

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Swords
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Wednesday 20th November 2024

**To Each Member of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility
Management SPC Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management
SPC Strategic Policy Committee** will be held on **MS – Teams** at **4.30pm**
on **Monday, 25th November, 2024** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Nikki Halleran
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC meeting held on the 5th of March 2024**
- 2 Strategic Policy Committee Membership, Role and Work Programme 2025**
- 3 Fingal Road Safety Plan**
- 4 Active & Sustainable Transport Update**
- 5 Active Travel Strategy and STEP UP Project**

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

**Minutes of Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC
Strategic Policy Committee**

Tuesday, 5th March, 2024

PRESENT

Donnelly
Graves, Ann
Lenehan, Michael

Power, Karen
Guerin, Jimmy

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Kavangh and O'Brien, Eoghan O'Brien.

The Committee Chairperson, Councillor Tom O'Leary, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary T. Daly (Director of Service, Operations), Paul Smyth (Senior Executive Officer), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer), Deirdre Sinclair (Administrative Officer), Martina O'Connor (Administrative Officer), Paul Graham (Senior Executive Engineer), Oleksiy Kirdoglo (Harbourmaster), Megan Devaney (Staff Officer).

TSPC/28/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Transport and Infrastructure Management SPC meeting held on Monday 27th of November 2023.

Minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure SPC Meeting held on the 27th November 2023, which had been circulated were submitted, **APPROVED** as a true record and signed.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Leary and seconded by Councillor Geurin and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Transport and Infrastructure SPC Meeting held on the 27th November 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**".

TSPC/29/24 (Agenda Item No 2)
Update on Harbour Bye-Laws

A presentation was provided to the Committee giving an Update on the Harbour Bye-Laws by Mr. Paul Smyth, Senior Executive Officer, Operations.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the update.

TSPC/30/24 (Agenda Item No 3)
Update on Casual Trading Bye-Laws

A presentation was provided to the Committee giving an Update on the Casual Trading Bye-Laws by Ms. Deirdre Sinclair, Administrative Officer, Operations.

Following discussion, the Committee **NOTED** the update.

TSPC/31/24 (Agenda Item No 4)
PPN Representative M. Lenehan - Identify and Record Joy-Riding Hotspots within Fingal

The attached Motion in the name of Mr. Michael Lenehan was proposed by Mr. Lenehan seconded by Councillor O'Leary.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 5.15 pm

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

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**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 02

**STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, ROLE AND WORK
PROGRAMME 2025**

A presentation will be given by Mary T Daly, Director of Operations.

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Strategic Policy Committee

Public Realm, Transportation and Mobility

Roles and Responsibilities Work Programme

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Mary T. Daly, Director of Operations

David Storey, Director for Active Travel



Membership

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Chairperson	Councillor Darragh Butler
Councillor	Darren Jack Kelly
Councillor	Malachy Quinn
Councillor	Corina Johnston
Councillor	Joan Hopkins
Councillor	Patrick Quinlan
Sectoral Rep - Env	Michael Lenehan
Sectoral Rep – Chambers of Commerce	Siobhan O'Donnell
PPN Rep.	John Fox

Role of the Strategic Policy Committee – LG09/2024



- Section 48, Local Government Act 2001 – 2014 and Ministerial Guidelines
- Role is to formulate, develop, monitor and review local authority policy and advise the Council on policy implementation.
- Early input into the development of policy.

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SPCs have a major role in assisting and advising the council in relation to functions of a strategic statutory nature, i.e. policy to mirror the functions of a local authority, e.g. preparation of a development plan.

- Policy is developed by the SPC and Recommended to the CPG.
- Recommended by CPG to Full Council
- The adoption of policy is a Reserved Function of the Council.



Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees

Revised Guidelines for Establishment and Operation

June 2024

Prepared by the Department of
Housing, Local Government and Heritage
gov.ie

Policy Role Remit - Public Realm, Transportation and Mobility SPC



The role of the Public Realm/Transportation/Mobility SPC is the development policy within the following areas:-

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



Work Programme

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SPC Work Programme



Each SPC should adopt a multi-annual work programme linked to the local authority's Corporate Plan which may be updated as necessary. The new Corporate Plan is currently being finalised and will go to the Council for adoption in December.

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.

SPC members should be fully involved in the process of preparing the SPC work programmes, which should begin once the policy parameters of each SPC having been drawn up, the SPC scheme having been agreed, and the SPCs' membership having been determined.

Once a suitable draft work programme for an SPC has been prepared, it should be circulated to the SPC's 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 the work programme should be finalised and submitted to the CPG for approval.

Proposed Draft Work Programme 2025



- Review of Beach and Foreshore Bye-Laws
- Review of Pay Parking Bye-Laws
- Review of Special Speed Limits
- Road Safety Policy

Questions and Proposals from SPC Members



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**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 03

FINGAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN

An update will be given by Sinéad Murphy, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Unit & Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer.

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FINGAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN

Introduction



- Sinéad Murphy – Senior Engineer
(Road Safety Office) - Active Travel Unit

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- Larry Bergin – Road Safety Officer & Senior
Executive Engineer
(Road Safety Office) - Active Travel

National Road Safety Strategy



RSA

Our Journey Towards Vision Zero

Ireland's Government
Road Safety Strategy
2021-2030



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Our Journey Towards Vision Zero

Ireland's Government
Road Safety Strategy
Phase 1 Action Plan
2021-2024



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94. Establish a Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) in each Local Authority area to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level.

95. Each Local Authority RSWTG to publish a multi-agency Road Safety Action Plan and to publish an annual review on progress with implementation.



Road Safety Working Together Group

- Meet every 3 months (in person initially in Blanchardstown, next meeting 12th December 2024)
- Chaired by the Road Safety Officer
- Each agency to give a 5 min brief on their current road safety initiatives.
- And brief discussion on same
- Agencies to focus on what assistance or guidance they can receive from others (e.g. building relationships between FCC & AGS for enforcement issues)



Road Safety Working Together Group

External Members:

- An Garda Síochána
 - Dublin Fire Brigade
 - Transport Infrastructure Ireland
 - The Road Safety Authority
 - Dublin Airport.
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- Additional Members to be considered.



Road Safety Working Together Group

Fingal Members

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- FCC Road Safety Office
- Planning & Strategic Infrastructure
- Operations Department
- An Elected member from each local area
 - Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords- Cllr Darren Jack Kelly
 - Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar- Cllr Angela Donnelly
 - Howth/Malahide- TBC at next Howth Mal ACM

Fingal Road Safety Plan



- Initial Plan drafted by Fingal Road Safety Office
- To be reviewed internally by Fingal County Council
- This will then go to the RSWTG for review/comment

Fingal Road Safety Plan



- Final draft will then be brought to this SPC
- Yearly progress review of progress which will be drafted and published



Questions?

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ITEM NO. 04

ACTIVE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT UPDATE

An update will be given by Sinéad Murphy, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Unit & Linda Lally, Senior Engineer, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

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**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
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MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2024

ITEM NO. 05

ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY AND STEP UP PROJECT

An update will be given by Sinéad Murphy, Senior Engineer, Active Travel Unit & Larry Bergin, Road Safety Officer.

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STEP UP

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STEP UP everybody walks

Step Up Project Aim:

The project will strengthen the effectiveness of policy instruments for walking in cities and regions across Europe. Hence the conditions for walking such as standards and funding will be improved and the experience for pedestrians will be more enjoyable.

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Fingal Project Aim:

In Fingal we aim to take learnings and best practices from other regions to update and strengthen our Active Travel Strategy



www.interregeurope.eu/step-up



STEP UP everybody walks

Partnership

Step Up is a European Union Interreg project with 8 Partner Regions, guided by Walk 21 (Walking Charity):

The partners

- Mobility Agency Burgenland (Austria)
 - City of Gdansk (Poland)
 - City of Braga (Portugal)
 - Fingal Country Council (Ireland)
 - City of Rotterdam (Netherlands)
 - Vilnius Municipal Enterprise (Lithuania)
 - Region Päijät-Häme (Finland)
 - Heraklion Municipality (Greece)
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- Walk21



STEP UP everybody walks

Why Walk?

- Supporting people to walk is a solution to reducing physical activity
- Addresses gender, ability and income inequality
- Addresses transport poverty
- Reduces emissions



STEP UP main objectives

Secure Commitment:

- Engage decision-makers and policymakers to prioritise walking.

Learn from Good Practices:

- Draw insights from successful walking policies and initiatives in partner regions.

Develop Actions and Improve Governance:

- Create actionable plans and policies based on these best practices.
- Strengthen local governance frameworks to support long-term walking infrastructure and policies.

Enhance Funding Opportunities:

- Use improved policies and demonstrated success to attract and secure funding from both national and EU funding streams.

Steps To Date

Fingal Stakeholder Group Formed: Representatives from diverse sectors (e.g., community groups, mobility organisations, Fingal departments and elected representatives).

First Stakeholder Meeting: Scheduled for 27th November.

Policy Review Initiated: Step Up Conducted the first review of Fingal's Active Travel Strategy using the Walk21 Policy Review Process.

Showcasing Fingal's Success: Submitted our **School Street project** (Grove Road, Malahide) as a good practice example. We have also shared some of our SRTS projects with the group.

International Collaboration: Participated in study visits to Burgenland and Braga to learn from partner experience and examples.



Stakeholders Group

1. Provide Input:

1. Share local challenges and opportunities.
2. Offer feedback on current walking policies and future plans.

2. Collaborate:

1. Participate in discussions and brainstorming sessions.
2. Help adapt best practices from other regions to Fingal's context.

3. Advocate:

1. Support the vision for safer, healthier walking environments.
2. Engage networks to build community commitment.

4. Stay Involved:

1. Attend future stakeholder meetings.
2. Monitor progress and share insights.



Ultimately, we aim to take learnings and best practices from other regions

And use these to update and strengthen Fingal County Councils Active Travel Strategy



Questions 

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