU**	**IFA**	**PPN**	**Total**
Housing		1	1	1		1	4
Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development		1		1		1	3
Climate Action, Biodiversity & Environment	1				1	1	3
Community, Sport & Culture	1		1			1	3
Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development	1	1				1	3
Public Realm, Transportation/ Mobility Management	1	1				1	3
Marine & Coastal Management	1			1		1	3
Grand Total	**5**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**7**	**22**

Each Strategic Policy Committee Member will serve for the life of the Council. If a casual vacancy arises it will be filled by the sector involved. Nominating bodies may deselect their nominees. The national pillar nominees should be representative of local organisations active in the county as it is the local perspective of the national pillar that the members will be expected to bring.

5.4 Nominations from Sectors to the Strategic Policy Committees

The nomination process for:

- the agricultural/farming sector will be facilitated by the farming and agricultural organisations pillar;
- the business/commercial and development/construction sectors will be facilitated by the business and employers organisations pillar;
- the trade union sector will be facilitated by the trade union pillar;
- the environmental/conservation, community / voluntary and social inclusion sectors will be determined on the basis of the local nomination process through the PPN (See paragraph 6.7 below);
- the environmental/conservation sector will be facilitated by the environmental pillar and the associated Environmental College under the PPN arrangements. To join the Environment Electoral College under the PPN, an organisation's primary objectives and activities must be environmental (i.e. ecological) protection and/or environmental sustainability. Membership of this Electoral College will be validated by the environmental pillar at a national level. (For national pillar contacts, see **Appendix 2**).

The responsibility for nominations is the sole responsibility of the sectors agreed in the Scheme. Each sector is also responsible for the putting in place of a structured feedback process between representatives and their nominating bodies.

While very effort will be made to accommodate preferences, the final decision as to the sectoral make-up of the SPC will rest with the Local Authority, and the following factors, will be considered in determining sectoral representation on and across each SPC:

- The need to foster economic and social development generally;
- A stated commitment to working towards gender balance and to encouraging as full as possible gender balance in representation from the sectors;
- the need to ensure a pro-active approach to having as many relevant sectors as possible across the SPC system;
- the need for balance between divergent interests;
- the need for a comprehensive audit of groups within the local authority area to facilitate the fullest possible consultation with each sector;
- the priority concerns of each sector and the appropriateness of the SPCs to these concerns;
- the relationship between the number of SPCs and the range of interests which can be represented;
- a commitment to the fostering of social inclusiveness and equality;

- a commitment to have a pro-active information strategy to inform the public on the renewal of local government;
- the desirability of facilitating relevant organisations to be part of the nominating constituencies.

5.5 State Agencies / Local Development Companies

As per the Guidelines, State and Local Development Agencies are not included as nominating bodies to the sectors and should not be represented on an SPC. This includes the LCDC.

6. Lobbying Act 2015

The Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 (the Act) is designed to provide information to the public regarding who is lobbying whom about what. Individuals and organisations who participate in Strategic Policy Committees established by local authorities may have obligations under the Act.

A critical element of public policy formulation by the Strategic Policy Committees is the availability to the local authorities of expertise, skills and knowledge from persons outside of the public service. Where membership of the Committee comprises of at least one person who, for the purposes of the Act, is a Designated Public Official, it may be the case that communications within the group could be considered lobbying communications. The person making these communications may be required to register as a lobbyist and to submit a return of this communication to the Lobbying Register.

However, the Act provides for an exception from the requirement to register in such cases once specified transparency criteria have been put in place. A transparency code was published by the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform to address this situation. Communications between members of Strategic Policy Committee about the work of the Committee would be exempt where the group in question complies with the Transparency Code.

7. Ethics Framework

It is important for all members of committees to be aware of and understand the Ethics Framework for the local government sector which is set out in Part 15 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended). In particular the following:

Section 168 of the Act

> *In carrying out their functions under this or any other enactment, it is the duty of every member and every employee of a local authority and of every member of every committee to maintain proper standards of integrity, conduct and concern for the public interest.*

Section 170 (1)

An employee or a member of a local authority or of a committee of a local authority shall not seek, exact or accept from any person, other than from the local authority concerned, any remuneration, fee, reward or other favour for anything done or not done by virtue of his or her employment or office, and a code of conduct under section 169 may include guidance for the purposes of this subsection.

(2)

Subsection (1) shall not be read so as to exclude the persons to whom that subsection relates from the application of the Prevention of Corruption Acts, 1889 to 1995, and any Act which is to be construed together as one with those Acts.

Councillors and sectoral SPC members must disclose at an SPC meeting any pecuniary or other beneficial interest, (of which they have actual knowledge) they or a connected person have in, or material to, any matter with which the local authority is concerned in the discharge of its functions, and which comes before the meeting. The councillor / committee member must withdraw from the meeting after disclosure and must not vote or take part in any discussion or consideration of the matter or seek to in any other aspect influence the decision making of the Council.

Where a councillor or committee member has actual knowledge that a matter is going to arise at a meeting at which s/he will not be present, but if s/he were, a disclosure would be necessary, then in advance of the meeting s/he must make such disclosure in writing to the Ethics Registrar.

The foregoing statutory requirements must be observed at all times, and failure to do so is an offence under Section 181 of the 2001 Act. Analogous statutory requirements also apply to employees, and to external members of committees with the exception of the annual declaration in their case.

APPENDIX 1 Registration forms for representation to nominating sectors for Strategic Policy Committees

Name of applicant body: _____

Address: _____

Date of establishment: _____

State aims and purpose of your organisation:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

With which sector would you most readily identify your organisation (one only please)

Agriculture/Farming ☐

Environment/Conservation/Culture ☐

Development/Construction ☐

Business/Commercial ☐

Trade Union ☐

Community/Voluntary/Disadvantaged ☐

Social inclusion ☐

Name and address of person to whom correspondence is to be sent:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No.: _____

How often does your organisation hold meetings?

Date of your last AGM: _____

State your total membership: _____

Names of Officers	Chairman:	
	Treasurer:	_____
	Secretary:	_____
		_____

Please specify the type of Strategy Policy Committee on which your organisation seeks representation:

1st preference: _____

2nd preference: _____

Signed: _____

(Secretary, Applicant Body)

- **Please note that the above suggested registration form is for use in relation to local organisations and is not relevant to the National Pillars**

- **While every effort will be made to accommodate preferences, final decisions will ultimately rest with the local authority, having regard to the likely degree**

of interest, the limited number of SPC places available and the need to have a balanced constituency for each SPC

APPENDIX 2 Sector Contact Details

Pillar	Name & Address	Telephone and e-mail
Farming	**~~Gerry Gunning~~** **Shane Whelan**	**01-4500266**
Irish Farmers Association Irish Farm Centre Bluebell Dublin 12		~~gerrygunning@ifa.ie~~ shanewhelan@ifa.ie
Business	**Anthony Cooney**	**01-890 0977**
Fingal Chambers 2 The Green Dublin Airport Central Dublin Airport Swords Co Dublin		anthony@fingalchamber.ie
Trade Unions	**~~Fergus Whelan~~** **Deirdre Mannion**	**01-8897777**
Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) Head Office 31-32 Parnell Square Dublin 1		~~fergus.whelan@ictu.ie~~ deirdre.mannion@ictu.ie
Environment	**~~Michael Ewing~~** **Edward Stevenson?**	**071-9667373**
Environment Pillar – Social Partnership Coordinator Knockvicar Boyle Co Roscommon		~~michael@environmental pillar.ie~~

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 25

REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON DRAFT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE SCHEME 2024 - 2029

Notice of the Draft Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 went on public display on Wednesday 17th July 2024, following approval of the Council at its meeting on Monday 8th July.

Submissions were invited and eight submissions were received by the closing date of Monday 19th August. These submissions were received from Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor Darragh Butler, Councillor Paul Mulville, Mr. Oghenetano Uwhumiakpor, Conradh na Gaeilge, Mr. Edward Stevenson, Environmental Pillar, and Healthy Ireland Local Government (HILG). The points made by these submissions are summarised as follows;

Councillor Angela Donnelly — Response

The inclusion of a Gender Equality Action Plan in the Community, Sports & Culture SPC	Gender equality has been included in the remit of the Community, Sports & Culture SPC.

Councillor Darragh Butler — Response

The inclusion of an IFA representative on the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC	The current membership is considered adequate as the Economic Development Strategy will have a stakeholders' forum with representation at specific sectoral level including the IFA.

Councillor Paul Mulville	Response
To retain the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group and formalise as a sub-committee of the Marine & Coastal Management SPC	The Fingal Coastal Liaison Group has been retained and will provide reports to the Marine & Coastal Management SPC.
Right of public and media to attend SPC meetings	As this relates to the administration of meetings, it is more appropriate to Standing Orders rather than the SPC Scheme.
Dublin Council of Trade Unions be invited to nominate members to SPCs	DCTU are already facilitated under the ICTU umbrella.

Mr. Oghenetano John Uwhumiakpor	Response
To include a Community & Inclusion SPC	Inclusion has been added to Community Development in the remit of the Community, Sports & Culture SPC.

Conradh na Gaeilge	Response
To establish a stand-alone Irish Language SPC	The promotion of the Irish language has been included in the SPC Scheme as a collective objective across all SPCs and has been included in the remit of the Community, Sports & Culture SPC. It is considered that a stand-alone SPC is not warranted.
Include the Irish language in the objectives & title of the SPC and establish an Irish language sub-committee	The promotion of the Irish language has been included in the SPC Scheme as a collective objective across all SPCs and each SPC will strive to promote the use of the Irish language in their work programmes. The establishment of a sub-committee is a matter for the members of the SPC once convened.

Mr. Edward Stevenson, PPN	Response

Circulate reports and presentations continuously with a concise written summary rather than being listed on a meeting agenda with members' queries noted in the minutes.	It is considered that the current arrangements in place for circulating reports and presentations, agendas and minutes are adequate.
Are there additional staff costs due to the diversity of the Public Realm, Transport & Mobility SPC	There are no additional staff costs.

The Environmental Pillar:	**Response**
Inclusion of Climate Action and Biodiversity Protection across all SPCs	EU and National Policies are adhered to by Council and therefore by the Strategic Policy Committees as required. It is not necessary to make such a statement in the scheme.
• Inclusion of 2 Environmental Representatives on the Climate Action Biodiversity and the Environment SPC • PPN to have 3 seats on each SPC • At least one other SPC member on all SPCs to have a broad knowledge of climate and biodiversity issues.	The current membership is considered adequate.
That a meeting between the full Council and the collective Sectoral Representatives may be held once a year at the request of the Council or the SPCs.	The scheduling of such a meeting will be considered for inclusion in the Council's Calendar of meetings.
SPC meeting documentation to be sent well in advance of meetings, ideally four weeks in advance.	This is provided for in SPC Guidelines. As it relates to the conduct and administration of the meetings it is more appropriate to Standing Orders as opposed to the SPC Scheme.
Meeting schedules, and changes in schedule, are agreed by all members of the SPC.	The meeting schedule is agreed by the Council as part of the Calendar of meeting dates.
SPC members to be consulted at an early stage of policy making and	Members of SPCs are consulted on all relevant matters in a timely manner.

provided with all relevant documentation.	Notification regarding the issuing of documentation etc. is dealt with above.
Should be possible for Other Sector representatives to participate remotely when not able to participate in person.	It is considered that attendance at meetings is a requirement of being a member of an SPC. In general, SPC meetings are held via Teams.
Members should be able to add relevant items to an agenda of forthcoming meetings. Items that have not been reached to be added to the next meeting agenda.	All members of an SPC can submit business for an upcoming meeting. Business not reached is added to the agenda of the next meeting.
Recommendations from an SPC, where consensus is not possible, may include a minority report or statement.	It is not considered that such an arrangement is required.
All SPC members should receive training.	Training shall be arranged for all SPC Members.

Healthy Ireland Local Government Response

Highlight wellbeing as a multidimensional concept	The promotion of wellbeing by all SPCs in their work programmes has been included in the SPC Scheme as a collective objective across all SPCs.
Linkage of SPC Schemes with the whole of Government National Wellbeing Framework	EU and National Policies are adhered to by Council and therefore by the Strategic Policy Committees as required. It is not necessary to make such a statement in the scheme.
Explore localised alignment of SPC activity with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	EU and National Policies are adhered to by Council and therefore by the Strategic Policy Committees as required. It is not necessary to make such a statement in the scheme.

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Fingal County Council

Chief Executive's Management Report

9th September 2024
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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you all had a very enjoyable summer and had an opportunity to experience some exciting sporting events both at home and further afield. The Olympics in Paris proved to be a thrilling watch with so many celebratory and uplifting moments for our Irish Olympians – we were especially proud to see 8 representatives from Fingal do so well in their chosen fields. The county was well represented with participants in the Rugby Sevens, Athletics, Equestrian and Sailing events hailing from Sutton, Balbriggan, Skerries, Castleknock and Howth. Investing in our communities by providing top class sporting facilities and promoting physical activity through our Sports Office programmes are just some of the ways Fingal County Council is supporting young people in pursuit of their sporting goals. Last month, Malahide Castle and Gardens played host to the Fingal Sports Festival which saw local and sporting organisations give practical demonstrations and 'come and try' sessions for all those who attended. The event was a real celebration of the achievements of Team Ireland in Paris and not only provided visitors with the opportunity to learn more about activities including weightlifting, cricket, sailing and golf but also offered children and families fun and engaging ways to spend the afternoon. Fingal Sports Office is dedicated to providing a varied and exciting programme of events to communities, schools, online participants and those with disabilities and you can learn more about their work here: https://www.fingal.ie/sports-landing-page

Following on from our great success in 2023, I am very pleased that 7 Fingal initiatives have been shortlisted for this year's Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. The awards recognise and highlight the best of local authorities across Ireland and the following projects are certainly worthy contenders;

- Vintage Picnic Arts Creativity and Music Festival for +55s (Age Friendly Initiative)
- Wildfire Management Howth Head (Climate Change)
- Virtual Reality for Fingal Libraries (Communications)
- Fingal Proms 2024 (Festival of the Year)
- Pilot Public/Private Energy Retrofitting Scheme, Strandmill Estate (Local Authority Innovation)
- Fingal Cultural & Tourism TV (Supporting Tourism)
- Revitalising Heritage: Restoring St. Ita's Historic Homes for Modern Use (Urban Revival)

Fingal County Council are consistently championing initiatives that benefit the people of the county, support sustainability and showcase innovation. It is testament to the calibre of our work that we have also been shortlisted for the Ireland eGovernment Awards in 2 categories;

- VR for Libraries (Education Category) and
- Use of 3D Models & VR Headsets for Consultations (Local Gov and Smart Cities Categories)

There is a huge appetite within the council to develop new and smart ways of working and improving services and it is this drive which produces such excellent initiatives for the benefits of the people of Fingal. I wish everyone involved with these innovative projects the very best of luck this coming November 21st.

The vibrant community of Meakstown in Dublin 11 will soon welcome a new sporting, cultural and activity hub to the area with the opening of Meakstown Community Centre. At the end of August I was delighted to join Mayor of Fingal Cllr Brian McDonagh at a ceremony to formally hand over the keys of the centre to Fingal County Council for final fit out. A vision for a new heart of the area has been in the making for a decade and it is thanks to the work of local community, political representatives and the team at Fingal County Council that this vision has been realised. The building itself is an impressive circular design which is energy efficient and incorporates colourful elements through the use of eye catching green coloured bricks and grassy roof. Inside the spacious and contemporary design there is a three-court sports hall, four large multipurpose rooms for activities such as dance classes, yoga sessions, Pilates, training workshops and community meetings and an inclusive Changing Places facility. The centre will officially open in October and, coupled with the wider development of Lanesborough Park, will offer residents of the area an exciting new space to enhance their community.

Supporting local businesses in our communities is an important function of the council and I am pleased that Fingal County Council successfully managed the roll out of funding under the Increased Cost of Business Grant (ICOB). 4,382 payments totalling over €11m were made to over 2,800 businesses in the county. Approximately 45% of all ratepayers in Fingal received a grant payment and 92.79% of all grant applications met the eligibility criteria set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. The grant was introduced as part of Budget 2024 and will go a considerable way in supporting small and medium sized enterprises with their overheads.

Finally, in further good news 25 Fingal-based community groups and organisations signed contracts to receive grant funding to a value of €1,127,000 to facilitate Climate Action Projects in the area. Through the Community Climate Action Programme, over 100 projects in community settings will shortly commence and include measures such as replacing windows, doors, installing Solar PV LEDs and installing insulation to reduce emissions and improve efficiency. Applications were approved for community projects across the five main themes of Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling and Local Climate and Environmental Action. Practically speaking, this fund will enable community groups to expand their Climate Action objectives through increased recycling and circular economy initiatives, community garden expansions and promotion of biodiversity. I extend congratulations to all those delivering these very worthwhile and ambitious projects and look forward to updates on the initiatives in due course.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly CE

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Total Recruitment Campaigns	78
Interviews Held to date	765
New Starters	161
Promotions	112
Number of Current Job Offers	48
Total Recruitment Campaigns	78

Learning & Development Update

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

Learning and Development Programme 2024 – [January -YTD]	
No of Courses Provided	230
Number of Attendees	1916
Number of Training days	2179

Throughout September, courses will be delivered in the areas of Health & Safety, Specialised Departmental Training & Mandatory Training.

Wellbeing Update

We are pleased to confirm that Fingal County Councils Employment Assistance Services provided through Spectrum Life will be renewed in September. 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).

Earlier this year, Fingal County Council participated in the Elephant in the Room Mental Health Awareness Initiative. Brent Pope, Rugby Legend and TV commentator, created Elephant in the Room in 2022 to promote mental health awareness within professional organisations. We now endeavour to name our four Elephants (Ellies) which are located in our Main Street office in Swords, Grove Road, the Watery Lane Depot, and the Coolmine Depot. During the month of September, Fingal County Staff will be able to submit creative names for our four elephants. The winning names will be announced in September.

World Suicide Prevention Day, takes place on September 10th and a wellbeing message will be issued raising awareness of events throughout the county and nationally.

Health & Safety Unit - HSU

The HSU conducted its proactive safety measures during the months of July & August with the completion of 56 site safety inspections and audits. From January to date the HSU has completed 210 site safety inspections and 27 safety audits. The Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training and child protection training for school wardens and lifeguards. In addition to responding to general staff occupational health and safety queries, the HSU to date has completed 106 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents and dangerous occurrences.
The HSU during the month of August assisted in coordinating 4 HSA inspections of Council facilities.

Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – July & August 2024

Month	Total No. of Calls	Total No. of Emails	Presenting in Person
July	8,532	1,546	1,806
Aug	7,439	1,267	1,154

Building Facilities

Council Chamber Lighting

The lighting in the Council Chamber in County Hall, Swords upgrade was completed during the August recess. New low energy LED lighting, control panel and emergency lighting was upgraded in the installation. The new lighting is energy efficient and the new technology in the control panel will allow for more controls on lighting features. The upgrade included the viewing gallery.

Cobbles – County Hall

The re-laying of the pavement out the front of County Hall, Swords was completed in the past few weeks. This involved the existing paving slabs being cleaned, lifted and a new bed of cement and sand-based bedding. Some of the existing area had to be excavated and levelled off to ensure the slabs could be resituated.



Before



After

Elected Members Offices – Swords

The 14 elected members offices in County Hall, Swords have been refreshed. This involved the raised access flooring being secured, new carpets laid, walls painted, and new furniture fit out.





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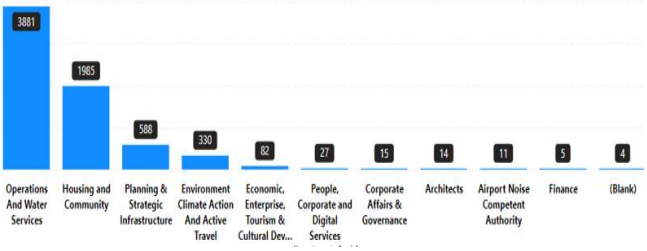
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CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of Elected Members' representations were as follows for July 769 and August 643.



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



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Communications

The Communications Unit provided support to various departments during July and August including Architects, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure, Sports, Active Travel, Libraries, Housing, Economic, Events, Community, Arts and Tourism.
An update leaflet on the Swords Cultural Quarter was published and distributed to households and businesses in Swords.



Timelapse cameras have been installed at the site of new Swords Cultural Centre and the Quay Street Public Realm project in Balbriggan.
Three Corporate Plan workshops were also supported by the Communications Unit while 14 consultations and four surveys were uploaded onto the Fingal Consultation Portal.

Website

Visitor numbers to the fingal.ie website continued to grow in July and August. There were 144,721 visitors in July, a rise of 14% on the same month last year while the 116,962 who logged on in August represented a 6% increase on August 2023. There were 299,988 page views in July and 246,252 in August.

Over the two month the most popular pages apart from the home page were planning applications, the Malahide Castle concerts, recycling centres and affordable housing.

Social Media

The five corporate social media channels now have an accumulated following of 81,928 which is a rise of 2% since June 30.
Facebook has 36,293 followers, X has 23,772, Instagram has 10,680, LinkedIn has 9,703 and You Tube has 1,480 subscribers.

Videos

The Communications Unit were involved in the production of videos during July and August. These included the handover of Meakstown Community Centre, Invest Fingal, the restoration work at Ward River and ushers Lake, Vintage Picnic and the Fingal Pioneers.
All the videos can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos.

Press Releases

The Communications Unit issued 12 press releases in July and 23 in August. Among the press releases issued were ones on Vintage Picnic, Amber Thursday, National Heritage Week and the Open Golf Championship. There were several press releases promoting festivals like the Malahide Castle Sports Festival, Balbriggan Beach Festival and Howth Martitime and Seafood Festival.



Media Queries

The Communications Unit responded to 37 media queries in August. Some of the topics involved included strategic development, planning, housing, aircraft noise, parking and ethics declarations and as well as an Irish Times article on the growth potential of Fingal and the work the Council is doing to sustainably manage the development of the county.

Current Judicial Review Cases – June 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
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 2023/1207 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. 2023.1208 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

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism

Winter in Dublin promoted in Milwaukee

As part of the Tourism Strategy Fingal County Council is seeking to leverage the existing Fáilte Ireland Tourism brand for the region – Winter in Dublin.

To this end delegates from four the local authorities attended IrishFest Milwaukee, which is a large cultural and musical festival celebrating Irish music, sport and arts and held over four days from the 15th August .

A joint initiative to promote Dublin as a must-visit tourist destination in what is normally be regarded as the low season. The Dublin delegation shared the details of the wonderful assets in the region - including our natural amenities, heritage, leisure, recreation, arts, culture, festivals and events.



The focus on Fingal was prominent, given the unique positioning on the coast, heritage properties, rich musical offering and food hospitality. The delegates spoke to several thousand of the 130,000 persons attending the event.

The team also hosted a dedicated "Winter in Dublin" reception and campaign pitch for key media, tour operators, trade partners, and organisers of other IrishFest host cities from across the US who were present. The team were glad also to receive a visit at the stall from the Irish Ambassador to the USA – Geraldine Byrne Nason. Another highlight was an invitation to City Hall Milwaukee by the Mayor, Cavalier Johnson who met each of the Irish county delegations.

Fingal Food & Drink Network



The Fingal Food & Drink Network had a very visible presence in the Food Demonstration tent at Flavours of Fingal on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June at Newbridge House. As well as taking place in cookery demonstrations alongside celebrity chefs, the network received a lot of visitors to their stand showcasing the wide variety of produce from across Fingal in the 'Coast and Fields' tent.



In addition, the Fingal Food and Drink Network had a prominent stand at the Rush Food Festival on Saturday 3rd August alongside several Fingal food businesses such as Whitestown House and Feisty Ferments.

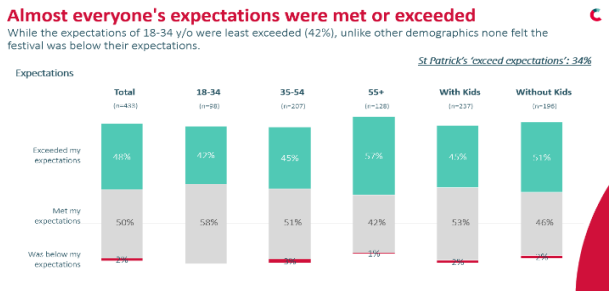
A familiarisation trip for network members to the Howth Cookery School in Howth Castle is being arranged for September.

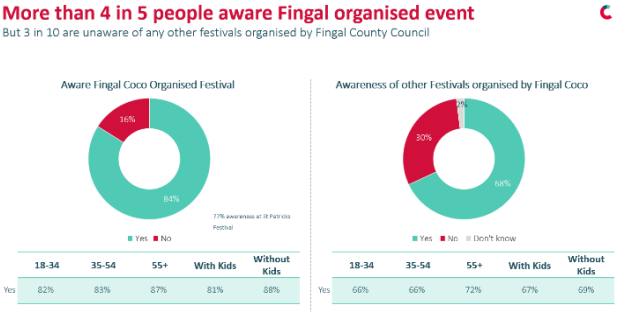
The network continues to add new members from across Fingal and work is continuing to ensure its longevity by formalising the work of the network and its relationship with the Council.

EVENTS

Flavours of Fingal

We undertook an extensive survey of attendees at Flavours of Fingal to research attendees satisfaction levels, suggestions for improvements and travel options. Highlights include: 98% of the surveys said that flavours exceeded or met their expectations, 22% travelled by buses.





More than 80% were aware that FCC organised the event however only 30% were aware of other events organised by FCC.

We will do stronger branding at future events to ensure the public are aware FCC are the event organisers. We are also analysing this research in regards to the value for money proposition of Flavours of Fingal to the local community and to FCC in general.

Unison Festival



Unison Festival returns this September with a great variety of music, food and craft in Balbriggan and Blanchardstown. Balbriggan takes place in Bremore Castle on Saturday 14th September and Blanchardstown takes place in Millenium Park on Sunday 15th of September.

Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival



Howth Maritime & Seafood festival takes place on Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th September. Changes this year include a larger circus tent area with demonstrations, a live music stage at the festival seafood village and a new quiet zone in partnership with Howth Sutton Autistic Community.

Fingal Rush Air Display



The Air Display took place on Bank Holiday Sunday, unfortunately it rained all day until just before the start at 3pm. However large crowds then turned out for the display. Shuttle buses ran from Skerries, Loughshinny, Lusk etc to the North Beach and this helped with good crowd distribution. The adjoining fun fair and festival village was a great draw for local families.

Family Fun Days Swords & Malahide



We were blessed with very sunny days for both the Swords Castle & Malahide family fun days. Large crowds turned out to both events and the feedback received was extremely positive from both communities. Highlights included: Go Fly Your Kite, carnival games, magicians and face painters.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Skerries Mills



An event took place at Skerries Mills for Heritage Week on 20th August to celebrate harvesting, milling, and bread in Fingal. Baker Lucy Forde explained and demonstrated the journey from harvest to freshly baked bread and offered participants the opportunity to try their hand at traditional milling techniques, explore the process of bread making and taste the final product.

Ardgillan Castle



As part of August Craft Month, Ireland's unique celebration of the craft sector, Ardgillan Castle held an inspiring and hands-on celebration of creativity between 3rd and 10th of August. Ardgillan Craft Week was packed with various workshops, demonstrations, Open studios and a fantastic Craft Fair with a special performance from the Skerries Ukulele Band. Workshops included pottery, painting, prints and skincare.

Ardgillan Castle will be hosting several events for Heritage Week from 17th to 25th August including a Demesne Heritage Tour, a Garden Tour with Head Gardener Dominica McKevitt, an Amateur Radio Demonstration and a free traditional wool spinning demonstration.

Design Award for Newbridge Coach House Café



Newbridge House was nominated to the Archive 100 list for the design interpretation in the Coach House. The 100 Archive charts the past, present and future of Irish design by publishing 100 notable communication design projects, selected each year (since 2010) following an open call.



This project for the Newbridge Café was to interpret the space that once worked as a busy country house working stables 1765-1985.
Starting in 2022 Joanne Byrne led the project from a design perspective, alongside in-house curator Cathal Dowd-Smith who provided the historical materials. Both liaised with Duncan Henderson who co-ordinated the financing and commissioning of the work for EETCD. Inclusion in the 100 Archive list is a high accolade, since it is determined by peer review from those in the design industry.

Courtyard Kitchen to open at Newbridge House and Farm

Get ready for your taste buds to be tantalized and your culinary curiosity to be piqued! Newbridge House & Farm has whipped up something exciting – a new space for food events and experiences housed in 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.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Youth & Education

Music Generation Fingal Summer camps recently took place at Carnegie Library Arts Hub, Seamus Ennis Arts Centre and Foroige Balbriggan.
These were facilitated by professional musicians and educators Eamonn Galldubh, Ava Durran, Matt Winston, Mary Flynn, Ollie Cole and Shane Latimer. A number of young people participating in Music Generation Fingal were represented at Foroige's Youth Recognition Awards.



Music Generation Fingal has reached out to DEIS Band 1 and Developing Primary Schools in the Fingal area to offer whole class pre-instrumental and ukulele tuition from Sept.

Jazz Camp for Girls

This mentorship initiative in Jazz for female identifying youth was recently facilitated by musicians and educators Jenna Harris, Emily O'Rourke, Lina Andonovska
This initiative was promoted through second level schools in Fingal and a marketing campaign in advance of summer delivery
24 young people participated, and the initiative involved learning complete tunes and developing confidence in improvisation.
This initiative was in partnership with Improvised Music, and DCU.

Exploring & Thinking

The Dublin Local Authority Partnership is offering artists working in Early Childhood Arts an opportunity to avail of mentorship. Prof. Suzanne Zeedyk, a developmental psychologist specialising in early childhood, will provide the mentorship programme in Balbriggan.



29 applications were received from artists working in this very specialised area of practice and 12 artists have been selected. The partners are now developing content in response to the artists needs.

Public Art

Dublin Canvas

Dublin Canvas is an inclusive public art project with locations in County Dublin's four local authorities. Completed artworks are intended to brighten up once dull, heavily tagged boxes into beautiful works of art, transforming Dublin into a walking gallery of public art. By their very nature, each box is located at traffic junctions making them highly visible to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Dublin Canvas runs from Spring and finishes by late Autumn. A callout for submissions of artwork is made in late Spring. The selection process then takes place, and the artworks are painted throughout the Summer and late Autumn months.



Due to the poor weather this summer, progress has been slow on Dublin Canvas countywide however the following locations are now complete or expected to be completed by the end of September:

1. 'What Shall We Do Today' on Upper Main St, Rush is by Gracie Hawkins
2. 'My Dublin Oasis' in front of St. Marnock's National School, Strand Road, Burrow, Portmarnock is by Ciara Rowan
3. 'Shiver' opposite St Fintans School, Dublin Road, Burrow is by Sinead Poznanski
4. 'Maggie Doyle' in Blanchardstown Village is by Liam Kane
5. 'Doggy Day Trip' on Dublin Road, Binn Eadair View, Sutton is by Claire Callinan
6. 'Pair of Jokers' opposite Lord Mayors Bar, Main Street, Swords is by Niamh Wade
7. 'Sir Barnewall and Lady Sherle' on Lusk Main Street is by Lauren O'Reilly
8. 'Flutter By' on Clonsilla Road, Clonsilla is by Izzy Fox
9. 'An Irish Hare' on Skerries Road, Mariners Road, Rush will be by Amelie Bates
10. 'Na Daoine Maithe' on Mountview Road, Blanchardstown will be by Caitlin McMahon
11. 'Fooseball Table' on Blanchardstown Road/Warrenstown, Blanchardstown will be by Ethan Roony
12. 'Stonechatter' on Bayside Boulevard/Dublin Road will be by Orla Cassidy
13. 'No Place like Gnome' on Old Navan Road/Castleknock Road, Castleknock will be by Tian Kureel
14. 'The Ripple of Love' on Harry Reynolds Road/Chapel Street, Balbriggan will be by Valeria Zaporojan

Artist Funding & Support

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

Fingal County Council, in association with Age & Opportunity and Tyrone Guthrie Centre, is pleased to announce the two recipients for the month-long residencies at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre.

This year's awardees are writer Desmond Traynor and visual artist Susan Buttner.

The residency aims to address the goals of Fingal Arts Office, through its Arts Plan 2019 – 2025, of: connecting people and ideas; enabling excellence and fostering experimentation and risk taking. These residencies similarly support Age & Opportunity's aim of celebrating creative ageing, and representation in the arts of and by older people. This initiative also supports the three organisations aim to foster the professional development of artists in their ongoing practice.



Desmond Traynor is a Dubliner, and a graduate of U.C.D. and Trinity. He is a Hennessy Literary Award winner and an Alumnus Essay Award winner, whose debut novel *The Myth of Exile and Return* was nominated for the 2005 Irish Novel of the Year Award. Last year he was a prize-winner in the Hubert Butler Essay Competition. He has received bursaries in literature from the Arts Council of Ireland, and Fingal County Council.



Susan Buttner is an Irish visual artist based in Dublin. She is an artist of emphatic morphology, her practice is a delicate evaluation of power relations, revealing tensions and forces, while highlighting the borderless, transgressive aspect of institutional critique.

She completed several national and international residencies, received many prestigious bursary awards and presented a solo exhibition, with collaborative live performance, at the LUAN Gallery, Athlone.

Fingal County Council and Draíocht Artist Studio Residency Award 2024 Recipient Announced

Fingal County Council and Draíocht, Blanchardstown, are pleased to announce Joanne Reid, a Visual Artist from Balbriggan specialising in sculpture, as recipient of the four-month paid residency in Draíocht's Artist Studio.

This residency, based in Draíocht's Visual Artist's Studio, offers an artist a unique opportunity to develop their practice in a comfortable, practical and supportive environment. It aims to provide time and space for artistic growth and experimentation.



Joanne Reid is a visual artist working primarily in sculpture. Her work often begins as a direct response to chance encounters with the materials, objects and spaces that form our built environment. Reid is particularly drawn to the use of building materials, such as steel, plywood, concrete, timber, and plaster in her practice. While her work draws mainly on an engagement with everyday urban contexts, there are also art historical references. Reid is interested in the history of still life and the human desire to copy and remake the natural world around us. Her most recent work plays with a merging of forms from the natural and the built world.

RHA School and Fingal Arts Studio Award 2024 Recipient Announced

Fingal County Council in partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy School (RHA) are delighted to announce Eileen Leonard Sealy, an emerging Visual Artist from Howth, as the recipient of the 2024 Fingal County Council and RHA School 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.



Eileen Leonard Sealy is an artist living and working in Fingal, graduating from NCAD in 2023 with a Degree in Painting. Having previously worked as artist in residence in a natural burial ground in the Netherlands in 2020 for a five-month period and undertaking a research trip to the highlands of Sulawesi, Indonesia, funded by the Thomas Dammann Junior Memorial Trust Award, Eileen's work strives to create visual narratives that forge similarities between commonly isolating human experiences.

Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award 2024 Recipient Announced

Fingal Arts Office is pleased to announce Louis Haugh as the recipient of the inaugural Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award. The objective of this new award is to provide a fully funded studio for a professional visual artist to research and develop new work in response to the coastal environment of Loughshinny and surrounding areas.



Louis Haugh, a visual artist working in photography, sound and installation will commence his residency in early September. Originally from Hartstown in Dublin 15, Louis' work focuses on ecology and biodiversity. As part of Fingal County Council's programme of events for Dublin Climate Action Week, he will facilitate a Natural Fermentation workshop using locally foraged botanicals at the boathouse on Saturday 14th September.

Carnegie Library

July: Fingal Poetry Festival

Fingal Poetry Festival invited poets of all levels of experience to perform to a full house at the Carnegie Library and win a chance to perform at the Grand Slam event in this year's Fingal Poetry Festival.



August: Swords Youth Choir

Funded through Creative Ireland, Swords Youth Choir presented their summer school at the Carnegie, introducing and guiding new members to a range of vocal and choral activities.



Draíocht

Draíocht's Autumn Programme
Taking pride of place on Draíocht's Autumn Brochure cover is Dublin 15's multi-talented and award-winning musician Asha Ari, Curator of this year's free headline event for Culture Night at Draíocht, on 20th September. 'Blanchardstown Resonance II' will celebrate music and dance talent from the area, with performers James Shannon, Asha Ari, Shauna Harris & Subhashini Goda. Added to that an amazing house band including Carlotta Guitarla, Tevonte Black, Julio Lima, and Fionn Ruadh, you don't want to miss this amazing evening! **AND IT'S FREE!** Culture Night at Draíocht will also have a focus on children and young people, with Movie Shorts for children aged 3 and up, and Youth Theatre Workshops for teenagers aged 14-18 years.



The months of September and October traditionally celebrate Theatre Season in Dublin, with both the Dublin Fringe Festival and Dublin Theatre Festival represented at Draíocht. Dublin Fringe Festival brings us 2 events, 'An Attempt to Talk with the Beginning of the World' (9-11 Sep), a show created by Anna Newell for babies aged 3-12 months. And 'Embedding Access: A Workshop for Disability Inclusion' with Al Bellamy (12 Sep) for theatre practitioners.

For Dublin Theatre Festival we host 2 shows, one from Fishamble Theatre Company and one from Rough Magic. BREAKING by Amy Kidd (02-05 Oct) by Fishamble presents us with a story about control within a relationship. Are there two sides to every story? FREEFALLING, written & performed by Georgina Miller (09-12 Oct) presented by Rough Magic, is an extraordinary true story, brought to life in an incredible way, with adrenaline-filled aerial flight on our main stage, capturing the joy of living life to the full, and the terror of being trapped in a body that refuses to function.

Draíocht's full Autumn programme is completed with a wide variety of music, film and comedy events, including the return Coolmine Musical Society with their much-anticipated production of 'Sister Act', as well as our programme of education workshops and family days, and our gallery programme. Full details www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Creative Communities
Under the Creative Ireland and Fingal County Council Creative Communities scheme TSEAC are running inclusive arts and crafts workshops in the Piper's Garden over the August weekends. Crafts include a community mural inspired by the biodiversity of the surrounding Naul and Fingal areas, Botanical Lino Printing, Tie Dye T-shirt making, Flower Crowns and traditional Ukrainian Crafts.

Summer Camps
TSEAC hosted two popular summer camps – a multi-instrumental music camp in collaboration with Music Generation Fingal and a Make a Movie Camp with the Create School. Both were a great success.



Easter Snow Gallery

From June to July Margo Banks exhibited in the Easter Snow Gallery to great acclaim. We held a busy exhibition launch which resulted in a good deal of purchases.

From August to September, artist Diana Marshall's still lives will take up residence in the gallery.

Heritage Week

We held a sold-out free event in collaboration with UCD and the University of Edinburgh for Heritage Week. This event examined new archaeological findings in our neighbouring passage tomb Four Knocks.

First Stop Sessions

This summer we ran a number of tourist-focused sessions, in which small groups enjoyed some traditional music followed by some traditional Irish food served by the Cottage Café.

Corporate Groups

TSEAC offers rental opportunities throughout the year, and in May we welcomed Blas na hEireann for their annual food awards for the second year in a row.

Libraries

Flavours of Fingal



Libraries took part in the Flavours of Fingal Festival on the 29th and 30th June in Newbridge House and Farm, Donabate. Library staff showcased all the resources and events libraries have to offer and gave promotional notebooks, bookmarks, and summer brochures to people who visited the Fingal Village.

Members of the public gave some wonderful feedback about the library service. At the Fingal Mobile Library van, children enjoyed face painting and entertainment from Reuben the Magician and Alan Nolan.

Summer Programme



A programme of events took place in all library branches throughout the summer months. The programme included free events for children such as author visits, creative writing, illustration and painting classes, tie-dye T-Shirt printing, drama, Lego STEM workshops, board games, sensory-friendly workshops, a percussion workshop, and coding workshops. Events for adults included gardening workshops, art sessions, sustainable fashion demonstrations, chair yoga, Tai Chi, and a talk for parents on supporting children starting school.

Summer Stars

Libraries took part in Summer Stars, the national reading programme that runs annually throughout the school summer holidays. Every child who took a book out from the library got reading card which was stamped for each book they read. Children will be issued with Summer Stars certificates of participation in the coming weeks.

Little Library Book Bag

Libraries are taking part in the 'My Little Library Book Bag' initiative, a collaborative project between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 strategy. Every child starting school this September can pick up a bag with a free book from their local library telling a story about making friends.

The Magic of Stories



Fingal Festival of Children's Literature is back for the third year on Saturday 28th of September at Swords Castle. As with 2022 and 2023, the festival will feature Irish authors and illustrators including, Tarsila Cruse, Chris Judge, Derek Landy, Niamh Sharkey, Marita Conlon-McKenna, Alan Nolan, Sarah Bowie, Paddy Donnelly, Leona Ford and more.

The Creative Zone is the place to get arty and it's bigger than ever this year. It's just bursting with so many amazing activities for you to do. This is where you can get your imagination going – and your hands covered in paint! The Creative Zone is open all day.

This year, we will also have a library tent where you can join the library, get information about our services. We will also have a sensory tent where children and adults can get a break from the noise and action.

Once again, children will have the opportunity to meet with authors and illustrators and have their books signed. A number of copies of each book featured will be gifted to the audience on the day.

A schools programme devised by Shane Hegarty and Kim Jenkinson will bring the Magic of stories beyond the Castle walls and into schools and libraries across Fingal.
This year, with the help of illustrator Alan Nolan, we created an activity book for children of all ages which was distributed through Fingal Libraries and schools and was a huge success.

Libraries of Sanctuary

Library of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

Balbriggan Library is applying to be Fingal's first Library of Sanctuary. A Library of Sanctuary is a library that is committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion, especially for refugees and asylum seekers and indeed for all newcomers to the area. Libraries of Sanctuary are part of the City of Sanctuary movement across the UK and Ireland. Balbriggan Library must go through a formal application process to be awarded Library of Sanctuary status and will have to meet particular criteria. These include creating a culture of welcome within the branch, ensuring that all staff have completed training in diversity and multiculturalism, encouraging and helping refugees and migrants to use library facilities, providing English language classes, books in other languages and practical information, bringing communities and cultures together through events and activities and working with other organisations and groups to support refugees and migrants.

As I Am

Fingal Libraries is working with As I Am, Ireland's National Autism Charity, to achieve a certificate of 'Autism Friendly Accreditation'. We are currently facilitating staff training with Autism Acceptance and Understanding workshops. We are also undergoing sensory environmental audits of our library branches. This is a way to assess how the branches' lighting, noise levels, air quality, and overall ambience can impact people's experiences and wellbeing.

Literacy Programme



Fingal Libraries organised a literacy project for students and their parents in St. Luke's N.S in Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15 in early 2024. This was the second programme that we have run at St. Luke's N.S. and we are now planning a Winter 2024 literacy programme with the school.

The main aim of the project is to introduce the library and reading to hard-to-reach people, including those with literacy issues and people for whom English is not their first language.
The school identifies ten families that they feel would particularly benefit from the programme. We engage the services of a literacy expert, Stephen Brett, to design and implement the programme. Stephen has previously been involved in the Write to Read programme, in conjunction with DCU.

As part of the programme, the mobile library service is present onsite so that parents and their children have the opportunity to join the library. In addition to this, the children have a fun workshop with author and illustrator, Alan Nolan. Each child receives a free bag of specially selected books from Fingal Libraries which they can take home and read with their parents.
The impact of the programme is increased confidence in the classroom, further engagement with the library service and improved family literacy.

Culture Night

Malahide Blanchardstown Balbriggan Libraries and Fingal Local Studies and Archives will be taking part in Culture Night on Friday 20th September. As well as exploring all the services the Fingal Libraries has to offer, there will be family-friendly events including children's entertainers, storytelling, exhibitions and live music performances. Fingal Local Studies and Archives will host an open evening with a genealogist to answer all your questions about how this service can assist you to research your family history.

Heritage Week

Heritage Week takes place between 17th – 25th August this year. Libraries will celebrate with events for people of all ages, including a pollinator workshop teaching children about the importance of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan for bees. There will be talks for adults on local history including a talk on the history of Balbriggan Library. Fingal Local Studies and Archives have organised open days where the public can learn about items from the collection and resources for local and family history.
Local Studies and Archives will also host a talk on genealogy and a talk by Dr. Bernard Kelly on the War of Independence in Fingal.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Dublin Climate Action Week, which aims to showcase and inspire climate action across the Dublin region, takes place between 9th to 15th September. Fingal Libraries has arranged a number of events for all ages to mark this week. Primary school children in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan will take part in climate action and bio-diversity workshops with the Rediscovery Centre. Author and ecologist Pádraic Fogarty will give a talk in Blanchardstown Library. There will also be a screening of Irish Documentary Film 'A Note for Nature' in three libraries.

Fingal Libraries Book Bike

Funding was received from the Chief Executive Initiative Scheme to pilot a Book Bike. This is a mobile library on an electric cargo bike that will attend events in Fingal to promote the library services and resources. In collaboration with the Active Travel Department, the electric cargo bike has been sourced from Bleeper Bike.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Council is currently working on the reiteration of the Fingal Skills Strategy. A Skills Survey was open for public participation and we have concluded a number of consultations with relevant stakeholders. It is anticipated that that Fingal Skills Strategy will be concluded by end of Q4.

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 previously shared two Good Practices from Fingal with our project partners which were identified in collaboration with key Fingal County Council stakeholders DRSF and Baldoyle Training Centre.

The Fingal SKYLA Project team have hosted a delegation from TEK Kompetens, Sweden recently they visited companies local to Balbriggan to look at best practices in Sustainability and Skills.

Economic Development Strategy



The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy builds on the socio-economic profile prepared as part of the Fingal LECP process and sets out a vision, key opportunities and actions to support the local economy to 2040.

The official launch of Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy took place on ***Wednesday, 4 September***, in the Greenwich Suite, Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown, Dublin 15 with invitations issued from the Mayor to over 200 invitees.

To align with Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy work is also ongoing on the development of a Marketing Plan for the County in consultation with key stakeholders.

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project

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. Balbriggan is the lead town and the other partners committed to the network are Albu Iulia, Romania; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Parnu, Estonia; Kekava,Latvia; Villena, Spain; Ormoz, Slovenia; Santo Tirso, Portugal; Tuusula, Finland.

The Fingal EcoCore Team are preparing for the third and fourth transnational city visits to Tuusula in Finland and Kekava in Lativa in September. Both cities have similar sustainable development challenges along strategic transport corridors.



Citizen, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (Cerv)

CERV is an EU Funding Programme for citizens' engagement and the implementation of EU rights and values. Fingal County Council has been awarded CERV funding to participate in 2 separate projects, which commenced in January 2023 and will continue for 18 months.

European Commission

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme

Green It Your Work

GREEN IT YOUR WORK

Work is continuing on the objectives of 'Green IT Your Work' project which are:

• Youth Debates about European Digital Age project highlighting the role of young people in the green transition

• Promote green jobs with the aim of contributing to greener European cities

The next meeting will take place on 24th to 27th September 2024, for Work Package 7 - GREEN TRANSITION NEEDS SYNERGY hosted by The Municipality of Pregrada (Croatia).

InclusEU

The InclusEU project aims to encourage volunteer action as a social response for an inclusive Europe. Work continues on the project with partners from Italy, Poland, Hungary, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Romania. Representatives from Fingal's Sports Office and Empower attended Molfetta, Italy, in June with a delegation from Fingal, Foroige and the Sports Office attending the final event in Heerlen, Netherlands, in September.



European Urban Initiative – City To City Exchanges

Fingal has recently applied and been accepted to participate in an 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 have 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.



Sustainable Fingal

The EETCD Department are liaising with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2024/25 to progress collaborative sustainable projects. Work is ongoing to explore opportunities between both organisations for synergies in the area of biodiversity and circular economy projects and to identify potential funding streams.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan were recently successfully in an application under the SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week call and has been approved for funding by SFI at a value of €10,000 direct costs.

An introductory partner meeting took place on 4th July 2024 to discuss the guidelines of the Programme.

Staff from EECTD attended a webinar on Public procurement which stands out as a decisive, high-impact lever that cities can use to lead by example by purchasing goods and services that support the transition to a circular economy.

While a growing number of Circular Cities Declaration signatories are reporting using more circular practices in their procurement processes, there are still challenges with mainstreaming the approach across product categories and departments. This CCD webinar examined best practice examples and tools that cities across Europe have used to implement a more circular approach to public procurement to support the use of circular procurement.

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Fingal County Council's Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor has been completed.

The Council continue to liaise with DBEC to consider potential funding streams to progress the implementation of the Study's recommendations and has submitted a concept proposal to the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund for a priming grant for a pilot implementation of the recommendations.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with DBEC on a series of potential projects for DBEC.

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council 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 three 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 10th July 2024 to review progress on the various programmes under its remit including approval of the SICAP Mid-Year Review. The next LCDC meeting is scheduled for the 4th of September.

Fingal Local Economic Community Plan 2023 – 2028

The adoption of the LECP incorporates a two-year LECP Implementation Plan. The LCDC is responsible for the implementation of the community element of the LECP Plan and also has a role to review the economic element of the Fingal LECP.



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. The initiative will target 5,000 homes in the Corduff/Mulhuddart area.

Sports Club Drug Liaison Project

Healthy Fingal have partnered with the D15 Drugs Task Force to set up an information workshop to be delivered to sports coaches/volunteers to both educate volunteers about the dangers of drugs but to also and create a link between sports clubs and the drugs task force who can provide support to individuals and families. We're looking to start delivering the workshop towards the end of Sept/beginning of October.

Community Recognition Fund 2023/2024

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2023, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, approved the Council's project proposals in March 2023.

Fingal County Council has received an allocation of €1,748,912 for 26 projects across Fingal.

All projects are required to be complete by 18th October 2024 and work is progressing on the implementation of the projects with the Council submitting an initial drawdown in 2023 of €243,000 with a further drawdown of approximately €425,000 submitted in respect of works completed to date in 2024.

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. Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st August to 30th September 2024)

Application Window 3:

FCC Public Call: (November/December 2024)
Approval Timeline for DRCD:
(1st January 2025 to 31st January 2025)

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 and to inform the Council's future policies on such facilities, the Council has concluded a public survey of residents and organisations in the County with regard to the demand of co-working hubs.





All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses/individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities. Bespoke options or generic office fitouts can be considered. Occupancy rates at the Council's three enterprise centres are all over 90%. The three Enterprise Centres currently support 65 businesses and over 320 direct jobs.

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2025 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



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 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 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 14 Bridge Street (house known locally as Keelings) have been completed and a temporary Pocket Park has been installed which has been welcomed locally.



Demolition contractors have completed the current phase of excavation works to the rear of 6a – 14 Bridge Street. An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and a project initiation meeting took place in May 2024. The IDT will look at preparing a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Early and on-going stakeholder engagement has commenced to inform options and will continue throughout the design process.

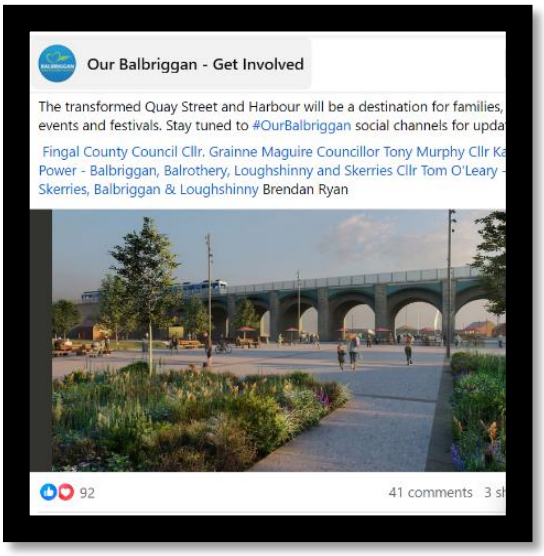


The programme office is progressing the phase 2 element of the Balbriggan Tidal Pool and Swimming Platform Feasibility Study. Phase 2 will include an economic demand analysis which will inform further possible options for this project.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. FCC has met with local stakeholders and potential end users for the Bathhouse and Boathouse at the Martello Tower. Enabling works commenced in February. Works will include full surveys and assessment of the site, 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 5.1k followers on Facebook.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

The Lusk Town Centre First Plan, "Lusk for Life", was launched by the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy and the Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development, Joe O'Brien, 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 project have now been approved for funding These projects for identifying the feasibility for sport and recreation facilities in Lusk's parklands and for a Lusk Farmers Market were taken from the Lusk Town Centre First Plan. €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 has been appointed to assist the Town Regeneration Office Team in establishing the new Town Teams, building their capacity and identifying projects for funding opportunities.

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 Lusk.



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

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024 was launched on the 15th of March, 2024 and expressions of interest were sought from qualifying commercial and community premises located within areas designated as "Major Town Centre", "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" within the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029. Under the scheme, up to 50% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. A total of 41 applications were received by the closing date, 32 of which have now received offers of funding subject to project completion by 31st August 2024.

A further scheme will be announced shortly.

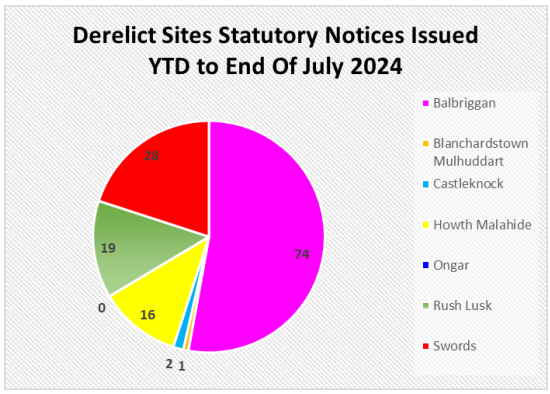
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

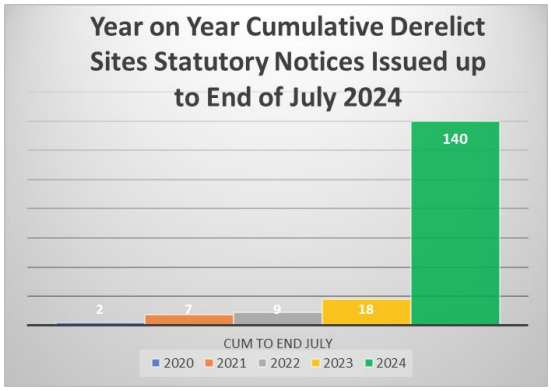
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, " “Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers”. The Town Regeneration Office has commenced the study process by engaging with local stakeholders, gathering, and collating feedback to inform future options and study scope. Consultant engineers have been appointed to assist with the study and have met with the local swimmers during August.

Derelict Sites

140 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of July 2024. This shows a significant increase in notices issued by the Council compared to a total of 18 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 the Summer of 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The Fingal Business Network Event for the third quarter of 2024 is a comprehensive guide to Digital Marketing for small businesses with speaker Greg Fry. The event will be held in the Clayton Dublin Airport Hotel on Wednesday 25th September from 10:00am to 1:30pm. The event will cover all aspects of Digital Marketing for Small businesses and will allow for a Questions and Answer session as well as networking before and after with buffet lunch being served. Established by LEO Fingal in Summer 2022, Fingal Business Network meets quarterly.

Student Enterprise Programme



Registrations are now open for participation in the 2024/2025 Fingal Student Enterprise Programme. Secondary Schools across Fingal are being encouraged to sign-up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP). Students will develop their own actual businesses, researching, resourcing, trading services and products, with the guidance of business mentors. Fingal LEO boasts the largest enterprise programme for second level students in the country.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network



Preparations are underway as LEO Fingal prepares to host the 2024 National Women's Enterprise Day which is scheduled to take place in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown, on October 17th, to be hosted by MC Mary Kennedy and featuring a stellar line-up of inspirational speakers.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

The Fingal Business Supports Briefing series returns on September 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy with some 100 business owner managers and aspiring entrepreneurs expected to attend. The session is run monthly entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies.

Food Supports

CULLY & SULLY
John McCambridge A TRADITION MADE FRESH EVERYDAY
TESCO

LEO Fingal is the lead Local Enterprise Office on the Summer series of food talks held by Dublin Food Chain. The first session was a discussion on startup and branding with Colum O'Sullivan of Cully & Sully, then we had a session with Michaek McCambridge of McCambridges bakery and the final session is on Thursday 29th August with Barra McFeely of Tesco.

LEO Fingal is also sponsoring a trade delegation to the Lunch Expo in London on 18th September with 5 Fingal food businesses travelling on a one-day market research & lead generation mission.

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

Applications for the Autumn Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme are now open. 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 latest "International Best Practice" training programme will commence on September 17th and is delivered to small groups by way of onsite skills development workshops and online workshops. As part of the programme, the owner/manager participants each produce Work Based Assessments which document their strategic plan and acts as a living document as well as a point in time reference for where their business is now and the actions they need to take to grow.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



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 12 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.

A total of 55 applications have been approved in the amount of €122,379 to date in 2024. The next Trading Online Voucher webinar will be held online on Friday 5th July. The Minister for Enterprise recently announced that new measures will be implemented soon which will bring to and the current TOV Scheme, to be replaced by a new "digitalisation" scheme which will incorporate a doubling of the grant offering as well as other key changes.

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. So far this year, 540 clients have availed of one-to-one advice in our Business Advice Clinics. The Mentoring Programme has already seen 300 clients receiving expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans of up to €25,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a reduced interest rate. LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 24 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 to €50,000.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal has launched it's new semester of training for September to year end. The training is aimed at business owner/managers, with over 2,281 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The ninth Start Your Own Business course of 2024 started on 20th August 2024 with a total of 110 participants availing of this programme year to date with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been three Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 34 participants year to date with a fourth course starting on September 17th.

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. Sixteen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €39,400.

A new Export Development programme will commence in H2 2024 and will be rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, targeting first-time exporters with national and local targets attaching.

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Works Programme

Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks



- **Ballygara Park, Garristown**

As part of 2024 Programme of Works a new area of Adult Exercise Equipment was installed in Ballygara Park, Garristown.



- **Skerries Town Park**

Ongoing car park layout improvement works to improve accessibility to Skerries Mills. This is a collaborative project between Operations, Architects, Public Lighting and Active Travel Departments. Landscaping almost completed within car park area.



- **Skerries Town Park**

Ongoing Park layout improvement works including outdoor chess tables installed recently along old Millers Lane path within the park



- **Skerries Town Park**

Ongoing Park layout improvement works including refurbished paths and additional newly installed seating.



- **Balbriggan Beach Swimming Shelter**

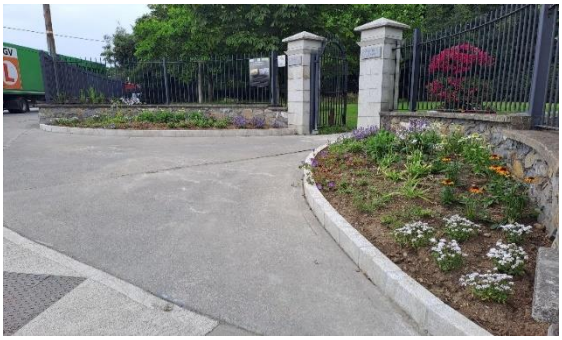
The recently installed beach changing shelter in Balbriggan allows for a hanging and sitting area that is under cover to prevent bags and clothes being exposed to the weather and is open visually so that it does not become an attraction for anti-social activity. This was a long-awaited addition to the beach and has been well received by the vibrant sea swimming groups.



- **Rosepark Estate, Balrothery**

Recently Installed Climbing Play Equipment installed on the open space at Rosepark Estate, Balrothery as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.

Swords Area Parks



- **Santry Demesne**

As part of the 2024 Programme of Works a new landscaping scheme was implemented at the pedestrian entrance along the DCC entrance road.



- **Portrane Green**

A recently painted mural along the side of the small green at the entrance to Portrane Beach. The new mural now screens the coastal protection construction access



- **Active Age Area, Newbridge Demesne.**

Following requests from the vibrant Active Age group using Newbridge Demesne, a second boules area was installed in the Active Age Area at Newbridge Demesne.



- **Car Park Entrance, Newbridge Demesne.**A new recently planted landscaping scheme at the entrance to public car park at Newbridge Demesne.



- **Swords Main Street MUGGA, Balheary Park**

New line marking has been added to the existing Basketball / Mugga area in Balheary Park, Swords.

Area Roads Programme

Swords LEA

Hollywell, Swords, Weeding and cleaning of paths and cycle lane by FCC crews.





Balbriggan LEA

80m of new concrete footpaths replaced carried out by Fancourt Depot construction crew at Tara Cove, Balbriggan.







New road drainage installed by Fancourt Depot roads crew on the R132 at the Delvin Bridge where a long-standing localised flooding issue used to occur.





Rush / Lusk LEA

New road gullies installed by Fancourt Depot roads crew along Drishoge Lane in advance of surface dressing works.







Road reconstruction and macadam overlay works commencing today as part of surface dressing works on Head Road in Garristown as part of 2024 Roads Programme.



Bridges Programme

Works have been carried out to refurbish several bridges throughout the county.

Drynam Footbridge Resurfacing





Old Mill Bridge Refurbishment:







Brownscross Bridge Refurbishment:





Woodpark Bridge Refurbishment:







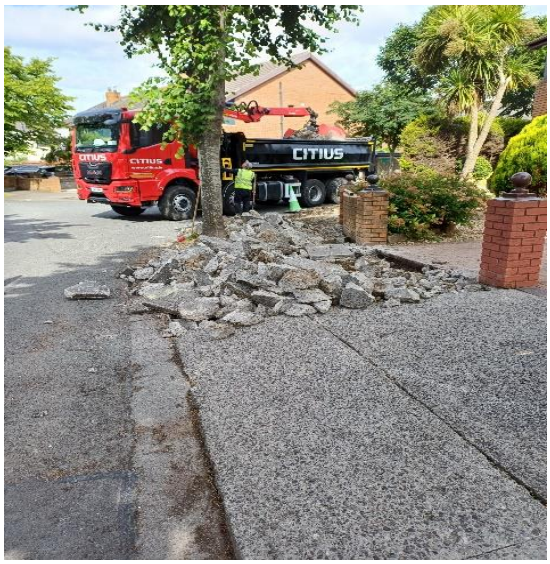
Public Conveniences – South Beach Rush

The replacement of the public toilets at South Beach, Rush is complete and now available for use by the public.



Howth Malahide Area Programme of Works

Binn Eadair Footpaths in Sutton. Footpath repairs as part of the 2024 POW.







Seapark Malahide defective concrete footpaths replaced as part of the 2024 POW.





Capital Works

- **Resurfacing Works – Strand Road, Portmarnock**





Strand Rd Portmarnock was resurfaced as part of Capital Work Resurfacing Programme







Operations Roads Crews laid ducting and replaced the defective concrete and tar footpaths on Grey's Lane to bring it up to taken in charge standard. This was a historical estate not taken in charge. It was overlaid in early 2024.

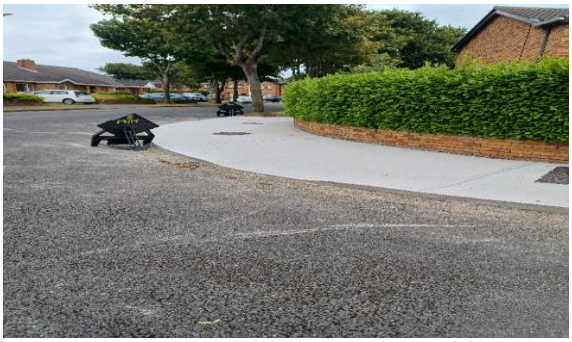
Howth Pathways Works



FCC outdoor crew were replacing defective footpaths on Carrickhill Rd.



Operations roads crew replaced defective footpaths in Offington Avenue







Operations roads crew are currently replacing defective footpaths in Binn Eadair View Sutton.

Malahide Demesne

- **Getting Procore ready for aeration works on Par 3 and Pitch and Putt**









Staff clearing beds and weeding on Keegans avenue.

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- **Talbot Botanical Gardens**



Olearia ramulosa, in flower new addition to Talbot Botanic collection.



New pop-up sprinkler in New Zealand Fern Garden

- **New irrigation system installed in Walled Garden**



Pump for new irrigation system





Hunter control panel with Wi-Fi for new irrigation system.



Hunter watering seep chamber beside shrubs



Bracteantha bracteata in Flower Australian Garden



Sarracenia collection

Alden Park





Two new boules pistes have been constructed in Alden Park, Bayside, as part of the 2024 Programme of Works

Seagrange Park





Photo of Poplar tree after falling in storm



Photo of path after tree removed

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Howth Pathways Works




Before After

Seabury Playground Extension

The extension of Seabury playground involved the installation of more inclusive accessible and neurodiverse playground equipment.







Public Conveniences Howth Pier & Malahide Beach Toilets

Following approval by the Council of the Chief Executive Reports Part VIII Planning Reports for both Malahide Beach and Howth East Pier Toilets.

- **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 ongoing.



- **Howth East Pier Toilets**

Work commenced on the Howth East Pier Toilets in July. Existing toilet block is demolished and foundation and enabling works is completed. Works ongoing with regards additional geotechnical and structural work.





Foundation and retaining wall construction works being carried out at Howth East Pier above

Burial Ground Works Howth Malahide

- **Balgriffin Cemetery Extension**





Phase 3 Extension of Balgriffin Cemetery is ongoing this work was tendered and supervised by Operations. The project is 60% complete. The Drainage is completed and all roads and paths are stoned up to formation level. 20% of the footpaths are complete all the head stone plinths are complete. The boundary wall is now complete and fully cladded.









New taps and drains at Fingal Balgriffin burial grounds

Beaches & Cleansing







Gully cleaning and burnt-out bin replacement works in cemetery.







Vandalism – Burnt out litter bins replaced Malahide

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Vandalism – Burnt out accessible public toilet at Howth Summit – works completed









Before and after works due to fire damage at Howth summit toilets.

Flood Defence Installation







Sutton Strand Howth's Flood defence system being installed due to forecast for incoming storm.

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Castleknock Mulhuddart Area





New Perennial bed planted at Ongar Link Road





250 New perennial plants and footpath constructed at Oakview Estate





New perennial border bed planted at Clonsilla Road



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Perennial bed planted for colour at Fortlawn Estate and St Philips School crossing



Newly planted roundabout at Warrenstown Estate







Approx 1 Km of Footpath widening and over laping at Tir-Na-Nogg Park in Carpenterstown



New Pedestrian gate into Hartstown Park Dog Run & Extension to Dog Run Millennium Park with two new Entrances for pedestrians.





Path overlay at Parslickstown Green





Ivy removal Tir Na Nog Park

Car Parking Services
June 2024

There was a total of 1227 parking tickets issued during June 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - June 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	639
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	149
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	133
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	92
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	82
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	25
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	21
04F - EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT IN A LOADING BAY (GO	18
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	10
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	9

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations June 2024
North Street - Swords	124
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	80
Main Street - Swords	69
South Strand Skerries	57
The Green - Malahide	52
Strand Street - Skerries	48
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	48
Church Road - Malahide	42
Old Street - Malahide	41
Harbour Road - Skerries	36

July 2024

There was a total of 1593 parking tickets issued during July 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - July 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	817
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	197
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	194
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	128
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	118
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	27
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	26
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	11
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	11
08B - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A GRASS MARGIN	10

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations July 2024
North Street - Swords	151
Main Street - Swords	132
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	113
South Strand Skerries	78
Church Road - Malahide	64
Coast Road - Malahide	63
Harbour Road - Skerries	59
Strand Street - Skerries	55
The Green - Malahide	49
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	44

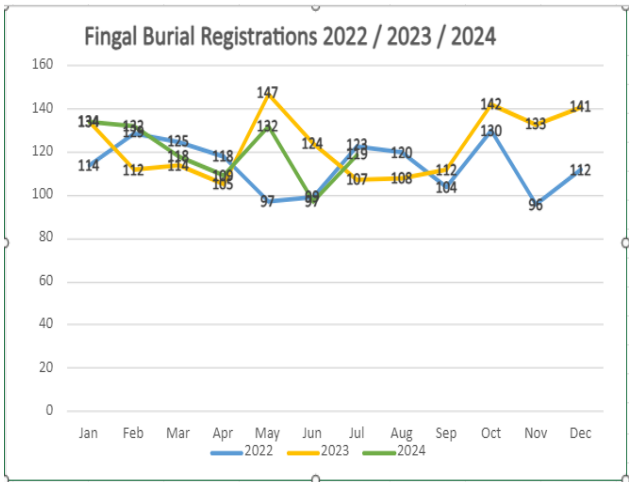
Meter Replacement Programme

Howth/Malahide Operations Department are progressing the Annual Meter Replacement Programme, which replaces old end of life parking meters with newer machines that can accept contactless/card payment. 9 meters were replaced in July 2024, and it is envisaged that further meters will be replaced in 2025.



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 There were 97 Interments in June 2024 and 119 in July 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

Road Markings

All the SLOW road markings have been repainted on the Porterstown Road.
SLOW markings also repainted outside Porterstown Park.



SLOW markings repainted on the Porterstown Road





Build Outs

Three number junction radii reduction were completed in Castleknock. This works will calm traffic as it enters the estate.



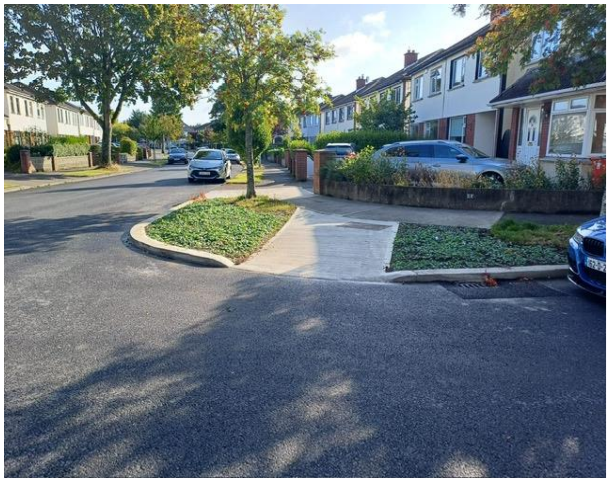
Junction tightening at Castleknock Elms and Laurel Lodge Road.



Junction tightening at Castleknock Dale and Castleknock Elms.



Junction tightening at Castleknock Grove and Castleknock Elms.

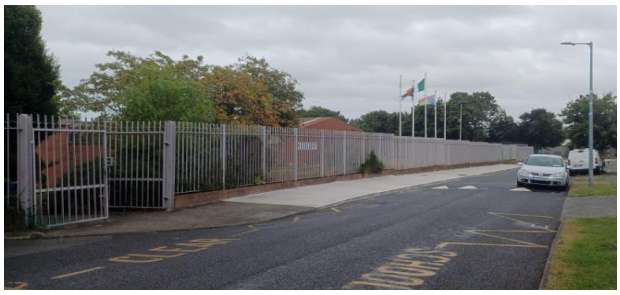


Balbriggan/Swords Area
Balbriggan/Swords South Area

- **Traffic Calming Ramps**



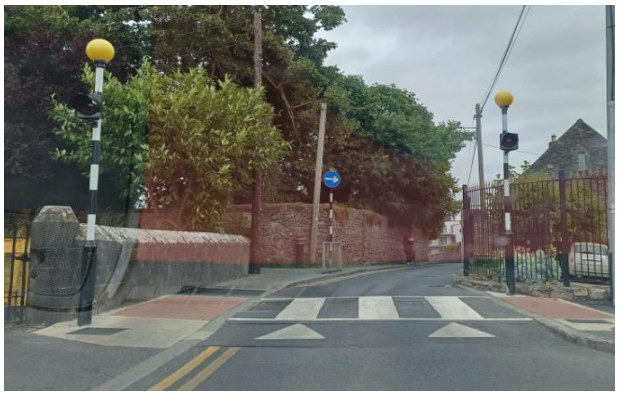
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Swords - St Finian's School, Jugback Lane – New Traffic Calming Ramps

- **Traffic Signals**



Swords - Church Road – One way Section – New Zebra Crossing

Balbriggan/Swords North Area



Garristown – New Zebra Crossing Works Ongoing



Balbriggan Seapoint New Traffic Calming Cushions



Balrothery-Darcystown Road – New Junction Ahead Warning Sign





New Line marking and signage at Palmer Road and Park Road - Rush

Howth/Malahide Traffic POW 2024





New Traffic calming scheme for Alden Road with 6 new ramps provided.







New Traffic calming scheme for Grove Road Malahide with 5 new ramps installed.





Additional traffic calming on the R124 approaching Malahide Community School. Two new speed cushions provided.







Additional Traffic Calming Construction on the Drumnigh Road (3 Bus Ramps and 1 set of cushions)



New Zebra Crossing for Carrickbrack Road Final ESB connection has been made and it is now switched on.

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New Road Lining





Malahide Bridge Club Parking Area (incl Hockey Club)-Lining renewed



New STOP and Markings for Junction of Grove Church Road and Glencarraig



New Signage and for junction of St Lawrences Rd and Main Street Howth.





New STOP and Double Yellow Lines for Entrance to Sutton Golf Club (off Lauders Lane)



New Double Yellow Lines for Marley entrance in Malahide

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Traffic Lining for Bayside-Sutton and for Pedestrian safety at crossing points





Four additional Lighthouse Bollards for The Hill, Malahide to prevent illegal parking

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

88 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/08/2024 to 23/08/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

Fleet Management

The purchase of 3 Peugeot E Partners Fully Electric Vehicles allocated to Litter Wardens (entire Litter Wardens Fleet is fully Electric.)



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.

1. Clonard Street, Balbriggan.
   Two (2) no. additional lighting columns installed.



2. Balrothery Village
   To facilitate the relocation of an ESB Network pole from the junction and future junction redevelopment, one (1) no. public lighting column with new supply section pillar and associated ducting was installed. The footpaths will be upgraded as part of future works.



3. Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart
   One (1) no. additional column installed at end of the cul-de-sac.

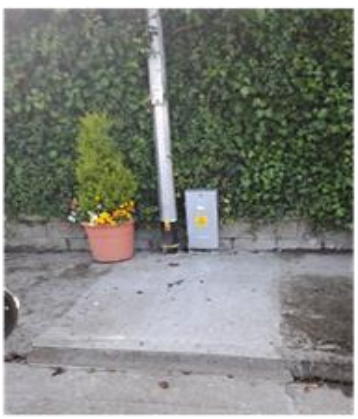


POW Works in Progress/Ongoing: Forest Road, Swords; Hartstown Park; Castlelands, Balbriggan;

4. 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.

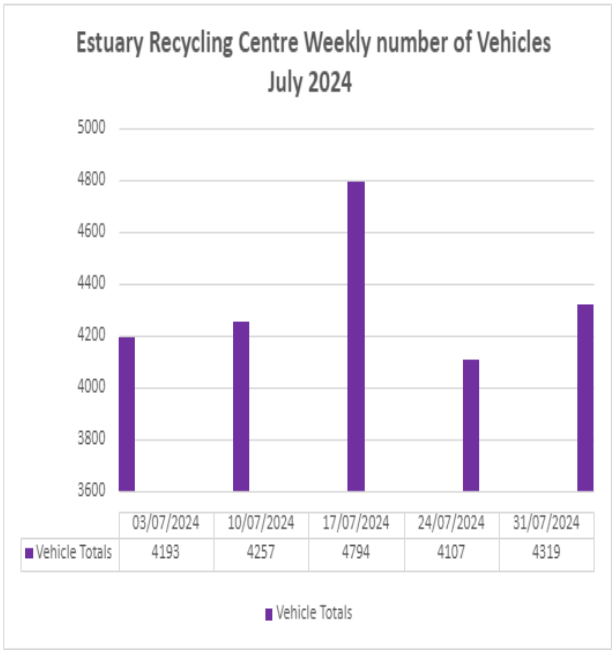


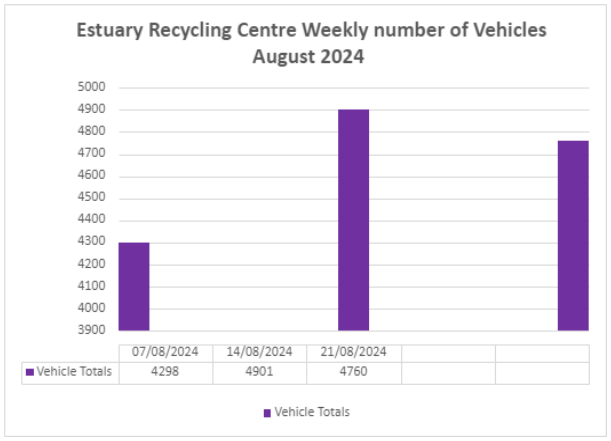
5. Hartstown Park
   To facilitate the installation of the new lighting scheme in Hartstown Park, preparatory works for supply points have been completed. The ESB supply cable that went directly into two (2) no. existing public lighting columns beside entrances to Hartstown Park where the new scheme will be installed, were diverted into new section pillars that will provide power to the new lighting scheme. These two (2) no. existing columns were also replaced.

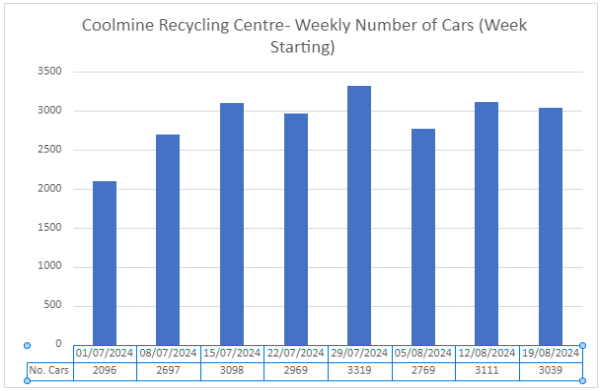




Recycling Centres Update





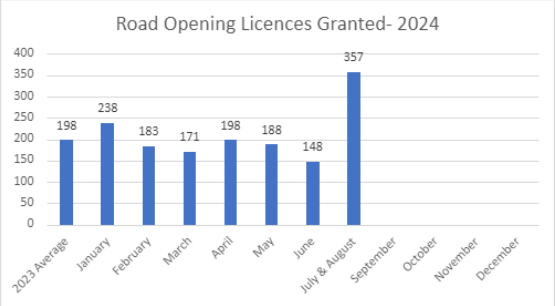


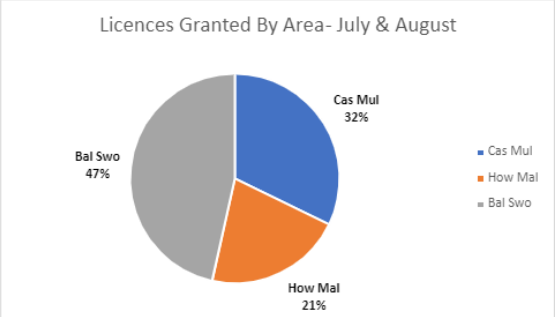
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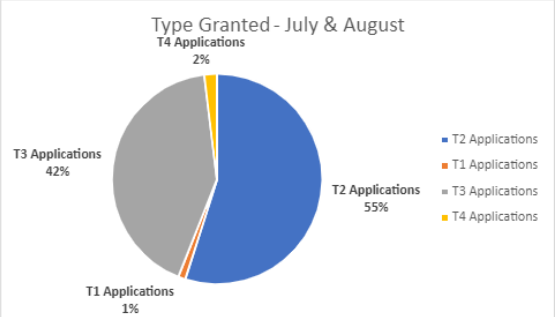
- Road Opening Licenses

The Licensing unit continues to process and manage the licensing system for the County. Applications are allocated by area for examination and conditioning which includes reviews of the existing carriageway, footpaths, cycleways, and grass verges. Applicants submit temporary traffic management plans for review to ensure all works are carried out safely within the public domain. Road Opening Licences are a cross functional process for the department and are essential for the asset management of Fingal County Council Road network.

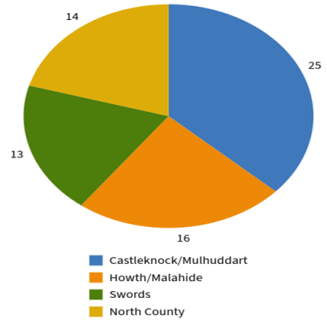
357 Licences were granted in the months of **July and August, 44%** of which were granted by way of **automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







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 71 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

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Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 31 valid Casual Trading Applications for 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food Tea & Coffee/Ice Cream and Flowers.
5 more additional applications are currently being processed.
Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.
The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

Street Furniture Licences





A total of 38 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024 with a further two currently been processed.
To date in 2024 a total of 15 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out so far with further planned over the summer months.
Any new street furniture applications will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.
The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects recently adopted in the 2024-2026 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 17 projects estimated at €2.5 million with this figure under review as the projects are developed. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects that have commenced and planned upcoming projects.

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. A GPR survey is planned so that detailed design can 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. Manufacture of precast concrete anchor blocks is underway by Shay Murtagh Precast Concrete. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Direct Labour crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.





- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

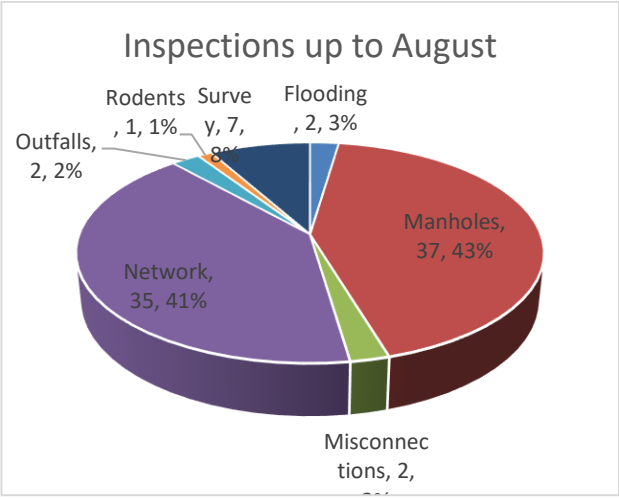
The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover. The work will 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.





- **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 have commenced and will be completed before the end of August.



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 been procured and CCTV survey and mapping works commenced in early August 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 three distinct work packages for project costing and planning.

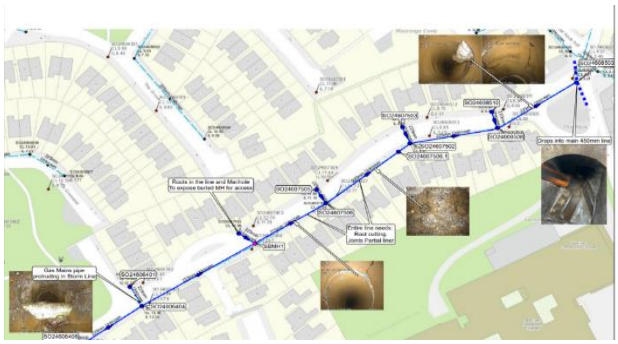






Skerries

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 September.



➢ **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 Balheary area of Swords.

- **Underground Stormwater storage Assets**

In recent years there has been a proliferation of underground storm water assets installed in developments to reduce the risk of future flooding. These will inevitably be taken in charge by the Council. Many require to be properly registered and a **process of identification and recording has begun county wide**. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of 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 indicating ongoing contamination of the storm network (High Ammonia etc)

Flow loggers on the waste water network are being monitored to determine whether the "storm overflow" at Seagrange park is the main source of this contamination.

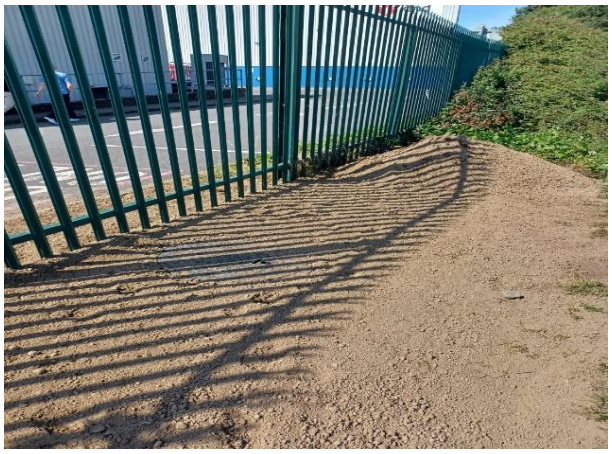


Clonsilla - Lambourne Road

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 written to the householders, with the intention of resolving issues 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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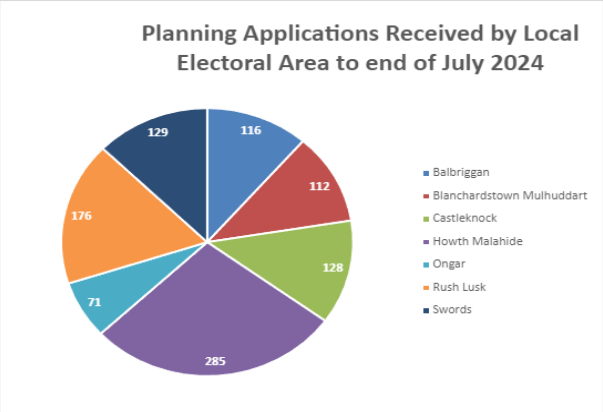
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Planning Applications

There have been 1017 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st July 2024. This is including 327 E applications via the LGMA portal. 251 applications were invalid leaving a total of 766 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) is detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 31st July 2024 there have been nine Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st July 2024, 11 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 11 decisions made, 7 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications totalling (1,248 Units), 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 July 2024, this decision was to refuse permission. There are now four SHD's (3,932 units) remaining with An Bord Pleanála for decision.



Planning Decisions

A total of 759 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st July 2024. There have been 619 decisions to grant permission (82%) and 139 refusals of permission (18%). Included in the 619 grants there have been 55 grants of permissions in respect of single house construction, 369 grants of permission for domestic extensions/works, 62 commercial grants of permission, 13 retail grants of permission and 18 grants of permission in respect of housing developments. The breakdown of which is outlined in the table below.

Year	Housing Developments 2-20 Units	Housing Developments 20 – 50 Units	Housing Developments 50 – 100 Units	Housing Developments 100+ Units
2024	**12**	**2**	**2**	**2**

Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan have been agreed and comprise the Swords and Flemington LAP's; Dunsink Plan; Kilbarrack and the Old School House Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

Work is progressing in relation to Flemington Local Area Plan, the Clonsilla Framework Plan and the Old School House Masterplan, while tender documents are being prepared and preparatory background analysis undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies.

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 have been published on the Fingal Consultation Portal.

Where a landowner requests the exclusion of a site from the annual draft map on the basis that it does not meet the criteria for being in scope or challenges the date from which land on the map met this criterion, the Local Authority must notify the owner of its decision not later than 1st July 2024.

An appeal of the local authority's decision was required to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála by the 1st of August 2024. To date, the local authority has been notified of 25 no. appeals with none determined to date.

The second phase of the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) Annual Draft Map 2024 consultation remained open for those landowners seeking a land use zoning change until the 31st May 2024 (inclusive).

Built Environment Division

Building Control/Taking in Charge Section



- There were 13 building Control Inspections in August 2024 with 43 buildings inspected so far.
- There were 9 section 11 requests for further information following building control inspections, issued in August and there have been no enforcement notices issued.
- 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.

Dangerous Structures

- There were 4 dangerous structures notified in August 2024 (so far). There are a total of 101 dangerous structures active in our database.

Pictures



Checking out insulation and door ope details at a site in Rush.

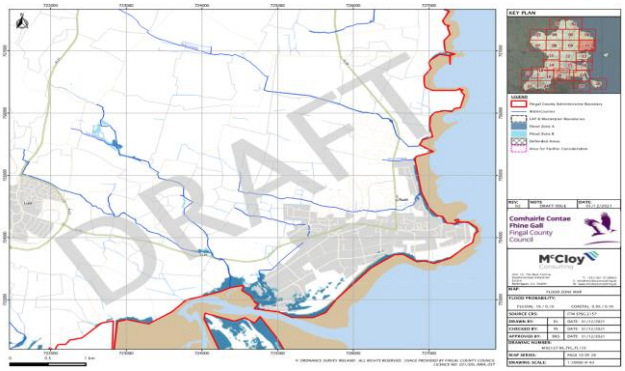


Checking air tightess membrane and fire proof plasterboard at a house in Castleknock.

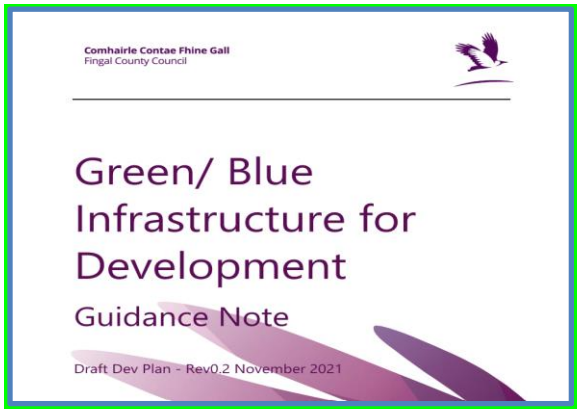
Development Management/Forward Planning (Water Services) Section

Development Management July 2024

- 102 no. new planning files have been received.



- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects and shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".
- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments



The GDSDS has outlined SuDS as a sustainable way to manage surface water as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. This example of Millers Glen in Swords, shows an example of surface water being held onsite, providing treatment via appropriate planting, and then discharging at greenfield runoff rate. This is a move away from the traditional method of collecting all surface water via piped systems which can often no longer manage the intense rainfall`s being experienced.

Domestic SuDS Guide

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This is expected to be complete by the end of Q3 2024.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange at road level was fully opened on the 26th of July 2024. The junction is operating well and will be reviewed over the coming weeks 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. FCC are laying a new water main for Uisce Eireann which will delay the opening of the scheme at the lower level until late October 2024.





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. The construction of the road embankments on the approaches to the bridge will continue during Q3 2024. Installation of kerbs, capping and subbase for the new road will continue during this time.

During summer some construction of the northern part of the scheme between near Barnwell roundabout was carried out. Some local diversions for pedestrians will be in place during Autumn while these works are advanced. On the R149 traffic management will be in place at interval periods during Q3 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 mid-2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 R132 Connectivity Project

Consultation with the National Transport Authority and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with Monthly meetings. Detailed design stage is underway and progressing as programmed. Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council together information for detailed design.

The tender assessment for CCTV drainage contractor has taken place and the CCTV Contractor was recently appointed with works started and progressing well.
Letter of Acceptance has been signed for the GI/GPR contractor with works expected to begin next month.
These survey Investigations will inform the below ground detailed design process and de-risk the project for construction stage.
The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase is currently drafted and awaiting NTA approval with a view to issue stage 1 next month on etenders.



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. 75% completed. The work is ongoing and progressing well at three locations on the project on Hamilton Road, Harry Reynolds Road just south of the R122 and at Moylaragh Road. The footpath Works on the Dublin Roundabout is now complete.

The next major phase of works is the resurfacing of road along the entire length of the project. These works will involve road closures and night works. The contractor has programmed the resurfacing of Hamilton Road first to mitigate as far as possible the impact before schools return in September.



Another update project briefing was given by the project team to the local Councillors for the Balbriggan Electoral Area in July on the progress and remaining programme of works for the Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route. A site visit took place for P&SI team on the 13th of August as a CPD event.

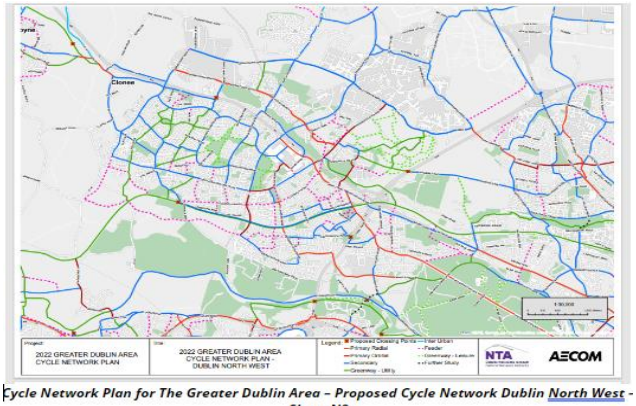
To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council



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Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Dept has commenced the procurement process for a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area. The procurement process has now moved to Stage 2 with the tender 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 expected in early September. The Proposed projects will include the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route and Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock.



Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Proposed Cycle Network Dublin North West - Sheet N8

PSI 063 Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

A tender was published recently for Engineering Consultancy Services for a Pedestrian and Cycling bridge over the Maynooth Rail line and Royal Canal at Granard Bridge on the Castleknock Road and will form an integral part of the walking and cycling route for Blanchardstown to Phoenix Park which is a proposed route in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. The tender forms part of the initial project for the Engineering Consultancy Services Framework for Dublin 15 Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects which is currently at stage 2 of the procurement process. The Letter of Acceptance was issued to the successful consultant in July with the appointment expected in early September.



Figure 1 - View from Rail Bridge towards Granard Bridge and Blanchardstown

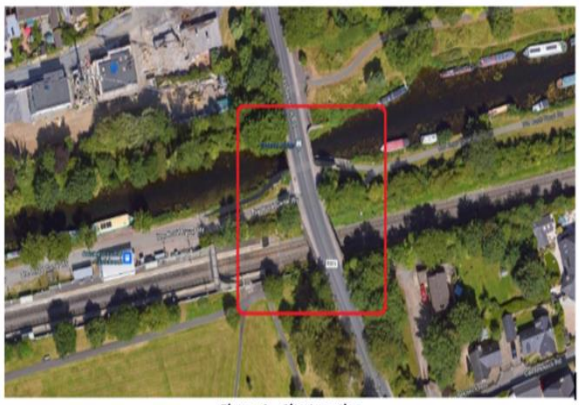


Figure 2 – Site Location

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.

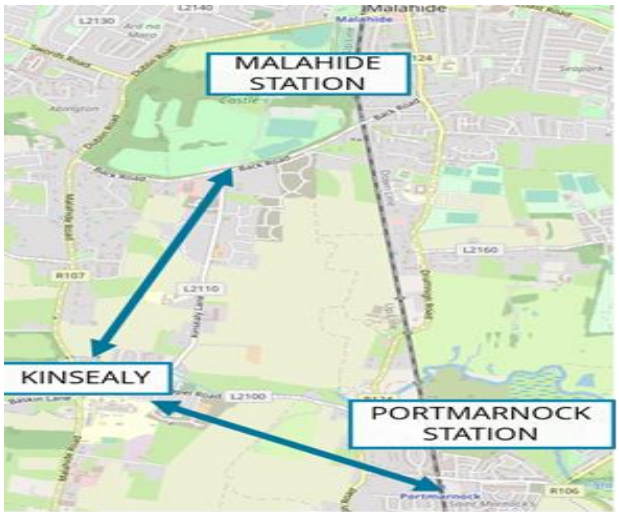
S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. A surveyor has recently completed topographical surveys of public and private lands within the proposed scheme. Ground Investigation Works 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 is progressing on both routes from Kinsealy (north towards Malahide and east towards Portmarnock) and is due in August 2024. Traffic and topographical surveys on public lands have concluded and the various constraints along all route options are now being analyzed, this will lead to the Emerging Preferred Route (EPR). A public consultation strategy is being considered 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 been conducted along the route throughout August and will continue into September.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the various elements that form the Broadmeadow Way project continues. Works contracts for Donabate landward, Malahide landward and the northern and southern causeways will take place in 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively. It is expected that the greenway will be completed in 2026.

Design options for the northern causeway have been developed using ground investigation data from the ground investigation (GI) contract. A Design Workshop, hosted by Fingal County Council, took place with representatives from Irish Rail and the NTA. A decision was reached on how the estuary crossing should be designed to allow for the maintenance of the rock armour on the causeway.

Jons, the Irish Rail Contractor for the main estuary bridge are progressing with works on site. The Self-Propelled Modular Transporter (SPMT) has been used to place 12 of the 13 pre-cast concrete spans into position. Span 13 will be placed by crane under a railway possession in the coming weeks. The remaining works include the stitching together of the individual spans and the application of in-situ concrete. These works will be carried out during September. By the end of September, the bridge will be in place, the steel plates will be removed, and the weir will be re-profiled to ensure that the water level in the estuary returns to its original height.



Precast units in position to form the Broadmeadow Bridge - 16th August.

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 for this contract will follow with the intention of construction commencing in Q2 2025.

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.

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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.

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.

Works are continuing on the ramp at Wellview Avenue and the Variable Speed limit Signs outside Gaelscoil an Chuilin on Powerstown Road. ESB connections will be required for these signs and also for several sets of traffic lights within the site

Snagging is ongoing throughout the site. Works on this project are expected to continue into late September/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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Donabate Pedestrian Bridge

Fingal County Council has appointed Jons Civil Engineering Limited, a highly experienced bridge construction company, to build the Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge over the Dublin to Belfast railway line, in Donabate. The new pedestrian and cycle bridge will facilitate greater connectivity between Newbridge Demesne, Donabate Village and 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 main construction works are due to commence in early September 2024.



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.

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 Transport Infrastructure Ireland to complete the study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange.

Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in subsequent years as appropriate.

Parks & Green Infrastructure Division

Bremore Castle Car Park

Construction of 3no. car parks in Balbriggan commenced on 13th August at Bremore Castle car park and a new overflow car park on Bath Road. The car parks will serve Bremore Regional Park and visitors to Bremore Castle. Public access to Bremore Castle car park will be maintained during the works stage including school drop-offs and parking. It is expected that works will be at substantial completion stage by January 2025.

Ballymastone

Phase 1 works at Ballymastone (2 no. full sized natural GAA Pitches) are underway following the successful retiring of the Overhead ESB networks which once traversed the site. This now frees the site for the specialist contractor to complete the works unimpeded.

Another key milestone achieved is the completion of the topsoil strip, with further earthworks, drainage and significant boundary installations to take place over the coming weeks.





Heritage Officer



Fingal Heritage Week 2024

National Heritage Week 2024 took place between Saturday 17 and Sunday 25 August 2024. In Fingal, there were just over 50 in-person events from bat walks in Baldoyle to WWI blimps in Malahide. There were events for all ages and interests from building trains to butterfly walks; baking bread to archive visits. Thank you to all who hosted, contributed to and participated in celebrating our Connections, Routes & Networks.

Launch of Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024



The Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024 was launched by Deputy Mayor Cllr JK Onumereh at the annual Fingal Heritage Network Heritage Night.

Thank you to all who made the evening such a success, especially the speakers and our host Malahide Historical Society. The booklet which highlights the work of the historical societies and heritage groups across the county is available from the societies themselves, local libraries and the Fingal Heritage Office.



BLAS: Fingal's Food Heritage Project

Phase 2 of the project which explores, records and shares traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices around food in Fingal is focussed on providing resources to primary school teachers. The Heritage Week event was hands on baking at Skerries Mills, with baker Lucy Forde. A series of recipe cards linked to Ardgillan Castle, Skerries Mills and Newbridge House have also been developed and are available to be picked up at the heritage properties. We continue to gather food memories, photos, and recipes from the community that are shared on our digital map celebrating food heritage as part of our social history See https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage . If you have something to add please contact us at fingalfoodheritage@gmail.com



Fingal Gravestone Recording



The second two-day training in gravestone recording took place in St Margaret's graveyard on 16 and 17 August 2024. John Tierney from Irish Historic Graves https://historicgraves.com/ demonstrated the systematic approach and non-impactful techniques that communities will use to record the history of the people buried in their local graveyard. The online record of the historic graves in each area then forms part of a national resource.



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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme

The Affordable Housing Team will be holding an Information Event on September 12th from 5-8pm in the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown. This event is aimed at providing potential applicants with guidance and support when applying to the Affordable Housing Scheme.



Fingal County Council is making homes available for sale under affordable dwelling purchase arrangements across the County.

There is a strong pipeline for affordable housing over 2024. The figures below are for the total that applied for the scheme prior to being assessed for eligibility.

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Scheme	Partner	No. of Homes	Applications submitted to date
Balleally Rise, Lusk	Lagan Homes	21	340
Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	Glenveagh	36	498
Church Fields, Dublin 15	GEM	180	607
Balmoston, Donabate	Glenveagh	86	755
North County Homes – Various locations	FCC	16	376
Aster Park, Rush	Ballymore	96	320
Wilkinsons Brook, Dublin 15	LDA	57	555

Balleally Rise, Lusk – SALE AGREED



Balleally Rise Affordable Houses have all gone Sale Agreed. The application portal for this development opened on March 12th, 2024 and closed on Friday August 9th 2024.

Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15 – SALE AGREED



On March 3rd, Fingal County Council announced an affordable home purchase scheme in Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15, and closed on Friday August 9th 2024. All 36 Properties are now Sale Agreed.

Church Fields, Dublin 15 – ON SALE



GEM Construction is progressing the 180 affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The scheme was advertised on the Fingal website and on social media on March 26th 2024. The application portal opened on April 9th 2024. **The portal will remain open.**

Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate – ON SALE

Fingal County Council has agreed with Glenveagh to deliver 86 affordable homes in Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin. The scheme was advertised on April 2nd, 2024, and the application portal opened on April 16th, 2024 and closed on Friday August 9th. **40 properties are now Sale Agreed.**

North County Homes – SALE AGREED

16 homes available around North County Dublin under the Affordable Housing scheme were advertised April 12th, 2024 and closed on Friday August 9th.





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 – ON SALE



The 57 homes available in Dublin 15 under the Affordable Housing scheme, in partnership with the LDA was advertised on May 14th, 2024. The application portal opened on May 28th, 2024. **The portal will remain open.**

Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The scheme was advertised on May 21st, 2024, and the application portal opened on June 4th, 2024. **The portal will remain open. Assessment of applications are ongoing.**

Turnkey Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is also engaging with Developers for opportunities to collaborate on Turnkey developments suitable for sale under Affordable Purchase arrangements.

Construction Programme

Summary of unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	380
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	967
Planning and Design	301
Part V	533
TOTAL	2,181

Delivered units

Tuath Housing – Construction Scheme at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin – 31 dwellings

31 units at Kilhedge Lane, Lusk have been delivered by Tuath Housing Association, consisting of 13 x 1 bed and 18 x 2 bed units.

Fingal County Council - Construction Scheme at Monastery Court, Lusk – 5 dwellings

5 units in Monastery Court, Lusk, Co. Dublin have been delivered, consisting of 5 x 2 bed apartments which are specially adaptable.







Fingal County Council – Restoration of St Ita's Portrane - 14 units

9 units have been completed and restoration works have commenced on the final 5 units.

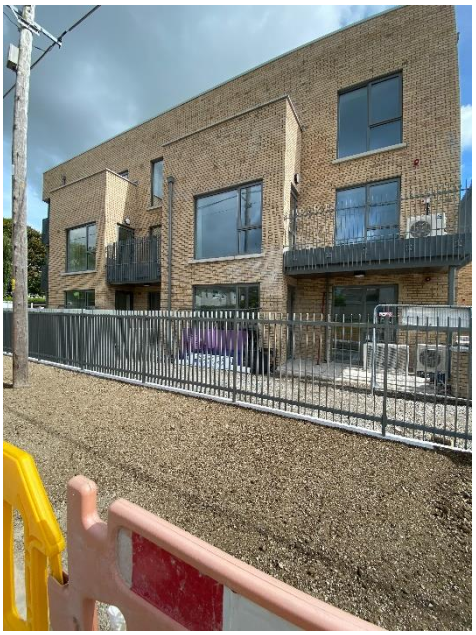




Fingal County Council – construction scheme at Bowden Court, Swords – 11 dwellings

Works are progressing at Bowden Court, Swords where 11 units are due for completion in Q3 2024.





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	21/Aug/24
In the letting process	46
Undergoing re-let repairs	38
With County Architect for procurement of pre-let repairs	14
TOTAL	**98**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

Cyclical Maintenance - Scheme Painting

The Scheme Painting Programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock and currently operates on a 6/7-year cycle. Works are currently reaching completion in Pinewood Green, and Brega in Balbriggan, works are ongoing in the north county, Curran Park, Kelly Park, Clonard Court & Rise and Grace O'Malley. Works will commence Shortly in Ministers Estate, Bremore Estate, Loughshinny Park and Hands Lane.



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 193 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4120 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.

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 and loan 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.

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, 3,789 inspections have been conducted in 2024, with 571 inspections carried out in June. Of the 3,789 inspections, 3,290 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.

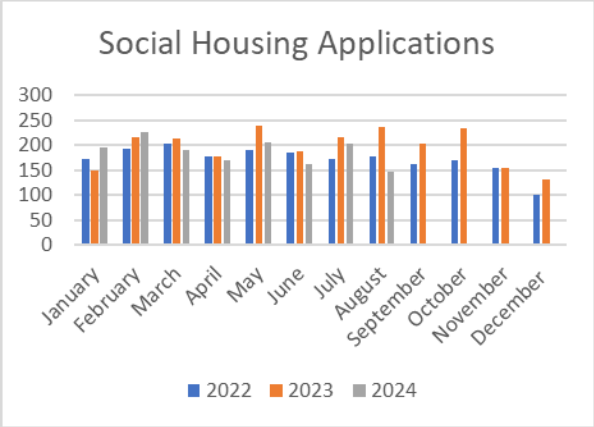
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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.

January – August 2024 (SHA's received 1st – 27th August 2024)	1,496
January- December 2023	2,354
January - December 2022	2,051



Housing Support Appeals

Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

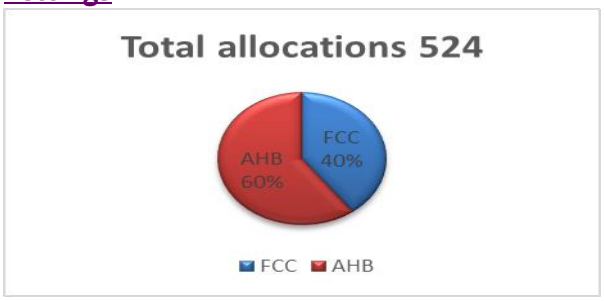
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

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 will issue in the coming weeks 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.

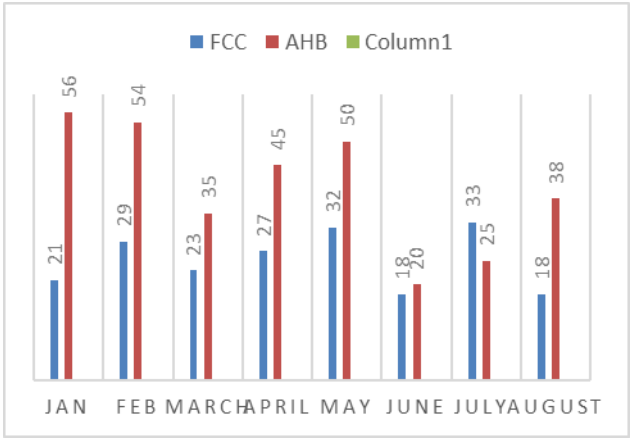
All facilities will be available to applicants at the Customer Care Counters and in the Fingal Libraries for those individuals requiring assistance in completing their Housing Needs Assessment. Hard copy forms will be available, if necessary.

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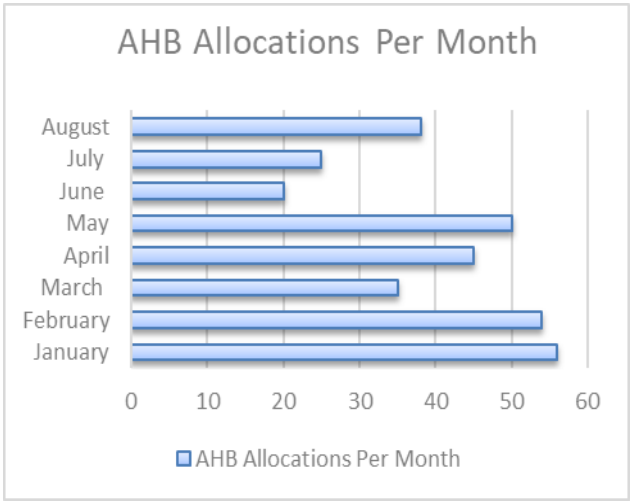


The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

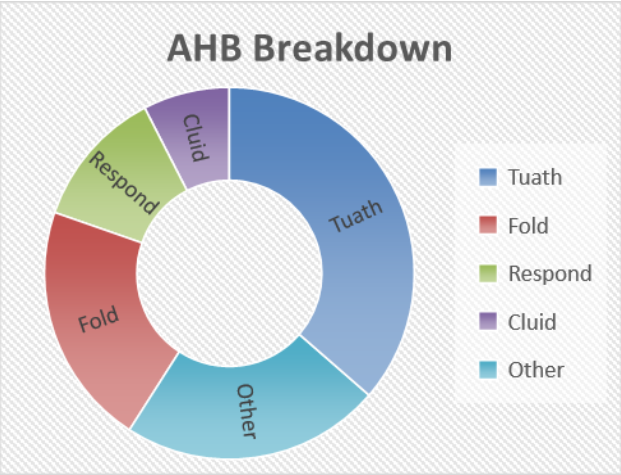
The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



323 of the **524** allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies. The other **201** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



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Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the months of July and August.

The collaboration between Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies is continuing to have a positive impact on the delivery of social housing.

The Approved Housing Bodies inform Fingal County Council when an applicant has accepted and signed a tenancy following a nomination from Housing Lettings.

Choice Based Lettings Advertised Properties in July/August.



Housing Lettings continue to utilise choice based lettings. Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Housing Lettings are continuing to prepare files for the allocation of Balroy Hall, Kilmartin Grove and Station Road, Portmarnock, as well as our casual stock and casual voluntaries.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During July and August 2024, 89 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	8	12	20
Homeless Prevention	45	24	69
Total	53	36	89

There was a total of 69 homeless prevention cases and 20 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

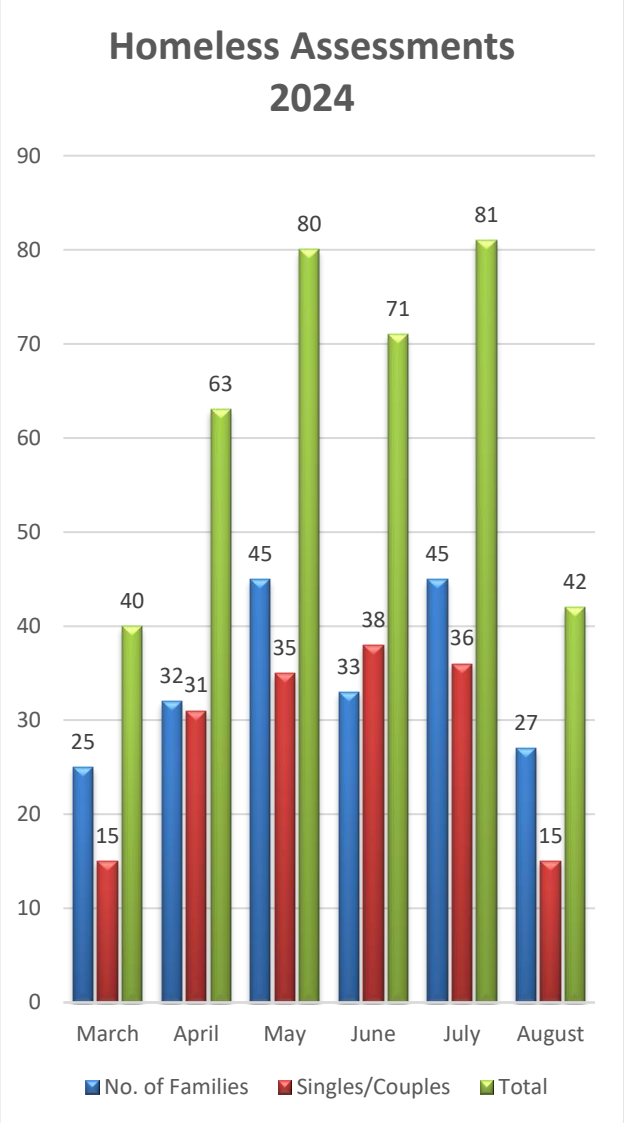
24 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 12 who exited emergency accommodation and 8 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

53 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 45 homeless preventions and 8 who exited emergency accommodation and one from Direct Provision.

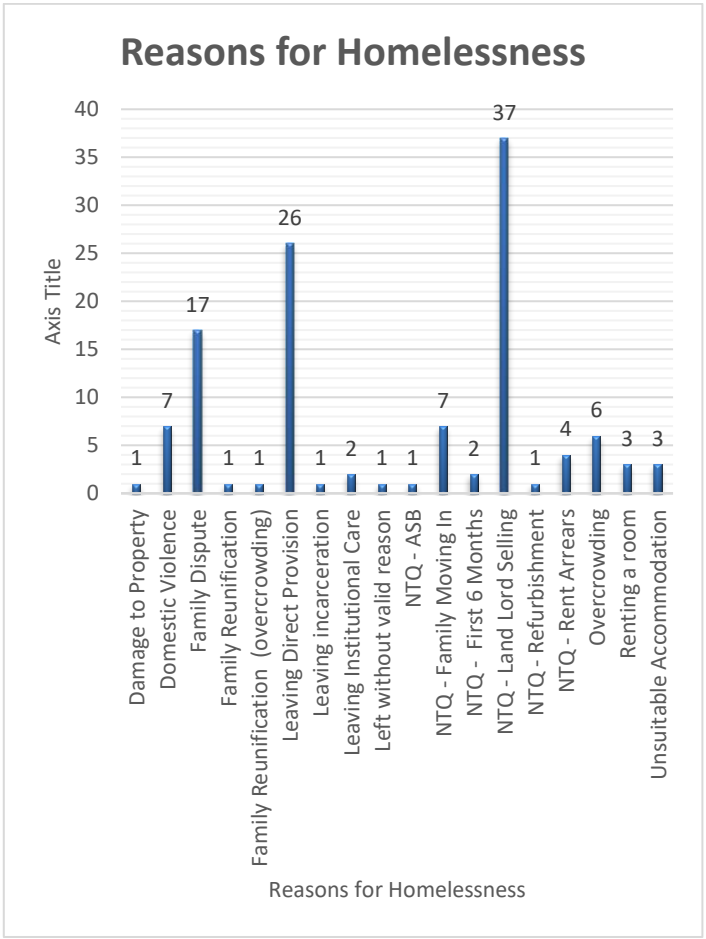
Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continued to be carried out.

In July and August to date 2024, there were a total of 123 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 72 families and 51 singles/couples.



During July and August 2024, of the 113 Homeless Assessments carried out, 43% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Direct Provision (21%), family/relationship breakdown (14%), living in overcrowded conditions (5%) who state that they cannot/will not return to the property. The remaining 16% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below;



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

There continues to be a high demand for Emergency Accommodation across the region for both families and individuals.

Rough Sleepers

The Homeless Services Team continues to liaise with the DRHE Outreach Team regarding any reports of rough sleeping, to establish their names and circumstances and to offer support. Regrettably, some rough sleepers are reluctant to engage with service providers and may refuse offers to access emergency accommodation. Any rough sleeper who is willing to engage with the Outreach Team and/ or the Council will be assisted.

The Council will carry out homeless assessments and every effort is made to encourage them to avail of homeless services.

A weekly Rough Sleepers Coordination Group monitors the reports of rough sleepers. The reports come from various outlets, including the DRHE Outreach Team, Elected Representatives, the FCC Operations Department, and the general public.

There have been 67 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024.
21 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 13 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and one more are going through the nomination process

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

The DRHE, with the approval of all 4 local authorities in the Dublin region, has finalised the Homeless Action Plan Framework for Dublin 2022-2024. This Plan is the first plan to be put into operation since Ireland signed the Lisbon Declaration on combatting homelessness in June 2021, which aims to end homelessness by 2030.

It will follow on from the previous Homeless Action Plan for 2019- 2021 and continues with the three key themes of **Prevention, Protection and Progression.**

The Plan was developed based on a detailed consultative process including submissions from various Stakeholders, interested organisations, Service Providers, Members of SPCs of the four Local Authorities, the Dublin Joint Homelessness Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group.

Preventing Homelessness, Notices to Quit and Tenant In-situ Acquisitions

Fingal County Council is aware that households in the Fingal area who may have received a notice to quit, which is also referred to as a notice of termination, from their landlord may be worried or unsure of what to do.

Fingal County Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) would like to advise anyone affected of the services that are available to them in these circumstances.

We strongly encourage tenants residing in the Fingal area, who have been issued with a notice of termination, to contact Fingal County Council as soon as they receive a notice from their landlord. The contact details for Fingal County Council are provided at the bottom of this page.

When the tenants contact Fingal County Council, staff in the Housing Department will take note of the termination date.

The Council advises the tenant to refer the notice to Threshold, a service funded by the DRHE to provide a Tenancy Protection Service for private renters in the Dublin Region, including Fingal. Threshold can also be contacted directly on Freephone 1800 454 454 or via their website www.threshold.ie which contains more information and advice on the validity of your notice.

The Council's first response will be to try to prevent homelessness. This includes assessing the person's position on the social housing list, providing advice on applying for Choice Based Lettings, advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive, and, in some cases, assessing if the Council can acquire the dwelling where the tenants reside if it is being offered for sale.

Placement in emergency accommodation will be a last resort if no other alternative can be identified.

The Council has been engaging with tenants who have been issued with a notice of termination, as well as their landlords, and following assessment, 272 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 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 23268 queries concerning notices of termination and tenant-in-situ acquisition.

The Council will continue to deal with notice of termination queries and cases as expeditiously as possible and progress tenant in-situ acquisitions while taking account of circulars and guidance issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Fingal County Council continues to liaise with other Dublin and neighboring local authorities to deal with tenancy issues that may require an inter-authority approach. In particular, we are working closely with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities on the implementation of the Government policy and guidance, with a focus on the needs of tenants.

Whilst the Council will, in the context of current circumstances, adopt flexibility in dealing with potential acquisitions of properties with tenants in situ, any acquisition is subject to appropriate due diligence and checks before any commitment is made to acquire, including, for example, determining that a valid notice of termination is in place, the tenant has a social housing need, and the condition and valuation of the property.

The Government has put forward options to allow tenants who are not eligible for social housing to remain in their homes, including schemes to support the purchase of homes and a Cost Rental in-situ Scheme. The Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ Scheme is available for tenants who are not eligible for social housing and are at risk of homelessness. The DHLGH has advised that local authorities are to be the first point of contact for this scheme, but it is managed by the Housing Agency. Under the scheme, the Housing Agency can purchase a property and rent it to the tenant. Fingal County Council will undertake an initial assessment of the tenant's circumstances and refer details to the Housing Agency for consideration, where the tenant is at risk of homelessness and the Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ scheme applies. The Housing Agency will then contact the landlord about the purchase of the property.

Where a tenant wishes to purchase their home from the landlord, local authorities can provide advice about the Local Authority Home Loan scheme. The Government is examining implementing a 'right of first refusal' for tenants to purchase their homes, as well as expanding the First Home shared equity scheme. The Council will be able to provide more information on these when available.

Works around preventing homelessness, assessing notices of termination, and responding to tenant and landlord in-situ queries are being led on by the Council's Homelessness section, taking a tenant-centred approach, supported by staff dedicated to dealing with tenant in-situ housing acquisitions.

The contact details below, including a dedicated email address NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie, should be used by tenants who may have received a notice of termination or a landlord who has issued a notice of termination to their tenants and who may wish to sell their property to the Council.

The key contact details are:

Fingal County Council Housing Department

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5.00 pm,

Friday 9 am to 4.30 pm:

Tel. **01 890 5000 or homeless@fingal.ie**

Email: **NTQEnquiries@fingal.ie**

Dublin Region Homeless Executive, Central Placement Services:
Freephone : 1800 707 707

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME

Refurbishment works to the 5 Bay Halting Site at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown, Dublin 15 is ongoing. Works include replacing the existing welfare units with new modern units and upgrades to the on-site utilities.

Refurbishment work to 3 houses at St Philomena's Court are also near completion. Works include provision of new heating systems, kitchens and bathrooms.

Work has begun preparing the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029. Letters of intent have been issued to relevant stakeholders with further engagement anticipated to take place over the coming weeks, with public consultation anticipated to take place regarding the Draft Plan during Summer 2024.

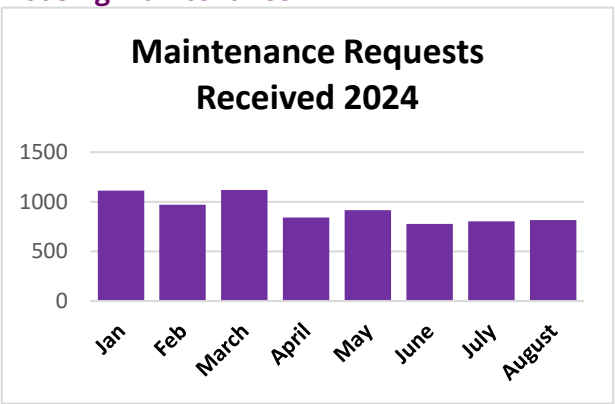
Regular site visits by Housing Inspectors continue all Fingal County Council Traveller specific sites while checking on vulnerable residents and advising on the continued support available.

Council officials continue to liaise and engage with the Traveller Community, Traveller Advocacy Groups, Welfare Services, Child Services, Mental Health Services and other services and agencies to resolve issues when and where possible.



Mobile home delivery at St Brigid's Lawns, Porterstown

Housing Maintenance



Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide and Donabate.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit.

Fingal County Council delivered 9 tenant Induction Courses throughout 2023. Further courses are expected during 2024 as new developments are completed and are ready for allocation.

ASB Caseload Management

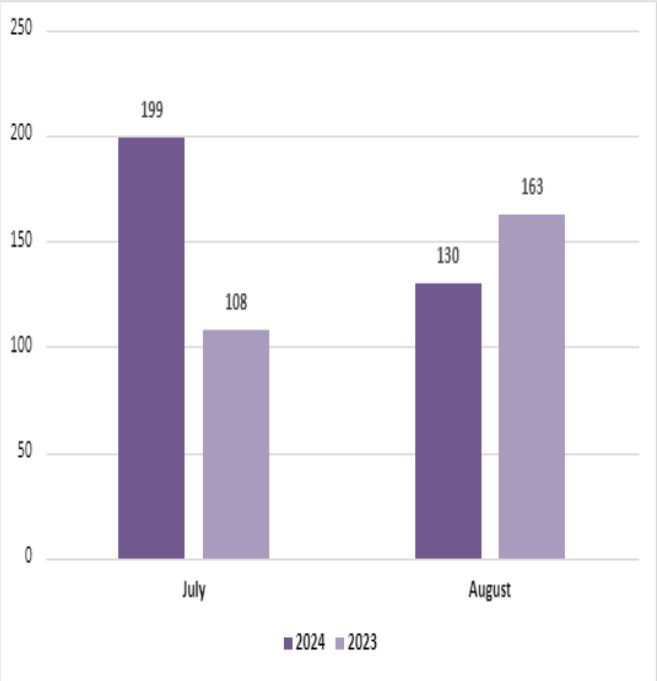
Complaints July/August 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	58	35	11	12
Rush / Lusk	37	22	4	11
Swords	63	19	25	19
Howth / Malahide	38	22	10	6
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	95	39	29	27
Ongar	35	17	3	15
Castleknock	3	0	2	1
Total	329	154	84	91

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2)

Fingal County Council were also granted two repossession orders in July on Estate Management grounds.

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	76
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	21
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	6
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	1279
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report Aug 2024	586

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 with the most recent meeting held on the 28th August 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 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 a further 3 vacant residential properties referred to the Property Department to initiate the statutory CPO process. 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. **153** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with a continued steady flow of new applications. **93** applications have been approved with further applications moving to approval stage.

The approved applications to date equates to **€4,544,694 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 Flavours of Fingal Show in the Fingal Tented Village on the 29\30th June. The team will also be present at the upcoming Housing Information Event 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

Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Grant Photos:

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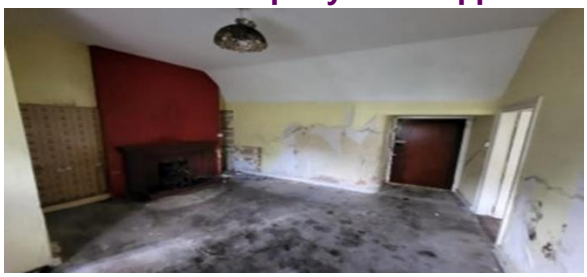
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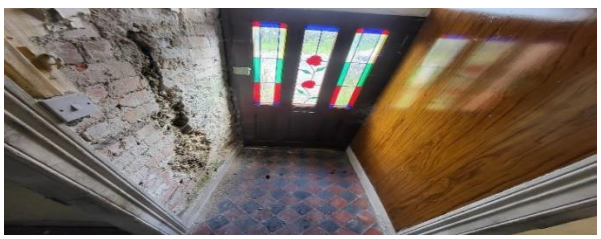
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Recent Vacant Property Grant Approval:







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Community Development Office

Community development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing, economic, social, environmental and cultural challenges are often solved through collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a local group to large initiatives that involve the broader community.

Building community capacity, strengthening community participation, and involving people in decisions that affect their lives is a complex process and can only be achieved by working with local communities and agencies who have responsibility to the people in those communities.

In July, August & September the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

New Service Level Agreement with Phoenix FM



Fingal County Council Community Development Office is working to build a strong sense of place and wellbeing through the development of equal, inclusive and connected communities. Significant community development synergies have been identified between the work of Phoenix FM and the Community Development Office.

In this context Fingal County Council recognises the contribution of Phoenix FM's work in this area and recognises the potential in fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between the two organisations. This has resulted in the development of a Service Level Agreement which benefits the strategic aims of both parties and ultimately supports and empowers the development of the local community over the coming years.

Racecourse Commons Summer Event



The residents of Racecourse Commons Estate in Lusk held an estate cleanup and family fun day in preparation for the judging of Pride of Place award. The cleanup was assisted by volunteers from the Lusk Cleaning Group. Foróige were also involved and young residents were treated to giant games and balloon making after the work was done. There was also a surprise visit from Cllr Robert O'Donoghue, Acting Mayor of Fingal.

Minister visits Fingal Rural Community Forum



Minister for State Joe O'Brien visited the second meeting of the new Fingal Rural Community Forum which was held in St. Patrick's Community Hall in Ballyboughal.

The Minister highlighted the supports the Department for Rural and Community Development can offer to the 8-member rural communities in North Fingal. The Forum also had presentations from FCC Community Climate Action Officer Sinéad Fox and Fingal Rural Leader.

Mourne Estate celebrates 50 years



Mourne Estate Development Working group have worked with the Community Development Officer and the wider Skerries community throughout 2024 to celebrate 50 years of Mourne Estate. Most recently Acting Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Robert O'Donoghue officially cut the ribbon on a new wall at the front of the estate overlooking the Skerries coastline with the "Mourne View " name carved into a naming stone. This ceremony was followed by the annual Mourne Celtic FC memorial 5-a-side soccer tournament and family day. The Mourne 50 project will continue further into 2024 with more key events including a historical talk on the estate and a photo exhibition.

Youth Advisory Groups in Mulhuddart and Corduff in Collaboration with Creative Fingal

The Dublin 15 Community Development Office team will join forces with Creative Fingal after securing funding from Creative Ireland to engage young people aged 8-12 in the Corduff and Mulhuddart areas. These communities face high levels of drug-related crime, and this age group is particularly vulnerable to being drawn into criminal activity. Currently, they fall outside the scope of existing local youth services, leading to ongoing efforts to establish a dedicated youth service that will guide them toward positive hobbies and activities.

The project aims to create several youth advisory groups, where a consultant will engage with the children in fun and interactive ways to discover their creative interests. The insights gathered will inform the development of a program for Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 and help lay the foundation for future youth support and creative engagement for both Mulhuddart and Corduff.

Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland Programme

Ongar Family Fun Day



Ongar Family Fun Day, supported by the Community Development Office, will take place on 8th September and represents a significant community initiative aimed at fostering unity and engagement among residents. This event is not only an occasion for families to connect with their neighbours and experience the local community spirit, but also a platform for the Ongar Community Centre to showcase the diverse range of facilities, activities, and services in the location. The event is designed to appeal to the diverse and youthful community that Ongar serves, with a focus on inclusivity and cohesion in the local area. By enticing families to explore what Ongar Community Centre has to offer.

Celebrating the Achievements of Fingal Women Pioneers



On Thursday, 11th July, over 100 people gathered at Kettles Country House Hotel Swords to honour the remarkable accomplishments of women involved in the 'Raising the Voice of Fingal Women Pioneers' Community Leadership Project.
Initiated and funded by Fingal County Council's Community Development Office, this project aimed to promote community leadership and strengthen local communities. The initiative brought together 13 emerging female leaders to enhance their understanding of local governance and foster community connections. The participants received leadership and creative engagement training and hosted a series of community conversations throughout May and June. These discussions, which included input from around 250 women across 80 community groups, culminated in an art exhibition that showcased stories, messages, and poems, creating a collective vision for positive change for women in Fingal. For more information visit
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSZcDeqr-dY

The Community Development Office has received expressions of interest from over 70 community groups to participate in the Fingal Safer Halloween Programme.

This programme provides fun recreational and diversionary activities for young people during the week before Halloween to deter them from participating in antisocial Halloween activity. Participating projects will undertake to promote the Fingal County Council 'Stay Safe and Awareness' message and will generate awareness of other deterrent initiatives including Bulb Planting, Recycling Amnesty, Bonfire Removal measures. Following on from last year, we will host a Community Scarecrow competition, for more information and to enter click here https://consult.fingal.ie/en/content/fingal-safer-halloween-scarecrow-compedition before the 14th October.

Facilities Management

The Fingal Community Facilities Management Support Unit provides support to 38 community facilities across the county.

Hartstown Community Centre

The commencement of the refurbishment of Hartstown Community Centre commenced in early June. It is envisaged that the project will reach completion in April 2025. This phase of the works includes the removal of an asbestos roof.

Hartstown Community Centre was successful in securing funding under the Community Centre Investment fund of 300k and Community Recognition Fund of 102k. This funding will make a significant contribution to the overall cost of the project.
During the building works childcare services will continue to operate in temporary accommodation located at the rear of the property.

Rivervalley Community Centre

The installation of a passenger lift to the first floor along with a new disability bathroom has begun in Rivervalley Community Centre partly funded by the Community Recognition Fund. It is expected that this work will be complete at the end of September and will provide access to wider range of centre users who can actively participate in the very popular Revival Club and Seniors Clubs.

Keen To Be Green Facilities - Collaborations

Securing and providing resources to Fingal Supported Community Centres; that enable them to deliver on the commitments outlined in the Keen to Be Green Community (KTBG) Facilities Charter, requires a collaborative approach. This summer after the very successful fruit tree project in spring, KTBG Facilities worked with community centre managers, FCC's environmental officer, active travel and external agencies, to deliver a very successful 'Green Festival' in Donabate and Portrane Community Centre and a Clothes Swap Shop in Castaheaney Community Centre. Another Keen to Be Green Festival is planned for Flemington Community Centre on the 14th September. Delivering on the Community Engagement objective within Fingal County Councils - Climate action Plan 2024-2029, supporting the plans mission and broader objectives is a core aim of the Keen to Be Green Facilities Charter. As opportunities for collaborative efforts continue to grow across departments, we are delighted to be part of delivering initiatives in community centres that make an impact locally and help to develop the KTBG identity in our community services.





Interagency

The Community Development office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities In December/January the CDO supported the delivery of the following:

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg



Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg members are busy working on their project on ***Youth Spaces in Fingal*** with the presentations of their survey on youth facilities and spaces due to be presented to the Fingal Community Facilities Network at their next meeting. They are also planning workshops in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan in September. Three young people attended the Comhairle na nÓg Regional Networking Event. One young person participated in the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy Consultation.
The group went to the Hellfire club as a summer trip and then held a meeting on their return.

Thrive Balbriggan

On 14th August, The Community Development Office (CDO) worked with Thrive Balbriggan and the Balbriggan Cancer Support group to deliver a Connect Café. The CDO also hosted the first meeting of the Balbriggan Residents Association Network (RA Network). The Residents Association network will support Residents Associations to access information and supports from Fingal Community Office, including funding and training opportunities. It will provide opportunity for public consultation, feedback and linkage to Our Balbriggan.

This will be a network of registered and newly formed residents associations in the Balbriggan area.

Through supports of the CDO the RA network will invite stakeholders to meetings or information sessions such as An Garda Siochana, Our Balbriggan, FCC Environment Department, FCC Active Travel, Empower, DDLETB, Balbriggan Community Council, Local Councillors and public representatives.

The purpose of this network is to share information, knowledge and resources. 7 residents Associations from the Balbriggan area attended the first meeting and are looking forward to the next meeting scheduled for the 18th September in Flemington Community Centre.





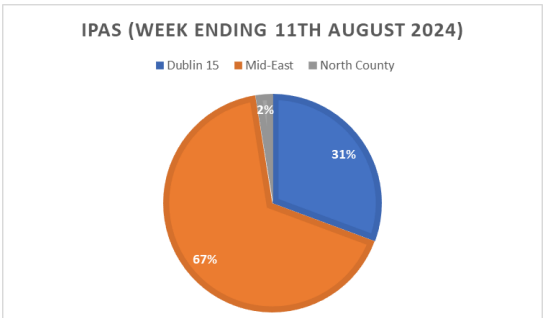
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

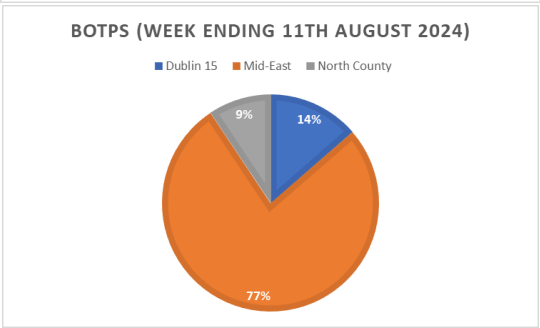
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

From 5th August 2024 the Fingal LAIT has remit of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection cohorts. The following accommodation statistics have been provided by LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Response Team). Please see below the figures which have been broken down into the three geographical areas.

Current Stats:

Geographical Area	Number in IPAS Accommodation	Number in BOTP Accommodation
North County	62	83
Mid-East	1655	685
Dublin 15	759	121
Total	2,476	889





Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed, through this strategy, to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach which supports interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Vintage Picnic at Swords Castle



Almost 700 people attended Vintage Picnic hosted by Age Friendly Fingal on Thursday 25 July 2024 in Swords Castle. This lively festival offered an afternoon of creativity, music, dance, and exercise for over 55s and was testament to the enthusiastic and motivated older people of Fingal.



Those in attendance participated in a wide range of workshops, including graffiti art, mandala creation, vintage clothing demonstrations, and tie-dyeing. For those inclined towards physical activities, professional instructors led sessions in Yoga, Zumba, and Tai Chi, allowing participants to try out new activities, or simply relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Light garden games were provided by the Fingal Sports Department, and for those needing a bit of relaxation, chair massages were available. For aspiring musicians, workshops in African Drumming, Ukelele and Bodhrán were provided by tutors from the IIMS, Balbriggan.

The crowd was entertained with live music from local groups; Gerry and the Plonkers from Donabate and the Blanchardstown Ukulele Group (BUGS), showcasing the talents of Fingal's older residents.

The headline acts, the Blue Bells, and the Ronan Collins Showband, created a festive atmosphere that reverberated throughout the grounds and brought the crowd to their feet.

Vintage Picnic 2024 brought together older people from across Fingal in an environment that fostered connections and new learning experiences. Most importantly Vintage Picnic highlighted the need to provide new opportunities for older people, to continue to learn, develop and grow, and to have fun!



Foroige Recognition Award for Balbriggan Intergenerational Project



Young members of the Balbriggan Intergenerational Project (Across Borders and Generations) received a Recognition Award at the recent Foroige Balbriggan and Coastal North Dublin Recognition Event for their enthusiastic participation in the project.
This project was established following a successful funding application by Age Friendly Fingal and Linking Generations Northern Ireland for *'Shared Island Funding*". While the cross-border element of the project has finished, the Balbriggan group will resume the project in September to work towards resolving the issues they identified. Age Friendly Fingal and Foroige continue to support the project.

Information Event for over 55s in Balbriggan



Following from the success of the Information Events for Over 55s in 2023 in Sutton and Swords and in Blanchardstown in March 2024, another information event will take place in Balbriggan Senior Citizens Hall on Thursday 26th September 2024. Information stands will be provided by local organisations and groups providing services and activities for older people in the area including the An Garda Siochana, Fingal Healthy Age Friendly Homes, Care & Repair, Alone, Citizens Information, Money Advice & Budgeting Services, Cairde, Meals-on-Wheels plus more.

National Age Friendly Recognition Awards

The National Age Friendly Awards event will take place on Thursday 7th November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood, Santry. Age Friendly Ireland received a total of 266 submissions across the eight WHO (World Health Organisation) categories.

Age Friendly Fingal has been shortlisted for a Community Innovation Award for their submission "*Intergenerational Practice as a Tool to Empower Older People*".

The submission highlights the work undertaken by Age Friendly Fingal and Fingal Community Development Office in developing intergenerational practice as a best practice model within the work through accredited training for staff, as well as piloting, evaluating, and sustaining intergenerational projects such as Cricket4All and Balbriggan Intergenerational Project: Shared Island Project. The outcomes provides evidence of the benefits of considering intergenerational practice as a tool to empower both older and younger people to work together for shared goals and visions.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Fhine Gall
Public Participation Network Fingal

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal.

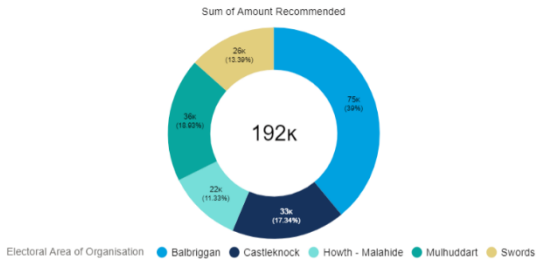
Fingal PPN welcomes the appointment of our new Support Worker, Aisling Corby. Aisling joins Samantha Byrne, Resource Officer at a very busy time as planning for the Plenary meeting scheduled to take place on 12th September 2024 in Radisson Blu hotel, Dublin Airport, commences.
Fingal PPN are seeking nominations for seats on the Secretariat and the LCDC, and look forward to meeting our members for the first time since March 2024. We have been supporting members in applying for strategic policy committee seats to improve participation levels from the PPN.
Membership currently stands at 812 groups in the Fingal area, and soon linkage group meetings will recommence, which are necessary to feed into planning and policy in the county of Fingal.

Fingal PPN have been working to assemble older residents of Fingal to contribute to the Age Friendly consultation which is currently ongoing. We are pleased to be involved in a stakeholder workshop in County Hall on 29th August.

PPNs are 10 years old this year and will celebrate this at the annual conference in Limerick in October.

Funding

Community Activities Funding (Up to 30th August 2024



Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **85 projects to the amount of €191,925.71**.

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

The Communities Activities funding scheme is managed by the Community Development Office and often involves the Community Development Officer engaging with and supporting a local community groups to develop a local project that responds to a local need or issue. For more information click here https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/community-grants-and-funding

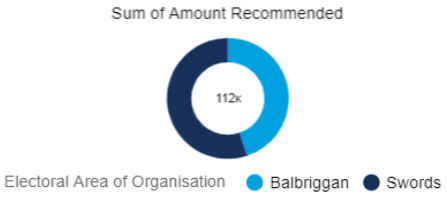
Howth Malahide – €21,747 – across 13 projects

Swords - €25,708 - across 13 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €69,620 – across 27 projects

North County Balbriggan - €74,851 - across 32 projects

Community Facilities (Non FCC Owner Remedial works Funding)



Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of **6 projects to the amount of €112,224 in 2024.**

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centres for emergency/essential remediation capital works. For more information visit https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2023-04/CRWGS%20-%20Criteria.pdf

Swords - €61,929 - across 2 projects

Balbriggan - €50,295 across 4 projects

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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have progressed well over recent weeks with the final surfaces applied the Contractor has been carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings are currently being applied when weather conditions are suitable. The installation of the bollards and lane separator's is ongoing with the contractor working from the south of the project in a northerly direction. The area at Corduff School with the SRTS treatment has taken shape and really defines the area where the reduced periodic speed limit applies, and the traffic calming takes effect. Some remaining items in this area to be completed is additional signage and advanced warning of school zone.





An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed once final bollards and road signs are complete. This has been a challenging project with considerations and views of the local farming community and Hauliers being considered and alterations to the design during construction incorporated. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the reduction in speed and improvements to safety along this regional road and school zone.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team have finalised and submitted the gateway report to the NTA for approval to 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.

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 from the end of the distributor road in Donabate along the R126 through to the coast at Portrane.

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. Further Topographical Surveys have been completed to assist with the decision-making process on the preferred option.
This is a complex section of road as the road widths are narrow and confined. All options are being considered at present so that the preferred option can be established. Further details will be presented to Cllr's later in the year.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team are currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for the completion of the project in-lieu of handover to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor will be on site over the following month to address the snagging works and agree final account. The RSA 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 completed after internal reviews by the Project Team and 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 Bus Connects project team. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Howth-Malahide Area:
Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2025, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street.

The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.

It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q4, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.



Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and Tender documents have been prepared for a Consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework for '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 as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



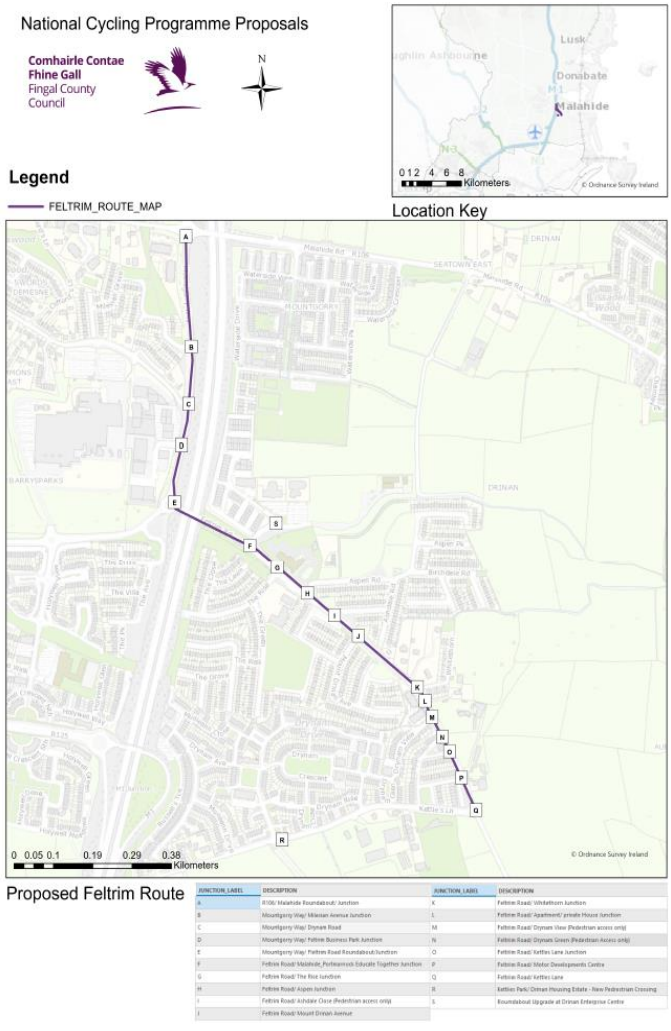
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. 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.

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 options report for the project has been completed after internal reviews by the Project Team and a workshop with the NTA.

A Gateway 2 Report has been issued to the NTA and approval to proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project has been received.

The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville.

The latest drawings are being updated to reflect this design. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

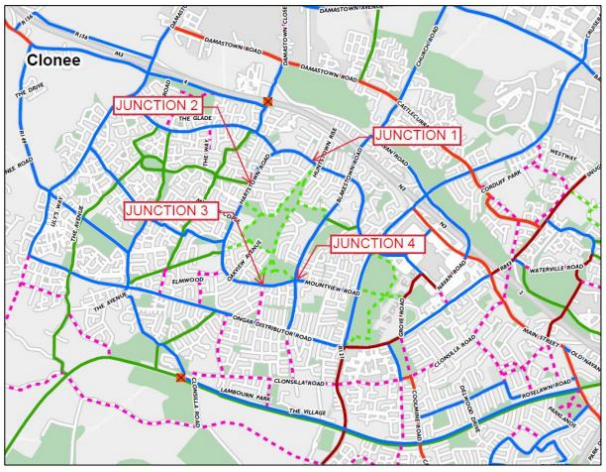
This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements.

A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared and published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal where a non-stat public consultation has commenced. Information leaflets have been distributed to local residents and businesses. The consultation is due to close on Friday 13th September.



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. Contract documents have been signed with a design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed 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

Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place.

A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. 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

Fingal County Council has received notification of Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. Fingal County Council's legal team are currently taking instructions in relation to this.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.





Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery has been updated, and is located here:

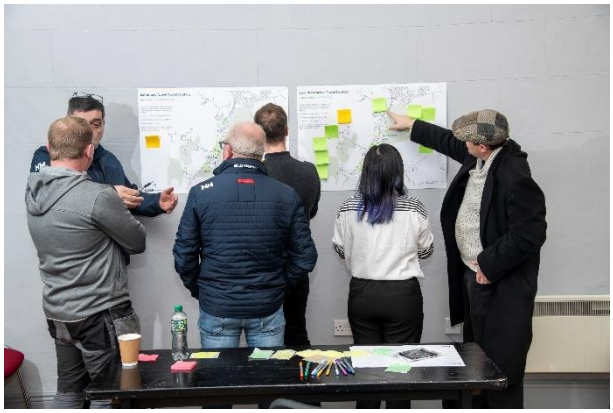
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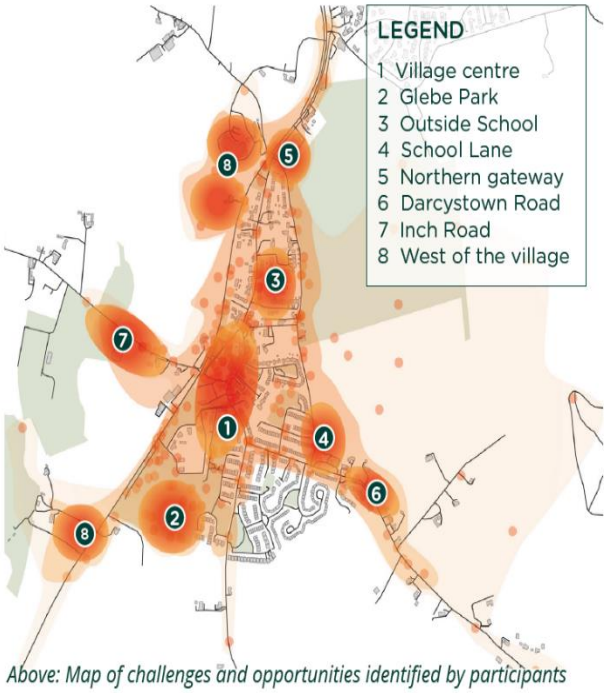
On this webpage, the latest updates have been made available to the public via a newsletter. A physical version of this newsletter has also been delivered to premises in Balrothery.

Following public feedback through the interactive activities on the website, and public open forum discussions in Balrothery Heritage Centre on 20 February 2024, an Engagement Summary Report has been prepared, and a link to this report is also on the webpage.

A survey has also been published on the webpage, related to the information that we have gathered to date. This will allow us to see if we are hearing the people of Balrothery and whether we are interpreting what they told us in the correct way.The public have been invited to have their say on the future vision for active travel in Balrothery and to tell us their priorities for the project's key principles. These will be used to create ideas for how to make active travel better in Balrothery and present these back to the community and stakeholders later in the year.







Above: Map of challenges and opportunities identified by participants

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. The project team will be arranging contract signing between consultant and senior management and formal announcement in the coming weeks.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

This project has gone through full internal department consultation and is in the detailed design phase. The project is entering into a non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing the detailed design and 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 planned for September.

Feedback received from the stakeholders will be reviewed and considered by the project team and the next step with be 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.

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 published a Non-Statutory Public Consultation report together with the screening reports and Section 38 decision for Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road, Swords. Observations or submissions on the process can be made as part of this Non-Statutory Public Consultation.

Observations or submissions can be made online or by post between the 14/08/2024 and the 28/08/2024. The project will be going to tender to appoint a Contractor for Construction, after the consultation process.

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.

Beaverstown Road, Donabate:
Active Travel has completed the Construction stage for the provision of footpath to link up to existing footpath along Beaverstown Road in Donabate.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path:
This connectivity piece provides a shared pedestrian and cycle path from the county boundary with Dublin City on Balgriffin Park, to the junction with the R123. This provides a pedestrian and cycling connection for many dwellings on/near Balgriffin Park to the newly constructed pedestrian and cycling facilities on the R123. Works are complete.



Howth Summit Inn to Bus Stop 567:
Dropped kerbs with tactile paving have been provided on the route between the Summit Inn and Bus Stop 567. This work has been completed.





Offington, Howth:
Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth:

The two junctions of Offington Drive with Offington Avenue and the junction of Offington Lawn with Offington Avenue are complete. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided which will provide additional greenage and sustainable urban drainage. Work is complete.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure
The contractor has completed the installation of Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure at a number of locations throughout the county, including the following:



Swords Lawn Tennis Club, Swords, Co. Dublin



Rivervalley Road, Swords, Co. Dublin



Virtual Bicycle Parking on Chapel Lane Swords.


Rathingle Road, Swords, Co. Dublin


Mulhuddart Village


South Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin


Hayestown Football Pitch, Rush, Co. Dublin


Mobility Hub Blanchardstown Village

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 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 are working closely with An Taisce in relation to data collection and engagement with the schools to develop delivery plans to enable the designers and contractors to carry out the works.

An Taisce are due to provide the delivery plans for each of the schools in the coming weeks that will inform the design process.

Some meetings and brainstorming sessions have taken place with the schools in advance of their summer break to allow the Project Team to continue with their works over the summer break. Fingal County Council has procured the services of a consultants' team that will be working on the designs for these schools.

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Operations have completed the public consultations connected to road safety measures in Rush. A School Street initiative for Rush National School and a junction upgrade adjacent to the school are now being developed and are currently at Construction 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 area
school with a much safer environment, at and on the approach to the school gate.
The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation next week with a view to commencing the operation of the school street over the next few weeks.

Scoil Chormaic CNS Balbriggan:

Contractor is 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 include the installation of bollards to prevent parking in the vicinity of the crossing and to improve safety.





Balscadden National School:

Contractor is completing 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 resurface 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.

The intention is for the works to be completed next week.





St Teresas Catholic Primary School Balbriggan:

Active Travel has completed the installation of new pencil bollards and line marking outside St Teresas National School in Balbriggan. This SRTS treatment identifies the area as a school zone and provides a safer environment for vulnerable users in the vicinity of the school entrance.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks.
Millenium Park Dublin 15:

The new Learn 2 Cycle Track at Millenium Park in Dublin 15 had an official opening event Wednesday 31st July with the Mayor, local county councillors and various local groups in attendance on a glorious sunny morning. The cycling and walking officers continue to roll out further training programmes aimed and providing skills and confidence to new and old bicycle users to use the new infrastructure throughout the county.





Brackenstown Road Swords:

Construction works at the new Learn 2 cycle track, Brackenstown Swords has now broken ground and progressing well with the base/ ground works completed. The tarmacadam finish and line marking has been completed in the last week. Works will continue for next few weeks with a completion timeline in September.







Holywell Park Swords:

Holywell's Learn 2 cycle track from the outset has been a collaboration between Active Travel and the Parks operation departments which has now been agreed with tender documents due to be complete in the coming weeks. Liaison with residents' groups and stakeholders is ongoing to agree design details and proposals. Construction on this Learn 2 Cycle Track is programmed for Q4 this year.



Balance Bike Buddies Course

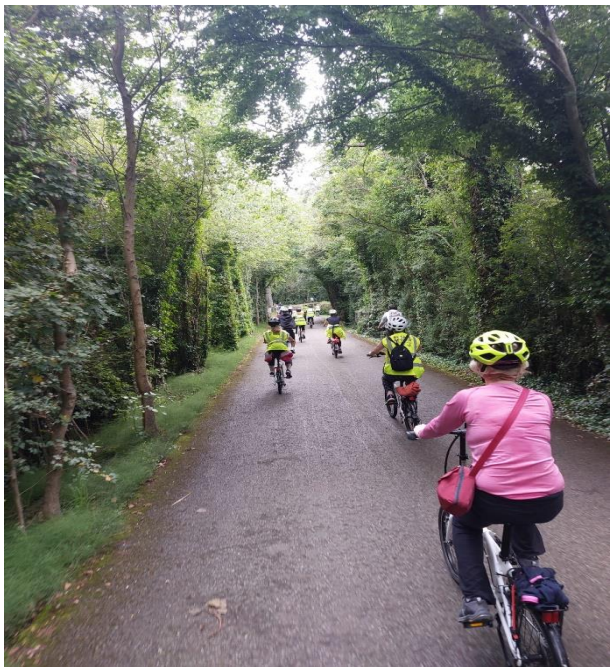
Throughout the summer months the Active Travel team have been running Balance Bike Courses for toddlers aged 2 to 5yrs old on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track on Saturday mornings in Millennium Park. These courses give participants their first introduction to cycling and road safety.

On Saturday 17th August we held a Summer Party for the groups, with facepainting, bike costume making and DJ on his cargo bike. Over 60 children attended.



Sofa to Saddle Course

As part of our efforts to make cycling more accessible to older adults we have been running a second Sofa to Saddle course in Newbridge House, 18 people are taking part each week and the progress has been phenomenal. As part of European Week of Sport we plan to host a 10km cycle for the group, their biggest distance yet.



Fingal Try a Bike Event

On Friday 16th August we held our first Try a Bike Day for Older Adults and People with Additional Needs in ALSAA Sports Complex.

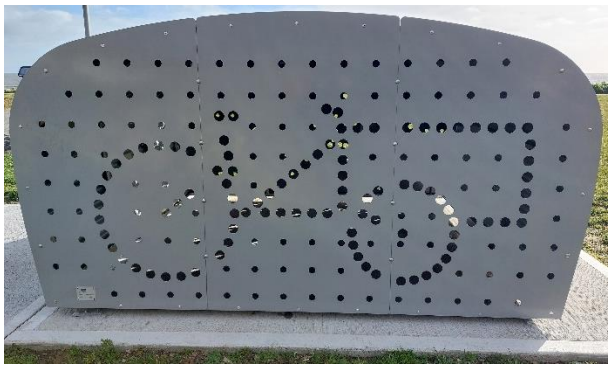
The event was very well attended with over 70 people joining us over the two hours. We had a range of eBikes, folding bikes, trikes and adapted bikes for people to test out as well as one of our Cycling Without Age Trishaws.

Feedback from the day has been very positive and is further evidence that more and more people are keen to get out cycling.



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.



EVPZ Project

As part of our work in encouraging a modal shift towards more sustainable transport, we have been working in partnership with The ESB and Car Share Providers to deliver EV Car Sharing in two locations in Fingal.

The two-year pilot project will see new charging infrastructure installed and 2 existing parking bays remarked for EV Car Share. There will be 2 EVs located in Chapel Lane, Swords and outside Malahide Train Station.

It is hoped that this project will go live in October 2024.



Science & Cycling Summer Camp

Between the 19th – 23rd August in partnership with Science Club, we ran a Science & Cycling Summer Camp in Gaelscoil Na Mara, Donabate for 5 to 11yrs olds. The week long camp saw children undertake a mixture of science experiments, engineering tasks and cycling skills.

The course was attended by 34 children and proved very successful and engaging week



Cycling Without Age

Our Cycling Without Age Trishaws continue to be a popular attraction across the County with 29 trips in July and August so far.



Trishaws are piloted by teams of dedicated volunteers in each area and are available to book free of charge in Skerries, Santry, Baldoyle and St Catherine's Park.

Simply email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie with your name, preferred location, date and time and we'll go from there.



Mayor of Fingal eCargo

Our new Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh recently took delivery of a new eCargo Bike for using during his term. The cargo bike is part of our Community eCargo Bike Scheme and show's the versatility and value of eCargo Bikes.



Tidy Towns Groups across Fingal have benefitted from the scheme, if you're community group would be interested in trialling an eCargo Bike, get in touch with active.travel@fingal.ie.

In August, we filmed an information piece with some of the children involved with the Picker Pals Group



Fingal Quiet Streets Community Nomination

The Active Travel unit received a fantastic response to their Quiet Streets nomination process, receiving 150 nominations from the community.

Initial discussions have taken place with shortlisted areas and we are hoping to progress successful locations over the next number of weeks



Fresh Air Friday

We have launched our Fresh Air Friday Challenge, with several new Fingal schools joining the initiative. Participating schools will be entered into a fun prize draw for a trip to Flynn Park / PE Supply Pack, and some active travel goodies. Participating schools just need to register online and then walk, cycle or scoot to school each Friday! Fresh Air Fridays can help to encourage a long-term behaviour change, improve the air quality around our towns and villages while also promoting a healthy start to the day.

If your school or business are interested in signing up to Fresh Air Friday, simply contact active.travel@fingal.ie and we will help you get going.

Skerries Community Car

The Skerries Community Car is available to book for local trips to the doctors, pharmacist, shops and for social occasions. This volunteer led scheme is vital for fighting social isolation and a valuable service to the people of the Skerries and the surrounding areas.



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

You can pick up a Bleeper bike easily. Just download the Bleeper app, scan the code on the bike to unlock it and you are on your way!
Bleeper Bike Update July 2024; key statistics

995 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in May
1,022 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Highest usage recorded on Sundays (16.3%) and Mondays (16.2%).
Donabate, Sutton and Howth were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 310kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

You can pick up a TIER e-bike easily. Just download the TIER app, scan the code on the e-bike to unlock it and you are on your way! The e-bikes are suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and note that a credit or debit card is required to sign up for the service.

TIER Mobility July 2024; Key Statistics

Metric	Details
Trips	1,723
No of Customers	677
Trips / Customer	2.5
Distance Covered (KM)	6,101
Average Trip Duration	16.34mins
Average Trip length (KM)	3.5km

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 (DCAW24) event programme and online registration is now open.

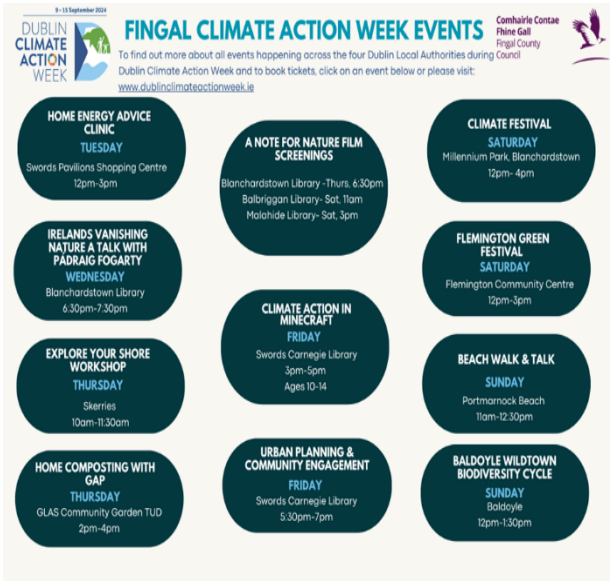
Building on the success of previous years, a great variety of events are planned to take place across the Dublin region throughout the week, which will run from the 9th to 15th of September. This week will provide a variety of opportunities to engage with the local community.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 is being organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

While all events throughout Dublin Climate Action Week are free of charge some require registration.

Information and registration details for events can be found on Fingal County Councils social media channels and by visiting:

www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie



Community Climate Action Fund

The Community Climate Action Fingal has entered a new 'delivery' phase. A contract-signing event was held for the twenty-five Fingal-based community group applicants. These represent group partnerships who applied for funds to initiate climate action at a community level. Projects include solar panels on community buildings, insulation of buildings, replacement of lighting to LEDs, installation of new doors and windows, making for warmer and more sustainable spaces, thereby reducing emissions and enabling communities to become more efficient.



Details of Community Climate Action Fingal Grant Funding

Community Climate Action Fingal Approved Projects July 2024		
	CCAF Applicant	**DECC TOTAL APPROVED AMOUNT**
1	St. Brigids GAA Club	**€95,938**
2	Ballyboughal TT & GAA	**€62,683**
3	Skerries 98th Scouts	**€62,197**
4	Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Community Centre	**€61,161**
5	Rush Eco Group	**€59,585**
6	Rivervalley Community Centre & St. Finian's GAA	**€57,642**
7	Balbriggan SEC	**€56,585**
8	Bayside Community Centre	**€54,157**
9	Fingallians GAA	**€53,963**
10	Balrothery Tennis Club	**€52,053**
11	Lusk Community Network	**€51,873**
12	Naomh Mearnóg	**€47,309**
13	Baldoyle Community Hall	**€47,300**
14	St Maurs GAA	**€46,020**
15	Coolmine Therapeutic Centre	**€39,788**
16	Castleknock GAA	**€39,079**
17	Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative Dublin 15	**€38,900**
18	Sutton Dinghy Club	**€33,450**
19	Dogs Trust Ireland	**€33,070**
20	Howth Yacht Club	**€33,065**
21	Brackenstown Scouts Den	**€33,059**
22	Balbriggan Golf Club	**€31,000**
23	Donabate Portrane Community Centre	**€15,215**
24	Turvey Allotments	**€11,160**
25	Kinsealy UFC	**€8,051**
Total Fingal Community Climate Action Projects amount allocated		**€1,124,310**



Environmental Awareness

Flavours Of Fingal



The Environment and Climate Action team hosted a variety of talks, workshops and youth focused activity over two days at the Flavours of Fingal event. Visitors to the event were able to ask questions about waste management and received brown caddies and sustainable shopping bags with food waste messaging. In the youth tent, children got to interact with our mobile aquarium and learn about the impacts of plastic waste on marine life.





Zero Waste Chef Conor Spacey and Howth Forager Nicole Dunne, facilitated interactive sustainable sessions on food waste reduction and sustainability tips.



Green Festival

Donabate-Portrane Community Centre held their Green Festival on Saturday 13th July as part of the Keen to be Green Programme. With a focus on waste and circular economy, participants got involved in fashion swap shops, food waste cooking demos with Cool Food Dudes. A bespoke Fingal CC snakes and ladders game focusing on food waste was on offer for children also. In conjunction with the European Recycling Programme (ERP), a WEE collection service was open to residents of Donabate-Portrane as part of the festival for small electrical items.

Community Fast Fashion Swap Shops

In conjunction with Circular Fashion Ireland, the following community groups received Fast Fashion Swap Shops:

- Mountview Community Centre
- Portrane/Donabate CS
- Flemington community Centre
- Prosper Community Fingal
- Castaheany Community Centre

These Swap Shops are a chance for community engagement on themes regarding circular economy and awareness of the impact textiles have on the environment.

Back to School



The Environmental Awareness School Programme was launched in August and communicated to over 140 schools in Fingal. Fully funded workshops are available to schools in the themes of

- Waste
- Anti-Litter
- Climate Change Literacy
- Fast Fashion
- Composting

These school workshops will support teachers and schools taking part in the Green Schools Programme and beyond. Environmental literacy is essential for students as it equips them with the knowledge and skills to understand and address the environmental challenges facing our world. By fostering an awareness of how natural systems function and how human actions impact the environment, students become empowered to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. Environmental literacy encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and a sense of stewardship, preparing students to contribute to a sustainable future and become advocates for environmental justice and conservation.

Cinema Campaign- Cigarette Butts and Vapes

A cinema campaign focusing on correct disposal of cigarette butts and vapes launched in August targeting Balbriggan Omniplex; IMC Santry; Movies @ Swords; Odeon Blanchardstown; Odeon Charlestown. This campaign will reach an audience of 452,000 in the 18-35 market.

The campaign focuses on the environmental impact of littering butts and vapes and advise on how they should be disposed. This will be an innovative ad which will focus on the detrimental effects discarded butts and vapes play on eco systems and wildlife. The call to action will be focusing on correct disposal and uplifting audiences to take action to keep Fingal County clean and beautiful.

Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant



30 community groups and schools were successfully approved for Anti- Litter Anti-Graffiti projects across Fingal county.

The majority of projects focus on litter prevention and anti-graffiti measures.

Full list of awardees can be found here

Rush Food Festival

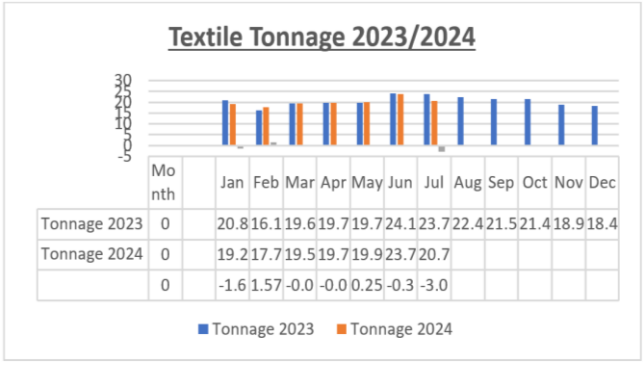


Caddies and Food Waste sustainable shopping bags were available for entrants of the Rush Food Festival. Participants interacted with the food waste display unit and had a chance to ask questions about composting and waste segregation.



Bring Centres

Textiles Banks

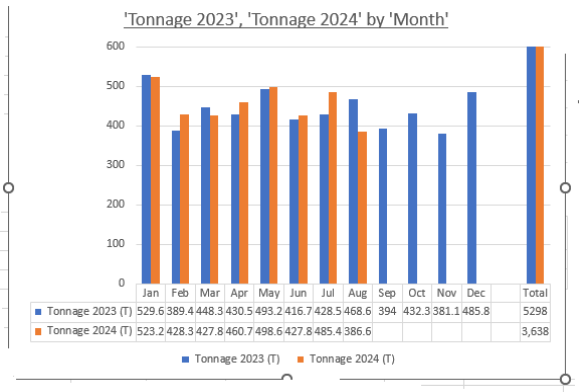


Month		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tonnage 2023	0	20.8	16.1	19.6	19.7	19.7	24.1	23.7	22.4	21.5	21.4	18.9	18.4
Tonnage 2024	0	19.2	17.7	19.5	19.7	19.9	23.7	20.7					
	0	-1.6	1.57	-0.0	-0.0	0.25	-0.3	-3.0					

Tonnage 2023 Tonnage 2024

21 Tonnes of Textiles were collected during July 2024. This compared with **24 Tonnes** collected during July 2023.

Bottle Banks



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tonnage 2023 (T)	529.6	389.4	448.3	430.5	493.2	416.7	428.5	468.6	394	432.3	381.1	485.8	5298
Tonnage 2024 (T)	523.2	428.3	427.8	460.7	498.6	427.8	485.4	386.6					3,638

Tonnage 2023 (T) Tonnage 2024 (T)

386.66 Tonnes of Glass have been collected to date in August. This compares with Glass volumes of 468.57 Tonnes collected during August 2023.

Litter Management

The Litter Warden continued to tackle littering and dumping in July and August. All the bring banks in the Fingal area were inspected daily to ensure that there was no dumping. Any evidence found was dealt with under the Litter Pollution Acts.

They reported any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.





The Litter warden continued to carry out inspections and ensured that the roads were being keep clean of muck and that the building sites had a road sweeper in operation.
They also followed up on reports to ensure farmers were ensuring the roads were keep clean of muck.

The Litter warden continued to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches targeting hot spots for dog fouling. They attended a beach awareness event on Loughshinny Beach on 14th August and meet with Community Groups and councillors to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.



The Litter wardens carried out extra inspections daily and on the Sundays prior to the water sampling taking place from May to September this year. They 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.

1. Balbriggan
2. Skerries
3. Loughshinny
4. Portmarnock
5. Rush South
6. Rush North
7. Donabate
8. Portrane
9. Burrow beach, Sutton

They also erected anti dog fouling signage in areas where complaints were received.



The Litter Warden conducted walking patrols, engaging with business regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. They also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

The wardens continued the annual litter quantification surveys in July and August to quantity the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.

There were 3 cases before the district court in July, three were successful prosecuted, and costs awarded.

The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0

The Litter Management section receive numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.

CRMs July 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	14
General Litter Issue	8
Muck on road	3
Litter incident with witness	1
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	4
Abandoned cars	40
Annual surveys	26
Inspection of bring banks	310
Inspection of dumping black spots	491
Unauthorised signage	8
Walking patrols	2
Env - Miscellaneous	5
Dog fouling reports	3

CRMs Aug 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags equivalent	**7**
General Litter Issue	**13**
Muck on road	**1**
Pollution - Dog Fouling Signage	**2**
Abandoned cars	**3**
Annual surveys	**42**
Inspection of bring banks	**162**
Inspection of dumping black spots	**312**
Litter at Bottle banks	**11**
Unauthorised signage	**3**
Env - Miscellaneous	**3**
Dog Fouling complaint	**1**
Walking patrols	**1**
Litter incident with witness	**5**

Abandoned Vehicles

There have been 257 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 23rd of August 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	
October	2	0		0	0	
November	2	4		1	0	
December	1	0		1	0	
	13	10	7	3	10	9

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. The dog wardens also increase their patrols of the beaches during the summer months to optimise bathing water quality and retain the status of Fingal's Blue Flag beaches.

The dog wardens are continuing with door-to-door licence checks. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 44 x 10 Day Notices, and 140 Fines issued by the dog wardens during July and August 24.

The dog wardens do not carry out door to door checking in the summer months as they concentrate on patrols of the parks and beaches.

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	0	125		40	€0	€3,549
October	0	241		40	€0	€1,500
November	0	91		7	€0	€1,100
December	0	222		12	€0	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1724	1597	369	477	€18,830	€31,372

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during July and up to the 26 of August 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		759		48	€	€21,900
October		670		30	€	€17,600
November		662		41	€	€18,980
December		626		37	€	€17,700
Total for year	6605	7964	485	578	€200,100	€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 July there were 19 dogs in the shelter. During July 2024 and up to 23rd August 2024 there were 34 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders.

Of these 34 dogs, 5 were reclaimed by members of the public, 23 were rehomed to rescue, 9 were rehomed to members of the public and 1 was PTS. At of 23rd of August 2024 there were 19 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 July 2023	8	Dogs in Shelter at start of July 2024 **	19
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	55	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	34
Surrendered by owners	1	Surrendered by owners	4
Reclaimed	18	Reclaimed	5
Rehomed to Rescue	21	Rehomed to Rescue	23
Rehomed to Public	8	Rehomed to Public	9
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of August 2023	**15**	**Dogs in shelter at 23.8.24**	**19**





Shelly came into the shelter as a stray and unfortunately was never reclaimed is a Rottweiler X Akita; she is between 1-2 years old! She loves to go on walks and is quite a calm dog.



A good example of a dog with a muzzle



Sandy came into the shelter due to her owner no longer being able to care for her. She is a 2-and-a-half-year-old Akita.

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.

Air & Noise

An application to the Department of Environment Climate Change and Communications was made for funding for a pilot acoustic design for the area south of the N3 between Blanchardstown Road North and Littlepace. The cost will be in the region of €30k with maximum funding of €20k. The pilot project is to assess the cost and benefits of various mitigation measures and will involve refining the strategic noise maps for the area.
Landfill Aftercare

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently carried out a site inspection of the Dunsink Licensed Landfill. The site visit included an inspection of the on-site gas and leachate management systems.

The EPA were satisfied that the site is been managed in a manner which complies with the EPA licence and welcomed further proposals from Fingal County Council in relation to an updated Landfill Aftercare Plan.

EU Water Framework Directive

It has been reported that the cabinet has signed off on the 3rd cycle of the EU Water framework Directive and about to adopt the 2021-2027 River Basin Management Plan.

This latest plan, replaces the past approach of adopting river basin management plans. The last plan (for 2018-2021) saw a decline in 428 out of 726 water bodies initially designated for improvement.

The new approach will have significant implications for farmers and landowners as it will allow for revisions to the controversial 1945 Arterial Drainage Act, which will "change the approach to flood management" to ensure land change is compliant with the EU water framework directive (WFD). This is likely to restrict extensive drainage works.

Environmental Inspections (RMCEI)

(nb Stats to be reported quarterly only)

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Fingal Sport's Parkfit

The Fingal ParkFit programme relaunched in early July, offering a variety of free, instructor-led fitness classes in Fingal's beautiful parks and green spaces. Since its beginning, the ParkFit Programme has seen a steady increase in participation, with locals embracing the opportunity to improve their physical and mental well-being. This year, the programme has expanded to 15 locations throughout Fingal and runs during the summer months. The main aim is to make fitness accessible to everyone, regardless of age or fitness level.



Volleyball Ireland European Open

Volleyball Ireland made history this summer as the first nation in the Small Countries Association Zone to host and compete in a European Championship Final, as Pool B of the Women's u20 Volleyball European Championships kicked off in Dublin. Fingal Sports Office supported the competition and Volleyball Ireland will be supporting local clubs with new equipment while continuing the legacy of the competition by running school programmes in the new school term.



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Olympic Handball takes to Balbriggan Beach

Olympic Handball Ireland have been running beach competitions the past three years as they sport become popular indoors and outdoors. Olympic Handball returned to Balbriggan this summer for their annual beach competition; the event involved 10 teams from across the country coming together to compete on the beach as part of the OHI Beach Handball Championship 2024. Olympic Handball continues to be a popular sport within the county with the introduction of a new junior club in Fingal for October.



HER Outdoors Week 2024

An initiative through Sport Ireland, HER Outdoors week aims to celebrate and encourage more females to get out and enjoy the benefits of being in the outdoors while bringing visibility to the opportunities for females to get involved in outdoor physical activity. This week is all about providing more opportunities for all females to escape to the outdoors and try something new. Fingal Sports facilitated 18 come and try sessions for women of all ages and all abilities to try something new in their community. Fingal collaborated with 15 different clubs and providers to give outdoor opportunities such as stand up paddleboarding in Malahide, rowing in Balbriggan, fishing in Naul, BMX biking in St Catherine's Park and much more. The week saw a great uptake in the sports with a sustainable approach of the local clubs gaining membership.



Balbriggan Beach Festival 2024

Fingal Sports Office brought the sports beach festival back to Balbriggan Beach in August with collaboration of local sports clubs, Sport Ireland National Sport bodies and community groups. The day included several sports on show throughout the day such as GAA, beach volleyball, olympic handball, beach tag rugby and fun beach games. With the support of OurBalbriggan and additional funding through Sport Ireland's HER Outdoors Week the event grew from last year with a stage being added to the beach for fitness classes from local instructors and local bands playing throughout the day.





Fingal Sports Festival

On the back of Team Ireland's triumphant performance at the 2024 Olympics, Fingal Sports Office ran Fingal's Sport Festival in Malahide Castle with over 25 National Governing Sports Bodies. The action-packed event will kick off at midday and encourages everyone to get active and help celebrate the glory of our Olympians.

A number of athletes from Fingal were participating in Paris for the Summer Olympic games, Sean Cribbin, Rugby 7s Athlete joined the event on the day to share his experience at the Olympics and how he got into his sport. The event was ran on a legacy from the Olympics with the hope of participants finding a new sport to join and find out more about their local sports clubs.







Inclusive Water Sport Camp

Fingal Sports Office, in partnership with Active Connections and Howth Yacht Club, ran the first-ever Sports Ability Water-Based Camps for children with additional needs in Fingal. This four-day camp is designed to provide a fun and supportive environment for children aged 7-17, offering both morning and afternoon sessions at the Howth Yacht Club.

One-on-one support from Active Connections staff to ensure safety and enjoyment for 20 participants to enjoy water sports.





Coach Education Series

Fingal Sports Office launched its Coach Education Series for August and September. The series began with two Sports First Aid Workshops involving 35 volunteers from 15 different sports clubs.
The series kicked off in St. Maurs GAA Rush with a large contingent of participants from clubs in Rush, Lusk, Skerries and Donabate. This was followed by another workshop in Corduff Sports Centre D15 with many participants from the Sports Office summer ParkFit initiatives as well as volunteers from local sports clubs. Brian Pentony from Sports Medic delivered a very informative workshop covering a wide range of topics from cardiac arrests to treatment for concussion.

The series will conclude in September with two more Sport Ireland Accredited workshops to educate mentors on ensuring increased youth participation within their clubs.





Summer Sports Series for Kids with Additional needs – July / August 2024

Fingal Sports Office ran a new initiative designed to provide children with additional needs the opportunity to try a variety of sports in a supportive and inclusive environment. This programme was held every Wednesday across six different clubs and venues throughout the county. The Summer Sports Series catered to two age groups: children aged 7 to 11, and those aged 12 to 16.
Each session is a free “Come Try Sports” event for 1 hour, ensuring that all children with special needs have the chance to explore new activities and discover their potential in sport. The programme aims to give participants a love for sports and physical activity, while promoting inclusivity and community engagement.

The sessions were delivered by our co-funded officers of the Fingal County Council, with additional support from the Fingal Sports Office sports tutors.


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Fingal County Council is accepting applications as part of the 2025 Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) which offers funding for conservation works and repairs to Protected Structures and buildings that enhance Architectural Conservation Areas within the Fingal region.

The schedule for grants applications and processing for 2025 is much earlier than in previous years. This schedule is set for all local authorities by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Applications for 2025 must be submitted by 5pm on 27th September 2024.

BHIS 2024

In 2024, almost €260,000 was allocated to 42 projects across Fingal, supporting various initiatives under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Stitch in Time grants, and the Historic Structures Fund. These grants have played a vital role in preserving Fingal's rich architectural heritage.

The BHIS Grant – Benefits/Types of Projects

Applications for the BHIS funding are being invited by Fingal's Architectural Conservation Officers, Helena Bergin and Bronagh Lanigan. Helena Bergin said: "*Right across Fingal there are older buildings or structures of interest that contribute positively to the character of the place or are of great significance to the local community. To ensure their continued survival it is important for them to be maintained in good repair*"



Roof Repairs on a Protected Structure – Assisted with BHIS funding.

She continues, *"Over the past few years, the Built Heritage Investment Scheme has been central in helping owners carry out appropriate conservation works and to support them in their role as the custodians of the architectural heritage of the county. We look forward to seeing more of this funding going towards greater protection and preservation of our built environment."*

The 2025 BHIS offers increased grant aid, ranging from €2,500 to €50,000, thanks to the amalgamation of Stream 1 of the Historic Structures Fund into the BHIS. The percentage of funding awarded has also increased with the potential to award public funding of up to 80% of the cost of works.



'Bluestoning' of a Thatched Roof with Copper Sulphate -To prolong its lifespan

Eligible projects include the conservation and repair of historic/original fabric of Protected Structures, buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas, Historic Shopfronts, and non-protected Vernacular Structures.

Application forms and detailed information are available on Fingal County Council's **Built Heritage Investment Scheme** webpage. Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) Grant | Fingal County Council

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Increased Cost of Business Grant (ICOB)

As part of Budget 2024, the Government announced the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) Grant as a support measure for small and medium businesses. Fingal County Council managed the rollout of the grant to qualifying businesses across the County.

All ratepayers in the County were contacted and eligible businesses were invited to register online for the one-off grant. The value of the grant initially was up to €5,000 for eligible businesses with an additional top up grant of up to another €5,000 for hospitality and retail businesses.

The rollout of the grant scheme has amounted to 4,382 payments totalling in excess of €11m to over 2800 businesses across the County.

Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of August 2024 is running at 81%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€130.7m
Rates collected %	81%

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 July is €52.1m which is c. **101%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	52.1
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 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**

Appendix 1 (b)

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**

Appendix 1 (c)

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2024				
	Balance at 01/01/2024* €	Balance at 30/06/2024 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES*	€2,579,534	€50,356,080	€48,692,587	€1,663,492
LOANS	€2,130,037	€2,134,513	€236,701	€1,897,812
RENTS	€10,216,580	€10,267,679	€4,734,241	€5,533,438

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

* value of debit at 31/12/2023 was €3.2m with a credit of €653,644.

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded for year to date

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Actual Duration (months)
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Desk/Atrium Civic Offices Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€52,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	27/06/2024	3
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction in a series of batches from 3-7 m at Binn Eadair, Sutton, Co Dublin	Citius Ltd	€53,150.00	25/06/2024	12/07/2024	25/06/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	12
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Hartstown Community Centre, Hartstown Road, Dublin 15	Vision Contracting Ltd	€1,899,235.04	17/06/2024	17/03/2026	17/06/2024	21
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works, Glen Ellen Road, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€62,127.80	17/06/2024	17/10/2024	11/06/2024	4
Operations	Special works, Slip Form Kerbing and Ancillaries, Balheary Road, Swords	KT Civil Ltd	€44,819.00	01/07/2024	01/11/2024	10/06/2024	6
EETCD	Project Management Services related to design and planning of Balbriggan Harbour & Coastal Amenity Area Feasibility Study & Tidal Pool	Turner & Townsend	€43,742.00	20/05/2024	20/11/2024	01/06/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consturction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	9
Housing	Refurbishment of Dwellings on Parochial Avenue, Baldoyle , Dublin 13	CTS Projects Ltd	€586,550.00	01/07/2024	20/12/2024	31/05/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	SCFT Prep of Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan	RMLA Ltd	€185,965.00	31/05/2024	31/05/2025	31/05/2024	12
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Bremore Estate, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€74,945.00	04/06/2024	14/06/2024	30/05/2024	1

Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	2
Operations	Footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 8 square meters at Seagrange Rd, R809, Strand Rd Baldoyle Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€26,622.50	29/04/2024	17/05/2024	29/05/2024	0
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	6
Community	Construction of new lifts shaft, installation of new lift and renovation of existing toilets in Rivervalley Rathingle Community Centre, Swords	Vision Contracting Ltd	€159,048.85	04/06/2024	16/09/2026	24/05/2024	16
Operations	Road inlay and ancillary works Bridge Street, Swords (Swords Castle to Watery Lane).	DM Morris Ltd	€84,800.50	06/05/2024	06/08/2024	24/05/2024	3
Operations	Conrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	4
Digital Services	Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	MicroMail Ltd	€30,107.12	26/05/2024	25/05/2025	21/05/2024	12
Operations	Plant hire with driver/operative for Beach and Burial Ground Works	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€64,483.00	07/05/2024	30/09/2024	21/05/2024	5
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	24
Digital Services	Nathean Additional Logix Bi & Housing Support Days 2024	Nathean Technologies Ltd.	€42,500.00	15/05/2024	15/05/2025	15/05/2024	12
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€79,729.49	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	36
Housing	Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme at Ballealley Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€26,000.00	01/04/2024	31/12/2024	14/05/2024	8
Operations	Road Markings at various locations within the Fingal Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€41,234.55	17/06/2024	17/06/2025	14/05/2024	12

Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	1
Housing	FM Strategy Development Support (Phase 1 - Strategy Development Support And Phase 2 – Document Review & Finalisation)	KSN Project Management	€29,250.00	23/05/2024	23/11/2025	10/05/2024	18
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Blanchardstown Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€29,200.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Malahide Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€30,760.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Libraries	Supplementary Call for Tender (SCFT) for the Design, supply, installation, commissioning and maintenance of library building automation solution (My Open Library) at Skerries Library	Spectrum Communications Ltd	€37,060.00	10/05/2024	09/05/2026	10/05/2024	24
Operations	Supply and delivery to site of 29 Nr Precast Concrete Anchor Blocks with marine grade stainless steel lifting eyes	Shay Murtagh Precast Ltd	€79,357.68	04/06/2024	30/05/2024	10/05/2024	3
Operations	Flavours of Fingal County Show 2024 Hire of Generators, Portaloo, Cabin Electricians And Teleporter	GH Energy Rentals Limited	€90,000.00	26/06/2024	03/07/2024	09/05/2024	1
Finance	Collection and Delivery to the bank of cash from the Cash Offices of Fingal County Council	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€40,000.00	01/05/2024	30/04/2026	01/05/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Landscape Architect-led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for the Park Development Project for Ward River Regional Park, Swords	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€1,878,533.90	13/05/2024	02/02/2026	01/05/2024	9
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	1
Libraries	Provision of legal advice and services relating to Contractual Matters	Mason Hayes & Curran LLP	€50,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	01/05/2024	12

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Coastal Path Relocation, Howth, Co. Dublin	James Oliver Hearty & Sons	€86,942.20	30/04/2024	19/07/2024	30/04/2024	1.5
Operations	Road Inlay and Ancillary Works Swords Fire Station to Estuary Roundabout and North Street, Swords	DM Morris Ltd	€135,864.80	13/05/2024	13/08/2024	30/04/2024	3
Operations	Road surfacing Eight (8) local roads, North County Fingal	DM Morris Ltd	€586,205.50	03/06/2024	03/10/2024	30/04/2024	4
People Services	Provision of Driver Training Programme to include Driver Licence Upskilling Training Lessons, ECO Drive Training & Vehicle Safety Check Training for Fingal County Council Staff (Single Supplier Framework with Initial contract)	Alexandra School of Motoring	€500,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2027	29/04/2024	36
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 2 Purchase of three 5m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	€103,500.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of Wide Area Trailed Wing Roller Mowers - Lot 1 Purchase of two 4m Wide Trailed Wing Roller Mowers	Maher Tractor Sales Ltd	€51,000.00	29/04/2024	28/04/2025	29/04/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works at Bath Road Car Park, Balbriggan	Postmount T/A Jim Hayes Civil Engineering	€28,000.00	26/04/2024	25/07/2024	26/04/2024	4
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Catering Services for Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	Fitzpatrick Catering Ltd	€80,000.00	25/04/2024	24/04/2026	25/04/2024	24
EETCD	Appointment of a Resident Engineer for Quay Street Environs Public Realm Project, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	Waterman Moylan	€170,000.00	07/05/2024	07/05/2026	24/04/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install of 5no. synthetic tennis court surfaces, removal & disposal of existing carpet & arisings, LED flood lighting upgrade and associated works	Sole Sports & Leisure Ltd	€124,807.75	20/04/2024	20/04/2026	24/04/2024	24
Community	Community Centre Construction Work at Baldoyle Community Facility	Vision Contracting Ltd	€7,486,275.25	01/05/2024	31/10/2026	24/04/2024	18

IT	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	36
Operations	Installation of new drainage works to 2 soccer pitches in Tyrrelstown Park	Peter O'Brien & Sons	€111,771.20	22/04/2024	21/06/2024	22/04/2024	2
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works at Mourne Estate Community Centre	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	20/05/2024	14/08/2025	19/04/2024	17
Community	Community Centre Upgrade Works for Fingal County Council Mourne Estate Community Centre, Skerries, Co Dublin	Vision Contracting Ltd	€449,464.49	19/04/2024	18/09/2025	19/04/2024	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	8
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (80%)	Irish Tar and Bitumen Suppliers Limited	€124,800.00	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	1
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€86,570.00	00/01/1900	00/01/1900	15/04/2024	0
Environment, Climate Action	Junction realignment works at Coach Road/School Lane junction in Balrothery on foot of completed enabling works by ESB Networks.	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€49,641.11	01/05/2024	31/05/2024	10/04/2024	1
EETCD	Social Media Contract for Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan 2019-2025	Often Partisan T/a Media Consult	€62,000.00	09/04/2024	08/04/2025	09/04/2024	1
Operations	Repair to the existing boardwalk through the dunes leading to Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€78,995.00	23/04/2024	23/05/2024	08/04/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of up to 30 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne - 4.25 Tonne Flatbed Tippers	Setanta Vehicle Sales North Ltd	€1,250,250.00	08/04/2024	07/04/2025	08/04/2024	12
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	1

EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Contract A, Balbriggan	John Craddock Ltd	€16,378,905.65	05/04/2024	05/09/2026	05/04/2024	19
EETCD	Public realm redevelopment and associated works at Quay Street & Environs – Repair & renewal works including re-roofing and provision of new services to existing RNLI Boathouse – Contract B, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	John Craddock Ltd	€575,535.18	05/04/2024	05/04/2026	05/04/2024	24
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	6
Operations	Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	€204,673.08	01/04/2024	31/01/2025	01/04/2024	10
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	3
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	4
Operations	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Citius Ltd	€39,850.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	21/03/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	1
Active Travel	Footpath Installation and associated works at Beaverstown Road, Donabate	Integrated Utility Services Ireland	€44,994.41	12/02/2024	12/05/2024	20/03/2024	3
Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Castleknock Woods, Oaks and ancillary works.	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€43,224.50	21/03/2024	31/12/2024	20/03/2024	9
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Installation security fencing, gates and Razorwire at Brackenstown Wallen Gardens, Knocksedan, Swords, Co.Dublin.	Stirue Fencing	€29,750.00	25/03/2024	25/04/2024	19/03/2024	1
Community	Provision of 24 hr Security at Liam Rodgers Community Centre	Apleona Ireland (Acacia Ltd)	€29,718.50	14/03/2024	14/05/2024	14/03/2024	2
Operations	Concession for Management, Operation and Maintenance of all Services at Corballis Golf Course and Elm Green Golf Centre	Euro Golf Services Ltd t/a Carr Golf	€23,589.00	01/10/2023	31/03/2024	14/03/2024	6

People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€0.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12
Housing	Provision of administrative support for the delivery of Affordable Housing Schemes	BCM Global	€525,000.00	12/03/2024	31/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	12
Housing	Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for the Provision of Services for Inspection of Private Rented Dwellings	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€530,000.00	01/04/2024	31/03/2026	08/03/2024	24
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting Maintenance Services (Interim)	G4S- Secure Solutions	€50,000.00	08/03/2024	08/09/2024	08/03/2024	6
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	8
EETCD	Provision of Economic Consultancy Services for the preparation of Applications under the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund on behalf of Fingal County Council	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€124,400.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	01/03/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	3 Staff Safety Liasion Officers for 3 months for CCU Grove Road	NOC Consultancy	€60,000.00	01/03/2024	28/06/2024	01/03/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Consultancy Services for the Ward River Ecological Enhancement Scheme	RIVUS Ecological Engineering Ltd	€39,975.00	01/03/2024	31/12/2024	01/03/2024	10
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Post Office Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€80,286.00	01/04/2024	15/04/2024	27/02/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for the Bremore Recreational Hub Access Upgrade Works	Design ID Consulting Ltd	€56,334.00	26/02/2024	28/06/2024	26/02/2024	4

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening and Appropriate Assessment, if required for LAP at Flemington	Brady Shipman Martin	€28,120.00	17/11/2023	17/11/2024	26/02/2024	12
Housing	Civil & Structural Engineering Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€110,000.00	01/12/2023	14/04/2027	23/02/2024	38
EETCD	Booking of Sledge Entertainment LLC f/s/o Sister Sledge	ICON Entertainments	€50,000.00	15/02/2024	28/07/2024	23/02/2024	5
Operations	Road resurfacing and reconstruction Channel Road, Rush, Co. Dublin	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€126,606.00	21/02/2024	06/03/2024	22/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Retro Fit and Upgrade of Lighting System - County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin	Vincent Doherty Ltd	€55,183.00	15/07/2024	31/08/2024	20/02/2024	2
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€90,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2024	16/02/2024	11
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	12
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	1
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	16
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	3
Housing	M&E Consulting Eng Services for 13 no. dwellings & associated site works at 30 & 32 North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	FLN Consulting Engineers	€32,070.00	01/02/2024	17/11/2027	09/02/2024	33
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	11
Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	3
Libraries	Demolition and Enabling Works at Former St. Michaels House Bungalow, Seatown Road	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€120,243.00	12/02/2024	29/03/2025	08/02/2024	14

Operations	Hire of Excavator & Operator at the Former Dunsink Landfill & Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	€82,000.00	16/01/2024	15/01/2025	08/02/2024	12
Operations	Road Surfacing inlay, Lower Road, Garristown, Co. Dublin	Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd	€41,284.50	05/02/2024	09/02/2024	08/02/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€1,008,052.00	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	48 months
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	1
Housing	Integrated Design Team Services to provide design, planning Consultancy Services to establish a design framework plan and achieve planning approval for c.300 Units at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	Brady, Shipman Martin	€510,963.00	01/11/2023	31/12/2024	01/02/2024	56
Operations	Requirement for Road Lining Contract for the Fingal Swords, Balbriggan Areas Including PSCS	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	€58,796.60	24/01/2024	31/12/2024	31/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	12
Operations	Disposal of Marine Wrecks located in Balbriggan Harbour	Shanowen Plant Hire Ltd	€154,450.00	01/03/2024	30/04/2024	29/01/2024	2
Operations	Supply & Delivery of Macadam to various locations in Fingal	Roadstone Ltd	€97,630.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	29/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Supply of Broadband to Malahide 9Avoca), Ardgillan House & Ballycoolin Training Centre	Viatel Ireland Ltd	€26,160.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2026	26/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services Consultancy Services at Naul Village Park, the Naul	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects	€316,577.00	06/11/2023	05/09/2027	25/01/2024	46
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
EETCD	Public consultation communications design and related project management services	Media Social (RPS Group Ltd)	€33,280.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	12
Housing	Provision of Selling Agent and associated services relating to the delivery of an affordable housing scheme around North County Dublin	Sherry Fitzgerald Cumisky Kelly	€87,700.00	25/04/2024	31/12/2024	24/01/2024	8

Housing	Quantity Surveyor Services for the residential portion of Church Fields Phase 3a (300 Units), Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	Austin Reddy & Co	€60,000.00	01/12/2023	30/12/2025	22/01/2024	25
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply of Pleached Lime Trees and Yew Hedging	Annaveigh Plants Ltd	€29,895.00	30/10/2023	29/10/2024	19/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical and Underwater Survey at Ward River Park, Swords	Murphy Geospatial Ltd	€25,980.00	30/01/2024	30/03/2024	18/01/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/08/2024	17/01/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Integrated Design Team Services for Workplace Strategy Project	MCO Projects Limited	€372,648.80	14/12/2023	13/10/2025	15/01/2024	23
EETCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	12
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	12
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Works for Naul Village Park Site Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€40,125.00	15/01/2024	20/02/2024	15/01/2024	1
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Monitoring & Reporting Services at Dunsink & Balleally Landfill Sites	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	€188,495.00	09/01/2024	08/01/2025	09/01/2024	12
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of Services for Independent Agronomist for the Fingal Coastal Way	Hackett Agricultural Consultants	€39,700.00	02/01/2024	31/12/2024	02/01/2024	12

Operations	Provision of Maintenance of Earth Moving Equipment	Equipment Company of Ireland Ltd	€32,230.00	01/12/2023	30/11/2025	02/01/2024	24
Housing	Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	€240,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12
Housing	Inspections on Private Rented Dwellings located in the Admin Area of Fingal County Council	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€165,000.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	01/01/2024	3
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	24
Digital Services	Requirement for Support in the Development of an Investment Concept for FC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	€50,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	01/01/2024	12

Appendix 3 (a)

Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171
	C&D Waste	9	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19
	Air & Odour	37	17
	Noise	99	23
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**471**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	3015
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	88
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40
	Planning Inspections	416	79
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**3,103**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15
	Other waste enforcement	52	3
	Water & Wastewater	29	3
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**	
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	
	Waste	16	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	

Appendix 3 (b)

Active Travel Investment Grants: Allocations		
Project Code:	Project Name & Funding Allocation 2024	Comments
FCC/20/0004	Bicycle Parking €100,000	Contractor is gearing up to complete bike parking stands in various locations across the county. Further work packages are being developed by the team for Swords and Dublin 15 areas. Ongoing liaison with Operations and Parks to agree suitable locations for bike parking.
FCC/21/0001	Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar €100,000	The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings are now being updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a proposed new signalised junction at Waterville. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth €100,000	A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2025, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network is being reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway. It is intended to progress to tender for consultants for the preliminary design of Phase 2 in Q4, 2024. Preparation of the brief has begun, in line with the Fingal County Development Plan, the Climate Action Plan and an Active Travel Strategy for Fingal.
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre €100,000	All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners. The design consultant has been issued with an updated review of the draft Options report and drawings following input from the Active Travel team. Once reviewed a workshop will be held with the NTA.
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock to Dunsink Lane €150,000	This project is now focusing on Auburn Avenue linking into the Royal Canal at the 12th Lock along the Old Navan Road. The Options Report and relevant drawings for Auburn

		Avenue have been reviewed and approved by the NTA in compliance with the Gateway 2 Hold Point requirements. A stage 1 road safety audit has been carried out and comments taken into consideration with drawings updated accordingly. Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been prepared in advance of a public consultation with information leaflets being drafted for a letter drop to the wider area. Draft EIA and AA screening reports have also been submitted for review.
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D1 €100,000	It is proposed to use a newly formed Single Party Framework to progress design from earlier work carried out by the Cycle Design Office. A tender competition has been published to engage the design consultant for phase 2b in this regard. The tender competition is now closed and is under assessment. Fingal County Council will progress on finalising the detailed design for roundabout and junction upgrades. This is subject to revision of design standards to ensure compliance with the new National Cycle Manual.
FCC/22/0005	St. Cronan's Ave & Brackenstown Rd €100,000	Contractor 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	Fingal County Council has received notification of Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements. Fingal County Council's legal team are currently taking instructions in relation to this. Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator.
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects €50,000	Traffic, air, noise etc
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan €250,000	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 has been updated. On this webpage, the latest updates have been made available to the public via a newsletter. A physical version of this newsletter has also been delivered to premises in Balrothery. Following public feedback through the interactive activities on the website, and public open forum discussions in Balrothery Heritage Centre on 20 February 2024, an Engagement Summary Report has been prepared, and a link to this report is also on the webpage.

		A survey has also been published on the webpage, related to the information that we have gathered to date. This will allow us to see if we are hearing the people of Balrothery and whether we are interpreting what they told us in the correct way.The public have been invited to have their say on the future vision for active travel in Balrothery and to tell us their priorities for the project's key principles. These will be used to create ideas for how to make active travel better in Balrothery and present these back to the community and stakeholders later in the year.
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route €100,000	A temporary footpath was constructed in December 2023, to provide safe access from Seapark Hill to the Old Golf Links site and paths through the park, providing safe connectivity to Seamount Heights. The Developer on the Seamount Road side has recently reopened the access, which is now through the new development, linking Seamount Road to the temporary footpath in Seapark Hill. The design brief and tender documents have been prepared for the permanent link, and negotiations are ongoing at present with the Single Party Framework operator. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender as soon as possible to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.
FCC/22/0022	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 for '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.
FCC/22/0026	Fingal County Council Active Travel Office – Staff Costs €1,100,000	
FCC/22/0028	FCC Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh €50,000	Stage 2 of the tender competition for a design consultant and assessment has been completed. Contract documents have been signed and sealed and a commencement meeting has taken place. The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place which will help inform the study. A tender competition to

		carry out a topographical survey has been completed with survey works starting May 2024.
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) – Ladyswell National School €300,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of April 2024.
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Ghrainne CNS €200,000	Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) – Scoil Choilm CNS €350,000	Installation of flexible bollards on Porterstown Rd. outside the school entrance is complete. Detailed Design is complete for the Tranche 2 schools and a tender competition for the construction works has closed. The winning contractor is due to start on site at the end of Q2/ start of Q3 2024.
FCC/23/0018	Active Travel Pathfinder – Swords to Airport Quick Build €500,000	Project team have engaged an Integrated Design Team to work on the project. Preferred Options report has been completed and is going through discussion and consultation with the Statutory stakeholder at present.
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) – Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	Contract with contractor signed and site queued for construction.
FCC/23/0020	SRTS (R1) – Bayside Junior School (Scoil Náisiúnta Muire agus Iósef, Sóisear)	Works are now completed at the school site. The contractor has carried out minor snagging and maintenance on rain gardens. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit has been completed by an independent auditor.
FCC/24/XXXX	SRTS (R2) Design	
FCC/24/XXXX	Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure €150,000	The brief and tender documents have been returned from the Single Party Framework Operator. 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. It is envisaged that the route of the Feltrim cycle scheme shall commence at Kettles Lane, along the Feltrim Road to Mountgorry Way and on up to the Swords Road Roundabout. The study area is from the Mountgorry Way/Swords Road roundabout via Mountgorry Way and Feltrim Road, tying into the Feltrim Road/Kettle's Lane junction, with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.
FCC/24/XXXX	Donabate to Portrane (R126) – Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Routes €100,000	Consultant is finalising concept drawings and options report. Discussion and negotiations ongoing with Property Section and landowners to acquire lands where required.

Appendix 4
Housing Delivery Construction Programme
Schemes on Site

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Bowden Court, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4 x 1Bed 4 x 2 Bed 3 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	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
Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Bowden Court, Swords 53°27'52.7"N 6°14'04.1"W - Google Maps	**11** 4 x 1Bed 4 x 2 Bed 3 x 3 Bed	On-Site	Q4 2022	Q3 2024

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	**13** 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q4 2023	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	**36** 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	**6** 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	**30** 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	**8** 4x 1 Bed 4x 2 Bed	Boundary issues being resolved.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	**57** 20 x 1-bed 29 x 2-bed 8 x 3-bed	Tender under evaluation.	Q3 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	**217**	ABP approved planning Q4 2023.	Q1 2025	Q4 2026

Appendix 4- continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	**14** 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk	**18**	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	**274**	S179a planning process complete.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	**175**	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

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Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	**80 (-120)**	Surveys progressing.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	**34**	Design pack issued.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	**32**	Design ongoing. Surveys to commence.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	**4**	Design ongoing.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph2, Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	**151 TBC**	At pre-planning stage.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

Appendix 4- continued

Long Term Leasing

Area Committee	Lessor	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	Handover (estimated)
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/ Ongar	Glenveagh Homes	Enhanced Leasing	Balroy House	**82**	On-site	Q3 2024

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 27a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

CONDEMNATION OF RACISM

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"This Council condemns unequivocally violence directed against refugees, racially motivated attacks and destruction of property and violence against the Gardai, furthermore, this Council reaffirms its opposition to racism and support for equality, integration and inclusion in line with the objectives of the Fingal Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy."

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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2024 TRAINING PROGRAMME

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AILG Autumn Training Seminar 2024

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th of September

Hillgrove Hotel (Monaghan)

REGISTER NOW

Seminar will commence with registration at 5.00pm & official opening at 7.30pm on Weds 11th September 2024.

Conference Dinner will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th September.

Regional Assembly Area:

Available to attend by ALL Councillors

September Training Module

"An Overview of the Planning System"

Thursday 26th Sept

REGISTER NOW

from 9:30am - 1:00pm

Regional Assembly Area:

Southern Region

Location: Horse & Jockey (Tipperary)

Saturday 28th Sept

REGISTER NOW

from 9:30am - 1:00pm

Regional Assembly Area:

Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western
Out of Region option for Southern Region

Location: Bridge House Hotel (Tullamore)

Bookings can be made via Eventbrite or by emailing info@ailg.ie



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October Training Module

"Local Authority Finance & Budget"

Thursday 24th October
from 9:30am - 1:00pm

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Regional Assembly Area:
Southern Region

Location: Sligo Park Hotel (Sligo)

Saturday 2nd November
from 9:30am - 1:00pm

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Regional Assembly Area:
Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western
Out of Region option for Southern Region

Location: Radisson Hotel (Limerick)

November Training Module

"Government Legislation Policy Programme 2024 - A Briefing for Elected Members"

Thursday 14th November
from 9:30am - 1:00pm

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Regional Assembly Area:
Southern Region

Location: Tower Hotel (Waterford)

Saturday 16th November
from 9:30am - 1:00pm

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Regional Assembly Area:
Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western
Out of Region option for Southern Region

Location: Claregalway Hotel (Galway)

The Local Authorities covered by the 3 Regional Assemblies are as follows:

Northern & Western Regional Assembly (NWRA)	Galway, Roscommon, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo, Donegal, Cavan & Monaghan County Councils and Galway City Council
Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA)	Kildare, Longford, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Louth, Wicklow, South Dublin, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath & Fingal County Councils and Dublin City Council
Southern Regional Assembly (SRA)	Carlow, Clare, Cork, Kilkenny, Kerry, Tipperary & Wexford County Councils, Waterford City & County Council, Limerick City and County Council, Cork City Council



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2024 WEBINAR TRAINING

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1

Briefing from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)

"An Overview of the Community Engagement Teams"

Friday 20th September 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

2

Climate Action Regional Offices/ SEAI Webinar
"Overview of the National Retrofitting Programme "

Friday 11th October 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

3

OPR Webinar Training Session 1
"The Process of Preparing Statutory Plans"

Friday 25th October 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

4

Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO)

"Overview of the implementation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plans

Friday 22nd November 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

5

OPR Webinar Training Session 2
"The Development Management Process"

Friday 29th November 2024 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

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Registration for all webinars must be made in advance

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- This level 7 certificate has been designed specifically for city and county councillors in local government in Ireland, and it will cover up to date policies and initiatives such as the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act and the Climate Action Plan, amongst other pressing climate related issues.
- The course will introduce councillors to how Ireland aims to become a climate-resilient, sustainable, and low carbon economy and society in the coming decades. The course will examine how government aims to mitigate and adapt to the challenges brought on by our changing climate in the process.
- This course is the only university bearing credit CPD programme of its kind in Ireland offering a recognised qualification in this sector.

Course Details

Part-time **12 weeks**

Blended delivery: Mix of online and in-person sessions

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Fees & Dates

Fees: The fee for this course is €850. Course fees payable to UCC will be €500 per participant due to AILG sponsorship.
Deadline: 9 September 2024
Commences: 2024

Applications

For more information, contact Mark Kernan, Programme Coordinator: mark.kernan@ucc.ie

APPLY NOW



REQUIREMENTS

- **Candidates must be 21+**
- **Leaving Cert or FETAC Level 5 equivalent**

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CLIMATE CRISIS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Course Outline

The course will introduce councillors in how Ireland aims to become a climate-resilient, sustainable, and low carbon economy and society in the coming decades. The course will examine how government aims to mitigate and adapt to the challenges brought on by our changing climate in the process.

It will look at, amongst other concerns the issues of urban and rural resilience, sustainability practices, the pathway to zero carbon, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and climate justice.

It will also examine the wider economic and political context at the macro level, the Paris climate agreement of 2015 for instance, and community leadership and the need for a dynamic political response across a subject which has not only local and national but global implications.

Students who successfully complete this course will also as a recognition of prior learning gain exemption from module AD 1082/1085 Perspectives on Climate Change and Sustainable Development (10 credit module) within the Diploma in Environment, Sustainability and Climate.

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Irish Council for Social Housing Finance and Development Conference 2024, 16th-17th October: *Achieving our Ambitions – Social and Affordable Housing Delivery for the Next Decade*

The ***2024 ICSH Finance & Development Conference - Achieving our Ambitions: Social & Affordable Housing for the next Decade,*** *supported by AIB,* will take place in **The Radisson Blu Hotel in Sligo on 16th & 17th October**. This year the focus looks to the new landscape for social housing delivery and how these key changes are setting the stage for high quality and sustainably funded housing in line with ambitious new targets. The conference attracts leaders, innovators, and key decision makers from across the housing landscape, with delegates from approved housing body staff and board members, local authority officers and elected members, government department officials and representatives from the wider community and voluntary sector as well as finance professionals.

In the context of a strategic review of the approved housing body sector, welcome scrutiny and recommendations in the Housing Commission Report, a shifting political environment, and the acute challenges of the current housing supply and affordability crisis - all against the backdrop of *Housing for All*, the housing sector (public and private) is driven to look for innovative approaches and good practice from across Ireland and Europe as we move into the future.

Speakers and themes for conference sessions will consider:

- The new landscape impacting the social and affordable housing sector
- Strategic review of the approved housing body sector
- Considerations to achieve heightened delivery

- Housing finance opportunities to scale up delivery
- The importance of a clear data picture
- Innovation in the construction sector
- Resource planning and organisational growth
- Asset management and protecting investments
- Cost rental and creating affordable housing options
- Partnership working and collaboration

This year we welcome a new segment to the Conference as we move into an innovative space of thinking to the future with our very own **Dragons Den style Social Impact Challenge pitching session**. **The ICSH, alongside our conference partner AIB, will soon be inviting entries from AHBs and Local Authorities to present their social impact project** linked to the housing and community space we strive to improve. The ICSH team will be calling for entries in the coming weeks so watch this space!

Registration and Further Information

Click here to book your conference places In recent years, the conference has booked out so register early to avoid disappointment.

Please go the ICSH website for additional conference information and hotel booking details.

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Decarbonising Dublin Summit

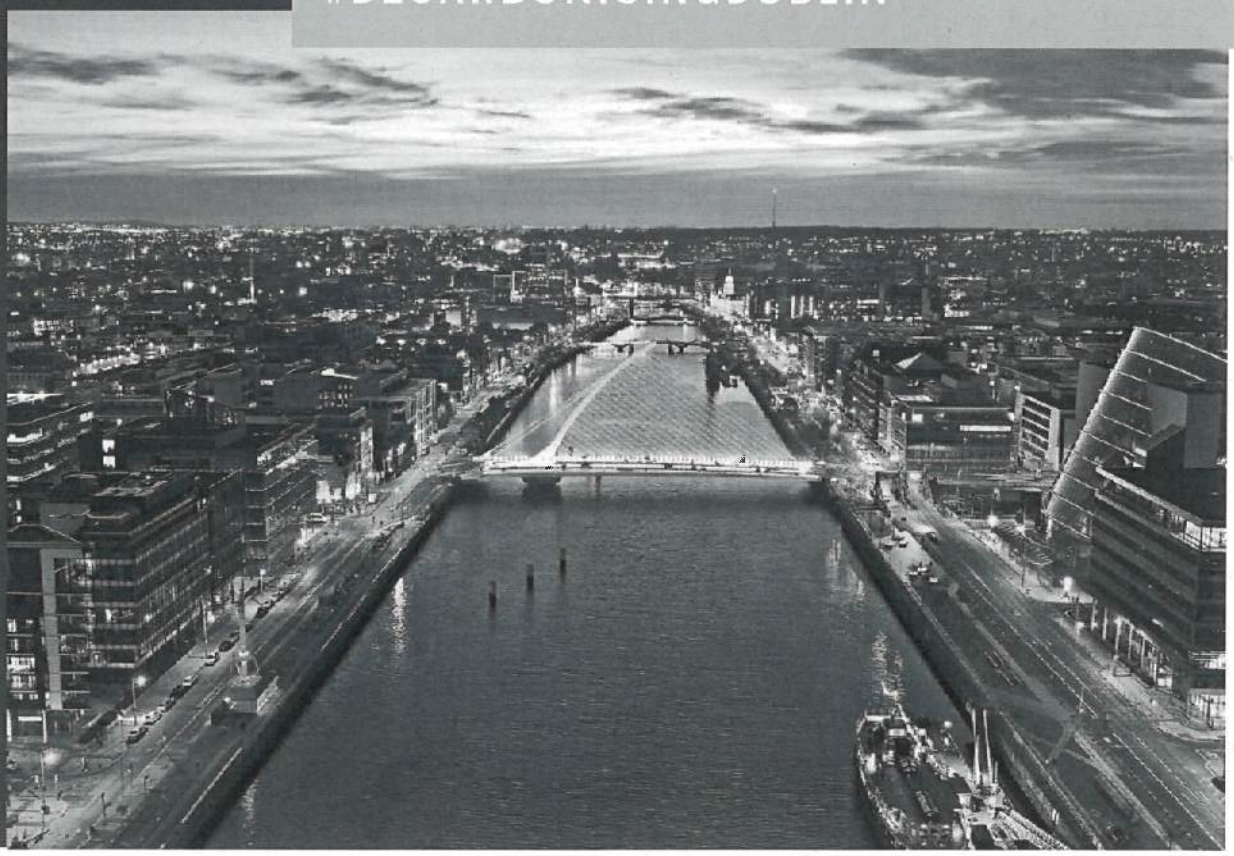
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Thursday, 14th November 2024

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Event Overview

Book your place at the very first Decarbonising Dublin Summit

We are delighted to announce that the Decarbonising Dublin Summit will take place for the very first time on Thursday, 14th November this year.

This will be the first event to focus solely on the Dublin region and will explore the challenges and opportunities for the capital to meet its climate and energy targets towards 2030 and 2050, along with highlighting best practice case studies to draw inspiration from.

Organised independently by Dublin's not-for-profit energy agency Codema, the Decarbonising Dublin Summit sets out to foster engaging and insightful discussion on how Dublin can become a leading European capital on climate mitigation. This event also offers a great opportunity to develop partnerships with like-minded stakeholders and communities looking to take action.









Programme Schedule

8:30 AM — **EVENT REGISTRATION**

Event sign-in, tea and coffee

SESSION 1 WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:00 AM — **SUMMIT WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Donna Gartland, CEO, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency

9:15 AM — **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan TD

9:30 AM — **CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS: OVERVIEW OF THE DUBLIN REGION ENERGY MASTER PLAN**

Ciarán Murphy, Executive Manager, Research, Development and Innovation, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency

9:45 AM — **AUDIENCE EXERCISE**

Programme Schedule

SESSION 2 A STRATEGIC VISION FOR DUBLIN

9:55 AM **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Speakers include:

- Dr Lorraine D'Arcy, TU Dublin
- Jim Scheer, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- EirGrid representative
- Marion Jammet, Irish Green Building Council
- Katie Harrington, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency

10:30 AM **AUDIENCE EXERCISE**

10:45 AM **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

Tea and coffee, opportunity to explore exhibition / breakout areas, network and collaborate

Programme Schedule

SESSION 3 BRIDGING THE IMPLEMENTATION GAP

11:05 AM **SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

- Marie Donnelly, Climate Change Advisory Council
- David Storey, Fingal County Council
- Yvonne Murphy, Irish District Energy Association
- Joe Hayden, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency
- Dr Ciaran Byrne, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

12:05 PM **AUDIENCE EXERCISE AND DISCUSSION**

12:35 PM **LUNCH**

Programme Schedule

SESSION 4 STORIES FROM THE GROUND UP

1:40 PM	*Engaging Communities through Sport* Seán McCabe, Bohemians FC
2:10 PM	*Connecting Cabra Sustainable Energy Community* Caitríona Kenny, Chairperson, Connecting Cabra SEC
2:30 PM	*Local Engagement of Decarbonising Zones* Sarah McEllistrem, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency
2:50 PM	*Learnings from Valencia's Citizen Engagement* Alejandro Gómez, Valencia Clima i Energia Foundation
3:10 PM	**Q&A SESSION**
3:25 PM	**FINAL REMARKS**
3:30 PM	**SUMMIT CLOSE**

Why Attend this Event?

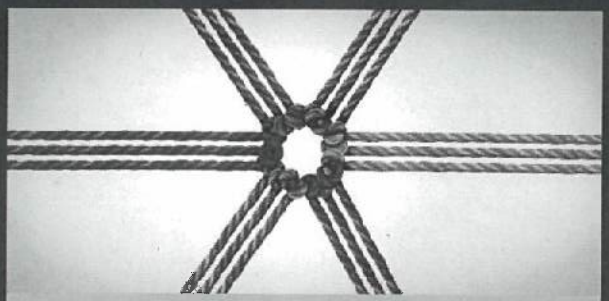
Be part of the discussion on key challenges and solutions for Dublin

Attending the Decarbonising Dublin Summit provides an important platform to share best-practice methods to reduce emissions in Dublin and encourage replication across all sectors. It also presents a great opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded stakeholders and communities looking to take action.

Why Attend?



Network with key stakeholders in Dublin's climate mitigation sector



Opportunity to form much-needed collaboration and partnerships



Learn from best-practice examples in the Dublin region



Discuss challenges and solutions to reducing Dublin's emissions

About Codema

We are Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency, a not-for-profit company founded in 1997 to work on behalf of Dublin's Local Authorities to enact public good in the area of energy and climate mitigation.

Our work focuses on innovative and inclusive local-level energy and climate mitigation research, planning, engagement and project delivery in the Dublin region.

We have over 25 years experience in this sector and our expert, multidisciplinary team provides an end-to-end service to deliver innovative solutions on the ground. Because our work focuses on adopting new solutions and innovation, we have developed a unique set of skills within our team, and we constantly upskill, creating experts in areas that are traditionally lacking in Ireland.

We are driven by our vision to positively impact people's lives locally, while addressing the environmental damage caused by climate change at a global scale. We believe we can do this by improving the way we produce and use energy locally, while benefiting the people of Dublin.



Vision

Codema's vision is for a better quality of life for all citizens through a fair and inclusive transition to a low-carbon society.



Mission

Our mission is to accelerate Dublin's low-carbon transition through innovative and inclusive local-level energy and climate change research, planning, engagement and project delivery, in order to mitigate the effects of climate change and improve the lives of citizens.

How to Register

You can secure your early-bird ticket now on Eventbrite by clicking here.

Early-bird ticket rate: €100 + VAT

**Please note that we have a reduced rate for students and non-profit/charity/community organisations - please email events@codema.ie for more details.*

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 29

CORRESPONDENCE

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From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: TII24-127571 - Impact of noise from the M50 motorway.

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FAO: Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department.

A Chara,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 May 2024 in relation to the attached. At the outset, I would like to apologies for the delay in responding. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

The amended European Communities (Environmental Noise Regulations) 2018 (S.I. No. 549) deal with the requirements to prepare noise action plans to be developed for the purpose of managing environmental noise issues and their effects, including noise reduction, if necessary.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the national authority for overseeing the implementation of these Regulations.
The local authorities in their role as designated Action Planning Authorities, are responsible for making and approving noise action plans.
The finalised action plan is the responsibility of the respective local authority. TII has no role in the implementation of such plans under the Regulations.

Specifically, in relation to the M50, the designated action planning authority is Fingal County Council. All environmental noise-related issues are a matter for Fingal County Council.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Mise le meas,

Rachel Begley
Regulatory & Administration Executive
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

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Wexford County Council

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9th August, 2024

Memo to All Local Authorities

To Whom It May Concern

At the July Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"I ask Wexford County Council to write to Minister Helen McEntee and An Taoiseach Simon Harris to ask the Government to adopt a zero tolerance approach toward gender based violence and ask that mandatory minimum sentencing be introduced in every conviction of sexual, domestic or gender based violent assault".

It was also agreed that this motion be circulated to all local authorities.

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Doran,
A/County Secretary.
e-mail: **susan.doran@wexfordcoco.ie**
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From: Yan Eva <evayan_cdfao@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 8:49 AM
To: Alison Foster <Alison.Foster@fingal.ie>
Cc: Aoife Sheridan <Aoife.Sheridan@fingal.ie>; EconDev <Econdev@fingal.ie>
Subject: Chengdu Horticultural Expo 2024 & Govt. Visit【Chengdu, China】

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Dear Alison,

Hope this letter finds you well!

How is everything going with you? It has been a busy year. First of all, we'd like to express our congratulations to Cllr Brian McDonagh for his successful election of the new mayor of Fingal County!

I'd like to inform you that the opening ceremony of the 2024 Chengdu Horticulture Expo was successfully held on 24th April. The Fingal Garden has showed its beauty to all the visitors to the Expo Garden, including H.E. Ms. Ann Derwin, the Irish Ambassador who led a delegation to visit Chengdu in late May. Ambassador Ann Derwin spoke highly of the garden and enjoyed a good time there. We'd like to express our sincerely gratitude to you for your support on this program. We are so glad that Chengdu citizens, tourists from all over the country even foreign friends could appreciate Irish nature's beauty through the Fingal Garden. Here attached some photos of the Garden, hope you and your chief and colleagues will love it.

(*Video about the mayors from our sister cities visiting the main venue of the 2024 Chengdu Horticultural Expo* https://en.cdhortiexpo2024.com/html/show-news_video-2082.html)



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And I'd like to let you know that we're recently discussing thepossibility sending a delegation to visit Ireland in late-October or early-November, led by our director general. As 2024 marks the **10th Anniversary of the sister cities relationship between Chengdu and Fingal**, we want to meet you face to face and discuss our future

collaboration and exchanges in between and to bring you a panda themed art sculpture as a 10th Anniversary gift.

We highly value the sister cities relationship with Fingal and hope to be well prepared for this visit, so we'd like to ask your kind help on our visit arrangement and on the design and production of the panda sculpture. The program of official visit is at early stage and I'll keep you informed. And for the panda sculpture, the basic form of the panda sculpture is fixed (plz see the attached photo). We will extract the iconic cultural, artistic, historical or natural elements of our two city and use them for the exterior of the panda sculpture. We'd like to have your suggestions on the elements and we'd like to discuss where it can be displayed later stage.

At last, we'd like to express again our gratitude, for all the support from you! Anytime needed, feel free to contact me!

Best regards,

Eva
2024.7.17

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Celebrating 40th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship between Chengdu and Linz



2023 年正值两市结好 40 周年，为纪念成都与林茨的友好情谊，让更多友城市民了解成都，同时体现成都特色、宣传成都文创产业，成都向林茨赠送一座可长久留存的彩绘大熊猫雕塑。

The year 2023 marked the 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Chengdu and Linz. To commemorate the friendly relations and promote greater understanding of Chengdu among the citizens of Linz, Chengdu presented a painted giant panda sculpture to Linz, aiming at showcasing Chengdu's characteristics and promoting its cultural and creative industries.







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From: oireachtasliaison <oireachtasliaison@nationaltransport.ie>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 4:16 PM
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: RE: Case reference CAS-159644-K7J4Z3 - Item 47 - FAO Nikki Halleran

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Dear Ms Halleran,

I refer to your correspondence dated 14th August 2024 the contents of which have been noted. I have attached a copy of your correspondence for ease of reference.

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh is currently served by routes 40D, 40E, 220 and N4. Route N4 was added to the network in May 2022 adding new orbital connectivity to the Hospital from Blanchardstown to the Point via Ballycoolin Road, Cappagh Road, Glasnevin Avenue, Collins Avenue and East Wall Road. This service operates a midday, weekday frequency of 10 minutes and provides interchange opportunities to access the Hospital from many of the radial routes operating into the city centre from north Dublin. There is no charge for customers to interchange between services when utilising the Transport for Ireland 90 minute fare. Frequencies on the radials operating through the Fingal County Council Area will improve as further phases of the Network Redesign are rolled out, in particular phase 9 next year which will see the introduction of the A-Spine. Route N6 was introduced alongside route N4 with interchange between services available at Finglas. Route N6 serves Melville Road, Poppintree Park, Balbutcher Lane South, Santry Avenue and Coolock Lane.

St Joseph's Hospital is currently served by route 27A Eden Quay to Blunden Drive. This service will be replaced during phase 8 with route D5 which will offer more daily departure then what is currently provided. Route D5 will be introduced alongside new routes 20 and 21, these routes

will replace existing routes 42 and 43 with interchange between routes 20,21 and D5 available along Malahide Road. Interchange from route N6 and route D5 will be available at Tonlegee Road. At present interchange between route N6 and route 27A is also possible at Tonlegee Road.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours Sincerely
Richard Kelly
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Subject: NOM Fingal CoCo Motion Item 39: Water Outage due to Trunk Main Connection 26th Feb 2023
Date: 27 August 2024 12:24:09

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Hi Pauline & Nikki,

I am writing to you today regarding your correspondence on behalf of the Members of Fingal County Council, regarding a request for further information Water Outage due to Trunk Main connection

Your Uisce Éireann reference number for same was 25664 , which was raised on the 16.08.2024 I am pleased to advise that my colleagues in our Assets Operations Team at Uisce Éireann have reviewed your query and the following response has become available:

Report on Motion Item 39: Water Outage due to Trunk Main Connection 26th Feb 2023

1. To complete the connection of the new trunk main to the existing network, water supply to North County Dublin was turned off from 1am to 11am (10-hour works duration) on 26th February 2023 to minimise disruption as much as possible to homes and businesses. However, due to the size of the pipes and network, it was estimated that it could take up to 10 hours for normal supply to return to all customers as water refilled the network, especially for those on higher ground or at the end of the network.

2. Skerries is supplied from Thomastown Reservoir which has approximately 24 hours storage. The reason why Skerries was not mentioned in the Press Release was that supply to Skerries was expected to be maintained through Thomastown Reservoir during the water outage. However, as the level in Thomastown Reservoir reached a critical level on the afternoon of 26th February 2023, the Press Release was updated to include Skerries as there were areas in Skerries that would have started to experience low pressure/outages. Alternative Water Supply (water tanker) was provided at Skerries Mills, Car Park that afternoon.

3. There was no reported burst in Lusk on 26th February 2023. However, there was a communication of burst in Skerries on that day as sufficient water was not getting into Thomastown Reservoir following completion of trunk main connection works.

4. The reason why parts of Malahide were without water until the evening of 27th February 2023 was due to a closed valve that a developer on a site near Malahide reservoir had buried. The supply was restored when the valve was opened when the developer uncovered the valve.

5. The cause of the outage in East Malahide on 27th February 2023 was due to a secondary issue (airlocks resulting in pump failure) that occurred following the trunk main connection works on 26th February 2023. An alternative water supply was provided in Island View, Malahide.

We would like to thank you for your correspondence, I trust that this update provides clarity to both you and your (District) members. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Please let me know if you have any further questions by using Uisce Éireann's dedicated Council Meetings mailbox. councilmeetings@water.ie

Regards,

John

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Is don duine amháin nó don eintiteas amháin ainmnithe ar an seoladh an fhaisnéis agus d'fhéadfadh ábhar faoi rún, faoi phribhléid nó ábhar atá íogair ó thaobh na tráchtála de a bheith mar chuid den fhaisnéis. Tá toirmeasc ar aon daoine nó aon eititis; nach dóibh siúd an fhaisnéis- aon athbhreithniú a dhéanamh, aon atarchur a dhéanamh nó aon athdháileadh a dhéanamh, nó aon úsáid eile a bhaint as an bhfaisnéis, nó aon ghníomh a bhraithfeadh ar an bhfaisnéis seo a dhéanamh agus d'fhéadfaí an dlí a shárú dá ndéanfaí sin. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas as aon ghníomh agus as aon iarmhairt bunaithe ar úsáid neamhúdaraithe na faisnéise seo. Séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le seachadadh iomlán agus ceart na faisnéise sa chumarsáid seo agus séanann Uisce Éireann dliteanas maidir le haon mhoill a bhaineann leis an bhfaisnéis a fháil. Má tá an ríomh-phost seo faighte agat trí dhearmad, déan teagmháil leis an seoltóir más é do thoil é agus scrios an t-ábhar ó gach aon ríomhaire. D'fhéadfadh ríomhphost a bheith so-ghabhálach i leith truaillithe, idircheaptha agus i leith leasuithe neamhúdaraithe. Séanann Uisce Éireann aon fhreagracht as athruithe nó as idircheapadh a rinneadh ar an ríomhphost seo nó as aon dochar do chórais na bhfaighteoirí déanta ag an teachtaireacht seo nó ag a ceangaltáin tar éis a sheolta. Tabhair faoi deara go bhféadfadh monatóireacht a bheith á dhéanamh ar theachtaireachtaí chuig Uisce Éireann agus ó Uisce Éireann d'fhonn ár ngnó a chosaint agus chun a chinntiú go bhfuiltear ag teacht le beartais agus le caighdeáin Uisce Éireann. Is

cuideachta gníomhaíochta ainmnithe é Uisce Éireann atá faoi theorainn scaireanna, a bunaíodh de bhun fhorálacha na n-Achtanna um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2007-2022, a bhfuil a bpríomh-ionad gnó ag Teach Colvill, 24-26 Sráid na Talbóide, BÁC 1.

Go raibh maith agat as d'aird a thabhairt.

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Thank you for your attention.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 30

DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 31

BREACHES OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the current position in respect of breaches of Planning Permissions by the daa and state the current position of all legal actions taken in respect of all enforcement actions which are current."

Report:

Since the opening of the North Runway at Dublin Airport, the Planning Authority have received complaints in relation to alleged breaches of conditions of the relevant planning permissions (Register Ref. F04A/1755 / ABP Ref: PL 06F.217429 as extended under FCC Reg. Ref: F04A/1755/E1 and amended under FCC Reg. Ref: F19A/0023 / ABP Ref: ABP-305298-19). Complaints have also been received with regard to condition 3 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1248 (PL 06F.220670) and condition 2 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1843 (PL 06F.223469).

On foot of these complaints, six Warning Letters and an Enforcement Notice have been issued. With regard to the Enforcement Notice, the daa made a High Court challenge to the Enforcement Notice issued by the Planning Authority. There was a court hearing in relation to this challenge which was adjourned on 13th March 2024 for mention on the 24th June 2024 at which time it was further adjourned to 21st October for mention.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 33

COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO MANAGING GRAFFITI

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

"That the Chief Executive review the Council's approach to managing graffiti."

Report:

The following is the procedure for removal and management of graffiti in the county.

Operations
The current procedure for removal of graffiti is to log each case as it is reported and issue a list to the Probation Service to remove the graffiti. In cases where the graffiti is present on the boundary wall of a private residence waiver forms are issued to the resident to allow for the removal of the graffiti.

If the graffiti is of an offensive nature the graffiti is listed for urgent removal by the Fingal County Council crew.

1. Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant

The Environmental Awareness Officer is currently promoting the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant in which community/youth groups and schools can apply for a grant of up to €1,500 to support anti-graffiti initiatives in their community. Groups are being supported with ideas to tackle graffiti such as

- Graffiti workshops in schools in which young people learn about the impacts of graffiti and learn how to harness artistic skills on bespoke hoarding.
- Murals for graffiti blackspots
- Hedging and bedding to deter graffiti on certain walls.

The deadline for applications was Friday 28th June.

August 2024

9 Anti-Graffiti projects have been funded as part of the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant. Funds have been allocated towards murals, workshops and hedging in graffiti hot spots.

See below for projects and locations:

Group	Location	Project
38th Scout Group Rush	Rush	Mural on scout den to deter graffiti
Ballyboughal Community council	Ballyboughal	Community garden space in graffiti hotspot
Clonsilla Tidy Towns	Clonsilla	Painting Utility boxes
Glasmore Park and Windmill Lands Residents- Association	Swords	Mural to deter graffiti
Lusk Community Council	Lusk	Group graffiti workshops with young people and mural creation
North Fingal Community Development Group	Balbriggan	Youth mural
Rush Tidy Towns	Rush	Mural and hedging in graffiti hotspot
St. Catherine's residents Association	Rush	Anti-Graffiti Workshops St Catherine's school/ hedging in graffiti hotspot
Sustainable Skerries	Skerries	Eco Mural

2. Anti-Graffiti Workshops

The Environmental Awareness Officer is also working with the Community Development team to identify community centres for anti-graffiti workshops. These will aim to educate young people on the impacts of graffiti and teach young people about legal alternatives for artistic expression. Workshops will have a hoarding where young people can create a temporary mural.

August 2024

Anti-Graffiti Workshops will be commencing in late September to coincide with the return of post primary schools. Three workshops with Street Art Ink will be facilitated in three community centres across Fingal. Street Art will provide hoarding and materials and facilitate an interactive two-hour session for 20 young people. There will be a focus on positive reinforcement of artistic skills in approved locations.

3. Anti-Graffiti Promotion

We continue to work with Community Centres under the ‘Keen to be Green’ programme to display anti-graffiti posters and are developing a new webpage to promote Anti-Graffiti initiatives which will launch in July

The above approach by Operations and Environment is working well in the management of graffiti and there are no plans to change this procedure.

August 2024

Anti-Graffiti posters have been created and delivered to 20 community centres under the Keen to be Green Programme.

Anti-Graffiti website launched in July, providing information on anti-graffiti initiatives and projects. Here there is information on how to book Anti- Graffiti workshops, availing of recycled paint for community spaces and details of the Dublin Canvas Project (painting of utility boxes) https://www.fingal.ie/graffiti

Social media- 465 engagements on Anti- Graffiti posts between July and August.

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 34

SURVEY OF CYCLE LANES – FIVE YEARS OR OLDER

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive undertakes a survey of cycle lanes that are five years or older, to ensure all our cycling infrastructure is fit for purpose."

Report:

Cycle lanes and related infrastructure are managed and maintained on a day-to-day basis by the Operations team in each area. All Cycle lanes and related infrastructure within Fingal County Council are inspected on a regular basis. Following inspections and CRM requests from members of the public or Elected Members, cycle lane surfaces are resurfaced and repaired where required and demarcation bollards are replaced when damaged. The Cleansing Crew regularly sweep and clean the surfaces with specialised equipment and specialised equipment is also used to salt the cycle lanes when weather conditions are poor.

When a Capital Transport Infrastructure project is proposed by other departments, it is normal practice to undertake assessments of the existing infrastructure and environment as part of that project. This informs the Capital Project design.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 35

SWIMMING POOLS FOR FINGAL

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That this Council advises the Chief Executive to include funding in the forthcoming Capital Budget for the construction of municipal swimming pools in Fingal, with locations to be identified in the imminent publication of the Sports and Recreation Audit."

Report

Fingal County Council have engaged the services of consultants 'ReCreation' to embark on a feasibility study and business case for a swimming pool at Castlelands Balbriggan. Once the feasibility study is completed consideration will be given to include the funding required in the Capital plan

Additionally, Fingal County Council have submitted a 'Large Scale Sport Infrastructure grant application for the Castlelands Pool.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 39

FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE HOUSING APPEALS PROCEDURE

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive provides a report on the fairness and transparency of the Housing Appeals procedure within the Council."

Report:

Appeals on decisions are considered carefully and in line with the relevant regulations, legislation, and the Allocations Scheme for Social Housing Support where appropriate. Appeals are accepted within 28 days of the Housing Support decision being made. The appeal should clearly outline the grounds upon which an applicant is appealing the decision. All appeals are reviewed by the Senior Executive Officer and in some instances will request additional documentation to assist the decision maker in adjudicating on the appeal.

If an applicant disagrees with the Appeal decision by the Housing Department, or at any point during the relevant application process, they can request the Office of the Ombudsman to examine their case. The Ombudsman will examine complaints from members of the public who believe that they have been unfairly treated by certain public service providers.

Source of Report:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing and Community Development

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