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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

Tuesday 7th January 2025

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 13th January, 2025** 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

a Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024

b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024

2 Nominations

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

b Appointment of one Member to Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

c Appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

d Appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024

e Appointment of one Member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ann Graves to the 34th Dáil November 2024

QUESTIONS

3 Councillor C. Boland - Capital Funding Allocation

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the full extent of the financial arrangement between this Authority and Approved Housing Bodies stating the basis of the Capital Funding allocation, the allocation of tenancies; the setting of rent, the beneficial "owner" of such rent, the party responsible for maintenance, the management cost of the units and grounds, if the capital cost is repaid to the funder, how is the interest cost calculated and recouped?"

4 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Clearance of Leaves

"To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the clearance of leaves from the footpaths and surrounding areas to prevent slippery surfaces?"

5 Councillor L. Corkery - Licence for Summer Concerts 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive if a licence has been granted for the Summer Concerts taking place in June 2025?"

6 Councillor P. Mulville - Translation Services for Members of the Public accessing Council Services

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans to provide in-house translation services for members of the public accessing Council services in line with the Council's Migrant Integration and Cohesion Strategy?"

7 Councillor P. Mulville - Playgrounds not yet Taken-in-Charge

"To ask the Chief Executive, to outline, in tabular form, the number and location of each playground in the Council's administrative area which has been completed but not yet taken-in-charge, and the reason for same in each case?"

8 Councillor T. Murphy - Enforcement Notices

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of Enforcement Notices issued in 2024 and how many files were successfully closed in 2024?"

9 Councillor J. Hopkins - Planning Permission for Developments that have not yet commenced

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of potential homes that have been granted planning permission by Fingal County Council for a minimum of 18 months that have not commenced and what action is the Council taking to encourage development in the current housing crisis?"

10 Councillor B. Ryan - Four Bed Dwellings - Social Housing Stock during 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of four-bedroom dwellings planned to be added to the social housing stock during 2025?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Social Houses - Energy Retrofit during 2025

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of social houses that are planned to undergo an energy retrofit during 2025 and to give a breakdown of the number by each Local Electoral Area (LEA)?"

12 Councillor T. O'Leary - Tenant in-situ Home Purchase Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the status of the very successful Tenant in- situ Home Purchase scheme funded by Government, how many homes have been acquired or agreed to be acquired using this scheme in Fingal, by Local Electoral Area and has the scheme ceased, what is the total monetary amount involved in these purchases, what is the status of the scheme in 2025, has the Government allocated funding to continue purchasing homes for a tenant in situ, where notices to quit have been issued, to keep families and individuals in homes that comply with the scheme's requirements, if so what number of homes may be acquired by Fingal County Council using this scheme in 2025?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Sheffield stands or other bicycle stands that have been installed across Fingal to facilitate Tier bike parking, and what steps is the Council taking to proactively encourage alternative bike-share providers to fill the space left by Tier's departure?"

Report of Committees

a Report of Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated 9th December 2024

b Report of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024

15 Financial Matters

a 2023 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report

b Audit Committee Report

16 Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Derek Murphy

b Notice of proposed disposal of land adjacent to 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Patrick & Maria Goulding

c Notice of proposed disposal of land at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Sunniva Clegg

17 Declarations of Roads

18 2024 Conservation Grants

19 Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan

20 Chief Executive's Report

21 Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Public Procurement**

"Noting that Article 20 of the EU Public Procurement Directive allows public procurers to reserve contracts to encourage the employment of disabled persons; that this Council resolves to commence the process of developing a policy to use Article 20 and to further request the Government to change Public Procurement policies so that Ireland makes full use of Article 20 of the Procurement Directive."

22 Conference Report

a LAMA Spring Seminar 30th & 31st January 2025 Kilford Arms Hotel, Co. Kilkenny

23 Correspondence

a Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - The Restoration or Creation of Town Councils

b Email dated 17th December 2024 from Donegal County Council re - Rainwater Harvesting

c Email dated 19th December 2024 from ESB Networks re Item 41 Cllr G Sheehan - Reconnection of Houses to the Electricity Supply

24 Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

MOTIONS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

25 Councillor C. Boland - Number of Planning Applications lodged by the daa since September 2022

"That the Chief Executive reports on the number of planning applications lodged by the daa since September 2022."

26 Councillor E. Dockrell - Random Sampling of Completed Projects Reviewed

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a programme whereby random samples of completed projects are reviewed within this Council e.g., road resurfacing projects/upgrading of a particular facility, with the aim of producing a document of "learnings", which would then be used to implement additional necessary controls to ensure that future projects are more efficiently completed e.g., reducing any potential overspends or delays by learning from mistakes made in the lifecycle of these reviewed sample projects."

27 Councillor E. O'Brien - Community Warden

"That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to move towards a "Community Warden" arrangement for enforcement of Fingal County Council's bye laws whereby these wardens would have responsibility for the enforcement of the Council's bye laws, in order to effectively ensure that breaches of our bye laws are reprimanded accordingly."

28 Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Lifeguards on Fingal Beaches Summer 2025

"That the Chief Executive authorises a review of the current number of lifeguards on Fingal beaches to determine if there is a need to increase numbers, to ensure that swimmers and visitors feel safe when they visit our beaches or go swimming."

31 Councillor L. Corkery - Autism Friendly County Strategy

"That the Chief Executive initiate the development of an Autism Friendly County Strategy, supported by a steering committee and guided by the input of autistic people and their families."

32 Councillor J. Hopkins - Council events to be made as accessible as possible for Neurodiverse members of our Community

"That the Council recognises and commends the ongoing efforts of Fingal County Council in its aim to become inclusive for those who are autistic and neurodiverse, the sensory space at the Howth Maritime Festival and the opening of the Meakstown Community Centre were great examples of how simple, small steps can have a huge impact, in line with this, it is crucial that the Chief Executive ensures that all Fingal County Council events are made as accessible as possible for

neurodiverse members of our community."

33 Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project in a Regional Park

"That the Chief Executive establishes a pilot project in one of our regional parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling, Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting."

34 Councillor D. Butler, Councillor J. Smyth, Councillor D.J. Kelly - Swords Tidy Towns - Gold Medal

"As per the Motion agreed at the December Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting and with the agreement of the Mayor, that the Chief Executive arrange for an evening reception, after a future Area Committee Meeting, to acknowledge the fantastic achievement of Swords Tidy Towns, with the help of Fingal County Council, in winning their first ever gold medal after six years of winning silver medals, Swords Tidy Towns, in their twentieth year of existence, were also Highly Commended in the EPA Circular Economy Award category."

35 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelters

"That the Chief Executive prepares a detailed report to be presented to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC on the viability of the Council installing and maintaining bus shelters within its administrative area."

MOTIONS NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

36 Councillor J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations

"That the Chief Executive write to Irish Rail pointing out that train stations in Fingal are often inaccessible to people with disabilities and asking Irish Rail to implement essential short-term measures to improve accessibility for wheelchair users at train stations as a matter of urgency."

37 Councillor M. McCamley - The Purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land

"That the Chief Executive writes to Dublin City Council to request they consider the purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land alongside the Tolka River at Glasnevin, (St. Mary's School), for the purpose of a continued greenway between Mulhuddart and the new Dublin Port Tolka Estuary greenway which was officially opened to the public."

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 01

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Donnelly, Angela
Doyle, Tania
Guerin, Jimmy
Haughey, Cathal
Humphreys, James
Johnston, Corina
Kelly, Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Eoghan O'Brien.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); John Quinlivan (Director of Services/Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development); Oliver Hunt (Head of Finance); Matthew McAleese (Director of Services Planning and Strategic Infrastructure);

Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Gerry Mc Dermott (Head of Communications); Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer); Patricia Cadogan (A/Senior Planner); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

F/473/24 (Agenda Item No)

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/474/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

F/475/24 (Agenda Item No 1a)

Confirmation and re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED –**

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

F/476/24 (Agenda Item No 1b)

Confirmation and re-affirmation of Budget Minutes held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

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

"That the minutes of the Annual Budget Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

F/477/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

NOMINATIONS

F/478/24 (Agenda Item No 2a)

Appointment of six Members to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum

The Mayor informed the Members the membership of the Committee is confined to one member of each of the Area Committee's and three members of the relevant Strategic Policy Committees: Marine & Coastal Management SPC, Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure SPC, Climate Action, Biodiversity & & Environment SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor D. Healy, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Paul Mulville be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

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

"That Councillor David Healy be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

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

"That Councillor John Walsh be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly:

"That Councillor Joe Newman be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

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

"That Councillor Brian McDonagh be appointed to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum."

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillors Paul Mulville, Luke Corkery, David Healy, John Walsh, Joe Newman and Brian McDonagh be appointed as members to the Fingal Biodiversity Forum.

F/479/24 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphries, seconded by Councillor k. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 11 be **ADOPTED**."

F/480/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Formal/Informal Meetings Uisce Éireann

F/481/24 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor P. Mulville - Number of Social Workers currently Employed by this Council

F/482/24 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor J. Walsh - Inactive sites with Full Planning Permission

F/483/24 (Agenda Item No 6)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Plans for Street Feast in the County in 2025

F/484/24 (Agenda Item No 7)

Councillor T. Leddy - Replacing Defective Street Lights

F/485/24 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor D. Butler - Damage to Public Toilets

F/486/24 (Agenda Item No 9)

Councillor D. Healy - Paving of Gardens and Flood Risks

F/487/24 (Agenda Item No 10)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Street Feast 2025

F/488/24 (Agenda Item No 11)

Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal Coastal Way

F/489/24 (Agenda Item No 12)

Report of Committees

F/490/24 (Agenda Item No 12a)

Report of Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee Meeting (OP&F) held on Monday 11th November 2024

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

F/491/24 (Agenda Item No 12b)

Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords (Services B) Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2024

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor J. Humphreys, seconded by Councillor M. Quinn, and **RESOLVED:**

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

F/492/24 (Agenda Item No 12c)

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

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

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

F/493/24 (Agenda Item No 12d)

Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings (SPC)

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

F/494/24 (Agenda Item No 12e)

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

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

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

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

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

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

F/495/24 (Agenda Item No 13)

Financial Matters

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Item.

F/496/24 (Agenda Item No 14)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of Land at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin to Glenveagh Homes Limited**

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

"That lands at Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 27th November 2024, be disposed of to Glenveagh Homes Limited, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/497/24 (Agenda Item No 14b)

Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin to Mr. Derry Peacock

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

"That lands at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th November 2024, be disposed of to Mr. Derry Peacock , in accordance with the terms specified therein."

a **Notice of Proposed Disposal of land at North Road, Coldwinters, Dublin 11 to Mr Clive Rooney**

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

"That lands at North Road, Coldwinters, Dublin 11, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 28th

November 2024, be disposed of to Mr. Clive Rooney, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/498/24 (Agenda Item No 14d)

Proposed Disposal of Fee Simple Interest of Dwellings

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

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

F/499/24 (Agenda Item No 15)

Declarations of Roads

F/500/24 (Agenda Item No 15a)

Ongar Village, Dublin 15

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

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

F/501/24 (Agenda Item No 15b)

Bellingsmore Estate, Dublin 15

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

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

F/502/24 (Agenda Item No 15c)

Heathfield Estate, The Ward

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. It was **NOTED** that the correct address is Heathfield, Cappoge, The Ward.

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

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

a **Thormanby Hill, Howth**

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

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

F/503/24 (Agenda Item No 15e)

Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnock's Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin

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

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

F/504/24 (Agenda Item No 15f)

Oak Park, Kinsealy

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

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

F/505/24 (Agenda Item No)

VARY ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh proposed to vary the order of business and to take Agenda Items 17, 18 & 20 at this stage of the meeting, returning to Items 19 & 16 after these Items had been dealt with.

The Members **AGREED** to this variation.

F/506/24 (Agenda Item No 17)

Draft Corporate Plan 2024 - 2029

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED** that-

"That the Fingal County Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/507/24 (Agenda Item No 18)

Amendment to Standing Orders

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor P. Mulville and **AGREED** that-

"That the amendment to Standing Orders is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/508/24 (Agenda Item No 20)

Draft Flemington Local Area Plan

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Patricia Cadogan, A/Senior Planner, Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.

During the course of the discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey:

"This Council resolves to delete Figure 9.1, 'Phasing of Development' from the Flemington Local Area Plan."

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

It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey:

"This Council resolves to delete Table 9.1 – '*Phasing of Development Summary*' from the Flemington Local Area Plan."

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** Following discussion, the report was **AGREED**.
It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey:

"This Council resolves to maintain the density that was envisaged for the Local Area Plan lands, as set out in the Draft Plan published in September 2024. "

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

It was then proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary and seconded by Councillor A. Tormey:

"This Council resolves not to support the Chief Executive's proposed Objective 5.14 of the LAP, which states:
"Proposals
for residential development within each character area will be required to accord with the density ranges as set out for Key Town/ Large Town (Suburban/Urban Extension) within the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements – Guidelines for Planning Authorities (or any update thereof)". "

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

It was then proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED** that-

"That the Flemington Local Area Plan is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/509/24 (Agenda Item No 19)

Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **AGREED**.

F/510/24 (Agenda Item No 21)

(PARTXI/003/24) Report pursuant to Part XI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 - 2015 (as amended) for site Improvement and development works at Mulhuddart Cemetery, Church Road, Dublin 15

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

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor K. Dennison, and **AGREED**

F/511/24 (Agenda Item No 16)

Confirmation of the submission of the Chief Executive's Report to the Elected Members pursuant to s.13(1A)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, following the Motion passed on 11th November 2024

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

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

F/512/24 (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/513/24 (Agenda Item No 23)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Item.

F/514/24 (Agenda Item No 24)

Conference Report

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Item.

F/515/24 (Agenda Item No 25)

Correspondence

F/516/24 (Agenda Item No 25a)

Letter dated 8th November 2024 from Dublin City Council Re Cllr J. Humphreys' Motion Transient Visitor Tax

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

F/517/24 (Agenda Item No 25b)

Letter dated 11th November 2024 from Monaghan County Council Re: Primary Medical Certification Scheme

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

F/518/24 (Agenda Item No 25c)

Letter dated 13th November 2024 from Kerry County Council Re - Apple Tax Ruling

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

F/519/24 (Agenda Item No 25d)

Letter dated 28th November 2024 from Leitrim County Council re CCTV in towns and villages

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

F/520/24 (Agenda Item No 26)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

It was **NOTED** that there was no business under this Item.

F/521/24 (Agenda Item No)

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/522/24 (Agenda Item No 27)

Councillor C. Boland - Number of Planning Applications lodged by the daa since September 2022

F/523/24 (Agenda Item No 28)

Councillor T. Leddy - Servicing Land at Fingal - Site Service Fund

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

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

F/524/24 (Agenda Item No 29)

Councillor P. Quinlan - Demographic Make-up of Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting List

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan and seconded by Councillor G. Sheehan.

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

FOR: 1 ONE

AGAINST: 28 TWENTY EIGHT

ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

AGAINST: Councillors John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy & John Walsh.

ABSTAIN:

It was **NOTED** that, while 37 Members were entitled to vote, eight of these Members were absent from the meeting.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** the Motion **FAILED**.

F/525/24 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor E. Dockrell - Random Sampling of Completed Projects Reviewed

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/526/24 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor M. McCamley - Provision for the Planting of Orchards in Public Green Spaces

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

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

F/527/24 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor M. Quinn - Welfare Application Form

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

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

F/528/24 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor D. Healy - Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

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

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

F/529/24 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor E. O'Brien - Community Warden

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/530/24 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Support Services to Fingal Residents

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

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

F/531/24 (Agenda Item No)

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/532/24 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor J. Burtchaell - Fingal Twinning with City/Borough in Palestine

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

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

Councillor Burtchaell committed to liaising with the Palestinian Community in relation to this matter.

F/533/24 (Agenda Item No 37)

Councillor J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/534/24 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Increasing number of incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters

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

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

F/535/24 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Local Authorities role in Recovery and Resilience Facility funding

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

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

F/536/24 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor T. Murphy - Bus Shelters - For all Bus Stops

The motion, in the name of Councillor T. Murphy, was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire.

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

F/537/24 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor G. Sheehan - Reconnection of Houses to the Electricity Supply

The motion, in the name of Councillor G. Sheehan, was proposed by Councillor G. Sheehan and seconded by Councillor E. Troy.

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

F/538/24 (Agenda Item No 42)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Report on Anti-social behaviour in Fingal

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

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

F/539/24 (Agenda Item No 43)

Councillor B. McDonagh - Occupied Territories Bill

It was **AGREED** to take Items 43 & 44 together.

It was further **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Items 43 & 44.

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

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

F/540/24 (Agenda Item No 44)
Councillor P. Mulville - Occupied Territories Bill

It was **AGREED** to take Items 43 & 44 together.

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

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

The Meeting concluded at 8:03pm.

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 18th December, 2024 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:	**Councillors:**
Boland, Cathal	McDonagh, Brian
Donnelly, Angela	Mulligan, Dean
Guerin, Jimmy	Mulville, Paul
Hanaphy, Breda	Newman, Joe
Humphreys, James	O'Leary, Tom
Kelly, Darren Jack	Quinn, Malachy
Leddy, Ted	Sheehan, Gerard
McCamley, Mary	Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Tania Doyle, Corina Johnston, Tom Kitt, Grainne Maguire, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh, Brendan Ryan and Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital); Paul Carroll (Director of Housing Services and Community Development); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer).

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

F/541/24 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh suspended standing orders, due to a technical issue at the meeting.

F/542/24 (Agenda Item No 1)

Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the election of Councillor Ruth Coppinger to Dáil Éireann

It was **AGREED** to **DEFER** this item.

F/543/24 (Agenda Item No 2)

Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the election of Councillor Ann Graves to Dáil Éireann

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

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

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

F/544/24 (Agenda Item No 3)

Filling of casual vacancy on Fingal County Council following the election of Councillor Robert O'Donoghue to Dáil Éireann

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

The nomination of Kevin Humphreys to fill the casual vacancy was proposed by Councillor J. Walsh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley.

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

The Meeting concluded at 17.33.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR (DBEC) POLITICAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) partnership was launched in 2021 and comprises 8 local authorities and two universities. The aim of DBEC is to jointly support initiatives that will boost economic growth throughout the region for mutual benefit.

The three Members consist of the Mayor in the current year who shall be the Co-Chair of the DBEC Political Advisory Committee, the Chair of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee and a Member nominated by the Chair of the Economic Enterprise & Tourism Strategic Policy Committee.

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 02b

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO FINGAL COASTAL LIAISON GROUP FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF ROBERT O'DONOGHUE TO THE 34TH DÁIL NOVEMBER 2024

Following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024, the appointment of one Member to the Fingal County Council established a Coastal Liaison Group now exists.

Fingal County Council established a Coastal Liaison Group in 2016. The reasons for establishing the group were:

- To respond to ongoing concerns in relation to Coastal Erosion/Coastal Flooding in Fingal.

- Due to the need for a coherent structured response to these concerns and improved communication between relevant stakeholders.

- To provide a forum for discussion of approaches to planning for and dealing with the problems of coastal erosion/flooding.

The Coastal Liaison Group is currently made up of 5 Councillors, Council Officials and representatives from coastal community groups. Members are invited to appoint up to 5 Councillors to the any vacancies on the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group following the local elections.

Members are invited to appoint 1 Councillor to the vacant position on the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group.

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ITEM NO. 02c

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE LOCAL TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LTACC) FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF ROBERT O'DONOGHUE TO THE 34TH DÁIL NOVEMBER 2024

Following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024, the appointment of one Member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) now exists.

The Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) advises the Council in relation to the provision and maintenance of accommodation for Travellers. The Committee conducts its business having regard to its standing orders and the "*Guidelines for the Operation of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committees*" issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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ITEM NO. 02d

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE NORTH DUBLIN REGIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF ROBERT O'DONOGHUE TO THE 34TH DÁIL NOVEMBER 2024

Following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil November 2024, the appointment of one Member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force now exists.

In 2003 the North Dublin City and County Regional Drugs Task Force was set up by the government along with 9 other Regional Drug Task Forces in Ireland to develop and implement plans to respond to drug problems in our areas.

The North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force is a partnership approach to tackling substance misuse at a regional level. It brings key stakeholders from the Statutory, Political, Community and social sector together to develop, implement and oversee a strategy to substance use related harm for children, adults, families and the wider community of North Dublin.

The Council is entitled to nominate six (6) members from the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Local Electoral Areas to the Task Force

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ITEM NO. 02e

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF ANN GRAVES TO THE 34TH DÁIL NOVEMBER 2024

Nominations are now sought for a replacement Member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Ann Graves to the 34th Dáil November 2024.

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ITEM NO. 03

CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the full extent of the financial arrangement between this Authority and Approved Housing Bodies stating the basis of the Capital Funding allocation, the allocation of tenancies; the setting of rent; the beneficial "owner" of such rent; the party responsible for maintenance; the management cost of the units and grounds; if the capital cost is repaid to the funder, how is the interest cost calculated and recouped?"

Reply:

Funding for Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) is provided by local authorities via the Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) under the remit of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). The CALF allocation in Fingal County Council's Capital Programme 2025-2027 is €99m; this figure has increased year on year in line with increasing delivery in recent years. During 2024, 136 homes were delivered in this regard.

Where funding is approved under CALF, an AHB is provided with a capital advance in the form of a loan of up to 30% towards the purchase and/or construction of new homes. This loan facility is underpinned by a contract debt between the local authority and the AHB. Repayments on this loan are not required during the term of the agreement but the amount, plus 2% simple interest per annum as set out in the Capital Advance Agreement, will remain outstanding at the end of the loan agreement. The purpose of this to ensure that the capital advance can assist AHBs

in securing all of the necessary finance to deliver homes and make projects more viable for AHBs to meet the lending conditions of the senior lenders.

An annual Payment & Agreement (P&A) arrangement is then entered into by the Council and the AHB, whereby an annual payment is made to the AHB with social housing nominees from the Council housed in the new housing scheme. The differential rent paid by tenants is paid to the AHB. The Housing Lettings Team within the Housing Department work very closely with each of the Approved Housing Bodies operating within the County. Nominations are provided to the AHBs from the Council's Approved Waiting List for Social Housing Support. Each Approved Housing Body is responsible for managing their own stock including dealing with allegations of bad behaviour or breach of tenancy.

CALF has become one of the main mechanisms for the delivery of social housing. AHBs are regulated by the Approved Housing Bodies Regulatory Authority.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

CLEARANCE OF LEAVES

Question: Councillor JK. Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to give an update on the clearance of leaves from the footpaths and surrounding areas to prevent slippery surfaces?"

Reply:

The Operations Department carries out a comprehensive sweeping schedule across the County in each of the three administrative areas and a variety of methods are employed to target the clean-up of the leaves.

Dedicated teams of staff are in place in all areas to deliver a planned and scheduled service. Priority sweeping and leaf clearance is given to public areas, approaches into all towns and villages and regional roads which are heavily used to ensure the main thorough fares and heavily used routes are clear for pedestrians.

The Council have large and small sweepers on a rota system in each area alongside crew members operating blowers. During leaf fall season, the Council also hires in additional sweepers that work in unison with the crew members using blowers and these sweepers also target leaf fall in the existing segerated cycle lanes.

It should, however, be noted that from time to time there are changes to sweeping schedules due to a number of factors such as seasonal activities and during

adverse weather events when staff are deployed to other duties. Additional provision has also been included in the revenue budget to ensure that leaves are cleared from gullies.

Biodegradable bags and other equipment is also made available to Tidy Towns and Resident Association groups to assist with the clearance of leaves within their local areas. The Council is very grateful to all citizens who participate in the collection of leaves across the County.

The Environment Department administers the Community Composting and Leaf Mould Initiative whereby Leaf Mould Cages are made available to community organisations and neighbourhood associations who are carrying out large scale leaf clearance in their housing estates. This gives them the opportunity to turn collected leaves into compost for use within their communities. This is an annual project and is available upon application to the Environment Department.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 05

LICENCE FOR SUMMER CONCERTS 2025

Question: Councillor L. Corkery

"To ask the Chief Executive if a licence has been granted for the Summer Concerts taking place in June 2025?"

Reply:

The Event Organisers for the Malahide concerts have not yet submitted an application for a licence in accordance with the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 – 2024. As a result, a licence has not yet been granted for the Summer Concerts proposed to take place in Malahide Castle in 2025.

In accordance with S.I. No. 600/2001 - Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, the procedure for Licencing of Outdoor Events is required to be in accordance with Part XVI.

Pre-application meetings have been held with the event organisers and statutory stakeholders. Once the schedule of acts is finalized the organisers will submit an application for the Licencing of the event. In accordance with the above legislation, an application must be made at least 16 weeks prior to the date for the holding of the event to which the application relates or, in the case of an application for a number of events at a venue in a period not exceeding one year, at least 16 weeks prior to the holding of the first event.

Source of Reply:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 06

TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCESSING COUNCIL SERVICES

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to advise if there are any plans to provide in-house translation services for members of the public accessing Council services in line with the Council's Management Integration and Cohesion Strategy?"

Reply:

Access to interpretation services is currently available on request to members of the public accessing Council services.

In addition, our website uses an accessibility tool which includes a function that allows for the translation of content into many different languages.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

PLAYGROUNDS NOT YET TAKEN-IN-CHARGE

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive, to outline in tabular form, the number and location of each playground in the council's administrative area which has been completed but not yet taken-in-charge, and the reason for same in each case?"

Reply:

The table below provides the details requested:

No	Playground Name	Town	LEA	Playground Level	TIC	Built	Why Not Taken In Charge
1	Lanestown View	Donabate	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (Local Equipped Area of Play - LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted the Deeds of Dedication for the playground and open space at this location and is liaising with Parks & Green Infrastructure (Parks &GI) Division to complete the necessary playground repairs before the Taking-in-Charge process.

2	Semple Woods South	Donabate	Rush/Lusk	Local Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer is required to complete major landscape snags in this location. The Parks & GI Division is liaising with the developer to progress this matter.
3	Semple Woods North	Donabate	Rush/Lusk	Pocket Park (Local Area of Play - LAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer, Operations Department, and Parks &GI Division was held in Summer 2024. The developer is working with Parks &GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
4	Mariner's Way	Rush	Rush/Lusk	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	The playground was opened to the public in August 2024. The developer is working with Parks &GI Division to complete all outstanding landscaping works. The 18-month maintenance period began in Summer 2024.
5	Knightsgate	Rush	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	There is an active enforcement file open for this estate, causing delays in the taking-in-charge process. The Parks &GI Division is liaising with the developer
6	Cnoc Dubh	Ballyboghill	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted draft DOD documentation for Taking-in-Charge. The snagging process has been completed.

7	Dooroge Wood	Ballyboghil	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has dissolved. P&GI Division liaised with Building Control Section to procure the contractor and coordinate repair of the playground before the roads and services were taken over at the beginning of 2024. Repair works were carried out on the playground in January 2024.
8	Applegreen M1 Northbound	Lusk	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
9	Applegreen M1 Southbound	Lusk	Rush/Lusk	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
10	Taylor's Hill Park	Balbriggan	Balbriggan	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the Operations Department, the developer, and Parks & GI Division was held in Autumn 2024. The developer is liaising with Parks &GI Division to complete all necessary playground repair works and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
11	Taylor's Hill Green	Balbriggan	Balbriggan	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the Operations Department, the developer, and Parks & GI Division was held in Autumn 2024. The developer is liaising with Parks & GI Division to complete all necessary playground repair works and submit the Deed of

							Dedication documentation.
12	Watermill Park West	Mooretown	Swords	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer, their landscape architect and Parks & GI Division was held in Summer 2024. The developer is working with Parks & GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
13	Watermill Park East	Mooretown	Swords	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer, their landscape architect and Parks & GI Division was held in Summer 2024. The developer is working with Parks &GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
14	Watermill linear park (/Watermill centre)	Swords	Swords	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer their landscape architect, and Parks &GI Division was held in Summer 2024. The developer is working with P & GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
15	St. Cronan's Well	Swords	Swords	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer, their landscape architect, and Parks & GI Division was held in Summer 2024. The developer is working

							with Parks & GI to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
16	Blackwood Square	Santry	Swords	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
17	Raven's Mill	Rowlestown	Swords	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting between the developer, their landscape architect, and P&GI Division was held in Autumn 2024. The developer is working with P&GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation.
18	Santa Sabina	Sutton	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
19	Thormanby Hill	Howth	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has completed all snagging of the landscape and playground. The Parks & GI Division is liaising with the developer to progress the Taking-in-Charge process.
20	Dun Si, St. Marnock's Bay	Portmarnock	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This development is under private management. The layout of the landscape and playground is not suitable for taking in charge.
21	Streamstown Wood	Malahide	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.

22	Skylark Park	Portmarnock	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This landscape area is nearing completion. Once the site meeting is conducted, any identified defects will be addressed, and the 18-month maintenance and establishment period will commence
23	Oak Park	Kinsealy	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted Draft Deed of Dedication documentation for taking in charge. The Parks & GI Division is liaising with the developer to progress the Taking-in-Charge process.
24	Drumnigh Manor	Malahide	Howth/ Malahide	Local Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has not contacted Parks and GI Division in relation to the Taking in Charge of the Public Open Space and playground.
25	Marshalstown Park	Drinan, Swords	Howth/ Malahide	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	The developer has not requested the Public Open Space, including the playground, to be taken in charge at this location.
26	Drynam Avenue	Drinan, Swords	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The surface of the playground is not suitable for taking in charge.
27	Belcamp	Balgriffin	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has not provided the Taking in Charge documentation in relation to the Taking in Charge of the Public Open Space including the playground in this estate. The Parks and GI Division is liaising with the developer in order to progress this matter.

28	Kinsealy Manor	Kinsealy	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has not requested the open space, including the playground, to be taken in charge at this location.
29	Beechwood	Kinsealy	Howth/ Malahide	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	There is no record of a TIC request being submitted to the Council for the open space and playground at this location
30	Station Walk Playground	Portmarnock	Howth/ Malahide	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	A joint meeting involving the developer, Operations Department, and Parks &GI Division was held in December 2024. The developer is collaborating with Parks &GI Division to address all outstanding landscape snag issues and submit the Deed of Dedication documentation. The 18-month maintenance and defects period has commenced.
31	Hamilton Park	Carpenterstown	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted the Deeds of Dedication, and Property Services are now progressing this case for Taking-in-Charge
32	Diswellstown Manor	Carpenterstown	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted the Deeds of Dedication, and Property Services are now progressing this case for Taking-in-Charge
33	Riverwood Square	Carpenterstown	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer is required to replace the playground surface. Landscape snagging has been completed, and all

							comments have been communicated to the developer. The developer has been advised that the area is not suitable for Taking In Charge. The developer has not responded to the Parks & Green Infrastructure Division on this matter.
34	Collegefort	Castleknock	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has not requested the open space, including the playground, to be taken in charge at this location.
35	Fairhaven	Castleknock	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted draft Deed of Dedication documentation for Taking-in-Charge. The snagging process has been completed. The Parks and GI Division is liaising with the developer to help progress the required documentation.
36	Phoenix Park Racecourse	Castleknock	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted draft Deed of Dedication documentation for Taking-in-Charge. The snagging process has been completed. The Parks and GI Division is liaising with the developer to help progress the required documentation.
37	Bracken Park	Carpenterstown	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.

38	Windmill	Porterstown	Castleknock	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer is required to undertake significant repairs to the playground and provide the necessary certifications. Additionally, tree replacements must be completed throughout the landscape in this area. The Parks and GI Division is liaising with the developer on this matter.
39	Garryowen	Carpenterstown	Castleknock	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
40	Castlefield Hall	Clonsilla	Castleknock	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	The site meeting between the developer and the Parks and GI Division is scheduled for January 16, 2025, to review the landscape and playground. The 18-month maintenance period will commence thereafter.
41	Heathfield	Finglas	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	Parks & GI Division is making every effort to collaborate with the developer to bring the playground at this location up to the required standard and facilitate its taking-in-charge process.
42	Alderwood	Hollystown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
43	Chapelwood	Hollystown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.

44	Erin's Square	Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
45	Blasket Square	Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
46	Tory Square	Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
47	Achill Square	Blanchardstown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Pocket Park (LAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
48	St Joseph's	Clonsilla	Ongar	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer is liaising with Parks & GI Division to submit the required Deed of Dedication documentation and mapping for taking over.
49	Mayeston	Poppintree	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	This estate is in private management.
50	Ikea	Ballymun	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	In Private Ownership
51	Kilmartin Park Junior playground	Hollystown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Small Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer submitted Draft Deed of Dedication documentation for taking in charge. The Parks & GI Division is liaising with the developer to progress the Taking-in-Charge process.
52	Kilmartin Park Senior playground	Hollystown	Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart	Local Park (LEAP)	No	Yes	The developer has submitted Draft Deeds of Dedication documentation for Taking in Charge. The Parks & GI Division is liaising with the

							developer to progress the Taking-in-Charge process.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

Motion: Councillor T. Murphy

"To ask the Chief Executive to report on the number of enforcement notices issued in 2024 and how many files were successfully closed in 2024?"

Report:

91 Enforcement Notices were issued, and 380 files were successfully closed countywide in 2024 by the Planning Enforcement section.

Each enforcement complaint is managed on a case-by-case basis. Warning letters and Enforcement notices are issued in respect of alleged unauthorised development or alleged breaches of Planning Permissions throughout the county. Site inspections by Planning Inspectors are undertaken to ascertain the enforcement action to be initiated. In some cases, investigations are more protracted and involved and can take a number of site inspections to establish the level of enforcement action required. In certain cases, further information may be sought and issues that arise can be of a highly technical nature requiring specialist consultant expertise. Files can remain open for regular monitoring requiring a number of visits and files remain open where legal costs are being discharged.

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

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

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ITEM NO. 09

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE NOT YET COMMENCED

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of potential homes that have been granted planning permission by Fingal County Council for a minimum of 18 months that have not commenced and what action is the Council taking to encourage development in the current housing crisis?"

Reply:

A recent survey carried out by Fingal County Council staff (for the purposes of compiling the Housing Supply Coordination Task Force for Dublin Q3 2024 Report), identified 54 non-active sites in Fingal which have received planning permission for developments of 10 dwellings or more. One of these non-active sites is an LRD which is currently under Judicial Review.

The total number of dwellings granted permission, but not commenced on these sites is 10,514 dwellings consisting of 2,467 houses and 8,047 apartments.

In addition, only two Sites in Fingal have been granted before 2019 that have not commenced. Both sites were granted Extensions of time in May 2020. There are a total of 573 dwellings consisting of 322 houses and 251 apartments in these two sites.

That leaves a total of 9,941 dwelling consisting of 2,145 houses and 7,796 that have been granted since 2019 and have not commenced.

While the Council has no powers to encourage developments to commence, the recent Development Levy Waiver Scheme has seen the commencement of 6,777 units between April 2023 and December 2024.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

FOUR-BED DWELLINGS – SOCIAL HOUSING STOCK DURING 2025

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of four-bedroom dwellings planned to be added to the social housing stock during 2025?"

Reply:

There are 29 four-bedroom homes in the current pipeline under various delivery mechanisms. The construction team is currently carrying out feasibility studies on some sites within the County and is active in seeking opportunities to increase delivery where possible. There were 36 four-bedroom homes delivered in 2024.

Delivery Mechanism	Number of Dwellings in Pipeline
Part V	2
CALF	2
Tenant in Situ	3
Construction	20
Turnkey Acquisitions	2

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

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ITEM NO. 11

SOCIAL HOUSES - ENERGY RETROFIT DURING 2025

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the number of social houses that are planned to undergo an energy retrofit during 2025 and to give a breakdown of the number by each Local Electoral Area (LEA)?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's funding allocation from the Dept of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for 2025 has not yet been issued. In 2024, 127 social houses underwent Energy Efficiency Retrofit Works. It is expected that a similar number will be delivered in 2025, depending on the allocation received.

In 2024, the breakdown by each LEA is as follows:

Balbriggan	6
Blanchardstown Mulhuddart	7
Castleknock	28
Howth Malahide	14
Rush Lusk	45
Swords	27

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

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ITEM NO. 12

TENANT IN-SITU HOME PURCHASE SCHEME

Question: Councillor T. O'Leary

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the status of the very successful Tenant in-situ Home Purchase scheme funded by Government, how many homes have been acquired or agreed to be acquired using this scheme in Fingal by Local Electoral Area and has the scheme ceased, what is the total monetary amount involved in these purchases, what is the status of the scheme in 2025, has the Government allocated funding to continue purchasing homes for a tenant in situ, where notices to quit have been issued, to keep families and individuals in homes that comply with the scheme's requirements, if so what number of homes may be acquired by Fingal County Council using this scheme in 2025?"

Reply:

The homes acquired under the Tenant in-Situ Scheme is broken down by Local Electoral Area as follows:

Local Electoral Area	No. of Acquisitions Sale Closed	Acquisition Amount	No. of Acquisitions under Conveyancing	Sale Agreed Amount
Malahide/Howth	8	€3,445,000	0	€0.00
Dublin 15	245	€88,844,324	13	€4,530,500
Balbriggan/Swords	106	€32,443,500	16	€5,365,000
Totals	**359**	**€124,732,824**	**29**	**€9,895,500**

Fingal County Council is awaiting confirmation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on funding allocations and sanctioned number of acquisitions for 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

BIKE SHARE

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the number of Sheffield stands or other bicycle stands that have been installed across Fingal to facilitate Tier bike parking, and what steps is the Council taking to proactively encourage alternative bike-share providers to fill the space left by Tier's departure?"

Reply:

In 2024 The Active Travel Unit installed 82 additional Sheffield Stands across the County to facilitate bike parking for 164 bikes for use by both the public and bike share providers. In addition, we have also installed a dedicated bike share parking hub on Chapel Lane in Swords utilising two car parking spaces, with space for 10 shared bikes. We are looking at installing further hubs in various locations around the County in 2025.

In relation to replacing the TIER eBike Service, we are actively negotiating with different providers in the market and also investigating more bespoke services for different use cases around Fingal. The mix of urban and rural locations in Fingal makes the sustainability of bike share services difficult from an operators perspective and this needs to be taken into account when designing any service. The Active Travel section are fully committed to bike share and are keen to work with Operators to provide an ebike service that caters to the needs of residents and works towards a modal shift to more sustainable forms of transport.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 14a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (OP&F) HELD ON MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024

Matters of Organisation and Procedure and Finance

Finance Matters

Monthly report on both Income and Expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account

A presentation was given to the Members by Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance.

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

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ITEM NO. 14b

REPORTS OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REPORT OF PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SPC HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024

Council Members	Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan, Councillor C. Boland **Apologies:** Councillor T. Doyle, Councillor L. Corkery, Councillor E. O'Brien	
Non-Council Members	Mr. P. Arnold, Mr. K. Tolan **Apologies:** Mr. A. Cooney	
Meeting Date 2024	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
10th December 2024	Major Capital Project Delivery	Presentations were given to the Members on Major Capital Project Delivery. Following a discussion, presentations were **NOTED.**
	Major Studies/LAPs	A presentation was given to the Members on Major Studies/LAPs. The presentation was **NOTED.**
	Water Planning - Domestic SuDS	An update was given to the Members on Water Planning – Domestic SuDS. The update was **NOTED.**
	Update on Taking in Charge	An update was given to the Members on Taking in Charge Developments. Following a

		discussion, the update was **NOTED.**
	Enforcement Update	A presentation was given to the Members on Enforcement. Following a discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
	Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2025	An overview of Committee's Work Programme 2025 was given to the Members which was **AGREED.**

REPORT OF ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT SPC HELD ON TUESDAY 1O TH DECEMBER 2024

Council Members	Chairperson Councillor Kieran Dennison; Councillor James Humphreys; Councillor Tony Murphy; Councillor Siobhan Shovlin; Councillor Tom O'Leary; Councillor Jimmy Guerin; Councillor Ellen Troy.	
Non-Council Members	Mr Anthony Cooney, Fingal Chamber; Mr Peader O'Kelly, PPN; Mr Eric Fleming, Trade Union Representative.	
Meeting Date 2024	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
10th December	**SPC Framework & Role of the EETD SPC**	Presentation by John Quinlivan Director of Services. Went through the role of the SPC's and explained the areas which the EETD SPC is concerned. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
10th December	**SPC Policy Programme and Updates**	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. Outline of Policy & Strategy updates / implementations, Policy Developments & Reviews and Town Regeneration. Chairperson Cllr Dennison asked that a list of

		industrial estates owned by FCC be circulated to all members. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
10th December	**Strategic Development for Economic Development**	Presentation by John Quinlivan, Director of Services. Gave a rundown on the strategy for Economic Development in Fingal from now until 2040. This presentation included Key Strengths of Region, Future Fingal Principles, Sector Prioritisation and Future Fingal Lands. Cllr. Tom O'Leary thanked John Quinlivan and his team for their hard work in this area. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
10th December	**Local Economic & Community Plan Update**	Presentation by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer. Outline of LECP vision from 2023 – 2028 and how the plan will be carried out under the 6 themes. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
10th December	**Appointments to Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor**	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, explained the background to the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor and that the Mayor (Cllr. Brian McDonagh), Chairperson of the SPC (Cllr. Kieran Dennison) and one other member of the SPC would be appointed. Cllr. Tony Murphy proposed appointing Cllr. Tom O'Leary. This was seconded by Cllr. James Humphreys. **Agreed and accepted by Councillors.**

10th December	**Events Strategy**	Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer gave an overview of Fingal's Events including what we do, what audiences want, our purpose & vision and our funding scheme. Paul Barnes, Events Manager, also spoke on costs and funding. Cllr Tom O'Leary complimented Events Team on a successful year of events. SPC recommend that the events strategy is brought to January council meeting. **Agreed and accepted by Councillors.**

REPORT OF COMMUNITY, SPORTS & CULTURE SPC HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

Council Members	**Elected Members** Councillor Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson) Councillor Angela Donnelly, Councillor James Humphreys, Councillor John Walsh, Councillor Mary McCamley, Councillor Tom Kitt,	
Non-Council Members	Brenda Vanderzee, Social Inclusion PPN Abi Wise, PPN Representative	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
11th December 2024	Department Update on 2024 Work Programme	The newly Elected members of SPC were provided with reports from the following areas: A report on the work undertaken by the **Library Department** in 2024 was provided by Susan Lovatt, Executive Librarian.

		An Update on the **Community Development Office** and other projects run in the Community Development Office was provided by Linda Ennis Principal Community Officer. An overview of the **Age Friendly Strategy** 2024-2028 and the **Community Development Strategy** was provided by Naomi Weir, Senior Executive Officer. An **Integration Office** update report was provided by Kate Hagen, Integration Support Worker. Three presentations were delivered by the **Arts Office** Sile Stewart, Arts Officer provided a report on the various **Funding Schemes** supporting Artists in Fingal County Council LEA. Julie Clarke, Youth and Education Officer presented the **Youth and Education Policy** update. Caroline Cowley, Public Arts Co-Ordinator, presented an overview of the **Arts policy for 2025-2027.**

REPORT OF

CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT SPC HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024

Council Members	Cllr Joe Newman (Chair), Cllr JK Onwumereh, Apologies: Cllr David Healy, Cllr Siobhan Shovlin, Cllr Brian McDonagh	
Non-Council Members	Tara Byrne (Env), Paul Flynn (IFA), Sarah Zimmerman (PPN), David Storey, Director of Services, Catherine O'Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Bridget Loughlin, Climate Action Coordinator, Ronan O'Reilly, Executive Engineer, Sinead Fox, Community Climate Action Coordinator, Niamh Moran, Climate Action Officer, Orla Healy, Graduate, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer	
Meeting Date	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
17th December 2024	Community Climate Action Fund	Presentation given by Community Climate Action Co-ordinator to SPC Members.
17th December 2024	Promoting Sustainable Climate Action in Fingal Schools	Report discussed and Report **Accepted**
17th December 2024	Electric Vehicle Charging	Report discussed and Report **Accepted**

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ITEM NO. 14c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS AREA COMMITTEE MEETING (SERVICES B – STRATEGIC & GENERAL MATTERS) HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Skerries Mental Fitness GA-003276	€3000	Rent of Venues X3 events Publicity Speakers X 2 events Artists and Musicians X 3 events St Brigid's Crosses	N	N/A	€2465

		Women's Candles Craft Materials Room Decorations X 3 events Plant Pots and Seeds Women's Wellness Vouchers X 3			
Lusk Community Council GA-003275	€2500	iPad Pro 1 TB Nano texture glass cellula	N	N/A	€2500

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant	**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**
O'Dwyers GAA Club GA03101	€49,500	Wheelchair access lift Groundwork Substructure works	N/A	N/A	€24,750.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor C. Boland and **seconded** by Councillor M. Quinn.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N**	**Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year**	**Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval**
Garristown GFC	€2298	Garristown GFC wish to apply for juvenile goalposts for their underage and academy group along with gym equipment which will be utilised for their youth and adult teams, this equipment will be stored in their clubhouse.	Yes	2023 - €1714.80	€2298
The Hills Cricket Club	€3000	The Hills Cricket Club in Balbriggan wish to apply for a cricket batting cage, this equipment will be used for all ages in the club to	Yes	2023 - €2961	€3000

		improve skill and development of their players.			
Donabate Special Olympics Club	€3000	Donabate Special Olympics Club are a Young Athlete club who work on fundamental movement, the club are looking for equipment to improve their athletics and gymnastics section with a range of equipment from pommel horse to fundamental balance equipment.	Yes	2023 Youth Sport Grant	€3000

It was **proposed** by Councillor J. Newman and **seconded** by Councillor D.J. Kelly. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Sport Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: _____

Councillor T. O'Leary
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 15

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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ITEM NO. 15a

2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT REPORT

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AUDITED

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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Financial Review

Introduction:

I am pleased to present the Annual Financial Statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2023. The Annual Financial Statement have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice for Local Authorities. The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis and incorporate a Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income and Expenditure Account), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet), Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement), a Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes to the Accounts and Appendices in the prescribed formats.

Income & Expenditure Account

Overall Expenditure for 2023 on the revenue account amounted to €291m with a further €44.7M in transfers to the capital account, while income on the account amounted to €335.7m. The revenue account outturn for 2023 is €252 credit. When account is taken of the incoming credit balance the Revenue Account shows a credit balance of €15.98m.

The overall expenditure reflects the continued investment in services across the County particularly in housing and operations. The income and expenditure account also reflects the continued funding to capital projects across the County.

Balance Sheet

The Annual Financial Statement (AFS) includes valuations for fixed assets and includes local authority houses, land, buildings, equipment, heritage assets, plant and machinery, road networks and the surface water element of our drainage network. The total value of fixed assets reflected in the balance sheet at the 31st December 2023 is €3.162bn.

Capital expenditure excluding transfers amounted to €347.7m which reflects an increase of €168.4m of expenditure in 2023. This includes capital expenditure over a number of areas including housing, strategic infrastructure and active travel and is reflective of the increased pace in capital project delivery across the County.

The total indebtedness of the Council on foot of loans outstanding at the 31st December 2023 was €307.6m which reflects an increase of €18.8m from 2022. The increase in borrowings is driven by borrowing for cost rentals and the Swords Cultural Quarter project. Additional borrowing facilities were agreed by the Members during 2023 to fund the delivery of cost rental housing at Churchfields, Mulhuddart as well as the development of the Swords Cultural Quarter.

The combined total expenditure impact of our Revenue and Capital Accounts excluding transfers for 2023 is €638.6m.

Debt Collection

Details of the main collection accounts are included in Appendix 7. Commercial rates continues to be the primary source of funding for the Council. The overall gross collection rate for 2023 was extremely strong at 99.1%. The high collection rate is a key component in the Councils ability to keep pace with the delivery of services and projects across the County.

Financial Outlook

Like other organisations over the past number of years the Council has had to deal with the pandemic, international instability, and inflationary pressures. Despite this the Council's financial position remains relatively stable. As in previous years, during 2023 and as is reflected in the 2024 budget, we continue to orientate the Councils finances towards the enhancement of service and capital project delivery across the County. The ongoing support of the Members in relation to budgetary and financial matters will continue be a critical component of this into the future.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff in the preparation of the final accounts.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
28th March 2024

Fingal County Council

Certificate of Chief Executive and Head of Finance for the year ended 31 December 2023

1.1 We the Chief Executive and Head of Finance are responsible for preparing an annual financial statement in accordance with the accounting code of practice issued by the Minister under Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

1.2 We are responsible for maintaining proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the local authority and enable it to ensure that financial statements prepared comply with the statutory requirements.

1.3 We are responsible for the safeguarding of assets of the local authority and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

1.4 When preparing financial statements we have:

- stated that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice and the accounting policies have been applied consistently; and,
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

1.5 We certify that the financial statements of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023, as set out on pages 5 to 24, are in agreement with the books of account and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting requirements as directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Chief Executive

Date 28/3/2024

Head of Finance

Date 28/3/2024

Independent Auditor's Opinion to the Members of Fingal County Council

I have audited the annual financial statement of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on pages 5 to 24, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Funds Flow and Notes to and forming part of the Accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Local Government Auditor

The Council, in accordance with Section 107 of the Local Government Act, 2001, is responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the Annual Financial Statement. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion to you.

Scope of the audit of the financial statement

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the annual financial statement. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statement, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the annual financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

Opinion on the financial statement

In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2023 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Statutory Audit Report

I have also prepared an associated audit report as provided for in Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Daragh Mc Mahon

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Principal Auditor

Date: 18 September 2024

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Code of Practice ACoP on local authority accounting, as revised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) at 31st December 2023. Non-compliance with accounting policies as set out in ACoP must be stated in the Policies and Notes to the Accounts.

2. Statement of Funds Flow (Funds Flow Statement)

A Statement of Funds Flow was introduced as part of AFS 2011. While the guidance of International Accounting Standard 7 Statement of Cash Flows has been followed, the business of local authorities is substantially different to most private sector organisations and therefore some minor changes to the format have been agreed to ensure the data displayed is meaningful and useful within the local government sector. For this reason the statement is being referred to as a 'Statement of Funds Flow'. The financial accounts now include a Statement of Funds Flow shown after the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). Notes 17 – 22 relate to the Statement of Funds Flow and are shown in the Notes on and forming part of the Accounts section of the AFS. Note 19 details Project/Non Project/Affordable/Voluntary balances, which can be either a debit or a credit balance. The funds flow assumes that these are debit balances and bases the (Increase)/Decrease description on this.

3. Accruals

The revenue and capital accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with the Code of Practice.

4. Interest Charges

Loans payable can be divided into the following two categories:

- Mortgage related loans
- Non- mortgage related loans

4.1 Mortgage Related Loans

Mortgage related loans have a corresponding stream of income from long term advances (i.e. monies lent by the local authority to borrowers), for the purchase of houses. Only the interest element is charged or credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

4.2 Non Mortgage Related Loans

Note 7 to the accounts sets out the types of borrowing under this heading. Loans relating to assets/grants, revenue funding will not have a corresponding stream of income. Bridging finance will eventually become part of permanent funding. Loans in respect of the other

headings will have a corresponding value in Note 3. The loan repayment cost of principal and interest is funded through the annual budget process. At the end of the financial year the funding element of the principal is transferred and offset against a loan repayment reserve. This transfer is included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) under the heading 'transfers to/from reserves'.

5. Pensions

Payments in respect of pensions and gratuities are charged to the revenue account in the accounting period in which the payments are made. The cost of salaries and wages in the accounts includes deductions in respect of pension contributions (including Widows and Orphans) benefits under the Local Government Superannuation Scheme and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

The Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme") commenced with effect from 1 January 2013. Employee contributions for the Single Scheme continue to be deducted by local authorities but are remitted centrally to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. The requirements of current accounting standards relating to pensions and their application to local authority accounting remains under consideration.

6. Agency and Other Services

Expenditure on services provided or carried out on behalf of other local authorities is recouped at cost or in accordance with specific agreements.

7. Insurance

The Council is substantially self-insured in the areas of public and employers liability insurance. An excess of €254,000 and €127,000 respectively operates on these policies. Ongoing provision is made in the revenue budget for the cost of the claims. In addition, an insurance fund is in place on an investment basis rather than on an actuarial basis. We are satisfied that the insurance fund will meet any current liabilities that may fall due.

8. Provision for Bad & Doubtful Debts

Provision has been made in the relevant accounts for bad and doubtful debts. We have also provided for any loans not covered by the Mortgage Arrears Resolution Process.

9. Fixed Assets

9.1 Classification of Assets

Fixed assets are classified into categories as set out in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet). A further breakdown by asset type is set out in Note 1 to the accounts.

9.2 Recognition

All expenditure on the acquisition or construction of fixed assets is capitalised on an accrual basis. Fixed assets that have been constructed by developers in lieu of their development contributions that have not already been included in our fixed assets will be captured in the fixed asset revaluation process.

9.3 Measurement

A Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) incorporating all of the assets of the local authority was included for the first time in the Annual Financial Statement for 2003. The assets were valued based on the 'Valuation Guideline' issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. All assets purchased or constructed as from 1/1/2004 have been included at historical cost. Accounting policies relating to leases are currently being developed and will be reflected in the financial statements at a future date. The valuation of Local Authority Housing is only for the purposes of the AFS and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. All open spaces as at the 31/12/03 were taken on a nil value. Playgrounds taken on since the 1/1/04 have been taken on at cost. Grave spaces are valued at the net realisable value which is there selling price.

9.4 Fixed Assets Revaluation

As set out in a revision to the Accounting Code of Practice it is policy to show fixed assets at cost. Maintenance and enhancement costs associated with Infrastructure assets are not currently included in fixed assets but will be reviewed at a future date. Due to their physical nature the vast majority of assets are unique to local authorities and are not subject to disposal. Any loss or gain associated with the net realisable value of the remaining general assets subject to disposal, are accounted for at time of disposal.

9.5 Disposals

In respect of disposable assets, income is credited to a specific reserve and is generally applied in the purchase of new assets. Proceeds of the sale of local authority houses are to be applied as directed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

9.6 Depreciation

Under the current method of accounting, the charge for depreciation is offset by the amortisation of the source of funding the asset. This method has a neutral impact on the Income & Expenditure Account and consequently the charge for depreciation and the corresponding credit from amortisation is excluded from the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement).

The policies applied to assets subject to depreciation are as follows:

Asset Type	Bases	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Machinery		
• Long Life	Straight Line	10%
• Short Life	Straight Line	20%
Equipment	Straight Line	20%

Furniture	Straight Line	20%
Heritage Assets		Nil
Library Books		Nil
Play Grounds	Straight Line	20%
Parks	Straight Line	2%
Landfill Sites **(*See Note)**		
Water Assets • Water Schemes • Drainage Schemes	 Straight Line Straight Line	 Asset Life of 70 Years Asset Life of 50 Years

The Council does not charge depreciation in the year of disposal and will charge a full years depreciation in the year of acquisition.

*** The value of landfill sites has been included in Note 1 under land. Depreciation represents the depletion of the landfill asset.**

10. Government Grants

Government grants are accounted for on an accrual basis. Grants received to cover day to day operations are credited to Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Grants received, relating to the construction of assets, are shown as part of the income of work-in-progress. On completion of the project the income is transferred to a capitalisation account.

11. Development Debtors & Income

Short term development levy debtors are included in Note 5. Income from development contributions not due to be paid within the current year is deferred and not separately disclosed in the financial statements.

Development contribution cash collected in 2023 due to Irish Water but not paid over to Irish Water in 2023 is shown as a creditor.

All S.49 levies received are only included as refundable deposits as the council is only acting as an agent for the Railway Procurement Agency (R.P.A).

12. Debt Redemption

The proceeds from the early redemption of loans by borrowers, are applied to the redemption of mortgage related borrowings from the HFA.

13. Lease Schemes

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Statement). Assets acquired under a finance lease are included in fixed assets. The amount due on outstanding balances is shown under current liabilities and long term creditors. The sum of the digit method is used for calculating all leases.

14. Stock

Stocks are valued on an average cost basis.

15. Work-in-Progress & Preliminary Expenditure

Work-in progress and preliminary expenditure is the accumulated historical cost of various capital related projects. The income accrued in respect of these projects is shown in the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as 'Income WIP'.

16. Related Parties

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the local authority and a related party. The main related parties for a local authority include the following:

i. Management and Personnel
ii. Council members
iii. Government Departments
iv. Local Authority Companies

Local Authority council members and key personnel are bound under the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2001 and subsequent amending legislation to:

A. Furnish an annual declaration of 'declarable interests' set out in section 175 of the Act;

B. Disclose under sections 167, 178 and 179 any beneficial interests that they or a connected person has; and

C. Follow a code of conduct issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage under section 169 of the Local Government Act 2001 in 2004.

'Declarable interests' cover both financial and certain other interests such as land etc. Local authority management and personnel salary and remuneration is determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in line with central government policy on rates of pay. Local Authority interests in companies and joint ventures are disclosed in Appendix 8 to the Annual Financial Statements. Local Authority transactions with government departments are governed by central government controls and procedures driven by government accounting rules.

17. Interest in Local Authority Companies

Details of the companies in which the Council has an interest are listed in Appendix 8.

18. Accounting for Expenditure.

Expenditure in relation to policy is accounted for in the relevant division e.g. E15 Climate Action and Flooding.
Operational expenditure is accounted for in the area where the expenditure is incurred e.g. Housing, Roads, etc. This is in line with the Local Authorities costing system where the full cost of a service/sub-service must reflect all the costs associated with the service.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT)

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure.
It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.
Note 16 allocates transfers by service division in the same format as Table A of the adopted Local Authority budget.

Expenditure By Division	Note	Gross Expenditure 2023 €	Income 2023 €	Net Expenditure 2023 €	Net Expenditure 2022 €
Housing and Building		94,865,186	97,154,193	(2,289,007)	(4,093,280)
Roads, Transportation & Safety		36,224,984	10,436,385	25,788,599	24,550,994
Water Services		17,092,162	17,117,958	(25,797)	(2,092,364)
Development Management		27,874,193	8,101,584	19,772,610	16,763,975
Environmental Services		47,991,896	11,698,921	36,292,976	35,102,047
Recreation & Amenity		55,696,686	4,155,812	51,540,874	45,793,011
Agriculture. Education, Health & Welfare		1,555,916	485,603	1,070,313	767,008
Miscellaneous Services		9,637,628	22,006,799	(12,369,172)	11,796
Total Expenditure/Income	**15**	290,938,651	171,157,255		
Net Cost of Division to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax				119,781,396	116,803,188
Rates				154,729,089	151,293,793
Local Property Tax				9,779,302	8,698,895
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfer				44,726,994	43,189,500
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	**14**			(44,726,742)	(43,189,108)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**16**			252	393
General Reserve at 1st January				15,980,204	15,979,812
General Reserve at 31st December				15,980,456	15,980,204

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET) AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		€	€
Fixed Assets	1		
Operational		1,564,445,686	1,463,233,189
Infrastructural		1,155,590,687	1,159,631,876
Community		102,977,088	103,257,960
Non-Operational		339,387,112	305,980,160
		3,162,400,573	**3,032,103,185**
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	2	**134,172,736**	**113,260,149**
Long Term Debtors	3	**307,245,595**	**300,403,084**
Current Assets			
Stock	4	700,196	587,836
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	5	63,297,783	72,077,880
Bank Investments*		397,047,942	396,214,369
Cash at Bank		10,557,934	13,543,266
Cash in Transit		2,378,576	2,091,845
		473,982,431	**484,515,197**
Current Liabilities			
Bank Overdraft		-	-
Creditors & Accruals	6	163,998,096	157,647,528
Finance Leases		994,626	872,423
		164,992,722	**158,519,951**
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)		**308,989,709**	**325,995,246**
Creditors (Amounts greater than one year)			
Loans Payable	7	290,934,395	272,287,597
Finance Leases		1,832,540	1,389,771
Refundable Deposits	8	47,270,013	49,382,278
Other		118,372,931	103,121,793
		458,409,879	**426,181,440**
Net Assets / (Liabilities)		**3,454,398,734**	**3,345,580,224**
Represented By			
Capitalisation	9	3,162,400,573	3,032,103,185
Income WIP	2	151,589,606	106,031,704
General Revenue Reserve		15,980,456	15,980,204
Other Specific Reserves		-	-
Other Balances	10	124,428,099	191,465,130
Total Reserves		**3,454,398,734**	**3,345,580,224**

* Bank Investments include a sum of €2.9m re Section 49 levies for Metro North & Hansfield

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FLOW (FUNDS FLOW STATEMENT)

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 €	2023 €
REVENUE ACTIVITIES			
Net Inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	**17**		**15,018,557**
CAPITAL ACTIVITIES			
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			
Increase/(Decrease) in Fixed Asset Capitalisation Funding		130,297,388	
Increase/(Decrease) in WIP/Preliminary Funding		45,557,901	
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves Balances	**18**	(9,724,522)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance			**166,130,768**
Capital Expenditure & Financial Investment			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		(130,297,388)	
(Increase)/Decrease in WIP/Preliminary Funding		(20,912,587)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances	**19**	(30,363,814)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			**(181,573,789)**
Financing			
Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing	**20**	27,620,396	
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserve Financing	**21**	(26,948,696)	
Net Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities			**671,701**
Third Party Holdings			
Increase/(Decrease) in Refundable Deposits			**(2,112,265)**
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalent	**22**		**(1,865,029)**

1. Fixed Assets

	Land	Parks	Housing	Buildings	Plant & Machinery (Long and Short Life)	Computers, Furniture and Equipment	Heritage	Roads and Infrastructure	Water and Sewerage Network	Total
	€									
Costs										
Accumulated Costs at 1st Jan	333,248,796	27,770,899	1,206,481,803	314,042,088	15,594,989	1,538,988	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	202,059,449	3,183,242,609
Additions - Purchased	28,733,394	-	32,541,069	7,033,184	1,918,864	-	-	-	-	70,226,511
Additions - Transfer WIP	-	-	68,926,264	-	-	-	-	-	-	68,926,264
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	(2,760,246)	-	(148,447)	-	(580,312)	-	-	-	-	(3,489,005)
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Historical Costs Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Accumulated Costs 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**27,770,899**	**1,307,800,690**	**321,075,272**	**16,933,541**	**1,538,988**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**202,059,449**	**3,318,906,380**
Depreciation										
Accumulated Depreciation at 1st Jan	-	16,004,145	-	121,695	9,255,925	1,271,488	-	-	124,486,172	151,139,424
Provision for year	-	280,873	-	-	1,421,256	106,386	-	-	4,041,189	5,849,704
Disposals\Statutory Transfers	-	-	-	-	(483,322)	-	-	-	-	(483,322)
Accumulated Depreciation 31/12/2023	**-**	**16,285,017**	**-**	**121,695**	**10,193,859**	**1,377,874**	**-**	**-**	**128,527,361**	**156,505,807**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**11,485,881**	**1,307,800,690**	**320,953,577**	**6,739,682**	**161,113**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**73,532,088**	**3,162,400,573**
Net Book Value at 31/12/2022	333,248,796	11,766,754	1,206,481,803	313,920,394	6,339,065	267,499	1,099,130	1,081,406,466	77,573,277	3,032,103,185
Net Book Value by Category										
Operational	40,660,672	-	1,307,800,690	209,083,529	6,739,682	161,113	-	-	-	1,564,445,686
Infrastructural	652,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,081,406,466	73,532,088	1,155,590,687
Community	-	11,485,881	-	90,509,276	-	-	981,930	-	-	102,977,088
Non-Operational	317,909,140	-	-	21,360,772	-	-	117,200	-	-	339,387,112
Net Book Value at 31/12/2023	**359,221,945**	**11,485,881**	**1,307,800,690**	**320,953,577**	**6,739,682**	**161,113**	**1,099,130**	**1,081,406,466**	**73,532,088**	**3,162,400,573**

2. Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses

A summary of work in progress and preliminary expenditure by asset category is as follows:

	Funded 2023 €	Unfunded 2023 €	Total 2023 €	Total 2022 €
Expenditure				
Preliminary Expenses	84,093,100	41,904,736	125,997,836	105,408,558
Work in Progress	8,174,900	-	8,174,900	7,851,591
Total Expenditure	**92,268,000**	**41,904,736**	**134,172,736**	**113,260,149**
Income				
Preliminary Expenses	89,196,407	54,315,442	143,511,849	98,466,471
Work in Progress	8,077,757	-	8,077,757	7,565,233
Total Income	**97,274,164**	**54,315,442**	**151,589,606**	**106,031,704**
Net Expended				
Work in Progress	97,143	-	97,143	286,357
Preliminary Expenses	(5,103,307)	(12,410,706)	(17,514,013)	6,942,087
Net Over/(Under) Expenditure	**(5,006,164)**	**(12,410,706)**	**(17,416,870)**	**7,228,444**

3. Long Term Debtors

A breakdown of long term debtors is as follows:

	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023	2023 Loans Issued	2023 Instalments	2023 Early Redemptions	2023 Other Adjustments	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Long Term Mortgage Advances *	138,710,800	6,413,525	(7,544,699)	(2,595,664)	(1,222,611)	133,761,350	138,710,800
Tenant Purchase Advances	85,515	-	(81,520)	(35,477)	112,740	81,257	85,515
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	2,655,187	-	-	13,346	(317,384)	2,351,149	2,655,187
	141,451,502	6,413,525	(7,626,220)	(2,617,795)	(1,427,256)	136,193,756	141,451,502
Recoupable Loan Advances						63,898,979	68,381,031
Housing Related Schemes						118,372,931	103,121,793
Long Term Investments - Cash						-	-
Long Term Investments - Associated Companies						4	2
Other						-	-
						318,465,670	312,954,328
Less: Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 5)						(11,220,075)	(12,551,244)
Total amounts falling due after one year						**307,245,595**	**300,403,084**

* Includes HFA agency loans

4. Stocks

A summary of stock is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Central Stores	67,771	60,582
Other Depots	632,425	527,254
Total	**700,196**	**587,836**

5. Trade Debtors and Prepayments

A breakdown of debtors and prepayments is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Government Debtors	17,366,095	16,440,634
Commercial Debtors	10,732,756	12,164,033
Non-Commercial Debtors	11,457,306	10,451,136
Development Contribution Debtors	40,338,614	60,273,226
Other Services	389,237	397,739
Other Local Authorities	2,242,824	5,775,140
Revenue Commissioners	-	-
Other	-	-
Current Portion of Long Term Debtors (Note 3)	11,220,075	12,551,244
Total Gross Debtors	**93,746,908**	**118,053,153**
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(38,221,019)	(51,178,516)
Total Trade Debtors	**55,525,890**	**66,874,637**
Prepayments	7,771,893	5,203,242
Total	**63,297,783**	**72,077,880**

6. Creditors and Accruals

A breakdown of creditors and accruals is as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Trade Creditors	15,308,800	12,715,399
Grants	116,903	468,695
Revenue Commissioners	5,276,282	4,483,200
Other Local Authorities	142,743	231,234
Other Creditors	335,178	256,933
	21,179,906	**18,155,461**
Accruals	106,848,676	84,166,737
Deferred Income	19,332,916	38,833,446
Add:Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 7)	16,636,598	16,491,884
Total	**163,998,096**	**157,647,528**

7. Loans Payable

(a) Movement in Loans Payable

	2023 HFA €	2023 OPW €	2023 Other €	2023 Total €	2022 Total €
Opening Balance	275,066,339	-	13,713,143	288,779,481	310,048,971
Borrowings	48,879,675	-	-	48,879,675	12,019,650
Repayment of Principal	(14,775,530)	-	(906,697)	(15,682,227)	(17,938,714)
Early Redemptions	(7,354,654)	-	(7,051,282)	(14,405,936)	(15,010,365)
Other Adjustments	-	-	-	-	(340,060)
	301,815,829	**-**	**5,755,164**	**307,570,993**	**288,779,481**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable (Note 6)				16,636,598	16,491,884
Total amounts falling due after one year				**290,934,395**	**272,287,597**

(b) Application of Loans

An analysis of loans payable is as follows:

Mortgage					
Mortgage Loans *	131,235,149	-	-	131,235,149	134,102,841
Non Mortgage					
Assets/Grants	66,816,964	-	-	66,816,964	35,753,829
Revenue Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Bridging Finance	42,101,213	-	-	42,101,213	46,784,880
Recoupable	58,143,814	-	5,755,164	63,898,978	68,381,030
Shared Ownership Rented Equity	3,518,690	-	-	3,518,690	3,756,902
Balance at 31st December	**301,815,829**	**-**	**5,755,164**	**307,570,993**	**288,779,481**
Less: Current Portion of Loans Payable				16,636,598	16,491,884
Total Amounts Due after one year				**290,934,395**	**272,287,597**

* Includes HFA Agency Loans

8. Refundable Deposits

The movement in refundable deposits is as follows:

	2023 €	2022 €
Opening Balance at 1st January	49,382,278	43,477,273
Deposits received	6,619,120	7,720,639
Deposits repaid	(8,731,385)	(1,815,634)
Closing Balance at 31st December	**47,270,013**	**49,382,278**

Note: Short Term Refundable Deposits are included as part of Cash Investments on the Balance Sheet

9. Capitalisation Account

The capitalisation account shows the funding of the assets as follows:

	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023 €	2023 Purchased €	2023 Transfers WIP €	2023 Disposals/ Statutory T/F's €	2023 Revaluation €	2023 Historical Cost Adjustments €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €
Grants	634,621,581	49,818,224	68,926,264	-	-	-	753,366,069	634,621,581
Loans	163,091,058	2,320,461	-	-	-	-	165,411,519	163,091,058
Revenue Funded	14,962,301	-	-	(88,085)	-	-	14,874,216	14,962,301
Leases	11,856,234	1,828,472	-	(408,607)	-	-	13,276,099	11,856,234
Development Contributions	92,270,672	127,777	-	-	-	-	92,398,449	92,270,672
Tenant Purchase Annuties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unfunded	165,691,176	8,195,334	-	(643)	-	-	173,885,866	165,691,176
Historical	2,063,995,575	(400,620)	-	(2,908,049)	-	-	2,060,686,906	2,063,995,575
Other	36,754,013	8,336,863	-	(83,621)	-	-	45,007,256	36,754,013
Total Gross Funding	**3,183,242,609**	**70,226,511**	**68,926,264**	**(3,489,005)**	**-**	**-**	**3,318,906,380**	**3,183,242,609**
Less: Amortised							(156,505,807)	(151,139,424)
Total *							**3,162,400,573**	**3,032,103,185**

* As per note 1

10. Other Balances

A breakdown of other balances is as follows:

	Note	2023 Balance @ 01/01/2023 €	2023 * Capital Reclassification €	2023 Expenditure €	2023 Income €	2023 Net Transfers €	2023 Balance @ 31/12/2023 €	2022 Balance @ 31/12/2022 €
Development Contributions Balances	(i)	184,567,691	-	27,503,647	58,208,318	(42,256,601)	173,015,761	184,567,691
Capital Account Balances including Asset Formation and Enhancement	(ii)	(60,446,263)	(510,089)	165,308,235	101,782,484	47,216,042	(77,266,061)	(60,446,263)
Voluntary & Affordable Housing Balances								
- Voluntary Housing	(iii)	(394,341)	-	69,409,402	64,986,160	49	(4,817,533)	(394,341)
- Affordable Housing	(iii)	(4,274,233)	(2,449,906)	7,777,933	-	1,107,016	(13,395,057)	(4,274,233)
Reserves Created for Specific Purposes	(iv)	153,533,357	-	15,266,857	2,485,509	14,608,756	155,360,765	153,533,357
Net Capital Balances		**272,986,211**	**(2,959,996)**	**285,266,073**	**227,462,471**	**20,675,262**	**232,897,875**	**272,986,211**
Balance Sheet Accounts relating to Loan Principal outstanding (including Unrealised TP Annuities)	(v)						(108,469,781)	(81,521,083)
Interest in Associated Companies	(vi)						4	2
Total Other Balances							**124,428,099**	**191,465,130**

* Capital re-classification represents the change in status and/or funding of opening capital balances.

Note (i) This represents the cumulative balance of development levies i.e. income less expenditure and transfers to date.

Note (ii) This represents the cumulative position on funded and unfunded capital jobs consiting of project (completed assets) and non project (enhancement of assets) balances. Debit balances will require sources of funding to clear.

Note (iii) This represents the cumulative position on voluntary and affordable housing projects.

Note (iv) Relates to reserves and advance funding for future Local Authority assets, insurance liabilities, other purposes and includes realised tenant purchase annuities.

Note (v) Loan related balances including outstanding principal on leases and non-mortgage loans remaining to be funded, historical mortgage funding gap, unrealised principal on tenant purchase annuities to be repaid in the future, and shared ownership rented equity.

Note (vi) Represents the Local Authority's interest in associated companies.

11. Capital Account Analysis

The capital account has been de-aggregated and is comprised of the following accounts in the balance sheet as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Net WIP and Preliminary Expenses (Note 2)	17,416,870	(7,228,444)
Capital Balances (Note 10)	232,897,875	272,986,211
Capital Balance Surplus/(Deficit) at 31st December	**250,314,745**	**265,757,767**

A summary of the changes in the Capital account (see Appendix 6) is as follows:

Opening Balance at 1st January	265,757,767	262,152,604
Expenditure	347,660,515	179,234,011
Income		
- Grants	196,157,114	88,972,976
- Loans	41,337,653	-
- Other	65,912,103	63,223,126
Total Income	303,406,870	152,196,103
Net Revenue Transfers	28,810,623	30,643,071
Closing Balance	**250,314,745**	**265,757,767**

12. Mortgage Loan Funding Position

The mortgage loan funding position on the balance sheet at year-end is as follows:

	2023 € Loan Annuity	2023 € Rented Equity	2023 € Total	2022 € Total
Mortgage Loans/Equity Receivable (Note 3)	133,761,350	2,351,149	136,112,499	141,365,987
Mortgage Loans/Equity Payable (Note 7)	(131,235,149)	(3,518,690)	(134,753,839)	(137,859,743)
Surplus/(Deficit) in Funding @ 31st of Decembe	**2,526,201**	**(1,167,541)**	**1,358,660**	**3,506,244**

NOTE: Cash on Hand relating to Redemptions and Relending	209,626

13. Summary of Plant and Materials Account

A summary of the operations of the Plant and Materials account is as follows:

	Plant 2023 €	Materials 2023 €	Total 2023 €	Total 2022 €
Expenditure	(1,852,122)	112,360	(1,739,762)	(1,482,317)
Charged to Jobs	1,852,122	-	1,852,122	1,511,877
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**-**	**112,360**	**112,360**	**29,560**
Transfers from/(to) Reserves	-	-	-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) before Transfers	**-**	**112,360**	**112,360**	**29,560**

14. Analysis of Transfers to/from Reserves

A summary of the transfers to/from reserves is as follows:

	2023 Transfer From Reserves €	2023 Transfer To Reserves €	2023 Net €	2022 Net €
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Own Asset)	-	(9,142,984)	(9,142,984)	(3,566,405)
Principal Repaid - Non Mortgage Loans (Recoupable)	-	(5,475,933)	(5,475,933)	(7,918,614)
Principal Repaid - Finance Leases	-	(1,297,202)	(1,297,202)	(1,061,018)
Transfers - Other Balance Sheet Reserves	-	-	-	-
Transfers - Capital Account	12,057,477	(40,868,100)	(28,810,623)	(30,643,071)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**12,057,477**	**(56,784,219)**	**(44,726,742)**	**(43,189,108)**

15. Analysis of Revenue Income

A summary of the major sources of revenue income is as follows:

	Appendix No	2023 €		2022 €	
State Grants & Subsidies	3	92,776,770	27.6%	88,902,594	27.8%
Contributions from other Local Authorities		6,919,393	2.1%	4,493,314	1.4%
Goods and Services	4	71,461,092	21.3%	65,838,724	20.6%
		171,157,255	**51.0%**	**159,234,632**	**49.9%**
Local Property Tax		9,779,302	2.9%	8,698,895	2.7%
Rates		154,729,089	46.1%	151,293,793	47.4%
Total Income		**335,665,646**	**100.0%**	**319,227,320**	**100.0%**

16. Over/Under Expenditure

The difference between the adopted budget and the actual outturn is respect of both expenditure and income is as follows:

	EXPENDITURE					INCOME					NET
	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	(Over)/Under Budget	Excluding Transfers	Transfers	Including Transfers	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	(Over)/Under Budget
	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €	2023 €
Housing & Building	94,865,186	7,690,653	102,555,840	100,906,547	(1,649,292)	97,154,193	529,647	97,683,839	95,185,568	2,498,271	848,979
Roads Transportation & Safety	36,224,984	1,462,516	37,687,500	38,621,058	933,558	10,436,385	-	10,436,385	9,238,205	1,198,180	2,131,738
Water Services	17,092,162	1,566,199	18,658,360	21,369,290	2,710,930	17,117,958	-	17,117,958	18,664,793	(1,546,834)	1,164,095
Development Management	27,874,193	5,150,380	33,024,574	29,623,376	(3,401,198)	8,101,584	-	8,101,584	6,019,776	2,081,807	(1,319,390)
Environmental Services	47,991,896	9,768,830	57,760,727	53,701,071	(4,059,656)	11,698,921	6,837,607	18,536,528	11,038,912	7,497,615	3,437,959
Recreation & Amenity	55,696,686	13,268,491	68,965,177	62,765,265	(6,199,912)	4,155,812	(469,900)	3,685,912	3,459,249	226,663	(5,973,249)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,555,916	1,146,721	2,702,637	1,621,218	(1,081,419)	485,603	-	485,603	354,205	131,398	(950,021)
Miscellaneous Services	9,637,628	16,730,429	26,368,057	25,140,975	(1,227,082)	22,006,799	5,160,123	27,166,922	24,677,692	2,489,231	1,262,148
Total Divisions	**290,938,651**	**56,784,219**	**347,722,870**	**333,748,799**	**(13,974,071)**	**171,157,255**	**12,057,477**	**183,214,732**	**168,638,401**	**14,576,331**	**602,259**
Local Property Tax	-	-	-	-	-	9,779,302	-	9,779,302	9,779,300	2	2
Rates	-	-	-	-	-	154,729,089	-	154,729,089	155,330,700	(601,611)	(601,611)
Dr/Cr Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Divisions	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**164,508,390**	**-**	**164,508,390**	**165,110,000**	**(601,610)**	**(601,609)**
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	**290,938,651**	**56,784,219**	**347,722,870**	**333,748,799**	**(13,974,071)**	**335,665,646**	**12,057,477**	**347,723,122**	**333,748,401**	**13,974,721**	**650**

17. Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities

	2023
	€
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	252
(Increase)/Decrease in Stocks	(112,360)
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade Debtors	8,780,097
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors Less than One Year	6,350,568
	15,018,557

18. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Balances

Increase/(Decrease) in Development Contributions	(11,551,930)
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves created for specific purposes	1,827,408
	(9,724,522)

19. (Increase)/Decrease in Other Capital Balances

(Increase)/Decrease in Voluntary Housing Balances	(4,423,192)
(Increase)/Decrease in Affordable Housing Balances	(9,120,824)
(Increase)/Decrease in Capital account balances including asset formation/enhancement	(16,819,798)
	(30,363,814)

20. Increase/(Decrease) in Loan & Lease Financing

(Increase)/Decrease in Long Term Debtors	(6,842,511)
Increase/(Decrease) in Mortgage Loans	(2,867,692)
Increase/(Decrease) in Asset/Grant Loans	31,063,135
Increase/(Decrease) in Revenue Funding Loans	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Bridging Finance Loans	(4,683,667)
Increase/(Decrease) in Recoupable Loans	(4,482,052)
Increase/(Decrease) in Shared Ownership Rented Equity Loans	(238,212)
Increase/(Decrease) in Finance Leasing	564,972
(Increase)/Decrease in Portion Transferred to Current Liabilities	(144,714)
Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Creditors - Deferred Income	15,251,137
	27,620,396

21. Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Financing

	2023
	€
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Specific Reserves	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Balance Sheet accounts relating to loan principal & Unrealised TP Annuities	(26,948,698)
(Increase)/Decrease in Reserves in Associated Companies	2
	(26,948,696)

22. Analysis of Changes in Cash & Cash Equivalents

Increase/(Decrease) in Bank Investments	833,572
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Transit	286,731
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash at Bank/Overdraft	(2,985,332)
	(1,865,029)

23. Revenue Commissioners: Level 1 Compliance Intervention Letter

In October 2022, 31 City and County Councils were issued with a Level 1 Compliance Intervention letter in respect of Relevant Contracts Tax ("RCT") in accordance with the Revenue Commissioners Compliance Intervention Framework. Since then, the Local Authorities have been liaising with the Local Government Management Agency and external specialist tax advisers to provide requested information to Revenue and to conduct the requested self-review of its RCT obligations in respect of certain contracts. This process is ongoing.

24. Development Contribution Waiver Scheme

In 2023, the Government approved additional measures under the Housing for All Action Plan to incentivise the activation of increased housing supply and help reduce housing construction costs, including the introduction of temporary time-limited arrangements for the waiving of local authority "section 48" development contributions. This waiver is reported in the capital account.
However, due to the accounting treatment of the waiver, the income figure for development contributions in appendix 5 does not agree with development contribution income figure in Note 10 in Annual Financial Statements 2023. The income figure in Note 10 is higher as it also includes the grant income from the DHLGH in respect of the waiver.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

FOR PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	€	€
Payroll		
- Salary & Wages	84,473,403	79,321,464
- Pensions (Incl. Gratuities)	18,907,712	19,173,323
- Other Costs	-	-
Total	**103,381,115**	**98,494,786**
Operational Expenses		
- Purchase of Equipment	2,397,897	2,095,053
- Repairs & Maintenance	2,478,687	2,075,119
- Contract Payments	32,470,330	28,440,300
- Agency Services	64,370,531	55,939,340
- Machinery Yard Charges (Incl Plant Hire)	4,236,278	4,351,249
- Purchase of Materials & Issues from Stores	3,966,464	3,183,489
- Payments of Subsidies & Grants	7,955,613	15,465,251
- Members Costs	495,101	412,998
- Travelling & Subsistence	879,297	712,664
- Consultancy & Professional Fees Payments	9,096,586	5,314,843
- Energy Costs	5,900,246	5,905,295
- Other	23,268,255	22,629,286
Total	**157,515,286**	**146,524,888**
Administration Expenses		
- Communication Expenses	1,363,964	1,266,511
- Training	1,178,155	1,003,834
- Printing & Stationery	615,184	433,133
- Contributions to Other Bodies	2,969,413	2,748,585
- Other	7,394,033	6,298,806
Total	**13,520,749**	**11,750,870**
Establishment Expenses		
- Rent & Rates	1,938,606	1,843,755
- Other	1,397,380	1,018,368
Total	**3,335,986**	**2,862,124**
Financial Expenses	10,336,195	7,728,384
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,849,321	8,676,769
Total Expenditure	**290,938,651**	**276,037,820**

SERVICE DIVISION A

Housing and Building

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
A01 Maintenance/Improvement of LA Housing	14,417,740	437,537	22,875,650	29,609	23,342,796
A02 Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,092,514	-	38,118	14,916	53,034
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,251,719	-	39,392	14,377	53,769
A04 Housing Community Development Support	2,199,040	-	44,057	17,239	61,296
A05 Administration of Homeless Service	3,618,006	-	21,208	477,978	499,187
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog.	10,305,573	6,930,966	244,226	27,076	7,202,268
A07 RAS Programme	52,947,673	50,339,242	4,765,109	6,884	55,111,235
A08 Housing Loans	5,940,099	115,237	4,958,714	11,046	5,084,997
A09 Housing Grants	4,083,187	2,931,430	14,769	4,715	2,950,914
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	3,997,798	2,754,198	6,440	2,520	2,763,158
A12 Housing Assistance Programme	702,491	537,819	16,794	6,572	561,185
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**102,555,840**	**64,046,430**	**33,024,477**	**612,932**	**97,683,839**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	7,690,653	-	529,647	-	529,647
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**94,865,186**	**64,046,430**	**32,494,831**	**612,932**	**97,154,193**

SERVICE DIVISION B

Road Transport & Safety

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
B01 NP Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B02 NS Road - Maintenance and Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B03 Regional Road - Maintenance and Improvement	10,260,843	2,820,522	180,897	63,661	3,065,080
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement	13,503,037	1,957,223	101,869	36,072	2,095,164
B05 Public Lighting	4,222,507	922,997	23,151	5,929	952,077
B06 Traffic Management Improvement	4,040,049	37,939	78,084	9,424	125,446
B07 Road Safety Engineering Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
B08 Road Safety Promotion/Education	3,018,781	29,050	50,648	19,819	99,517
B09 Maintenance & Management of Car Parking	888,880	-	2,187,976	61	2,188,037
B10 Support to Roads Capital Prog.	1,191,697	100,000	46,997	18,390	165,387
B11 Agency & Recoupable Services	561,706	-	1,745,675	-	1,745,675
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**37,687,500**	**5,867,731**	**4,415,298**	**153,356**	**10,436,385**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,462,516	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**36,224,984**	**5,867,731**	**4,415,298**	**153,356**	**10,436,385**

SERVICE DIVISION C

Water Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
C01 Operation and Maintenance of Water Supply	10,424,715	1,355,445	9,072,379	-	10,427,825
C02 Operation and Maintenance of Waste Water Treatment	5,874,877	-	5,874,877	-	5,874,877
C03 Collection of Water and Waste Water Charges	-	-	-	-	-
C04 Operation and Maintenance of Public Conveniences	758,471	-	7,330	2,868	10,198
C05 Admin of Group and Private Installations	379	-	-	-	-
C06 Support to Water Capital Programme	435,297	-	435,297	-	435,297
C07 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	430	-	430
C08 Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	1,164,620	37,913	153,357	178,062	369,332
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**18,658,360**	**1,393,358**	**15,543,670**	**180,930**	**17,117,958**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,566,199	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**17,092,162**	**1,393,358**	**15,543,670**	**180,930**	**17,117,958**

SERVICE DIVISION D

Development Management

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
D01 Forward Planning	3,393,498	-	53,045	20,600	73,646
D02 Development Management	11,622,911	33,313	2,593,246	65,819	2,692,378
D03 Enforcement	1,091,179	-	77,370	6,916	84,286
D04 Op & Mtce of Industrial Sites & Commercial Facilities	1,034,877	-	15,073	4,127	19,200
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion	606,639	54,000	2,970	688	57,658
D06 Community and Enterprise Function	2,147,910	259,564	35,372	13,841	308,777
D07 Unfinished Housing Estates	-	-	-	-	-
D08 Building Control	2,040,822	-	300,273	12,561	312,834
D09 Economic Development and Promotion	7,921,032	2,257,486	813,383	19,558	3,090,428
D10 Property Management	2,062,727	-	704,899	7,779	712,678
D11 Heritage and Conservation Services	1,102,978	744,921	3,434	1,344	749,699
D12 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**33,024,574**	**3,349,284**	**4,599,065**	**153,234**	**8,101,584**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	5,150,380	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**27,874,193**	**3,349,284**	**4,599,065**	**153,234**	**8,101,584**

SERVICE DIVISION E

Environmental Services

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	State Grants and Subsidies	Provision of Goods and Services	Contributions from other Local Authorities	TOTAL
E01 Operation, Maintenance and Aftercare of Landfill	9,576,488	-	6,865,093	9,434	6,874,528
E02 Op & Mtce of Recovery & Recycling Facilities	4,024,898	94,980	1,712,876	60,787	1,868,643
E03 Op & Mtce of Waste to Energy Facilities	923,887	-	-	5,099,694	5,099,694
E04 Provision of Waste to Collection Services	-	-	-	-	-
E05 Litter Management	1,417,517	60,000	65,919	11,190	137,109
E06 Street Cleaning	8,488,874	-	154,039	60,276	214,314
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,150,708	331,870	66,854	4,974	403,698
E08 Waste Management Planning	295,426	94,900	2,616	1,024	98,540
E09 Maintenance and Upkeep of Burial Grounds	2,764,076	-	1,183,130	16,222	1,199,352
E10 Safety of Structures and Places	1,147,063	-	20,431	7,995	28,426
E11 Operation of Fire Service	24,611,680	-	-	-	-
E12 Fire Prevention	224,714	-	1,195,895	1,333	1,197,228
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,175,036	-	1,201,321	11,468	1,212,788
E14 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
E15 Climate Change and Flooding	960,360	177,340	19,562	5,307	202,208
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**57,760,727**	**759,090**	**12,487,734**	**5,289,703**	**18,536,528**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	9,768,830	-	6,837,607	-	6,837,607
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**47,991,896**	**759,090**	**5,650,128**	**5,289,703**	**11,698,921**

SERVICE DIVISION F

Recreation and Amenity

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
F01 Operation and Maintenance of Leisure Facilities	552,782	-	156,118	1,803	157,921
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service	18,316,766	80,065	309,256	101,912	491,233
F03 Op, Mtce & Imp of Outdoor Leisure Areas	25,918,923	25,850	1,343,283	169,285	1,538,419
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development	10,694,604	1,188,823	66,548	47,346	1,302,717
F05 Operation of Arts Programme	13,482,101	-	179,240	16,382	195,622
F06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**68,965,177**	**1,294,738**	**2,054,446**	**336,728**	**3,685,912**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	13,268,491	-	(469,900)	-	(469,900)
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**55,696,686**	**1,294,738**	**2,524,346**	**336,728**	**4,155,812**

SERVICE DIVISION G

Agriculture, Eductaion,Health and Welfare

Service	EXPENDITURE	INCOME			
	TOTAL	**State Grants and Subsidies**	**Provision of Goods and Services**	**Contributions from other Local Authorities**	**TOTAL**
G01 Land Drainage Costs	-	-	-	-	-
G02 Operation and Maintenance of Piers and Harbours	1,516,560	-	5,146	2,014	7,160
G03 Coastal Protection	-	-	-	-	-
G04 Veterinary Service	1,082,661	95,212	334,395	1,928	431,534
G05 Educational Support Services	103,416	46,665	176	69	46,909
G06 Agency & Recoupable Services	-	-	-	-	-
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**2,702,637**	**141,877**	**339,717**	**4,010**	**485,603**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	1,146,721	-	-	-	-
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**1,555,916**	**141,877**	**339,717**	**4,010**	**485,603**

SERVICE DIVISION H

Miscellaneous Services

Service	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	INCOME State Grants and Subsidies	INCOME Provision of Goods and Services	INCOME Contributions from other Local Authorities	INCOME TOTAL
H01 Profit/Loss Machinery Account	-	-	-	-	-
H02 Profit/Loss Stores Account	427,025	-	-	-	-
H03 Adminstration of Rates	21,773,900	-	3,024,029	14,180	3,038,209
H04 Franchise Costs	600,059	79,041	8,890	3,252	91,183
H05 Operation of Morgue and Coroner Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
H06 Weighbridges	15,626	-	-	-	-
H07 Operation of Markets and Casual Trading	1,230	-	66,016	-	66,016
H08 Malicious Damage	-	-	-	-	-
H09 Local Representation/Civic Leadership	2,891,109	379,346	26,355	6,394	412,096
H10 Motor Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
H11 Agency & Recoupable Services	659,108	15,465,875	7,928,871	164,672	23,559,418
Total Including Transfers to/from Reserves	**26,368,057**	**15,924,263**	**11,054,162**	**188,498**	**27,166,922**
Less: Transfers to/from Reserves	16,730,429	-	5,160,123	-	5,160,123
Total Excluding Transfers to/from Reserves	**9,637,628**	**15,924,263**	**5,894,039**	**188,498**	**22,006,799**
TOTAL ALL DIVISIONS (Excluding Transfers)	**290,938,651**	**92,776,770**	**71,461,092**	**6,919,393**	**171,157,255**

APPENDIX 3

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

	2023	2022
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage		
Housing and Building	62,106,181	52,869,015
Road Transportation & Safety	3,914,446	3,914,446
Water Services	1,393,358	3,458,070
Development Management	839,063	826,286
Environmental Services	-	-
Recreation & Amenity	75,000	75,000
Agriculture, Food & The Marine	-	-
Miscellaneous Services	15,882,263	20,742,460
	84,210,311	**81,885,277**
Other Departments and Bodies		
TII Transport Infrastructure Ireland	1,022,997	582,502
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media	21,600	-
National Transport Authority	929,835	891,960
Social Protection	-	-
Defence	-	-
Education	-	-
Library Council	-	-
Arts Council	-	50,000
Transport	-	-
Justice	-	-
Agriculture & Marine	22,043	76,254
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	2,017,927	2,109,110
Rural & Community Development	339,704	654,748
Environment, Climate & Communications	664,110	625,407
Food Safety Authority of Ireland	-	-
Other	3,548,243	2,027,337
	8,566,459	**7,017,318**
TOTAL	**92,776,770**	**88,902,594**

APPENDIX 4

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM GOODS AND SERVICES

	2023	2022
	€	€
Rents from Houses	27,589,483	26,233,337
Housing Loans Interest & Charges	3,992,269	3,211,678
Domestic Water	-	-
Commercial Water	-	-
Uisce Éireann	15,073,191	15,293,504
Domestic Refuse	1,100,933	986,842
Commercial Refuse	-	-
Domestic Sewerage	-	-
Commercial Sewerage	-	-
Planning Fees	2,691,110	2,223,461
Parking Fines/Charges	2,187,819	2,107,846
Recreation & Amenity Activities	840,274	590,200
Agency Services	7,879	130,907
Pension Contributions	2,014,463	2,105,936
Property Rental & Leasing of Land	1,475,406	1,395,514
Landfill Charges	-	-
Fire Charges	1,192,488	1,061,749
NPPR	576,930	1,049,374
Miscellaneous	12,718,848	9,448,376 *
	71,461,092	**65,838,724**

*Includes Library Fees/Fines re-classified .

APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

	2023	2022
	€	€
EXPENDITURE		
Payments to Contractors	98,952,335	76,011,509
Purchase of Land	54,160,722	20,237,154
Purchase of Other Assets/Equipment	32,073,967	11,388,668
Professional & Consultancy Fees	18,889,661	13,219,015
Other	143,583,829	58,377,664
Total Expenditure (Net of Internal Transfers)	**347,660,515**	**179,234,011**
Transfers to Revenue	12,066,680	12,718,929
Total Expenditure (Including Transfers)*	**359,727,195**	**191,952,940**
INCOME		
Grants and LPT	196,157,114	88,972,976
Non-Mortgage Loans	41,337,653	-
Other Income		
Development Contributions	49,817,487	52,531,808
Property Disposals - Land	4,650,246	135,000
- LA Housing	203,000	1,751,902
- Other Property	226,230	234,015
Tenant Purchase Annuities	141,498	(3,562)
Car Parking	-	-
Other	10,873,642	8,573,963
Total Income (Net of Internal Transfers)	**303,406,870**	**152,196,103**
Transfers from Revenue	40,877,304	43,362,000
Total Income (Including Transfers) *	**344,284,173**	**195,558,103**
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	**(15,443,021)**	**3,605,163**
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 1st January	265,757,767	262,152,604
Balance (Debit)/Credit @ 31st December 2023	250,314,745	265,757,767

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

APPENDIX 6

ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

				INCOME				*TRANSFERS*			
		Balance at 01/01/2023	*Expenditure*	*Grants & LPT*	*Non Mortgage Loans **	*Other*	*Total Income*	*Transfers from Revenue*	*Transfers to Revenue*	*Internal Transfers*	*Balance at 31/12/2023*
01	HOUSING & BUILDING	45,026,626	199,606,651	151,263,684	21,337,653	5,209,457	177,810,793	3,039,204	538,850	(23,110)	25,708,012
02	ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	(12,033,473)	36,138,966	14,937,771	-	226,975	15,164,746	925,000	-	20,340,283	(11,742,410)
03	WATER SERVICES	10,811,421	1,031,830	-	-	1,089,351	1,089,351	-	-	436,393	11,305,335
04	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT	134,303,923	57,988,676	21,207,851	20,000,000	58,974,224	100,182,075	8,711,100	-	(42,211,727)	142,996,695
05	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	21,303,306	3,128,467	513,019	-	-	513,019	2,788,500	6,837,607	(48,274)	14,590,477
06	RECREATION & AMENITY	14,103,073	32,402,705	8,199,789	-	121,941	8,321,730	6,560,000	(469,900)	21,506,435	18,558,433
07	AGRICULTURE, FOOD, & THE MARINE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	MISCELLANEOUS	52,242,890	17,363,220	35,000	-	290,155	325,155	18,853,500	5,160,123	-	48,898,202
		265,757,767	**347,660,515**	**196,157,114**	**41,337,653**	**65,912,103**	**303,406,870**	**40,877,304**	**12,066,680**	**-**	**250,314,745**

Note: Mortgage related transactions are excluded

APPENDIX 7
Summary of Major Revenue Collections for 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Debtor Type	**Opening Arrears at 01/01/2023**	**Accrued**	**Vacant Property Adjustments**	**Write Off**	**Waivers & Credits**	**Total for Collection**	**Amount Collected**	**Closing Arrears at 31/12/2023**	**Specific Doubtful Arrears***	**% Collected**
						=(B+C-D-E-F)		.=(G-H)		**.=(H)/(G-J)**
	€	€		€	€	€	€	€	€	
Commercial Rates	2,989,380	154,729,089	142,556	1,558,328	659,317	155,358,268	152,855,500	2,502,768	1,062,736	99.1
Rents & Annuities	7,881,300	27,406,159		-		35,287,459	26,574,072	8,713,387		75.3
Housing Loans	572,286	16,613,780		363,820		16,822,246	16,321,422	500,824		97.0

*Specific doubtful arrears = (i) Vacancy applications pending/criteria not met & (ii) Accounts in examinership/receivership/liquidation and no communication

Note 1 Rental income from Shared Ownership has been included under Housing Loans
Note 2 Income from Tenant Purchase Annuities has been included under Housing Loans
Note 3 Arrears brought forward is shown net of credit balances.
Note 4 Housing Loans are showing NET of overpayments and Includes the principal and net interest due for the year.

APPENDIX 8

INTEREST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMPANIES

Where a local authority as a corporate body or its members or officers, by virtue of their office have an interest in a company (controlled, jointly controlled and associated), the following disclosures should be made for each entity:

Name of Company or Entity	Voting Power %	Classificaiton: Subsidiary/ Associate / Joint venture	Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Revenue Income	Revenue Expenditure	Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	Consolidated in Local Authority accounts (Y/N)	Date of financial statements
Ardgillan Castle Ltd*	50	**Subsidiary**	186,738	- 33,381			153,356	**N**	31/12/2022
BASE Enterprise Centre CLG*	60	**Subsidiary**	519,944	- 228,743	434,999	425,836	291,201	**N**	31/12/2022
Balbriggan Enterprise and Training Centre CLG*	33	**Associate**	514,469	- 191,865			322,604	**N**	31/12/2022
Castlecurragh Management CLG.	33	**Associate**	395,491	- 8,449	143,128	126,611	234,103	**N**	31/08/2023
College Business & Technology Park Management Services CLG	100	**Subsidiary**	-	-	-	-	-	**N**	31/05/2022
City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) Limited by Guarantee	11		977,704	- 423,864	3,035,215	2,767,980	279,017	**N**	31/12/2022
Domville Woods Property Management Company CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	64,728	- 9,549	20,261	11,781	55,179	**N**	31/12/2020
Draiocht CLG.	29	**Associate**	966,731	- 566,071	1,844,743	1,755,890	400,660	**N**	31/12/2022
Drinan Enterprise Centre CLG*	75	**Subsidiary**	599,627	- 493,028	-	-	106,599	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Community & Recreation Services limited by guarantee number 373487	67	**Subsidiary**	597,428	- 544,619	1,867,194	1,867,194	36,658	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Parks & Heritage Trust Ltd.*	100	**Subsidiary**	34,626	- 34,623	-	-	3	**N**	31/12/2022
Fingal Tourism CLG.*	13		66,651	- 32,969	199,963	192,263	33,682	**N**	31/12/2022
Georges Square Management Limited*	50	**Subsidiary**	63,687	- 63,465	-	-	- 35,773		31/12/2022
Hill Mill Company Limited by Guarantee *	25	**Associate**	413,475	- 139,263	732,038	736,874	274,212	**N**	31/12/2022
Kettle's Lane Management CLG	67	**Subsidiary**	150,299	- 7,890	43,287	48,047	114,523	**N**	31/12/2022
Ladyswell Property CLG.	100	**Subsidiary**	116,199	- 76,204	162,789	199,686	39,995	**N**	31/12/2022
Ladyswell Management CLG	67	**Subsidiary**	10,792	- 2,280	29,210	24,070	8,512	**N**	31/12/2022
MALAHIDE CASTLE AND NEWBRIDGE HOUSE LIMITED*	73	**Subsidiary**	5,464,565	- 5,319,343	3,506,435	3,343,831	145,221	**N**	31/12/2022
Montini Property Management Company Ltd by guarantee	33	**Associate**	11,049	- 1,501	6,576	7,393	9,548	**N**	31/12/2022
Mullhuddart Community Centre CLG	29	**Associate**	374,677	- 63,536	513,780	469,436	274,257	**N**	31/12/2022
Ongar Community Centre CLG.	40	**Associate**	218,446	- 39,674	269,113	248,490	126,272	**N**	31/12/2022
Parslickstown House Management CLG	33	**Associate**	273,833	- 86,717	625,334	604,690	100,088	**N**	31/12/2022
Rossan Court Owners Mangament Company limited by guarnantee.	100	**Subsidiary**	25,147	- 3,972	34,363	25,709	21,175	**N**	31/12/2022
The Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre Company CLG.	33	**Associate**	1,026,621	- 304,252	816,376	672,025	522,369	**N**	31/12/2022
Tyrellstown Community Centre CLG	25	**Associate**	180,537	- 58,390	203,578	241,188	99,647	**N**	31/12/2022
Whitestown Property Management Company CLG	33	**Associate**	27,841	- 794	8,550	7,630	8,547	**N**	31/12/2021

Note* Company claimed abridged financial statements relief for a small company under section 353 of the Companies Act 2014

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Statutory Audit Report to the Members of Fingal County Council for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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Auditor's Report to the Members of Fingal County Council

1 Introduction

I have audited the Annual Financial Statement (AFS) of Fingal County Council for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprises the Statement of Accounting Policies, Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Funds Flow Statement and notes to and forming part of the accounts. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in its preparation is the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for Local Authorities, as prescribed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

My main statutory responsibility, following completion of the audit work, is to express my independent audit opinion on the AFS of the Council, as to whether it presents fairly the financial position at 31 December 2023 and its income and expenditure. My audit opinion, which is unmodified, is stated on page 4 of the AFS.

The Council is by law, responsible for the maintenance of all accounting records including the preparation of the AFS. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the statement and to report my opinion. I conducted my audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the AFS. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Council's management in the preparation of the AFS, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations, which I considered necessary to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statement is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error.

This report is prepared in accordance with Section 120(1) (c) of the Local Government Act, 2001 and should be read in conjunction with the audited AFS.

2 Financial Standing

2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income

The Council broke even for the year with the cumulative revenue surplus remaining at €16m. At the Council's Annual Budget meeting held on the 7 November 2023, the Council approved revised budget expenditure for 2023. On the 8 April 2024, the Council further approved additional expenditure of €10m and transfers to the capital account of €6m in accordance with S.104 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

Chief Executive's Response

The transfers to capital provided funding to several key capital projects across the County including heritage properties, community centres, libraries, and the Balbriggan economic regeneration scheme. The increased income and reduced expenditure primarily arose from new income received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (the Department) to offset increased costs due to inflation in addition to lower energy costs as well as some departmental underspends.

2.2 Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Position recorded an increase of €108m, resulting in year end net assets/total reserves of €3,454m (2022: €3,346m). The Council has retained its strong financial position during the year with current and bank investments amounting to €410m. The significant movements are included in the table below:

	31-Dec-23 €	31-Dec-22 €	Increase/ Decrease €	Explanations for Increases or Decreases
Fixed Assets/WIP	€3,296m	€3,145m	€151m	Increase in purchase of land, housing & WIP construction projects
Long-Term Debtors	€307m	€301m	€6m	Increase in Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF) loans & decrease in recoupable loans
Current Assets	€474m	€485m	(€11m)	Decrease in development contribution debtors
Current Liabilities	(€165m)	(€159m)	(€6m)	Increase in accruals and decrease in deferred income
Long-Term Liabilities	(€458m)	(€426m)	(€32m)	Increase in loans payable and CALF loans.
	€3,454m	**€3,346m**	**€108m**	

Chief Executive's Response

The financial position reflects the prudent management of the Council's finances and needs to be viewed in context of the funding requirements in delivering the Council's capital projects as outlined in the Council's Capital Programme. It also reflects the ongoing financial provision that has to be put in place to deal with the very significant financial risks due to the ongoing appeals arising out of the commercial property revaluation, which became effective in 2020.

3 Income Collection

3.1 Summary of Income Collection

Sources of Income	Yield 2023	Yield 2022	Yield 2021	Debtors 31-Dec-23	Debtors 31-Dec-22	Debtors 31-Dec-21
Rates	99%	98%	93%	€2.5m	€3.0m	€7.2m
Rents	75%	76%	77%	€8.7m	€7.9m	€7.2m
Housing Loans	97%	97%	100%	€0.5m	€0.6m	€0.0m

Income from rents and loans is automatically receipted through the Council's financial management system (Agresso). The 2023 rent and loan charges are accounted for in the rental system (OHMS) and loans system (Cygnus) respectively. These systems are not fully integrated with Agresso and consequently an adjusting journal is required at year-end to amend the cash receipts amount to the invoiced amount. It has been reported in previous audit reports that the use of both the OHMS and Cygnus systems represents a risk to the Council. There are immaterial differences between the amounts recorded in the AFS for rents and loans and the amounts recorded on the systems due to reconciliation issues.

The Council has now replaced OHMS with NEC, a new application. This new rental system went live at end of May 2024. It is not a bespoke application and will require tailoring should the Council require specific functionality. The Council is running the NEC application in tandem with OHMS to ensure that the application operated properly. There is no immediate plan to integrate NEC with Agresso.

A project plan is in place to replace the housing loans system to a module within Agresso. The Council are currently undergoing a review of the monthly loan instalment calculations on Agresso compared to Cygnus.

Chief Executive's Response

Debt control management remains a high priority for the Council.

In May 2024, the Council replaced the OHMS system with NEC housing management system which includes a rent module. Work is currently ongoing to complete this rollout.

Work remains ongoing with regards transitioning from the Cygnus loans management system to the Agresso loans module. This is a significant body of work to ensure the new system functions and operates correctly ensuring a seamless transition. It is currently anticipated that the new Agresso loans module will be operational by end Q2 2025, however this is subject to change as the project progresses.

3.2 Rates

The collection yield during the year remained very high, increasing to 99%. Arrears decreased by 17% to €2.5m. The table below shows the improvement in arrears for every range of debtor balance and the reduction in the amounts in credit for account holders.

Closing debtor balance (range)	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	Variance €
Year	2023	2023	2022	2022	Year on Year
=> €10,000	75	2,080,026	124	3,500,747	(1,420,721)
<€10,000 and =>€1,000	291	1,087,996	417	1,527,872	(439,876)
<1,000 and =>€1	165	65,152	193	92,760	(27,608)
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	5,794	(4)	5,552	10	(14)
In credit <=(€1)	172	(730,402)	226	(2,132,009)	1,401,607
Total	**6,497**	**2,502,768**	**6,512**	**2,989,380**	**(486,612)**

Due to the decrease in rate arrears the Council has re-appraised their bad debt provision policy and reduced the bad debt provision by €864k to €1.85m. The current provision now represents 57% of the rate account customers in arrears. The Council prudently created a rates capital reserve during the COVID19 period of €14m to cover potential losses and during 2023 transferred €2.7m to the Income and Expenditure Account. With a collection yield of 99%, the Council should plan to utilise the remaining €11.3m.

Due to the 2020 revaluation of properties, 163 customers originally appealed their new valuation with a potential material loss of income to the Council. There are 32 appeals still outstanding including the appeal by the Dublin Airport Authority. During the year, €16.5m was transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account to cover the cost of the €2.9m determined tribunal appeals decisions and €13.6m to further increase the revaluation reserve to €75.6m. This reserve is to cover future liabilities, where receipts may have to be returned to those rate account customers arising from successful appeals.

The Council accrued €1.5m to be repaid to the Department for the reversal of COVID-19 waivers, for properties that had their valuations decreased on appeal. This amount is under accrued by €600k.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council continues to take a robust approach to the collection of commercial rates arrears. The rate collection team continue to engage with those in arrears on an ongoing basis, to put in place suitable repayment arrangements and takes enforcement measures where there are instances of non-payment of rates.

The COVID-19 reserve was put in place during the pandemic at a time of great uncertainty around the possible financial effect it would have on the Council. This reserve is currently being unwound and being primarily utilised to fund capital expenditure. This needs to be viewed in the context of the very substantial capital funding requirement as outlined in the Council's Capital Programme.

The Council continues to monitor the financial impact of the remaining valuation appeals with the Valuation Tribunal. The revaluation reserve is in place to mitigate against the financial risk arising from these appeals, since 2020.

The additional €600k accrual as referenced in the report will be repaid to the Department in 2024. The accrual that was included in the 2023 AFS was based on discussions with the Department at the time.

3.3 Housing Rents

The collection yield for rents for the year is 75% with tenant accounts in arrears increasing by €795k to €10.2m i.e. excluding those overpaid credit accounts. There has been a continual significant increase over the last 3 years, of tenants getting into serious rent arrears. 84% of the total rent arrears are owed by tenants who are in arrears for greater than 3 years. The table below shows an increase to 205 the number of tenants owing over €10k and 1,763 tenants who owe between €1k and €10k.

Closing debtor balance (range)	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	Variance €
Year	2023	2023	2022	2022	Year on Year
=>€10,000	205	3,304,165	170	2,713,257	590,908
<€10,000 and =>1000	1,763	6,035,104	1,690	5,968,864	66,240
<€1,000 and =>1	2,911	907,014	2,579	769,154	137,860
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	266	(8)	322	(9)	1
In credit <=(€1)	2,429	(1,498,557)	2,584	(1,533,406)	34,849
Total	**7,574**	**8,747,718**	**7,345**	**7,917,860**	**829,858**
*Note - Excludes the Parnell Estate apartments rented privately and have minimal arrears					

Due to the debt profile and the high level of rent arrears during the year the Council increased their bad debt provision by €847k to €8.7m. The bad debt provision represents 85% of rent accounts in arrears, which signifies the Council's level of concern.

Chief Executive's Response

The housing rents team has recently put in place several measures to increase the collection of rent arrears. This includes increased engagement both in early-stage arrears cases and longer-term cases, changes to the collection process and increased in-person interventions as part of on the ground tenancy management. A renewed approach to the escalation of cases that are deemed appropriate for legal intervention is also in place. These measures are being supported by ongoing staff recruitment to this team to ensure appropriate staff resources are in place. In light of these measures the bad debt provision will continue to be kept under review.

3.4 Housing Loans

Housing loans arrears remain constant at €580k and a collection yield of 97%. The arrears of €581k results from 191 accounts with arrears of €2.1m and 1,251 accounts in credit amounting to €1.6m. The main concern with arrears are those 62 accounts with arrears over €10k however the Council has been actively trying to resolve these accounts with the individual borrowers.

Closing debtor balance (range)	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	No. of accounts	Total closing balance €	Variance €
Year	2023	2023	2022	2022	Year on Year
=>€10,000	62	1,769,837	63	1,602,723	167,114
<€10,000 and =>1000	66	331,791	94	410,499	(78,708)
<€1,000 and =>1	63	28,407	84	25,539	2,868
<€1, zero, or >(€1)	177	(2)	595	(197)	195
In credit <=(€1)	1,251	(1,629,209)	960	(1,457,775)	(171,434)
Total	**1,619**	**500,824**	**1,796**	**580,789**	**(79,965)**

There is a bad debt provision in the capital account of €4.2m to cover the potential revenue and capital losses for loans that would not qualify for funding under the mortgage arrears resolution process.

Chief Executive's Response

The housing loans team continues to closely monitor the collection yield and proactively engage with borrowers as necessary. The Council continues with actions to maximise collection on housing loan arrears which includes daily monitoring of account balances with graded level of escalation in accordance with the mortgage arrears resolution process. Such measures are dependent on the level of loan arrears and include restructuring loans where possible, offering the local authority mortgage to rent option and the commencement of legal proceedings where appropriate. The bad debt provision will continue to be kept under review.

4 Control of Council Fixed Assets

Previous audits highlighted issues that arose from the reconciling work completed by the Council between the Property Interest Register (PIR) and the Fixed Asset Register (FAR). I have outlined below the issues and the progress completed by the Council to resolve each of these issues:

- There are 225 land assets included in the PIR that are not registered at all with Tailte Éireann. The Council selected 6 law firms to handle the completion of these files with Tailte Éireann. To date, the Council have assigned 60 files so far that are at various stages of completion. It is essential the Council increase their efforts to complete this work programme to ensure all Council assets are registered with Tailte Éireann and reconciliation is completed to the FAR.
- There are 591 Council land assets included in the PIR but are registered to other individuals or entities. To date, the Council has been conducting an in-house review of these files but slow progress has been made on registering these lands into Council ownership.
- There are 575 land assets separately identifiable in the PIR that cost over €10k each that currently cannot be matched to singular assets in the FAR. The Council has completed a large volume of work and need to resolve complications with bringing land assets onto the register, however no assets have been added to the FAR at year end.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council has initially assigned 60 files to law firms to progress first registration. The property section is liaising with the relevant internal departments to ensure that records are available in order to progress the first registrations on the remaining files in a timely manner.

The Council has reviewed the status of the 591 assets on the PIR which are registered to other individuals/entities and has progressed 151 of these as summarised in table below:

Completed	Registration completed	22
	Land has been disposed and mapped on PIR – no further action required	67
In Progress	Assigned to legal advisors & matter in progress	62
	Total	151

Many of remaining 440 assets relate to the taking in charge of open space and the registration of these will be progressed on a priority basis focusing initially on areas greater than 10 acres and zoned lands. The Council's property section is liaising with the relevant internal departments to ensure that records are available and to progress the remaining first registrations in a timely manner.

The Council has commenced a review of procedures to ensure that the Fixed Asset Register (FAR) and Property Interest Register (PIR) is reconciled annually to ensure land assets above €20k are captured in the FAR in accordance with the relevant circulars.

With regards to the legacy issue of 575 land assets, 345 of these relate to land acquisition for infrastructure. The Council has been following the guide to valuation, which was issued in July 2003, in relation to roads fixed assets. Based on this guidance newly built roads have been added to the FAR when the road is complete which means land purchases for the creation of these new roads are reconciling items between the PIR and the FAR. Similarly, land acquired for improvements and upgrades to roads are not added to the FAR therefore these land purchases are also reconciling items between the PIR and the FAR. Given that the guidance in this area is over 20 years old it is intended to engage with the Local Authority General Accounts Working Group to consider if this guidance should be reviewed.

There are 230 non-infrastructure assets on the reconciling items list, 16 of which relate to 2014-2022. We confirm that 11 of these items were listed on the Fixed Asset Register and will be removed from the reconciling items list. The remaining 5 items will be resolved by Q4 2024. We continue to work through the remaining items with a view to continuing this reconciliation work.

5 Capital Account

5.1 General

The Council has strong reserves in the capital account at year end with a capital balance of €250m. However the Council has committed to many large projects as outlined in its 2024-2026 capital programme. The total expenditure incurred in the capital account during the year amounted to €347.6m with the majority spent on housing (€199.6m), road transportation (€36.1m) and development management (€57.9m). The Council has been very active in the following areas:

- Housing - delivering large masterplans to provide housing schemes (see paragraphs 5.4 to 5.8). Due to the complexities and scale of these masterplans, the delivery of these properties can take years to complete. It is essential that the Council perform tight financial monitoring over the lifetime of these plans on both the costs and funding of these schemes. They also need to keep a constant review on the housing market to ensure that financial exposure is minimised so that historic events with affordable housing (see paragraph 5.2 and 5.3) are not repeated.

- Transportation - delivering large scale road transportation projects over the last number of years. While the Council has received funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA) it is limited and the Council need to provide development contributions against these commitments (see paragraphs 5.9 to 5.11).

- Development - purchasing land parcels for commercial development. The Council must monitor the development value of these sites and review the value for money on servicing the purchased sites. There was an increase during the year in unfunded expenditure of €9.8m to €87.3m on the purchase of industrial land acquisitions.

Chief Executive's Response

As acknowledged in the comments above the capital reserves of the Council needs to be viewed in the context of the very ambitious capital programme.

The increased investment in housing that the Council is making, as part of its responsibilities under Housing for All, brings additional complexity and increased risks. The Council continues to endeavour to put the necessary oversight and monitoring in place to manage the significant risks associated with scale and volume of housing delivery it is undertaking. The Department is also a vital partner in managing these risks and needs to ensure it puts the adequate supports in place to ensure that the Council is not over exposed as it delivers the Department’s housing policy.

The investment in infrastructure across the County is vital for the future development and growth of the County. We continue to endeavour to put adequate oversight, monitoring and control in place to manage the risks associated with projects of this scale. The National Transport Authority (NTA) is a vital funding partner in the delivery of this infrastructure and it will need to ensure it continues to put the financial resourcing in place to ensure these projects can be completed.

The Council has made a very significant investment in the acquisition of land to enable future industrial and commercial development in the County. The economic development section anticipate that the costs of this land acquisition will be recouped from future land disposals for industrial development. The risk will continue to be monitored as the development of these sites progresses.

5.2 Historic Unsold Affordable Properties - General

The Council at the year-end has 406 housing properties on their Fixed Asset Register (FAR) classified as unsold affordable, with a bridging loan balance of €42.1m. These properties are being managed under the following basis:

- 244 unsold affordable units leased to Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) under the Social Leasing Scheme to address social housing needs. During 2023, the Council received €4.8m from the Department to redeem the HFA loans on 71 of these properties. The Council has yet to transfer these properties as social units in their FAR.
- 162 unsold affordable units at the Parnell Estate are managed by a property company on the Council's behalf (see paragraph 5.3).

It was reported at last year's audit that the members approval to lease these properties to the AHB's had lapsed at July 2022. The Council has since failed to put forward a motion for the members to approve renewal of these leases.

Chief Executive's Response

There have been ongoing discussions with the Department with regard to resolving the legacy funding issues of these units. The funding from the Department regarding the 71 properties has only partially funded the full cost of the units so as a result, from an asset perspective we are unable to transfer these units from an affordable to social fixed asset.

This issue regarding renewal of leases is currently under discussion between the Council's housing department and the relevant Approved Housing Bodies, which it is expected will be resolved in the coming months.

5.3 Historic Unsold Affordable Apartments - Parnell Estate

As reported in previous audit reports, the 162 Council owned apartments in the Parnell Estate, Mulhuddart, were leased by a property company to private tenants. To regularise this situation, the Council made the decision that all vacated apartments were to be allocated to social housing under an AHB caretaker agreement. However as recorded last year, these vacated units were not occupied by a new Council social housing nominee but were either left vacant or used by the AHB for decanting purposes while pyrite remediation works were progressing on nearby houses owned by the AHB.

The current situation is that the Council took back control of the vacant units, currently standing at 37 apartments. These apartments are still unoccupied. The remaining apartments are leased to private tenants below market rent, under lease agreements with the rental management company. The Council commissioned fire safety reports and there are substantial works to be conducted alongside pyrite remediation works. These urgent works must be competed without delay.

The Council's management agreement with the private property company to manage the private rented apartments has been extended until 31 December 2023. While the provision of these services is not consistent with procurement procedures it provides continuity of services for the existing private tenants.

Chief Executive's Response

The procurement and planning of these upgrade and remediation works is being prioritised by the Council's housing and architect's departments to ensure the issues are addressed. This will be a multi-annual programme and tenancies will be reviewed as part of this process. The properties that are currently vacant will be an important aspect of this programme in terms of facilitating the decanting of tenants whilst works are being undertaken in individual properties. These vacant properties will then be brought back into use on a permanent basis either as social or cost rental homes. The management agreement will be reviewed as part of this process also.

5.4 Dun Emer Affordable Housing Scheme

In February 2021 a development agreement was signed, between the Council and the joint venture parties from the winning tender, to assist the Council to provide infrastructure and 51 units, comprising 39 affordable and 12 social properties (5 free of charge). The pilot project is now complete and all social units are tenanted and all affordable units are occupied by purchasers. Each of 39 discounted units has an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 30 years or earlier if the house is sold. There is a current deficit on this project of €1.3m that will be funded over time by the payment of the equity charge by the owners.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council's housing department will continue to review the overall funding model in conjunction with the Department with regards to housing delivery to ensure that the housing delivery projects remain financially viable.

5.5 Hayestown Housing Scheme

The Council has appointed a developer and in exchange for the land at Hayestown and an agreed payment of €3.5m, the developer will provide the 52 affordable homes at a Council discounted price, plus the provision of the 10 social houses (7 free of charge). Funding for this project will be as follows:

- The Department approved funding for the 10 social units of €2.9m.
- The Department approved Affordable Housing Funding (AHF) of €3.9m
- The Council will notify the developer of the nominee and sales price for the discounted property. The sales price is calculated on financial circumstances of the nominee. If the sales price is lower or higher than the base price per the development agreement then the Council will either pay the difference to the developer or the developer will repay the Council respectively.
- Each of discounted units will have an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 40 years or earlier if the house is sold.

There is a current deficit on this project of €2.6m relating to the original land purchase. There are three phases in this development with all phases scheduled to be completed by end of year.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council's housing department will continue to review the overall funding model in conjunction with the Department with regards to housing delivery to ensure that the housing delivery projects remain financially viable.

5.6 Balmoston Housing Scheme

An Bord Pleanála approved phase 1 of this development for 432 no. residential units (213 houses, 93 apartments & 126 duplexes). The mixed tenure has developed into 20% social, 20% cost rental, 20% affordable private sales and 40% private sales. The funding for this scheme is as follows:

- The Council has secured funding from the Department for the social units.
- An AHB is in negotiations with the developer to purchase the cost rental units and has applied to the Department for funding through the cost rental equity loan scheme.
- The Council will notify the developer of the nominee and sales price for the discounted properties. The development agreement was tendered in advance of the Affordable Housing Act, 2021 so there is no condition in the agreement on the mechanism to pay the difference between the base price and the actual selling price between the developer and the Council. This issue needs to be clarified before the properties are sold.
- Each of discounted units will have an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 40 years or earlier if the house is sold.

Chief Executive's Response

The Balmoston development is a key project facilitating the delivery of housing in the County. As outlined in the above, there are a number of different housing delivery streams in the project over multiple years. The Council will continue to put adequate monitoring and control structures in place in order to manage the significant risks with a project of this scale and complexity. The Department is an important partner in managing these risks.

5.7 Church Fields Phase 3A Housing Scheme

In December 2023, the Council entered into a development agreement with the winning tender for the design, construction, delivery and sale of a mixed tenure development at Church Fields East, Dublin 15, with a contract value of €116.3m inc VAT. The agreement is to construct 40 social units, 80 cost rental units, 180 affordable units plus associated services. The costs and funding for the development are as follows:

- Social units - the Council has secured funding from the Department.
- Cost rental units - The Housing Finance Agency (HFA) has issued a €21.2m loan at fixed rate of 2.45% repayable by the Council plus the Department issued approval in principle through the AHF funding of €12m.
- Affordable units:
  - Base cost of €54.6m will be funded by Council nominees.
  - The Department issued €18m AHF approval in principle for these discounted units.
  - The Council to receive €3m from the developer for land transfer.
  - Each of the discounted units has an equity charge for the discounted amount to be repaid by the purchasers to the Council within 40 years or earlier if the house is sold.
  - The Council will notify the developer of the nominee and sales price for the discounted property. As with the Hayestown housing scheme (paragraph 5.5), the difference between the sales price and the base price will be paid or refunded between the Council and the developer.
- Associated services comprising of the construction of a community centre, parks, commercial units and a creche will be funded by Council's internal resources.
- Subvention payments of €14.1m in addition to the €116.3m tender value has to be paid by the Council at 3 agreed stage requirements.

Chief Executive's Response

The Church Fields housing scheme is another significant development facilitating the delivery of mixed tenure housing in the County. As outlined in the above, there are a variety of different housing delivery streams in the project over a number of years. The Council will continue to put adequate monitoring and control structures in place in order to manage the significant risks with a project of this scale and complexity. The Department is an important partner in managing these risks.

5.8 Mooretown Land Acquisition

During the year the Council purchased a 23.7 hectares site for €27m at Mooretown. The Council has plans to build social and affordable housing properties currently estimated at up to 600 houses. The social element (70%) of the land purchase has been funded by the Housing Agency's Land Acquisition Funding Scheme (€18.9m). The Council will carry the cost of the affordable element (30%) of the site until they have procured a development partner to construct the houses, when funding from the Department will be applied through the AHF.

Chief Executive's Response

Delivery of this scheme is progressing well and in line with the approach outlined above. Planning permission was granted for the first part of the phased development and the procurement of a main contractor is at second stage of a two stage procurement process. In line with the planning consent under Section 179(a) of the Planning & Development Act, works will commence before the end of 2024. Further phased developments will take place on a multi-annual basis as will be advised to the Department in due course.

5.9 Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

The NTA are funding €7.8m of this project, which was originally estimated at €21.7m. The Council is liable to pay from their own resources the balance of the cost of this project that will include additional costs due to change orders and contractor claims. The construction contract was awarded for €13.8m exc. VAT and this has increased €17.2m exc. VAT with additional claims yet to be determined. This project is ongoing and is currently estimated to be completed in September 2024.

As reported last year the appointment for designer services and site supervision services was made through a non-competitive tender process. The contracts for both these services to the same consultant has been extended to an estimated outturn of €1.6m exc. VAT.

Chief Executive's Response

The Snugborough Interchange Upgrade on the N3 is a significant infrastructure project for the County as well as nationally. This is a very complex project where additional works were required to be carried out by the contractor e.g. diverting third party utilities in addition to property related issues. This had a consequential effect on the engineering services consultant contract where additional services were required. The project is to be completed in September 2024. Transfers from development contributions will be processed quarterly to credit outstanding deficit expenditure on job codes.

5.10 Church Fields Link Road and Cycle Network Project

The NTA are funding €4m of this project, which was originally estimated at €11.7m. The Council is liable to pay from their own resources the balance of the cost of this project. The construction contract was awarded for €6m exc. VAT. The Council has completed a conciliation process with the contractor and agreed a final settlement for €9.6m exc. VAT.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of the Churchfields Link Road and cycling infrastructure is a very significant project which will facilitate the development of hundreds of new homes, a creche, retail units and a new park in Mulhuddart, Dublin 15.

As per the provisions of the Government Public Works Contract a Standing Conciliator was appointed from the outset of the project. Towards the end of the contract, a conciliation meeting was facilitated by the Standing Conciliator with the intention of agreeing a final settlement of account. The Council accepted the Standing Conciliator's assessment that the terms and conditions of the final agreement represented a fair and balanced agreement in line with the rights and obligations of the parties under the contract. The project is to be completed in August 2024. Transfers from development contributions will be processed quarterly to credit outstanding deficit expenditure on the project.

5.11 Barnhill to Ongar Distribution Road

This project was estimated with a total cost of €27m. The construction contract was awarded for €16.8m exc. VAT. This project has to be 100% funded by the Council from their own resources, and this will include any additional costs due to change orders and contractor claims. This project is ongoing and is currently estimated to be completed in Q4 2025.

In 2023 the Council appointed engineering consultants for construction stage design and site supervision services for €966k exc. VAT. This appointment was made through a non-competitive tender process.

Chief Executive's Response

The Ongar to Barnhill Road is a critical piece of infrastructure required to activate housing development in the Barnhill Local Area Plan lands. The scheme consists of approximately 1.8 km of road, footpath and cycle facilities and includes for the provision of a new road crossing of the Dunboyne railway line. The scheme is ongoing and currently on site with an estimated completion date of December 2025.

The negotiated procedure without prior publication process was used for the procurement of the engineering consultants. We note the auditor's comments with regards this and will review the process around this for future procurements. The appointment in this case allows the Council to mitigate against the construction and financial risks of delivering this significant and complex project. Transfers from development contributions will be processed quarterly to credit outstanding deficit expenditure on the project.

5.12 Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) Development

Total expenditure incurred on this project of €12.6m mainly relates to the purchase of land, property interests, consultancy fees and demolition works of houses and the Council car park at Seatown Road. The Council has one further property to purchase that is currently under the compulsory purchase order process. In relation to the development, the Council included in the contract notice for tenders, a residential element at Seatown Road for 36 apartments.

The constructions contracts have now been awarded as follows:

- Construction of the Swords Civic & Cultural Centre for €45.7m
- Construction of 36 apartments for €17.7m

The Council has to fund the SCQ building from its own resources. It has a capital reserve of €24.3m at year end that includes a €20m HFA loan from the authorised €40m, approved by members. The Department is to fund the delivery of the 36 social housing apartments.

Chief Executive's Response

The development of the Swords Cultural Quarter is a very significant project for the Council which will deliver additional housing as well as enhance the cultural fabric of the County. As of August 2024, the construction contractor has now begun on site. The appropriate monitoring and control structures will continue to be in place by the Council to identify and manage risks to ensure the successful completion of the project. Provision has been made in the budget to ensure its funding is on a sustainable footing.

6 Development Contribution Financial Systems

The absence of an integrated fully functioning financial system for development contributions has been recorded over the last number of years. I acknowledge that the Council is currently replacing the old system (CBS) with a new financial contribution system (FCS). Once the new system has successfully completed its user acceptance testing and approval stages, the Council has informed me that the new system will operate with both an invoicing and credit control function. The development contribution income for 2023 amounted to €58.2m so it is essential that the Council have a robust financial system to monitor and control these monies.

Chief Executive's Response

The planning and strategic infrastructure department set up a project team in conjunction the Council's digital services department to work with a new service provider procured in 2023 in implementing a new financial contribution system. It is expected that the new system will be operational in Q4 2024. The new system will provide for improved system functionality and reporting abilities to enable robust monitoring and control of development contribution transactions.

7 Corporate Affairs & Governance

7.1 Statement on Internal Financial Control (SIFC)

An Advisory Group, chaired by the Department and comprising representatives of the main stakeholders in local government governance, was established to guide and advise on a Statement of Internal Financial Control for the Local Authority Sector. This work is now complete and in accordance with Circular LG05-2024, Local Authorities are now required to prepare and publish a SIFC as part of their Annual Reports for 2023. The SIFC, which is signed by the Chief Executive, includes their summary of the financial standing of the local authority and the key internal financial controls.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council have prepared a Statement of Internal Financial Control which has been included in the 2023 Annual Report.

7.2 Internal Audit Function

There were 7 internal audit reports completed during the year and the unit also carried out 4 in-depth checks to support the Council's quality assurance work on the Public Spending Code. The Head of Internal Audit also facilitates the risk management process for the Council. The National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) issued a national report on internal audit in the local authority sector and the Council must ensure that these recommendations are implemented.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council is committed to promoting the highest standards of corporate governance throughout the organisation and Internal Audit is an important element in facilitating this goal. The recommendations made in the NOAC report are being addressed locally where relevant. The recommendations require conformance with Global Internal Audit Standards. The Council's Internal Audit will continue to work with colleagues of the Local Government Internal Audit Network and the County and City Management Association to ensure progress toward conformance both locally and where a wider sectoral context is required. Actions have been included in the Internal Audit development action plan regarding both the NOAC report recommendations and gaps identified from a self-assessment against the International Internal Audit Standards. The progress of this will be monitored by the Audit Committee.

7.3 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met 5 times during 2023 which included meeting separately with the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance. The Audit Committee continues to deliver on its governance and oversight functions and at the March 2024 Council meeting, the 2023 annual report of the Audit Committee was presented. The Head of Internal Audit has introduced new governance action follow up reports that will improve the committee's oversight in the performance of the Council in addressing identified weaknesses recorded in internal and external audit reports.

Chief Executive's Response

The Audit Committee is an important part of the overall control assurance framework within the Council. The Audit Committee will continue to be supported by the Council in the delivery of its key legislative and governance functions.

7.4 Local Authority Companies

Appendix 8 outlines the list of companies that the Council holds an interest. These companies are audited by private audit firms. It is the responsibility of the Council to implement and maintain proper controls and procedures to ensure propriety and proper governance are in place for the subsidiary companies. This is to ensure that transactions are carried out in accordance with the Council's obligations to the public.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council are developing a policy and procedure document for the Governance of Appointments to Subsidiary Companies. It is proposed to further enhance training for Directors acting on behalf of the Council in Q4 2024.

Acknowledgement

I wish to record my appreciation for the courtesy and co-operation extended to audit by the management and staff of the Council.



Daragh Mc Mahon

Principal Auditor

18 September 2024

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 15b

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee Report on the Audited AFS

Section 121 (3) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 60 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the Audit Committee to report to the Council on its consideration of the audited Annual Financial Statement (AFS) and the Statutory Audit Report.

On 20 November 2024, the Audit Committee met with the Local Government Auditor, Mr. Daragh McMahon, and considered and discussed the audited Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Audit Report for Fingal County Council for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The audit was carried out in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, as prescribed under Section 117 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

The Audit Committee is pleased to note the unqualified opinion of the local government auditor as follows:

'In my opinion the annual financial statement, which has been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations for local authorities, presents fairly the financial position of the Fingal County Council at 31 December 2023 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.'

Overview of key discussion points:

- The Audit Committee discussed the contents of the Statutory Audit Report with Mr. McMahon, who provided explanations and clarifications on his findings and on the Chief Executive's responses to his findings.

- The Audit Committee reviewed the findings with a view to prioritisation based on the findings of the Local Government Auditor. As per its legislative requirements, the Audit Committee will be overseeing the implementation of the Local Government Auditor's findings and associated recommendations.

- The Local Government Auditor made a number of positive comments on matters investigated during the external audit process namely:
    1. There was a lot of good work done with some areas not having any issues at all;

    2. He noted that the Council was very proactive and innovative in some of their housing scheme initiatives;

    3. Improvements were made in the timeliness of audited accounts preparation from Local Authority companies thereby improving the governance of those companies;

    4. There were significant improvements in the goods receiving and bank reconciliation processes;

5. There was also a marked improvement in the engagement with the external audit team by the Council executive teams;

- The Local Government auditor also suggested a number of improvements, and these are set out as follows:

    1. He was of the opinion that there was not enough progress being made in relation to the process of understanding what fixed assets were owned by the Council and having those assets registered with the Property Registration Authority (PRA);

    2. He noted the ongoing difficulties with private tenancy arrangement in the Parnell Estate housing scheme but acknowledged that it is a matter that will only be resolved in the medium to long-term;

    3. He noted that some Documented Procedures were out of date and needed updating to ensure the seamless continuity of services;

    4. He also noted some deficiencies in the past when applying the Public Procurement rules but acknowledged that these were legacy matters that had since been addressed;

- The Audit Committee wish to confirm that the Audited Annual Financial Statement, the Statutory Audit Report, and our general discussion with Mr. McMahon, will continue to inform the Audit Committee's work and will be considered during the development of the Internal Audit Plan for 2025.

- The Audit Committee will also monitor the implementation of recommendations made by Mr. McMahon during the coming year through regular management reports and presentations.

Chris Harmon
Chairperson, Fingal County Council Audit Committee

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 16

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Ref: LD 1322

13th December 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Derek Murphy

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An application has been received by the Council from Derek Murphy seeking to acquire land to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folio DN605F which is in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 33 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-4043-24 dated 28th May 2024, contained within Folio DN605F, to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, to Derek Murphy on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of additional garden space only to No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached copy Drawing No. LA-4043-24 dated 28th May 2024, for identification purposes only, comprising an area of 33 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €3,000 (three thousand Euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. That the land shall be disposed of with full unencumbered freehold title.

5. That the land shall be disposed for gardening use only and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature.

6. 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.

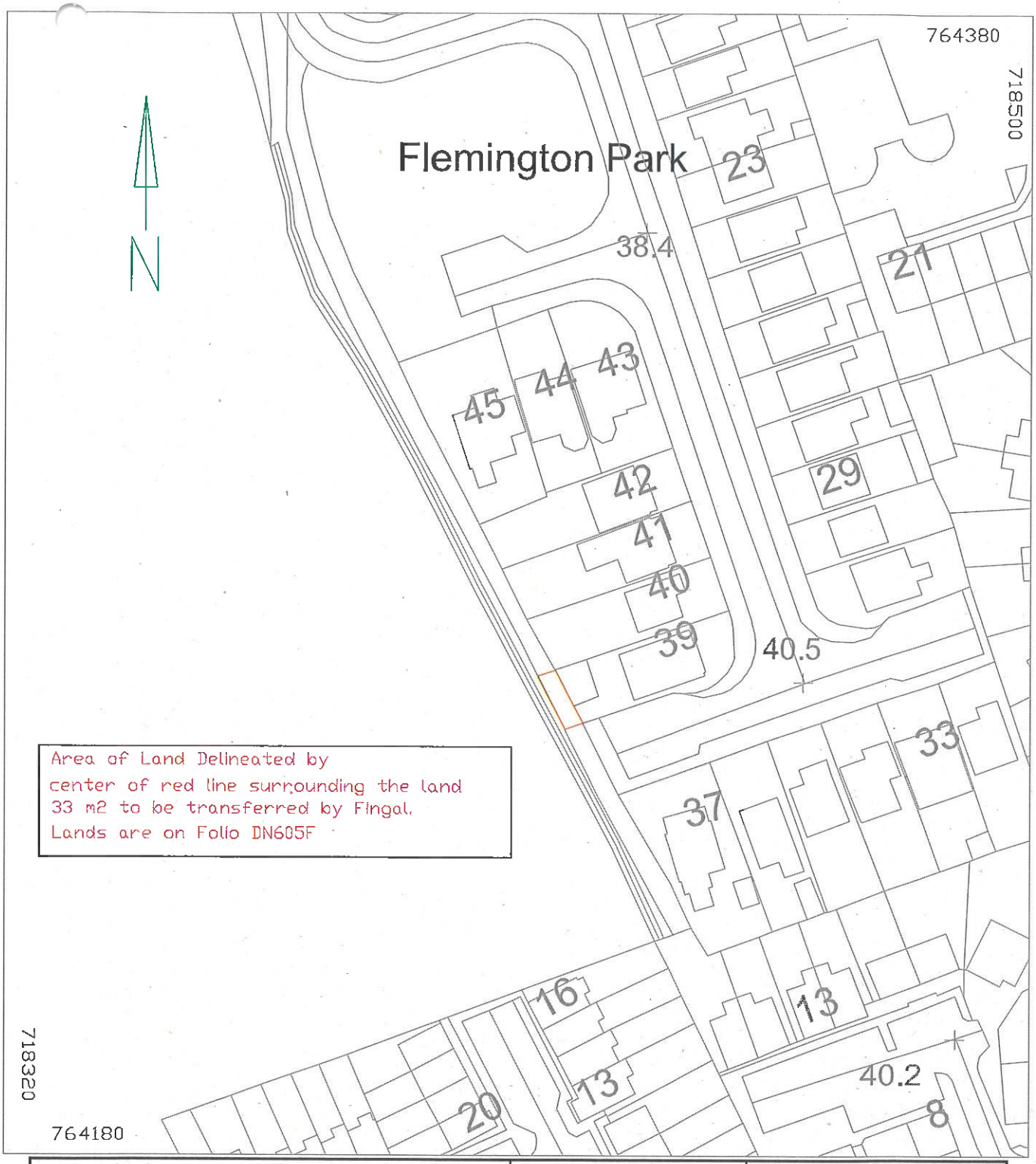
7. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

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

The land to be disposed of was acquired from the Irish Land Commission in 1969 for Housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which was held on 12th December 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, 13th January 2025

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Dwg No:	LA-4043-24	O.S.Ref:	
Date:	28 May 2024	Drawn By:	LJM
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Dev. File No:	LD1322	Job No.	SM/043/24
Grass Area :			
Road Area :			
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Project:
Lands at rear 39 Flemington Park

Land to be transferred by:
Fingal Co Co

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Ref: LD 1321

13th December 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin to Patrick & Maria Goulding.

An application has been received by the Council from Patrick & Maria Goulding seeking to acquire land adjacent to No. 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folio DN605F which is in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 109 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-248-22 dated 18th July 2022, contained within Folio DN605F, adjacent to No. 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, to Patrick & Maria Goulding on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to provide additional garden space only to No. 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached copy Drawing No. LA-248-22 dated 18th July 2022, for identification purposes only, comprising an area of 109 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €3,000.00 (three thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. That the land shall be disposed of with full unencumbered freehold title.

5. That the land shall be disposed of for gardening use only and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature.

6. 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.

7. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

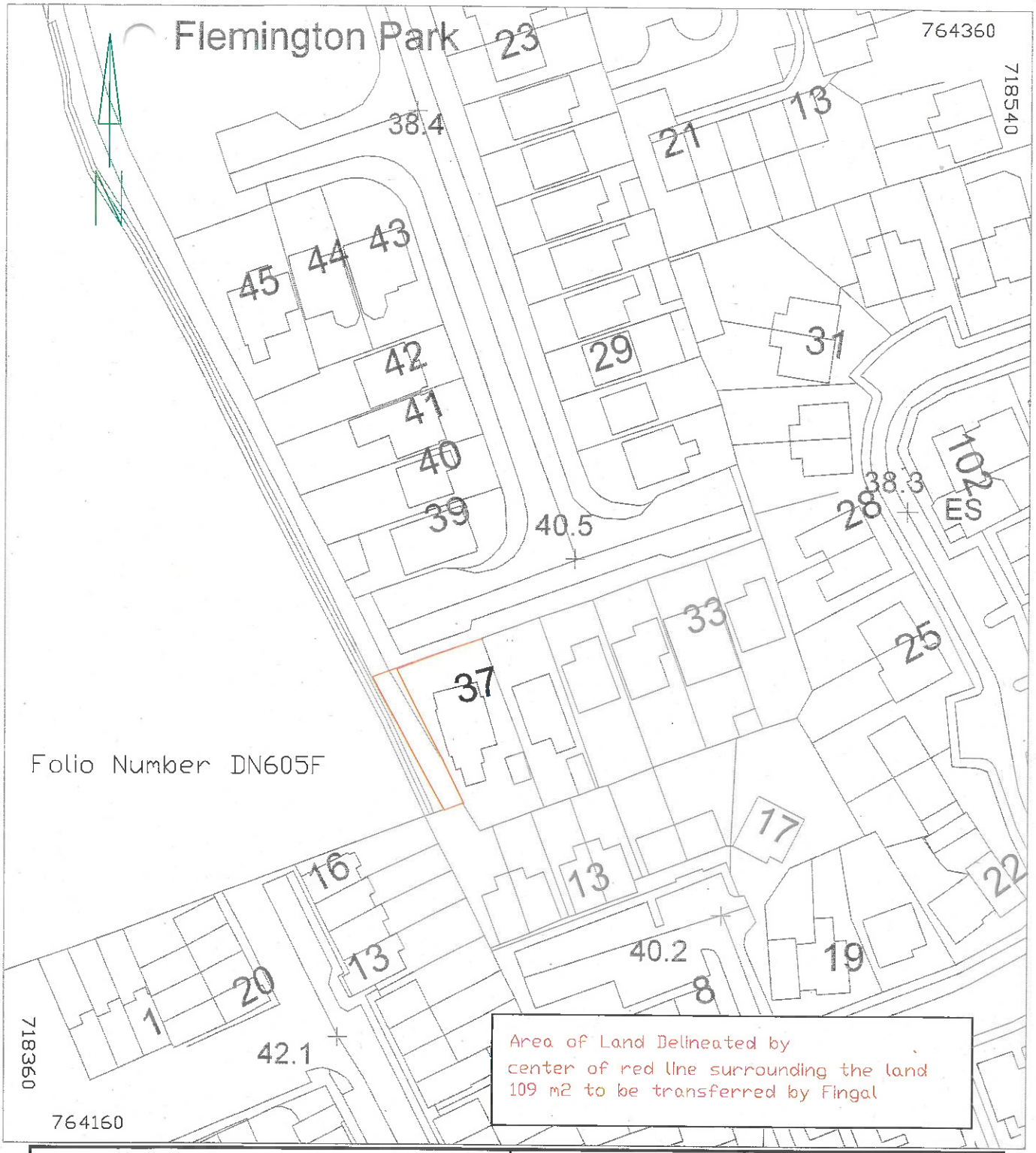
8. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from the Irish Land Commission in 1969 for Housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which was held on 12th December 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, 13th January 2025.

Aoife Brennan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development



Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall Fingal County Council	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL	Dwg No: LA-248-22	O.S.Ref:
		Date: 18 JULY 2022	Drawn By: LJM
		Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
		Dev. File No:	Job No. SM/48/22
Project: Land at No 37 Flemington Park		Gross Area :	
Land to be transferred by : Fingal Co Co		Road Area :	
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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD1468

13th December 2024

To: Each Member of the Council

Re: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Sunniva Clegg

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An application has been received by the Council from Sunniva Clegg seeking to acquire land at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folio DN4932 which is in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, to dispose of Council owned land comprising an area of 158 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-4015-24 dated 14th February 2024, contained within Folio DN4932 at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to Sunniva Clegg on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal of the land is to rectify the boundaries of the property at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin to reflect the physical boundaries of the property on the ground and correct mapping in the Property Registration Authority (PRA).

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached copy Drawing No. LA-4015-24, for identification purposes only, comprising a total area of 158 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €1,000.00 (one thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

4. That the land shall be disposed of with freehold title or equivalent and subject to the many encumbrances registered on Folio DN 4932.
5. That the purchaser shall pay the Council's reasonable legal costs which are estimated at €1,800.00 (one thousand and eight hundred Euro) plus VAT and outlays, Valuer's fee of €1,000.00 (one thousand Euro) plus VAT and surveyor's fee of €700.00 (seven hundred Euro) plus VAT incurred in this transaction.

6. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

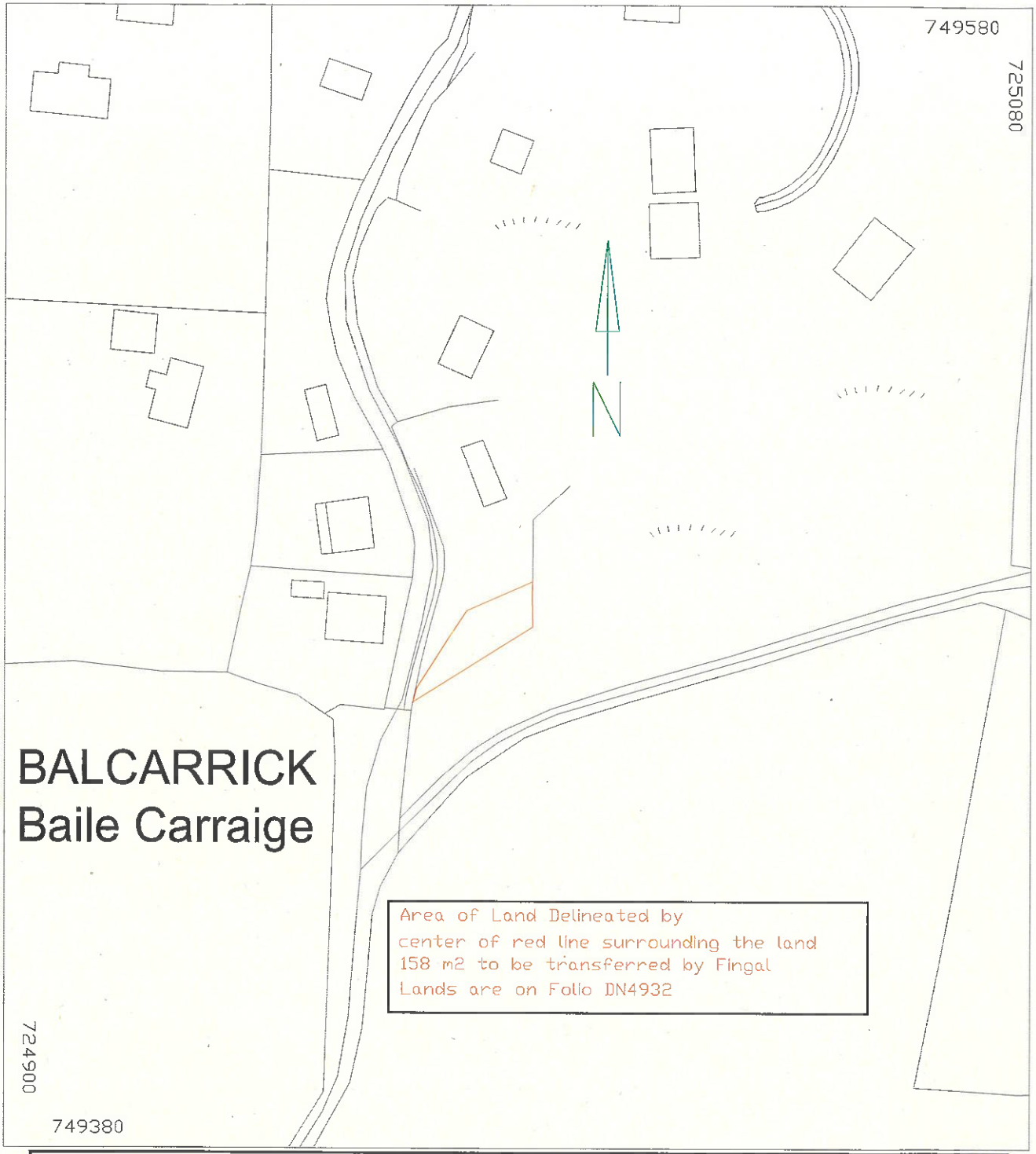
7. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired in 1971 from Corballis Golf Club for Community & Amenity purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal was included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which was held on 12th December 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, 13th January 2025.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer,
Economic, Enterprise, Tourism &
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Dwg No: LA-4015-24	O.S.Ref:
Date: 14 Feb 2024	Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
Dev. File No: LD1468	Job No. SM/015/24

Project:
Lands at Eagans Lane Donabate

Land to be transferred by:
Fingal Co Co

Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 17

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 18

2024 CONSERVATION GRANTS

Presentation on the night.

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Annual Service Delivery Plan

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Council

OUR MISSION

To provide a high-quality people-centred service, enable planned growth, lead on climate action and celebrate our cultural heritage.

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Introduction

Fingal County Council's Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025 is adopted by the Members of the County Council in the context of delivering the objectives of the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2029.

The Service Plan sets out the principal services the Local Authority intends to provide to the public in the period to the end of 2025. Alongside these principal services, the Plan sets out the service funding, service delivery objectives and performance measurements of these services. In doing so, the Plan is a reference point for the citizens of Fingal for information on the services and performance standards that they can expect from their Local Authority.



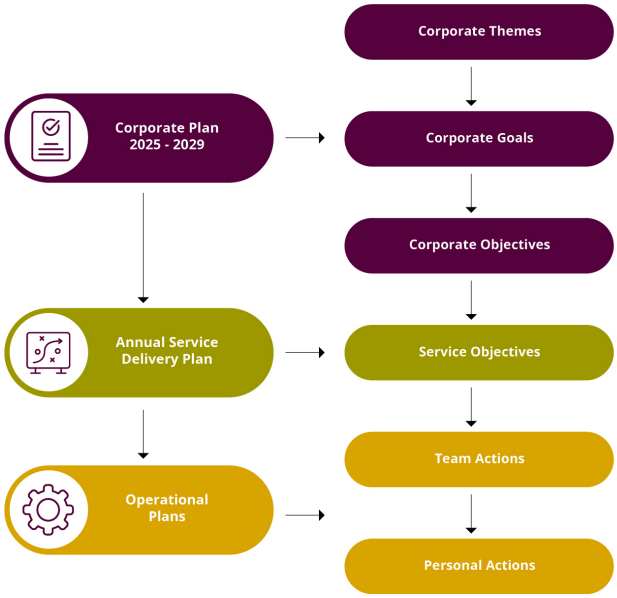
Organisational Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets out the Mission, Strategic Priorities and Strategic Objectives of Fingal County Council over the five year term of office of the Council.

The Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal service delivery objectives and priorities for each individual year.

These service objectives then cascade into Operational Team Plans and the Objectives and Actions of individual staff members through the PMDS Process.

Hierarchy of Plans and Objectives

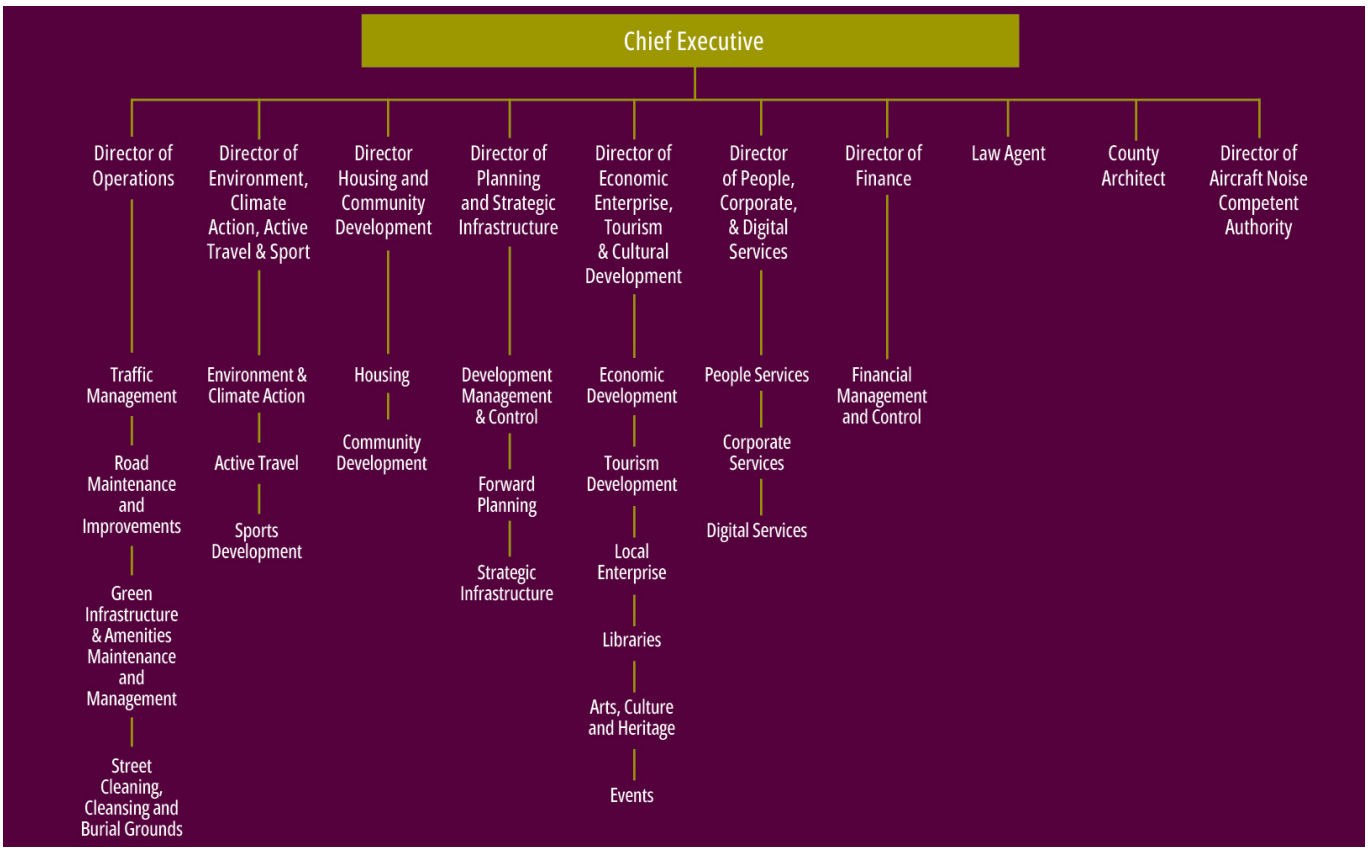


The Priorities and Objectives set out in the Corporate Plan provide the framework within which services are to be delivered by the Executive of the Council.

This Service Delivery Plan sets out how these priorities and objectives will be progressed in 2025.



Organisational Structure



Fingal County Council's services are arranged around a number of main functional Departments. The principal services are provided through the following Service Delivery Departments:

- Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development
- Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports
- Housing and Community Development
- Operations
- Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

These departments are supported by enabling departments within the organisation which, though not charged with direct service provision, provide essential supports across all departments in order to facilitate the service provision and work programmes.
The Support Departments are:

- Architects
- Corporate Services
- People Services
- Digital Services
- Finance
- Law

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport. This is administered by the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority.

Organisational Resources

The Budget for the year ending 31st December 2025 was presented to and approved by the Members on 3rd December 2024 and it provides for a total expenditure of €388.9m.

Division	Service Description	Expenditure (€)	% of Budget	Spend per head of population (€)
A	Housing and Building	135,762,200	34.91%	412.38
B	Road Transport and Safety	44,021,700	11.32%	133.72
C	Water Services	18,914,800	4.86%	57.45
D	Development Management	36,202,300	9.31%	109.96
E	Environmental Services	54,781,800	14.09%	166.40
F	Recreation and Amenity	73,719,900	18.96%	233.92
G	Agriculture, Food and The Marine	1,881,700	0.48%	5.72
H	Miscellaneous Services	23,591,500	6.07%	71.66
Total		**€ 388,875,900**	**100.00%**	**€ 1,191.21**

The Council's overall objective for the 2025 budget is to sustain quality services and to assist the delivery of the required infrastructure projects in the County.

Staffing resources available to the council as of 31st December 2024 are as follows:

Employee Category	Total
Clerical/ Administrative	745
Managerial	11
Outdoor	550
Professional/ Technical	322
Total	**1628**

Recruitment activity has continued this year with a total of 101 competitions held in 2024. The opportunity to progress within the local authority sector, the public service generally and the private sector has resulted in a highly competitive recruitment and retention environment and significant levels of turnover have continued.

Implementation and Monitoring

This Annual Service Delivery Plan sets out the principal services the Council proposes to deliver by the end of December 2025 within existing constraints on funding and resources.

The Plan will be monitored by the Executive Management Team and progress on matters will be reported through the monthly Chief Executive Report at Council Meetings.

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Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development

The Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development Department (EETCD) promotes local employment, productivity enhancement and economic and cultural growth and development of the county.

This is achieved by working in partnership with inter alia local businesses, arts & community groups, chambers of commerce, state agencies and higher education institutes.

Policy initiatives are developed and implemented across key areas of investment promotion and facilitation, economic, industrial and local development, skills development, sustainable business, tourism development and marketing, the regeneration of towns and villages through a place-making and Town Centre First approach, urban and rural development, participation in EU Programmes and local enterprise support.

The Cultural life of the county will continue to be supported by the Arts and Events Offices providing extensive programmes and support the County's two arts centres, Draíocht and Seamus Ennis Centre, the Creative Ireland Programme and the economic and community development potential of festivals and events.

The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy now provides the strategic framework for economic development in the county, and guides the Local Economic & Community Plan, Skills, Tourism and Food Strategies and the county's participation in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Initiative.

Fingal's Local Economic and Community Plan sets a shorter-term framework for economic and community work in Fingal and the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC and LCDC will continue to oversee the implementation of the LECP objectives, as well as the LEADER and SICAP Programmes.

The Xplore Your Future Skills Expo will again be delivered in 2025.

Active participation in and support of regional economic initiatives under the Dublin Belfast Economic Partnership (DBEC) will continue in 2025, including a DBEC Summit in February 2025.

Participation in European Projects in the Interreg and Urbact Programmes will continue in 2025.

Implementation of The Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 will continue in collaboration with local and national tourism, food & drink partner and stakeholders.

These strategies complement the Local Enterprise Development Plan 2025-2028, which is delivered by the Local Enterprise Office with funding provided by Enterprise Ireland.
The network of Enterprise Centres in the county will continue to receive support.

The work programme of the EETCD Strategic Policy Committee, the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the functioning Enterprise Centre Network and the Visitor Attractions – Heritage Properties will continue to be supported.

The monitoring and responding to demand for investment land and acquisition of lands for current and future needs will remain a priority.

The Libraries Department operates 10 branch libraries, Local Studies & Archives, 4 mobile library vans and a housebound service. Libraries in Fingal are progressive and innovative and provide accessible, democratic, inclusive and dynamic spaces in which people can meet, engage, create and learn. Library staff organise an extensive range of cultural, educational and recreational events and activities throughout the year and since the start of 2022 coordinate the Creative Ireland programme for Fingal.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
D04	Industrial and Commercial Facilities	793,900
D05	Tourism Development and Promotion	1,002,800
D06	Community and Enterprise Function	399,000
D09	Economic Development and Promotion	2,816,200
D10	Property Management	660,100
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	18,400
F05	Operation of Arts Programme / Festivals & Concerts	10,473,700
J101	Property Services	207,000
F02	Operation of Libraries and Archival Services	12,489,100
Total		**€ 28,860,200**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T2.G2.O6 CP-T2.G1.O6	SDP25-EETCD-01	Foster a strong local economy, promote environmentally sustainable business and support the management and development of the corporate estate	Support for economic development in County. Implementation of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy. Prepare new Future Fingal Sustainable Fingal Strategy to support environmentally sustainable economic development in the County and promote the circular economy. Support for regional economic development through DBEC Partnership. Delivery of the Stephenstown (FP 4.A) and Folkestown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plans. Support and progress the development of the Council's industrial, infrastructural, housing and recreational land holdings through project delivery, property acquisitions and disposals. Deliver Fingal Xplore Skills Expo.
CP- T2.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-02	Channels supports to local businesses in Fingal Promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses	Evidence of promoting entrepreneurship. Number of business set-ups supported. Number of existing micro and small businesses supported. Number of Jobs created.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
		To drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	Number of new business ideas supported.
CP- T2.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-03	Implement and manage local community and economic development programmes including (SICAP) and LEADER	Programmes delivered effectively. Progress and implement new LEADER Programme.
CP – T6.G6.O4	SDP25-EETCD-04	Foster collaborative leadership among stakeholders in local community and economic development to drive job creation and to provide accessible high quality supports for new business ideas	Support LCDC. Implement LECP. Implement Healthy Ireland. Prepare County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). Participation and delivery of EU Projects. Progress delivery of projects under various funding streams.
CP – T1.G1.O8 CP - T2.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-05	Implement Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan and Town Centre First Regeneration Policy	Progress & Implement the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan's Objectives. Delivery of URDF Funded Projects. Progress & Implement actions under Smart Balbriggan Objectives. Prepare and Implement Town Centre First Plans and Town Centre First Health-checks. Take a proactive approach in dealing with derelict sites and vacancy. Identify and avail of opportunities for Regeneration Initiatives – Town Centre First, URDF& RRDF.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
			Progress & Implement Streetscape and Shop-front Improvement Schemes across the County.
CP – T2.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-06	Strengthen the proposition and marketing of tourism in the County	Progress and implement the Fingal Tourism Strategy. Develop a collaboration framework with internal, local, and national tourism, food & drink stakeholders. Agree an innovative, value added, best practice destination, tourism, food & drink marketing plan. Develop a county wide audit of tourism and food & drink assets
CP – T2.G2.O6 CP – T3.G3.O8	SDP25-EETCD-07	Facilitate the creation of a Fingal food and drink tourism destination	Implement Food & Drink Policy. Facilitate an industry led network of food producers and suppliers. Enable more prominent food offerings at Heritage Properties. Encourage and track local production and supply. Develop new and existing food and drink markets.
CP – T1.G1.O8 CP – T2.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-08	Promote heritage led tourism initiatives at Fingal Heritage Properties	Increase number of heritage events at heritage properties. Work in tandem with operators to perform restoration works and expand collections. Participate in MSPI in at least one heritage property.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP - T1.G1.O8 CP – T.G2.O6	SDP25-EETCD-09	Optimise and expand visitor experiences at all Fingal visitor attractions and events	Implement ambitious Capital Programme to protect, conserve, develop and improve FCC visitor attractions. Increase the number of large-scale events at heritage properties. Establish a more collaborative approach to how visitor attractions are marketed.
CP – T3.G1.O6	SDP25-EETCD-10	Implement the Fingal Art Development Plan 2019 - 2025	Actions as outlined in the Plan are implemented.
CP – T3.G1.O6	SDP25-EETCD-11	Implement the Eight Year Framework Agreement with the Arts Council	Actions as outlined in the Framework Agreement are implemented.
CP-T3.G3.O5 CP-T3.G3.O6	SDP25-EETCD-12	Implement the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024-2029	Actions as outlined in the Plan are implemented.
CP-T3.G3.O5 CP-T6.G6.O5	SDP25-EETCD-13	Provide welcoming, democratic, safe, and sustainable libraries at the heart of our communities	Preparation for the new County Library in the Swords Cultural Quarter progresses. The newly refurbished and extended Skerries Library is opened. Donabate Library is relocated to Ballisk House. Improvement works at Baldoyle Library are completed.
CP-T3.G3.O3 CP-T3.G3.O4 CP-T3.G3.O6 CP-T3.G3.O8	SDP25-EETCD-14	Engage and collaborate with local, national and community groups, to provide inclusive, diverse, and relevant library services and programming	Collaborative programming is developed with the expertise of local and national groups. A diverse range of community led and inclusive, creative, and cultural events is delivered through the Creative Ireland Programme.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
			Models of community engagement with the makerspace initiative are explored.
CP-T4.G4.O1 CP-T4.G4.O3	SDP25-EETCD-15	Provide accessible and inclusive libraries for all	Greater access with longer opening hours is provided through the provision of 'My Open Library.' Creative Ireland funding and the expertise of creative practitioners is leveraged to ensure that everyone has access to creative activities. Specialist collections and resources that support literacy, life skills and life-long learning are improved. Access to new technologies and Services is provided to support people in navigating the digital world.
CP-T3.G3.O6 CP-T4.G4.O1	SDP25-EETCD-16	Provide citizens with access to cultural, creative, and learning opportunities through library services	Book collections, both physical and electronic are enhanced with increased book fund spend. High quality informal educational and lifelong learning programming is provided across all ages and socioeconomic Groups. The digitisation programme at Local Studies and Archives continues.


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5K Fun Cycle
POGO CYCLES
DUBLIN CYCLING CAMPAIGN
CULTURE NIGHT
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Dublin City Council
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council
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Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports

The Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department provides a wide range of services principally in the area of Environmental Protection and Enforcement, Control of Dogs & Horses, Climate Action, Active Travel initiatives and Sports Programmes.

The Department also manages closed and historic landfills, a network of bring banks (bottle, aluminium and textiles), Environmental Awareness and Education Programmes and initiatives including the national green schools' programme.

The Environmental Inspection Plan (RMCEI) details the planned activities of environmental enforcement and regulation by the Council in the areas of Waste, Water, Air, Noise and Litter.

Active Travel is a priority for the Department as part of its ongoing commitment to Climate Action. The Department also manages a road safety section and the provision of a school warden service.

The Sports Section deliver innovative sports programmes to promote physical wellbeing, provide training, administer grant funding and raise the profile of sport in Fingal.

Principal Services & Financial Resources

The tables below set out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services by category:

Environment & Climate Action

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E01	Landfill Operation and Aftercare	2,579,400
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	4,577,300
E05	Litter Management	1,207,700
E07	Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement	1,563,000
E08	Waste Management Planning	299,400

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
G04	Veterinary Service	1,132,900
E03	Waste to Energy	871,600
E11	Operation of Fire Service	25,854,200
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,809,800
E15	Climate Change & Flooding	1,275,800
E05	Environmental Awareness	370,300
Total		**€42,541400**

Active Travel

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B08	Promotion Road Safety Promotion and Education	3,447,900
Total		**€ 3,447,900**

Sport

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
F04	Community Sport and Recreational Development	1,826,300
Total		**€ 1,826,300**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T5.G5.SO4	SDP25.ECAATS.01	Implement the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024 -2030	See EPA annual report.
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO4-O8	SDP25.ECAATS.02	Aftercare of historic and closed landfills	Compliance with EPA Landfill Licence Requirements.
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP25.ECAATS.03	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for Air and Noise pollutions	EPA rating for local authority enforcement produced annually.
CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP25.ECAATS.04	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for Waste Enforcement	EPA rating for local authority enforcement produced annually.
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25.ECAATS.05	Operate Dog Warden and Dog Shelter Services	Number of Dog Licenses purchased. Number of investigations (CRM's raised) completed. Number of dogs rehomed or reclaimed.
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25.ECAATS.06	Operate a Horse Control Service	Number of horses rehomed or reclaimed.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO1-O4 CP-T6.G6.SO7-O9	SDP25.ECAATS.07	Operate Litter Warden Service	Number of patrols completed. Number of Investigations (CRM's raised) completed.
CP-T3.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO5-O8	SDP25.ECAATS.08	Implement Environmental Inspection Plan for protection of Surface, Ground and Coastal Waters	Deliver on all water quality related monitoring/inspections/ enforcement as specified in the Annual RMCEI Plan.
CP-T3.G3.SO2 CP-T3.G3.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25.ECAATS.09	Provide an Environmental Awareness Programme	Number of green flags awarded to schools. Number of Environmental Awareness and Waste Reduction Awareness campaigns and educational programmes delivered.
CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T5.G5.SO4 CP-T5.G5.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO8	SDP25.ECAATS.10	Co-ordinate the delivery and implementation of the Climate Action Plan 2024-2029	Support and monitor the implementation of CAP actions. Support and inform the CA Steering Group and CA SPC. Coordinate the reporting and evaluation of the CAP including the preparation of an Annual Progress Report for submission to DECC, and a full report for Councilors and the public. Delivery of CAP actions. Delivery of the Community Climate Action fund. Delivery of Climate Action Awareness campaigns.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25.ECAATS.11	Provide Bring Banks for glass bottles	Tonnage of Glass Collected and recycled. Number of Bottle Bank sites in Fingal.
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1-O5 CP-T6.G6.SO1-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-12	Strategic Planning as directed and requested by the Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department.	Inputs to statutory planning processes such as Local Area Plans, Masterplan, Strategic Infrastructure i.e. Metrolink.
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1-O5 CP-T6.G6.SO1-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-13	Management of the design and construction of protected cycle lane projects	Progress and deliver protected cycle lanes from NTA funded works programme 2025.
CP-T1.G1.SO1 CP-T1.G1.SO3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1-O5 CP-T6.G6.SO1-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-14	Provide mobility reviews and public realm projects for Towns & Villages enhancements with an emphasis on Active Travel	Progress and deliver active travel review/ public realm projects from NTA funded works programme 2025.
CP-T1.G1.SO,O3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1- O5 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T5.G5.SO1-O5 CP-T5.G5.SO2 CP-T6.G6.SO1-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-15	Provide mobility reviews and public realm projects for Towns & Villages enhancements with an emphasis on Active Travel	Number of infrastructure interventions delivered on foot of a request for connectivity enhancements which promote active travel for all users.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T3.G3.SO1 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO4 CP-T3.G3.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4-O8	SDP25-ECAATS-16	Deliver Safe Routes to School programme, encouraging a transport modal shift for school goers and management of the school wardens	Number of schools signed up to the Safer Routes to School Programme and percentage of projects completed. Management of the school warden service to ensure effective and efficient service to schools in the county.
CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T3.G3.SO1,O3 CP-T3.G3.SO4,O8 CP-T5.G5.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO1,O3 CP-T6.G6.SO4-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-17	Road Safety Preparation and publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan Promote & Improve Road Safety	Publication of Fingal's Road Safety Plan. Establish and maintain Fingal County Councils Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG)
CP-T1.G1.SO1-O3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O8	SDP25-ECAATS-18	Promoting transport modal shift to create mobility and behaviour change	Promote and Support Active Travel Projects such as Bike Week and all events which promote active travel in the County. Support and promote walking as a mode of active travel in the County. Support projects such as bike share, e-bike share, e-cargo bikes for businesses, e-bikes for staff. Micromobility – Establish & Maintain bike share and e-bike share schemes.
CP-T1.G1.SO1-O3 CP-T2.G2.SO2-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O3 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O5 CP-T3.G3.SO1-O8 CP-T5.G5.SO1-O5 CP-T6.G6.SO1-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-19	Provision of Bike Parking	Increase the amount of bike parking available to cyclists throughout the County.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO7 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25-ECAATS-20	Develop programmes to support physical wellbeing	Number of specific programmes with emphasis on target groups (school, youth, women in sport, older adults, and disability sports)
CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25-ECAATS-21	Provide safeguarding training for volunteers and identify additional training needs for coaches, clubs and volunteers and provide courses	Number of people who complete safeguarding training and any additional courses.
CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO8 CP-T6.G6.SO9	SDP25-ECAATS-22	Administer local sports club and capital grants	Distribute over €100K in local sports equipment grants.
CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO7-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-23	Collaborate with NGB's to develop programmes and engage people from all communities	Number of people engaged through all the NGB programmes.
CP-T1.G1.SO6 CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T3.G3.SO5 CP-T6.G6.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO4 CP-T6.G6.SO7-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-24	Internal cross collaboration with regards to provision/ access to sports facilities to include recreational hubs, swimming pool, outdoor recreation	Publication of Fingal's Sports Facilities Audit.
CP-T3.G3.SO3 CP-T6.G6.SO1 CP-T6.G6.SO3-O5 CP-T6.G6.SO7-O9	SDP25-ECAATS-25	Provide large scale mass participation events promoting sport and physical activity and taking place in FCC regional parks, beaches or facilities	Number of people in attendance at events.



Housing and Community Development

Housing

The Housing Department is committed to the implementation of the Government's "Housing for All" strategy. This strategy is rooted in four key pathways that aim to deliver sustainable housing in optimal locations while addressing diverse housing needs. Our department plays a vital role in collaborating with the construction sector, local communities, and other stakeholders across the housing and community sector to meet these goals effectively.

Aligned with Fingal County Council's 2025–2029 Corporate Plan, the Housing Department is committed to supporting inclusive communities and delivering high-quality, people-centered services. Key priorities include ensuring a steady supply of housing, addressing the unique needs of people with disabilities, and prioritising homelessness prevention and response services. Our approach is guided by principles of accessibility, inclusivity, and sustainability.

The department's actions are further guided by essential strategic documents such as the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029, which outlines housing policies and land use zoning, and the Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024, emphasising sustainable building practices. Additionally, the Age-Friendly Strategy 2018–2023 provides a foundation for accessible and adaptable housing solutions for older adults.

In addition to managing and maintaining the Council's housing stock, with a focus on reducing turnaround times for vacant properties, we are committed to fulfilling our statutory obligations under current legislation and regulatory frameworks. Complementary services include regulating private rental standards and administering housing loans and various mobility, adaptation and vacant homes grants.

The department's objectives also align with critical strategies, including the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025–2029, the Strategy for Housing Disabled People 2021–2026, and Fingal's Equality Action Plan. These actions embody our commitment to delivering measurable outcomes that support Fingal's vision of vibrant, sustainable places and connected communities.

While the capital investment in the provision of social housing is contained in the Council's Capital Programme, the revenue budget also plays a part in the delivery and support of social housing under the under the four pathways of Housing for All.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
A01	Maintenance and Improvement of LA Housing Units	15,535,800
A02	Housing Assessment, Allocation and Transfer	2,759,800
A03	Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration	2,618,000
A04	Housing Community Development Support	2,106,500
A05	Administration of Homeless Service	5,290,800
A06	Support to Housing Capital Programme	11,873,900
A07	RAS and Leasing Programme	79,528,900
A08	Housing Loans	5,906,400
A09	Housing Grants	6,832,300
A11	Agency and Recoupable Services	2,401,300
A12	HAP Programme	908,500
Total		**€135,762,200**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP- T1.G1.O5	SDP25-H-01	Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes	Combined total number of dwellings provided and data for each delivery type. Facilitate access to good quality private rented accommodation through an annual inspections programme. An annual inspection target of 25% of these registered tenancies has been set by DHLGH.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-H-02	Deliver on Fingal's Vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture	The number of households that exit emergency accommodation to a tenancy on a quarterly basis. The number of households diverted from emergency accommodation. The number of homeless assessments completed. The number of adult individuals considered to be long-term homeless. The number of families accessing emergency accommodation in each period. The number of Housing First tenancies.
CP-T6.G6.O2	SDP25-H-03	Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development	Number of staff availing of training courses relevant to their work.
CP-T3.G3.O2	SDP25-H-04	Enhance engagement, integration, and communication, ensuring that all residents have equitable access to housing, services, and opportunities	Achieve national targets for the provision of suitable housing for all. Achieve the objectives as set out in the FCC Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021-2026.
CP-T6.G6.O6	SDP25-H-05	Promote a culture of digital transformation within Fingal County Council to foster innovation and support continuous improvements in service delivery	New internal technology systems developed and adopted.
CP- T1.G1.O5	SDP25-H-06	Implement the objectives of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029	Number of objectives that are met as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP- T1.G1.O5	SDP25-H-07	Deliver sufficient & appropriate housing solutions for disabled persons by the Implementation of the Disabled Persons Adaption Grant Scheme for Council Tenants	Number of grants processed, approved and refused.
CP-T1-G1-O5	SDP25-H-08	Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.	Number of new social, affordable, private sale & cost rental homes delivered in Fingal.
CP-T1-G1-O5	SDP25-H-09	Facilitate the supply of public and private housing to provide sustainable, adaptable, and high-quality mixed tenure homes.	Number of housing grant applications processed and approved.
CP-TI-GI-O6	SDP25-H-10	Prioritise environmentally sustainable building practices, supporting our climate and biodiversity goals.	Completions in Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme.
CP-T5-G5-O3	SDP25-H-11	Enhance energy efficiency in housing developments through sustainable practices including high quality new build and retrofitting existing stock	Number of new homes meeting current building standards. Completions in Energy Efficiency Retrofit programme.



Community Development

The Community Development Division is comprised of several key sections which work to support and empower the vast array of voluntary community groups across the county.

The Community Development Division's work is delivered under seven pillars:

- Community Development Office
- Facility Management Unit
- Fingal Integration Office
- Funding Support & Professional Guidance
- Strategic Support
- Inter-agency Support
- Fingal Age Friendly Programme

Work under the auspices of these pillars can vary substantially which is a reflection of the rapid and diverse population growth in the county. Work across these areas frequently involves partnerships with a broad spectrum of internal and external stakeholders including voluntary & community groups, agencies and service providers. The work across this division shares a key focus on supporting and empowering voluntary local groups, so that over a period of time, they in turn will be in a position to provide a range of social and development opportunities for local people across the County.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
D06	General Community and Enterprise Function	112,000
D04	Community and Recreational Development	5,427,100
Total		**€5,539,100**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T3.G03.O2.O4.O8	SDP25-C-01	Supporting delivery of targeted programmes, initiatives, or events to empower communities	Number of community members actively participating in high quality, targeted programmes or events.
CP-T3.G3.O1	SDP25-C-02	Assist in the Delivery of Tenant Induction Programmes	Number of Tenant Inductions delivered.
CP-T3.G3.O1	SDP25-C-03	Residents Association Support	Number of Residents Associations supported.
CP-T3.G3.O5 CP-T6.O6	SDP25-C-05	Provide developmental and management support to voluntary Fingal County Council facility committees	Number of meetings held.
CP-T1.O3 CP-T3.O1.O3.O4.O5 CP-T6.O1.O2.O3.O5	SDP25-C-06	Provision & Upkeep of Community Centres	Number of existing facilities maintained and new facilities completed. Number and scale of upgrades to existing facilities completed. Number of remedial funding awarded for non-council owned facilities
CP-T3.G3.O2.O4.O8	SDP25-C-07	Funding to community & voluntary groups	Grant Scheme Reviewed. Number of Grants issued.
	SDP25-C-08	Supporting FPPN	Number of groups registered with PPN.
	SDP25-C-09	Migrant and Refugee Supports	Number of clinics held. Number of complaints received re gaps in service delivery. Review Migrant Integration and social cohesion strategy.
	SDP23-C-10	Oversight contract Comhairle na nÓg	Number of schools engaged with the Youth Council.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.O1.O7	SDP25 -C-11	Fingal Age Friendly Programme	Number of Alliance Meetings. Number of OPC meetings supported.





Operations

The Operations Department is responsible for the management, maintenance and ongoing improvement of the public realm in the County as follows:

- Regional and Local Roads
- Regional and Local Parks
- Traffic and Speed Limits
- Playgrounds
- Sports facilities
- Public open spaces
- Domestic Recycling Centres
- Surface Water
- Street Cleaning
- Harbours
- Beaches
- Burial grounds
- Fleet Management
- Public Lighting
- Allotments
- Public Conveniences
- Litter Collection

The Operations Department deals with severe weather events, provides for the implementation of traffic management measures and undertakes tree management and maintenance. It is also responsible for the making and implementation of byelaws, the management of road opening licences and temporary road closure orders, operation of car parking services and management of events, including the concerts at Malahide Castle.

These services will be delivered by the Operations Department on a daily basis through the implementation of the 2025 Programme of Works, a variety of planned and response work programmes, as well as, dealing with the day-to-day operational challenges which cover the diverse range of services and functions carried out by this Department.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road – Maintenance and Improvement	12,972,100
B04	Local Road – Maintenance and Improvement	13,568,400
B05	Public Lighting	4,976,900
B06	Traffic Management Improvement	4,985,300
B09	Car Parking	995,900

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B10	Support to Roads Capital Programme	2,361,000
B11	Recoupable Services	713,600
C02	Storm Water Services	980,900
C04	Public Conveniences	1,463,000
D06	Local Community Safety Partnership	46,500
D10	Property Management (Allotments)	74,300
E02	Recovery & Recycling Facilities Operations	4,577,300
E06	Street Cleaning	9,243,500
E09	Maintenance of Burial Grounds	2,648,700
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	28,122,200
G02	Operations and Maintenance of Piers & Harbours	636,800
H06	Weighbridges	20,200
Total		**€88,386,600**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1-G3 CP-T5- G3	SDP25-O-01	Manage and maintain Regional and Local Roads, Public Lighting, Traffic Management and Car Parking	Improved rating in the Pavement Surface Condition Index. Road Safety and Traffic Calming Measures. Management and implementation of Speed Limits. Management and maintenance of street lighting in the public realm. Implementation of Car Parking Bye-Laws. Delivery of approved Programme of Works for Roads, Traffic and Public Lighting.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1-G3	SDP25-O-02	Manage and maintain Public Conveniences and Storm Water Network	Public Conveniences in the County maintained and cleaned for use by the public. Additional cleaning during summer months. Ongoing repair, replacement and preventative maintenance on all public conveniences. Ongoing management and maintenance of Stormwater Pumping Stations and Networks.
CP-T3-G5 CP-T3-G3	SDP25-O-03	Manage and Maintain Regional Parks, Open Spaces, Pitches, Playgrounds, All-Weather Pitches and Recreational Facilities	Management of regional parks and open space in accordance with the Open Space Strategy for Fingal. Delivery of approved Programme of Works in each area. Management of street trees in accordance with the Fingal Tree Strategy.
CP-T5-G5 CP-T1-G1	SDP25-O-04	Manage Civic Amenity Centres, Street Cleaning and Burial Grounds	Increase in use of Recycling Centres at Estuary and Coolmine. Extension of hours at Coolmine. Public realm areas clean and free of litter. Provision of additional bins. Delivery of burial ground services and ongoing development works at existing cemeteries.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1-G3	SDP25-O-05	Manage and Maintain Harbours	Ensure safe use of the harbours and maintenance of the harbour structures. Implementation of Harbour Bye Laws and collection of Harbour Fees.
CP-T2-G1 CP-T3-G4	SDP25-O-06	Support the delivery of major commercial and community events as appropriate	Provide the necessary supports through the licencing and other statutory process of major commercial and community events in Fingal.





Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department plans and supports the sustainable development of the County though the Fingal Development Plan and the development management process. The Department also plans and delivers strategic infrastructure.

The Department manages the planning application, planning enforcement and building control functions of the Council. It develops the parks and green infrastructure of the County and progresses transportation and water services planning functions to deliver strategic infrastructure. It liaises with regional and national bodies on an ongoing basis to advance this delivery. It is responsible for the preparation of plans to enable the medium to long term development of the County.

These include the Fingal Development Plan, Local Area Plans, Masterplans, strategic roads and regional open space proposals. It carries out building inspections in respect of new development and derelict sites. It continues to ensure that the Housing Estates are built to the Taken in Charge standard. It has objectives relating to the assessment of strategic flood risks and the protection of the built heritage of the County. It also maps and compiles data in respect of development in the County to inform policy and decision-making at local and national level.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
B03	Regional Road Maintenance/Improvements	17,700
B10	Support to Roads Capital	1,360,600
C08	Local Authority Water & Sanitary Services	265,900
D01	Forward Planning	1,730,600
D02	Development Management	5,621,000
D03	Enforcement	1,037,800
D08	Building Control	1,358,600
D11	Heritage and Conservation Services	765,100

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E10	Safety of Structures and Places	103,100
E12	Fire Prevention	160,000
F03	Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations	2,151,300
F04	Community Sport and Recreational	407,000
Total		**€14,978,700**

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.O1-O2,O6 CP-T3.G3.O5-O7 CP-T5.G5.O2	SDP25-PSI-1	Deliver strategic infrastructure (physical & green) in the County	Implementation of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Capital programme. Ongoing progression of Parks Infrastructure Projects. Recreational Park facilities including sports hubs, public play areas, greenways and roads infrastructure etc. Heritage Landscapes and Gardens restoration and management.
CP-T1.G1.O5 CP-T3.G3.O7	SDP25-PSI-2	Promote & Enforce Building Regulations and Construction Product Regulations and Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations.	Support and advise the building industry through the promotion of a culture of compliance to enhance Building Standards in the County. Manage BCMS, Targeted inspections, Enforcement
CP-T1.G1.O1	SDP25-PSI-3	Ensure appropriate action is taken on unauthorised development	Continued activity in planning enforcement, i.e. number of warning letters and enforcement notices issued, cases referred to Court.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T1.G1.01-O6,O8 CP-T1.G1.O2 CP-T2.G2.O1-O6 CP-T3.G3.01-O2,O5,O7	SDP25-PSI-4	Ensure planning decisions are transparent and are decided in accordance with proper planning and sustainable development	All planning decisions decided in accordance with statutory requirements
CP-T1.G1.O1 CP-T1.G1.O5 CP-T3.G3.O7	SDP25-PSI-5	Manage the Taking in Charge Statutory Process	Manage the Taking-in-charge process to ensure that minimum standards met for areas to be taken in charge
CP-T1.G1.O1-O6,O8 CP-T2.G2.O1-O6 CP-T3.G3.O5-O7 CP-T5.G5.O2	SDP25-PSI-6	Preparation/review of County Development Plan - setting out the strategy and objectives for the sustainable development of the County	Progression of the policies and objectives of the newly adopted Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029. Delivery of agreed Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Studies to deliver housing and economic development. Contribute to the economic and social development of the County.
CP-T1.G1.01-O6,O8 CP-T2.G2.O1-O6 CP-T3.G3.O5-O7 CP-T5.G5.O1-O2	SDP25-PSI-7	Delivery of a sustainable transport system for all citizens	Contribute to the development of sustainable transport policies. Ongoing progression of Part 8 projects and FCC capital programme. Engagement with other stakeholders. Facilitate the delivery of MetroLink, BusConnects and DART Expansion. Sustainable development at Dublin Airport.
CP-T5.G5.02,O4-O5	SDP25-PSI-8	Promote and Protect Biodiversity	Implement actions of: The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan, The All Ireland Pollinator Plan, “Keeping it Green - an Open Space Strategy for Fingal”, “Forest of Fingal– a tree strategy for Fingal.”

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
			Implement the Dublin Bay Biosphere Programme of Works. Overseeing the implementation of the Howth SAAO Operational Plan. Establishment of the Liffey Valley SAAO committee.
CP-T1.G1.O1-O6 CP-T1.G1.O2 CP-T2.G2.O1-O6 CP-T3.G3.01-O2,O5,O7	SDP25-PSI-9	Support Housing for All – a New Housing Plan for Ireland	Delivery of critical infrastructure to support housing delivery.
CP-T5.G5.O2	SDP25-PSI-10	Develop a Coastal Management Policy	Work with the Coastal Liaison Group to address coastal change in Fingal including costal erosion and coastal flooding
CP-T3.G3.O7	SDP25-PSI-11	Promote and protect the built and cultural heritage of the County	Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. Deliver and Implement actions of the Fingal Community Archaeology Strategy 2019-2023. Work cross departmentally to develop integrated protection and promotion of heritage. Continue supporting Heritage as an amenity for Fingal.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Architects

The Architect's Department is responsible for the provision of Architectural Services to Fingal County Council. This consists of architectural design, conservation, urban design, building and consultant procurement, project management, quantity surveying and cost management services. The Architects Department provides Architectural Services to other Client Departments in the Council. The Department is organised into five divisions - Housing Construction, Housing Maintenance, Public Buildings, The Conservation Office and the Quantity Surveyors Division. In addition, the Department promotes architectural standards and advises on issues related to the built environment.

The Architectural Conservation Office sits within the department and is responsible for protection of the architectural heritage within the County including administration of grant schemes supporting built heritage.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T1.G1.O4 CP – T1.G1.O5 CP – T1.G1.O6 CP – T3.G3.O5 CP – T3.G3.O7 CP – T5.G5.O1	SDP25 – A - 01	Provide a quality professional Architectural Service to meet the requirements of the client departments and Council Initiatives	Annual work programmes agreed with client Departments.
CP – T3.G3.O7	SDP25 – A - 02	Assist with built heritage protection issues including managing the Architectural Conservation Office and the assessment and administration of grant supports and Council Initiatives	Built heritage of the County protected. No of grant schemes administered. Number of grants issued. Number of development proposals.
CP – T1.G1.O5 CP – T3.G3.O CP – T6.G6.O4	SDP25 – A - 03	Engage with relevant government departments in relation to budget approvals, administration of grant schemes and policy on the built environment as it relates to the Council	The interests of Fingal protected through effective operation of grants schemes and through input to and interpretation of policy matters. Number of grant schemes. Number of grants issued.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP – T3.G3.O7 CP – T5.G6.O1	SDP25 – A - 04	Ensure that building projects commissioned by the Council meet statutory requirements in relation to Planning, Health and Safety, Building Control and Environmental and Heritage protection	Practice procedures updated in accordance with changing legislation and accurate project recording.
CP – T5.G5.O3	SDP25 – A - 05	Manage and implement efficient cyclical and planned maintenance services for existing Fingal housing stock and to efficiently manage re-let repairs of existing and newly acquired stock including implementation of Council's Climate Change Action Plan	Painting, joinery maintenance and other planned maintenance programmes completed. Response maintenance services completed. Mechanical and electrical installations and maintenance carried out. Void houses are inspected, tendered and repaired promptly. Climate Change and Retrofit initiatives implemented.
CP – T6.G6.O3	SDP25 – A - 06	Provide commercial management and economic and construction advices including oversight to provide budgeting of construction projects including the processing of claims and payments efficiently and fairly	Accurate professional budgeting of projects. Accurate recording of tender prices and claims. Accurate recording and processing of payments within set timelines. Claims and payments processed within defined timelines. Economic advices and budgeting provided within agreed timelines during the project lifecycle

Corporate Services

Corporate Services provides services to the Members to allow them to perform their duties as elected representatives of the citizens of Fingal. Services include the preparation and circulation of all agendas, Council minutes, payment of Members expenses and preparation of the Register of Electors.

Services to the public through the Council's Customer Care Unit will continue to be enhanced during 2025 and the Communications Section will develop its role further in internal and external communication. The coordination of the activities of the Emergency Management Unit will also continue throughout 2025.

Facilities Management will continue to maintain and improve the Council's offices and libraries.

The Governance Unit within Corporate Services provides support to the Executive Management Team and other Council Departments. The Unit includes Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Internal Audit and supports the work of the Executive Management Team in achieving Corporate Governance objectives.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-CS-01	Ensure the effective delivery and transparency of democratic processes within the Council	The number of Council and Committee meetings serviced, and statutory requirements adhered to.
CP-T6.G6.O1 CP-T6.G6.O5 CP-T6.G6.0O9	SDP25-CS-02	Ensure the provision of good customer service across the organisation through Customer Care Unit (CCU)	Number of interactions by CCU by phone, email and in person & all customer contacts dealt with in a timely manner.
CP-T6.G6.O1 CP-T6.G6.O5	SDP25-CS-03	Uphold the Citizen Charter and good customer service	Number of complaints processed within required timeframes.
CP.T3.G3.O7 CP-T6.G6.O8	SDP25-CS-04	Promote the use and visibility of the Irish language and to implement Irish Language Legislation	Implementation of all Irish Language Legislation. Improved availability of services through the Irish language.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
			Visibility of the Language through advertising, promotion and events. Participation in the Gaeilge 365 Programme with the other Dublin Local Authorities.
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-CS-05	Ensure all Corporate Buildings are improved, maintained and protected to the highest possible standard	All upgrades and maintenance requirements are carried out within agreed timelines, budget and in Health and Safety requirements.
CP-T6.G6.O3 CP-T6.G6.O9	SDP25-CS-06	Promote best practice in corporate governance	Full support to Executive Management Team.
CP-T6.G6.O3 CP-T6.G6.O6	SDP25-CS-07	Ensure that data and information held by the Council is protected and accessible	All relevant data protection legislation is adhered to and implemented and requests are processed within required timeframes.
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-CS-08	Promote good governance through effective internal audit functions and provide assurance to the Council, Management and the Audit Committee through the delivery of the Annual Internal Audit (IA) Plan	Number of IA reports completed. Number of Audit Committee meetings held. Number of governance meetings with departments.
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-CS-09	Provide Major Emergency Management	Number of meetings with regional working/ sub groups Number of training events arranged.
CP-T6.G6O8	SDP25-CS-10	Ensure effective internal and external communications and the promotion of Council activities	Implementation of Communications Strategy. Number of Page Visits to the Council's Website and social media accounts.
CP-T6.G6.O9	SDP25-CS-11	Ensure Fingal County Council is an equal opportunities employer in line with current best practice and regulatory guidelines	Fulfil our obligations under the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and protect the human rights of staff, customers, service users and everyone affected by our policies and plans.

Digital Services

The Digital Services department aims to support the delivery of modern local government services, powered by digital technology, in the following areas:

Digital services – we will provide easy to access digital local government services and encourage people to use these services by improving consistency and focusing on people's needs when we design those services.

Digital communities – we will provide digital access, connectivity, and support so everyone can improve their quality of life in our communities, while making sure that everyone is included.

Digital workforce – we will give our staff the technology, digital tools and skills they need to fully interact in a digital way.

Digital systems – we will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the way we work by making the most of new technologies

There are seven teams in the Digital Services department with the following responsibilities:

Business applications – implement and manage departmental digital systems

Business platforms – implement and manage cross-departmental digital systems

Digital Fingal – support communities, businesses, and members of the public to leverage the full potential of broadband and digital technologies

Digital workplace transformation – provide staff with digital tools and skills

Governance, architecture and security – ensure effective governance, information security and enterprise architecture

Infrastructure and operations – implement and manage the council's digital infrastructure

Programme and resource management – management of digital programmes and projects

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-01	Implement and maintain digital systems for staff, councillors and members of the public	Digital systems provided and maintained at required availability levels. Number of new/ upgraded systems provided.
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-02	Increase the number of council services available online	Number of council services available online.
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-03	Implement and maintain an information security programme to protect information assets and technologies	Implement and maintain an information security programme to protect information assets and technologies.
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-04	Implement best practice in IT governance	Best practice achieved in IT procurement and IT governance. Digital and ICT Strategy Action Plan created. Digital Strategy created.
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-05	Implement and maintain required infrastructure for IT systems and services	IT infrastructure provided and maintained at required availability levels.
CP-T4-G4-O1	SDP25-DS-06	Provide a quality support service for staff, councillors, and members of the public	Support service provided to the required service level.
CP-T4-G4-O2	SDP25-DS-07	Facilitate digital infrastructure inc. high-speed connectivity across Fingal	Digital infrastructure and high-speed connectivity facilitated.
CP-T4-G4-O2	SDP25-DS-08	Map telecommunications and ducting network	Telecommunications and ducting network mapped.
CP-T4-G4-O3	SDP25-DS-09	Provide staff with the digital skills training required to support the delivery of quality services	Digital skills training and awareness provided for staff.
CP-T4-G4-O3	SDP25-DS-10	Provide Broadband Connection Points	Broadband Connection Points provided.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T4-G4-O3	SDP25-DS-11	Engage with communities to develop digital skills	Digital skills and awareness programmes implemented for communities.
CP-T6-G6-O6	SDP25-DS-12	Promote a strong digital workforce culture within the Council	Digital and AI tools provided for staff.
CP-T6-G6-O6	SDP25-DS-13	Deliver innovative user-centric digital solutions through a holistic approach encompassing innovation, service design, business process improvement, change management, project management and benefits realisation; and leveraging platforms such as CRM, GIS, and online self-service portals	Innovation workshops carried out. Service Design workshops carried out. Change Management workshops carried out. Business Process Improvement workshops carried out. Benefits Assessments carried out.
CP-T6-G6-O6	SDP25-DS-14	Manage IT Programmes and Projects to ensure that they are delivered on time, within budget and with the appropriate resources	IT Programmes and Projects implemented on time, within budget and with appropriate resources.
CP-T6-G6-O7	SDP25-DS-15	Use data analytics, GIS and AI to facilitate robust, evidence-based decision-making.	Data analytics tools and solutions provided. AI tools and solutions provided. GIS tools and solutions provided. GIS Strategy created. Data Strategy created. Data catalogue created.

Finance

The Finance Department is responsible for oversight and management of the Councils finances. This includes monitoring and control of income and expenditure in all areas, arranging borrowing and leasing requirements and treasury management. The Finance Department aims to ensure that the overall finances of the Council are managed prudently.

The Department is divided into a number of distinct areas:

1. Revenue Collection (Rates/NPPR).
2. Accounts payable
3. Treasury management
4. Procurement.
5. Financial Management & Control of both Revenue and Capital Expenditure and Agresso MS7 support.
6. Insurance claims management.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-F-01	Active Debt Management (Rates/NPPR)	Ongoing monitoring of collections.
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-F-02	The Management of Accounts Payable and Treasury Management	Ensure all receipts and payments are managed correctly and are valid.
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-F-03	Effective Management of Liability Claims and Insurance Policies	Have a robust claims management process in place.
CP-T6.G6.O1	SDP25-F-04	Ensure Budgets are reviewed and monitored	Budget reviews and ongoing engagement on budgetary issues with departments throughout the year.
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-F-05	Production of 3 Year Capital Programme	Presented to Members annually.
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-F-06	Production of Annual Budget	Budget presented to Members annually and agreed within statutory timeline.
CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-F-07	Production of Annual Financial Statement	Completion of the Annual Financial Statement in the statutory timeline.
CP-T6.G6.O1 CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-F-08	To achieve best practice and value for money in procurement	Council is compliant with Public Procurement requirement.

Law

The Law Department provides an in-house legal service to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments in relation to the Council's statutory functions.

The principal services are in the areas of:

- conveyancing
- litigation
- code enforcement
- debt recovery
- local government
- legal advice

Ongoing training continues to be provided to staff in the areas of professional development, legal knowledge and I.T.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.G6.O1 CP-T6.G6.O3	SDP25-L- 01	Provide legal services to the Chief Executive and all Council Departments	High quality legal advice and services provided.

People Services

The People Services Department is dedicated to a range of HR activities such as recruitment, staff training and development, staff welfare and wellbeing, industrial relations, health and safety, wages/salary administration, and superannuation.

In 2025 People Services will continue in its recruitment efforts to attract and retain the necessary staff for key positions. Additionally, the Department will place a strong emphasis on expanding learning opportunities and encouraging continuous professional growth to enhance the skills and capabilities of the workforce.

People Services will continue to implement initiatives and programs aimed at promoting work-life balance, offering health and wellness resources, and providing support services such as the Staff Welfare Officer and Employee Assistance Service. Promoting excellent attendance and ensuring a safe and healthy workplace environment is fundamental. Through these efforts, we are committed to creating a supportive and thriving work environment for all staff members.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the service delivery objectives for the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP - T6.G6O1	SDP25- PS - 01	Deliver on Fingal's vision through excellent service delivery, collaborative engagement and a supportive, inclusive workplace culture	Ensure Diversity & Equality is integrated into the organisation through an inclusive workplace culture. Strategic Workforce Planning implemented and monitored ensuring staff vacancies are filled in a timely manner. Encourage Proactive attendance.
CP - T6.G6.O2	SDP25- PS - 02	Nurture organisational wellbeing by enabling staff to reach their full potential through relevant training and development	Implementation of PMDS supported by the Council's annual training plan and Further Education Scheme, developing skills and promoting career development.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
			Staff Wellbeing activities and services implemented through the Wellbeing Strategy, Staff Welfare Officer and Employee Assistance Service. Implementation of Occupational Health and Safety, Legislation and Codes of Practice.
CP - T6.G6.O9	SDP25- PS - 03	Deliver on our Public Sector duty by ensuring that every individual has an equal opportunity to access, avail of and /or benefit from any service or function provided through the Corporate Plan	Implementation of all HR policies. Provision of reasonable accommodations to support and faciliate all staff. Ensure regular internal communications to keep employees informed and engaged. Efficient processing of payroll and superannuation.

COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Fingal County Council has been designated as the Competent Authority for the purposes of aircraft noise regulation at Dublin Airport.

Aircraft Noise Competent Authority

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) is responsible to monitor, assess and regulate the management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport. This function is carried out within the requirements of EU and Irish legislation, which provide for the application of the Balanced Approach to aircraft noise management where a noise problem at Dublin Airport is identified. The Competent Authority's functions include the promotion of the sustainable development of air transport and improvement of the noise environment around the Airport.

Principal Services and Financial Resources:

All costs incurred by the Competent Authority are fully recoupable from daa. The table below sets out the budgetary provision adopted by the Members of Fingal County Council in Budget 2025 to fund these services:

Principal / Budget Service	SVC Description	Total (€)
E13	Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution	2,809,800
Total		**€ 2,809,800**

The Competent Authority shall prescribe by regulation the airport levy to be paid having regard to the costs incurred or reasonably expected to be incurred in the performance of its statutory functions and any surplus of airport levy income shall be offset against costs for the subsequent such year or returned to the airport authority.

Principal Service Objectives:

The table below sets out the principal services that will be delivered during 2025:

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.66.O3	SDP25- ANCA- 01	Ensure the noise generated by aircraft activity at Dublin Airport is assessed and provide for the application of the ICAO balanced approach where a noise problem is identified	Noise situation at Dublin Airport is assessed in accordance with statutory requirements and regulatory decision published.

Corporate Plan Reference Number	Annual Service Delivery Plan Number	Service Objective	Performance Measurement
CP-T6.66.O3	SDP25- ANCA - 02	Ensure that the aircraft noise implications of planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed	Planning applications at Dublin Airport are assessed within statutory timeframes.
CP-T6.66.O3	SDP25- ANCA - 03	Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions	Monitor compliance with noise mitigation measures and operating restrictions

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Chief Executive's Foreword

I hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas period and all the festive season had to offer. As 2024 drew to a close, a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration took place at Howth Harbour where the most vibrant fireworks illuminated the skies for miles. Back in October, New Year's Festival Dublin in partnership with Fingal County Council announced that the festival programme this year would feature the NYF Dublin Fireworks Spectacular in Howth Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Harbour in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. We were very proud to collaborate with stakeholders including Fáilte Ireland, MCD Productions and the Office of Public Works to deliver this highly anticipated, free and wonderfully enjoyable event for the people of Fingal. As we all know, weather conditions play a part when planning every event and thankfully, the inclement day cleared sufficiently to ensure the visually stunning event could be enjoyed by the thousands of enthralled spectators on the night. My thanks to all involved with the event and to our valued stakeholders - This was our first organised New Year's Eve fireworks celebration and the meticulous planning and preparation was instrumental in ensuring such a successful evening.

The renowned theoretical physicist Albert Einstein once said, "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." Words that are as true today as when he first uttered them. Of course, over many years libraries have changed and evolved from being places to merely read and borrow books to spaces which encourage creativity, utilise the latest technologies and offer educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages. Fingal Libraries operates 10 library branches, a mobile library and housebound service, as well as a Local Studies and Archives service. We have a proud tradition of providing our visitors with excellent customer service and the benefit of our libraries teams' experience and expertise. Last month Balbriggan Library was awarded a Library of Sanctuary by Places of Sanctuary Ireland, making Fingal the first local authority in Dublin to receive this award. This is indeed a well-deserved accolade as Balbriggan Library champions a welcoming, inclusive and dynamic space for all to enjoy. Each day our highly trained library staff across the network work to ensure a fulfilling experience for visitors whether they wish to engage in language classes, attend creative events or simply flick through the latest literary offerings. I am so pleased that Balbriggan Library has been recognised for the huge contribution it makes to the local community and congratulate all the dedicated staff who work at the branch.

Two new councillors were officially co-opted onto Fingal County Council at a special meeting on December 18th following the election of sitting councillors to Dáil Éireann in the General Election. Cllr John Smyth was nominated by Sinn Féin to fill vacancy caused by the election of Deputy Ann Graves in the Fingal East constituency. Cllr Kevin Humphreys was nominated by Labour to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Deputy Robert O'Donoghue in the Fingal West constituency. I would like to welcome Cllr Smyth and Cllr Humphreys to Fingal County Council as they begin their terms and wish them well as they represent their constituents in the council chamber.

Communication with our colleagues, stakeholders and the people of Fingal is an important role we undertake each day. How we communicate has been refined over the years through the use of our website and social media channels complimenting the distribution of information leaflets to homes and businesses and the holding of in-person consultation meetings. All these means are invaluable in conveying news and garnering opinions on our work and now we have another way for you to stay connected. You can now follow Fingal County Council on WhatsApp to receive the latest news and updates from your council. Many of us use WhatsApp on a daily basis and now this one-way broadcast platform allows you to privately follow Fingal County Council to receive updates. We hope that our newly launched WhatsApp channel will enhance our communication channels making it easier for residents to receive messages directly from us and provide another convenient and accessible way to stay informed.

Thanks to the agreement of the councillors of a budget of €389m for 2025, we have key infrastructural projects to deliver, countywide works to fund, community events to assist and our housing pipeline to support. This robust and ambitious budget represents a spend of €1,181 for each of our 330,506 residents and ensures service delivery throughout the year. This budget follows the adoption of the €1.57 billion Capital Programme which was approved by Councillors in October and consists of 331 projects.

Finally, we have much to look forward to in the New Year and I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families health and happiness in 2025.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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New Starters	216
Promotions	144
Number of Current Job Offers	41

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	411
Number of Attendees	3567
Number of Training Days	3791

Throughout January, courses will be delivered in the areas of A-Z Local Government, Electrical Vehicle Training, Ignite Staff Development and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The launch of the VR for Wellbeing space took place at the staff library, County Hall Swords. This space features a comfortable chair pod and a virtual reality headset for staff. The Wellbeing team is currently working on securing an additional location within the Blanchardstown office, with plans to expand the offering in the new year.

As part of the Fingal Induction and Wellbeing Programme, People Services held two Time to Talk Events in both the Swords and Blanchardstown offices. These events offer a valuable opportunity for People Services to engage with new starters, while also allowing new staff members to connect with colleagues across various departments.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU carried out 340 site safety inspections and audits for the year 2024, in addition to 369 VDU assessments for office and remote based staff along with investigations into workplace incidents and accidents that occurred during 2024. At the end of the year the global ancillary safety statements' risk register totaled 207 risk assessments with the standard operating procedure register coming to 164 SOPs. December saw a number of risk assessments and standard operating procedures pertaining to inspections of buildings, construction works, farms and farmland being drafted and submitted to staff for consultation. Staff queries to the HSU continued through the month of December with the majority of queries pertaining to VDU assessments.

Customer Services

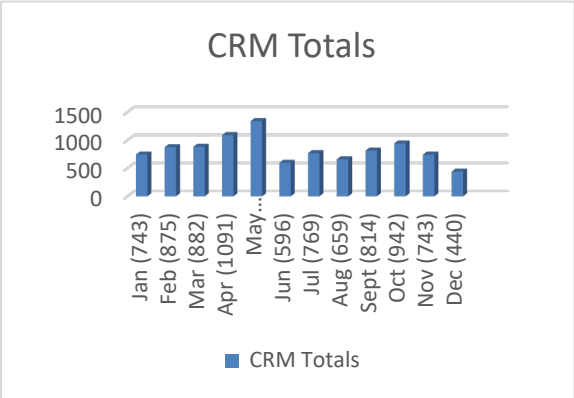
Customer Care Unit Statistics – December 2024

	CCU Main Line	Housing Calls	Callback Requests	Total Calls CCU	Emails dealt with by CCU	In Person Transactions
December 2024	5,419	749	299	6,467	410	1,937

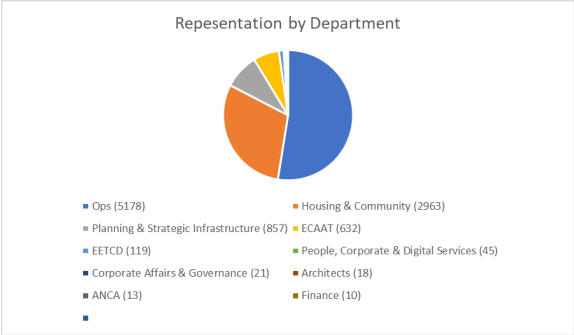
Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in November: 13,972
Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in December: 8,814

CRM

Staff continue to work on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and issue responses to representations from Elected Members (Councillors, TDs and Senators) and complaints submitted by the public. The total number of Elected Members' representations for December were 440.



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



Communications

Website

2024 Digital Statistics

The Council's digital media channels continued to be popular sources of information about the Council's activities during 2024. The website, fingal.ie, had a record 1,713,755 visitors during the year which was a 19% increase on 2023. The number of page views rose by 11% to 3,812,440 while the amount of time spent on the site increased by 8% to 2 minutes and 2 seconds. The most popular pages after the home page were Planning Applications, Affordable Housing, Recycling Centres, Jobs, Contact Us and Malahide Concerts.

The majority of visitors, 1.1m, access the website through Google Chrome while 396,994 came in directly. Phones were the preferred means of access at 1.2m while 460,000 entered using a desktop and the rest used tablets.

Facebook remains the Counci'ls most popular channel with 37,647 followers, a 16% increase on 2023. The channel had a reach of 5.8m in 2024 and 4.2m views while one of the most popular posts with 54,740 views was a photo of Balbriggan Harbour. 83% of views for this post were from non-followers.

Instagram continued its strong growth with follower numbers growing by 41% from 8,500 to 11,993 during the year. A reach of 106,400 produced 1.6m views.

LinkedIn also saw strong growth with the channel growing its followers by 29% from 8.196 in 2023 to 10,548. The 697,732 impressions generated 9,698 reactions, 269 comments and 168 reposts.

X continues to stagnate with the number of followers only rising by 471 from 23,117 to 23,588. That's a rise of 2% and by far the lowest year on year increase since the channel was established. Nonetheless the channel does see audience spikes around specific events such as Local Election Count in June. That weekend delivered 595,058 impressions which was 15% of the annual total of 3.9m.

The Council You Tube Channel now hosts 753 videos and saw the number of subscribers grow by 31% from 1,210 to 1,590.

The Communications Units continues to look at adding other channels in order to maximise reach and is now on WhatsApp (1,288 followers), Threads (1,179), TikTok (700) and Bluesky (255).

The total number of followers across the nine social media channels is 88,998 which is a rise of 21% from the 73,536 at the end of 2023.



Videos

The Mayor's annual Christmas Message and the Chief Executive's New Year Message were published in December. Other videos published during the month included the Community Development Department's End of Year Review while there was also am information webinar about the 2025 Local Enhancement Programme.
All Videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

Press Releases

Fourteen press releases were issued during December including one acknowledging the receipt of a planning application from the daa for an increased in passenger capacity at Dublin Airport to 36 million. Other press releases included the issuing of the Council's Gender Pay Gap Report, the publishing of the Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan and the passing of the 2025 Budget.

Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 17 media queries during December. Among the topics were the leatherback turtle washed up on Portmarnock Beach, housing, Dublin Airport and public lighting.

Irish Language

We continue to comply with the requirements of the Irish Language Legislation and provide Irish language services.

Training courses for staff will again be provided and the very successful Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme for Second Level students will be provided again in 2025.

On January 28 an Irish Language Networking Event will take place in County Hall, Swords, to provide a showcase and networking opportunity for those who are promoting the Irish Language in the county. It will also kickstart our plans for Seachtain na Gaeilge in March.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Dublin Local Authorities Tourism Network

A meeting of representatives from the four Local Authority tourism teams in the Dublin region took place in Dun Laoghaire on 11th December to discuss issues of common concern across Dublin. Discussions centred on engagement with the main stakeholders such as Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland, branding for Dublin and the collection of reliable and usable data.

Howth SEAL Awards





The inaugural Sustainable Environmental Legacy Awards (SEAL) took place in Howth Yacht Club on Wed 20th November celebrating businesses in Howth who are making a concerted effort to be as sustainable as possible and to minimise their environmental footprint. The Awards are a collaboration between Howth Tidy Towns and the Howth tourism group 'Explore Howth', and it is hoped this event will continue to grow, year on year.

New Years Eve Fireworks

As part of the #WinterInDublin campaign by Failte Ireland Howth harbour hosted one of two large fireworks displays on New Years Eve.

The event was livestreamed across the globe, and the videography and other generated content is part of the ongoing international campaign to draw visitors to Dublin in the low season.



Howth Harbour
A Viewing Zone – Harbour Rd
B Viewing Zone – West
C Viewing Zone – East

East Pier Closure: 6:00am
Accessible Area
Toilets

A letter to householders issued and a Public Information notice was printed and placed on websites. Howth traders reported an upturn in bookings for the evening.

Tradfest 2025

For the second year in a row the Tradfest Fingal festival has expanded to take in a larger number of venues (10) and headline act performances (41). This does not include an ever-growing list of fringe events which will happen in smaller venues.

The main festival will take place between the 21st and 26th January, and can be viewed and booked at https://tradfest.com/fingal-events/



EVENTS

Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The scheme was due to close on the 21st of December. As of the 18th of December, 50 applications were received and 54 were in Draft.

St Brigid's Day



Our St Brigid's Day Concert is planned for Monday 3rd of February in St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown. This years artists include Leah Barniville and The Blue Belles, tickets will be on sale in the New Year.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Malahide Castle wins another award

Malahide Castle and Gardens has kicked off the new year by scooping the *Destination of the Year* award for 2025 by the Public Sector Magazine Excellence in Business Awards. This esteemed publication recognises outstanding achievements among key service providers to the Irish public sector under various categories, highlighting the professionalism and excellence of companies and venues that excel in their respective fields.



A sincere congratulations to the entire operator team, the coffee and retail concessionaires and the district parks staff at Malahide Castle & Gardens for their hard work and dedication, which make the venue a success and have contributed to this remarkable achievement.

Ardgillan Castle Refurbishments



Painting of the cafe entrance and servery have been completed to give this area a makeover in keeping with the heritage surroundings and has created a warmer and more welcoming ambience. An upgrade of the larger tearoom will take place early in 2025. The outdoor coffee kiosk is undergoing work to freshen it up.

As-I-am at Swords Castle



Swords Castle was host to The As-I-Am Autism Charity Christmas fayre that took place in the castle grounds on Friday 13th December. Participants enjoyed festive themed food, crafts and activities in an autism friendly environment.

Newbridge House



From 1st – 31st December, visitors to Newbridge House were able to experience the enchantment of historic holiday traditions with special Christmas tours of the house. These festive tours delved into the customs of Georgian and Edwardian Christmases, offering a fascinating glimpse into how the holiday season was celebrated in centuries past.

Skerries Mills

Skerries Winter Wonderland ran from 1st to 22nd December where children were able to see the wonderful Christmas displays throughout the mill before meeting Santa.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

The Public Art Co-ordinator delivered a presentation to the Community, Culture and Sports SPC on the proposed new Public Art Policy for Fingal. The policy which is currently in review will be presented to full council for approval in the new year. The main of the new policy is to streamline and strengthen procedures and processes for commissioning public art across Fingal and ensure that it is co-ordinated and resourced strategically in collaboration with all council departments.

Youth & Education



Blakestown Microforest students worked with creative entomologist Nessa Darcy to create drawings of insects found in the forest using

humane insect gathering equipment. Artist Thomas Duffy taught the students how to create cordage from the bindweed which was growing abundantly. From this they made ropes which are now used to support the trees growing against stakes. Artist Gareth Kennedy led sessions on carving implements and using the carving horse each young person created their own wooden spoon. Artist James Grace collaborated with the team to make and install a beautiful bespoke chestnut portal, marking the end of another successful season at the microforest art and ecology project.

Fingal Artists' Support Scheme

The 2025 edition of the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme is now open for applications. This funding stream offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for up €5,000 to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work.

The scheme is designed to nurture and advance the practice of individual professional artists in Fingal and is open to practitioners at all career stages working in the disciplines of music, visual art, drama, literature. Film and dance.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 21st February 2025, at 4PM and all applications must be made online through the Submit platform.

Carnegie Library

TU Recent Graduate Award

Recent graduate Chris Forrester has received the inaugural TU Recent Graduate Award and is now starting the professional development phase of his residency at the Carnegie. This stage includes mentorship-driven activities such as studio visits and meetings with artists, curators, and professionals relevant to his field. Over the next few weeks, Forrester will meet with curator Mark O'Gorman, as well as artists Lyónn Wolf and Sybil Montague.

Swords Youth Choir

Swords Youth Choir present their Christmas Recital at the Carnegie Library. Membership to the choir has doubled since they began rehearsals at the Carnegie in August 2024 and they look forward to continued growth in 2025.

Draíocht

2024 was another busy year for Draíocht. Over the last 12 months, we delivered NEST, our ambitious project which saw us engage with 6,400 children/young people and adults. 48 children and young people from the Dublin 15, 'our hosts' inspired 2 exhibitions, 23 new performance works, one day where 69 performances took place as well as the Spreacha Festival. Other programme highlights include 5 exhibitions platforming the work of 14 artists, allocating 2,597 hours of space and support to 31 artists to create work that will have resonance for our audiences, a yearlong dance Residency programme in D15 primary schools which continues into 2025, our children/youth arts programme working with over 50 artists engaging with over 6,500 local children and young people. As well as 35,300 + people attending 285 + performances. We also installed a new Flying System, published our 2024 to 2029 Strategy, produced 5 season brochures, and sent 185,000 ezines.

Below are links to the Review of 2024 available on our website and on YouTube.
Webpage:
https://www.draiocht.ie/discover/2024-a-year-in-review

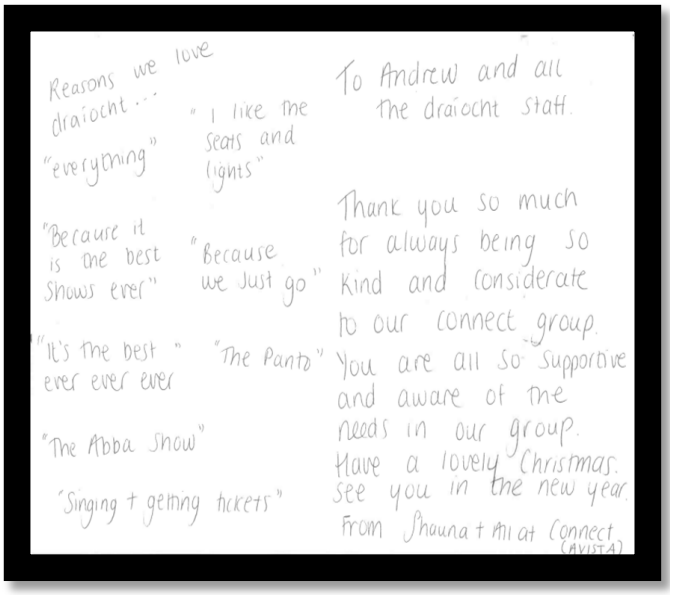
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Draíocht December 2024 programme catered for and was very well received by local audiences. From music to ballet to film, theatre, and local community events, Draíocht experienced full houses and exceptional audience feedback.

Plans for 2025 are well underway with Jan/Feb events (including 2 performances as part of TradFest) all available and a March/April brochure deadline of January 10th.

With thanks to Fingal County Council's Councillors and Executive.

And the last word of 2024 goes to Avista's Connect Service users, regular visitors to Draíocht Connect's clients who attended the 'Abba Forever' performance as their 2024 Christmas night out.



Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

The last Traditional Slow Session of 2024 welcomed 32 online and 17 in person, finishing off a very fruitful year for traditional arts at TSEAC.

Classes

Our last Céilí Beag of 2024 was on December 13th with 26 parents and toddlers booked in. The musician played the fiddle, while Discovery Playtime set up festive themed sensory play.

Theatre

We had two sold out performances of Michael James Ford's adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The Cottage Café supplied hot chocolate and mulled wine, along with mince pies and cookies and it was a lovely festive night out for all!



Workshops and Other Events

The Christmas Craft and Food Fair on December 1st with approximately 2000 visitors. We had 70 stalls with the majority local craftspeople and all handmade in Ireland. The feedback was excellent, with everyone commenting on how well run it was. On the day we had entertainment from Blanchardstown Brass Band, The Skerries Ukelele Choir and Naul Choir.



Christmas Wreath Workshop with Mulled Wine – this workshop sold out in record time, thus we added on a second. Overall we had 32 attendees.

Libraries

Festive Events

The Fingal Libraries programme of events for 2024 came to a close in December with festive-themed events. Custard Pie Puppets brought their Christmas Crackers puppet show to Balbriggan Library and Blanchardstown Library to the delight of children of all ages. The annual Europe Direct Annual Christmas Concert featuring the Dublin Gospel Choir took place in Blanchardstown Library on 11th December to a packed and appreciative audience.



Spring Programme

The brochure outlining the Spring 2025 programme of events in libraries is currently being produced. It will run from January to April and feature a wide range of events, workshops, and courses for people of all ages supporting literacy, health, culture and creativity, the Irish language, heritage, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths), skills for life, and environmental awareness. The diverse needs of the people of Fingal will be reflected in the programme, including age-friendly and sensory-friendly events.

Creative Fingal

In 2024, the Creative Fingal team delivered an impactful Creative Ireland Programme, featuring 84 initiatives across the County and engaging nearly 75,000 participants in creative and cultural events. The projects spanned various art forms, embraced all demographics, and included marginalised communities. Planning for the 2025 programme is underway, with a creative consultation project involving young people in Blakestown and Corduff, guided by children's author Alan Nolan. The Brigid in Balbriggan event will once again take place on the bank holiday Monday, 3rd February. The broader 2025 plan focuses on developing larger collaborative projects with Council departments to increase access to culture and creativity for everyone in Fingal.

St. Brigid's Festival

Fingal Libraries will celebrate the St. Brigid's Festival with a special event in Blanchardstown Library on 28th January featuring Katie Charlwood, host of the 'Who Did What Now' history podcast. Katie will explore the world of patron saints and the history behind these iconic figures. Children in Malahide Library will get an opportunity to make their own Brídeog doll, while the legend of St. Brigid's magical cloak is the inspiration of a craft workshop in Rush Library.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a national programme promoting the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages. Fingal Libraries is running age-friendly, gentle exercise courses, including chair yoga, Tai Chi, and mindful movement, in Malahide, Donabate, Rush, Blanchardstown, and Balbriggan Libraries between February and April. There will also be a health information event in Balbriggan Library with menopause specialist Dr. Caoimhe Hartley. Yuki Fragariani will facilitate a workshop in Malahide Library to give people practical tips on how to sustain their new year's resolutions for healthier lifestyles. Beginning in January, Europe Direct is sponsoring a ten-week course aimed at parents and carers who support family members with autism. This will be followed by another ten-week course offering participants techniques and skills to look after their mental health.

Children's Literacy

Ireland Reads Day, which celebrates reading for pleasure, takes place on Saturday, 22nd February this year. Author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse will be visiting Skerries Library to read from her new picture book, 'A Little Birdie Told Me'. Author, illustrator, and comic creator Alan Nolan will visit Donabate Library to talk about his favourite comic books and show children how to design their own superhero. Author Margaret Anne Suggs will be visiting libraries for workshops based on her book 'The Dandelion's Tale'. Also taking place in February is a Role-Play Village Day in Blanchardstown Library, where young children immerse themselves in a world of imagination using miniature tools and utensils. Older children will have the opportunity of programming a microbit computer to control LED light strips, in a Coding Ireland workshop in Malahide Library.

Family Literacy Project

Fingal Libraries is delighted to continue its family literacy project. This Spring, parents and children selected by Scoil Mhuire in Blakestown will take part in a project with literacy experts Stephen Brett and Colm O'Donovan, who will encourage children and parents to read together for fun. The mobile library service will be present so families can join the library and choose books. In the last week of the project, children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan will facilitate a story session with the children.





Spring Events for Teens

Leaving Certificate students in Balbriggan, Blanchardstown and Swords are invited to a workshop with Comedian Áine Gallagher to help them practice conversational Irish in preparation for their oral Irish examinations. Balbriggan Library is hosting drop-in homework support sessions aimed at assisting students to study independently and use library resources.

CyberSafeKids will facilitate interactive workshops on how to stay safe online for first year students.

Sustainable Living

A range of events for adults on the theme of sustainable living and environmental awareness will take place in library branches from February to April, including gardening for biodiversity, and sustainable clothing. Bat Conservation Ireland will give a talk in Howth Library on the vital role our native bats play in our environment.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024 and it is intended that an official launch of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy will be scheduled in the new year.



Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2024

The 2024 Xplore Your Future Expo is aimed at TY students in Fingal secondary schools and took place in the Helix, DCU on the 15th of October 2024.



Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2024 Expo was a huge success with over 80 exhibitors from institutes of further and higher education, vocational schools and industry. Exhibitors included, among others, DDLETB (Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board), CDVEC (City of Dublin Education and Training Board), the National Apprenticeships Office, TUDublin (Technological University Dublin), Dundalk Institute of Technology (DKIT), Irish Rail, the Irish Institute of Music & Song, An Garda Síochána, Dublin Fire Brigade, Air Corps, Dublin Airport Authority (DAA), Aramex and Wylde International eSports Club. A diverse range of sectors were represented, from Creative Arts & Media, Technology and Gaming, Transport & Logistics, Engineering, Food, Farming & Hospitality, Construction, Local Government, Public Services and Sports.



2,200 students from 22 Fingal Schools attended this hands-on, interactive event where students experienced a wide range of further education and training options with information on future potential careers paths.



The event has received very positive feedback from exhibitors, students, teachers and guests who attended on the day who found the Expo very engaging.



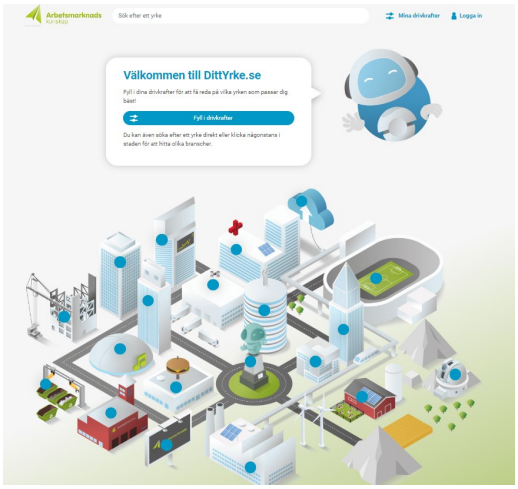
Skyla Project

The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended a virtual bilateral meeting with partners in Malmo Sweden regarding their good practice - the AMK Franchise system, located in 10 regions and encompassing 90 municipalities which engages with students at

secondary level on labour market intelligence to inform career choices.

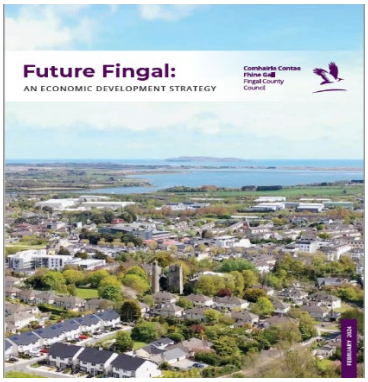
The team had a bilateral meeting with partners in Sofia, Bulgaria regarding their good practice - TUES – Technological School of Electronic Systems https://elsys-bg.org/ which involves engagement with students at secondary level on STEM.

A further meeting was held with partners in Italy, Lithuania and Poland on dual apprenticeship models for the twin transition which was also attended by a representative of DDLETB from Baldoyle Training Centre.



Project meetings continued in relation to the SKYLA Project on requirements for 2025 and further planned exchanges between partners in 2025.

Economic Development Strategy



Following the launch of the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy in September 2024, the Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan. Work has commended on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project

Fingal County Council, as Lead Partner of the URBACT Eco Core Project ran an Innovation Challenge/Hackathon in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan. The Hackathon allowed like-minded individuals passionate about sustainability, the green economy with a passion for the Circular Economy to make a contribution to the EcoCore Project and developing a greener future for the citizens of Balbriggan.

The Balbriggan EcoCore URBACT Local Group meeting was held in the Bracken Court Hotel on 9th December where the group were presented with a report on the key highlights from the recent transnational city visit to Villena. The success of the Balbriggan Innovation Challenge (Hackathon) was discussed along with the winning teams pitch "Circ_IT! Being outlined to the group.

A workshop hosted by Wessel Badenhorst was well received where the local representatives and ULG members brainstormed how best to progress and share the outcomes from the agreed EcoCore Integrated Action Plan into 2025.



The Balbriggan Innovation Challenge (Hackathon) took place in The Lark, Balbriggan on the 8th of November and was a fantastic success. Six teams participated in The Hackathon, a deliverable of the EcoCore Project. This was a full day in-person event where teams brainstormed, supported by mentors cumulating in presenting their solutions to the Sustainability and Circular Economy Challenge to a panel of judges.



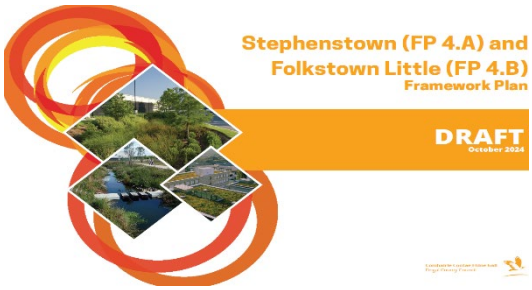


Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

The Project held its mid-term review and 6th transnational city visit in Villena, Spain on the 20th – 21st November 2024. Fingal County Council as lead partner working with the URBACT Secretariat and the Project Lead Expert delivered the project's mid-term review, analysing the progress made by all partners to-date and agreed any adjustments required to the project and budget in the final year. The partners were welcomed to Villena by the Mayor, Fulgencio José Cerdán Barceló.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans



A presentation on the Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was given to the EcoCore ULG members along with members of the Our Balbriggan Leadership Group and local businesses from the Stephenstown area. A public information evening was also held on the 31st October 2024 in the Our Balbriggan Hub.

The Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024. The Chief Executive's report is being prepared for the consideration of the Elected Members.

European Urban Initiative – City to City Exchanges

Fingal hosted representatives of the city of Nokia in Finland as part of its European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange to support the work of its Urbact EcoCore Project. 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. Presentations were given to the Nokia delegation on the town of Balbriggan, the Our Balbriggan Rejuvenation Programme, Smart Balbriggan, EcoCore, plans for the future development of the Stephenstown Industrial Area, the policy and planning context in Ireland and the Council's work on Climate Action and the circular economy. The delegation also visited the Rediscovery Centre and DCU for exchanges on circular economy and innovation. Fingal is preparing to visit Nokia in January 2025 and learn about the ECO-3 park and the work of the city of Nokia in respect of innovation and the circular economy.



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.

The Council continues to share the videos developed with Techrete and A. forall in Balbriggan on their sustainability journeys to inspire other companies to start their journeys.

Work is ongoing on the procurement of consultants to prepare the Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to encourage sustainability measures in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan has delivered its SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week having secured funding of €10,000. Smart Balbriggan also organised the EcoCore Hackathon in partnership with the EcoCore Project Team on the 8th November in The Lark, Balbriggan.

The Economic Development team co-ordinates reporting for the Council as a signatory to the Circular Cities Declaration and is advancing circular economy principles into the Council's work through the Climate Action Plan, the Urbact EcoCore Project, the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Sustainable Fingal Initiative.

CC Declaration | Fingal County (circularcitiesdeclaration.eu)

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025 is being held on 27th February 2025, this event will highlight the DBEC ambition to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy. Attendees will hear from the policy makers, leaders and key private sector partners from along the corridor. A panel of business leaders will focus on cross border trade and the importance of DBEC in bolstering the island economy. The event will bring DBEC to the market, creating a greater understanding of the

importance of the corridor in respect of cross border trade, connectivity, net zero ambitions and leveraging the corridor to maximise its global reach

Enterprise Ireland – Smart Regions Funding

The Council continues to develop 2 no. project concepts for feasibility studies in consultation with the Enterprise Ireland Smart Regions Fund, including applications Under Stream 4 for Feasibility Studies/Priming Grants for consideration.

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 implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The LCDC Meeting took place on 11th December 2024 with the LCDC reviewing progress on the implementation of the LECP and the various programmes for which it is responsible as listed below.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 was €2,036,355.06 which included a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The DRCD has advised of the budget allocations outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) for 2025.

- **SICAP Budget 2025 -** €1,568,717.00
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025 -** €375,372.00

The LCDC received a briefing on the SICAP Programme on the 12th November 2024 and agreed targets for the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan.

Empower, as the SICAP Programme Implementer, has submitted the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan which is now under review.

Leader Programme

Fingal LCDC and Fingal LEADER Partnership are responsible for 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 Dublin Rural LAG met on 12th December 2024 and approved 3 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 25th February 2025.



LEADER continues to seek applications from Individuals, Farm Families, Rural Businesses, Community & Voluntary Groups and Social Enterprises. Help is available to guide applicants through the process.
More details: www.dublinruralleader.ie

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. All recipients have received their allocated funds via Electronic Fund Transfer and are now required to submit receipts and photographs as proof of expenditure.

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal may apply for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use; tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc., as well as capital costs; electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

Fingal County Council has been allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county (€230,423 in Capital Funding, €38,404 in Current Funding).

Projects up to a maximum of €10,000 can be funded under the Capital Scheme and day-to-day costs of up to €3,500 can be funded under the Current Scheme.

EETCD held an Information Session Webinar on the 10th of December 2024 for Community & Voluntary groups to learn more about LEP 2025 and what projects are eligible for funding.
Applications can be made to Fingal LCDC by 13th January 2025 at 5pm.

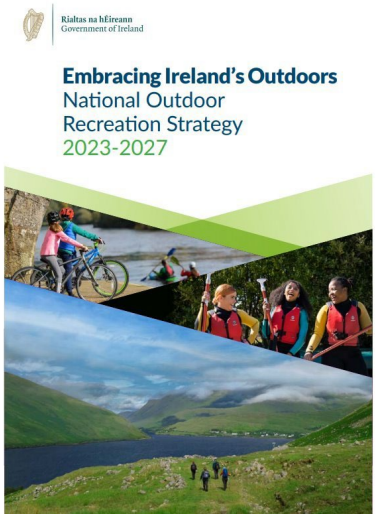
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The Council has appointed a consultant to assist in preparing the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee and consultation with stakeholders and the public is commencing.

The 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development launched for Expressions of Interest on 9th December 2024.

The focus of ORIS is to support outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland that not only provides an outlet for the communities in which they are situated but also delivers added value from a tourism perspective.

Projects typically funded by ORIS include walkways, cycleways, blueways, water and cycle trails, bridleways and open water amenities at rivers and beaches, including tidal pools.



The 2024/25 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) includes the following measures, each offering funding at a 90% rate of aid:

Measure 1:
Purpose: Small-scale repair, development, promotion, and marketing. Funding: Up to €40,000.

Measure 2:
Purpose: Medium-scale repair, upgrades, and new trail/amenity development. Funding: Up to €200,000.
Measure 3:
Purpose: Large-scale repair, upgrades, and strategic trail/amenity development. Funding: Up to €500,000.

Project Development Measure:
Purpose: Prepare projects to a standard suitable for application under Measure 2 or Measure 3.
Funding: Up to €50,000.

Completed Expression of Interest forms must be sent via email to LCDC@Fingal.ie.

Closing dates for Expression of Interest forms:
Measure 1 and Project Development Measure: 5pm Thursday 9th January 2025.
Measure 2 and 3: 5pm Thursday 20th February 2025.

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Healthy Fingal Projects 2025

Healthy Fingal will be working with a number of agencies in January including The Drugs Task Force, HSE, Mental Health Ireland and Empower to deliver a number of projects including Balance in Motion (Alcohol Education for Sports Teams) and Smoke Free Homes, which we want to expand around the schools in Dublin 15. Healthy Fingal, a supporting member of Thrive Balbriggan, will be hosting a Mental Health Awareness Event in the Lark Theatre in Balbriggan in early February, so planning is well underway. After the success of the Mindful Walking Project in Dublin 15 to support people's mental health and to sign-post people towards supports around alcohol and smoking/vaping we'll be looking to continue this project in Hartstown Park in January in association with Empower's Social Prescribers.



Community Recognition Fund 2023

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

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

Projects were required to be completed by 18th October 2024; however, a number of projects have been granted extensions by the DRCD. Several projects have been completed with some in the process of closing and the Council continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

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: 8 community projects in Fingal received investment of over €630,000 in funding in August.
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 public call closed on August 13th, 2024 and following evaluation a number of applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval. Applicants shall be notified of the status of their application once approval has been received from DRCD.



Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November. The application window for Call 3 closed on Friday 13th December.

Project proposals were evaluated in December 2024 and following the evaluation the Council engaged further with applicants to finalise project proposals for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) for approval.

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 formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

Fingal's Enterprise Centres continue to participate in ConnectedHubs.ie a one-stop-shop for remote working hubs throughout Ireland.





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

TOWN REGENERATION OFFICE

Our Balbriggan 2019 – 2030 Rejuvenation Plan – A Socio-Economic Strategy



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to support the local Leadership Group, in the stewardship and oversight of the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2024 – 2030. A review completed earlier in the year resulted four newly constituted multistakeholder Pillar structures focusing on progressing opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar.

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 Balbriggan Leadership Group, independently chaired by Dr. David Begg, met last on December 11th and received updates from Pillar Chairs/Nominees on progress made in drafting new workplans for the period 2024 – 2030, and a detailed update on the URDF funded public Infrastructure programme. The meeting received a report from FCC Head of Communications and adopted a new Communications Strategy for 2025 – 2029. Pillar groups will continue to refine workplans in Q1 2025 before presenting them for

adoption at the scheduled March 2025 Our Balbriggan Leadership group meeting.

The Council have appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd and work is progressing on schedule, on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area which is due to be substantially completed by December 2025. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 1 Works have been completed to include the completion of improvements at the Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and River Bed. The Town Car Park re-opened on the 4th November returning 67 car spaces. Phase 2 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, foundations for new public toilets, new harbour building and kiosks.



The Our Balbriggan Programme Office continues to provide regular updates on the project through Social Media Channels and includes detailed information on 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 issued in early 2025. 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 Fingal Arts Office & SMART Balbriggan. Planning permission was granted at council in October 2023.



Demolition works on 6a to 14 Bridge Street have been completed. A temporary Pocket Park has been installed at site of the former house at 14 Bridge Street and has been welcomed locally.



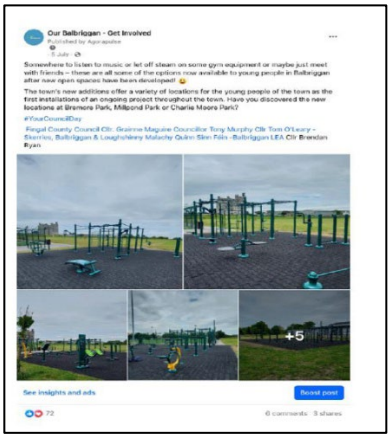
An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and are progressing work on a design based on best possible uses and options in line with site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained will be incorporated in the pre-design report which is due to be submitted shortly for review.



The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan. An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan and FCC Architects to progress the Boathouse and Bathhouse project. Enabling works to have now been completed. Engineers have been appointed to the project, which is set to be substantially completed by end Q1 2026.



The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 12,800 followers across all 4 social channels.



Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

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 and both projects have now been approved for funding. Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include the development of appropriate facilities in Lusk's parklands and the feasibility of the development of a farmers' market. Preparatory work is on-going, and tenders will be sought in the near future to assess the feasibility of a farmers' market in the town.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

The latest Town Centre First capacity building meeting took place at the Heritage Centre, Balrothery on 11th December where methods to achieve defined objectives were discussed. These objectives will be finalised at the next meeting in January, and the process to create a town team will also be commenced.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

The most recent capacity building meeting took place at the Community Centre in Ballyboughal on 16th December where methods to achieve key improvement objectives were identified and discussed. A final meeting is expected to take place in January with a view to finalising these objectives and discussing the formation of a town team.



Town Centre First – Donabate

Following November's capacity building meeting, further online engagement is now taking place, whereby attendees have been asked to provide feedback via email on their perception of the town centre first process to-date. This feedback will be assessed and evaluated at the next capacity building meeting in January.



Town Centre First – Rush

A Consultant has been appointed by the Town Regeneration Office to assist with the process of creating a Town Centre First Plan in Rush. The process has commenced by assessing the needs of town and liaising with members of the community. A commencement meeting between the Consultant and the Town Regeneration office took place on 25 November.

In addition to the above, an online public survey is currently being conducted by Healthy Ireland and is due to run until 03 January 2025.



The feedback from this survey will also assist with building the teams understanding of the Place by enabling a broader understanding of the key perceptions of the town by members of the local community. The survey can be completed at the following **LINK**



Town Centre First – Wicklow Town Team Visits Fingal

On 4th December the Fingal Town Regeneration Office welcomed the Wicklow Town Regeneration team to Balbriggan to showcase the best practice regeneration programme currently being undertaken in the town under the 'Our Balbriggan' project. The visit was beneficial to both teams.



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. Progress continues to be made on both projects, which are scheduled to be completed by October 2025.



Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for 2024 was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. Applications are currently being reviewed. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions.



Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

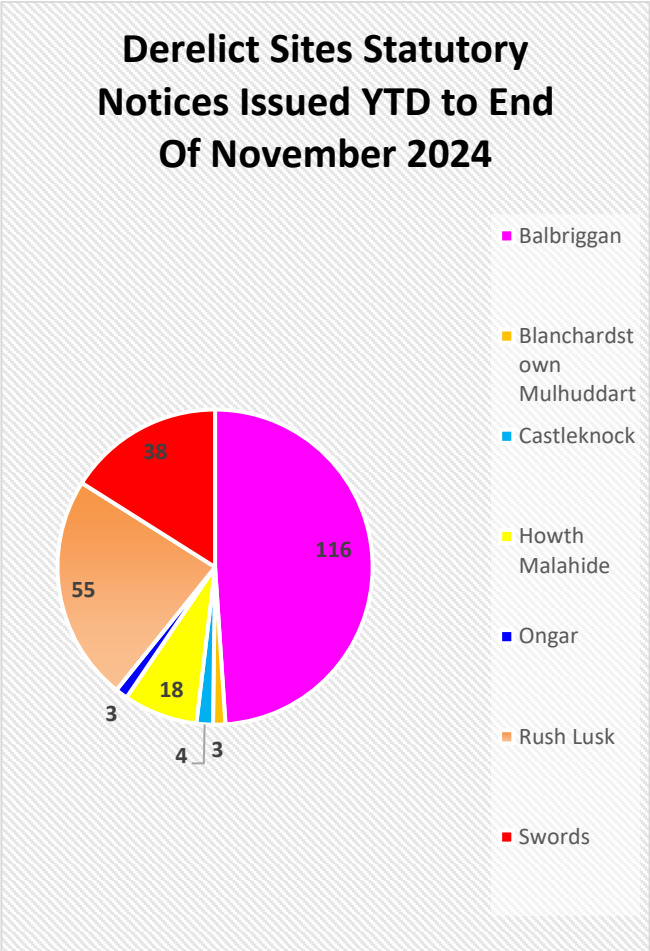
One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

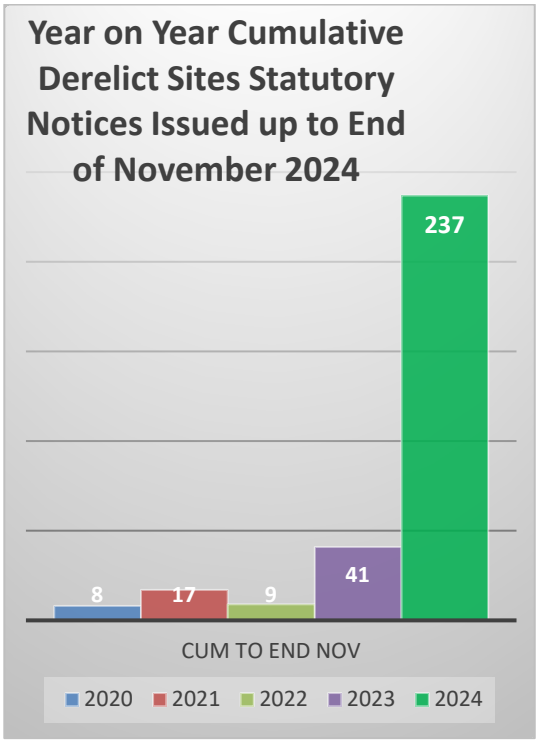
Progress continues to be made by the appointed consultant on a feasibility study currently being undertaken.

Derelict Sites

237 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of November 2024. This compares to a total of 41 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 December 2024 are as follows:

Fingal Business Network



The final Fingal Business Network event of 2024 took place in the Grand Hotel, Malahide on Friday 6th December. 140 people attended the event and listened to an engaging panel discussion with business owners Adam Thorn of Thorn Environmental, Carol & Sean Kinsella of Carol Kinsella Chocolates, Ben Colwell of Rubberduck, Donna Reilly of Donna Reilly Wellness and Conor Halpin of PRM Assist. The event was presented by Noel Davidson of Entrepreneurs Academy who facilitated an excellent network and idea sharing segment, allowing business owners and entrepreneurs in attendance to share their experiences in 2024 and celebrate success. There was plenty of networking afterwards over lunch and great interest in our craft exhibitor stands – Wineracks.ie, Nicola Weldon Art & Design, Clemence Prosen Art & Design, Siobhan McKenna Studio and Maura O'Rourke Artist.

The event was opened by Mayor, Cllr. Brian McDonagh who said "by supporting and encouraging entrepreneurship here in Fingal, we create an environment where ideas flourish, businesses thrive and our community becomes a hub of opportunity".

Student Enterprise Programme



21 second level schools across Fingal have signed up for this year's Student Enterprise Programme (SEP) which involves setting-up and running a real-life enterprise over the course of the academic year.

Fingal schools and students have a strong track record in the competition, encouraged and incentivised by a significant prize fund that includes an international educational trip to Barcelona for the students and teachers of "Senior category" winners. Most importantly, the programme offers an exciting opportunity for students to learn the ropes of creating a successful business, whilst competing at local and national level. Each year the Fingal winning projects go on to the National Final, where they battle it out with other entrepreneurial students from throughout Ireland.

Fingal Business Supports Briefings

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

Fifty business owners, managers and aspiring entrepreneurs attended the December Fingal Business Supports Briefing on December 4th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. There was great audience engagement on the day with lots of questions for staff and mentors and many people stayed around afterwards to take advantage of the networking opportunity over refreshments. This session is run monthly and allows entrepreneurs to hear about the supports available to them from the Local Enterprise Office and other state agencies. So far this year 729 people have attended these information sessions. The next Fingal Business Briefing will take place on January 15th in the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy.

Food Sectoral Supports

Food STARTER
Best Start in food

The next Food Starter event is being held on two Saturdays, 11th & 25th January for all of our new food businesses. The Food Starter is an important support to set the food business on the right track for growth from the very outset. Meanwhile, Fingal LEO will host the next Dublin Food Chain networking event with our partners in Teagasc, Ashtown, in January 2025.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) has approved €961,649 across 43 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in the year. 19 Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters grants to the value of €44,430 and nine Digital for Business grants amounting to €29,700 have been approved year to date. The final EVAC meeting of the year was held on 11th December 2024. The Evaluation and Approvals committee will reconvene in 2025.

Management Development



Plans are underway for the launch of the Leadership for Accelerated Growth 2025 programme which will kick off in March 2025. The programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin area to grow their businesses and expand. The programme allows owners time to plan and build a strategy which will carry them through the next 3 years while building their network and learning new skills int he areas of business management, finance and marketing.

Energy Efficiency Grant Scheme



The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Energy Efficiency Grant was recently revamped and relaunched with several significant changes, the main one being its increase from €5,000 to €10,000 and a change from match funding to now covering up to 75% of eligible costs. The Energy Efficiency Grant is an excellent opportunity for small businesses to continue their business more sustainably and efficiently, which will benefit them in the long run. To apply, businesses need to be solvent and operating within Fingal for at least six months. Seven companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



An initiative under the Government's National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher (TOV) scheme supported 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.

The last TOV webinar took place on 5th December 2024. A total of 127 applications have been approved in the amount of €218,806 to date in 2024. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received before 13th December 2024 will be considered for approval in 2025.

An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative will take its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring



LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In November, sixty five people availed of a one-to-one Business Advice Clinic, bringing the total number of users of the service this year to 677. Twenty-five clients received mentoring in November, with 382 clients approved for expert mentoring so far this year.

Microfinance Ireland Loans

LEO Fingal provides a loan scheme through its partnership with Microfinance Ireland, with loans from €5,000 up to €50,000 per approved applicant. LEO Fingal is actively promoting the availability of loans from businesses that have difficulty raising finance from their bank. Applications are processed and assessed by LEO Fingal and submitted to MFI (Microfinance Ireland). Applications submitted through LEO Fingal are eligible for a 1% reduced interest rate of 5.5% APR if submitted through the Local Enterprise Office.
LEO Fingal has processed and submitted 37 MFI loan applications to date in 2024, the most ever in a single year, and the highest number in the country.

Training and Events

This year saw the usual strong demand for business training and events organised by Fingal LEO. All training is aimed at business owner/managers, with 3,900 participants in LEO Fingal Training & Events so far in 2024. The first Start Your Own Business (SYOB) course of 2025 commences on 21st January and is almost booked out. The SYOB programme has had a total of 169 participants trained in 2024 with an additional 41 attendees at the Start-up Bootcamp during Local Enterprise Week. Additionally, there have been four Social Media and Digital Marketing QQI courses with 64 participants in 2024.

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. Eighteen Fingal businesses have been approved for Export Grants (TAME) to date in the amount of €44,400.

The TAME grant will be changing in Q1 2025 to the "New Market Explorer Grant". The Market Explorer Grant will be available to eligible small enterprises in the Manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant will be a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs.

Support for the grant applies when eligible companies seek to explore either a new geographic market for an existing product/service or an existing geographic market for a new product/service.



A new Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is currently being rolled out throughout all 31 LEOs, Get Exporting is designed to support companies at every stage of their journey to achieve new export sales. Through the Export Development Pathway, the aim is to simplify the export journey for businesses and help build the knowledge, confidence and strategies needed to succeed in global markets. Get Exporting is a collaborative effort between the Local Enterprise Offices, Enterprise Ireland, and delivery partner OCO Global.

Following recommendation based on an export readiness assessment 11 Fingal businesses are among the 120 nationally, currently progressing through the workshop stage of the programme.

Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The Grow Digital Voucher, starting on 1st November 2024, offers SMEs with up to 50 employees financial support to embrace digital technology. A digital for business project report must be completed within the previous two years.

Funding is in the form of grant aid of up to 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000 per application. Enterprises can be approved a maximum of two Grow Digital Voucher projects up to a maximum cumulative grant value of €5,000 as identified in their Digital for Business project to support their Digitalisation journey.

LEO Fingal have started to receive their first eligible applications and are working through the approval process with first approvals coming in January 2025.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 will take place from 19th – 21st January 2025 at the RDS, Dublin. Showcase is presented by Design & Crafts Council Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices and supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This four-day trade show is recognised as one Ireland's largest international trade shows and offers manufacturers, designers and craft makers the opportunity to exhibit their new collections. LEO Fingal have been allocated stands for this event. Following a selection process, the successful applicants have been chosen to represent LEO Fingal: Wonderfully Weathery Books, Run Baby Run Pottery, Túath Glass, Wineracks.ie and O'Rourke Art & Design. These craft & design businesses are also provided with training by LEO Fingal specifically on sales techniques for craft products who are displaying & selling their work at exhibitions. The showcase clients from Fingal took part in an online workshop on "How to Sell at Markets & Pop Ups" which took place 9th October 2024. The workshop covered everything needed to know about successfully selling at markets and was an excellent opportunity to get prepared and set up for success at the Showcase 2025 event. Two of the clients Wineracks.ie and Maura O'Rourke are also exhibiting at the Fingal Business Network Christmas Lunch event on 6th December.
In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the possible establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Balbriggan Area Parks

New Footpath at Ardgillan Road Estate to connect to Castlelands Estate. This new path will provide a safer route to school between Balrothery and Balbriggan and carried out as part of the 2024 Programme of Works.



Ardgillan Demesne

As part of a collaborative project with the National Botanic Gardens, a group of horticultural students recently completed elements of practical assessment for tree planting at Ardgillan Demesne.



Rush Area Parks

New Natural Stone Entrance for Palmer Road



Skerries Area Parks

New perennial planting scheme within Skerries Town Park.



Swords Area Parks

As part of the current contract for the installation of public water stations in 18 locations countywide, the image below shows the newest installation at Portrane Green. The other locations are as follows, Waterville Park, Ongar Park, Tyrellstown, Kettles Park, Racecourse Park Baldoyle, Mill Pond Park Balbriggan, Lusk Recreational Hub, Holywell Park, Velvet Strand, Paddys Hill Park Portmarnock, Skerries Skate Park, Skerries Community Centre, Kenure Woods Rush, Glebe Park Balrothery, Bremore Recreational Hub, Swords Manor Sports Pitches & Millers Glen Park Swords.



Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

Road works were finished on Shenick Road as part of the 2024 revenue funded Programme of Works.





Storm Darragh

The on-call team dealt with call outs over the weekend of the 7th/8th of December in relation to damage caused by Storm Darragh across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas.







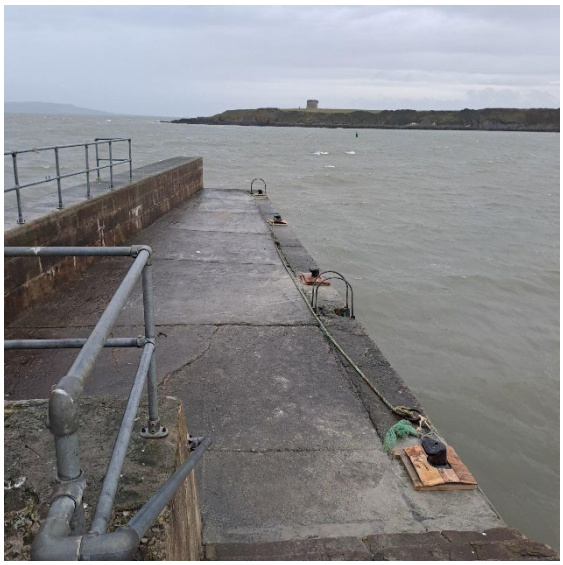


Harbours



Installation of 5 new mooring bollards along the pier at Loughshinny Harbour.

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The embarkation ladder at Loughshinny Pier has been repaired and widened to allow safe access and regress.



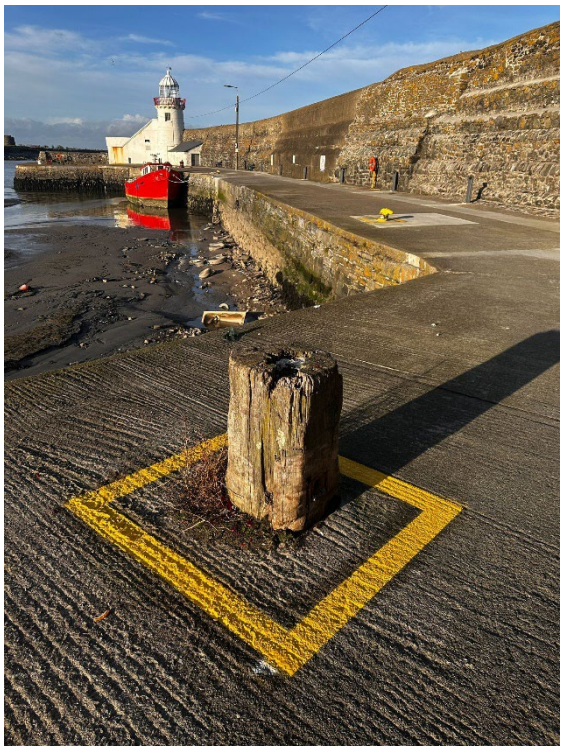


New safety signage has been erected at all piers.



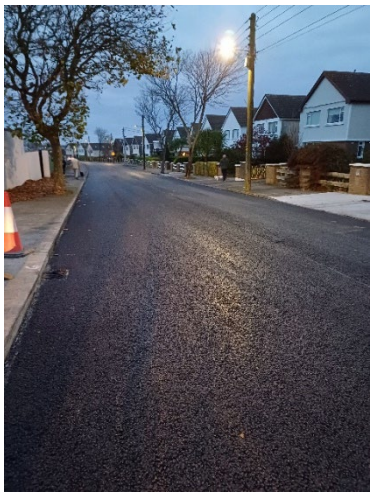


Trip hazards on Balbriggan east pier marked with yellow box around them to highlight their presence.

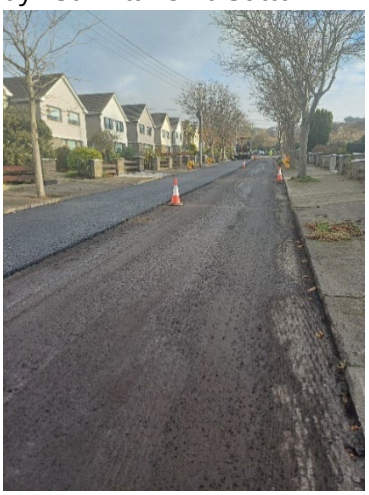




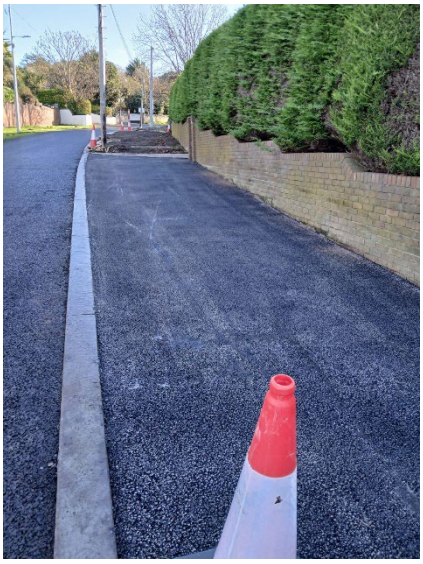
Howth Malahide Area
Programme of Works & Other works



Road overlay - St Fintan's Rd Sutton



Road overlay - St Fintan's Rd Sutton



Installation of Kerbs and Replacement of Driveways after a new kerb was installed to alleviate the flooding of properties on St Fintan's Rd Sutton.



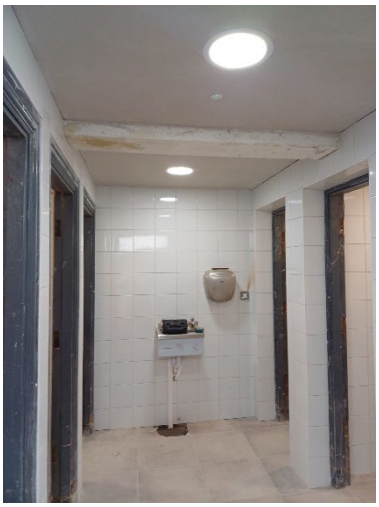
Road Inlay at St. Streamstown Lane as part of the 2024 POW.



Portmarnock Beach Toilets



Works underway at the Portmarnock Beach toilets.





Works underway at the Portmarnock Beach toilets.

Depot Works



Prior to replacement of kerbs & tarmac



Tarmac works complete

Vandalism at Dunes

Portmarnock Beach dune protection - several sections damaged by vandalism.







Portmarnock beach dune protection several 'keep off the dunes' signs uprooted by vandals.



Leatherback Turtle - Portmarnock Beach



A deceased large leatherback turtle was found washed up on Portmarnock Beach in December. Sightings of Leatherback turtles in Ireland in winter are rare and have mostly been recorded during the summer months from July to September.

Fingal contacted the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) after being notified about the turtle, which was found on the beach by a member of the public. The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group took stranding bio data from the turtle to learn more about the large animal. The shell and head were also preserved before the turtle was buried.



Toilets

Servicing and Jet vac tankering from Eco Toilets in Howth / Malahide /Sutton







Storm Darragh

Various locations dealt with by the Howth / Crews during Storm Darragh



Front Lawn Malahide Demesne







Blackwood Lane



Back Road, Malahide



Seamount, Malahide





Malahide Storm damage, Malahide Demesne

Malahide Demesne Update

Dominic Rooney's Retirement





Garda Community Policing Event in conjunction with Wonderlights



Howth Malahide staff at Event



Fence repairs along railway line in Malahide Demesne



Repairs to fence alongside railway, Malahide Demesne







Teen space/climbing rocks installed at Mick Walsh Park

Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations



Water Font Installed at Waterville Park



Filling damaged areas with soil and re-seeding area in Lambourn Green





Tree stump removal been carried out in Delwood Lawn



Before



& after photos of hedge cutting works taken place in the Hollywoodwrath area





Before & after photos of weed control works being carried out in the Dublin Enterprise Zone









Our Depot crews responding to trees down in the D15 area during Storm Darragh



Cobble Lock cleaning at Corduff Park



Clonsilla Road, Trees removed





Sorbis tree fell at entrance to Oakview Drive which was removed





Tyrellstrown Road/Open Space fallen tree



Sycamore Green, Porterstown





Hollystown Road, fallen Leulandii tree





New water fountains installed at Hartsown Park Dog run recently

Car Parking Services

November 2024

There was a total of 1149 parking tickets issued during November 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

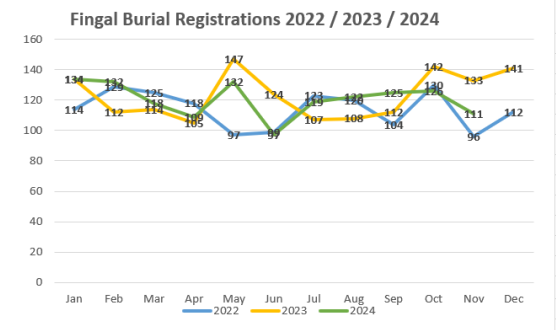
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - November 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	628
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	129
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	115
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	105
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	67
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	30
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	21
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	10
04E - OBSTRUCTING AN ENTRANCE	8
9C - VEHICLE OUTSIDE BAY	7

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations November 2024
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	116
North Street - Swords	107
Main Street - Swords	85
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	63
Strand Street - Skerries	57
The Green - Malahide	52
Church Road - Malahide	51
South Strand Skerries	41
Old Street - Malahide	40
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	35

Burial Ground Services

There were 111 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during November 2024.



Kellystown Burial Ground

A Letter of Acceptance for the development of the Cemetery was issued in late October. The contractor is currently reviewing requirements for the development. FCC expect contractor to commence mobilisation to the site in new year and construction works on site are expected to take 12 months to complete before the operation of the cemetery can commence. This development will provide approx. 650 grave plots, structures for the storage of ashes including columbarium walls and memorial plots, a small services building, a carpark and extensive site infrastructure and landscaping.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

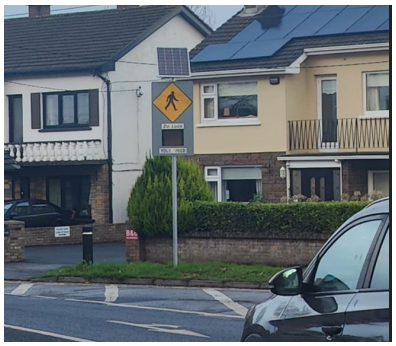
Balbriggan/Swords Area

- **New Road Markings**



Swords – R106 Malahide Road- Yellow Box markings to aid traffic flow at Mountgorry Wood

- **Traffic Calming**





Swords – R106 Malahide Road – Two New VAS Signs at Pavillions Shopping Centre reminding motorist to stay within the speed limit.

- **Balbriggan/Swords Area**



R122, Oldtown- Vehicle Activated Signage



Baltrasna, Skerries- Vehicle Activated Signage



Man O'War- Vehicle Activated Signage

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Ballymadun - Vehicle Activated Signage

Castleknock/Mulhuddart

➢ Christmas Signs

The Traffic Section deployed numerous Variable Message Signs (VMS) on the outskirts of the Blanchardstown Centre to advise motorists of alternative exit routes away from the centre. The VMS should assist traffic congestion around the centre over the Christmas period.



➢ Traffic Calming Castleknock/Mulhuddart



Newly installed modular island on Diswellstown Road

➢ Road Markings Castleknock/Mulhuddart









Road Markings Carried out in Manorfield View and Westmanstown Road

Howth Malahide Traffic Works

Recutting of Traffic signal sensor loops following road surfacing works at Chapel Road/Malahide Road junction.





Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

93 Plant Hires were put in place from 25/11/2024 to 06/12/2024, engaging 21 suppliers.

4 Fully Electric 3.5 Tonne tipper trucks purchased for Operations Department



Public Lighting

The Public Lighting Programme of Works 2024 is ongoing.

POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Hartstown Park; Hartstown;
- Forest Road, Swords;
- Blackwood Lane to R124, Malahide;
- Meadowbrook Lawn Baldoyle;
- Rusheeney View, Mulhuddart;
- Barnageeragh Road Skerries;
- Castlelands, Balbriggan;
- Clonard Street, Balbriggan;
- Balrothery Village;
- Huntstown Green, Mulhuddart;
- Park Road; Rush;
- Ridgewood Park, Swords;
- Porterstown Road phase 3, Castleknock;
- St. Patricks Park, Blanchardstown;
- Laurel Lodge Green, Castleknock;
- Downside Park, Skerries
- Baldoyle Greenway Baldoyle (supply upgrade);
- Caves Strand Malahide;

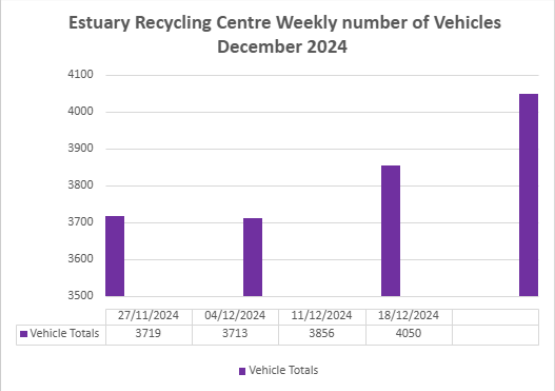
POW Works in Progress/Ongoing (works complete, awaiting ESB connections):

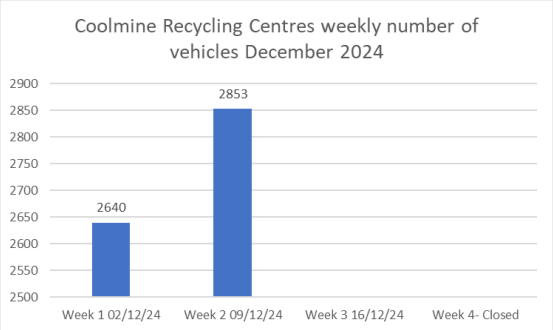
- Drumnigh Road Portmarnock;
- Red Square Portrane

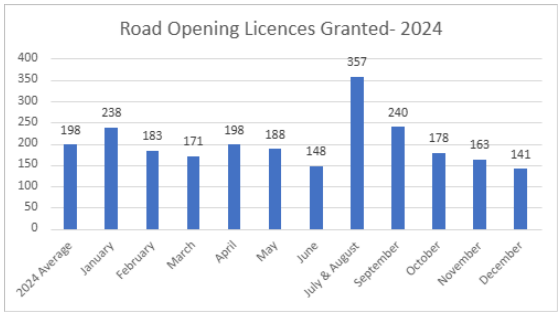
Recycling Centres Update

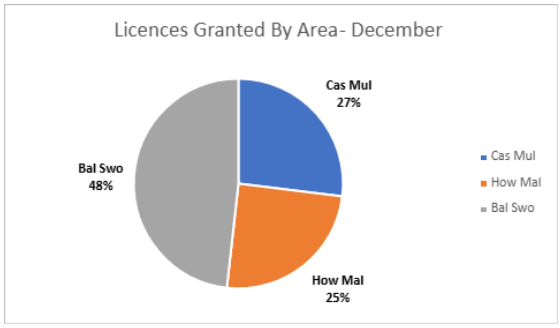
Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which will be commence on 1st January 2025.

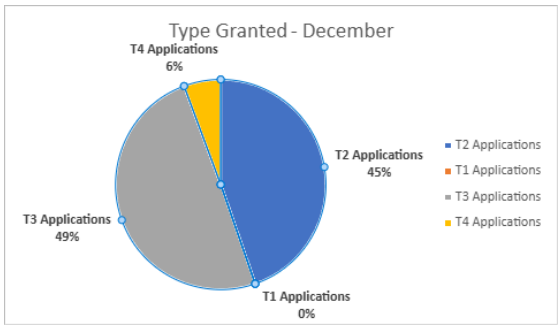
Information on the increased charges was brought for to each Area Committee for their information. Additional income is required to meet the ongoing deficit and to cover staffing, minor contracts, security and extension of opening hours at Coolmine.











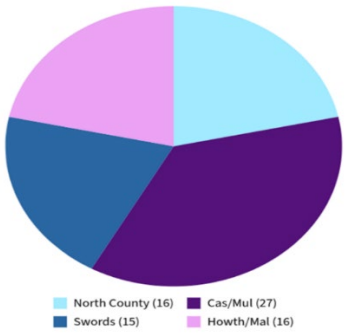
Licenses

- Road Opening Licenses

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

141 Licences were granted in the month of December**, 55% 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 77 applications as outlined above including three from schools.

We have received a total of €62,570 as of the 18th of December in Grass Pitch Allocation Fees for the 2024/2025 playing season.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council have a total of 37 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2024/2025 trading year throughout Fingal administrative area covering the trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

4 more additional applications are currently being processed. Refunds have been issued to three businesses who are no longer operating.

Any remaining applications will be taken on an Ad Hoc basis.

The Operations Department is in regular communication with our traders and area inspectors continue to be carried out to assist in delivery of quality service and ensure compliance.

- **Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets**

A total of 42 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2024.

The Operations Department continue to engage with businesses to ensure compliance from Street Furniture Licence holders. A total of 26 Street Furniture Inspections have been carried out to date in 2024.

All Businesses with Street Furniture Licences have been contacted and asked to apply for the licence for 2025, these applications are currently being processed.

There are several temporary parklets which facilitated outdoor dining during Covid. All businesses are being contacted and informed that all temporary parklets will be removed after 31st December 2024.



The Operations Department will make provision in the 2025 draft revenue budget for footpath buildouts to commence in January 2025 to continue to facilitate outdoor dining where feasible. These will be considered where requested and deemed suitable in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.

Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2023-2025

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

- **Howth Stormwater Culvert**

This project consists of the design and construction of a Stormwater culvert replacement on Howth main street (Work Package A) and the separation of a combined sewer on Tuckett's Lane. Howth (Work Package B). Optioneering and Investigation phases are complete for both Work packages and Preliminary design is completed for WPB. A GPR survey has been undertaken and a draft detailed design has been issued for WPB.

- **Burrow Beach**

The proposed remediation of the surface water outfall pipe has gone through all stages of design

and various consents. 30 Nr Precast concrete anchor blocks were delivered in October and procurement/delivery of other materials is ongoing. Placement of the anchor block units is scheduled for Spring 2025 by an FCC Minor works crew, with technical assistance to be provided by design consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.





- **Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension**

Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2021. Discussions were ongoing with landowners to complete phase 2. Unfortunately, it was not possible to reach an agreement with all the impacted landowners and other options are now being pursued. GPR and utility surveys and Slit trenches were completed to prove a new route for the pipeline.

Design is complete, materials have been procured and work scheduled to start in late November. Phase 2 will consist of 200m of pipework with associated manholes and road gullies.

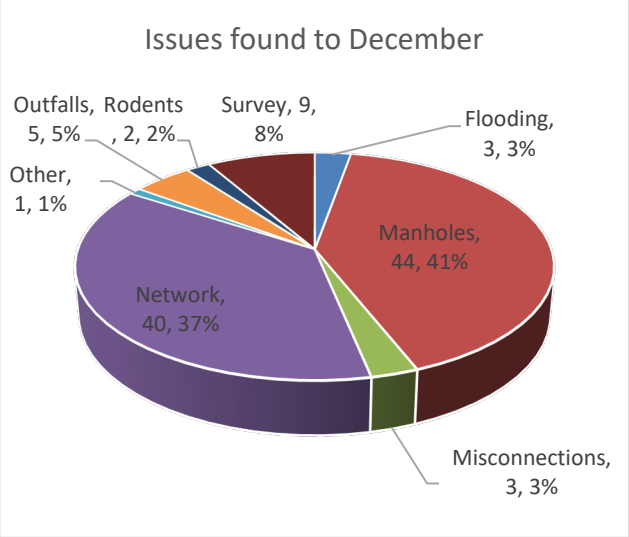
- **Lusk Network Remedial Works**

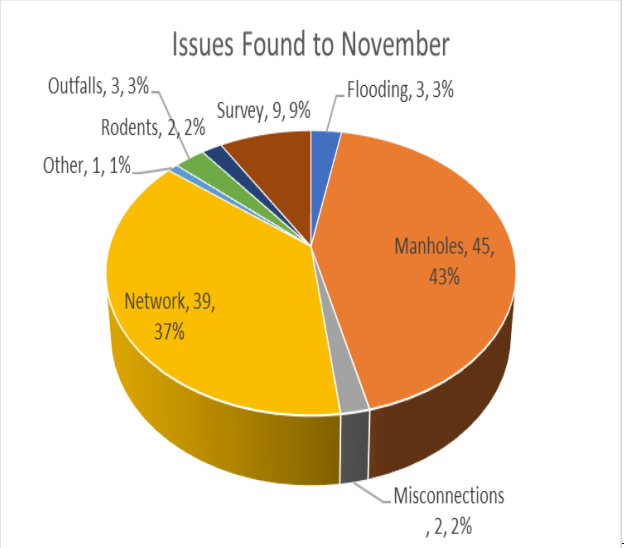
The above project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area. It includes second level/follow up investigation, surveys, non-invasive interventions, jetting, root removal, pipe lining, replacement and new lay – using conventional cut and cover.
Direct Labour crews have completed the first tranche of repairs on localised damaged pipelines. The next phase of these works is planned for January of 2025. Site investigation works will take place at the junction of Main Steet, Station Road and Dublin Road to identify the location of existing services. Once complete these surveys will inform a finalised design drawing for the area. The works will include alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. The main phase works will start shortly. A road closure and traffic management designs have been submitted and are currently being reviewed.



- **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:**

21 new connection applications including one diversion application have been processed to date in 2024.

➢ Networks

Swords

Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, a Contractor was engaged and has completed 85% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. This will be complete in early January.



A contractor has been appointed to carry out a road reinstatement outside the **Forty-Four Hotel,** scheduled for January. Works will also include the raising and replacement of two ancillary manhole cover and frames.

A Contractor has also been procured to assist our colleagues in the Operations Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

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 a number of distinct work packages have been developed for project costing and planning.







Ballyboughal

Following reports of road flooding, a section of stormwater network just off the R108 outside Ballyboughal village was surveyed. A large amount of silt and root build up was identified. These works were completed in December and the line is now free flowing.



Sutton Creek

Following recent bad weather, the protection Armour around a number of outfalls at Sutton Creek was damaged. Remedial works were carried in December to replace the Armour and Silt that had been washed away.

A Contractor has been engaged to clean, and jet wash a swale at the rear of two of these out falls. Works are planned for late December.

Dublin 15

Surveys are being carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mullhuddart and & Damastown to determine the condition of the networks in these areas and determine the cause of blockages and overground road flooding.

➢ 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 in Swords and Newhaven in Balbriggan.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets 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 currently employed to manage storm water on new developments

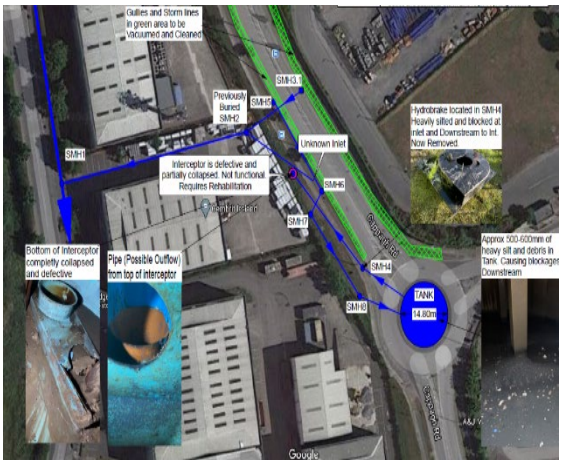


A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

An example of the above along the N2/N3 link road was visited and inspected. In order to ascertain the condition of these assets and the local catchment additional surveys are required. A contractor will

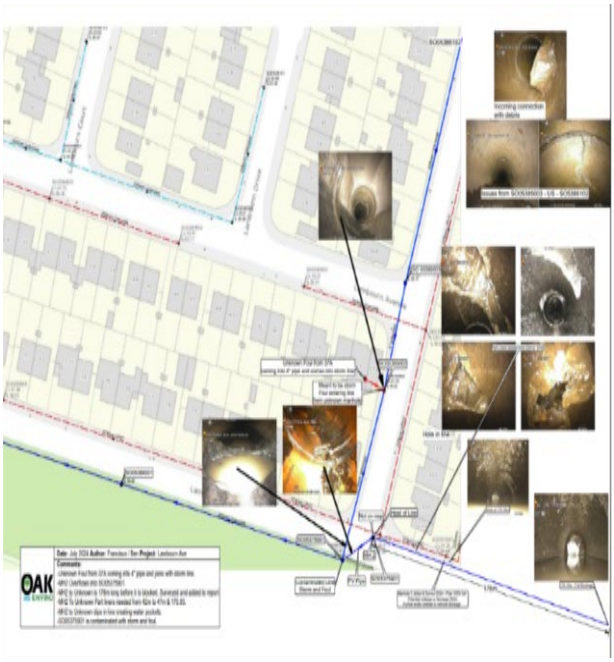
undertake surveys and cleaning of two tanks in early 2025 to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



➢ Water Quality

Lambourne Road

While conducting surveys in this area during an operation to identify the source of malodours an unmapped Stormwater line was identified and the route of this needs to be confirmed by additional dye testing.



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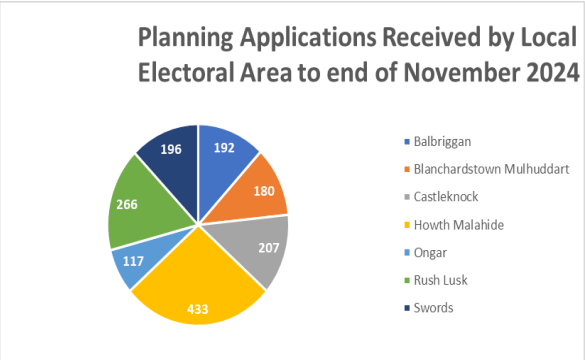
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Planning Applications

There have been 1591 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024. This is including 663 E applications via the LGMA portal. 140 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1451 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

From 1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024 there have been 12 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024, 18 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 18 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 4 decisions have been made to refuse permission and 4 requests for Further Information has been made.

An Bord Pleanála have issued one decision on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024, this decision was to refuse permission.



Planning Decisions

A total of 1298 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 30th November 2024. There have been 952 decisions to grant permission and 203 refusals of permission.

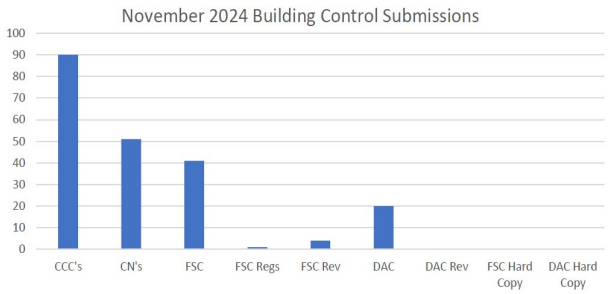
Building Control Admin

In November 2024, there were 207 building control submissions made via BCMS.

This was made up of 51 Commencement notices, 90 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 46 Fire Safety related Certificates and 20 Disability Access related Certificates.

Commencement notices and Compliance on Completion Certificates are submitted through the Projects module on BCMS. Fire Safety, Disability Access, Regularisation and Dispensation/Relaxation Certificate applications can be submitted online via the Applications module on BCMS, and the Council accepts hard copy applications directly into the office. Most applications are now being submitted via the online system.

The Building Control Admin team processed 281 decisions in November 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 68 decisions to grant and 213 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of Plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan comprises the Swords and Flemington LAP's; the Dunsink Statutory Plan; Kilbarrack Industrial Estate and the Old School

House Clonsilla Masterplans and the Stephenstown, Folkstown Little and Clonsilla Framework Plans.

The Flemington LAP was adopted by the Elected Members of Fingal County Council on the 9th of December 2024.

The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is being finalised ahead of public consultation and work continues in relation to the preparation of the Old School House Clonsilla Masterplan.

Preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying the land which is subject to RZLT.

On the 1st of February 2024, Fingal County Council published the annual draft map for 2025 identifying land currently in scope for the tax; land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be added for the first time. 37 no. submissions were received by the closing date (1st April 2024). All submissions received were published on the Fingal Consultation Portal. The local authority was notified of 25 no. appeals to An Bord Pleanála following determination of the submissions and all appeal decisions have now issued from the appeals board.

The annual final map of land in scope for RZLT will be published on the 31st of January 2025.
The annual draft map for 2026 will be published on the 1st of February 2025.

Built Environment Division

There were 6 estates taken in charge in December 2024

1. Portmarnock South Phase 1A (Saint Marnocks Bay), Station Road, Portmarnock.
2. Thormanby Hill, Thormanby Road, Howth.
3. Oak Park, Kinsealy Lane, Kinsealy.
4. Ongar Village, Dublin 15,
5. Bellingsmore Estate, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
6. Heathfield Estate, The Ward, Dublin 15.

There were also 8 estates/roads built by the Council taken in maintenance in December 2023.

1. Kilsough Gardens Balbriggan.
2. Pinewood Heath Balbriggan.
3. Racecourse common Lusk.
4. St. Cronans Green Swords.
5. Rolestown Estate Rolestown.
6. Ladyswell Road.
7. Cappaghfinn Phase 1.
8. Hole in the wall road.

This means that there was a total of 27 estates taken in charge and 8 estates taken in maintenance in 2024.

Pictures



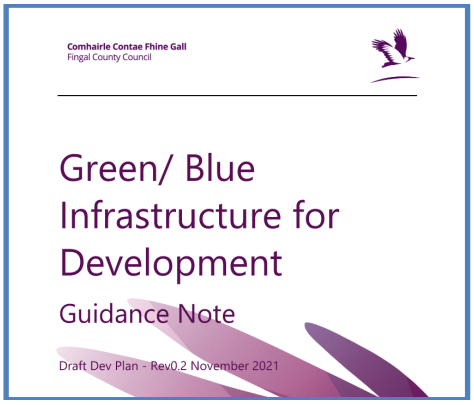
Checking external insulation on an apartment building in Finglas.



Checking window detail in a house in Rush.

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 rainfalls being experienced.

Domestic SuDS Guide

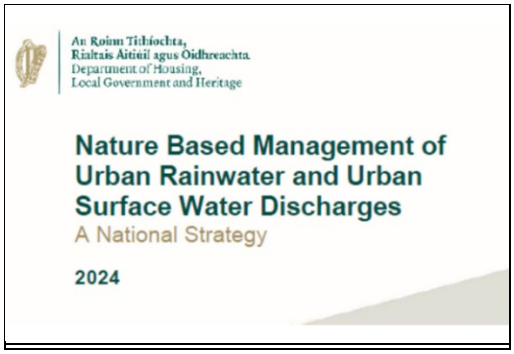
McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges a National Strategy" in May 2024.



Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange. It is expected that the active travel route into Waterville Park will open in Q1 2025.

PSI 002 Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed most of the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing will continue during Q1 along the length of the scheme. Installation of ducting, watermains, sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q1. At Barnwell roundabout wearing course surfacing was completed in December. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q1 2025 following surfacing works.

There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q1 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill





PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with Metro Link is ongoing with monthly coordination/progress meetings.
Detailed design stage is currently underway with information results received from all the surveys recently undertaken to make evidence based informed decisions on the design and this is progressing as programmed.

Meetings continue to be held with the various department of Fingal County Council together.



CCTV Drainage

The CCTV drainage survey has been undertaken by Mc Breen and the works were completed in October. The CCTV videos and photos is now can be shared with key departments and stakeholders (Metrolink design team), as needed. The survey includes a Map of the manholes in DWG format to facilitate the view.

GI Works

The GPR, FWD pavement survey and Geo Spatial survey have completed all paths and off-road survey work. GI's intrusive works have completed the works in October with 38 excavations carried out. The lab results are in progress and are expected in mid-December. These survey Investigations will inform underground utilities, making the detailed design process more accurate, as well as reducing risks at the construction stage. The design team is reviewing the survey results, and no substantial changes have been necessary so far.

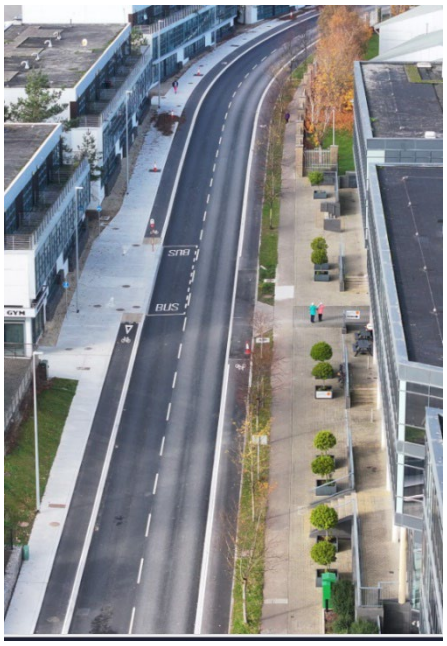
SAQ Stage 1 for the construction stage

The documentation (Suitability Assessment Questionnaire) for the stage 1 of the procurement process for the construction phase was published on eTenders and stayed in the market until 10/10/2024. All the clarifications received were all responded by the project team.

The closing date for submissions has now passed and a total of 8 submission tenders were received. The project team has been assessing these 8 tender responses in November and held a final meeting on 27/11 in order to select the tenders for the second stage of the procurement process. Following this meeting the tender assessment report was drafted and approved in December. The CE Order will be drafted in January 2025 and successful and unsuccessful letters will be issued.

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. 96% completed which consists of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan.





Works continue at the landscaped civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout with construction of the stone walls approximately 90% complete.

The trees have been installed in the tree pits provided throughout the scheme. Works for the upgrade of the footpaths in Millpond Park are progressing and is 95% complete.

The road resurfacing works have been completed on the Dublin Road Roundabout.



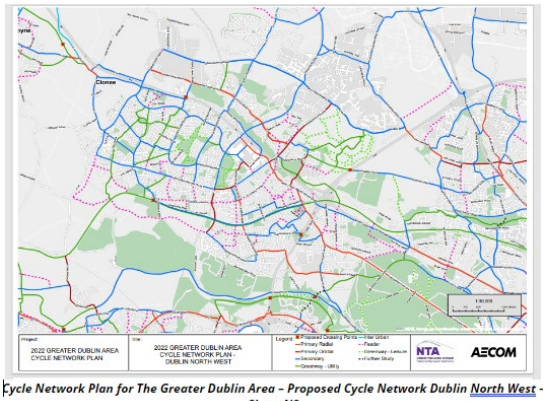


The works for the new cycle path and footpath on the approach to Drogheda Street are progressing and works on the junction of Harry Reynolds Road and Drogheda Street continue. The road resurfacing and the blacktop for the cycle path on the approach to the junction have been completed.

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. A video of the latest drone footage has been added to the website.

Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department recently signed a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.



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

RPS Engineers Consulting Ltd was appointed Fingal County Council Consultants for the Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects.
https://www.fingal.ie/news/council-sign-contract-consultancy-framework-dublin-15-pedestrian-cycling-projects

PSI 063 – Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertaken phases 2 to 4 for a new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock Road which will cross the Dublin Maynooth railway and Royal Canal, adjacent to the existing road bridges over the canal and railway, with access for pedestrians and cyclists only. This 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. This will also improve pedestrian and cycle safely at Granard Bridge and further promote the use of more sustainable travel patterns, in line with Government Policy and the cycle network plan for the greater Dublin area.

Monthly meetings with Fingal County Council and Consultants RPS are taking place to progress the project, such as route options and possible constraints as shown by some photos below



View of the Granard Bridge towards Castleknock



View of the Granard Bridge and the existing underpass

The outline project programme for this project will be developed by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 beginning first. Then moving onto phase 3 preliminary design before to phase 4 the statutory processes to obtain planning for the project. Throughout these phases there will be the requirement for regular consultation with all stakeholders including public representatives.

For January a meeting with key stakeholders Irish Rail Dart+ West Team to discuss both projects and align both projects.

This project design will allow for a much-needed Pedestrian and Cycling link from the new Bridge north to the Roselawn Road/Castleknock Road junction and south to the Laurel Lodge Road/Castleknock Road junction. No alternations are proposed to these existing junctions only to tie into the existing junction's infrastructure.

For more information and keep updated on the project, please see a recent set-up web page for the new Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Grange Bridge Castleknock Road.

Pedestrian & Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15 | Fingal County Council

PSI -036 Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

Fingal County Council have been working on the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and tender documentation for the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route are currently being finalised for tender under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

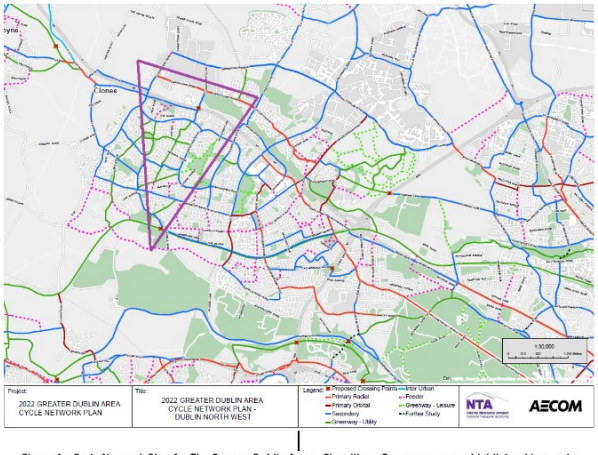


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Domastown area highlighted in purple

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. Irish Rail have been contacted and the changes to the bridge crossings that form part of the permitted DART+ West project are being assessed with additional discussions to be held with Irish Rail consultants soon to determine their impact on the greenway and the design drawings which are being updated as required.

PSI – 065 Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project

Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project will provide for improved accessibility for all road users, in particular pedestrian users as there were no pedestrian footpaths along the eastern end of Seamount Road on the approach to the new development's entrance.

The route forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte) in the area tying into the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill. This public walk further increased the pedestrian movements along Seamount Road and through the development lands with direct link to and from the only local secondary school, Malahide Community School (MCS) - reducing a 4km route by bike or car to a c. 1.5km walk/cycle while simultaneously promoting active travel as a preferable way of getting to and from school and helping to reduce traffic volumes through the centre of the town.

Consultants from a newly formed framework will undertake this project. As part of the procurement process a project Brief and contract documentation was prepared for issued. An initial meeting has been held in relation to the landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The Tender for consultants' services t to undertaken phases 2 to 4 for this project was issued in Mid-December with closing date for submission for mid Jan 2025. Once the

submission has been received assessment will begin in late Jan/Early Feb 2025.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

The preliminary design drawings have been received and are under review. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. The general arrangements drawings will be sent into the NTA for discussion and the preliminary design will be frozen in Q1 2025.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements to be scheduled early in 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations.

Following this process, the preliminary design can be finalised, and documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

Engagement with potentially impacted property owners, businesses and stakeholders is ongoing. Meetings have been held with Irish Water to ensure coordination of the scheme with planned and existing assets. A search of unregistered lands is ongoing for production of the deposit maps for the land acquisition.

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Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.



Artist visual of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarmnock

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. The commencement meeting was held on the 5th of December 2024 where the consultant presented the consultant project team was introduced and a risk register was established. The consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm.

Swords Main Street Transformation

Swords Main Street is a key recommendation from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. The project aims to enhance and transform Main Street, the heart of Swords into a destination, which encourages people to stay longer and enables a more attractive, people-friendly, diverse, and enjoyable town centre experience for local residents, businesses and visitors alike. At its core, this ambitious transformation seeks to reimagine Main Street as a hub of urban activity, with distinctive character and vitality while fostering a sense of community and connectivity through the provision of high-quality public realm to enhance the human experience of the place.

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has commenced the procurement process for a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project. Tender submissions have been received and following evaluation of the tender submission, the letter of acceptance will be issued.

Kinsealy Walking and Cycling Routes

The Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme aims to provide a high-quality walking and cycling routes between Kinsealy and Portmarnock train station, and between Kinsealy and Malahide Castle and gardens. These two walking and cycling routes will form a link from Kinsealy to sustainable transport at Portmarnock and Malahide train stations.

A non-statutory public consultation is underway for the Kinsealy to Portmarnock route and closes on 10 January 2025. The aim is to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage and the ensuing statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy section of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

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.

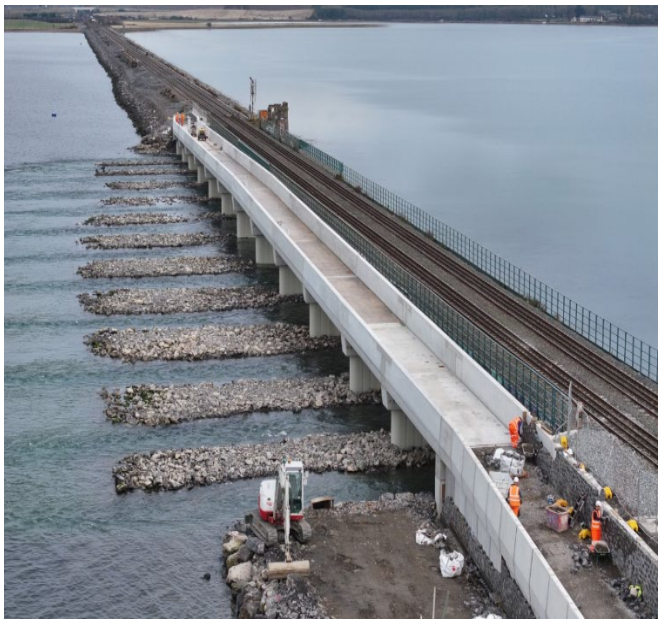
Liaison with Irish Rail, Gas Networks Ireland, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus continues to ensure coordination of the proposed scheme with existing infrastructure and utilities.

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

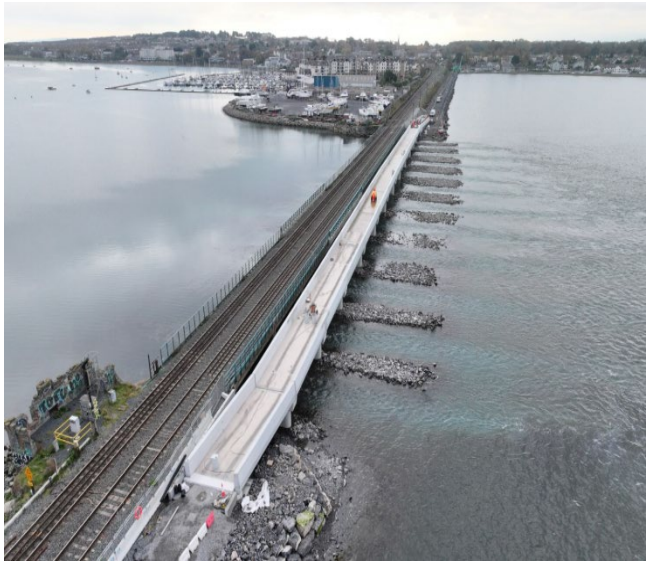
Construction of the main estuary bridge is complete. Security fencing has been installed along the Southern Causeway.

Various ecological surveys are ongoing. Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project continue. The tender period for the SAQ to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts is complete and evaluation to take place in January 2025. Works contracts in Donabate,

Malahide and the northern and southern causeway will take place in 2025 and 2026. It is expected that the landward elements of the Broadmeadow Way in Donabate i.e. from Newbridge Demesne, through Kilcrea lands to the east side of Corballis railway underpass will be open for use once that works package is complete. It is expected that the full greenway will be complete in 2026.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



New estuary bridge and ramps looking southwards towards Malahide.

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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 substantially complete as of 11th October. There are snags to be addressed with is a normal part of any construction contract. A one-year defects period has commenced as of 11th October.



Southbound segregated cycle track and new ramp on Wellview Road

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the 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. An Bord Pleanála recently approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire third party lands necessary to widen the path and deliver this much

needed road enhancement project. The project team is engaging with affected landowners and working to finalise the detailed design so that a contractor can be procured to carry out the project works next year while the local schools are on their summer holidays.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work is progressing well on site. Piling has been installed to allow for construction of abutments on either side of the railway. These abutments will take the weight of the bridge beams when they are installed under night-time railway possession after the Christmas break. Kalwall parapets will be installed thereafter. Following ancillary works such drainage, public lighting etc., it is expected that works on the bridge will be completed in March 2025.



Image of the works site east and west of the railway from the camera installed to capture the works

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists;
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling;
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction;
- 7no. Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the preferred route alignment and the preferred junction layout. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on in 2025 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. A topographical survey was carried out during recent months to aid the design. Also, some traffic surveys are being carried out to allow for modeling of the traffic flow. Route options are

being considered and when an emerging route option has been developed a public engagement will be carried out. This is likely to be in Q2 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 will facilitate a safe and direct active travel route from Drumnigh Manor to Portmarnock Train Station and beyond via a new linear park which runs north-south, parallel to the railway track within the Saint Marnock's Bay Development.

The detailed design for the bridge has been issued to Irish Rail's Technical Approval team for their review. This will feed into the required Bridge Agreement. Discussions are ongoing with the developers on either side of the bridge to advance the required access agreements. Once the agreements/licenses are finalised, construction will follow.



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Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

Units Delivered

Scheme Type	2022	2023	2024	Total
⊞ Affordable Purchase	23	111	52	**186**
Total	**23**	**111**	**52**	**186**

Units Projected Delivery

Scheme Type	2024	2025	2026	Total
⊞ **Affordable Purchase**	**143**	**266**	**222**	**631**
⊞ **Cost Rental**		**80**		**80**
Total	**143**	**346**	**222**	**711**

Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.

Information Events to support purchasers

Following on from recent information evenings, a further information session will be held by the Affordable Housing Team on 8th February 2025. Further information will follow.

Scheme Updates since last month:

Church Fields, Dublin 15 – ON SALE

GEM Construction is progressing the **290** affordable properties at Church Fields, Dublin 15. The Show Village recently opened and potential purchasers have been invited to visit. Some 90 of these homes are now sale agreed. Assessments are still ongoing. **The portal remains open for new applications.**

Aster Park, Rush – ON SALE

The application portal opened on June 4th, 2024 and is still open for new applications. 35 of 96 homes are now sale agreed with assessments continuing for the remaining properties.

Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate - PORTAL CLOSED

Glenveagh are progressing well on site, with the first 45 properties now sale agreed. Due to the scheme being heavily oversubscribed, it is now closed to new applications. **The next phase will be advertised in Q1 2025**

North County Homes – CLOSED

All 16 North County Homes have all Closed

Social Housing Delivery

Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

LA Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
AHB CALF Acquisition		6	2	**8**
CAS Acquisitions	7	169	15	**191**
LA Acquisitions	74	58	125	**257**
Total	**81**	**233**	**142**	**456**

LA Units Projected For Delivery

Units Projected	2024	2025	Total
AHB CALF Acquisition	1		**1**
CAS Acquisitions	3		**3**
LA Acquisitions	4	23	**27**
Total	**8**	**23**	**31**

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Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	583
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	44
Planning and Design	376
Part V	776
TOTAL	1,779

Units Delivered

Units Delivered	2022	2023	2024	Total
⊞ Build	361	386	360	**1,107**
⊞ Leasing	140	74	63	**277**
Total	**501**	**460**	**423**	**1,384**

Units Projected For Delivery

Units Projected	2024	2025	2026	Total
⊞ **Build**	**30**	**803**	**1,201**	**2,034**
Total	**30**	**803**	**1,201**	**2,034**

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Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed

4 Social Turnkey & 9 Part V homes delivered in Balleally Rise, Lusk, Co. Dublin.



9 Homes delivered by Respond in collaboration with Fingal in Mariners Way, Rush, Co. Dublin.





Schemes on Site

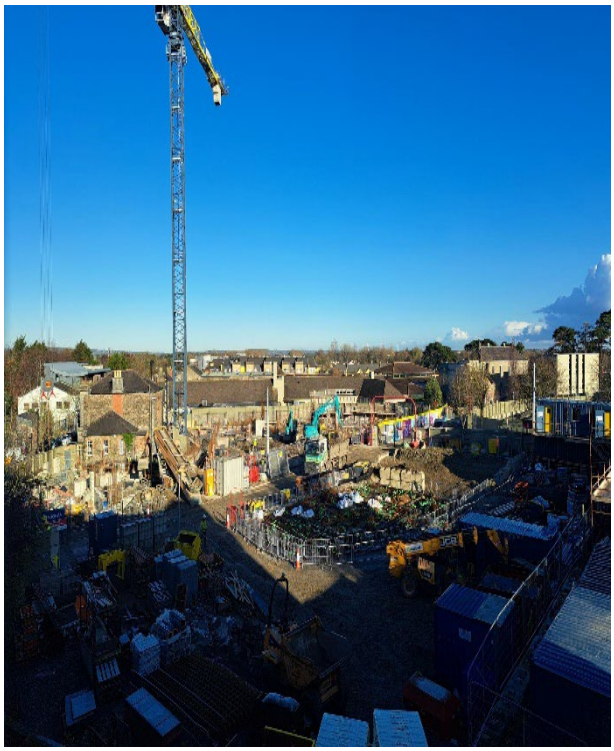
Ballough Place, Lusk – 10 dwellings

Works are progressing on site for the delivery of 10 social homes and artist studio. This will soon be delivered.



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.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

These 40 units are being developed as part of a mixed tenure scheme of 300 social, affordable and cost rental homes.



Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Fingal County Council recently signed contracts for the delivery of a further 217 homes as part of Phase 3B, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, it will include 107 social and 110 affordable units.



Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate

The first homes on this scheme were deliver in Q4 2024.



Housing Asset Management Report

Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme

Fingal County Council carried out energy efficiency upgrade works on **127** properties in 2024, exceeding our allocation by **29** units. Planning is underway for the 2025 programme, with the list of potential properties to be confirmed.



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	23rd Dec 2024
In the letting process	51
Undergoing re-let repairs / in tender process	62
TOTAL	**110**

Planned Maintenance Programmes

The planned maintenance programme provides for external painting and joinery repairs to Council housing stock, Boiler Replacements and Smoke and heat detector replacements.

Programme	Completed 2024
Scheme Painting	1022 homes
Boiler Replacements	87
Smoke & Heat Detectors	150



Scheme Paining Before (L) & after (R) Grace O'Malley Estate

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 286 new tenancies in 2024 to date with approximately 4213 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

Fingal County Council are in the process of implementing an improvement plan for rent collection and arrears management. All Rent Arrears Accounts will receive a communication letter and arrears statement by the end of January 2025.

The Rents team will continue to encourage any tenant who is having trouble paying their rent to engage with the Council to examine possible solutions and offer support to ensure that arrears do not continue to escalate.

However, there are instances where tenants do not engage or make alternative payment arrangements, and, in those situations, the Council will take further action.

The Rent Arrears Team issued 182 Tenancy Warning Letters in 2024. 114 Solicitor Demand Letters issued also. 12 possession order cases are listed for court hearing in Q1 2025 and a further 16 to be lodged with Courts for hearing date in 2025.

2431 household rent assessments were carried out in 2024.

Housing Loans

- **Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL)**

The Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) remains a popular option for first-time buyers and certain other applicants who are unable to obtain home loan financing from a commercial lender.

2024 Home Loans Activity

LAHL Applications received:	**224**
Approval in Principal issued:	**76**
Value of AIP:	**15.4m**
Number of Loan Drawdowns:	**37**
Value of Loan Drawdowns:	**8.1m**
Cumulative Loan Book Value (LBV):	**136.6m**

The Home Loans Team will continue to promote the LAHL Scheme with attendance at future Housing Events.

Further information on the Local Authority Home Loan and the eligibility criteria can be found at www.fingal.ie/localauthorityhomeloan & www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie or by contacting the team by email at loans@fingal.ie

- **Local Authority Purchase & Renovation Loan (LAPRL)**

The Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan is a government-backed mortgage for the purchase and renovation of derelict and non-habitable homes. The property must be eligible for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, whether derelict, non-habitable or simply vacant.

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. The Mortgage Support team continued to engage with borrowers in arrears on a regular basis this year. This engagement has resulted in the cumulative Loan Arrears figure decreasing from 2.13m at the start of 2024 to 1.95m as at 20/12/2024. 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. The Mortgage Support team can be contacted by email loans@fingal.ie

- **Tenant Purchase**

The Tenant Purchase Scheme is available for eligible Tenants who wish to purchase their Council home under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Some restrictions with regard the Council property type that can be sold apply. Tenants looking for further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria should contact the Tenant Purchase Section. For information, the Tenant Purchase team can be contacted by email at tenantpurchase@fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

For 2024, following the rollout of annual registration by the RTB and a project to streamline registrations, the target for 2024 was set at 4711 equating to a quarter of the 18,800 registered tenancies within Fingal. The team successfully reached the target on the 1st of December 2024.

5734 First and Follow up Inspections took place across the year with 4983 Dwellings included. 22% of properties were brought into compliance in 2024.

The first batch of letters were sent in December in preparation for the January 2025 inspections. The 2025 target will be sent by the DHLGH in the first quarter of 2024 and will inform the Inspections program for the year.

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.

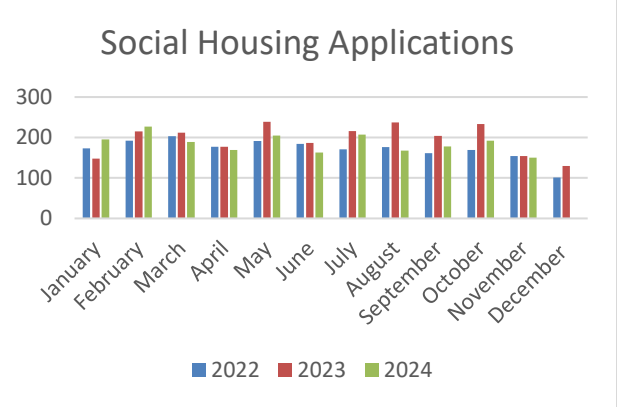
These list positions are static and will be updated again in 2025.

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 – 27th November 2024)	2,043
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.

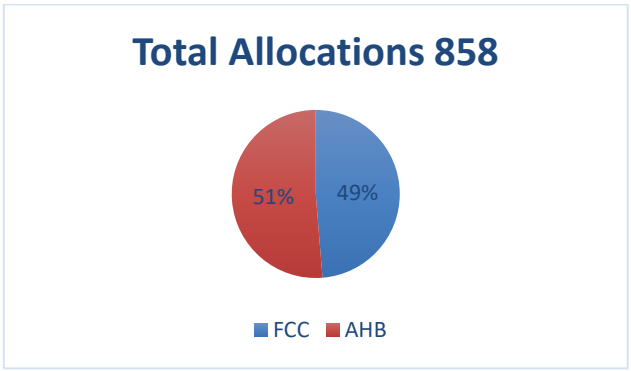
An email address has been established to facilitate the submission of appeals about housing support applications by applicants e.g., closure of social housing applications, transfer of tenancy, income limit queries, medical priority, and transfer applications. Applicants can email – Housing.Appeals@fingal.ie.

Housing Needs Assessment

In accordance with Circular 22/2024 as released on 27th June 2024, the Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

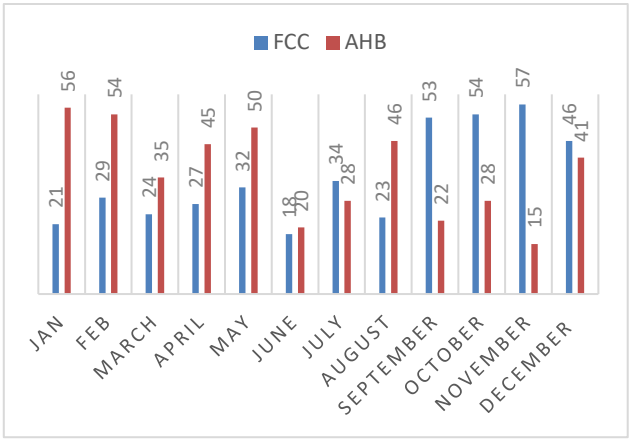
Letters were issued to all applicants required to complete the SSHA. The closing date for assessments to be returned was 18th October 2024.

Lettings

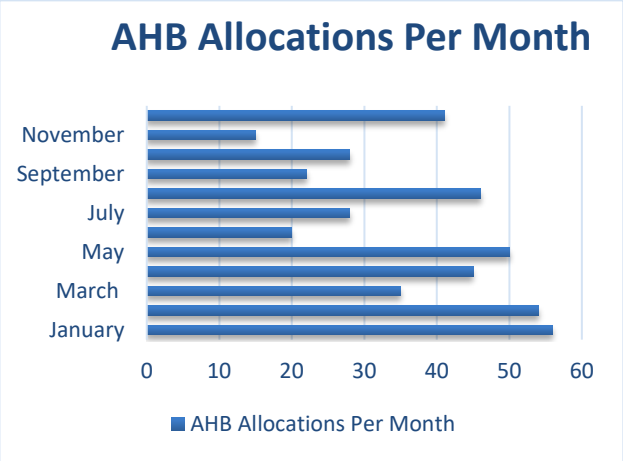


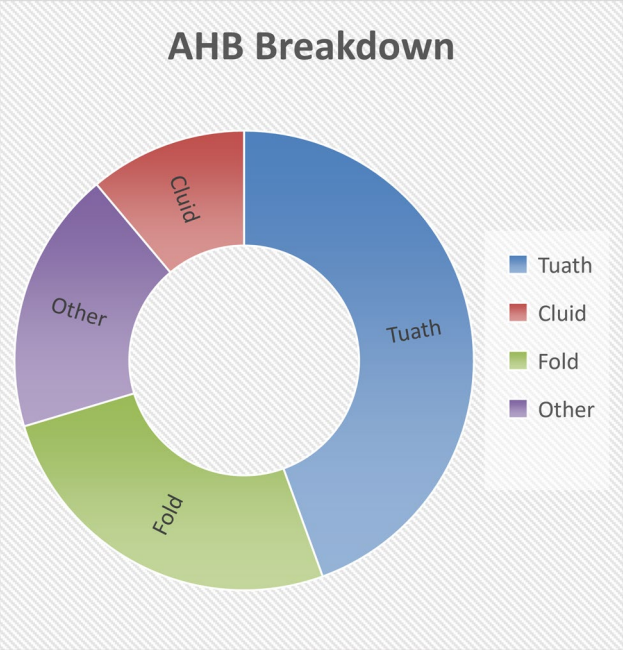
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2024.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.



440 of the **858 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **418** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.





Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of November.

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 Letting's Advertised Properties in December



Internal image of advertised property at Red Arches, Baldoyle, Dublin 13

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
4th – 10th December	Wellview Green, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	769	83
4th – 10th December	Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown Dublin 15	3	House	757	74
11th – 17th December	Red Arches, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1129	184
			Total	2655	341

Applicants who do not have access to this portal should contact Choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie to request their unique username and password.

Homeless Services.

Homeless Exits 2024

During December 2024, 31 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	5	6	11
Homeless Prevention	11	9	20
Total	16	15	31

There was a total of 20 homeless prevention cases and 11 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

9 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 6 exited emergency accommodation and 5 from Homeless HAP Tenancies.

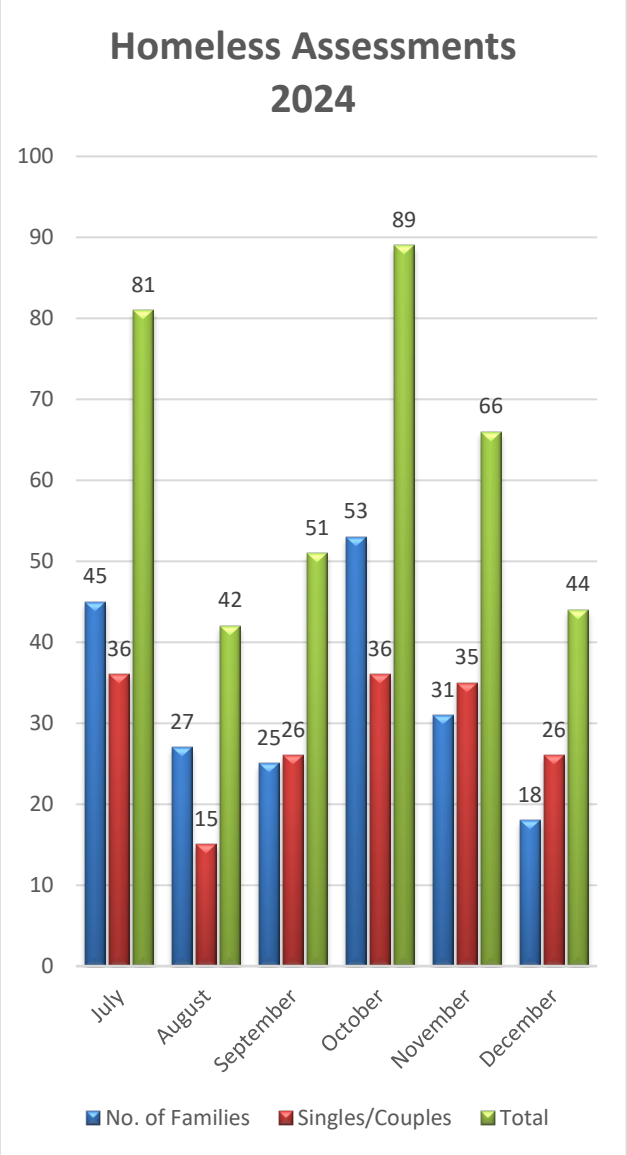
15 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 11 homeless preventions and 5 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

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.

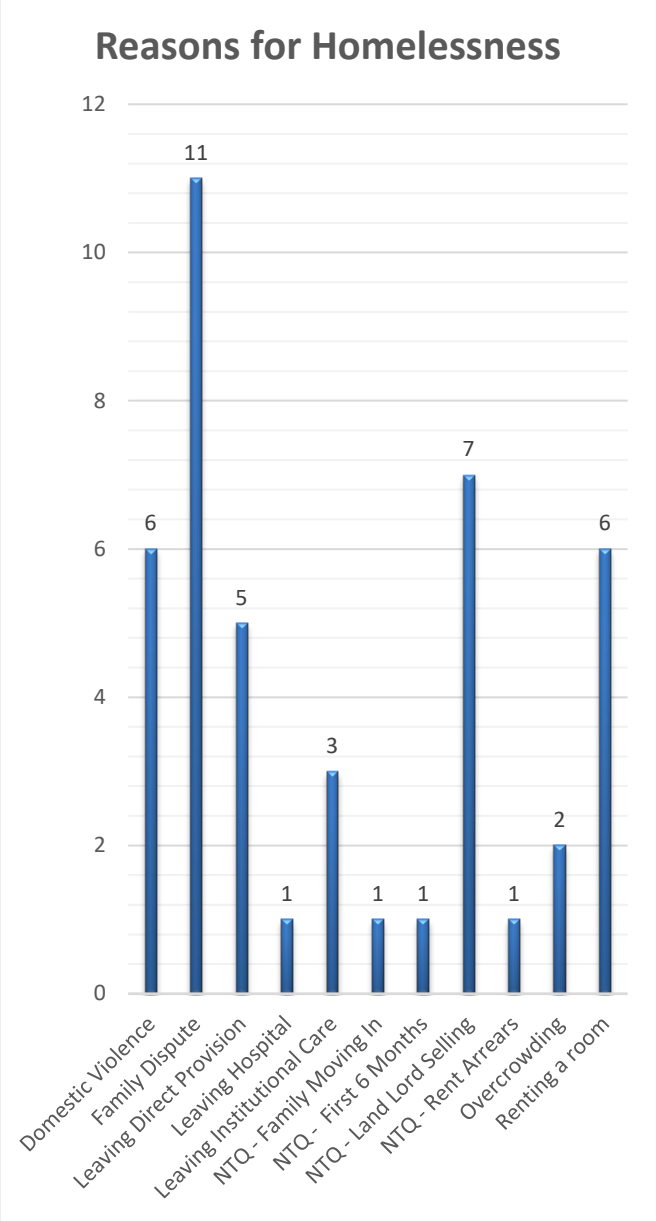
In December 2024, there were a total of 44 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 18 families and 26 singles/couples.

To date in 2024 there have been a total of 627 full homeless assessments completed.



During December 2024, of the 66 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown and 23% cases resulted from a Notice to Quit (NTQ) having been served.

Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from renting a room (14%), leaving Direct Provision (11%) and overcrowding (5%). The remaining 22% comprise various reasons outlined in the chart below;



Emergency Accommodation (including Fingal County Council Family Hubs)

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

Rough Sleepers

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

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

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

There have been 99 reported rough sleeping cases in 2024. 26 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 is only 1 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (males) from the Fingal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

Cold Weather Strategy 2024/2025

As part of the Cold Weather Strategy for 2024/2025 the DRHE has provided for a total new capacity of 192 permanent beds. There are an additional 104 beds that can be activated as part of the Extreme Weather Emergency Protocol for 2024/25 when a weather warning is triggered.

There is emergency accommodation available through the 4 Dublin Local Authorities and the DRHE along with our outreach providers will monitor the weather and likely changes to weather warnings over the coming days and activate extreme weather emergency accommodation as required.

The Dublin Region Outreach Service is working directly with rough sleepers from 7am to 1am daily and assists any individuals they meet to take up

emergency accommodation. We would also continue to ask the public for their assistance during this time to let us know if they come across someone sleeping rough on our website here or call 01 872 0185 or via our free app Dublin City Rough Sleeper Alerts available on both Apple & Android Platforms.

Dublin Street Outreach Service Tel: 01 872 0185 from 7 am to 1 am

The DRHE in partnership with Dublin Simon. Outreach and the PMVT Intake team are assertively working on the streets offering accommodation to all rough sleepers. The teams are very familiar with the locations of people sleeping rough across the Dublin Region and persistently work with individuals to support them into emergency accommodation. This process can take time and multiple contacts, as some people do not want to engage but the teams persevere with every person working to achieve a successful outcome.

The service operates 365 days a year, until 1 am. The Outreach Teams also ensure that people sleeping rough are linked with other appropriate health services such as addiction and mental health services to prevent further rough sleeping. PMVT's Housing First Intake team links rough sleepers to permanent accommodation with long-term support.
All emergency accommodation is now 24-hour, with food and shower facilities provided.

National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan

Action 1.2.2 of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022-2027 Implementation Plan states that Local authorities and the HSE must work together to plan and deliver on housing targets for disabled people in the community (including de-congregation) in line with the forthcoming Disability Services Action Plan.

The HSE Mental Health Housing Coordinator from Parkgate Hall liaises with the Homeless Services Team on a monthly basis. Currently 16 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, five have been housed and three more are going through the nomination process

Homeless Action Plan 2022- 2024

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

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

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

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, 359 tenant in-situ properties are at the sale closed stage. A total of 29 properties are at the sale agreed stage with a further 23 cases in the negotiation process. In addition, the Council is assessing a further 241 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 funding limits, 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

The Traveller Accommodation Programme Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 was adopted by the Elected Members at the Council Meeting on 11th November 2024. A copy of the programme is available on the Council's website: - https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/traveller-accommodation-programme-consultation

Through the implementation of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029, the Council will endeavour to meet the accommodation needs of the Traveller Community of the County. 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.

Traveller Accommodation









Some recently delivered caravans/ mobiles to FCC Halting Sites

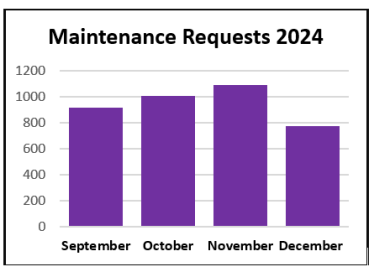
This year, 23 caravans/ mobiles have been delivered.

Refurbishment works have taken place at two of the Group Housing Schemes in Meakstown Close and St Philomena's Court.

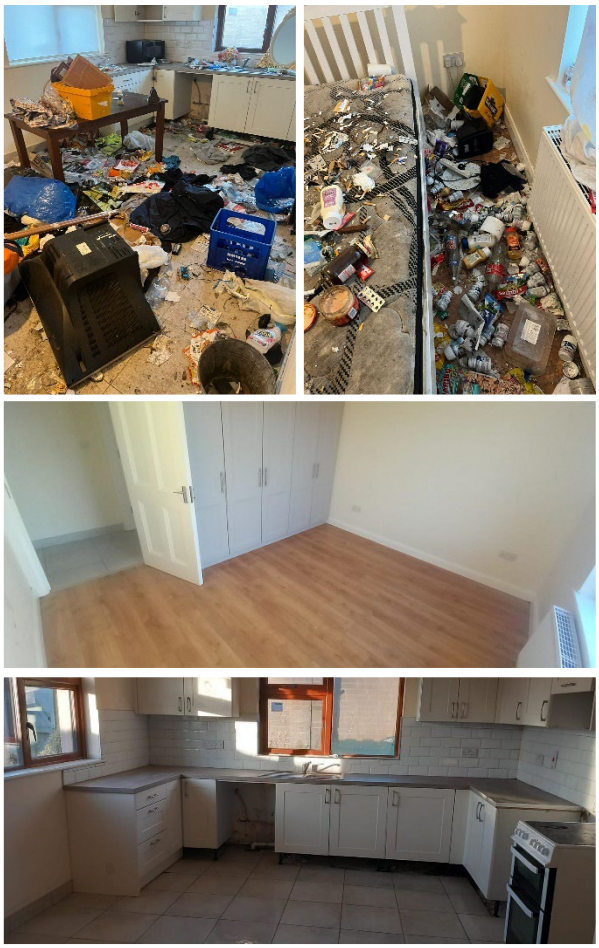


Recent refurbishment works completed in the Group Housing Scheme in Meakstown Close.

Housing Maintenance



- Estate Management received 11,149 maintenance requests in 2024.
- 110 interviews were conducted with Fingal tenants.
- 39 Tenancy Alerts were issued for breaches of Tenancy Agreement.
- 72 minor works and one extension were carried out under the DPG scheme.



Before/after Images of deep clean at Council Dwelling

Boiler Servicing Programme

The 2024 Programme of work continues, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Mulhuddart, Hollystown, Hollywoodrath, Cappagh, Santry, Rivervalley, Ballyboughal, Swords, Rush, Lusk, Balbriggan and Malahide.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating all reports of ASB and will take all preventative

measures possible. All complaints are received in confidence by the ASB Unit.

A number of Tenant Induction Courses were held in relation to our developments at Balroy Hall, Monastery Road, Bowden Court and Station Road.

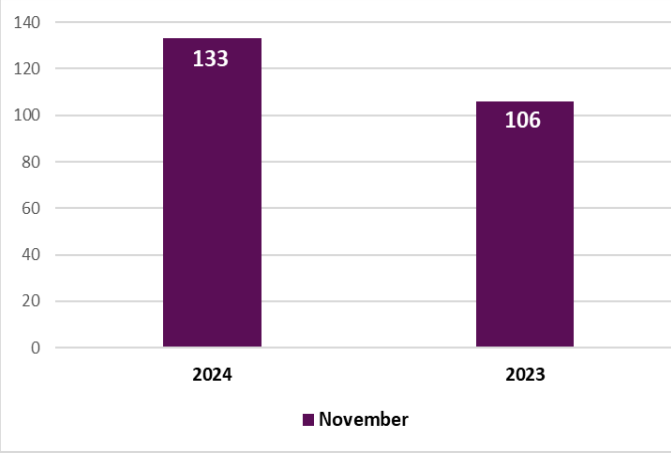
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints November 2024	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	29	19	8	2
Rush / Lusk	15	11	3	1
Swords	8	3	2	3
Howth / Malahide	24	15	3	6
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	39	13	8	18
Ongar	7	2	0	5
Castleknock	11	0	4	7
Total	133	63	28	42

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2024

January (1), February (4), March (6), April (3) May (7), June (1), July (4), August (2), September (3), October (3), November (7),

Monthly Breakdown of ASB Complaints Received 2023-24



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2024	**97**
Interviews Held 2023	95
Tenancy Alerts 2024	**33**
Tenancy Alerts 2023	23
Tenancy Warnings 2024	**8**
Tenancy Warnings 2023	6

Inspectorate August 2024

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	**2072**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2023	1665
Housing Inspectors Report November 2024	**833**

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

https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9957c-designated-accommodation-centres-current-availability/

The Council's Community Integration Forum continues to meet regularly to co-ordinate the response of the various statutory agencies and voluntary groups in the county to assist the Ukraine community and other new arrivals with the most recent meetings held on the 2nd December 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).

The support provided by the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is set out in this link

https://www.fingal.ie/LocalAuthorityIntegrationTeam

OfferAhome\Pledge Accommodation

The monthly recognition payment is **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** to host a Ukraine person in your home. To pledge fully Vacant accommodation, please visit the national portal at https://offerahome.ie or for enquiries, e-mail offerahome@fingal.ie.

To pledge a room in your home, this can be done through the Irish Red Cross via www.redcross.ie

Note **Helping Irish Hosts** can offer support and advice to both hosts and guests in pledge accommodation.

See website https://www.helpingirishhosts.com for further information.

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with owners of vacant properties to encourage owners to bring them back into use and advise of schemes that are available to assist this with on-going follow up of properties reported as vacant to the Council and those identified by way of survey.

Note the **Vacant Homes Team** has commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which came back into occupation in recent weeks. 31 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, 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 provide homes 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). The expansion of the scheme now also allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. **176** applications have been received under the scheme since launch with additional applications expected in **Q1 2025** based on engagement with potential applicants. A further **14** applications were approved in **December 2024** meaning **125 a**pplications are approved at year end which equates to **€6.3m** in approved funding**.**

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team.

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.

Recently Approved Grant Awards







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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 November/December the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including;

Thrive Balbriggan end-of-Year Review



Thrive Balbriggan is a cross-community project which promotes positive mental health in all walks of life in Balbriggan, bringing community groups and agencies together to explore common solutions and promote positive mental health for the community of Balbriggan as a whole.
The Thrive Balbriggan project had its end-of–year review and early planning for 2025 session at the Lark Cultural centre last month. Among projects planned for 2025 is an exciting link up with the Lark for a cultural event which will also promote positive mental health through music and song. This event is scheduled to take place as part of the La Feile Bhride celebrations in early February 2025.

Tenant Inductions in Lusk, Swords & Portmarnock and Dublin 15

Tenant inductions give new residents an opportunity to meet the Community Development Office team and meet up as neighbours and learn information about all the events, clubs and opportunities for integrating into their new communities.

The Community Development Office delivered 3 tenant inductions on the work of our department for new residents of Fingal County Council estates in Lusk, Swords and Portmarnock last year. For Monastery Court in Lusk, the new residents will meet up in the Lusk Cultural Centre later this month for introductions to community representatives in the town.

The Community Development Office also delivered information to six tenant inductions across Dublin 15.

Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also managed the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Refurbishment of St Margaret's Community Centre



Phase 1 refurbishment of St Margaret's Community Centre has begun, focusing on essential works like installing a new fire alarm, emergency lighting, accessibility improvements, and fire extinguishers. These works, started in early December, are expected to be completed in Q1 2025, allowing the centre to reopen.

The centre will be managed by St Margaret's Amenities CLG, a company set up by the local community to oversee operations on behalf of Fingal County Council. The board is working with the Community Development Office to develop a strategic plan, aiming to make the centre a hub for community activities, including meetings, training, education, youth activities, dance, recreational events, social and cultural events, and public health initiatives. The board believes this facility will foster community engagement and provide a space for all.

Fingal Community Facilities Christmas Network Meeting

The end-of-year Fingal Community Facility Network event welcomed representatives from thirty-three community centres in Fingal. In 2024, the Community Facilities Management Support Unit (CFMSU) provided 19 training sessions and funded 75 online sessions, aimed at staff and volunteer directors, on various topics pertaining to governance and management of Community Centres. A total of 205 people were trained in courses and masterclasses, including health and safety, project management, and finance. Network events featured speakers like John Lonergan and Liam Lynch. To promote inclusivity, a flyer was launched with information on all the community centres and their services to be distributed.



Mulhuddart Priority Task Force



The Mulhuddart Priority Task Force held its final 2024 meeting at Parslickstown House on 5th of December 2024, with strong attendance and positive discussions on 2025 priorities.

The Community Development Office gave an update on stages of the developments of Churchfields, Caroline Cowley, FCC Public Arts Coordinator, outlined funding allocated for a local art project, providing examples of the types of projects possible.

Aideen Darcy from Neighbourhood Networks also attended to connect with community representatives and explore ongoing activities. Neighbourhood Networks is in discussions with the Community Development Office about the possibility of a potential pilot to engage tenants in

new developments and encourage early-stage community participation.

Domestic Violence Safer Blanchardstown Huntstown - D15



On the 4th of December 2024, the Dublin 15 Domestic Violence Working Group held a highly successful community conference at the Huntstown Community Centre. The conference brought together experts and organisations from various fields to raise awareness about domestic abuse and provide valuable insights into prevention, support, and healing.

The event commenced with an opening address from Safer Blanchardstown, who emphasized the importance of community involvement in addressing domestic violence. This was followed by a series of informative talks from a number of agencies. Including the HSE, SPARK, D15 Community Drugs Team. Sonas DVC 'Healing Hearts' explored the journey of healing and recovery for survivors of domestic violence.

The Dublin 15 Domestic Violence Working Group Community Conference served as a vital platform to raise awareness, share knowledge, and strengthen community-based efforts to combat domestic violence. The event emphasized the importance of collaboration and collective action in creating a safer and more supportive environment for all.

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Fingal Managing Volunteer Awards



In celebration of International Volunteer Day, Cllr Mayor Brian McDonagh joined the Community Development Office and Fingal Volunteer Centre in awarding local organisations with their Fingal Managing Volunteers Awards on the 7th December. The Award promotes organisations with good volunteer management practices that create a quality, safe and positive volunteering experience. The evening awarded two organisations including Malahide Park Run Level 2 and Avista Level 2. For more information on the awards scheme, please click here https://volunteerfingal.ie/fingal-managing-volunteers-award/

Residents Association Network

The Community Development Office is excited to announce the establishment of the Ongar Residents Association Network. This network will support existing and newly formed Resident Associations in accessing valuable resources, information, and support from the Community Development Office providing opportunities for public consultation, feedback, and direct linkage to Fingal County Council.

Our goal is to create a collaborative platform for registered and emerging resident associations in the Ongar and surrounding areas, as well as invite other key stakeholders, such as An Garda Síochána, FCC Environment Department, FCC Active Travel, Empower, DDLETB, Local Councilors, and public representatives, to attend meetings and information sessions.

By fostering strong partnerships between Resident Associations, Fingal County Council, and other stakeholders, we aim to share information, knowledge, and resources that contribute to the betterment of our communities.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg
Your Local Youth Council

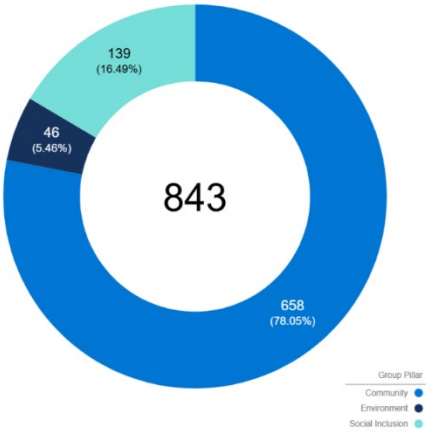
Fingal Comhairle Na nÓg have welcomed 16 new members after the 2024 Youth Conference. The group have started work on their new working topic of ***School Stress and Education***. An End of Year review has been carried out between FCC Community Development Office and Foróige, the youth organisation, licenced to co-ordinate the young person's council in 2025.
The group are planning to meet the Mayor of Fingal and CE of Fingal County Council in February in the Council Chambers.

Fingal Public Participation Network



A regional end of year meeting of Dublin PPN staff (Fingal, DLR and Dublin City) took place in Dun Laoghaire last week. This is a great platform to share ideas & resources, and we also collaborate to provide joint training to members and reps, to cut down on costs.

FPPN are closing out 2024 with 843 member groups, the majority of which are in the community and voluntary sector. We look forward to growing our membership in 2025 and supporting and training our Reps on various SPCs and the LCDC.



Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

KORALE community rail second stop: Vienna, Austria



Representatives from the Age Friendly Team and Community Development Office attended the second exchange meeting of the KORALE project in Vienna in December 2024. KORALE, a European initiative under the Interreg Europe program, aims to promote social cohesion and reduce loneliness in Austria, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium, and Denmark by tackling loneliness through public policy.

At the "International Forum against Loneliness," organized by Social City Vienna, participants focused on innovative strategies to tackle loneliness. The forum provided networking opportunities and promoted cross-sector collaboration to develop sustainable solutions.

KORALE representatives showcased successful initiatives from their countries and visited local projects in Austria, such as Hobby Lobby, which offers free spaces for community hobbies, and WienZimmer, a neighbourhood-based initiative.

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy

The development of Fingal's Age Friendly Strategy commenced in June 2024 with a survey, and public consultations. As part of the public consultations process, the consultants held public meetings throughout the county between July and October as well as attending Fingal events resulting in the views of 482 older people in Fingal being obtained. The online survey yielded 263 completed questionnaires. Key Stakeholders, including members of Fingal Age Friendly Alliance and Fingal Age Friendly Inter-departmental team were interviewed.

The findings have been presented to the Age Friendly Alliance who are working with the consultants in developing an action plan for the Strategy do deal with the issues raised. It is anticipated that the first draft of the strategy will be completed by late Q1.

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

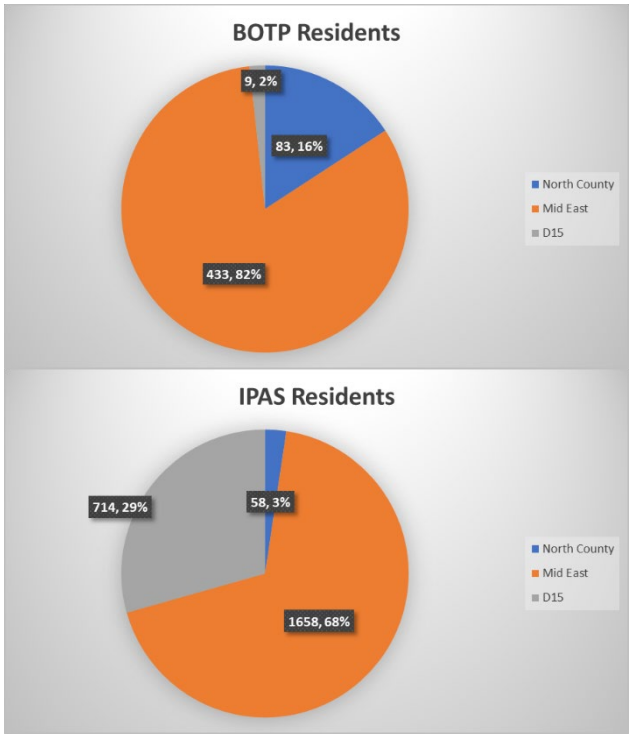
The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.

In December and into January, the LAIT continue to host clinics across the three geographical areas of North County, Mid-East, Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and Designated Accommodation Centres (DAC). Issues arising from the clients in our clinics have been raised locally with relevant stakeholders.

The following accommodation statistics have been provided by the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) and UCTAT (Ukrainian Crisis Temporary Accommodation Team).

Geographical Area	BOTP Residents	IPAS Residents
North County	83	141
Mid-East	433	2091
Dublin 15	9	723
Total	**525**	**2955**

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:



Mediterranean Day



Staff were on hand to support Mediterranean Day

celebrations at Mulhuddart Community Centre with Children 4 World Children and Festival in a Van. This event was live-streamed across Europe with corresponding events in 23 countries.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration



The Integration Office provided support to Fingal Ukrainian Support Group in hosting an event to celebrate St. Nicholas' Day, traditionally a feast of giving and receiving gifts in the Ukrainian calendar. The event was attended by 185 members of the Ukrainian Community in Fingal including 120 children.

Funding

Community Activity Funding

Communities Activities Funding has been awarded a total of **152 projects to the amount of €338,638** in 2024

The purpose of the Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support: community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration or intercultural Initiatives.

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 group 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

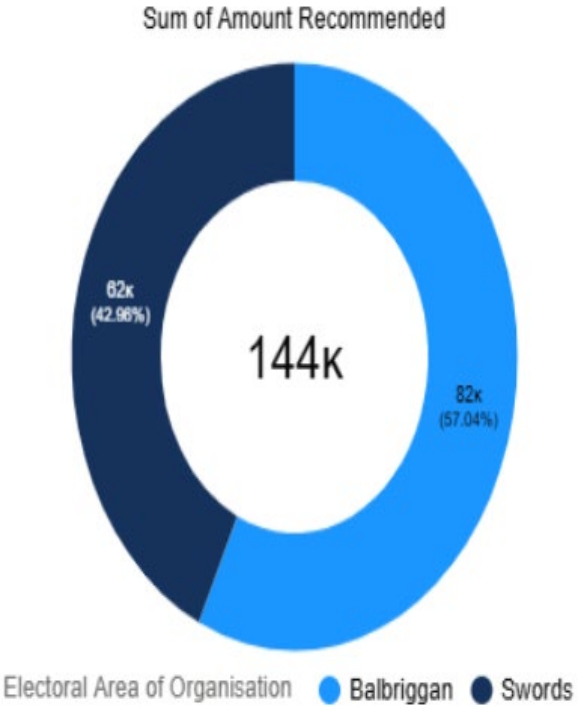
Howth Malahide – €35,361 – across 20 projects

Swords - €51,211 - across 25 projects

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart- €141,088 – across 58 projects

North County Balbriggan - €110,978 - across 47 projects

Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding



Community Facilities (non-FCC owned) Remedial Works funding has been awarded to a total of 7 projects to the amount of €144,163 in 2024.

This scheme is available to existing (non- Fingal County Council owned) Community centers 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 - €82,234 across 5 projects

Other Community Development Funding Initiatives

Other Funding Opportunities:

Through 2024, the Community Development Office supported community groups in Fingal to join with Fingal County Council in celebrating key mark events that spotlight and address a specific need or issue in the county. Participating groups received funding to host events and activities during Fingal Inclusion Week, Fingal Summer Projects, Fingal Safer Halloween, Fingal International Women's Day. A total of 136,378 was awarded to 187 projects across Fingal.

Community Activity Funding testimonial:



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R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been complete with the Contractor carrying out some of the snagging items along the route. The final lining and road markings have been applied. The installation of the bollards and lane separators provide protection to the vulnerable road users. The periodic speed limit signs that were installed and are operational during the set times are proving to have the desired effect in controlling traffic speeds. An Garda Síochána traffic division have been active along the route, and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.

An independent Road Safety Audit will be completed early in the new year. During this project consideration has been given to the views of the local farming community and hauliers which informed the final design. Driver behaviour has changed, and it is notable the speed has reduced along this regional road and at the school zone.

A final walk through of the project was conducted with the design consultant, main contractor, Active Travel project team and members of Fingal's Operations Department which have been addressed. On completion of outstanding snagging works to FCC's satisfaction it is intended to hand over the completed project to Operations early in 2025.

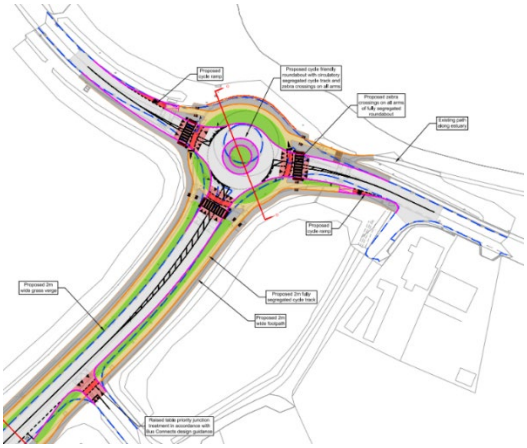




Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team are finalising the gateway report for submission to the NTA for approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. Following NTA approval, the Project Team will finalise the detailed design and tender documentation in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to carry out the works. The Project Team is working towards going to the market in the coming months for a Contractor to progress to the

Construction Stage in 2025 subject to approvals and funding.



Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Project Team is liaising with our property section to progress the potential acquisition of lands along a section of the route to facilitate the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure.
The Design Team are preparing an options report with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

The Design Team are currently working with the Project Team to finalise an options report to assist with stakeholder engagement. A preferred option will be established in the options report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in the coming months.

St Cronan's Brackenstown Road Cycle lanes:

The project team is currently liaising with the contractor and design team to close out on snagging works for this project before handing over to Fingal's Operations Department. The contractor has been on site recently to address the snagging works and agree final account. The Road Safety Audit has been completed and the items identified within the audit process are currently being addressed by the Design Team and the contractor.

It is intended to commence the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing this in January.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

A review of the existing road network in Baldoyle is on the Active Travel Unit's programme for 2024-2026, which will include Willie Nolan Road, Brookstone Road and Main Street. The Phase 2 options report for the improvement of pedestrian and cycle facilities on the existing road network has been reviewed for Baldoyle Village and surrounding roads, connecting Grange Road cycle scheme to Warrenhouse Road Cycle Scheme and Baldoyle Greenway.

The next step is to appoint multi-disciplinary consultants to present these options to the public, select an option, and proceed to the preliminary design phase of the project. The brief has been prepared, and once the tender documents have been finalised, it is intended to publish the tender as soon as possible.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Brief and tender documents have been prepared for a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage. These documents, as well as the timelines for publication of this tender, 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 with the single-party framework operator are ongoing. Once negotiations are complete, it is intended to publish this tender to progress this project from the design phases through to completion.



Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

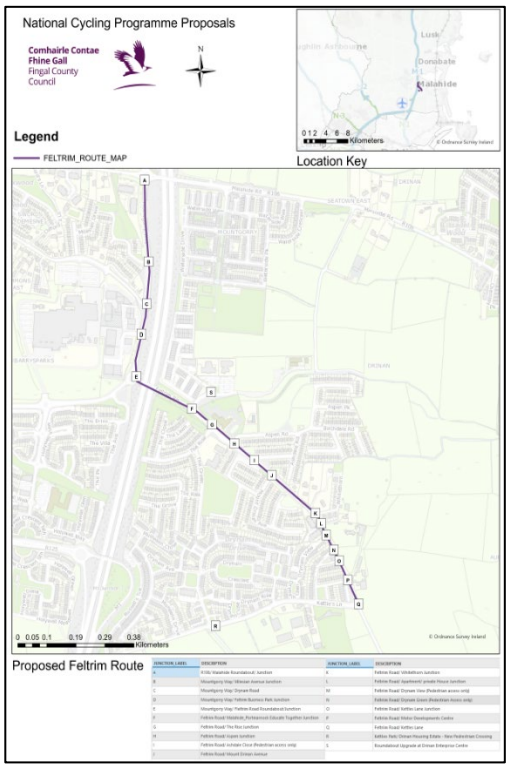
The webpage for the Feltrim Road Active Travel Project is kept updated with latest developments and is located here:

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/Feltrim.

The baseline topographical and traffic surveys have been completed, and reports are currently being prepared by the consultant. An initial non-statutory consultation took place in the Riasc Centre on Thursday 28 November. 319 survey results were obtained as part of this consultation, and these are currently being processed.

The consultant is in the process of information gathering, which will continue for Q4, 2024 and into Q1, 2025. Options development will commence in Q1, 2025 and 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. This map outlines the route of the proposed improved active travel infrastructure with the addition of a pedestrian crossing facility to be provided at/near the entrance to Kettles Park on Kettles Lane, and treatment of the three roundabouts at Swords Road/Mountgorry Way, Mountgorry Way/Feltrim Road, and Drinan Enterprise Centre/Liam Rogers Centre/MPETSS.



BMCO Area:

Snugborough Road – NAC to Ongar

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. The consultant has received the stage 1 road safety audit on the emerging preferred option. The drawings have beenb updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a new signalised junction at Waterville which is well advanced on site. A draft preliminary design report has been issued to the Active Travel Unit with comments sent back. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

All data collection has been collated and has informed the initial development of the options report. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners and site meetings have taken place. A further site meeting was held with a representative from Meath County Council where this scheme will link with the Dunboyne to Clonee active travel scheme. A workshop was recently held with the NTA who provided feedback on the emerging preferred option. Gateway approval has now been granted to enable the project to proceed to preliminary design. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence, and environmental & appropriate screening is underway.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

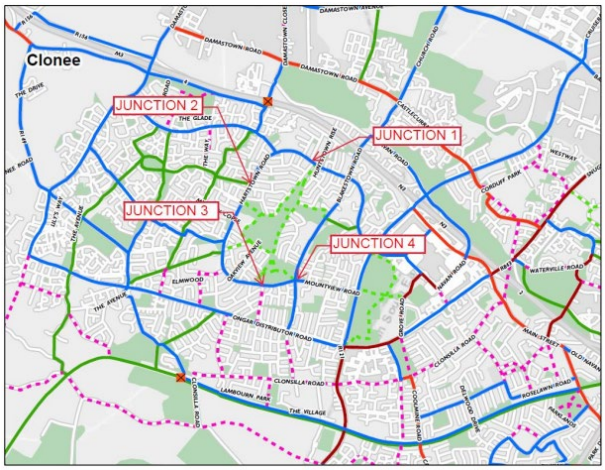
Photomontages of the emerging preferred option have been published along with other materials on the Fingal consultation portal. A non-statutory public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been collated and reviewed. There have been a number of changes to the preliminary design due to the submissions received. These changes were presented to the BMCO area committee in December. The public consultation report has now been published online and is being communicated over social media. Gateway 4 approval has been received and detailed design has commenced.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council are progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way

with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood.



Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh

The feasibility study has started, and traffic and drone surveys have taken place. A topographical survey has been completed and has been issued to the designers to inform the study. Feasibility and route options are currently being discussed between the design team and Active Travel.

Towns & Villages

Works are continuing in the development of an Active Travel Plan for several of our Towns & Villages. Details are outlined below.

New Street

Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Part 8 approval for the Public Realm Improvements are ongoing.

Tender documents have been developed for Stage 2b (detailed design) and negotiations are ongoing with the Single Party Framework Operator, with a view to bringing these negotiations to a close as soon as possible. Once negotiations are complete, it is envisaged that the tender will be published and work on the detailed design will commence immediately.





Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The webpage for the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery is kept updated with latest developments, and is located here:

https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/balrothery

A newsletter, Engagement Summary Report and live survey are currently available on this webpage.

The Consultant has developed a draft plan consisting of various approaches to delivering improvements to active travel in the village. Various emerging projects are being identified under these approaches, and were put through a multi-criteria analysis, tested against the vision and key principals of the plan. An internal stakeholder meeting was also held. The emerging draft plan (and component projects) was presented to the public during a non-statutory consultation event in the heritage centre on the 20 November.

This feedback collated from these events is informing the finalisation of the active travel plan, during Q4, 2024 and Q1, 2025, and the options

development phase, which is due to commence in Q1, 2025.





Skerries Active Travel Plan

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys. The information collected and collated as part of the public consultation will guide the team with the initial concepts and ideas for Skerries Active Travel Plan. We are planning to have our initial concepts and ideas prepared in Q1 2025 so that we can engage with the local representatives and present the concepts.

The initial baseline report has been completed. Traffic and Parking surveys have been conducted in Q4 2025. These will feed into the generation of the initial long list of projects.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop

This project has gone through full non-statutory consultation with the local stakeholders in advance of progressing Part 8 process. The project team had engaged M-CO Communication Consultants to assist with the non-statutory stakeholder engagement and help manage a number of local engagement events and workshops with residents, businesses and other local groups throughout September 2024.



Feedback received from the stakeholders has been reviewed and considered by the project team which has resulted in some changes and amendments in the overall design. The team are working to provide a full report on the non-statutory consultation. The Consultation process was well received and proved a very informative process for everyone involved including the wider community. The Project Team will be briefing the local Cllr's in advance of going to Part 8 in Q1 of 2025.





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

A tender assessment report has been finalised having received a number of tender submissions for the construction of the project. The tender assessment process is currently being finalised, and it is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in January 2025. Works on the project will commence soon after subject to availability of the successful contractor.

Rush South Beach

The project team and the Integrated Design Team have prepared concept design and options report for new universal access path. Discussions with landowners are ongoing, with meetings held recently and further meetings with the landowners over the coming weeks.

We are working collaboratively with the property owners to find an optimal solution that caters for everyone's needs.

Balgriffin Park Shared Pedestrian and Cycle Path

Works are complete at this connectivity piece which 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.



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. The works and snagging are now complete.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county are being reviewed to increase the number of bicycle parking facilities across the county. Further works are planned in Swords in Q1 2025.

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.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS
All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School
All works are complete for this project.

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract is making great progress at each of the four school sites. 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 now 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 a new coloured surface has been laid to further highlight the school zone.



Ladyswell NS, Dromheath Gardens

Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

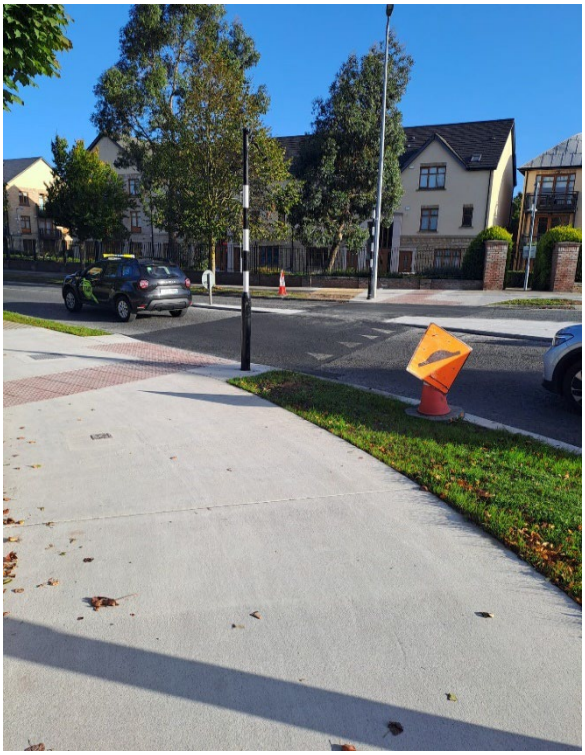
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin has now been completed.



Scoil Ghráinne CNS

Scoil Choilm Community NS, Porterstown

Works are complete at Scoil Choilm where 3 new zebra crossings have been 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

Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

Works are almost complete at Pope John Paul NS with all new paths, build outs and ramps installed as well as the new pedestrian crossing point.

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

A design team has been appointed and data collection and topographical surveys are to be carried out in December and January.

Rush National School

Active Travel together with Rush National School will be implementing a school street during January 2025. The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation during January with a view to commencing the operation of the school street after Training and supports has been put in place.

Mobility & Behaviour Change

Walking and Cycling Buses

With the end of the calendar year approaching, we would like to thank the countless volunteers who lead out on school walking and cycling buses each week. We are looking forward to working with more schools and parents in 2025 to increase the number of walking and cycling buses in Fingal.



Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability

A full list of 2025 Courses will be available at the start of January, with over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year on the

Learn 2 Cycle front. The first courses will take place in January.

Friday 10th Jan – Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre from 4pm – 6pm
Mon 13th Jan – Flemington Community Centre from 4pm – 6pm
Sat 18th Jan – Corduff Sports Centre from 12pm – 1pm.

For more information on booking a course check out
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle



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Staff Pooled Bikes

The new staff pooled bike scheme was launched in Swords, County Hall in December with two eBikes available through the Bleeper Bike App. To sign up for shared eBikes

- Email Building Facilities for Bike Bunker access
- Download the Bleeper App
- Register with your FCC email
- Search 'My Private Scheme'
- Enter Scheme name: 'Fingal Staff Bikes'
- Await the confirmation from Bleeper

The bikes are available from the middle Bike Bunker in Swords, and we plan to have the two bikes available in the Civic Offices,

Blanchardstown in January 2025. For more information, please email active.travel@fingal.ie



Cycling Courses 2025

In addition to the Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability Courses we have a full range of other courses planned for 2025. These range from Balance Bike Buddies for toddlers right up to our very successful Sofa to Saddle Course for older adults. The full list of dates and venues will be circulated to Councillors in January 2025.







Dunsink Observatory eCargo Bike

Dunsink Observatory became the newest member or our eCargo Bike Trials, recently taking possession of a new Dolly eCargo front loader cargo bike for work around the campus as well as travelling to their other campuses around the city. If you have a community group or small business

who would be interested in taking part in the trials, please contact active.travel@fingal.ie



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.



Wheelchair Tandem Bike Service

The Wheelchair Tandem Bike will be available free of charge to the public and training in how to use it and operate the Bike Bunker will be provided. The Bike is a unique and innovative bicycle designed to be a tandem vehicle for individuals with mobility impairments. It combines a wheelchair with a tandem bike, allowing the person in the wheelchair to participate in cycling activities with another cyclist. This type of bicycle offers an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the outdoors, get exercise, and engage in cycling activities in a way that wouldn't be possible on a traditional bike. If you'd like more information, email cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and we'll get back to you.



Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative will launch from Malahide Castle in January 2025. The Trishaw will be co-located with the Wheelchair Tandem Bike and be available to book by emailing Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie and requesting a trip.

We are on the lookout for new volunteers in the Malahide area. If you would be interested in signing up or getting more information, please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie



Staff Lunch & Learn Sessions

As part of staff engagement work, we held a staff lunch and learn session in Swords with the Bike Hub on Wednesday 4th December at 1pm in Blanchardstown. The session provided attendees with a great insight into cycling in the colder, darker winter months. We look forward to more sessions like this in 2025.

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. The car has completed over 30 trips in December, helping people get to everything from visits to the shops to trips to mass. To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



Car Share Schemes

There are three car share providers operating in Fingal. Go Car, Yuko and Drive You. Between them, they are helping to reduce the number of private vehicles on our roads and contributing to lower emissions.

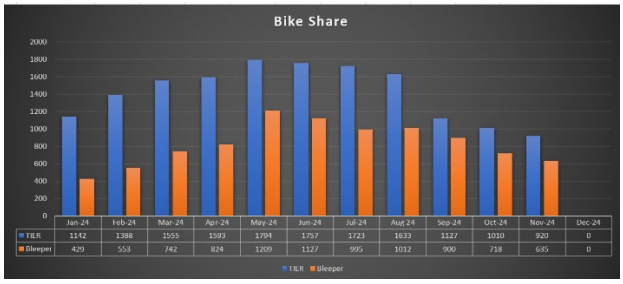
Month	Number of Trips	Number of Shared KMs
August	1802	166,577km
September	1713	142,466km
October	1724	145,767km
November	1479	105,383km

Community eCargo Bikes

Throughout 2024 we have been providing Community Groups with access to an eCargo bike for their Community work. We have partnered with various Tidy Towns Groups, Picker Pals, Dunsink Observatory, The Old Irish Goat Herders as well as our own Operations Team in Newbridge House and The Mayor of Fingal. The bikes have been a valuable asset for the groups and have replaced countless journeys by motor vehicle. We are keen to expand the programme in 2025 and are interested in hearing from Community Groups and small businesses who wish to apply, interested groups can email active.travel@fingal.ie



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

From 1 December a new operating zone came into effect in Fingal. The model will focus on Community Hubs, placing bikes at key locations close to where people are starting their commutes.



The addition of these new zones will lead to more structured and better parking habits by users and will also increase rebalancing times by Bleeper.

The new service saw the introduction of the Fingal Pass. This pass gives residents of Fingal their first 30 minutes of every Bleeper trip for free. There have been nearly 100 sign ups to the Fingal Pass to date. After 30 minutes users will be charged the standard rental fee of €0.04 per minute and €0.02 per minute while a trip is paused. The new service will also see the number of available Bleeper Bikes in Fingal rise from 125 to 150 vehicles.

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

635 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November
617 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone
Sundays (17%) and Saturdays (15.9%) recorded the highest usage
Howth, Sutton and Castleknock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 157kg of CO2

TIER eBike Update

Tier are in the process of removing the last of their bikes from service in the Fingal area. They hope to have a full withdrawal by December 20. If you come across a Tier bike in your area after this time, please email support@tier.app and report the location.

Tier eBike Monthly Report

920 Tier eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in November
70 Active Vehicles were operational in Fingal in November.
421 customers used a Tier eBike in November
The average journey length was 3.6km for a total of 12.38mins

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Action

Community Climate Action Fingal

Grants continue to be disbursed to awarded applicants in Fingal for climate measures to reduce emissions. The first drawdown from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications took place in December.

Climate Action and the Circular Economy

The Climate Action Department welcomed the Economic Development Department and delegates from Nokia, Finland to the Estuary Recycling Centre in December. The Climate Action Team spoke about the links between the circular economy and Fingal's Climate Action Plan. The delegates were given a tour of the centre, and a

presentation was given about circular economy initiatives ran in Fingal such as the recycled instruments project, recycled paint, the composting for school's programme and leaf mould cages.



Climate Action Plan Implementation Team

Fingal County Council held its first Climate Action Plan Implementation Team meeting on December 10th. This team is responsible for the implementation of Fingal's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. Staff that are part of this team vary and come from across multiple departments within Fingal County Council. During this meeting, presentations were held to discuss the reporting requirements of the Climate Action Plan, Active Travel in Fingal, the Community Climate Action Fund and Energy Use in Fingal's buildings.



E2-CUTIES Interreg

Codema and FCC have been successful in securing funding for the E2-CUTIES Interreg NEW project. This project will commence in March 2025.

Environmental Awareness

Christmas Decoration Workshops were held in seven schools.



Funding was made available to the Mountview Commuinity Centre to replace a broken drinking water dispenser. The Rush YouthReach Group visited the Estuary Recycling Centre to learn about Circular Economy and have a presentation on Climate Change and Climate Action.

Litter Management

The Litter Warden continued to tackle littering and dumping in December. 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.



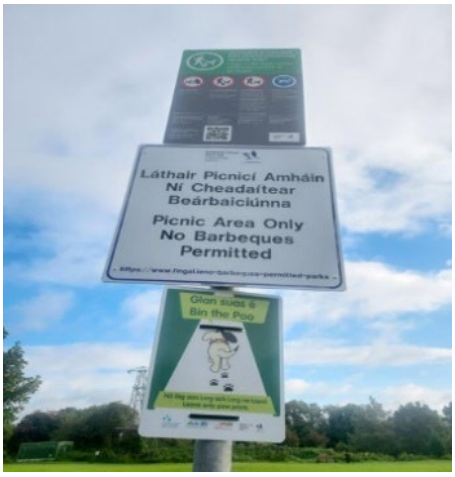
They reported any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required when evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



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, to highlight the impact dog fouling has on bathing waters and the responsibilities of dog ownership.

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. Tenant induction courses were attended to outline to new Council tenants their role in keeping their estates clean and free of litter.

The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

Month (2024)	Fines	Warning Notices
January	29	4
February	56	2
March	18	3
April	15	0
May	19	6
June	12	4
July	12	0
August	26	0
September	11	0
October	23	0
November	30	0
December	14	3

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 December 2024	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	6
General Litter Issue	8
Muck on road	2
Abandoned cars	19
Inspection of bottle banks	175
Inspection of dumping black spots	231
Unauthorised signage	4
Env - Miscellaneous	3
Dog fouling reports	3
Littering at bottle banks	3
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Walking patrols	3

Abandoned Cars

There have been 417 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received between 1st January 2024 – 18th of December 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to environment@fingal.ie

- Vehicle Registration
- Colour / Make / Model
- Exact Location
- Period of time that vehicle has not been moved
- Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle

Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website:

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

Month	Abandoned Vehicles Removed			Burnt Out Vehicles Removed		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
January	0	0	0	0	1	6
February	0	1	2	1	0	0
March	3	1	2	0	1	3
April	2	0	2	0	0	0
May	1	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	1	0	5	0
July	0	1	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	0	0	3	0
September	0	3	0	0	0	0
October	2	0	0	0	0	0
November	2	4	0	1	0	0
December	1	0	0	1	0	1
	13	10	7	3	10	10

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 do not do door-to-door licence checks on the run up to Christmas but will recommence in mid January. 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 0 x 10 Day Notices, and 5 Fines issued by the dog wardens during December 24.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
January	217	40	20	68	€1997.50	€7,800
February	297	13	38	32	€2135	€2,600
March	234	97	40	29	€2525	€2,100
April	277	152	35	42	€2073	€1,500
May	408	232	38	98	€2420	€2,956
June	247	135	58	53	€2180	€2,700
July	29	109	88	35	€3550	€2,644.20
August	15	140	52	21	€4600	€1,500
September	29	125	23	40	€2919.70	€3,549
October	15	241	13	40	€2321	€1,500
November	104	91	19	7	€2185	€1,100
December	0	222	5	12	€1700	€1,422.50
TOTAL	1872	1597	429	477	€30,606.20	€31,372

The Animal Welfare Section received 22 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of November 2024 to 18th December 2024.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of December 2024 to 18th of December 2024
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	3
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	0
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	8
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	2
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	6
Grand Total	**22**

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during December 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	1078	635	87	65	€33,740	€21,800
February	1010	562	62	58	€28,880	€19,360
March	810	561	58	55	€24,320	€18,900
April	918	451	64	41	€27,320	€14,760
May	1193	918	90	64	€36,460	€27,320
June	1045	516	87	41	€33,080	€16,060
July	843	766	49	47	€23,720	€21,900
August	865	838	67	51	€26,680	€23,900
September	762	759	47	48	€21,820	€21,900
October	804	670	65	30	€25,180	€17,600
November	654	662	46	41	€19,520	€18,980
December	310	626	20	37	€9000	€17,700
Total for year	10, 292	7964	742	578	€309,720	€240,180

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it will be illegal to own an XL Bully type dog without a 'Certificate of Exemption' issued by the local authority in which the dog resides. This certificate of exemption will be unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and will specify the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It will also specify the dog owner's name, address, date of birth and contact number. Owners may be required to present their Certificate of Exemption to a Dog Warden within 10 days of a request to do so. To date we have received 15 COE applications, of which 8 have been fully processed and certificates issued to the owner.

Reminders of this requirement will be posted on our Social Media Platforms and website in the lead up to 31st January 2025.

See https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption for further information.

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 December there were 24 dogs in the shelter. Up to 19th December 2024, 4 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 30 dogs, none were reclaimed by members of the public, 7 were rehomed to Rescue and 2 were PTS. At the 19th of December there were 21 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 December 2023	**24**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of December 2024**	**24**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	4
Surrendered by owners	1	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	4	Rehomed to Rescue	7
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	0
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of December 2023	**27**	**Dogs in shelter at 19.12.2024**	**21**





Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming

Horses

Weekly welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill.

Air & Noise

Investigations continue into Fingal's Priority Important Areas identified in the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan. This work involves assessing each site and identifying mitigation measures for reducing noise impacts on residents. This work will continue into 2025.

The Air & Noise Unit participated in a solid fuel sampling programme covering County Dublin in conjunction with the other 3 Dublin Local Authorities. Samples of coal were collected and delivered to a laboratory for analysis. The results of the sampling programme will be made available in early 2025 and communicated to the producers and retailers in question.

Bathing Water

In accordance with Article 11 (4) of 2008 Bathing Water Regulations, the EPA has recently approved Fingal County Council's application for a "change" in bathing water assessment for Front Beach Strand Balbriggan. The EPA accepted the application for bathing water reassessment based on the significant improvements in water quality since June 2023 following the finding and removal of a major point source pollutions in the surface water network at Mill Street and other locations in Balbriggan at that time. Balbriggan Bathing Water will receive its new bathing water quality assessment status in December 2025 and will be assessed based on bathing water samples collected at the beach in 2024 and 2025.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal Sports Club Volunteer Awards 2025

The Fingal Sports Office is thrilled to announce the inaugural 'Sports Club' Volunteer of the Year Awards 2025 and Sports Club of the Year 2025 celebration dedicated to recognizing the incredible contributions of sports clubs and their volunteers across Fingal. These individuals selflessly give their time and energy to ensure communities thrive through sport and physical activity.

The Volunteer of the Year Awards will provide a platform to acknowledge these unsung heroes and celebrate their dedication.
The Sports Club of the year will aim to highlight three clubs that excel in Enviromental impact, Social Inclusion and good governance and community impact.

Event Details Date: Monday, 27th January 2025
Venue: Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
Nomination Process

Each sports club in Fingal is encouraged to nominate one volunteer who has gone above and beyond to enhance sporting opportunities within their local area. They can self-nominate for club of the year awards also.

After nominations close, an independent jury panel will carefully evaluate all entries to select the winners.

Nomination Deadline: Monday 6th January 2025 at 5:00 PM





Inclusive Ice-Skating Day with Active Cities

A free ice-skating session was hosted in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown. We had 12 services take part and over 60 participants took to the ice with staff support.



Boccia Blitz

Our final Boccia blitz of 2024 was held in ALSAA on November 26th from 11 am – 1pm. Fingal Sports office has hosted 10 blitzes this year and have seen nearly 80 regular participants from over 12 different disability day service providers avail themselves of the 10 sessions over the last 12 months.





Football For All Blitz

Our last Football for all blitz was held in ALSAA on the 5th December indoors. Fingal Sports Office has run five blitzes this year with FAI co-funded officers and have seen over 100 players take part in the blitzes.



Winter Special – Girl's soccer blitz

The recent collapse of the Metropolitan Girls League (MGL) in September saw 27 teams across eight different clubs in that league with no league to play in; efforts to get them to Join the DDSL were unsuccessful. The Louth School Girls League offered to support clubs with some football, and as their summer league was ending, they encouraged their clubs to join a Winter Special competition in October.

There were several clubs based in Fingal that were affected by this situation – Rush Athletic had 3 teams, Tyrrelstown FC had 4 teams, Loughshinny Utd had 2 teams. The sports office also offered some support to those clubs with the project by providing funding for trophies and medals.

The Finals were held in MDL in Navan on Sunday the 15th of December with 10 Finals and 20 teams taking part. We had Fingal winners with Rush and Tyrrelstown both winning finals on the day.





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The Conservation Office operated three schemes to assist owners with the cost of works to repair, stabilise, or restore the character of Protected Structures/buildings of merit within Architectural Conservation Areas in Fingal. A total of €240,563 was awarded for 40 projects.

The three schemes were:

- Stitch in Time Grant (Architectural Heritage Fund)
- Built Heritage Investment Scheme
- Historic Structures Fund

'Stitch in Time' Grant

(Architectural Heritage Fund)

The council assisted 28 projects from its own funds to the tune of €39,563. Grants issued ranged from €300 to a maximum of €2,500. This scheme supports a 'Stitch in Time' ethos, where the early completion of minor repair/maintenance works may prevent more substantial works being required in the future. The scheme also allows for restoration of features if sufficient evidence exists of original detail and design. Applicants may also get funds to complete condition report/surveys by conservation professionals.



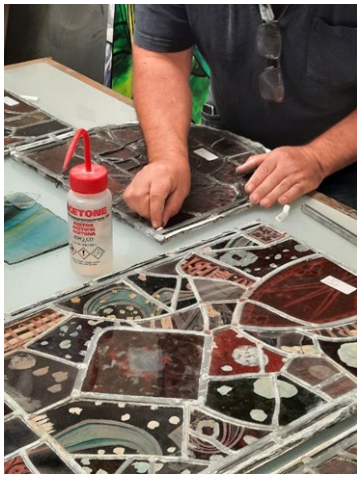
AHF Project - 'Bluestone' treatment to prevent rot and extend life of thatch - Balscadden, Balbriggan

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

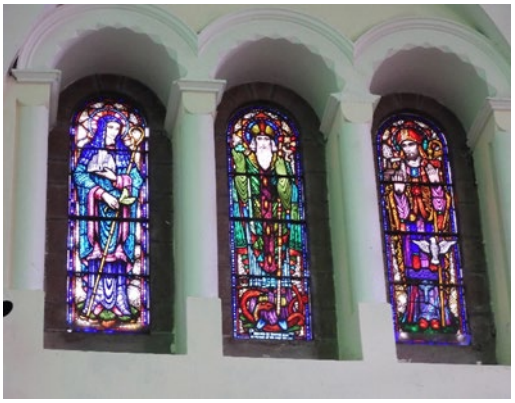
This scheme was funded by the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* but operated by Fingal County Council.

The total 2024 fund was €111,560 and this included a ring-fenced allocation of €15,560 that had to be used for thatching projects only. In total, 9 projects were grant-aided to complete medium scale projects for the repair and conservation of Protected Structures and occasionally structures in Architectural Conservation Areas.

Each grant had to range from a minimum of €2,500 to the maximum of €15,000 but couldn't exceed 50% of the total individual project cost. Some examples of projects are shown below.



BHIS -Conservation of Harry Clarke Stained Glass - St McCullins Church



BHIS - Restored Stained Glass back in place - St McCullins Church, Lusk

The BHIS scheme was advertised on the Council's website and applications were prioritised based on the significance of the structure, effectiveness of works, and employment benefits presented by the projects.



BHIS - Repaired Belltower and Roof - St Mochtas Church, Castleknock

Historic Structures Fund (HSF)

Like the BHIS, this scheme was funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage but operated by Fingal County Council.
A total of €105,000 was granted to applicants in the Fingal area to assist in 3 projects. The HSF grant assistance was divided into two streams.
-**Stream 1** grants range from €15,000-€50,000
-Stream 2 grants range from €50,000-€200,000.
The Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage made the final decision on projects to fund. An example of one of the funded projects was the conservation of the windows in St. Columba's Church in Swords.



HSF - Before Repairs to Window Timber Tracery



HSF - Repaired Window Tracery – St Columbas Church, Swords

Architectural Conservation Funding 2025

The grant schemes are operating again for 2025. Information and application forms for each of the grant schemes are available to download from the Council's website as is the norm.

BHIS Scheme - The closing date for the BHIS grant scheme for 2025 was 27th September 2024. The applications have been assessed and sent to the *Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage* for approval. It is expected that official approval of the grant allocations will be received in late January 2025.

HSF & AHF Schemes - We are currently accepting applications for the HSF and the Historic Thatching Grant. The Closing date for applications to these schemes is 17th January 2025. We are also accepting applications to the Council's Stitch in Time grant scheme.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme [BHIS] 2025

There are changes to the BHIS grant scheme for 2025. The grant ceiling has been raised from €15,000 to €50,000 and grant awards will be made 3 months earlier than previous years, to allow more time for works to be carried out. As a result, the closing date for applications to the scheme was brought forward by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to the 27th of September 2024. Fingal has been allocated €142,069 plus a ring-fenced thatch funding of €11,217.48.

Historic Structures Fund [HSF] 2025

There are also changes to the HSF grant scheme for 2025. There will be only one stream of grants in 2025 instead of the two streams featured in previous years. The HSF grant in 2025 will offer grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 and focus on larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects. Fingal's Allocation is dependent on the successful applications decided upon by the Department. The deadline for applications is the 17th of January 2025. Fingal County Council will assess all applications and nominate 3 applications for buildings in private ownership and an additional 3 buildings in public ownership.

Stitch in Time Grant - Architectural Heritage Fund [AHF] 2025.

This grant is funded from FCC's own budget and applications do not require the Department's approval. Fingal County Council has once more allocated a budget of €50,000 for this purpose in 2025.

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of December 2024 is 99.57%. The rates bills for 2025 will be issued in mid-January.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€160.5m
Rates collected %	99.57%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of November is €60.4m.

Development Levy Income YTD Nov 2024	
Levies Receipted	€60.4m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	183%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of November is €82.7m which is c. **102.8%** of the budget year to date.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€82.7m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	102.8%

Financial reports

Monthly financial reporting of the Revenue/Capital accounts and on Debtors will commence, as normal, from the period ending February 28, 2025 for the March Council meeting.

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of December

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	280	
Value €m	118.36m	
Procurements ongoing at end of December		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	5	(i)
Value €m	5.1m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	38	(ii)
Value €m	44.34m	
No. of procurements at approved	24	(iii)
Value €m	99.1m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of December
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the December
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of December

Appendix 1
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of September

Dept	Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Contract Award Date	Contract End Date per CE Order	Actual Duration (months)
Information Technology	ICT Managed Services	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 3,500,000.00	30/09/2024	29/09/2027	30/09/2024	31/07/2027	36
Operations	Road Lining for the Castleknock, Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart Area including PSCS and Traffic Management	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 51,447.00	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	01/10/2024	31/12/2025	16
Operations	Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	€ 30,375.00	01/07/2024	31/12/2024	11/09/2024	31/12/2024	6
Operations	Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, Turvey Ave, Donabate overlay	Roadstone Ltd	€ 155,626.24	01/10/2024	01/12/2024	10/09/2024	16/11/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Fire Alarm Maintenance Services	Masterfire Life Safety Systems Ltd	€ 95,930.00	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	08/10/2024	07/10/2026	24
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Engineering Consultancy Services for Corduff Park (Blanchardstown) Improvement Works	Donnachadh O'Brien & Associates Consulting	€ 47,250.00	09/09/2024	09/09/2026	06/09/2024	09/09/2026	24
Operations	Lay Tarmac finish on the footpaths on the open space at the Portmarnock Sports and Leisure Centre	McGinty Plant Hire	€ 49,445.00	16/09/2024	24/09/2024	05/09/2024	17/09/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice services (Interim Contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 140,000.00	01/09/2024	31/08/2025	01/09/2024	31/08/2024	12
Operations	Resurfacing of Broomfield, Malahide and Ancillary Works	Pavement & Road Surfacing Ltd	€ 39,385.00	03/09/2024	10/09/2024	27/08/2024	20/09/2024	1

Operations	Footpath Improvement Works Parkview/Lodge Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 29,997.00	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	26/08/2024	26/11/2024	3
Information Technology	Design, Maintain Digital Signage for FCC Community Centres	image Supply Systems AV Ltd	€ 97,491.00	28/08/2024	28/08/2027	23/08/2024	28/08/2027	36
Libraries	Appointment of Employer's Representative Services - Completion of Skerries Library Refurbishment and Extension Project	Nyland Consulting	€ 60,000.00	12/08/2024	31/05/2025	13/08/2024	31/05/2025	8
Corporate Affairs	Funding as part of Community Recognition Fund to install smart benches across Fingal	Civic Integrated Solutions Ltd	€ 50,666.24	15/08/2024	31/12/2024	12/08/2024	31/12/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Design and project management of works related to the construction of a full-size all-weather soccer pitch at Corduff Park, D15	Alan Lewis Ltd	€ 28,031.00	06/09/2024	07/03/2026	11/08/2024	07/03/2026	19
Operations	1 Ford Ranger Double cab 4 x 4 jeep with automatic transmission and 1 Ford Ranger single cab 4 x 4 jeep	Henry Ford & Son	€ 66,370.45	09/08/2024	08/08/2025	09/08/2024	06/08/2025	12
Operations	Solar Power Signage Contract 2024	PWS Signs Ltd	€ 47,610	07/08/2024	07/01/2025	08/08/2024	30/11/2024	4
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Civil engineering works at Cloch Choirneal to bring the estate to a TIC standard	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 114,430.00	02/09/2024	18/10/2024	02/08/2024	31/10/2024	3.5
Operations	Preplacement of defective Concrete Footpaths at Ard na Mara, Chalfont and Texas Lane, Malahide	Citius Ltd	€ 51,745.00	19/08/2024	13/09/2024	01/08/2024	13/09/2024	1
Operations	Roadmarkings for the Howth/Malahide Area	Nuzum Road Services Ltd	€ 59,096.00	26/08/2024	31/12/2024	01/08/2024	31/12/2024	5

Operations	MPFA for the Collection, Auditing and Banking of Monies from Pay and Display Parking Machines located in Fingal County Council Administrative Area with an Initial Two Year Contract for these Services	Sonoma Valley Ltd (T/A GSLS)	€ 136,500.00	01/08/2024	31/07/2026	01/08/2024	11/06/2024	24
Active Travel	Traffic Calming Works at Balscadden, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	€ 53,245.00	05/08/2024	05/09/2024	25/07/2024	30/11/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	3 Year Goat Grazing at Howth	Old Irish Goat Society	€ 240,000.00	01/08/2024	01/08/2027	25/07/2024	01/08/2027	36
Information Technology	Additional development & support of Sharepoint online applications	Storm Technology	€ 350,000.00	14/08/2024	13/08/2025	24/07/2024	13/08/2025	12
Operations	Public Lighting Maintenance and new works services	Al Read Electrical Co Ltd	€ 1,758,345.00	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	24/07/2024	01/03/2026	20
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	R132 Connectivity Project (PSI-039) Ground Investigation	IGSL Ltd	€ 145,165.00	23/07/2024	23/10/2024	23/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath improvement works at Hunters Run, Co Dublin	D M MORRIS	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Footpath improvement Works Pheasants Run/Hunters Run	D.M. Morris	€ 37,365.00	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Operations	Concrete footpath works as per Lanesborough, Finglas	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 33,000.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works at Willow Wood, Ashfield, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 31,700.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3

Operations	Concrete footpath improvement works at Castleknock Grange	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 32,600.00	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	22/07/2024	22/10/2024	3
Operations	Surface Restoration and ancillary works at Old Ballymun Road	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 44,189.00	22/07/2024	22/12/2024	22/07/2024	22/09/2024	2
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Post Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	€ 45,000.00	01/07/2024	30/09/2024	19/07/2024	30/09/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	2 no. car parks at Bath Road, Balbriggan	Dancor Civil Engineering Ltd	€ 1,758,381.25	19/07/2024	18/01/2026	19/07/2024	03/12/2026	18
Active Travel	Hartstown Huntstown protected cycle lanes phase 2b design	Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates Ltd	€ 276,920.00	19/07/2024	18/03/2026	19/07/2024	12/03/2026	20
EETCD	Requirement for services of Event Management Co to design, build & manage the Malahide Family Fun Day	Davis Events Agency	€ 54,439.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	12/07/2024	15/07/2024	1
Community	Event Management Services for Vintage Picnic 2024 in Swords Castle	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 60,000.00	09/07/2024	25/07/2024	11/07/2024	25/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of New Sports Facilities & refurb/upgrade & main. of existing facilities within FCC Admin Area. Initial contract to develop 2 GAA pitches & works at Ballymastone Recreational Hub, Donabate	Tony Patterson Sportsgrounds Ltd	€ 1,147,868.85	29/07/2024	17/11/2025	11/07/2024	20/10/2025	16
Operations	Slip kerbing, footpath & ancillaries, Seatown Road East	Postmount Buildings Ltd., t/a/ Jim Hayes	€ 40,120.00	15/07/2024	15/10/2024	05/07/2024	15/10/2024	3
Operations	Supply and delivery of washed surface dressing chips - 6mm and 10mm	Tullyraine Quarries Ltd	€ 27,125.00	22/07/2024	22/11/2024	05/07/2024	22/11/2024	4

Operations	Resurfacing of sections of Broughan Lane, Newpark Road, St. Margarets (Amalgamated with FCC/131/24)	Roadstone Ltd	€ 176,347.50	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	05/07/2024	31/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Repair Works to Cascades and Colocated Historic Structures Ward River Valley Park, Swords	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 1,379,864.25	05/07/2024	03/01/2025	05/07/2024	26/12/2024	6
Operations	Installation of Posts at Portmarnock Beach	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire Ltd	€ 26,901.00	01/07/2024	12/07/2024	04/07/2024	12/07/2024	1
Active Travel	Feasibility Study and Business Case for a swimming pool at Castlelands, Balbriggan	ReCreation	€ 48,720.00	03/07/2024	15/07/2024	03/07/2024	01/09/2024	3
EETCD	Management & Maintenance Service for ducting network for FCC	Novegen Ltd	€ 373,200.00	01/07/2024	30/06/2025	01/07/2024	26/05/2025	12
Operations	Resurfacing of a section of Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	DM Morris Ltd	€ 98,955.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	28/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Topographical Surveying Services for Donabate Transport Projects	Metroscan Utility Locating Ltd	€ 71,196.00	08/07/2024	20/12/2024	28/06/2024	25/11/2024	6
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	30/09/2024	3
Libraries	Baldoyle Improvement & Modification Works	Demac Construction Ltd	€ 856,619.98	06/08/2024	06/05/2026	27/06/2024	19/12/2024	9
Housing	Construction of Multi-Unit Residential Development at Seatown Road, Swords	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 17,724,000.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36

Libraries	Construction of Swords Civic & Cultural Centre Building (a mixed use development consisting of a County Library & Arts Centre	Duggan Brothers (Contractors) Ltd	€ 45,688,305.00	27/06/2024	26/06/2027	27/06/2024	06/06/2027	36
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	31/05/2024	1
Operations	Purchase of 1 Electric and 1 Diesel Van	Gowan Motors	€ 39,133.00	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	24/06/2024	23/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete footpath in batches at Seapark, Malahide, Co Dublin	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 28,250.00	01/07/2024	19/07/2024	21/06/2024	19/07/2024	1
Housing	Refurbishment Works at 37 Hazelbury Park, Clonee, Dublin 15	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 103,485.00	29/07/2024	05/12/2024	20/06/2024	20/12/2024	6
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	17/03/2026	21
EETCD	Provision of Traffic Management Svcs for Flavours of Fingal '24	Freeflow Traffic Management	€ 49,315.00	27/06/2024	01/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
EETCD	Provision of vintage carnival stalls, games,sensory/additional needs for flavours of Fingal '24	Event Dimensions	€ 45,025.00	28/06/2024	07/07/2024	13/06/2024	01/07/2024	1
Corporate Affairs	Provision of Security Services	Manguard Plus Ltd	€ 200,000.00	18/05/2024	18/11/2024	12/06/2024	18/11/2024	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	17/10/2024	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	01/11/2024	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	20/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Consultancy Services for the preparation, creation & publication of the Corporate Plan 2024-2029	RPS	€ 51,045.00	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	01/06/2024	31/12/2024	7
EETCD	Coach Hire, Staff, Ticket and Website Management for Flavours of Fingal 2024	Marathon Training & Events	€ 126,230.00	30/05/2024	01/07/2024	31/05/2024	01/07/2024	1
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	20/12/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Construction of the Donabate Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge	Jons Civil Engineering Company Ltd	€ 1,495,685.00	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	31/05/2024	31/03/2025	9
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	13/05/2025	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	14/06/2024	1.5 weeks
Operations	Phase 3, Extension of Balgriffin Cemetry	Clar-Con Construction Limited	€ 236,152.50	07/06/2024	19/07/2024	29/05/2024	19/07/2024	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	€ 30,522.50	04/06/2024	14/09/2024	29/05/2024	14/09/2024	3

Corporate	Stewarding Services for Local Elections in National Show Centre	Invictus Event Management Ltd	€ 32,079.00	31/05/2024	10/06/2024	28/05/2024	10/06/2024	1
EETCD	Consultancy Services for Fingal Skills Strategy	Grant Thornton Corporate Finance Ltd	€111,750.00	28/05/2024	27/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Engagement of consultancy services for the Fingal Skills Strategy.	Grant Thornton Finance Ltd	€ 111,750.00	28/05/2024	30/11/2024	28/05/2024	07/10/2024	6
EETCD	Malahide Castle & Visitor Centre Energy Centre & Rainwater Harvesting Systems Upgrades	Francis Haughey Building & Civil Engineering Contractors	€ 298,516.00	25/05/2024	24/08/2025	25/05/2024	07/06/2025	15
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	06/08/2024	3
Operations	Construction of a Tarmacadam Path & Associated Works at Glebe Park, Balrothery	KT Civil Ltd	€ 63,000.00	26/08/2024	30/08/2024	24/05/2024	31/07/2024	1
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	16/09/2024	16
Operations	Concrete footpath improvement Works at Pinebrook Co Dublin	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 49,500.00	30/05/2024	30/08/2024	23/05/2024	30/08/2024	3
Operations	Footpath Improvement works Deerpark Road, Drive & Ave Castleknock	Citius Ltd	€ 54,800.00	27/03/2024	27/09/2024	23/05/2024	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Resurfacing of Roselawn Road Junction Clonsilla Road	Roadstone Ltd	€ 84,738.98	30/05/2024	30/09/2024	23/05/2024	30/09/2024	4

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	30/09/2024	5
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	25/05/2025	12
ANCA	Aviation Noise Expert Consultancy Services	Noise Consultants Ltd	€ 800,000.00	20/05/2024	19/05/2026	20/05/2024	31/05/2026	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	15/05/2025	12
Housing	Proposed Works For Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP) to Whitestown - Phase 2	Arthurstown Construction Limited	€ 2,000,000.00	01/04/2024	01/04/2026	15/05/2024	01/04/2026	24
Digital Services	Civica ModernGov Hosted Application 2024 - 2026	Civica UK Ltd	€ 79,729	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	15/05/2024	15/04/2027	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	31/12/2024	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	14/06/2025	12
Operations	Concrete Footpath Construction Baldoyle Industrial Estate	Joe Duke & Co Ltd	€ 100,750.00	04/06/2024	21/06/2024	13/05/2024	21/06/2024	1
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	30/05/2024	3

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	10/11/2025	18
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	20/04/2026	24
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	20/04/2026	24
Libraries	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	20/04/2026	24
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	03/07/2024	1
Operations	Pipe Rehabilitation Works Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Oak Underground Services T/A Oak Enviro	€ 48,950.00	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	07/05/2024	22/10/2024	6
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Provision of CCTV Drainage Survey, R132 Connectively Project Swords	McBrenn Environmental Drain Services Ltd	€ 162,280.00	10/06/2024	10/09/2024	03/05/2024	10/09/2024	3

Community	Consultancy Services to develop an Age Friendly Strategy 2024-2028	McAdam Consulting Services Ltd T/A MCA Consulting	€ 53,550.00	07/05/2024	31/01/2025	03/05/2024	31/01/2025	8
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Landscaping works and the supply & installation of the pleached tree Steel Support Frames	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	€ 73,334.00	02/05/2024	02/10/2025	02/05/2024	10/08/2025	18
Operations	Path refurbishment works Tir Na nOg park	KT CIVIL LTD	€ 69,650.00	01/05/2024	30/07/2024	01/05/2024	25/06/2024	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	01/05/2025	12
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	18/01/2026	20
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	30/04/2026	24
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	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	13/08/2024	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	03/10/2024	4

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	26/03/2025	12
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	26/03/2025	12
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	07/04/2027	36
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	25/07/2024	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	25/02/2026	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	20/04/2026	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	07/05/2026	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	22/04/2026	28
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	28/06/2024	2
Information Technology	Provision of VMware Licensing for the Fingal VSan	Triangle Computer Services	€ 305,283.00	22/04/2024	21/04/2027	22/04/2024	19/04/2027	36
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	14/08/2024	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	18/08/2025	17
Operations	Surface Restoration Glenville Road	John Browne Construction Ltd	€ 42,800.00	30/04/2024	31/12/2024	18/04/2024	31/12/2024	8
Operations	Greys Lane Rd Inlay (Howth)	DM Morris	€ 107,130.00	22/04/2024	08/05/2024	16/04/2024	08/05/2024	1
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	01/12/2024	7
Operations	Supply of Bitumen Emulsion, Fingal Area 2024 (20%)	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 31,650.50	01/05/2024	01/12/2024	16/04/2024	01/12/2024	7
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Supply & Install New Solid Bar Railings, Gate & Limestone Kerb at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	McAvoy Contracts Ltd	€ 86,570.00	15/04/2024	30/04/2024	15/04/2024	30/04/2025	2 weeks
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	31/05/2024	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	08/04/2025	1
Operations	Walkway Design and Installation in Tolka Valley	Knife Edge Fencing Ltd.	€ 84,500.00	17/04/2024	14/05/2024	08/04/2024	30/09/2024	6
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	30/04/2024	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	20/03/2025	12
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	05/04/2026	24
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	05/11/2026	19
Housing	Extension works at house at Sheepmoor Crescent	Mullacurry Construction Ltd	€ 124,800.97	13/05/2024	31/10/2024	04/04/2024	18/11/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Postal Collection Services for 2024 (interim)	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	01/04/2024	30/06/2024	3
Environment, Climate Action	Environmental Awareness cinema campaign 2023	Pearl & Dean Ireland Ltd	€ 26,100.00	14/08/2024	09/01/2025	01/04/2024	09/01/2025	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	31/01/2025	10
Housing	Demolition of the 6 houses on Seatown Road (phase 2)	Hegarty Demolition Ltd	€ 298,531	02/04/2024	08/06/2025	28/03/2024	08/06/2025	14
Operations	Road Inlay, Newcourt, Castlegrange & Mooretown, Swords, Co. Dublin	DM Morris	€ 194,026.80	18/03/2024	18/07/2024	26/03/2024	18/07/2024	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	27/09/2024	6
Operations	Road Inlay, 1 Kinsealy Lane	Lagan Asphalt Ltd	€ 93,047.50	26/03/2024	02/04/2024	20/03/2024	29/03/2024	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	12/05/2024	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	31/12/2024	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	25/04/2024	1
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	31/03/2024	6

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	14/05/2024	2
People Services	Provision of 2 Ignite Staff Development Courses	Mark Donovan & Associates Ltd	€ 33,500.00	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	13/03/2024	12/03/2025	12
Operations	Restoration Improvement, Glasmore, Swords, geogrid Inlay	MCM Surfacing Ltd	€ 95,573.50	23/02/2024	23/06/2024	12/03/2024	23/06/2024	4
Operations	Purchase 2 Diesel Vans	Henry Ford & Sons Ltd	€ 43,488.00	05/03/2024	04/03/2025	12/03/2024	04/03/2024	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	31/03/2025	12
Housing	Site Investigation Services at Mooretown	Site Investigations Ltd	€ 48,020	11/03/2024	11/07/2024	11/03/2024	12/06/2024	6
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	08/09/2024	6
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	31/03/2026	24
Operations	Purchase 3 Peugeot ePartner Active Plus Long Van	Gowan Auto	€ 90,045.00	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	07/03/2024	06/03/2025	12
Operations	Supply of ready mix Concrete	Keegan Quarries Ltd	€ 55,800.00	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	04/03/2024	31/12/2024	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	30/04/2024	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	25/02/2024	28/06/2024	3
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Erection of a boundary bar railing at Seapark Hill, Malahide to ensure appropriate security in place for opening of Park	Ballymore Group	€ 81,000.00	01/07/2024	31/08/2024	01/03/2024	01/08/2024	1
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	31/12/2024	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	15/04/2024	1
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	28/06/2024	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	17/11/2024	12
Operations	Purchase of 1 to 4 Towed Woodchippers	Global Machinery Solutions Ltd	€ 71,926.00	26/02/2024	25/02/2025	26/02/2024	23/01/2025	12
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	28/07/2024	5
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	31/12/2026	37
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	06/03/2024	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	31/08/2024	2
Digital Services	Renewal of Licencing of AutoDESK Suites of Software	Diatec Group	€ 60,113.00	01/03/2024	28/02/2025	16/02/2024	28/02/2025	12
Digital Services	Provision of Web Based Applications for Housing Application	Interform Limited	€ 180,000.00	17/02/2024	31/12/2025	16/02/2024	31/12/2024	12
Digital Services	Managed Print Services	Datapac Ireland	€ 70,000.00	27/08/2024	26/08/2025	15/02/2024	26/08/2025	12
Corporate Affairs	Consultant Assigned Certifier Services for proposed housing developments at North Street, Swords and Rathmore Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin	Tobin Consulting Engineers	€ 29,000.00	14/02/2024	14/04/2027	14/02/2024	31/12/2026	37
EETCD	Upgrade of fire alarm system at Ardgillen Castle	Securitas Technology	€ 30,830.00	01/03/2024	31/03/2024	12/02/2024	31/03/2024	1
Planning and Strategic Infrastructure	Woodland Management Services	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 45,500.00	10/02/2024	10/05/2024	09/02/2024	10/05/2024	3
EETCD	Our Balbriggan - Bathhouse and Boathouse Enabling Works	Hegarty Demolition Ltd.	€ 92,433.00	26/03/2024	28/07/2025	09/02/2024	11/03/2025	14
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	17/11/2027	33
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	09/02/2024	1

Operations	Fingal Bridge Repair and Rehabilitation	Triur Construction	€ 268,762.00	01/02/2024	01/05/2024	08/02/2024	01/05/2024	3
Operations	Installation of Traffic Signals 2024	Traffic Solutions Ltd	€ 731,606.00	12/02/2024	31/12/2024	08/02/2024	31/12/2024	11
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	15/01/2025	12
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	29/03/2025	14
Corporate Affairs	Fixed Voice Services (interim contract)	Eir Ltd	€ 70,000.00	20/03/2024	31/08/2024	07/02/2024	31/08/2024	6
Corporate Affairs	Mobile Voice & Data Communications and Associated Products & Services	Vodafone	€ 1,008,052	01/11/2023	31/10/2027	07/02/2024	31/10/2027	48
Operations	Tree Works in the Dublin 15 Area	Redwood Tree Services Ltd	€ 64,880.00	04/02/2024	29/02/2024	06/02/2024	29/02/2024	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	31/12/2024	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	31/12/2024	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	30/04/2024	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	31/12/2024	12

Digital Services	Cygnus Support Gemini Consultancy	Gemini Consultants Ltd	£52,443.12 (Stg)	01/04/2024	31/03/2025	29/01/2024	31/03/2025	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	28/02/2026	24
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	31/12/2024	12
EETCD	Tradfest	TASCQ CLG t/a The Temple Bar Company	€ 120,000.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2024	25/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
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	05/09/2027	46
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	31/12/2024	8
Housing	Civil and Structural Consultancy Services (Pre-Planning and up to the grant of planning only) – Park Road, Kenure, Rush, Co. Dublin	Kavanagh Mansfield	€ 27,055.00	29/11/2023	30/09/2024	22/01/2024	30/09/2024	10
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	30/12/2025	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	29/10/2024	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	30/03/2024	2
Digital Services	Supply an ICT Managed Service for Fingal County Council	ATOS IT Solutions & Services Ltd	€ 594,114.00	28/02/2024	27/09/2024	17/01/2024	27/08/2024	6
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	09/02/2024	1
Digital Services	Departmental access to Lawlink	Dye & Durham Ltd	€ 43,944.00	16/01/2024	31/12/2024	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
FFTCD	Programme Development Manager for Carnegie Library Swords	Linda Shevlin	€ 56,000.00	15/01/2024	14/01/2025	15/01/2024	31/12/2024	12
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	13/11/2025	23
Operations	Resurfacing of Section of Bath Avenue, Malahide	John McQuillan Contracts Ltd	€ 52,957.00	05/02/2024	01/03/2024	11/01/2024	01/03/2024	3 weeks
Corporate Affairs	Post Collection Service	Print Post Ltd	€ 36,250.00	01/01/2024	31/03/2024	11/01/2024	31/03/2024	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	08/01/2025	12
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	31/12/2024	14

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	30/11/2025	24
People Services	Occupational Health Services	Dr. Ted Murphy	€ 111,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	02/01/2024	31/12/2025	24
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	31/03/2024	3
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	31/12/2024	12
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	31/12/2024	12
Operations	Provision of Vehicle and Plant Inspection Services	Truck & Trailer works Ireland	€ 79,600.00	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24

Appendix 2

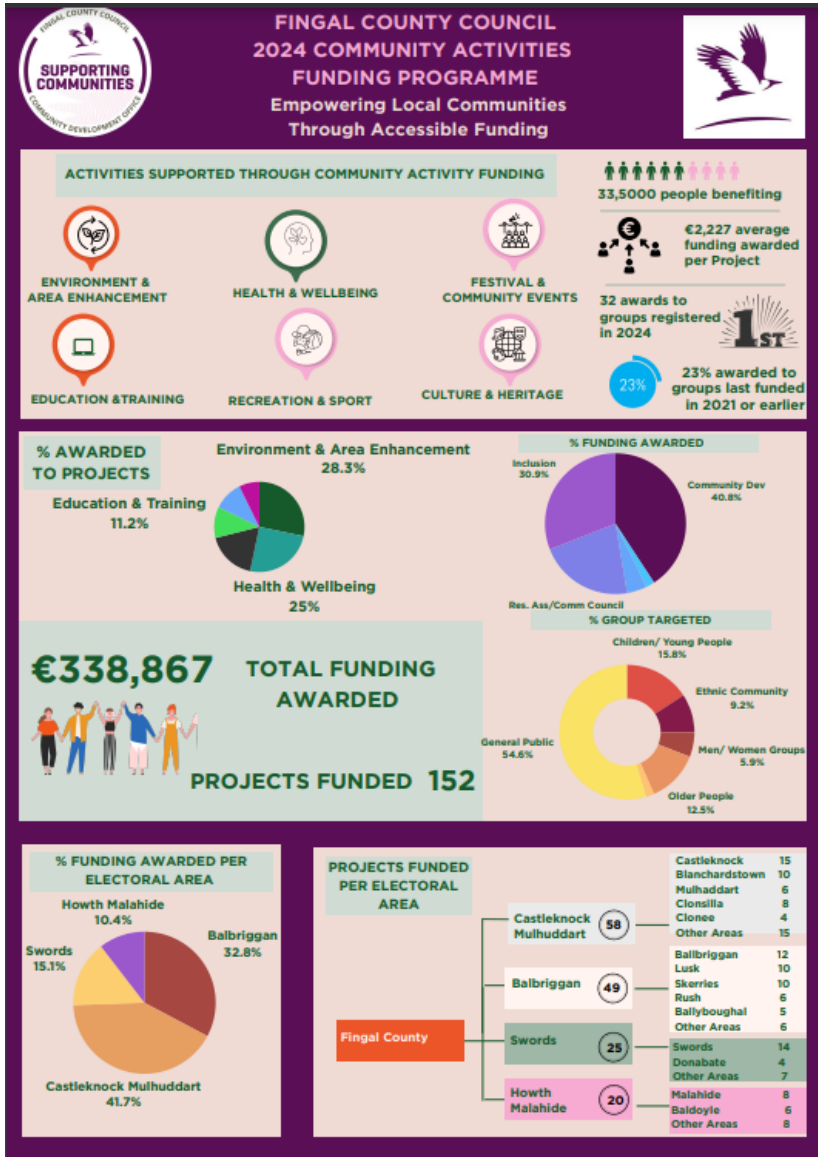
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024
Complaints investigated	Litter	389	241	1059	146
	Waste (non C&D)	638	171	219	179
	C&D Waste	9	0	0	0
	Water and Wastewater	101	19	17	26
	Air & Odour	37	17	9	11
	Noise	99	23	38	38
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**471**	**1,342**	**400**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	92	291	219
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	41	46	46
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	561	362	2394
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	188	345	349
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	36	32	35
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	8	6	26
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	40	42	49
	Planning Inspections	416	79	121	154
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**3,103**	**1,245**	**3,272**
Enforcement Actions	Litter Fines	463	104	57	55
	Waste Warning Letters	96	5	9	4
	Directions under S14 of WMA	101	15	24	13
	Other waste enforcement	52	3	24	26
	Water & Wastewater	29	3		
	Air Enforcement Action	0	0	1	1
	Noise Enforcement Action	10	6	3	2
	TOTAL ENFORCEMENT	**751**	**136**	**118**	**101**
Prosecutions initiated	Litter	62	12	12	9
	Waste	16	1	2	0
	TOTAL PROSECUTIONS	**78**	**13**	**14**	**9**

Appendix 3

Community Office Funding Schemes

Scheme	Award	No. Projects	No. People	Castleknock Mulhuddart	North County Fingal	Swords	Howth Malahide
Community Activities	€338.637	152	33,500	€141,088 (58 projects)	€110,978 (47 groups)	€51,211 (25 groups)	€35,361 (20 project)
Summer Project	€61,290	32	26000	€20,070 (10 project)	€6,860 (6 Projects	€6,760 (5 Projects)	0 Projects
Fingal Safer Halloween	€25,897	43	3000	€10,970 (19 Projects)	€13,785 (13 Projects)	€3,937 (7 Projects)	€2835 (4 Projects)
Fingal Inclusion Week	€13,750	55	1500	€6,750 (27 Projects)	€4,750 (19 Projects)	€2,000 (8 Projects)	€250 (1 Projects)
Fingal Internation Women's Day	€6,833	29	700	€2,953 (13 Projects)	€2,010 (10 Projects)	€820 (4 Projects)	€550 (2 Projects)
Programme Funding	€28,473	28	NR	€14,772 (9 Projects)	€6,830 (10 Projects)	€6,069 (7 Projects)	€802 (2 Projects)
	€474,915	339					


FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
2024 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FUNDING PROGRAMME
Empowering Local Communities Through Accessible Funding
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES
ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTIVITY FUNDING
ENVIRONMENT & AREA ENHANCEMENT
HEALTH & WELLBEING
FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY EVENTS
EDUCATION &TRAINING
RECREATION & SPORT
CULTURE & HERITAGE
33,5000 people benefiting
€2,227 average funding awarded per Project
32 awards to groups registered in 2024
1ST
23%
23% awarded to groups last funded in 2021 or earlier
% AWARDED TO PROJECTS
Environment & Area Enhancement 28.3%
Education & Training 11.2%
Health & Wellbeing 25%
% FUNDING AWARDED
Inclusion 30.9%
Community Dev 40.8%
Res. Ass/Comm Council
€338,867
TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED
PROJECTS FUNDED 152
% GROUP TARGETED
Children/ Young People 15.8%
Ethnic Community 9.2%
Men/ Women Groups 5.9%
Older People 12.5%
General Public 54.6%
% FUNDING AWARDED PER ELECTORAL AREA
Howth Malahide 10.4%
Balbriggan 32.8%
Swords 15.1%
Castleknock Mulhuddart 41.7%
PROJECTS FUNDED PER ELECTORAL AREA
Fingal County
Castleknock Mulhuddart 58
Balbriggan 49
Swords 25
Howth Malahide 20
Castleknock 15
Blanchardstown 10
Mulhaddart 6
Clonsilla 8
Clonee 4
Other Areas 15
Balbriggan 12
Lusk 10
Skerries 10
Rush 6
Ballyboughal 5
Other Areas 6
Swords 14
Donabate 4
Other Areas 7
Malahide 8
Baldoyle 6
Other Areas 8

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	Ballough Place, Lusk https://goo.gl/maps/8u6BiRWzuLSTtmjk8	10 9 x 2 Bed 1 x 1 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2023	Q1 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Hayestown, Rush 53°31'24.1"N 6°06'42.1"W - Google Maps	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	87 x Social 86 x Cost Rental 86 x Affordable	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	40 x Social 80 x Cost Rental 180 x Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords	FCC	Social -	Seatown Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	Enabling works commenced.	Q1 2024	Q4 2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 x Social 110 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Ballisk Park, New Road, Donabate 53°29'02.6"N 6°08'27.5"W	63 x Social 112 x Affordable	Enabling works commenced.	Q4 2024	Q4 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social - Elderly	North Street, Swords 53°27'38.6"N 6°13'06.7"W - Google Maps	13 Social 6 x 1 Bed 7 x 2 Bed	Enabling works complete.	Q4 2024	Q1 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Holywell, Swords 53°26'48.1"N 6°12'42.8"W	57 Social 20 x 1- bed 29 x 2-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

				8 x 3-bed			
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Mourne View, Skerries. 53.580404, -6.122225	14 Social 11x2Bed 3x3Bed 1x4Bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Rathmore, Remount, Lusk 53.521142, -6.161451	18 Social 2 x 1 bed 12 x 2 bed 4 x 3 bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	151 x Affordable 123 x Social	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

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	North and East Housing Association	Social – Elderly	Garristown 53°34'03.7"N 6°22'42.1"W - Google Maps	6 Social 3 x 2-bed 3 x 1-bed	Planning granted.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	FCC	Social – Elderly TBC	Blakestown Cross, Mulhuddart 53.399869, -6.401776 Google Maps	30 Social 16 x 1 Bed 14 x 2 Bed	Consultants to be appointed	Q1 2025	Q4 2026
Howth/Malahide	FCC	TBC	Tuckets Lane 53.385248, -6.066128 Google Maps	8 Social 4 x 1 Bed 4 x 2 Bed	On-hold	TBC	TBC

Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (estimated date)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Part 8 initiated.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Part 8 initiated.	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	86 Social 86 Affordable	Planning granted (in appeal period)	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown	21	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
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	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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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ITEM NO. 21

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 21a

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"Noting that Article 20 of the EU Public Procurement Directive allows public procurers to reserve contracts to encourage the employment of disabled persons; that this Council resolves to commence the process of developing a policy to use Article 20 and to further request the Government to change Public Procurement policies so that Ireland makes full use of Article 20 of the Procurement Directive."

Report:

Article 20 of Directive 2014/24/EU allows member states to reserve the right to participate in public procurement procedures to sheltered workshops and economic operators whose main aim is the social and professional integration of disabled or disadvantaged persons, provided that at least 30% of the employees of those workshops, economic operators or programmes are disabled or disadvantaged workers. Fingal County Council will review this article with a view to commencing a study to understand and outline how this can be incorporated in the Councils procurement policy.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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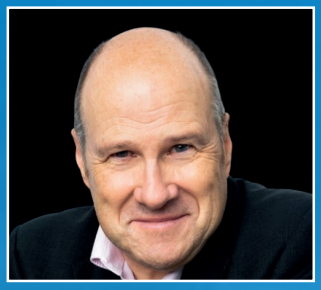
Cumann Chomhaltaí na nÚdarás Áitiúil

Local Authority Members Association

Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) Spring Seminar

Kilford Arms Hotel, John Street Upper, Kilkenny, 30th & 31st of January





Ivan Yates



Joe Connelly

Re-turn

Abbott

Thursday 30th January

5.00pm: Registration

7.00pm: Opening Seminar: Cllr Damien Ryan, Chair of LAMA

7.10pm: Ivan Yates, broadcaster, author, entrepreneur, former Minister and renowned political pundit

Friday 31st January

9.15am: Registration

10.15am: Welcome address by Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council, Cllr. Michael McCarthy and Chief Executive of Kilkenny County Council Lar Power

10.30am: ReTurn, presentation by Gill McCann & Adam Smith on Ireland's Deposit Return Scheme

11.10am: Coffee Break

11.30am: Address by Joe Connolly of Connolly Red Mills a global name in animal nutrition, and Chair of Gowran Park.

12.10pm: Sam Kamali, Abbott, a significant employer throughout Ireland and major contributor to Ireland's reputation as a world leader in the medical and pharmaceutical industry.

13.00pm: Lunch

14.15pm: Paul O'Brien, IFA Regional Chair for South Leinster, on nitrates and water quality

15.00pm: Conor Sweeney, Night Time Economy Advisor and Igancio Peregina, Chair of the Night Time Economy Forum and Manager of the Smithwicks Experience.

16.00pm: Rooms Available for Political Parties Meetings

19.00pm: Seminar Banquet





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Delegate fee €245

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ITEM NO. 23

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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From: ANNE MARIE CRAWFORD <ACRAWFOR@donegalcoco.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:58 AM
To: ANNE MARIE CRAWFORD <ACRAWFOR@donegalcoco.ie>
Subject: Resolution agreed by Donegal County Council - Restoration of Town Councils

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Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following motion.

"That this Council write to the leaders of every political party and independent grouping running candidates in the forthcoming General Election urging them to include within their programme for government to fully commit, within the lifetime of the next Dáil to the restoration or creation of Town Councils in every town in this State with a population over 5,000 people".

It was agreed to circulate same to all local authorities for their consideration.

Regards,

Anne Marie Crawford

For Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

Anne Marie Crawford |Staff Officer
Corporate Services, Council Secretariat, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co Donegal
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From: ANNE MARIE CRAWFORD <ACRAWFOR@donegalcoco.ie>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 12:05 PM
To: ANNE MARIE CRAWFORD <ACRAWFOR@donegalcoco.ie>
Subject: Resolution agreed by Donegal County Council - Rainwater Harvesting

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Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following motion.

"That Donegal County Council write to the incoming Housing Minister asking for a grant to be considered for rainwater harvesting that would lower demand on current domestic supplies and could be used for flushing toilets, washing cars, power washing and any other use of treated water supplies around dwellings, farms, and industrial settings".

It was agreed to circulate same to all local authorities for their consideration.

Regards,

Anne Marie Crawford

For Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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From: Fannin. Denise (ESB Networks) <denise.fannin@esb.ie>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2024 2:58 PM
To: Customer Care Unit <CustomerCareUnit@fingal.ie>
Subject: FAO : Nikki Halleran ~ ref Correspondence

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Dear Ms. Halleran,

On behalf of our Chief Executive, Paddy Hayes – I wish to acknowledge receipt of the attached letter which has been passed to us here in ESB Networks for our attention,

In order to investigate the issue, can I ask you to please contact Brian Tapley, Regional Manager for ESB Networks with details of the projects / schemes that are experiencing a delay in reconnection,

Brian can be contacted on brian.tapley@esb.ie

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Kind Regards,
Denise

Personal Assistant to Managing Director | ESB Networks DAC

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DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 25

NUMBER OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS LODGED BY THE DAA SINCE SEPTEMBER 2022

Motion: Councillor C. Boland

"That the Chief Executive reports on the number of planning applications lodged by the daa since September 2022."

Report:

Planning applications lodged by the DAA since September 2022 are listed as follows:

F22A/0460	Airport, including 2no. sites at the Airfield in the townlands of Collinstown, Coultry, and Huntstown, Co. Dublin, 1no. of which incorporates part of Pier 3 and surrounding aircraft stands, aircraft stands to the south of Pier 2, Apron Taxiway 4, Taxiway F-2, Runway 16/34 (the crosswind runway), Taxiway W1 and W2, West Apron; and 1no. of which incorporates an existing airside site compound, south of the West Apron; 1no. area of land to the west of the existing Western Compound, south of the R108, north-west of the Airport, in the townland of Pickardstown, Co. Dublin, also to be known as the Western Compound; and 1no. an area of existing hardstanding to the south-west of the Airport, north of the R108, to be known as the Southern Compound, in the townland of Portmellick, Co. Dublin. The proposed development will consist of the construction of a subterranean Underpass of Runway 16/34, a critical airfield operational safety project, which will comprise:

	a) A twin-cell enclosed tunnel with 2 no. lanes in each direction, linked to the surface by ramps, portals, and light attenuation screen (1.8m in height above existing ground level at the west ramp and 3.3m in height above existing ground level at the east ramp). The enclosed section will be approximately 0.7 km long, with an overall alignment of approximately 1.1 km in length from top of ramp to top of ramp. It will be approximately 24m in external width, and approximately 5.5m in internal height from road to tunnel ceiling. It will be up to 17.5m below existing ground level; b) Plant room, of approximately 625m2, which will comprise housing for transformers, pumps, controls and communications equipment, located underground at the portal of the east ramp, a parking layby and utilities corridor crossing; c) Demolition (approximately 23,741m2) and reinstatement (approximately 16,216m2) of part of the pavement surfaces of Apron Taxiway 4, Taxiway F-2, Runway 16/34 (the crosswind runway), Taxiway W1 and W2, and the West Apron; d) Access roads to tie in with the existing airside road network at each end of the proposed Underpass (at Pier 3 on the Eastern Campus and the West Apron on the Western campus respectively), and 31no. car parking spaces at surface level at Pier 3; e) Demolition (approximately 97m2) of fixed links (elevated enclosed passenger walkways leading from the Pier to Aircraft Nodes) and Nodes (structures which provide support for the fixed links and internal pedestrian access cores to ground level) serving 3 no. aircraft stands and associated airbridges (passenger boarding bridges) at Level 20 (departure gates) of Pier 3. To the south of Pier 3, an existing airbridge is to be removed and an existing fixed link is to be adjusted to service existing stands in that area; f) Replacement of the demolished fixed links and nodes with 3no. new fixed links, A (approximately 356m2), B (approximately 227m2) and C (approximately 170m2) and of approximately 150m, 95m and 70m in length respectively and approximately 2.2m in width and approximately 3.2m in height, at a maximum height of approximately 7.1m above the surrounding apron; 3no. two-storey Nodes A, B and C, approximately 157m2, 154m2 and 148m2 in area respectively; and 2 no. airbridges (1no. at Node A and 1no. at Node B). g) Modifications to the elevations of Pier 3 at Level 20 to accommodate the links and airbridges, including part replacement of the existing glazing with new glazing/cladding, and a new cladded portal with new doors and access control

	at each new fixed link location; rearrangement of part of the internal floorspace of Level 20, including a new partition between the entrance/ exits of proposed fixed links A and B; new surface water drainage network; and 31no. car parking spaces at surface level; h) Realignment of stands on the Eastern Campus resulting in the net loss of three Narrow Body Enabled (NBE) stands and net gain of one Wide Body (WB) stand at Pier 3; i) Realignment of aircraft stands in the West Apron (involving rearranging /relocating stands by way of new paint markings on the apron pavement) to accommodate the portal and Underpass access roads (no net change in number of stands); j) Modifications to existing drainage network in the vicinity of the proposed Underpass including replacement of existing attenuation system, and construction of a new drainage network for the proposed Underpass, including sump pit with pumps, interceptors, and new attenuation tank; k) Temporary diversion of the Airfield Trunk Culvert during construction and its reinstatement at the existing alignment and level; I) Construction of a new underground pipe network (6no. new pipes) to allow for future drainage infrastructure/surface water management measures; m) Realignment of stands at Pier 2 on the Eastern Campus (no net change in number of stands); n) All ancillary airport infrastructure including additional apparatus/equipment including jet blast fencing, Fixed Electrical Ground Power (FEGP), Advanced Visual Docking Guidance System (AVDGS), Stand Number Indicator Board (SNIB), Fuel Hydrants, High Mast Lighting (HML), electrical charging facilities, and miscellaneous ground service equipment (GSE) parking and storage areas; o) The proposed development also includes (i) a new Western Compound adjacent to the existing Western Compound located south of the R108, north-west of the Airport, with a new access off the R108, to be used for pre-screening for deliveries going airside, and to include an airside pass office, parking for construction staff, as well as storage areas, and general logistics; (ii) the provision of a new Southern Compound to the north of the R108, to the south west of the Airport, to be utilised as a lorry waiting area for HGVs. No works are required at this Southern Compound; and (iii) the use of an existing airside site compound adjacent to the proposed Underpass, south of the West Apron, for

	concrete crushing, batching plant, the storage of non-hazardous materials and equipment, as well as offices, workshop, welfare facilities, and parking. The proposed development does not propose any increase in passenger, cargo or operational capacity at Dublin Airport. The planning application is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura lmpact Statement (NIS). The planning application, EIAR and NIS may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Fingal County Council, Fingal County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, during its public opening hours of 9.30 - 16.30 Monday - Friday (Cash Office opening hours are 9.30 - 15.30), and a submission or observation may be made to the Planning Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.
FW22A/0021	Planning permission for a new solar photovoltaic solar farm at site bounded by Harristown Lane (L3151), St Margaret's Road (R122), and South Parallel Road (R108) in the townland of Sanganhill Td, Finglas ED, Co. Dublin. The development will consist of the installation of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array with associated development and ancillary works including inverters, modules and transformers; site cabling; 2 no. substation building; a storage container on a concrete base; an internal access road and attendant surface water drainage; the formation of a new site entrance onto South Parallel Road (R108); security boundary fencing and landscaping; and a security controlled entry gate and lighting.
F23A/0023	The development will consist of: a 2-storey airside operations building of c.1,700sq.m and c.7.5m in height accommodating a passenger reception centre for airside emergency incidents and primary support function for thr airport to include operations, maintenance and storage facilities required for the airfield's foreign object debris and snow bases. The building will include an open sided area for the parking of HGVs and to store equipment. A new gate will be provided to the compound of the airside operations building to the south within the security restricted area fence line, enabling emergency vehicles direct access; a 2-storey north apron line maintenance centre building of c.1,887sq.m and c.6.8m in height providing a temporary facility accommodating airside workshops and stores at ground level and offices above. Following the completion of longer-term facilities at the North Apron the centre will be removed and the hardstanding will be reused for airside ground servicing equipment storage and staging areas; foreign object debris airside infrastructure to include above ground potassium acetate tanks, fuel tank, skip and container area and tipping ramps; airside parking areas with Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations for buses and cars; and; a new generator room of c.100sq.m and c.3.9m in height housing electrical equipment. The development will also include site clearance airside north of the critical part of the security restricted area boundary, provision of hard standing areas, smoking shelter,

	landscaping, fencing and gates, lighting (up to 30m in height), utilities, ancillary parking, external snow base parking, drainage and attenuation systems and all associated site works.
F23A/0104	daa plc intend to seek planning permission for development at a site of c.361.5m2 on the north-western part of the roof (Level 40) of the T1X building at Terminal 1, Dublin Airport, Collinstown, Co. Dublin. The proposed development will consist of an extension to the existing rooftop plant room to provide a rooftop plant unit of c.185m2. The proposed development will accommodate additional mechanical equipment, including 2no. extract cowls, ducting , and 3no. roof cowls, all to serve a new food and beverage unit inside the T1X building on the Departures Level (Level 20) , and will be screened with a louvre cladding to match the existing rooftop plant room in terms of elevational treatment and height. An external condenser unit is also proposed to be located immediately to the north-west of the proposed plant room extension.
F23A/0023	The development will consist of: a 2-storey airside operations building of c.1,700sq.m and c.7.5m in height accommodating a passenger reception centre for airside emergency incidents and primary support function for thr airport to include operations, maintenance and storage facilities required for the airfield's foreign object debris and snow bases. The building will include an open sided area for the parking of HGVs and to store equipment. A new gate will be provided to the compound of the airside operations building to the south within the security restricted area fence line, enabling emergency vehicles direct access; a 2-storey north apron line maintenance centre building of c.1,887sq.m and c.6.8m in height providing a temporary facility accommodating airside workshops and stores at ground level and offices above. Following the completion of longer-term facilities at the North Apron the centre will be removed and the hardstanding will be reused for airside ground servicing equipment storage and staging areas; foreign object debris airside infrastructure to include above ground potassium acetate tanks, fuel tank, skip and container area and tipping ramps; airside parking areas with Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations for buses and cars; and; a new generator room of c.100sq.m and c.3.9m in height housing electrical equipment. The development will also include site clearance airside north of the critical part of the security restricted area boundary, provision of hard standing areas, smoking shelter, landscaping, fencing and gates, lighting (up to 30m in height), utilities, ancillary parking, external snow base parking, drainage and attenuation systems and all associated site works.
F23A/0786	The development will consist of: a 2 -storey airside operations building of c.1,698 sq.m and c.8.4m in height (max. height of c.9.5m including plant) accommodating a passenger reception centre for airside emergency incidents and primary support function for the airport to include operations, maintenance and storage facilities required for the airfield's foreign object debris and snow bases. The building will include an open sided area for the parking of HGV''s and to store equipment. A new gate will be provided to the compound of the airside operations building to the south within the security restricted area fence line, enabling emergency vehicles direct access, a 2 storey north apron line maintenance centre building of c.1,910 sq.m and c.7.3m in height providing a temporary facility accommodating airside workshops and stores at ground level and offices above. Following the completion of longer-

	term facilities at the North Apron the centre will be removed and the hardstanding will be reused for airside ground servicing equipment storage and staging areas; foreign object debris airside infrastructure to include above-ground potassium acetate tanks, fuel tank, skip and container area and tipping ramps; airside parking areas with electric vehicle (ev) charging stations for buses and cars; and a new generator room of c.107sq.m and 3.9m in height housing electrical equipment. The development will also include site clearance airside north of the critical part of security restricted area boundary and demolition of existing smoking shelter, c.4.4sq.m and provision of hard-standing areas, smoking shelter, landscaping, fencing and gates, lighting (up to 30m in height), utilities, ancillary parking, external snow base parking, drainage and attenuation systems and all associated site works.
F24A/0160	DAA proposes the installation of 15no. secure bicycle lockers at 2no. locations adjacent to the Terminal 2 building with a total development area of 28.04sq.m.
F24A/0309E	We, daa plc, intend to apply for a temporary 7-year permission for a proposed development at 2no. landside sites (Site A (c. 1.36ha) (including part of the existing Ground Transportation Centre, Atrium Road 1, and Terminal 1 Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP)) and Site B (c. 1.64ha) (part of the existing Express Red Long-Term Car Park)), in the townlands of Collinstown, Corballis, Rock, Stockhole, and Toberbunny, Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin. The proposed development will consist of the provision of infrastructure to facilitate the charging of electrical busses for Dublin Airport, as follows: Site A (Atrium Rd 1): The development will consist of (1) the installation of 4No. Pantograph Electrical Bus Charger Units, each with 3No. associated power cabinets on Atrium Rd 1; (2) the upgrade of the existing substation 7 which is located internally within the T1 Multistorey Car Park (MSCP) and an upgrade of the existing underground power cable between existing substation 6 and existing substation 7; (3) ducting from the upgraded electrical substation #7 to the proposed pantograph units for both power and comms supply; (4) new paint markings within the existing bus laybys on Atrium Rd 1; and (5) all other associated site development works, including relocation of 2no. existing bus shelters on Atrium Rd 1 and minor internal demolition works within Terminal 1 MSCP. Site B (Red Long-Term Car Park): The development will consist of (1) the construction of an EV bus charging depot; (2) the installation of 1No. Pantograph Electrical Bus Charger Unit with 3No. associated power cabinets in the new bus charging depot; (3) the installation of 8No. EV Bus Chargers (4no. dual chargers and 4no. standard cable connection); (4) the construction of a new electric substation within the proposed EV bus charging depot site; (5) upgrade of the existing electrical substation #10 (internal works only); (6) provision of new electrical cabling and ducting within the proposed EV bus charging depot site and along Eastlands road and on internal circulation roads within the Red Long-Term Car Park, and connection to the existing Medium Voltage (MV) ring main at the junction between the Swords Rd (R132) and Corballis Road South; (7) security gates at the new depot entrance and exit; (8)

	new surface water drainage system incorporating attenuation; (9) the erection of CCTV equipment, security fencing, lighting, signage, and boundary fencing; and (10) all other associated site development works, including the removal of an existing fence, drainage works, and all hard and soft landscaping. 2no. landside sites (Site A (c. 1.36ha) (including part of the existing Ground Transportation Centre, Atrium Road 1, and Terminal 1 Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) and Site B (c. 1.64ha) (part of the existing Express Red Long-Term Car Park) in the townlands of Collinstown, Corballis, Rock, Stockhole, and Toberbunny, Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin
F24A/0512E	The provision of an Aircraft Observation Facility on Old Airport Road (Collinstown Lane), at the site of the existing informal 'airport viewing point', to include the following: 1.an elevated viewing platform with sheltered viewing structure, seating and tables; 2.improved parking facilities with 22 no. car parking spaces, of which 2 will be provided for Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) and 2 dedicated family parking spaces; 3.5 no. bicycle stands (providing 10 no. bicycle parking spaces) 4.a diverge lane for safe vehicle access from Old Airport Road 5.an electrical enclosure with solar PV Panels 6.surface water drainage works incorporating attenuation; 7. lighting, signage and all other associated site development works, including hard and soft landscaping.
F24A/0650E	The demolition of an existing unoccupied dwelling and outbuildings, together with all associated site works
F24A/0824E	DAA PLC intends to apply for Permission for development at this site (c. 0.19 Ha), at Dublin Airport, Terminal 1 Arrivals, Terminal Complex, Collinstown, Swords, Co. Dublin otherwise bounded by Terminal 1 Departure Canopy to the North-West, Terminal 1 Arrivals Hall to the South-West, Terminal 1 Multi-Storey Car Park to the North-East and Terminal 2 to the South-East. The proposed development consists of the following works: a)Taxi rank enclosure •Demolition and dismantling of existing roofed enclosure; new electrical routes and drainage layouts; new solid roof with glazed sides enclosure to accommodate 115 no. passengers, with illumination, information screens and drainage connections; new signage and repainting to existing personnel hut. b)Taxi rank set-down area •Provision of 8 no. standard pick-up spaces; provision of 1 no. people with reduced mobility (PRM) pick-up space; provision of 1 no. multi-use pick-up space; provision of dual lane system to accommodate the adjacent bus lane and provision of central island to allow left hand entry to all vehicles. c) Departure road canopy

	•Repair to structure; paint treatment to bridge structures and to the extent of the adjoining RC structure supporting the departure and arrivals bridge; fitting new cable routes; fitting new cladding to the departure bridge steelwork; new ribbon style digital information screen and support framing.
FW24A/0175E	The development will consist of the installation of an aircraft noise monitoring terminal on a standalone, tiltable mast structure (6m in height) along with associated works including electrical connection.
FW24A/0253E	The proposed development will consist of: 1) the demolition of existing cattle pen and hard standing area (total 911m2) and the removal of 1 no. existing gated site entrance from the South Parallel Road (R108), and the construction of a westwards extension to the existing Holiday Blue Long-Term Car Park to provide an extended surface car park which will comprise 950 no. airport staff car parking spaces, of which 48 no. will be provided for Persons with Reduced Mobility (PRM) and 96 no. will be serviced by Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points, to be accessed off the South Parallel Road (R108) via an upgraded existing former temporary construction access/egress, with an emergency access also to be provided through the existing Holiday Blue Long-Term Car Park immediately east of the proposed development site via a tie in, with security barriers, to the existing internal roundabout; 2) 30 no. bicycle spaces; 3) 1 no. new bus shelter; 4) new internal road layout, with set down areas for buses and footpaths, incorporating 2 no. existing culverts (one of which is to be extended) and 1no. new culvert over the Santry River; 5) proposed riparian corridor either side of the Santry River; 6) 1 no. single-storey substation; 7) 1 no. new single storey welfare building; 8) 1 no. new single-storey security hut with security barriers; 9) new foul and surface water drainage system works incorporating attenuation; 10) the erection of CCTV equipment, security fencing, electrical enclosure, lighting, signage, and boundary fencing; and 11) all other associated site development works, including temporary construction compound, and all hard and soft landscaping. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and will be submitted to the planning authority with the application.
F24A/0965E	The provision of apron bus access facilities at Terminal 2, comprising the construction of a vertical circulation core (10.95m high) to the south of Terminal 2 (airside), linking to Terminal 2 via a glazed passenger bridge. The development will also include minor road re-alignment works, the provision of a bus set-down area to the east of the vertical circulation core, a covered walkway and all ancillary development, site works and services on land to the south of Dublin Airport Terminal 2.
F24A/1178E	In accordance with Section 34B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, daa plc intends to apply for planning permission for a proposed development at Dublin Airport, Co. Dublin. The proposed development relates to the entirety of the Airport, in the townlands of Millhead, Kilreesk, Kingstown, Dunbro, Barberstown, Pickardstown, Portmellick, Forrest Great, Forrest Little, Cloghran, Collinstown, Corballis, Coultry, Commons, Rock, Harristown, Silloge, Huntstown, Shanganhill, Sandyhill, Dardistown, Stockhole, and Toberbunny. The proposed development will consist of: (a) An increase in passenger numbers per annum at Dublin Airport as follows:

	• An increase in the capacity of the airport from the permitted combined capacity of Terminal 1 together with Terminal 2, of 32 million passengers per annum (32mppa) (as referenced by condition no. 3 of ABP Ref. No. PL06F.220670 (F06A/1248) and condition no. 2 under ABP Ref No. PL06F.223469 (F06A/1843) - collectively referred to as the 32mppa Conditions)) - to 36 million passengers per annum (36mppa). To avoid uncertainties which have arisen in respect of the interpretation of the 32mppa Conditions, the application proposes that: o The 32mppa limitation is enumerated on a terminal count basis (where one person equals one passenger, and discounting transit passengers, those who do not enter the terminal(s), and the double counting of transfer passengers); and o The 36mppa limitation is enumerated on an aviation count basis (where a passenger is enumerated as a person carried on an aircraft and covered by a ticket in line with the definition of passenger by the International Air Transport Association (Ref. IATA, Standard Schedules Information Manual, RP1761b) and includes that a transfer passenger, is counted as two passengers). • The increase to the capacity will include all attendant airport operations at Dublin Airport. • The proposed increase in passenger numbers will supersede and replace condition no. 3 of ABP Ref. No. PL06F.220670 (F06A/1248) and condition no. 2 under ABP Ref. No. PL06F.223469 (F06A/1843). (b) The proposed development would come into effect only in the event of, and subject to, a grant of planning permission for the change to permitted runway operations as proposed under ABP Ref. No PL06F.314485 (F20A/0668). At first instance, this was the subject of a decision by the Regulatory Decision (RD) of the Airport Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) of 20th June, 2022, which applied the following conditions as detailed in the Regulatory Decision (RD): (1) The Airport shall be subject to a Noise Quota Scheme (NQS) with an annual limit of 16,260 between 23:00 and 06:59 (inclusive, local time) with noise-related limits on the aircraft permitted to operate at night. (2) Runway 10L/28R shall not be used for take-off or landing between 00:00 and 05:59 (inclusive, local time) except in cases of safety, maintenance considerations, exceptional air traffic conditions, adverse weather, technical faults in air traffic control systems or declared emergencies at other airports or where Runway 10L/28R length is required for a specific aircraft type. (3) A voluntary residential sound insulation grant scheme (RSIGS) for residential dwellings shall be provided. Initial eligibility to the scheme shall apply to all residential dwellings situated within the Initial Eligibility Contour Area as shown in Figure 3.1 - Regulatory Decision, Third Condition. Residential Sound Insulation Grant Scheme (RSIGS) - Initial Eligibility Contour Area – June 2022. Eligibility to the scheme shall be reviewed every 2 years commencing in 2027 with residential dwellings situated in the 55 dB Lnight contour being eligible under the scheme. No works or other interventions involving alterations to the physical aspects of the site are proposed as part of the application. The Proposed Development site includes an establishment to which the European Communities (Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 apply. For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposed Development does not intend to modify the existing establishment to which the

	European Communities (Major Accident Hazards involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 apply (Fuel Farm). The Proposed Development site also includes activities covered by an existing Industrial Emissions Licence (P0480-02: Hangar 1 and 5) and Integrated Pollution Control Licence (P0921-01: Hangar 3) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposed Development does not intend to modify either the Industrial Emissions Licence, the Integrated Pollution Control Licence or the premises covered by the licences. The Proposed Development site includes 2 no. Protected Structures, the Old Central Terminal Building (RPS 612) and Castlemoate House (RPS 611); and is within the curtilage of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Heaven (RPS 864). For the avoidance of doubt, the Proposed Development does not consist of or comprise the carrying out of works to a Protected Structure.

Source of Report:
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning and Strategic Infrastructure

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ITEM NO. 26

RANDOM SAMPLES OF COMPLETED PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED

Motion: Councillor E. Dockrell

"That the Chief Executive considers implementing a programme whereby a random sample of completed projects are reviewed within this Council e.g., road resurfacing projects/upgrading of a particular facility, with the aim of producing a document of "learnings", which would then be used to implement additional necessary controls to ensure that future projects are more efficiently completed e.g., reducing any potential overspends or delays by learning from mistakes made in the lifecycle of these reviewed sample projects."

Report

Annually a quality assurance report is prepared and submitted to NOAC (National Oversight and Audit Commission). The overall objective of this report is to gauge the extent to which Fingal County Council are meeting the obligations set out in the Public Spending Code (PSC) to ensure that the state achieves value for money in the use of all public fund. One of the steps in this process is to carry out post project reviews.

In addition to complying with the PSC, post project reviews are also done in line with the requirements of funders such as DHLGH, NTA etc. The nature of these reviews are dependent on the scale of the project under review.

The Local Government Audit Service also review annually the financial statements which would obviously include projects as described in the motion. The findings of the audit as well as the CE responses are included in the annual audit report and management letter.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 27

COMMUNITY WARDEN

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to move towards a "Community Warden" arrangement for enforcement of Fingal County Council's bye laws whereby these wardens would have responsibility for the enforcement of all of the Council's bye laws, in order to more effectively ensure that breeches of our bye laws are punished accordingly."

Report:

Fingal County Council, under Section 199 of the Local Government Act, have the powers to make bye-laws in respect of the "use, operation, protection, regulation or management of any land, services, or any other matter provided by or under the control of the local authority".

The Council have numerous Bye-Laws specific to the above, including (but not limited to): Parking Control; Waste Enforcement; Traffic; Parks and Open Spaces; Beach and Foreshore; Harbours; Casual Trading; Intoxicating Liquor, etc.

Under section 206 of the Local Government Act, the Council have powers to issue a fixed penalty notice where there is a contravention of a bye-law, signed by an Authorised Officer. An Authorised Officer is defined under the Local Government Act (Section 204) as a person authorised in writing by a local authority for this specific purpose.

Fingal County Council have appointed Authorised Officers across the wide range of bye-laws in place to ensure that breaches of aforementioned bye-laws are administered with the appropriate action. The Authorised Officer therefore requires detailed and specialised knowledge of the particular bye-laws and is

responsible for the management of all follow-up actions including the issuing of notices, receipting of fines (where appropriate), administration of appeals, issuing of court notices, and all subsequent legal proceedings.

Due to the complexity of the role of an Authorised Officer, and the level of expertise required to administer the appropriate action relative to the specific bye-law, it would not be feasible for the Council to appoint broad based / all-encompassing “Community Wardens” for this purpose.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 28

LIFEGUARDS ON FINGAL BEACHES

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"That the Chief Executive authorises a review of the current number of lifeguards on Fingal beaches to determine if there is a need to increase numbers, to ensure that swimmers and visitors feel safe when they visit our beaches or go swimming."

Report:

The Council review the number of lifeguards required each year and recruitment of lifeguards take place prior to the bathing season. The Council aims to recruit as many lifeguards as is required with an increased budgetary provision provided over the last number of years.

As with previous recruitment campaigns, every effort is made to recruit lifeguards;

- Advertisement in the local newspapers, on the Council's own website and social media sites.
- Advertisement on public and local government jobs.
- Copy advert also circulated to Water Safety Ireland, the RLSS and the Get Fingal Swimming Officer for posting on their respective websites and social media.
- Advert sent to the guidance councillors in schools in North County Dublin.
- The Water Safety Development Officer also sends a poster to all post primary schools in Fingal and give information talks, where schools allow. This poster is also sent to schools in Louth and Universities to target potential candidates.
- The Water Safety Development Officer attended the Xplore TY 2024 event on the 15th October 2024, in the Helix, DCU, to promote the lifeguard position to students from schools who were in attendance. A competition

for sponsorship towards a Beach Life Saving Course was advertised at this event and a lottery will be held for this.

Lifeguard employment is contingent on the candidate being deemed suitable at interview, successfully passing the beach lifeguard test, holding a valid beach lifeguard certificate and Garda Vetting.

To open all stations in 2025 will require 28-30 available Lifeguards. The Council aims to employ in excess of 30 lifeguards to ensure that all stations can be manned during times when lifeguards are on leave, sick leave etc. There can be situations where fewer lifeguards are available and, in these circumstances, some of the quieter stations, unfortunately, will not be opened.

The Councils aim for 2025 is to recruit the full contingent of lifeguards required and if it is possible to include additional qualified lifeguards the Council will place them on a panel. However, the Council have had difficulties over the last number of years in getting a full complement of lifeguards and have therefore implemented the above recruitment campaign.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 31

AUTISM FRIENDLY COUNTY STRATEGY

Motion: Councillor L. Corkery

"That the Chief Executive initiate the development of an Autism Friendly County Strategy, supported by a steering committee and guided by the input of autistic people and their families."

Report:

Fingal County Council recognises the need for creating more inclusive public spaces for autistic people and indeed anyone who is neurodivergent. Several specific actions to support autistic persons, and neurodiversity in general, will be included in the Fingal County Council Access Strategy which is now close to completion.

The Actions of this Strategy have been formed following extensive close consultation with the disability community and the wider public.

An internal taskforce is being established to assist in the implementation and monitoring of Action progress, and to look more widely at opportunities and ways we can improve overall accessibility and inclusivity.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

COUNCIL EVENTS TO BE MADE AS ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE FOR NEURODIVERSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Motion: Councillor J. Hopkins

"That the Council recognises and commends the ongoing efforts of Fingal County Council in its aim to become inclusive for those who are autistic and neurodiverse, the sensory space at the Howth Maritime Festival and the opening of the Meakstown Community Centre were great examples of how simple, small steps can have a huge impact, in line with this, it is crucial that the Chief Executive ensures that all Fingal County Council events are made as accessible as possible for neurodiverse members of our community."

Report:

The Council has demonstrated its commitment to inclusivity at events in recent years by providing improved accessibility services such as sensory spaces, additional stewarding, shelters, stages and wheelchair accessibility services at major events such as St. Patrick's Day Parades, Flavours of Fingal and the Howth Maritime Festival and others. This has been achieved through engagement with stakeholders and support / representative organisations and increased budgetary provision by the Members in the annual budget.

Planning and budgeting of the Events Programme is facing challenges due to its expansion in recent years and the ongoing significant increases in costs associated with maintaining a consistently high standard and quality of events.

The Council's commitment to inclusivity is clearly stated in the draft Fingal Events Strategy presented to EETD SPC in December 2024 states the Council's commitment to:

- Incorporate inclusive practices at events in Fingal, including designated quiet hours to accommodate neurodiverse individuals and families.
- Enhance accessibility by implementing accessible evenings and providing services, ensuring that all members of the community can fully participate and enjoy the events.

The Strategy, which will come before Members in Q1 2025, will provide the Framework within which the Events Programme and budget provision will be set in the coming years.

Within this context, the FCC Events Unit aims to continue improving the overall inclusivity and experience of neurodiverse community members at events and will soon meet again with Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPROs) to achieve this.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

PILOT PROJECT IN A REGIONAL PARK

Motion: Councillor A. Donnelly

"That the Chief Executive establishes a pilot project in one of our regional parks, to include measures such as lighting, extended park ranger hours and CCTV, to allow the community the use of our public areas during winter months and encourage walking and cycling, Budget 2025 refers to the ongoing maintenance and upgrade of our roads and public footpaths to encourage the modal shift to cycle and walking continues, this can only be achieved with adequate lighting."

Report:

The Parks and open spaces in Fingal are a wonderful resource for Fingal residents. The popularity of these spaces for exercise and recreation is well established and the Council encourages this usage with the provision of wonderful amenities within these spaces. Many of the Regional Parks have an extensive mix of pedestrian paths, sports pitches, playgrounds, open grassland meadows, woodlands, and areas hugely rich in natural biodiversity. These are valuable spaces for the residents of Fingal and require a balanced approach to their maintenance and usage to ensure that these spaces are managed in a way that allows them flourish and to be used in a sustainable manner.

The Council has no provision for such a pilot project within the 2025 budget as the Council does not encourage after-hours use of parks and open spaces for public safety reasons as daylight hours will determine public safety considerations. The infrastructure required for the installation of lighting in any area of public open space is cost prohibitive in many locations and can only be considered if the route

is deemed high priority from an active travel perspective and the works do not cause conflict with the natural biodiversity of that space.

Providing after-hours access to the regional parks for exercise purposes is not considered for the following reasons.

- The after-hours use of any of the regional parks would require an extended park ranger service, which the current budget provision does not allow for. The Council has facilitated unique events such as 'Darkness into Light' and this type of permanent provision would be unsustainable.
- The opening of these spaces after-hours would also add huge additional strain on the gardai from a public order perspective as these spaces are attractive for anti-social activity and difficult to patrol.
- Many urban areas already have a well-established public path network with public lighting that are safe for after-hours recreational walking and exercising purposes. Other after-hours sporting activities are catered for within community centres, gyms, and public sports hubs.
- The Council has an obligation to preserve and protect the valuable ecological habitats within these spaces and after-hours public use is detrimental from a biodiversity perspective.

The Council therefore does not propose to establish a pilot project in any of Fingal's Regional parks for the reasons as outlined in this motion.

Source of Report:
Mary T. Daly, Director of Operation

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ITEM NO. 34

SWORDS TIDY TOWNS – GOLD MEDAL

Motion: Councillor D. Butler, Councillor J. Smyth, & Councillor D.J. Kelly

"As per the Motion agreed at the December Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee Services B Meeting and with the agreement of the Mayor, that the Chief Executive arrange for an evening reception, after a future Area Committee Meeting to acknowledge the fantastic achievement of Swords Tidy Towns, with the help of Fingal County Council, in winning their first ever gold medal after six years of winning silver medals, Swords Tidy Towns, in their twentieth year of existence, were also Highly Commended in the EPA Circular Economy Award category."

Report:

If this motion is passed an evening reception will be organised for Swords Tidy Towns after a future Area Committee meeting to acknowledge their achievement in winning their first gold medal in the National Tidy Towns Awards 2024.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 35

BUS SHELTERS

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That the Chief Executive prepares a detailed report to be presented to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC on the viability of the Council installing and maintaining bus shelters within its administrative area."

Report:

The management and maintenance of bus shelters does not lie within the remit of the Council and the funding of this service is not provided for within the Council's revenue budget. The National Transport Authority (NTA) is the body responsible for the installation and maintenance of bus stops and shelters nationwide including the funding, planning, and execution of bus stop projects and ensuring proper operation and maintenance of overall bus stop infrastructure nationwide.

Source of Report:
Mary T Daly, Director of Operations

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ITEM NO. 36

ACCCESSIBILITY AT TRAIN STATIONS

Motion: Councillor J. Walsh

"That the Chief Executive write to Irish Rail pointing out that train stations in Fingal are often inaccessible to people with disabilities and asking Irish Rail to implement essential short-term measures to improve accessibility for wheelchair users at train stations as a matter of urgency."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to Irish Rail and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 37

THE PURCHASE OR COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (CPO) OF LAND

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive writes to Dublin City Council to request they consider the purchase or Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) of land alongside the Tolka River at Glasnevin, (St. Mary's School), for the purpose of a continued greenway between Mulhuddart and the new Dublin Port Tolka Estuary greenway which was officially opened to the public."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to Dublin City Council and when a reply is received the Members will be informed.

Source of Report:
Mary Egan, Director People, Corporate and Digital Services

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