Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Burtchaell, John
Butler, Darragh
Carbone-Mangan, Eimear
Corkery, Luke
Dennison, Kieran
Dockrell, Eoghan
Donnelly, Angela
Guerin, Jimmy
Hanaphy, Breda
Haughey, Cathal
Healy, David
Hopkins, Joan
Humphreys, James
Humphreys, Kevin
Johnston, Corina
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'Brien, Eoghan
O'Leary, Tom
Onwumereh, JK
Quinlan, Patrick
Quinn, Malachy
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Darren Jack Kelly and Paul Mulville.

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); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Fionnuala May, (County Architect); Nikki Halleran (A/Senior Executive Officer); Helena Bergin (Conservation Officer).

F/1/25 (Agenda Item No)

MINUTES SILENCE

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh expressed his condolences to Councillor T. Doyle on the recent passing of her husband.

It was agreed to hold a minute's silence.

F/2/25 (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.

The Mayor, Councillor B. McDonagh invited the newly co-opted members Councillor John Smyth and Councillor Kevin Humphreys to speak.

F/3/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes

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

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor J. Humphreys and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

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

Minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the Special County Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th December 2024 be **ADOPTED."**

F/4/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Nominations

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor M. McCamley:

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be appointed as a member 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**

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. Guerin:

"That Councillor Kevin Humphreys be appointed as a member of the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group".

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**

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

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

"That Councillor Brendan Ryan be appointed as a member to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)."

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**

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

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

"That Councillor Kevin Humphreys be appointed as a member to the North Dublin Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force."

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**

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

It was proposed by Councillor M. Quinn, seconded by Councillor J. Newman:

"That Councillor John Smyth be appointed as a member to the Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee."

F/5/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor k. Dennison and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 13 be **ADOPTED**."

F/6/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor C. Boland - Capital Funding Allocation

F/7/25 (Agenda Item No 4)

Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Clearance of Leaves

F/8/25 (Agenda Item No 5)

Councillor L. Corkery - Licence for Summer Concerts 2025

F/9/25 (Agenda Item No 6)

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

F/10/25 (Agenda Item No 7)

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

F/11/25 (Agenda Item No 8)

Councillor T. Murphy - Enforcement Notices

F/12/25 (Agenda Item No 9)

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

F/13/25 (Agenda Item No 10)

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

F/14/25 (Agenda Item No 11)

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

F/15/25 (Agenda Item No 12)

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

F/16/25 (Agenda Item No 13)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bike Share

F/17/25 (Agenda Item No 14)

Report of Committees

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

The reports by the Organisation, Procedure and Finance (OP&F) Committee Meeting dated 9th December 2024 which had been circulated were **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED**.

b **Report of Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Meetings**

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

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

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor T. O'Leary, 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 12th December 2024, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/18/25 (Agenda Item No 15)

Financial Matters

a **2023 Annual Financial Statements and Audit Report**

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

b **Audit Committee Report**

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

F/19/25 (Agenda Item No 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**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands to the rear of No. 39 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Derek Murphy in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor T. Murphy and seconded by Councillor G. Maguire and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands adjacent to 37 Flemington Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Patrick & Maria Goulding in accordance with the terms specified therein."

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

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor E. Dockrell and seconded by Councillor C. Johnston and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands at Eagan's Field, Donabate, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 13th December 2024, be disposed of to Sunniva Clegg in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/20/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Declarations of Roads

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

F/21/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

2024 Conservation Grants

A presentation was provided to the Members by Helena Bergin, Conservation Officer, Architects Department. Helena introduced the Members to Ms Bronagh Lanigan, Conservation Officer who commenced recently.

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

F/22/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Draft Annual Service Delivery Plan

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

"In accordance with Section 134a of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025 as recommended by the Chief Executive is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/23/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/24/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

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

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

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

F/25/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Conference Report

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

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

F/26/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Correspondence

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

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

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

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

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

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

F/27/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

MOTIONS - STATUTORY FUNCTIONS

F/28/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

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

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

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

F/29/25 (Agenda Item No 26)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Random Sampling of Completed Projects Reviewed

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

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

F/30/25 (Agenda Item No 27)
Councillor E. O'Brien - Community Warden

The motion, in the name of Councillor E. O'Brien was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh.

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

F/31/25 (Agenda Item No 28)
Councillor JK. Onwumereh - Lifeguards on Fingal Beaches Summer 2025

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

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

F/32/25 (Agenda Item No 29)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Thornton Hall Direct Provision Site

The motion, in the name of Councillor P. Quinlan was proposed by Councillor P. Quinlan.

As the motion was not seconded, the motion was not put to the Council.

F/33/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Councillor A. Tormey - Review Fingal Citizen Charter

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/34/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Councillor L. Corkery - Autism Friendly County Strategy

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

During the course of discussions, an amended motion was received from Councillor L. Corkery. The amended motion was proposed by Councillor L. Corkery, seconded by Councillor T. O'Leary and **AGREED**.

Amended motion to read:
"That the Chief Executive initiate the development of an 'Autism and Neurodiversity County Strategy', supported by a steering committee and led by autistic and neurodivergent people, their families, carers, and service professionals."

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

F/35/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

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

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

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

F/36/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Pilot Project in a Regional Park

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Following discussions, the Mayor Councillor B. McDonagh called for a 3minute recess.

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

FOR : 18 EIGHTEEN
AGAINST: 10 TEN
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Joe Newman, Tom O'Leary, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Kieran Dennison, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, James Humphreys, Tom Kitt, Brian McDonagh, Tony Murphy, Eoghan O'Brien

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

F/37/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

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

The motion, in the names of Councillors D. Butler, J. Smyth, D.J. Kelly was proposed by Councillor D. Butler and seconded by Councillor J. Newman.

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

F/38/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelters

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

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

MOTIONS - NON-STATUTORY

VARY THE ORDER OF BUISNESS

It was **AGREED** to vary the order of business and take Item 37 before Item 36.

F/39/25 (Agenda Item No 37)

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

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

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

F/40/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor J. Walsh - Accessibility at Train Stations

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 36.

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

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

F/41/25 (Agenda Item No 38)

Councillor M. Quinn - Regulatory Authority to oversee the provision of care by Home Care Companies

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

The Meeting concluded at 8.02 p.m.

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ITEM NO. 02

NOMINATIONS

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ITEM NO. 02a

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CHAIR OF HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF ROBERT O'DONOGHUE TO THE 34TH DÁIL IN NOVEMBER 2024

Nominations are now sought for a replacement Chair to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee following the election of Robert O'Donoghue to the 34th Dáil in November 2024.

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ITEM NO. 03

GRAVEYARD MAINTEANCE

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to ensure that all pathways within cemeteries, under the control of this Local Authority, are maintained to a high standard and that hedges etc., are not allowed to intrude on these pathways?"

Reply:

The Council has a total of 36 burial grounds of which 16 are open and available for new burials. All burials grounds have 24-hour pedestrian access. Provision is made in the Revenue Budget for ongoing maintenance at all burial grounds and the Operations Department carries out maintenance on an ongoing basis and as the need arises.

There are a number of burial grounds that are closed and not used for burials on a daily basis. If there is a particular burial ground that requires maintenance to footpath and clearing of bushes it can be reported to the Operations team by phoning 01 890 5000 or alternatively emailing the relevant Area at the following email addresses:

Balbriggan/Swords - balswooparea@fingal.ie

Howth/Malahide - howmaloparea@fingal.ie

Castleknock/Mulhuddart - casmuloparea@fingal.ie

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

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ITEM NO. 04

CLOSE CIRCUIT TV IN COMMUNITES

Question: Councillor S. Shovlin

"To ask the Chief Executive for the latest update on implementing CCTV in communities to help target issues such as illegal dumping?"

Reply:

CCTV can be installed in any public area to combat illegal dumping however the relevant Council department must apply to Fingal County Council's CCTV and Mobile Devices Oversight Committee.

Established in late 2024, this committee reviews and approves all CCTV applications, ensuring they comply with the three Codes of Practice issued by the LGMA, CCMA, and Local Government Ireland.

CCTV installation will be considered for areas with high levels of illegal dumping and littering, identified through evidence collected by Litter Wardens and detailed in the CRM system.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT 1956 PART III

Question: Councillor J. SMYTH

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline in which parts of the county the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 Part III is enacted, indicating the reasons for and against such an enactment in the various localities?"

Reply:

Under Section 13, a Local Authority may adopt a resolution which applies the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1956 to the whole or part of its functional area. The Executive will review what resolutions have been passed in the County of Fingal under the above legislation.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

AIR TO WATER HEAT PUMPS

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report on the total number of call-outs received for the repair of tenants' air to water heat pumps, in particular, the cause of the fault and how much on average is the cost of repair when not working correctly and the average length of time taken to resolve the issue?"

Reply:

Heat pumps are increasingly being used in new build residential construction as a clean, efficient and comfortable form of heating. A significant factor in optimising the use of these units is proper operation and, in this regard, guidance is provided to tenants as part of the tenant induction course.

The total number of requests for maintenance in 2024 was 280. The cause of the faults is categorised as follows:

- No Problem**:** Tenant operating issue, time clock issues, instruct and assist tenant on operation etc., 21%-30% of call outs relate to this issue.
- General Fault: Issues not necessarily related to heat pump, leaks from pipe work, radiators, damaged valves etc.15%-28% of call outs relate to this issue.
- Warranty: Actual faults with the heat pump unit - to be repaired under warranty. 32-39% of call outs relate to this issue.
- Electrical**:** Faults with wiring to heat pumps, breakers, etc., 4% of call outs relate to this issue
- Not related**:** Calls attributed to heat pumps which were found to be unrelated, e.g. general plumbing issues. 5% of call outs relate to this issue.

Issues are resolved as quickly as possible. Emergency repairs are carried out in 1-3 days, urgent repairs are carried in 10 working days. Tenants are advised on the time scale and alternative heating is provided as required.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

COASTAL EROSION ON OUR COASTLINES

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what measures are being undertaken presently to protect our coastlines from erosion, which has worsened and accelerated in recent years, in the absence of a decision from Ireland's Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA), and the likely length of time it will take to implement changes should the related application be approved and is the Council considering emergency, short-term measures (e.g. rock bags) to combat worsening erosion on our coastlines?

Reply:

The OPW have overall responsibility for the assessment of coastal change impacts, including co-ordinating the monitoring of physical coastal change, assessing and mapping areas at risk from coastal erosion, the development of a coastal change research programme and assessing technical options to inform decisions on the management of coastal change for communities at risk, which may include the use of nature-based solutions. The OPW also has a role in funding local authorities to carry out minor works for coastal protection.

Fingal County Council currently has a limited legal remit with regard to the management of coastal change (including erosion). The Council is however very mindful of the understandable concerns of residents in Fingal affected by this issue. The recently published "Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change" outlines recommendations for the management of coastal change over the short, medium, and longer terms.

It is our understanding that the government intends developing national policy/legislation on coastal change based on these recommendations. The Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) have acknowledged receipt of the Council's Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application in respect of a Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Plan which has been prepared to address the long-term coastal change impacts in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary. Responses have been provided to requests for additional information received from MARA.

If consent for the CFERM is obtained, the Council will proceed to apply to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission to implement the coastal protection measures. If planning approval is obtained, the Council in collaboration with relevant funding agencies will progress the implementation of the approved project and a detailed works programme will be forthcoming at that stage. No plans for additional short-term measures are currently in preparation due to the very significant planning restrictions which apply to the implementation of works along the most vulnerable sections of the Fingal coastline.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCUTRE AUDIT

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on when the Community Infrastructure Audit, which was due to be completed by the end of last year, will be published, and if any preliminary findings can be shared with this Council?"

Reply:

The Sports and Community Facilities Audit which is currently being finalised and led by the Sports Office will provide information on community facilities in Fingal. Staff from the Community Department will be meeting with the consultants in the coming weeks to further clarify and refine the findings of that research with a specific focus on community facilities. The approach adopted would not lend itself to sharing preliminary findings at this point and it is recommended that Councillors await the full findings in order to have a more complete picture of the audit findings.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

DUBLIN AIRPORT BREACHES UPDATE

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"In light of concerns raised by residents over the last 2.5 years regarding the operations at Dublin Airport, to ask the Chief Executive for an update regarding (a) Enforcement on daa breach of passenger cap; (b) Enforcement on daa of the breach of flight paths; (c) Enforcement on daa for breach of 65 night-time movements?"

Reply:

Since the opening of the North Runway at Dublin Airport, the Planning Authority have received complaints in relation to alleged breaches of conditions of the relevant planning permissions (Register Ref. F04A/1755 / ABP Ref: PL 06F.217429 as extended under FCC Reg. Ref: F04A/1755/E1 and amended under FCC Reg. Ref: F19A/0023 / ABP Ref: ABP-305298-19).

Complaints have also been received with regard to breaches of flight paths, condition 3 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1248 (PL 06F.220670) and condition 2 of Reg. Ref: F06A/1843 (PL 06F.223469). On foot of these complaints, seven Warning Letters and an Enforcement Notice have been issued.

With regard to the Enforcement Notice, the daa made a High Court challenge to the Enforcement Notice issued by the Planning Authority. There was a court hearing in relation to this challenge which was adjourned on 13th March 2024 for mention on the 24th June 2024 at which time it was further adjourned to 21st October for mention and was recently in for mention on 27th January 2025. The matter is now put in for mention on 10th February 2025.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION TO OWN XL BULLY DOGS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the number of applications that have been received for certificates of exemption to own XL Bully dogs ahead of the February 1st, 2025, deadline?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council received 155 applications from owners of XL Bully dogs for Certificates of Exemptions.

Sixty-four (64) Certificates of Exemptions have been issued. The remaining applications are currently being assessed and processed. It is anticipated all successful applicants will receive their Certificates of Exemptions in the next 7 to 10 working days.

On Friday 31st January 2025, the High Court granted an injunction with regard to the XL Bully regulations, prohibiting the seizure and/or euthanising of any XL Bully type dogs in the shelters of Relevant Bodies until 27th February 2025.

Relevant bodies under the regulations are:
(a) the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or
(b) a registered charitable organisation, within the meaning of the Charities Act 2009, whose charitable purpose, within the meaning of that Act, is the prevention or relief of suffering of animals.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (HAP) APPLICATIONS

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate the current average time for applications for Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) to be processed?"

Reply:

Every practicable effort is made to ensure that mainstream Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) applications are diligently checked and processed in an efficient manner. The processing time for an application is normally up to 8 weeks. Complete applications can be processed within a six-week period, or sooner, if all required supporting documentation from both applicant and landlord is provided with the initial submission. Delays can occur awaiting the return of in-date and appropriate documentation from applicant and landlord.

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

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ITEM NO.12

GOVERNANCE OF COMMUNITY CENTRES

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline what audit processes are in place to ensure all Council run community centres registered as charities are in compliance with the Charity Regulations Act 2009 and Charities Governance Code section 5.5 in respect of term limits for charities trustees in the interest of good governance?"

Reply:

All community centres who are registered charities are required to comply with the Charity Regulator Governance Code. Compliance with this code requires a self-declaration process, however once a centre has declared they are complying, they are open to audit inspection by the Regulator. It is the responsibility of local Boards of Management of community centres to ensure they are compliant with the Governance Code. The Charities Governance Code suggests a term limit of 9 years for trustees; however, this is not a requirement.

Fingal County Council provide training opportunities for Boards of Management of community centres in the areas of Governance best practice and compliance with the Charities Regulator. We also meet regularly with the Boards to, amongst other things, promote good governance and encourage them to maintain an active board membership with an appropriate spread of required skills, local representation and professional experience.

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing and Community Development

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ITEM NO. 13

BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY FINGAL STRATEGY

Question: Councillor C. Johnston

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on what strategies are in place for the creation of a Breastfeeding Friendly Fingal Strategy to promote breastfeeding-friendly spaces, businesses and designing public environments to promote breastfeeding?"

Reply:

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has developed a comprehensive breastfeeding strategy 'Breastfeeding in a Healthy Ireland' with the goal of increasing breastfeeding rates and duration and contributing to better health outcomes for infants and mothers. The HSE developed an action plan under the Strategy for the period 2016 - 2021, which was extended to 2023, which includes policy, practice, training for healthcare professionals, support for mothers, marketing for public awareness, advocacy, research, monitoring and evaluation.

The HSE is commencing the preparation of a new national breastfeeding strategy which will be promoted and supported through the Fingal LCDC and the implementation of actions under the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 – 2028 under the theme of Healthy Inclusive Connected Communities and through the Healthy Ireland Programme, as part of its focus on child health and wellbeing.

The Healthy Fingal Programme 2022- 2025 prioritises smoking cessation and reducing binge drinking as key outcomes, in line with the Healthy Ireland Funding Plan. These priority outcomes were determined through the analysis of health

status indicators for Fingal, which encompassed 21 indicators, including breastfeeding rates, smoking levels and binge drinking. Fingal's Healthy Ireland Programme priorities were selected as Fingal rates third worst in relation to binge drinking and joint last in relation to smoking and addressing these behaviours will have a significant impact on community health and well-being.

Fingal was rated the 11th best area for breastfeeding and while not a priority outcome in Fingal under the present programme, the Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator is working with Friends of Breastfeeding Skerries to promote breastfeeding and other health outcomes.

The Council currently employs a universal design approach to the design of public environments in Fingal which aim to make public spaces accessible and comfortable for everyone, including breastfeeding mothers.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

QUANTIFICATION OF ON-STREET CAR/MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING SPACES

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive what counts or estimates the Council has of the number of on-street car parking spaces in the county or in particular towns, suburbs, neighbourhoods, or other parts of the county, and where these counts or estimates have been done for particular areas, to set out the areas in question, and the dates that the count or estimate was made?"

Reply:

The Operations Department do not collect data on the number of on-street car parking spaces throughout the County, as the use of public road network is constantly evolving to provide for various schemes such as cycleways, bus-stops, town and village regeneration etc. In addition, there are various forms of non-delineated parking on residential streets, towns and villages which could not be factored into a parking survey.

The Operations Department last conducted a survey of on-street Pay and Display parking bays in 2020. Please find the breakdown in tabular format below:

Location	Parking bays	Blue Permit Bays
Swords	283	10

Balbriggan	361	24
Skerries	533	34
Rush	123	8

Clonsilla	255	2
Malahide	481	20

In addition to Pay and Display locations, the Operations Department also conducted a survey of on-street parking bays in Howth (excluding Harbour Road public car park and East Pier car park) and Blanchardstown in November 2020. Please find the breakdown in tabular format below:

Location	Parking bays	Blue Permit Bays
Howth	185	12
Blanchardstown	45	5

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

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ITEM NO. 15

MUSIC VENUE

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive given recent reports that the Oak View Group (OVG) has she engaged with Fingal County Council regarding the potential development of a large-scale music and entertainment venue in Dublin, can she clarify: 1. the nature and extent of any engagement between Fingal County Council and OVG, including any meetings, correspondence, or preliminary site discussions that have taken place; 2. whether the Council has been approached regarding potential sites within Fingal for such a venue, and if so, whether any specific locations have been identified or assessed; 3. whether the Council has assessed the economic and cultural implications of such a venue, including potential benefits for local businesses, public transport requirements, and competition with existing venues?"

Reply:

Following a request from representatives of the Oak View Group, a meeting was held on 5th September 2024 with the Chief Executive and the Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development.

At this meeting, the Group representatives set out their vision to develop a venue in the Dublin region and presented on the Company, the nature of their business, existing facilities, and the facility that was envisaged. The discussion was high level and without being specific to any site or development proposal no site, development or impact assessment has been possible.

A subsequent meeting was facilitated between the Group representatives and Sport Ireland.

The Council has had no further engagement with the Group.

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

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ITEM NO. 16

NOISE ACTION PLAN FOR DUBLIN AIRPORT 2024 – 2028

Question: Councillor B. McDonagh

"To ask the Chief Executive to consider bringing the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024-2028 for discussion to a meeting of this Council as soon as it is possible?"

Reply:

The Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024-2028, is the second dedicated plan for Dublin Airport. The plan reviews the aircraft noise situation in surrounding communities, highlighting areas for improvement and includes actions to be carried out over the duration of the plan.

In advance of making this noise action plan for Dublin Airport, a period of public consultation on the draft plan was held from 03.09.2024 to 15.10.2024. 256 submissions were received during this period and considered for the final noise action plan.

The Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024-2028 was made on 9th December 2024. The plan outlines the regulatory framework and processes for managing aircraft noise and is based on the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018, which transposes the Environmental Noise Directive into Irish law. These regulations require strategic noise maps and action plans every five

years for major airports, defined as those with over 50,000 aircraft movements annually.

The plan includes information on noise sources, both ground and air, and the indicators used to quantify the impact of aviation activity. It also details noise management measures and their performance. Strategic noise maps are prepared every five years, with 2021 as the operative year for this plan. However, due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the 2021 data is supplemented with 2023 data to better reflect the current noise climate.

The management of aircraft noise at Dublin Airport follows the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Balanced Approach, as mandated by Regulation (EU) No. 598/2014 and the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019. Although there are no statutory noise limits in Ireland for aircraft noise at Dublin Airport, a Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) set by the Airport Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) aims to reduce harmful noise effects compared to 2019 levels.

The Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024-2028 is available on the FCC website: fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-12/noise-action-plan-for-dublin-airport-2024-2028.pdf

Arrangements will be made to provide a briefing to the elected members of the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024 – 2028.

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

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ITEM NO. 17

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 17a

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN-MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK/ONGAR SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2025

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: -

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
Castleknock Wellbeing Club GA003289	€3000	Venue for Christmas lunch Insurance Bus Hire Facilitators' fees Advertising Belts Venue for running the classes.	Y	2023 - €3000	€3000

Practical Language Service GA 003302	€3000	Insurance Room Hire Phase 1 Room Hire Phase 2 Room Hire Phase 3 Materials/ Workbooks Stationary/ Markers	Y	2024 - €1891 2023 - €3000	€3000

It was proposed by Councillor E. Troy and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley. That this Committee recommends that the County Council **APPROVE** of the Community Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed: Councillor JK Onwumereh
Area Chairperson

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO.17b

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2025

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
Baldoyle's Men's Group GA3312	€1950	Ukulele teacher Class venue Group Insurance	Y	2023 - €412	€1950

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

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 17c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025

Applications for Funding

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously ? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Lusk Community Network GA003273	€2998	Gardening Equipment - Woodies MCD 01Gardening Equipment Shed 6x6 Quickcrop Gravel for the Community Garde Tully Nurseries Planting materials for B Landscape Depot Top Soil, Substrate	N		€2998

		3 Public Liability Insurance Garden			
Thrive Balbriggan GA 003314	€2300	Guest Speaker/Facilitator Venue	Y	€1900	€2300

It was proposed by Councillor G. Maguire and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy.

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

Signed _____

Cllr T. O'Leary
Cathaoirleach

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ITEM NO. 17d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2025

Chairperson of Housing SPC

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, advised the CPG that, as it is customary to replace one political party member with another from the same party when a vacancy arises, Councillor Brendan Ryan will be proposed as the new Chairperson of the Housing SPC. The possibility of other candidates being nominated was noted. The CPG **AGREED** with this proposal.

Public Art Policy 2025 - 2027

Mr. John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to the Public Art Policy 2025 - 2027. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor J. Newman and AGREED that the CPG **RECOMMEND** the Public Art Policy to full Council for approval at its meeting on Monday, 10th February.

Fingal Events Strategy, 2025 Programme, Festival & Events Funding Scheme

Mr. John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development, gave a presentation to the Members in relation to the Fingal Events Strategy. Following discussion, it was AGREED that the CPG **RECOMMEND** the Fingal Events Strategy to full Council for approval at its meeting on Monday, 10th February.
The proposed programme for events for 2025 was also presented for discussion, with particular reference to budgetary provision for events. The CPG AGREED to **RECOMMEND** that the 2025 programme of events proceed as set out and that a review of the events programme be undertaken by the Economic SPC.

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 17e

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR (SERVICES B) AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION

An application for funding under the Council's Community Activity Funding Scheme has been received from the organisation listed below. It is proposed to make funding available to this organisation, in accordance with the conditions of the scheme up to the amount set out hereunder: -

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application.**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For & breakdown of items.**	**Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Yes/No**	**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**
Serve the City CLG GA-003279	€2,815.00	2 x Volunteer training courses, 5 x workshops, Printed course Materials & Supplies.	NO	N/A	€2,466.00

REMEDIAL WORKS FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Community Facilities (Non-Fingal County Council owned)

The Community Facilities Remedial Works Grant Scheme for non-council owned community facilities focuses on enhancing existing Community Centres throughout the County of Fingal.

Applications are considered for funding to allow for essential remediation works/repairs (Inc. Capital Works) on (non-Fingal County Council owned) Community facilities as set out below.

Multi-purpose facilities	50% of the cost of the works subject to a maximum grant amount of €20,000
Single-Interest Facilities	50% of the cost of the works subject to a maximum grant amount of €15,000

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.**
Westmanstown Bowling Club GA 003299 (Single Interest)	€7,255	Bowling Rinks Structural Repair	NO	N/A	€7,255

It was proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy and seconded by Councillor T. Kitt

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

Signed: Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan

Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 18

FINANCIAL MATTERS

No Business

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ITEM NO. 19

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Ref: LD 1576

17th January 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Thomas Kirwan.

An application has been received by the Council from Thomas Kirwan who is seeking to acquire land adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin for the purpose of providing carparking for No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folio DN81756F, 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 squared approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-4054-24 dated 12th July 2024, contained within Folio DN81756F, adjacent to No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, to Thomas Kirwan on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the disposal is to provide for carparking use only for No. 1 Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-4054-24, comprising a total area of 33 square metres squared 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 for carparking use only and the purchaser shall not erect or permit to be erected on the land any structure or building of a permanent nature.

5. 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.

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

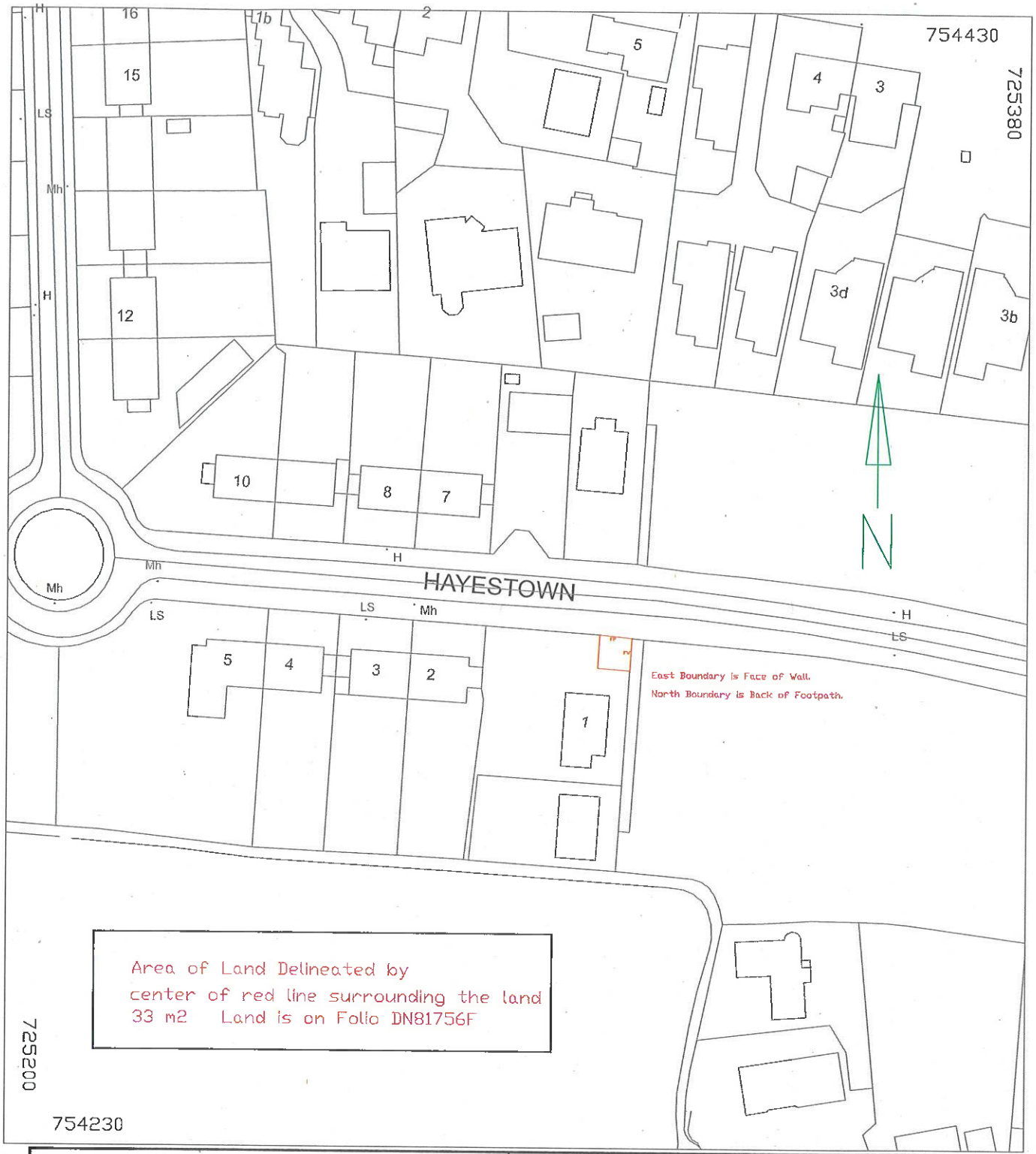
7. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was transferred from Dublin Corporation to Fingal County Council under the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993.

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 16th January 2025 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, 10th February 2025.

Aoife Scanlan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development



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Dwg No: LA-4054-24	O.S.Ref:
Date: 12 July 2024	Drawn By: LJM
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:
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Gross Area :	
Road Area :	
Nett Area :	

Project:
Land at No 1 Hayestown Rush

Land to be disposed to :
Tom Kirwan

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

File Ref: LD 1591

21st January 2025

To: **Each Member of the Council**

Re: **Notice of proposed grant of permanent wayleave at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin, to Uisce Éireann**

An application was made by Fingal County Council to Uisce Éireann for the provision of water infrastructure to facilitate the construction of a housing development at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin. This requires the provision of a permanent wayleave.

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 grant a permanent wayleave comprising 437 square meters squared approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4093-24 dated 15th October 2024, to Uisce Éireann on the following terms and conditions:

1. The purpose of the grant of a permanent wayleave to Uisce Éireann is for the provision of water infrastructure to facilitate the construction of a housing development and associated services at Barrack Lane, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

2. The wayleave comprises 437 square meters squared approximately as shown coloured yellow on Drawing No. LA-4093-24 dated 15th October 2024.

3. The consideration payable to the Council in respect of this transaction shall be in the nominal amount of €1.00 (one euro) plus VAT and stamp duty (if applicable).

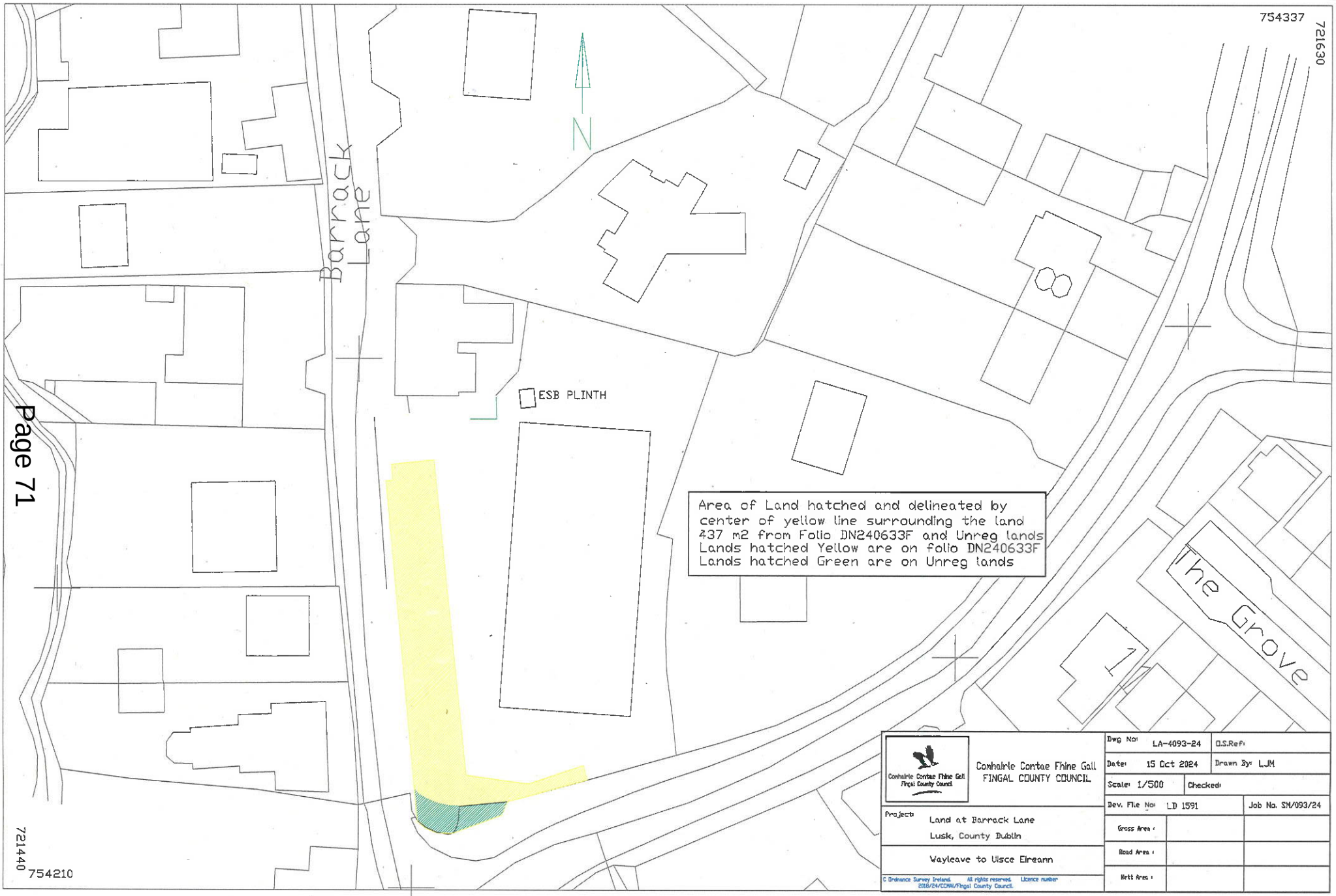
4. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Eric & Mary Leonard, Eric Leonard Motors, Lusk, Co. Dublin 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 16th January 2025 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 10th February 2025.

Roise Brandon

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


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Barrack Lane
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Lands hatched Yellow are on folio DN240633F
Lands hatched Green are on Unreg lands
The Grove
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Gross Area :
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Project:
Land at Barrack Lane
Lusk, County Dublin
Wayleave to Uisce Eireann
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ITEM NO.20

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 20a

HAMILTON PARK, DISWELLSTOWN ROAD, DUBLIN 15

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received, and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1761
Taking In Charge – Hamilton Park Diswellstown Rd, Diswellstown, Dublin
DED: Diswellstown, TL: Castleknock-Knockmaroon

Road Name	Length	Description
Diswellstown Avenue	414m	Starting from the roundabout junction of Luttrellstown Distributor Road, head east 414m to the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Way, outside No. 78 The Way.
Diswellstown Way	530m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Way, outside of No. 2 The Way, head north 108m to outside 22 The Way, head east 285m to outside 71 The Way, head south 137 to the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Way outside No. 78 The Way.
Diswellstown Green	140m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Way and Diswellstown Green, outside of No. 2 The

		Green, head west 140m to outside No. 24 The Green, including turning head.
Diswellstown Close	52m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Way and Diswellstown Close, outside of No. 2 The Close, head south 52m to outside No. 9 The Close, including turning head.
Diswellstown Chase	58m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Way and Diswellstown Chase, outside of No. 2 The Chase, head south 58m to outside No. 9 The Chase, including turning head.
Diswellstown Heath	105m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Heath, outside of No. 1 The Heath, head north 105m to the junction of Diswellstown Way and Diswellstown Heath outside No. 38 The Way.
Diswellstown Lawn	110m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Lawn, outside of Crofton Hall, head south 110m to the outside St Patrick's NS, including roundabout.
Diswellstown Place	141m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Place, outside of No. 2 The Place, head south 110m to the outside 11 The Place, From outside No. 2 The Place, head east 31m to outside No. 4 The Place.
Diswellstown Grove	255m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Grove, outside of No. 2A The Grove, head south 126m to the outside 23 The Grove, head east 130m to the junction of Diswellstown Grove and Diswellstown Park outside No. 24 The Park.
Diswellstown Garth	107m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Grath and Diswellstown Grove, outside of No. 23 The

		Grove, head west 34m to the outside 20 The Garth, head north 73m to the No. 2 The Park, including turning head.
Diswellstown View	146m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown View, outside of No. 12 The Avenue, head south 146m to junction of Diswellstown Grove and Diswellstown View outside No. 26 The View.
Diswellstown Park	169m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Avenue and Diswellstown Park, outside of No. 78 The Way, head south 169m to junction of Diswellstown Park and Diswellstown Grove outside No. 24 The Park.
Diswellstown Drive	213m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Drive and Diswellstown Grove, outside of No. 2 The Drive, head south 132m to outside No. 28 The Drive, head west 81m to outside No. 44 The Drive, including turning head.
Diswellstown Court	138m	Starting at the junction of Diswellstown Court and Diswellstown Grove, outside of No. 2 The Court, head south 83m to the outside 21 The Court, head west 55m to the No. 14 The Court, including turning head
	Total Length: 2,578m	



Hamilton Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:1000

HAMILTON PARK PHASE 1 & 2

Foul Sewer Drainage

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Diameter
FA1	63.92	58.88	375mmØ
FA2	63.45	59.20	225mmØ
FA3	63.18	59.43	225mmØ
FA4	62.69	59.64	225mmØ
FA4a	62.27	60.14	225mmØ
FA5	61.81	60.50	225mmØ
FA3.1	63.21	61.81	225mmØ
FA4b	62.35	60.85	225mmØ
FA1.1	63.96	59.43	225mmØ
FA1.2	64.15	59.88	225mmØ
FA1.3	64.09	60.12	225mmØ
FA1.4	63.80	60.87	225mmØ
FA1.5	63.12	61.27	225mmØ
FA1.4.1	63.76		225mmØ
FA1.2.1	64.18	62.51	225mmØ
FA1.2.2	64.35	63.07	225mmØ
FB0	59.86		225mmØ
FB1	60.84	56.92	225mmØ
FB2	61.04	57.10	225mmØ
FB3	61.47	57.47	225mmØ
FB4	61.03	57.92	225mmØ
FB5	60.68	58.17	225mmØ
FB6	60.44	58.58	225mmØ
FB7	60.85	59.04	225mmØ
FB8	61.31	59.40	225mmØ
FB9	61.38	60.25	225mmØ
FB3A	61.58	59.51	225mmØ
FB3.1	61.79	59.69	225mmØ
FB3.2	62.16	60.26	225mmØ
FB3.3	62.22	60.32	225mmØ
FB3.4	61.95	60.62	225mmØ
FB3.2.1	62.18	60.90	225mmØ
EX.MH	63.26	61.01	225mmØ
F100	63.48	61.10	225mmØ
F101	63.81	61.30	225mmØ
F102	63.73	61.48	225mmØ
F103	63.25	61.68	225mmØ
F104	62.80	62.09	225mmØ
F200	62.93	61.42	225mmØ
F201	62.77	61.65	225mmØ
FB1	60.84	56.92	225mmØ
F301	60.72	57.32	225mmØ
F302	60.42	57.47	225mmØ
F303	60.17	57.59	225mmØ
F304	60.90	58.59	225mmØ
F305	60.98	58.65	225mmØ
F306	61.09	58.96	225mmØ
F307	61.42	60.38	225mmØ
F308	62.03	60.71	225mmØ
F303.1	59.89	57.80	225mmØ
F303.2	60.15	58.20	225mmØ
F303.3	60.33	58.62	225mmØ
F303.4	60.50	58.97	225mmØ
F303.5	60.43	59.33	225mmØ
F304.1	61.28	59.31	225mmØ
F305.1	60.87	58.73	225mmØ
F305.2	60.61	59.23	225mmØ
F305.3	60.60	59.44	225mmØ
F305.4	60.84	59.90	225mmØ
F307.1	61.60	60.58	225mmØ

HAMILTON PARK PHASE 1 & 2

Surface Water Drainage

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Diameter
S1.5	61.19	55.60	1200mmØ
S1.4	61.14	55.94	375mmØ
S1.3	60.02	56.27	375mmØ
S1.2	60.42	56.45	375mmØ
S1.1	60.11	56.67	375mmØ
S1	59.79	57.18	750mmØ
S2	60.80	57.50	750mmØ
S3	61.04	57.86	600mmØ
S4	61.47	58.10	600mmØ
S4A	61.49	58.28	600mmØ
S5	61.71	58.36	525mmØ
S6	62.19	59.49	525mmØ
S7	62.26	59.50	450mmØ
S8	63.08	60.74	375mmØ
S9	63.80	61.85	375mmØ
S10	63.92	62.24	300mmØ
S11	64.23	62.68	225mmØ
S12	64.46	62.96	225mmØ
S13	64.59	63.21	225mmØ
S4.1	60.73		375mmØ
S4.2	60.44	59.01	375mmØ
S4.3	61.36	59.38	375mmØ
S4.4	61.76	60.31	225mmØ
S4.3.1	61.38	60.05	225mmØ
S6.1	62.33	60.54	375mmØ
S6.2	62.25	60.83	375mmØ
S6.3	63.22	61.39	375mmØ
S6.4	63.57	61.63	225mmØ
S6.3.1	63.16	62.00	225mmØ
S7.1A	62.23	61.79	300mmØ
S7.1	62.09	60.02	300mmØ
S9.1	63.71	62.71	225mmØ
S9.2	64.13	63.29	225mmØ
S9.3	64.54	63.57	225mmØ
S10.1	64.17	62.45	225mmØ
S2	60.80	57.50	750mmØ
S101	60.64	58.39	600mmØ
S102	60.43	58.48	525mmØ
S103	60.19	58.64	525mmØ
S104	60.92	59.11	525mmØ
S105	60.98	59.17	450mmØ
S106	61.48	60.07	375mmØ
S107	61.83	59.95	375mmØ
S108	62.33	60.50	300mmØ
S109	62.41	61.22	300mmØ
S110	63.38	61.85	225mmØ
S103.1	59.93	58.80	300mmØ
S103.2	60.38	59.19	300mmØ
S103.3	60.52	59.29	225mmØ
S103.4	60.42	59.33	225mmØ
S103.5	60.73	59.80	225mmØ
S104.1	61.49	60.19	300mmØ
S104.2	61.88	60.31	300mmØ
S105.1	60.87	59.24	300mmØ
S105.2	60.64	59.48	300mmØ
S105.3	60.61	59.56	300mmØ
S105.4	60.86	59.75	300mmØ
S105.5	60.96	59.90	225mmØ
S106.1	62.02	60.69	225mmØ
S106.2	62.74	61.32	225mmØ
S107.1	61.91	60.09	225mmØ
S107.2	62.80	60.65	225mmØ
S107.3	62.92	60.80	225mmØ
S107.4	63.38	61.80	225mmØ
S109.1	62.74	61.53	300mmØ
S109.2	63.29	62.05	300mmØ

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	November 2024	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan
CHECKED BY:	P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY:	C. Nkebakwu
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1761
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV.	SCALE:	1:1000 @ A1
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Hamilton Park
Diswellstone Castleknock-Knockmaroon

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 20b

CRUISE PARK, THE WARD, TYRRELSTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Statutory Notice has been given in the press of the Council's intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road set out hereunder be public roads. No objections have been received, and it is recommended that the road be taken in charge.

Road Schedule

BC Number – 1764
Taking In Charge – Cruise Park
DED: The Ward, TL: Tyrrelstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Cruise Park Walk	227m	From the outside House No.32 on Rathmore Crescent heading South for 14m and then turning West for 68m and then heading North for 73m to the junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Crescent then heading West for 72m to the junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Drive.
Cruise Park Hall	58m	From junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Hall heading West for 58m to the end of the road.
Cruise Park Crescent	138m	From junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Crescent, head North for 59m to Tri-junction and heading West for 41m and heading East for 38m separately.

Cruise Park Drive	1206m	From the junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Drive, head North for 92m to the junction of The Boulevard Cruise Park Estate, from junction head South for 65m, then turn West for 63m, heading North for 83m to junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Close, heading West then South and then West for in total 244m to the junction of Cruise Park Avenue and Cruise Park Drive, heading West and then North for in total 146m to the junction of Cruise Park Court and Cruise Park Drive, continue heading North and then North-East for in total 513m to the junction of The Boulevard Cruise Park Estate.
Cruise Park Close	116m	From the junction of Cruise Park Walk and Cruise Park Close, head North for 47m to Tri-junction and heading North-West for 41m and heading South-East for 28m separately.
Cruise Park Square	57m	From junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Square heading West for 57m to the end of the road.
Cruise Park Rise	133m	From South junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Rise heading North-East for 133m to north junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Rise.
Cruise Park Avenue	272m	From South junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Avenue heading North-West and West for in total 272m to west junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Avenue.
Cruise Park Court	103m	From junction of Cruise Park Drive and Cruise Park Court heading East for 103m to junction of Cruise Park Avenue and Cruise Park Court.

Footpath on The Boulevard Cruise Park	241m	From roundabout junction at The of The Boulevard Cruise Park heading North-West for 241m to the endpoint.
	Total Length: 2551m	

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Cruise Park Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

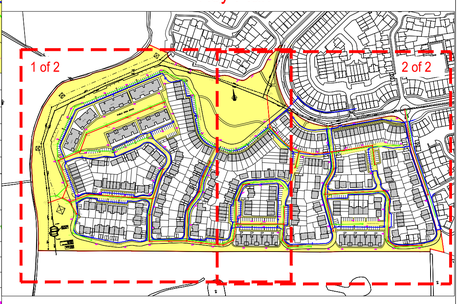
Foul Sewer

Manhole no	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia
FS1/30	66.93	61.38	225
FC1/1	66.80	64.17	225
FC1/2	66.51	64.49	225
FC1/3	66.44	64.78	225
FC1/4	67.35	65.53	225
FC1/5	67.68	65.89	225
FC1/6	68.55	66.16	225
FC1/7	68.76	66.44	225
FC1/8	68.98	66.83	225
FC1/9	69.11	67.25	225
FC5/1	66.42	64.32	225
FC5/2	66.66	64.69	225
FC5/3	67.50	65.26	225
FC5/4	67.97	65.50	225
FC5/5	67.75	65.75	225
FC5/6	67.82	66.33	225
FC5/6a	68.25	66.57	225
FC5/7	68.70	66.78	225
FC5/8	69.30	67.06	225
FC5/9	69.42	67.30	225
FC5/10	70.13	67.53	225
FC5/11	70.20	67.73	225
FC5/11A	70.51	68.09	225
FC5/12	70.83	68.45	225
FC5/13	70.99	68.74	225
FC5/14	71.07	68.93	225
FC5/15	71.51	69.15	225
FC11/1	70.91	64.65	225
FC10/1	70.71	68.82	225
FC8/1	69.02	67.27	225
FC8/2	69.26	67.54	225
FC8/3	69.10	67.80	225
FC8/4	69.17	68.05	225
FC8/5	69.85	68.00	225
FC7/2	70.05	68.19	225
FC7/3	70.13	68.30	225
FC6/1	71.09	68.75	225
FS1/36	69.75	67.21	225
FC1/16	70.06	67.97	225
FC1/15	70.34	68.24	225
FC1/13	70.63	68.40	225
FC1/19	70.99	68.60	225
FC1/20	71.20	68.79	225
FC12/1	71.09	68.60	225
FC12/2	71.61	68.89	225
FC12/3	71.79	69.34	225
FC12/4	71.83	69.50	225
FC12/5	72.33	70.57	225
FC12/6	72.37	70.77	225
FC12/7	72.76	71.56	225
FC12/8	73.04	71.73	225
FC12/9	73.49	72.07	225
FC12/4A	71.80	70.74	225
FC13/1	71.32	69.42	225
FC13/2	71.97	69.97	225
FC13/2	72.16	70.43	225

Storm Sewer

Manhole no	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia
SW1/11	66.89	64.45	450
SC1/1	66.84	64.67	450
SC1/2	66.48	64.88	450
SC1/3	66.42	65.20	450
SC1/4	66.89	65.30	450
SC1/5	67.08	65.52	375
SC1/6	67.68	66.15	375
SC1/7	68.23	66.26	375
SC1/8	68.54	66.62	300
SC1/9	68.71	66.82	300
SC1/10	69.20	67.07	300
SC1/11	69.37	67.63	300
SC1/12	69.55	67.80	300
SC1/13	69.68	68.42	300
SC1/14	70.06	68.84	300
SC1/15	70.65	69.28	225
SC1/16	71.00	69.53	225
SC1/17	71.19	69.88	225
SC5/1	67.31	65.39	375
SC5/2	67.62	65.64	300
SC5/3	68.53	66.02	300
SC5/4	68.75	66.58	300
SC5/5	68.97	66.98	300
SC5/6	69.10	67.38	300
SC5/1A	67.70	66.25	225
SC5/1B	68.21	66.51	225
SC6/1	66.41	65.08	525
SC6/2	66.68	65.18	525
SC6/3	67.49	65.35	525
SC6/4	67.95	65.70	525
SC6/5	67.77	65.96	450
SC6/6	67.51	66.45	375
SC6/6a	68.65	66.83	375
SC6/7	68.69	67.22	375
SC6/8	69.28	67.36	375
SC6/9	69.42	67.49	375
SC6/10	69.78	67.76	375
SC6/11	70.15	68.09	375
SC6/12	70.85	68.80	225
SC6/13	70.98	69.10	225
SC6/14	71.09	69.29	225
SC6/15	71.50	69.85	225
SC1/1A	72.42	70.77	225
SC9/1	69.03	67.87	225
SC9/2	69.25	67.98	225
SC9/3	69.11	68.13	225
SC9/4	69.16	68.34	225
SC8/1	69.85	68.33	225
SC8/2	69.98	68.53	225
SC8/3	70.65	68.73	225
SC8/4	70.98	69.01	225
SC8/5	71.11	69.19	225
SC7/1	71.07	69.30	225
SW1/19	71.08	67.92	300
SC13/1	71.08	69.09	300
SC13/2	71.62	69.37	300
SC13/3	71.79	69.58	300
SC13/4	71.82	69.81	300
SC13/5	72.34	70.83	225
SC13/6	72.39	71.00	225
SC13/7	72.75	71.26	225
SC13/8	73.05	71.46	225
SC13/9	73.50	71.83	225
SC15/1	71.99	70.30	225
SC15/2	72.15	70.58	225
SC16/1	72.71	70.85	225
SC14/1	71.53	70.13	225
SC14/2	72.29	70.43	225
SC12/1	66.72	65.53	225
SC12/2	67.16	66.01	225
SC12/3	67.86	66.41	225

Key Plan



SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: Dec 2024	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan	ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie	DRAWN BY:	S. Boylan	SCALED DIMENSIONS T TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1764	LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
DRAWING NUMBER: REV. BC-1764-1001	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1	WATER MAINS 100mm DIA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
	OS Ref.	3061-D	

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Inspectorate Division

TAKING IN CHARGE Cruise Park, Tyrrelstown - TIC (1 of 2)
Tyrrelstown The Ward

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

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Cruise Park Estate

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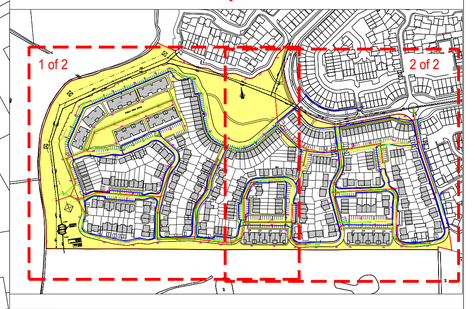
Foul Sewer

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FC1/3	66.44	64.78	225
FC1/4	67.35	65.53	225
FC1/5	67.68	65.89	225
FC1/6	68.55	66.16	225
FC1/7	68.76	66.44	225
FC1/8	68.98	66.83	225
FC1/9	69.11	67.25	225
FC5/1	66.42	64.32	225
FC5/2	66.66	64.69	225
FC5/3	67.50	65.26	225
FC5/4	67.97	65.50	225
FC5/5	67.75	65.75	225
FC5/6	67.82	66.33	225
FC5/6a	68.25	66.57	225
FC5/7	68.70	66.78	225
FC5/8	69.30	67.06	225
FC5/9	69.42	67.30	225
FC5/10	70.13	67.53	225
FC5/11	70.20	67.73	225
FC5/11A	70.51	68.09	225
FC5/12	70.83	68.45	225
FC5/13	70.99	68.74	225
FC5/14	71.07	68.93	225
FC5/15	71.51	69.15	225
FC11/1	70.91	64.65	225
FC10/1	70.71	68.82	225
FC8/1	69.02	67.27	225
FC8/2	69.26	67.54	225
FC8/3	69.10	67.80	225
FC8/4	69.17	68.05	225
FC7/1	69.85	68.00	225
FC7/2	70.05	68.19	225
FC7/3	70.13	68.30	225
FC6/1	71.09	68.75	225
FS1/36	69.75	67.21	225
FC1/16	70.06	67.97	225
FC1/17	70.34	68.24	225
FC1/18	70.63	68.40	225
FC1/19	70.99	68.60	225
FC1/20	71.20	68.79	225
FC12/1	71.09	68.60	225
FC12/2	71.61	68.89	225
FC12/3	71.79	69.34	225
FC12/4	71.83	69.50	225
FC12/5	72.33	70.57	225
FC12/6	72.37	70.77	225
FC12/7	72.76	71.56	225
FC12/8	73.04	71.73	225
FC12/9	73.49	72.07	225
FC12/4A	71.80	70.74	225
FC13/1	71.32	69.42	225
FC13/2	71.97	69.97	225
FC13/3	72.16	70.43	225

Storm Sewer

Manhole no	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia
SW1/11	66.89	64.45	450
SC1/1	66.84	64.67	450
SC1/2	66.48	64.88	450
SC1/3	66.42	65.20	450
SC1/4	66.89	65.30	450
SC1/5	67.08	65.52	375
SC1/6	67.68	66.15	375
SC1/7	68.23	66.26	375
SC1/8	68.54	66.62	300
SC1/9	68.71	66.82	300
SC1/10	69.20	67.07	300
SC1/11	69.37	67.63	300
SC1/12	69.55	67.80	300
SC1/13	69.68	68.42	300
SC1/14	70.06	68.84	300
SC1/15	70.65	69.28	225
SC1/16	71.00	69.53	225
SC1/17	71.19	69.88	225
SC5/1	67.31	65.39	375
SC5/2	67.62	65.64	300
SC5/3	68.53	66.02	300
SC5/4	68.75	66.58	300
SC5/5	68.97	66.98	300
SC5/6	69.10	67.38	300
SC5/1A	67.70	66.25	225
SC5/1B	68.21	66.51	225
SC6/1	66.41	65.08	525
SC6/2	66.68	65.18	525
SC6/3	67.49	65.35	525
SC6/4	67.95	65.70	525
SC6/5	67.77	65.96	450
SC6/6	67.81	66.45	375
SC6/6a	68.55	66.83	375
SC6/7	68.69	67.22	375
SC6/8	69.28	67.36	375
SC6/9	69.42	67.49	375
SC6/10	69.78	67.76	375
SC6/11	70.15	68.09	375
SC6/12	70.85	68.80	225
SC6/13	70.98	69.10	225
SC6/14	71.09	69.29	225
SC6/15	71.50	69.85	225
SC1/1A	72.42	70.78	225
SC9/1	69.03	67.98	225
SC9/2	69.25	67.98	225
SC9/3	69.11	68.13	225
SC9/4	69.16	68.34	225
SC8/1	69.85	68.33	225
SC8/2	69.98	68.53	225
SC8/3	70.65	68.73	225
SC8/4	70.98	69.01	225
SC8/5	71.11	69.19	225
SC7/1	71.07	69.30	225
SW1/19	71.08	67.92	300
SC13/1	71.08	69.09	300
SC13/2	71.62	69.37	300
SC13/3	71.79	69.58	300
SC13/4	71.82	69.81	300
SC13/5	72.34	70.83	225
SC13/6	72.39	71.00	225
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SC13/8	73.05	71.46	225
SC13/9	73.50	71.90	225
SC15/1	71.99	70.30	225
SC15/2	72.15	70.58	225
SC16/1	72.71	70.85	225
SC14/1	71.83	70.13	225
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Key Plan



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TAKING IN CHARGE: Cruise Park, Tyrrelstown - TIC (2 of 2)

Tyrrelstown The Ward

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 21

PUBLIC ART POLICY

Fingal County Council – Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027

Following a presentation to the Community, Sports & Culture SPC which demonstrated broad support to bring Fingal County Council's Public Art Policy forward for adoption by full council

- The policy has been developed to reflect and support the scope of Public Art in Fingal and is aligned with the soon to be published Arts Council – All Government Per Cent for Art Policy 2024 – 2027 and is the first national co-ordinated policy which covers all government departments with capital spend to include Per Cent for Art in their programme of works. The policy sets out an alignment to Project 2040 where a predicted spend of 103.9 million could be available for commissioning Public Art nationally. Currently, Fingal is the biggest commissioner of public art in the Country and the experience presented in this new policy covers three decades of practice in the area.
- Public Art in Fingal has evolved dramatically over years and its funding can be catagorised under the following three Strands- Per Cent for Art, Strategic Infrastructure Programme & Private Residential & Commercial Developments.The policy seeks to strengthen our practices and procedures on the how, why,where and how we deliver public art commissions across all of our programmes of work.
- We have consulted extensively nationally with The Arts Council, OPW and Public Art Specialists and with our own colleagues in planning, heritage, community, libraries, operations, strategic infrastructure & architecture and EETCD where we acknowledged our shared activities and responsibilities for Public Art in our areas of work
- Key aspects of this policy refer to the governance of Public Art as a strategic activity across departments,to maximise the availability of funding of the different funding strands from per cent for art, capital programmes of work and private development to ensure a countywide and community engagement. It outlines management,

communication and alignment of the public art programme activity with current council plans and priorities.

- The success of the policy is dependent on the full support of all departments and will be accompanied by a countywide strategy for public art which will aim to identify and streamline funding available in local areas and this will be accompanied by a workforce plan to ensure a successful roll of public art in all its forms in Fingal.

PUBLIC ART POLICY 2025 - 2027

I. Introduction

Public Art has been formally part of public life in Fingal for over three decades. It is recognised and valued as a reflection of how we see the world[1]. It is the artist's response to our time and place combined with our own sense of who we are[1].

The landscape for Public Art is changing. A new whole of government policy framework on Public Art is pending. The likelihood of increased funding becoming available, combined with capital investment proposed under Project Ireland 2040, herald significant opportunity for public bodies to commission artists and engage communities in meaningful ways.

This policy has been developed to ensure Fingal County Council is ready to avail of such opportunity and to maximise the potential for Public Art to deliver on its strategic developmental objectives. In setting out clear principles and protocols for the development of Public Art in the county, we will ensure the high quality and positive impact of the artwork created and of the civic engagement in its development. By doing so, we will affirm our position as the leading exponent of Public Art in a local government context

'Sometimes overlooked, often misread, public art is a sign of life' Patricia C. Philips

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II. Why this policy

This policy sets out to create a shared understanding of what we mean by Public Art in Fingal and to bring clarity and cohesion to responsibilities and processes in relation to its governance, administration, delivery and artistic direction. It states the role and purpose of Public Art in the county and shares our vision for the future in that regard. Fingal County Council has long been committed to Public Art. This policy acknowledges that history and affirms our on-going commitment to excellence, innovation and ambition in Public Art.

III. Scope of policy

This policy covers Public Art projects undertaken under each of the following funding mechanisms:

- **Per Cent for Art**
  A national initiative where an agreed percentage of the cost of publicly funded capital programme is ringfenced for the commissioning of new artwork in any art form.

- **Strategic capital programmes**
  Where Fingal County Council has allocated funding towards public art linked to variety of local infrastructural and public realm developments.

- **Private commercial / residential development**
  Where a condition of planning in projects over 100 units or 2000sqm is to commission public art.

Specifically, this policy covers the governance, commissioning and curation of Public Art under each funding mechanism. It details the processes in relation to procurement, assessment and the

[1] Adapted from *Public Art in Philadelphia* by Penny Balkin Bach (Temple University Press, Philadelphia, 1992) https://www.associationforpublicart.org/what-is-public-art/

monitoring and evaluation of Public Art. It covers asset management including deaccessioning, relocation and maintenance. It states responsibilities and procedures covering the documentation, promotion, ownership and copyright of Public Art works. It sets out our commitment to artists and to the public in realising Public Art in Fingal.

This Public Art policy also covers proposals from the public for locally initiated artwork, setting out the process by which they are considered.

Public Art works in our art collection are covered under Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collections Policy. Donations or acquisitions in relation to Public Arts are also covered under this policy. Commemorations and memorials are covered under Fingal County Council's Naming and Commemorative Memorials Policy. (Links to all affiliated policies are appended).

IV. What do we mean by Public Art?

The Government Policy Framework, Public Art in Ireland 2024-2027 provides a narrative consideration of Public Art rather than a set definition. It provides a frame of reference for how we define Public Art in Fingal.

> "Public Art, across all art forms, engages with audiences and communities in a variety of ways and often opens up possibilities for access to, and participation in the arts.
>
> Public Art changes and evolves over time. The definition is therefore wide and inclusive, encouraging work across scales, durations and media. Ambitious public art projects deliver visual and experiential impact, permanent and temporary, reframing our understanding of a people, a place and a time. The unique character of ambitious public art projects often gives status to its place, and depending on the nature of the artwork can develop an experience and environment that is people centred".
>
> Public Art in Ireland 2024-2028

For Fingal County Council, Public Art is an artist-led, community-focused response to a specific site, setting, context or community that explores and celebrates its distinctiveness. We commission exceptional artists across all art forms to make art that is new and unique, temporary or permanent, accessible and ambitious with, for and about the people of Fingal.

We recognise Public Art as a professional artistic practice. We ensure the conditions that support artists to make work of cultural and social value that is appreciated locally and which contributes to national and international best practice.

We recognise that the role of communities in public art projects. We seek to create an imaginative and productive affinity between artist and community, valuing the process of making public art as much as the end product.

Public Art projects help us to make real our vision for Fingal as a county where the arts are valued in people's everyday lives.

V. Public Art | background and context

The concept of Public Art is not new. For centuries, artists have responded to the people and places around them, seeking to reflect, reveal or comment on contemporary life in a particular context. The principle of Per Cent for Art is regarded as one of the oldest mechanisms to fund the creation of Public Art.

Over the years, just as traditional art practice broke free of gallery walls, Public Art has evolved from the traditional tropes of monument or statue, and now embraces a range of art forms, media and engagement methods to respond to the people and places of a community.

Ever influenced by the social, cultural and political conditions of its time, Public Art is recognised as lending visible form to a collective memory or as a catalyst for artists to enter into a dialogue to explore people, place or time. Think of Olafur Eliasson and Minik Rosing's haunting durational artwork *Ice Watch* which featured blocks of ice installed outside Tate Modern and Bloomberg's European headquarters in London. The art work raises awareness of climate change by providing a direct and tangible experience of the reality of melting arctic ice. Public Art as a practice is always powerful.

Public Art in Ireland

As a formal arts practice and state sponsored activity Public Arts in Ireland is relatively new. Up until the 1980s the majority of public art in Ireland was funded privately or corporately[2]. The introduction of the Per Cent for Art principle has contributed significantly to the development of Public Arts in Ireland.

1978 The Office of Public Works (OPW) established a commissioning scheme based on the principles of Per Cent for Art for its capital works.

1986 The Department of the Environment (DoE) established a similar model, The Artistic Embellishment Scheme.

1997 Following the *Public Art Research Report (PART)*, reviewing the OPW and DoE Per Cent for Art models, the Government extended the principle to all departments with capital budgets. Now formally known as the Per Cent for Art Scheme, it was administered nationwide by local authorities who, also this year, had been mandated to appoint Arts Officers.

2004 The government published General National Guidelines Public Art: the Per Cent for Art Scheme to consolidate a national approach toward commissioning and confirm the extended scope of public art to include all art forms.

2020 Following a review by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, the Government significantly increased the funding potential of the Per Cent for Art Scheme.

2022 National Per Cent for Art Committee, an interdepartmental and interagency group, convened by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

2025 Publication of Public Art In Ireland 2024-2028, a new whole of government policy framework to implement the Per Cent for Arts Scheme, is pending.

Three decades of Public Art in Fingal

Public Art in Fingal has evolved over the last 30 Year aligned and is recognised as a leader in the field of national best practice, as this short history shows with some key headlines

[2] ibid.

1990s Established as integral to the county

Public Art, including the Per Cent for Art scheme, was already in place and growing as a practice in the Fingal area, prior to the formal establishment of the county in 1998. Examples of work commissioned under the Per Cent for Art scheme between 1991 and 1994, and connected to Fingal's growing infrastructure, include Richard King's *The Spirt of The Air* (Dublin Airport), Noel Hoare's *Celtic Pins* (M50), Robert McColgan and Irene Benner's, *Beehives* (M1) and Vincent Browne's *Seamus Ennis* (marking the opening of the Seamus Ennis Centre).

Public Art also played a major role in the design of Fingal County Council's Headquarters in Swords. Artists were commissioned at an early stage in its development and work conceived for key spaces within the building, such as Vivienne Roche's iconic *Flow* in the Council Chambers, Mary FitzGerald's *Well Spring Tapestries* in the atrium, and Una Keeley and Daniel Cullen's *Our Place,* which engaged community and staff in its making, situated at the public entrance.

2000s At the vanguard of Public Art practice in Ireland and on a par with activity across Europe

2003. The development of North Dublin Wastewater Treatment works prompted the groundbreaking Per Cent for Art programme *Arc,* with *Mobile Stop Shop* by Amy Plant and Gerard Byrne's *Glasshouse*.

2005. Fingal County Council created the specialist role of Public Arts Co-ordinator and began commissioning across art forms, working with some of Ireland's most innovative, emerging and established artists, including Martina Coyle, Brian Duggan, Mark Garry, Aileen Lambert, Denis McNulty, Christine Mackey, Fearghus Ó Conchúir and Garrett Phelan.

2008. Vincent Browne's *The Tree of Life*, a sculpture in bronze at the entrance to the Council's offices in Blanchardstown was unveiled.

2010s Expanding influence across Europe and extending engagement within local communities

2011. Fingal curated an international symposium on Public Art, attracting participants from across Europe, and commissioned the publication: *Local Authority – European Perspectives on Commissioning Public Art* (published 2015).

2012 – 2023 The Decade of Centenaries ignited a full range of commissioning activities which were delivered under the public art programme.

2013. Robert McColgan's 12 metre sculpture, *Realt na Mára*, stands tall as part of the Howth Urban and Village Improvement Scheme.

2015. The award-winning residency programme, *Resort Residency*, was established at Lynders Mobile Home Park, offering the space, time and support for ambitious public art to be realised.

2016. The Hide Project was completed. This 21st century functional monument by Garrett Phelan invites audiences to consider the social and environmental similarities to our natural world.

2017 – 2021 I*nfrastructure*. Fingal's countywide Per Cent for Art Scheme programme which deeply connected artists with communities across a range of themes. Artists included Sarah Browne, Aoife Dunne, Adam Gibney, Declan Gorman, Michelle Hall, Anthony Haughey and the Global Migration Collective, and Yvonne McGuinness.

2020s Embedded in policy and continuing to advance council priorities for people and places

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Public Art is a feature of the council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029 and departmental strategic plans. A directive requires private developers to commission artists as a condition of their planning permission.

2024. St Patrick's Way and Art Trail in Skerries was developed with funding support from Fáilte Ireland. This is the first arts trail in Fingal.

2024. Artists John Byrne worked with over 60 members of the Swords community to create An Comórtas (*The Contest)* a 7 metre artwork, which will have a permanent home in the Swords Cultural Centre.

Public Art is also making a significant contribution to the *Our Balbriggan* project. Sean Molloy's *The Banks* and Dave West's *Wish You Were Here* are some of the many projects which have animated the town centre and contributed to its regeneration.

VI. Vision statement

Our vision for Public Art in Fingal is simple but ambitious.

Public Art brings people together and inspires a new appreciation of our communities,and of Fingal as an ambitious, imaginative, compassionate county: a great place to live, work and visit.

Our vision holds our aims to:

- Foster togetherness, pride and a sense of belonging in people across the county through art.
- Contribute to the cultural, social, and economic value of Fingal.
- Be regarded as a destination for Public Art and a model of best practice.
- Make work of ambition, innovation and audacity led by artists of distinction.
- Create more Public Art, increase the visibility and accessibility of Public Art and so deepen the understanding and appreciation of Public Art in people's lives.
- Have a well-resourced, highly skilled, cross-Council team working with clarity, cohesion and a strategic focus to deliver Public Art projects.

In nature, nothing exists alone. (Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, 1962)

VII. Purpose | Why Public Art?

Public Art encourages us to imagine and experience a place in new ways. It reflects and reveals who we are and what we value, a chronicle of our present that becomes part of our public history and culture.

The purpose of Public Art in Fingal is to explore and celebrate the communities and places of Fingal ,enriching an appreciation of our county and of each other,in thoughtful and extraordinary new ways.

VIII. Principles

In working towards its vision, true to its purpose, Public Art in Fingal is guided by a strict set of principles that adhere to best standard of practice.

- Public Art is a professional practice that is artist-led and community-focused.
- Public Art pursues artistic excellence with imagination and unabashed ambition.
- Public Art encompasses all art forms.
- Public Art requires, encourages and enables public engagement.
- Public Art is for everyone. It is designed to be visible and accessible to all people.
- Public Art is made with, for and about the people of Fingal in response to a community, situation or place.
- Public Art responds to the culture and conditions of our time and imagines and enacts new futures.
- Public Art promotes innovation and sustainability, piloting and pursuing environmentally responsible approaches.

IX. Governance and policy implementation

The governance structure for the implementation of the Public Art in Fingal policy is based on best practice in similar municipal contexts. It recognises the strategic intent of Public Art in service of council objectives and acknowledges that Public Art is a specialist arts practice, requiring expertise in its commissioning, development and realisation.

A Public Art Steering Group will be established to support the Arts Office in the development and delivery of Public Art. The Steering Group will comprise members drawn from relevant professional and specialist roles in Fingal County Council and at least one external member who is expert in contemporary arts practice. The Public Art Steering Group will be convened and chaired by a nominated SPC representative.

The Public Art Steering Group will oversee the implementation of the policy and will support and guide the delivery of the Public Art strategy **2025 – 2029**. Full Terms of Reference for the Public Art Steering Group including term of office, will be developed. Indicatively, responsibilities will include:

- Overseeing the development and implementation of a Public Art strategy
- Ensuring the effective implementation and ongoing relevance of the Public Art policy.
- Championing Public Art within the Council generally and their own department / area specifically, and amongst external stakeholders.
- Supporting effective cross departmental communications and activities.
- Considering and approving commissioning briefs.
- Considering and selecting community-generated requests for Public Art work.
- Considering and agreeing the de-accessioning of Public Art works.
- Providing on-going expert advice and support in relation to national and international policy and other developments which may impact Public Art delivery.

X. Funding

a. Per cent for Art

Fingal County Council will apply the % for Art funding thresholds in accordance with those as may be approved by the Minister from time to time. The following bands and limits for the Per Cent for Art scheme are those effective at the time.

Proposed cost of project	Proposed maximum limit
Projects below €5m	1% of the cost of the project to a maximum of €50,000 (1% of upper limit)
Projects between €5m and €20m	1% of the cost of the project to a maximum of €125,000 (1% at median)
Projects between €20m and €50m	1% of the cost of the project to a maximum of €350,000 (1% at median)
Projects in excess of €50m	€500,000 (1% of the lower level scale and declining as projects increase in scale)

b. Strategic Capital Programmes

The Public Art Policy aligns with the Fingal County Council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029. All permanent Public Art works are subject to planning regulations and may be subject to Part 8 or other procedures.

Fingal County Council will ensure that plans for strategic programmes of work have any permanent public artworks considered at the early stages of relevant projects.

c. Condition for Public Art in private development

The current Fingal County Development Plan states the following objective –"DMS05 - Require new residential developments in excess of 100 units and large commercial/retail developments in excess of 2000 sq m to provide for a piece of public art to be agreed with the Council"

This objective is to be delivered by application of planning conditions requiring the provision of Public Art in agreement with the Arts Office. The model for assessment of the Public Art requirement is based on the % for Art model and is to be agreed with the Public Art Co-ordinator to ensure consistency with the principles and practices of Public Art in Fingal.

A financial contribution in lieu of the provision of the specific piece of Public Art **may** be accepted and agreed with the developer in situations where the Arts Office considers there to be more benefit to the community, to the public art programme and to the achievement of the objectives of this Public Art Policy.

XI. Pooling of funds

The pooling of funds for Public Art purposes is a long-established principle under the % for Art Scheme and the National Guidelines which specifically permit pooling of funds across geographic areas and projects.

Fingal County Council will continue a central pool of capital funds generated through the various funding streams for Public Art across the county. It is recognised that there may be instances where limitations may apply to specific projects, where funds must be ring-fenced to that project.

XII. Project Delivery

Public Art Projects will be delivered through a 3 Year Public Art Programme which will be provided for in Fingal County Council's 3 Year Capital Programme each year.

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XIII. Commissioning

To ensure a coherent curatorial vision for public arts in Fingal, the Public Art Co-ordinator will have overall responsibility for the development of Public Art commissioning briefs. Each commissioning brief will be discrete response to a context in terms of community, condition of funding, timeframe and site, and take account of any other critical considerations.

Commissioning briefs will be approved by the Arts Office and Steering Group.

XIV. Management of Public Art Commissioning

The Public Art Percent for Art Scheme General National Guidelines 2004 outline Government approved artwork commissioning procedures. It is accepted that the commissioning or purchase of any new artworks is a specialist activity and aligns with the Office of Public Procurement Guidelines for Goods & Services – under Reg 32 - the Negotiated Procedure without Prior Publication is proposed for this procurement on the following justification: the aim of the procurement is the creation or acquisition of a unique work of art or artistic performance and can only be supplied by a particular supplier or service provider.

Fingal County Council will advertise opportunities to apply for Public Art Commissions using the most appropriate commissioning processes , including the following: **Open Competition, Limited Competition, Direct Invitation/ Purchase under which artists are invited to either propose work or are appointed to a Public Art panel.**

a) Open Competition
Artists will be invited to submit a short proposal with images, a CV, drawings and / or a maquette, and project costings. Submission deadlines will allow sufficient time for artists to prepare a proposal. Open competition opportunities will be advertised and promoted.

b) Limited competition
For commissions of an exacting nature or specialist artform, the Public Art Co-ordinator on behalf of the Arts Office, and informed by the Public Art Steering Group, may invite a selection of artists to make a detailed submission. Artists invited to participate in this process will be paid an appropriate fee.

c) Direct Invitation / Purchase
The Public Art Steering Group working with the Public Art Co-ordinator may directly commission an artist. This requires a period of research and critical consideration, with the determination that an artist's practice, or work is uniquely appropriate to the aims and objectives of the commission.

XV. Requests for Public Arts work outside formal procurement processes

Community-generated requests for Public Art work will be considered bi-annually by the Public Art Steering Group. All requests must align with the principles of the Public Arts policy and be submitted using the Public Art Community Request form which is available from fingalarts.ie or on request from the Arts Office.

XVI. Assessment panels

Proposals received under formal procurement processes as set out above will be assessed by an panel of a minimum of three people drawn from members of the Steering Group, community representatives and external artform specialists as required and appropriate. At least two of the panel must have expertise in relation to Public Art. Depending on the size and nature of the commission, a larger selection panel with additional expertise may be required,

for example technical expertise (engineer or architect) and/or local stakeholders or community representation. Assessment panels will be chaired by the County Arts Officer.

XVII. Assessment process

The process and criteria by which submissions will be assessed will be clearly set out in the commission brief.

XVIII. Assessment appeals

If an applicant believes that their artistic proposal was assessed or dealt with in a way incompatible with the standard or procedures for administration and assessment outlined in the commission brief, they may contact the Public Art Co-ordinator to discuss the issue and be informed about the process for a potential appeal.

XIX. Planning

The Public Art Policy aligns with the Fingal County Council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029. All permanent Public Art works are subject to planning regulations and may be subject to Part 8 procedures.

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XX. Donations

Donations in respect of Public Art work will be considered under Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collections Policy.

XXI. Commemorations and memorials

Fingal County Council's Public Art programme responds to national and central government initiatives of commemoration and memorial only. Discrete requests regarding commemorations and memorials are covered under Fingal County Council's Naming and Commemorative Memorials Policy.

XXII. Deaccessioning artwork

The council acknowledges that consideration must sometimes be given to de-accessioning public art. Circumstances that may require the de-accessioning of work include infrastructural changes relating to re-direction/upgrade, greenway, cycleway or pedestrian development, environmental changes especially at coastal locations or where there is extreme wear and tear or damage to the artwork which is deemed irreparable or a hazard to public safety.

Proposals or requests to de-accession work will be discussed by the Steering Group and with the artist, if possible. Respect for the artist, the artwork and the community wherein the work is sited will be integral to the decision-making process. In general, work will only be de-accessioned in extreme cases and in keeping with the Municipal Art Collections Policy. However, if an artwork is identified by relevant health and safety personnel as posing a real risk to public safety, this will be the overriding factor in decision-making about its removal.

XXIII. Relocation of work

Public Art works may be temporarily removed and re-sited or stored when infrastructural, development or upgrading work at an existing site is deemed to pose a risk to the safety of

the work or to the general public. Public Art works will be re-installed on the completion of infrastructural works.

XXIV. Asset management and maintenance

Public Art works are included in a register as part of the Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collection Policy. Works are added to the council's asset management register as appropriate and subject to insurance cover over €20,000.

A condition report of existing Public Art works will be carried out annually and reported to the Steering Group for maintenance work to be actioned as required.

Maintenance of works sited in parks and the public realm will fall under the remit of Parks and Infrastructure. The Arts Office will provide advice as required. The Arts Office will be responsible for coordinating the maintenance of the remainder of the public art collection in conjunction with the relevant internal department/section.

Fingal County Council will allocate an annual budget to fund the on-going maintenance of public art works owned, commissioned and cared for by the council. Any offer from a third party, external to the Council, to fund the repair or maintenance of an existing artwork will be referred to the Public Art Steering Group for decision-making.

XXV. Environmental responsibility

Climate action is a cross-cutting theme of Fingal County Council's Development Plan 2023 – 2029. Likewise, the National Policy Framework for Public Art has a pillar priority of 'Innovating for Sustainability'. The processes of commissioning and producing Public Art work will attend to these commitments and seek to adapt and advance practices that are environmentally responsible and contribute to the 'transition to a climate resilient and low carbon society'[3].

XXVI. Equality, diversity and inclusion

Fingal County Council recognises and supports the role of Public Art in sharing stories of Equality, diversity and inclusion as they relate to the people and places of Fingal, and especially those whose stories are often untold or under told.

The council will work to remove any barriers that may prevent people from accessing, engaging with or benefitting from Public Art projects, whether as an artist or member of the public. Procedures around commissioning, procurement, assessment and selection will be regularly reviewed and strengthened as appropriate to advance equity, with developmental opportunities created to support and attract artists who may not traditionally practice in the field of public arts. Likewise, the council will pursue the accessibility of public art *for* the public through effective communication, education and engagement and by easing physical access.

XXVII. Documentation and promotion

The Public Arts programme will document and promote new and existing Public Arts commissions in the county. Information about Public Arts commissions and projects will be available through online dedicated portals such as Fingal.ie and PublicArt.ie, through print, broadcast and social media channels. Specific mapping and wayfinding signage will detail Public Arts trails and other concentrations of commissioned work, as appropriate.

XXVIII. Public engagement

[3] Fingal County Council Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Public engagement is an essential component of any public art programme. Engagement encompasses a range of activities reaching people internally within Fingal County Council as well as with the wider public of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. It includes the communications and promotional activities as noted above, as well as opportunities for engagement, dialogue and collaboration with artists and others and participation in public arts related activities or events.

XXIX. Ownership and copyright

All works commissioned through Fingal County Council's Public Arts Programme remain in the ownership of Fingal County Council with the copyright owned by the artist. An agreement as per contract allows Fingal County Council to use images and documentation relating to the commission for promotion of that work and of the county, with the artist and photographer credited. In turn, as per contract, the artist agrees that any use of images relating to the commission includes an acknowledgement of Fingal County Council as commissioner and funder.

XXX. Monitoring and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Steering Group to ensure the relevance and effectiveness of the principles and processes it sets out for Public Art in Fingal. A mid-term review by the Strategic Policy Committee will take place in 2026.

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Appendix (list of referenced or related policies and plans)

Fingal County Council Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Fingal County Council's Municipal Art Collection Policy

Fingal County Council's Naming and Commemorative Memorials Policy

Per Cent for Art Scheme General National Guidelines 2004
https://www.artscouncil.ie/uploadedFiles/PA_Policy_2018.pdf

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 22

2025 ARTS ACT GRANT SCHEME

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

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

The Arts Act Grant Scheme is intended to assist **groups, organisations, and individuals** in the following:

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

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

A total of 34 eligible applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office and an external advisor. Having examined the applications, the panel has recommended 34 awards amounting to a total sum of **€225,000.**

LIST OF APPLICANTS AND AWARDS

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

APPLICANT	EVENT/FESTIVAL/PROJECT NAME	2025 AWARD
Lusk Community Council	Youth Voice	1,000
Ballyboughal Community Choir	Ballyboughal Community Choir 2025	6,000
Skerries Theatre Group	2025 Programme Support	8,000
High Rock Productions	Stair	7,000
WTF	WTF 2025	5,500
Boathouse Painters Group	Masterclass Artist Workshops	2,000
Howth Singing Circle	Howth Singing Circle Burns Nicht and Singing Session 2025	3,000
Irish Institute of Music and Song	The Umoja Project 2025	7,000
Hedgestown National School	Creative Schools Programme	1,600
Swords Youth Choir	Summer Song Camp	5,000
Malahide Comhaltas Ceoltas Eireann	2025 Programme Support	7,000

Chris Forrester	Undergraduate and Recent Graduate Exhibition	4,200
Castleknock Music Festival	Castleknock Music Festival 2025	14,000
Millbank Theatre	2025 Programme Support	25,000
Rush Musical Society	Production of 'Young Frankenstein, the Musical' & 'RMS Singers choral' events	13,000
Swords Community College Musical Society	Production of 'Popstars: The 90s Musical'	3,000
Bleeding Pig	Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival 2025	14,000
Baldoyle Musical & Dramatical Society	Production of 'Christmas Pantomime' & 'Spring Musical Production'	5,000
Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	2025 Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	5,000
Damien Donnelly	Issue 5 of The Storms Journal	5,500
Duo Chagall	Autumn Sounds 2025	8,000
Skerries Trad Music Weekend	Skerries Trad Music Weekend 2025	10,000
Cliodhna Noonan	Grasshoppers Early Years Arts Project	7,000
Kunlé Animashaun	2025 Programme Support	5,000
David Gilna	The Art of Storytelling	5,000
Coolmine Musical Society	Production of 'Anything Goes, the musical'	12,000
St. Mary's Secondary School, Baldoyle	Production of 'Annie Jr., school musical'	2,000
Malahide Camera Club	Malahide Camera Club initiative 2025	5,000
Skerries Ukulele Strummers	Skerries Ukulele Festival 2025	1,550

Portmarnock Art Group	Annual Exhibition & Painting Tutorials	1,650
ReWrite Arts Limited	Around the World in Books	12,000
Brian Gallagher	Songs of Rejoicing	3,800
Malahide Musical and Dramatic Society	Production of 'Urinetown, the musical'	7,000
Hooks and Reels	Hooks and Reels 2025	3,200
TOTAL		€225,000

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FINGAL EVENTS STRATEGY, 2025 PROGRAMME, FESTIVAL AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2025

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FINGAL EVENTS STRATEGY 2025-2029

Following consideration by the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC, the Corporate Policy Group at its meeting on Tuesday 4th February, 2024, has recommended that the full Council adopt the proposed Fingal County Council Events Strategy 2025 – 2029. The Strategy is circulated Members for consideration and sets out the following –

- The Strategy sets out the Council's recognition of events as pivotal to our community's vitality, enhancing our lives and fostering connections. Just as Fingal is envisioned as an appealing and dynamic place to live, work, and visit, our purpose is clear: to breathe life into Fingal's events and, in turn, to enliven Fingal through these vibrant occasions.

- The strategy is aligned with all relevant Fingal Policies, Strategies and Plans, and is dedicated to investing in and championing events that enrich the cultural tapestry of our community by:
  - Creating Opportunities for Community to Design, Build & Operate their own events
  - Enabling Creative and Professional Development
  - Providing Financial Support
  - Brokering Partnerships, Collaborations, and Connections
  - Promoting Awareness and Understanding of Events:
  - Fostering a Culture of Innovation

- The strategy has been developed to reflect and support the scope of Events in Fingal. We have consulted extensively with local, regional and national stakeholders including event audiences and organisers across the county.

- The Fingal Events Programme Unit has developed into a cornerstone of our community, embodying the spirit of community engagement and celebration.

- The strategy will guide the development of programmes and events in the forthcoming years

Fingal County Council

EVENTS STRATEGY

2025





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PURPOSE & VISION

OUR PURPOSE

For over a decade, the Fingal Events Unit has been a cornerstone of our community, this unit embodies the spirit of community engagement and celebration. From the outset, events have been recognized as pivotal to our community's vitality, enhancing our lives and fostering connections. Just as Fingal is envisioned as an appealing and dynamic place to live, work, and visit, our purpose is clear: to breathe life into Fingal's events and, in turn, to enliven Fingal through these vibrant occasions.





OUR VISION

"We envision a county where events are not just occurrences but vibrant threads intricately woven into the everyday lives of our residents and visitors, enhancing the communal spirit and fostering a sense of belonging."

WHAT AUDIENCES WANT

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

In a competitive event market, it's imperative to stand out from the crowd and engage audiences with one-of-a-kind experiences.

WELCOME TO ALL

Rise in more inclusive and accessible consumer goods, travel, arts, and event experiences as well as more environmentally aware consumers.

DIGITAL & SOCIAL

Consumers value convenience and want information to be easy to be found online on events website and on social media..

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Major trend with food and wellness culture, farm to fork experiences and health and wellbeing.

OUR MISSION

At the Fingal Events Unit, we are dedicated to investing in and championing events that enrich the cultural tapestry of our community. We fulfil this mission by:

Creating Opportunities for Community to Design, Build & Operate their own events: By accessing the existing funding scheme we strive to ensuring that events become communal experiences, reflecting the diverse interests and passions of our residents and that theye are managed and ran locally..

Enabling Creative and Professional Development: We empower event organizers and participants, nurturing their talents, and providing a platform for creative expression, encouraging innovation within the event landscape.

Providing Financial Support: Through grants, awards, and sponsorships, we offer financial backing to event organizers, recognizing the value of their initiatives and their positive impact on community cohesion.

Brokering Partnerships, Collaborations, and Connections: We act as facilitators, forging partnerships and collaborations within the community, connecting organizers, artists, and attendees to create memorable and impactful events.

Promoting Awareness and Understanding of Events: We work tirelessly to enhance awareness about events, fostering understanding and appreciation among residents, making events accessible and inclusive for all.

Fostering a Culture of Innovation: We encourage innovative event concepts and exemplary practices, infusing fresh perspectives into event planning and execution, ensuring that each event is unique and engaging.



SWOT ANALYSIS



WHAT WE DO



Fingal County Council Events Unit fulfills several crucial roles in the realm of events, acting as a driving force for the community's enrichment and prosperity:

LEAD

Fingal County Council Events Unit takes the lead by championing, coordinating, and advocating for a county-wide focus on events. We serve as a catalyst for fostering partnerships that enhance our community's vibrancy.

HOST

Fingal County Council invests in events organised by external parties through targeted funding programs, bolstering our commitment to a thriving event culture in the region.

PROVIDE

We are the organising unit behind a diverse range of local events that cater to both our residents and visitors. Additionally, we offer potential venues, open spaces, and in-kind support to facilitate festivals and events that contribute to our community's cultural richness.

FACILITATE

We empower and nurture event organisers and promoters by providing them with the necessary skills, valuable information, regulatory guidance, and fostering strong relationships. Resulting in a positive economic benefit. We will engage procatively with DPROs when planning our major events and faciilitate as best as possible local commnunity groups from the neurodiverse community who wish to participate in our events.

PARTNER

Collaboration is at the core of our approach. We actively collaborate with event organisers, community groups, businesses, and individuals to support events and create new opportunities that enrich our community.

COMMUNICATE & PROMOTE:

Fingal County Council champions event initiatives and their positive impacts. Leveraging our extensive marketing and communication resources, we actively promote events to engage and attract audiences.

ENABLE

The unit empowers event organisers by facilitating engaging gatherings that foster connection, creativity, and collaboration among residents.

APPROVE

Fingal County Council takes responsibility for coordinating the event approval process. We ensure that regulatory requirements are met and serve as the primary point of contact for event organisers, ensuring seamless execution.

Fingal County Councils Events Unit is dedicated to fostering a vibrant event culture, enriching our community, and supporting the prosperity and well-being of our residents and visitors.











OBJECTIVES

RICH DIVERSE EVENTS CALENDAR

A rich diverse events calendar which is balanced across the county

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Promotion of the wellbeing and cohesion of the local community in a sustainable and safe manner

ECONOMIC VALUE

Measurable economic outcomes for Fingal including Tourism promotion and encouragement towards self financing events

PARTNERSHIP

A healthy partnership between the events sector, the community and Fingal County Council

TOURISM & SENSE OF IDENTITY

An events programme that attracts visitors to Fingal and gives the local community a sense of pride of place in living in Fingal.



OBJECTIVE 1: RICH EVENTS CALENDAR

A rich diverse events calendar which is balanced across the county

ACTION	TASKS
Balanced Across the County	The events calendar shall be balanced across the county and be as inclusive as possible for all attendees. The events unit shall endeavour to trial and investigate hosting new and diverse events on a yearly basis taking into accounts international best practice and current trends in the events industry
Increase event calendar promotion	Work with event organisers to increase promotion of events calendar by: • Updating and promoting website • Publishing annual events guide • Increasing promotion via social media • Facilitating professional photography & videography • Promotion calendar in person at events • Having physical events signage in relevant towns and villages • Additional resources will be needed to manage this increased promotion • Produce events guide in Irish.
Event Networking	Work with industry stakeholders to facilitate event networking with wider tourism, business, arts and creative networks. Where possible incorporate with existing industry networking functions.
Environmental Best Practice	Work on improving the Greening Events Guide and include it in the online portal for event funding and increase funding percentages awarded to festivals and events that are run more sustainable and eliminate single use plastic.
Establish Annual Event Symposium	Stage an annual Event Symposium including planning for the following year: • Events calendar/clash calendar • Launch event funding and training programs • Event cross-pollination • Facilitate sharing resources, e.g. co-promotion, volunteer/skills exchange • Post symposium survey
Examination of Good Practice	Attend and liaise with other event organisers nationally and internationally to conduct market research into international best practice and implement these learnings back into Events in Fingal.
Seasonality	Community events can receive support during any period but preference will be given to those that add vitality and interest to the county during the 'off season' from 1st November until 1st March.

OBJECTIVE 2: COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Promotion of the wellbeing and cohesion of the local community in a sustainable and safe manner

ACTION	TASKS
Cross Promotion of Sports & Wellbeing	Integrate sports events in Fingal with holistic wellbeing initiatives to foster community engagement and promote healthy lifestyles. Amplify the synergy between physical activity and mental wellness through targeted cross-promotion, leveraging both digital and offline channels. Promote Active Cities Dublin across all our sporting and wellness events.
Promotion in Community Facilities & Libraries	Utilize Fingal's libraries and community facilities (including Our Balbriggan & Lets Play Rush) as strategic hubs for promoting upcoming events, reaching diverse audiences and fostering community engagement. Implement targeted signage, digital displays, and informational materials to enhance visibility and encourage participation in Fingal's vibrant cultural and recreational offerings
Sustainable & Safe	We aim to ensure that all our events are run in a sustainable and safe way. When budgeting for events we need to ensure that the venues being used are not overly expensive in terms of providing power or water supply. Likewise if a venue may be too costly to provide stewarding, safety or similar costs, we will endeavour to look at alternative venues in the community.
Wellness Events	Drawing insights from successful wellness events, we aim to implement best practices and innovative approaches in future events in Fingal, enhancing participant experiences and outcomes. Furthermore, we envision hosting a dedicated wellness event in the near future, fostering holistic health and wellbeing within our community through engaging activities and informative sessions
Activating Venues & Spaces	Conducting a thorough audit of potential event venues and spaces across Fingal, encompassing libraries, community centers, parks, and other public facilities. By collaborating with diverse stakeholders, we aim to leverage the county's rich infrastructure to create dynamic and accessible event experiences that cater to the needs and interests of our community
Supporting Local Businesses	We strive to support local businesses through our events by prioritizing partnerships and procurement of goods and services from Fingal-based enterprises. This not only bolsters the local economy but also fosters a sense of community pride and wellbeing, as residents see the direct impact of their support on the prosperity of their neighbors and local businesses.
Accessibility	Incorporate inclusive practices at upcoming events in Fingal, including designated quiet hours to accommodate neurodiverse individuals and families. Enhance accessibility by implementing accessible times and providing services, ensuring where possible that all members of the community can fully participate and enjoy the events.

OBJECTIVE 3: ECONOMIC VALUE

Measurable economic outcomes for Fingal including Tourism Promotion and push for self financing events.

ACTION	TASKS
Value for Money	The events unit will conduct a thorough budget review for each event, ensuring costs align with community needs and expectations. They'll source affordable venues and services to maximise value for every euro spent. Regular feedback from attendees will be gathered to assess perceived value and improve future planning. Finally, the unit will implement cost-effective promotional strategies to enhance event visibility without straining budgets.
Experience Development	Prioritizing experience development in Fingal not only enriches the cultural landscape but also drives economic growth, tapping into the potential of the night-time economy. By curating vibrant night-time experiences, we can stimulate local businesses, attract tourists, and foster a dynamic after-dark ecosystem that bolsters the overall prosperity of Fingal
Increase Conversion	By optimising online and social media channels, we aim to increase the conversion rate of ticket sales and visitors to events in Fingal. Leveraging targeted advertising, engaging content, and streamlined booking processes, we can effectively reach our target audience, drive interest, and convert online engagement into tangible event attendance, ensuring the success and sustainability of our initiatives.
Self Financing Events	Our strategy involves transitioning events towards self-financing post-initial support from the funding scheme, fostering sustainability and independence. Events can achieve this by diversifying revenue streams through sponsorships, partnerships, merchandise sales, and ticketing strategies, ultimately ensuring their long-term viability and contribution to Fingal's cultural and economic landscape.
Sponsorship	We aim to proactively seek event sponsorship in Fingal by engaging local businesses, corporations, and community stakeholders. Through targeted outreach, customized sponsorship packages, and highlighting the value proposition of aligning with Fingal events, we can foster mutually beneficial partnerships that support our initiatives while providing visibility and benefits to sponsors
Post Event Reporting	Continue to collect feedback from attendees and stakeholders. Analyse data to assess event effectiveness.
Tourism & Event Packaging	Collaborating closely with the tourism team, we will integrate accommodation options and pre- and post-tour opportunities/packages into event planning, enhancing the overall visitor experience in Fingal. By offering comprehensive packages, we aim to attract visitors and prolong their stay, maximising economic benefits and showcasing the diverse attractions Fingal has to offer

OBJECTIVE 4: PARTNERSHIP

A healthy partnership between the events sector, the community and Fingal

ACTION	TASKS
Training	We recognise that local community groups struggles with resources to run and manage events and festivals With this is mind we will facilitate training sessions throughout the year to address this in areas such as Health & Safety, Sponsorship, Crowd and Traffic Managment, Disability Awareness Training, HACCP and Marketing & PR.
In Kind Support	We aim to forge partnerships with event organisers, offering in-kind support such as manpower or equipment, leveraging resources to enhance the success and impact of events in Fingal. By pooling our collective strengths and assets, we can foster a collaborative environment that maximizes efficiency and ensures the seamless execution of diverse initiatives, ultimately enriching the cultural fabric of our community
Failte Ireland & Fingal Tourism	We seek to collaborate closely with Fáilte Ireland and Visit Dublin to leverage their expertise and resources in promoting and enhancing events in Fingal. By tapping into their networks and marketing channels, we can amplify the reach and appeal of our events, attracting a broader audience and elevating Fingal as a premier destination for cultural and recreational experiences
One Stop Shop	We aspire to create a comprehensive 'one-stop shop' for event organizers in Fingal, providing centralised access to advice, promotion, and facilities for hosting events. Through streamlined coordination and support services, we aim to empower organisers with the resources and guidance they need to plan, promote, and execute successful events, fostering a vibrant event ecosystem that enriches our community
Cross-Council Approach	Develop a shared calendar of events to avoid scheduling conflicts. Pool resources and expertise for larger-scale events.
Marketing	Coordinate joint marketing efforts to maximise exposure with local partners, be it businesses or community groups.
EETCD	As part of the EETCD Department of Fingal County Council the Events Unit will partner with the Heritage, Tourism & Arts sections to ensure our strategies align and to do all we can to assist in promoting the tourism and arts sectors within our budget and strategy.
Accessibility	In partnership with the neuro-diverse community we will endavour to provide information on our major events in an accessible format, develop an events accessibility checklist and arrange training for external providers such as stewards to foster a more understanding and inclusive environment.

OBJECTIVE 5: TOURISM & SENSE OF IDENTITY

An events programme that attracts visitors to Fingal and gives the local community a sense of pride in living in Fingal.

ACTION	TASKS
Tourism	We aim to host, support and organise events that support the tourism strategy of Fingal County Council. To this regard we recognise and ensure that all events follow the four objectives of this plan in terms of; 1. Dispersed Growth - across the county in targeted market segments. 2. Product & Experience Development - enhancing the range and quality of events. 3. Branding, Marketing & Promotion - create a targeted marketing plan for events we run and assisting in promotion events we support. 4. Collaboration & Partnerships - build networks across the county to support events growth and enhancement.
Award Night	Host competitions or awards that recognise and celebrate local talent, innovation, and contributions to the community, fostering a sense of achievement and pride among citizens.
Fingal Partnerships	Establish partnerships with local businesses and artisan producers to showcase Fingal's craftsmanship, products, and culinary delights at events, promoting economic vitality and community cohesion.
Promotional Material	Continue to create promotional materials and digital content that showcase Fingal's unique selling points and appeal to diverse audiences, positioning the events programme as a must-visit destination for both locals and tourists. We will ensiure where possible this information is shared in an accessible format and social stories will be created for major events.
Survey	Conduct a community survey to gather insights into the types of events that resonate most with the local population and align with Fingal's unique identity.
Collaboration	Collaborate with local artists, historians, and cultural experts to infuse events with elements that celebrate Fingal's heritage, traditions, and distinctive character.
Branding, Media, PR & Digital	Develop a branding, media & PR strategy that reflects the essence of Fingal and resonates with both residents and visitors, creating a cohesive identity for the events programme whilst keeping up with current threads. Our Red C Survey research shows that event attendees do know that Fingal County Council run events but are not aware of all events that Fingal run. We will endeavour to improve branding and signage at all events and continue to update or Events in Fingal website and yearly Events Guide to ensure the residents and visitors are aware of all events and how Fingal County Council supports them.

EVENT UNIT CHECK

Prior to an event being funded or assisted by the events unit of Fingal County Council, the unit will undertake a check to ensure it qualifies under the following criteria:

CHECK	CRITERIA
Financial	Financially does the event make sense, is there a economic return or contribution to the local community? Does the event ensure that a financial balance is struck across the county.
Safety	Has the venue been considered safe and if further safety requirements are needed are they balanced in regards to the units spending across the county. Is there safer venues available in the community that do not require large additional spends.
Sustainable	Is the event sustainable and in line with the Councils environmental guidelines? Are additional spends needed in terms of bringing power or water to the site and if so do they ensure a financial balance is struck across the county? Are there more sustainable venues available in the local community.
Purpose	What is the purpose of the event? Does it align with this strategy document and is it in cohesion with the goals of the EETCD department and or the Tourism Strategy of Fingal County Council ?
Balanced	Does the event align with our strategy of balancing events across the county and not overly focusing on one area. Does the event ensure the types of events we host are balanced between: family, arts, food, music, parades etc.
Tourism	Will the event attract visitors, nationally or internationally? How many bed nights will the event produce? Will the event enhance the reputation of Fingal as a tourism destination ?
Accessibility	Is the event accessible for all including neurodivergent guests. Is the venue suitable for full accessibility, if not is an alternative venue available in the local community. Has a quiet space been identified. We will develop a full events accessibility checklist in conjunction with Disabled Persons Representative Organisations (DPRs) and the community.

FUNDING SCHEME

Fingal County Council's Events Unit was established in 2010 to organise and support events happening within the County. Since its establishment, applications for events have increased substantially. The support programme is a combination of Fingal County Council's own events, events in partnership with other bodies that have similar objectives, and events organised by external organisations who receive funding directly from Fingal County Council through a financial assistance programme.

The scheme offers an opportunity for funding under three Strands for Festival & Events taking place in 2024.

The three strands of Events and Festivals funding are:
S1: Delivery and Programming of Small Scale & New Festivals & Events
S2: Delivery and Programming of Medium and Large-Scale Festivals and Events
S3: Festival and Events Economic Development and Sustainability

Applications are initially categorised and reviewed to ensure that it meets with the criteria and eligibility criteria of the funding scheme. Any applications that clearly fall outside the eligibility guidelines are eliminated at this point. Applications will then be assessed by an Assessment Panel appointed by Fingal County Council.

The Assessment Panel will meet to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications. Their recommendations will be brought to Full Council for approval before any formal offers will be issued. Applicants will be contacted directly in writing and notified of the outcome of their application. The Assessment Panel, at their discretion, may redirect any applications to another appropriate Fingal





Priority is given to proposals which:

- Demonstrate an overarching impact socially, culturally, and economically
- Nurture and encourage diversity and inclusion to ensure all members of our communities are equally valued.
- Reflect Fingal's Brand **www.fingal.ie/fingal-county-council-brand-guidelines**
- Have a proven capacity to engage with diverse audiences through high quality programming
- Is focused on developing demonstrable, measurable local economic, social and/or cultural benefits including tourism impacts where appropriate
- Animate public spaces in creative and innovative ways within the County
- Meet the Events Unit objective of compiling a varied programme of events throughout the year including content, seasonal and geographical spread
- Promote the Irish language in particular during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Support the delivery of the Fingal Tourism Development Strategy **www.fingal.ie/council/service/tourism-fingal**
- Demonstrate and promote Green Festival delivery methodologies towards the preservation of our environment **www.fingal.ie/council/service/event-safety-management**
- Reflect Fingal County Council's commitment to supporting fair and equitable remuneration of artists and culture professionals in our funding programmes and schemes and in our partnerships and working relationships

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EVENTS PROGRAMME

The 2025 Programme of key events currently planned is circulated**.**

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Events Calendar 2025

Feb

Date	Event	Location
Mon 3rd	St. Brigid's Day	Across Fingal
Tues 25th - Sun 2nd	All Shucked Up Howth Oyster & Music Festival	Howth

Mar

Date	Event	Location
Monday 17th	St. Patricks Day	Various Fingal Locations

May

Date	Event	Location
Sat 3rd – Sun 4th	Celebrate with Connect	Blanchardstown
Sat 17th – Sun 18th	Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Fest	Baldoyle
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th	Féile Binn Éadair Howth	Howth
Fri 23rd - Sun 25th	Fingal Proms	Across Fingal
Fri 30th - Sun 2nd	Balbriggan Summerfest	Balbriggan
Fri 23rd - Sun 2nd	Skerries Midsummer Festival	Skerries
Sat 31st	Lambay Regatta & Festival	Howth

June

Date	Event	Location
Saturday 7th	Safer Blanchardstown Summer Festival	Blanchardstown
Sunday 15th	Castleknock Village Fest	Castleknock
Sun 17th – Mon 30th	Malahide Castle Concerts	Malahide Castle
Mon 16th - Sun 22nd	Dublin Plein Air Painting Fest	Across Fingal
Saturday 21st	Lusk Summer Festival	Lusk

July

Date	Event	Location
Sat 5th & Sun 6th	Flavours of Fingal	Newbridge House
Sunday 13th	Malahide Family Fun Day	Malahide
Sunday 13th	Fingal 10k	Swords
Fri 25th – Sat 26th	Swords Summer Concerts	Swords Townpark
Sunday 27th	Swords Castle Family Fun Day	Swords Castle

August

Date	Event	Location
Fri 1st – Mon 4th	Rush Harbour Festival	Rush
Fri 8th – Sun 10th	Howth Roots & Blues Festival	Howth
Fri 8th – Sun 10th	Donabate/Portrane Summer Festival	Donabate
Saturday 23rd	Harvest Time Festival	Skerries Mills
Saturday 30th	Fingal Pride	Swords Castle

Sept

Date	Event	Location
Sat 6th – Sun 7th	Howth Maritime & Seafood Festival	Howth Promenade
TBA	Unison Festival	Balbriggan & Blanchardstown

Oct

Date	Event	Location
Friday 31st Oct	Fingal Festivals of Fire	Various Fingal Locations

November

Date	Event	Location
Tues 11th & Wed 12th	Marathon Kids	Blanchardstown
Thursday 27th	Blanchardstown Tree Lighting	Blanchardstown Main Street
Friday 28th	Swords Christmas Tree Lighting	Swords Castle
Friday 28th Nov – Sunday 7th Dec	Swords Castle Christmas Markets	Swords Castle

Dec

Date	Event	Location
Thursday 4th	Balbriggan Lighting Up	Georges Square, Balbriggan
Wed 31st	NYE Fireworks * *(Provisional)*	Howth

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for **OVER 100+ GREAT EVENTS**
taking place in Fingal in 2025

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This calendar was printed on 30th January 2025. Events may change or be cancelled without notice, locations and timings may also change. Please check www.eventsinfingal.ie for the most up to date information.

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FESTIVAL AND EVENTS FUNDING SCHEME 2025

Applications have been received under the Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025. Fingal County Council's Events Unit was established in 2010 to organise and support events happening within the County. Since its establishment, applications for events have increased substantially. The support programme is a combination of events in partnership with other bodies that have similar objectives to the Events Unit, and events organised by external organisations who receive funding directly from Fingal County Council through this financial assistance programme.

A Council evaluation committee met in February 2025 to consider submissions for financial assistance towards events and festivals taking place in 2025. A total of 107 applications were received and 101 were successful with a total funding of €525,775.

LIST OF APPLICANTS AND AWARDS

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

	EVENT NAME	APPLICATION NAME	AWARD 2025
1	Fingal Triathlon Club	Skerries Triathlon & Aqua bike	€2,000
2	Balbriggan and District Historical Society	Pop up Museum in Balbriggan	€1,000
3	The Great Orchestra of Polish Hearts	The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity	€12,500
4	Skerries Camera Club	Photographic Exhibition	€500
5	Fingal Old IRA Commemorative Society 1916 - 1921	FOIRA historical roadshow 2025	€8,000
6	Slovak Centre Ireland	13th Slovak Ball	€1,000

7	Visit Howth Peninsula	Marketing for 3 Howth Festivals - Féile Binn Eadair, Howth Roots & Blues & All Shucked Up	€5,000
8	Visit Howth Peninsula	All Shucked Up – Howth Oyster & Music Festival	€10,000
9	St Brigids GAA Club	Mothers and Others Ladies Handball 1st Anniversary	€1,000
10	Skerries Mental Fitness	6 heritage evenings and Mental Health Community Day	€1,000
11	Lusk Community Council	Lusk Saints and Scholars Festival	€3,000
12	Skerries Athletic Club	Skerries Athletic Club 10km Race Festival	€1,000
13	Rush Community Council	St Patricks Day Parade	€6,000
14	Lusk Community Council	Lusk St. Patrick's Day Parade	€6,000
15	Skerries Chamber of Commerce	St Patricks Day Parade & Christmas Lights	€7,500
16	Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland	Art & Craft Fair marking Easter	€1,000
17	Ballyboughal Community Council	Grand Opening of New Hall	€500
18	The Friends of St Columba's	Brian Boru's Wake Festival	€5,000
19	Garristown Community Council / Garristown Flyers AC	The Windmill Run 2025 (5k & 10k road race)	€1,000
20	Broadmeadow Community Garden	Series of Summer Talks	€500
21	Leinster Branch Irish Pipe Band Assoc	Leinster Pipe Band Championships	€5,000
22	Swords Celtic F.C	World Record 5-a-Side Football Event	€5,000
23	Balbriggan Tidy Towns	Our Nature Festival	€1,000
24	Malahide Tidy Towns	Malahide Future Festival	€5,000
25	Baldoyle Forum CLG	Baldoyle Bay Biosphere Festival	€25,000
26	Fingal Ravens Gaelic Football Club	Rolestown 5K Community Fun Run	€1,000
27	Bronze events	Flamenco dance, music workshop & show	€2,000
28	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival Committee	The Bleeding Pig Cultural Festival	€2,500
29	Irish Institute of Music and Song	Umoja Afro-Irish Festival	€4,000
30	Visit Howth Peninsula	Féile Binn Éadair - Howth Trad fest	€10,000
31	Skerries Rowing Club	Skerries Rowing Regatta	€3,000
32	Naul Community Council	Naul Village Series of Community Events	€4,000
33	Skerries Ukulele Strummers	Ukulele Festival in Skerries	€1,000
34	Skerries Tourism	Skerries Midsummer Festival	€25,000
35	Howth Yacht Club	Lambay Regatta and Festival	€5,000
36	Children 4 World Children CLG	Sports Across the World	€3,000
37	MIND Ireland	MIND Mega Mela	€1,000
38	St Luke's Community & Family Group	Parish Family Fun Day	€1,000
39	Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club	Appreciation and open day & BBQ	€1,000
40	Greater Cochin Club	CONNECT2025	€17,500
41	Bord Chontae Atha Cliath Comhaltas	Dublin Fleadh Festival	€5,000
42	Balrothery Heritage CLG	A series of concerts	€2,000
43	Ballyboughal Boxing Club	Phoenix of Ballyboughal	€1,000
44	The Seamus Ennis Centre	Garden Party	€10,000

45	Danse Fusion	Stars of the Orient Dance Festival	€1,000
46	Fingal Rowing Club	Balbriggan Regatta	€2,500
47	14th Portrane Donabate Scouts	Sea Scouts Community Fun Day	€500
48	Castleknock Village Festival Committee	Festival in Castleknock Village	€25,000
49	Dublin Plein Air Painting Festival	Outdoor painting festival	€5,825
50	Skerries Sailing Club	Main Regatta(s)	€2,500
51	Skerries Mills Community Garden	4th Annual Skerries Wild Bee Festival	€1,000
52	Ballyboughal Community Council	Ballyboughal summer heritage festival	€4,000
53	Lusk AC	Lusk Summer Festival 5K	€1,000
54	Lusk Action Group	Lusk Summer Festival	€4,000
55	Howth Yacht Club	Irish & British Sigma 33 National C'ships	€4,000
56	Volleyball Ireland	Nations Volleyball (2 events)	€5,000
57	Currachaí na Sceirí	The Three Island Challenge	€1,000
58	St Lawrence pipe band Howth	East of Ireland pipe band Championships	€4,000
59	Skerries Traditional Music Weekend	Skerries Trad Music Weekend	€3,000
60	Safer Blanchardstown	Safer Together Summer Festival	€15,000
61	Balbriggan LGBTQ	Balbriggan LGBTQ Pride	€3,000
62	Balbriggan Summerfest	Balbriggan Summerfest	€25,000
63	Slí Dhála CCÉ - Dublin 15 Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	Slí Dhála Summer School	€1,500
64	Castleknock Music Festival	Castleknock Music Festival	€5,000
65	Dublin Concert Band	Free Summer Concert	€1,000
66	Marathon Events Management DAC	Fingal 10 Km Road Race	€10,000
67	Association of Baton Twirling in Ireland	EFBT Euro Twirl European Championships	€4,000
68	Garristown Community Council	Summer Festival	€2,000
69	Loughshinny Community Association	Summer Festival	€1,250
70	Taylor Hill Residents Association	Summer Family Fun Day & Taylor Hill Christmas Family Fun Day	€1,000
71	Rush Community Council	Rush Harbour Festival	€20,000
72	Hill Mill Skerries Mills	Harvest Time Festival	€15,000
73	Keogh's / Country Crest	Spud Fest	€10,800
74	Visit Howth Peninsula	Howth Roots and Blues Festival	€10,000
75	Donabate Portrane Summer Festival	Donabate Portrane Summer Festival	€25,000
76	Naul Gardening & Flower Club	Naul Gardening & Flower Club Annual Flower Show	€1,000
77	Howth Yacht Club	2025 Autumn League	€4,000
78	Cricket Ireland	Ireland v England Men's International Cricket Series	€20,000
79	Irish Pipe Band Association	All Ireland Festival of Solo Piping & Drumming	€5,000
80	Sustainable Skerries	Skerries Eco Festival	€1,500
81	Baldoyle Forum CLG	World Food Festival	€2,000
82	Fingal Rowing Club	Lambay Rowing Challenge	€2,500
83	Clonsilla & Porterstown Heritage Society (CPHS)	Clonsilla Heritage Festival	€2,500
84	Skerries Rowing Club	Round Rockabill Rowing Race	€3,000

85	DanceSport Ireland CLG	Fingal Open International Ballroom and Latin American Dance Festival	€4,000
86	Gaelcon Irish Games Association	Gaelcon	€2,000
87	Baldoyle Forum CLG	Coastal Music Festival	€5,000
88	Athletics Ireland	Autumn International Cross Country Fest	€5,000
89	Ballyboughal Community Council	Spooky zombie parade	€2,500
90	Marathonkids Ireland	Marathonkids Final Mile Event	€15,000
91	SCÉAL Collective CLG	How It's Made 2025	€1,000
92	Malahide Chamber of Commerce	Malahide Village Turning on of the Christmas Lights	€2,000
93	Rush Tourism	Christmas Food & Craft Market	€3,000
94	Rush Christmas Lights Committee	Christmas Tree & Lights Event	€1,500
95	Baldoyle Forum CLG	Christmas Show and Tree Lighting	€2,000
96	AsIAm, Ireland's Autism Charity	Christmas Market	€3,000
97	Ballyboughal Community Council	Santa Truck Visit	€5,000
98	Oldtown Community Council	Oldtown Christmas Tree Lighting Event	€1,400
99	Donabate Christmas Lights Festival	Christmas Lights festival in Donabate	€2,000
100	St Maurs GAA	Christmas at St. Maur's	€1,000
101	Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns	Community Gathering - Christmas Tree Lights Switch'em on Event	€1,500

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Chief Executive's Foreword



The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 came into effect on the 5th of April 2023 and is now two years in operation. This two-year Progress Report, prepared in accordance with Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), provides an overview on the progress achieved in securing the many objectives of the Plan.

Informed by extensive public consultation and stakeholder engagement during the plan-making process, the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, continues to shape the development and growth of Fingal, which is now home to a population of 330,506.

Fingal continues to progress the current three-year Capital Programme which runs from 2024 to 2026. This Programme is worth €1.35 billion and represents a 37% increase on the previous Capital Programme and is four times larger than the programme adopted in 2017. The Plan contains 312 projects, many of which will be included within this Progress Report.

Major infrastructure projects which are underway include the €44m Swords Cultural Centre, the €16m Ongar to Barnhill Road and the €7.7m pedestrian and cycle route on Harry Reynolds Road in Balbriggan. Other major projects include the Balbriggan Harbour and Quay Street redevelopment, Baldoyle Community Centre, Ballymastone Recreational Hub and the Broadmeadow Greenway.

In terms of Fingal's population growth, the Development Plan shows that the county has a projected housing demand for 16,425 units during this time-period, with sufficient land zoned to accommodate 35,000 units.

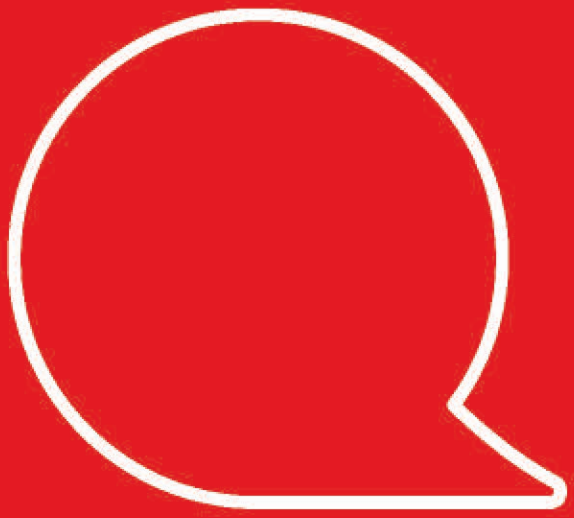
As a Housing Authority, Fingal has a wider role in facilitating housing delivery to meet the social and economic needs of Fingal. 63% of Fingal's three-year Capital Programme for 2024-2026 will be spent on housing delivery. Social and affordable housing targets have been set for each Local Authority by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the period 2022-2026 and Fingal has a target of over 6,500 new build homes up to 2026.

In terms of transport and improved connectivity, Fingal continues to support the roll out of key transport infrastructure projects by national government, including BusConnects, the DART plus project and MetroLink. Within Fingal, the Council continues to implement Transportation Schemes and the Active Travel Strategy.

Progress also continues on the delivery of 14 no. recreational hubs strategically located in parks and open spaces across Fingal. The Ward River Valley Park in Swords, Porterstown Park in Castleknock and Bremore Park in Balbriggan have opened, and work is underway on a €10m recreational hub in Donabate.

Significant progress has been achieved in securing the Objectives set out in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and work will continue across Fingal in implementing the strategic vision to ensure that Fingal is the best place to live, work and do business.

1. INTRODUCTION



1. Introduction

1.1 Background

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was made by the Elected Members on the 22nd of February 2023 and came into effect 4 weeks later, on the 5th April 2023. The Development Plan is valid for a period of six years (until April 2029). Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requires the Planning Authority to prepare and present to the Elected Members a Progress Report not more than 2 years after the making of the Development Plan.

Section 15 of the Act which states:

15 (1) It shall be the duty of a planning authority to take such steps within its powers as may be necessary for securing the objectives of the Development Plan.

(2) The chief executive of a planning authority shall, not more than 2 years after the making of a development plan, give a report to the members of the authority on the progress achieved in securing the objectives referred to in subsection (1).

Section 95(3)(a) requires that the report also include a review of the progress achieved in implementing the housing strategy.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department of Fingal Co. Co. has prepared this report in response to the above legislation and further to the relevant statutory guidelines under Section 28 of the Act, including *'Development Plans- Guidelines for Planning Authorities'* prepared by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published June 2022, and advice therein regarding the Progress Report.

While the legislation does not provide guidance in relation to the scope of the report required under Section 15(2) of the Act, it is clear that a targeted approach is required in the interest of feasibility, coherence and accessibility. This report focuses on the county-wide objectives included in the Development Plan Written Statement, which effectively constitute the actions designed to implement the major strategies and policies of the Plan. The structure of the Progress Report follows Chapters 1-14 of the Development Plan Written Statement, with their individual sections. Chapter 2 relates to the Core Strategy.

Thus, the 124 Local Objectives on the Development Plan Maps and the 33 further map-based GI objectives are not individually assessed in the Progress Report. However, the policy context within which they are set is directly addressed through the Objectives in the Written Statement.

It is a requirement of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive that the significant environmental effects of implementing the Development Plan are monitored. If significant negative effects are identified, appropriate actions should be taken to mitigate the effects and to avoid the likelihood of these effects continuing. SEA was undertaken with respect to the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and a monitoring report prepared. Regard has been had to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage March 2022, Section 28 *'Strategic Environmental Assessment- Guidelines for Regional Assemblies and Planning Authorities'*.

1.2 Context Strategic Overview and Vision

Since the adoption by the Elected Members of the Fingal Development Plan in 2023, Fingal has continued to experience population growth and overall increased levels of development. Significant progress has been made towards the implementation of the Objectives contained within the Development Plan. This Progress Report will examine in detail the Objectives contained within each Chapter of the Development Plan, responding to the key policy objectives arising from each and providing at the start of each Chapter, an overview of the progress and achievements to date in a visual format. Below provides an overview of some of the more significant changes in planning context which have occurred since the adoption of the Development Plan.

Planning Policy and Legislative Changes since the Adoption of the Plan

Planning and Development Act 2024

The Planning and Development Act 2024 was signed into law by President Higgins on the 17th October 2024. The Act comprises 26 Parts and introduces significant changes to the planning system in Ireland, including in relation to the making of land use plans and introduces a new ten year life for Development Plans. The Act seeks to consolidate existing legislation and ensure that all land use plans reside within an overarching planning hierarchy including the National Planning Framework.

Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities January 2024.

Introduced following the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan, the Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines (January 2024) set out policy and guidance in relation to the planning and development of urban settlements, with a focus on residential development and the creation of sustainable and compact settlements. The Guidelines, published on the 15th January 2024, replace the 'Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2009'. The Guidelines provide support for the achievement of higher densities for own door housing schemes by providing inter alia, for a range of densities responding to settlement size, flexibility in residential design standards, innovation in housing design and house types. In terms of application, the SPPRs contained within the Guidelines will supersede any conflicting provisions in current Development Plans and therefore must be applied by planning authorities when assessing applications in accordance with the provisions of Section 34(2)(ba) of the Act.

Revised National Planning Framework

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 was informed by the policy objectives of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) of the Eastern and Midland Regional Authority (EMRA), including its Metropolitan Area Spatial Plan (MASP). In June 2023, the process of undertaking the First Revision of the NPF commenced and the government published a Draft Revision of the NPF in July 2024 with the final updated NPF to be published in mid-2025. The draft revised framework retains the original NPF focus on a more balanced distribution of growth across all of Ireland's regions. It is also envisaged that the NPF

will increase the overall national housing target in line with increased population growth across the country as shown by the results of the 2022 Census.

Fingal 2022 Census of Population

The results of the 2022 Census of Population were published following the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. In a national context, the results of the most recent census of population show that the total number of people living in Ireland is now 5,149,139, an increase of ca. 8% on the 2016 Census. The population of Dublin has increased over this period from 1.35m to 1.46m an increase of ca. 7.5%, just below the national rate of growth for this period. The population growth in Fingal as recorded during this period exceeded both the county and national level with the total population increasing by 11.65% from 296,020 in 2016 to 330,506 in 2022. This population growth is in line with projected growth over this period as provided for in the Development Plan and the strategic objectives and policy arising were framed within the context of such growth levels. The 2022 Census of Population is examined in further detail under Section 2, Planning for Growth, Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy.

Development Plan Strategic Vision and Cross Cutting Themes

The Plan is underpinned by a strategic vision intended to guide the sustainable future growth of the county. The Strategic Vision was prepared having regard to the National Strategic Outcomes of the National Planning Framework, the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Fingal Corporate Plan and the aspirations of the people and stakeholders of Fingal. A draft Schedule of Amendments to the First Revision to the National Planning Framework has been published by the government, however, a final revised NPF is awaited. The Plan's Strategic Vision remains consistent with the Regional Strategic Outcomes of the RSES, with UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Fingal Corporate Plan. The Strategic Vision of the Plan, supported by the cross-cutting themes of Climate Action, Healthy Placemaking and Sustainable Development, Social Inclusion, High Quality Design and Resilience- continues to guide and shape the future sustainable growth of Fingal ensuring healthy placemaking, building cohesive and sustainable communities and protecting cultural, natural and built environment.

Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029- Strategic Vision

Fingal will embrace healthy placemaking and economic prosperity through building cohesive and sustainable communities, where our cultural, natural and built environment is protected.

Fingal will continue to be a County of distinctive environmental, historical and cultural assets and local communities, with sustainable development fostering a high-quality of life for those who live, work and visit here. A sustainable future for the County will be based on the interdependence of the themes of economic growth, social progress and environmental quality with the aim of increasing the County's self-reliance and resilience.

This Plan will ensure the continued growth of the County in a sustainable way and ensure the County continues to develop as a series of well-serviced, well-connected towns, villages and communities and a low carbon economy. In working to deliver all of this, we are committed to engaging with stakeholders, including local communities and residents to develop better solutions to the complex challenges we face and provide an improved quality of life for all.

Chapter 2 of the Progress Report will provide further detail in relation to Core Strategy Monitoring. Settlement Strategy, Residential Development in Fingal, Analysis of residential Indicators and Housing Need Demand Assessment.

1.3 Fingal Development Plan Thematic Chapters

The report is broken down into chapter headings set out below. Each chapter contains a table setting out all objectives as they appear in the Development Plan with associated commentary as to the status of the Objective and the progress made to date with respect to its fulfilment. In a number of instances, and given its specific function, the delivery of a particular Objective may be recurring - for example in instances where a Policy Objective is undertaken through the Development Management process. Each chapter commences with a short introduction setting out the range of projects and programmes of work – both large and small, undertaken by the local authority (and in conjunction with other agencies) over the two-year period since the adoption of the Development Plan

- Chapter 2: Planning for Growth, Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy
- Chapter 3: Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes
- Chapter 4: Community Infrastructure and Open Space
- Chapter 5: Climate Action
- Chapter 6: Connectivity and Movement
- Chapter 7: Employment and Economy
- Chapter 8: Dublin Airport
- Chapter 9: Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage
- Chapter 10: Heritage, Culture and Arts
- Chapter 11: Infrastructure and Utilities
- Chapter 12: Implementation and Monitoring
- Chapter 13: Land Use Zoning
- Chapter 14: Development Management Standards
- Appendices
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Monitoring.

1.4 Conclusions and Next Steps

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 came into effect on the 5th April 2023. This Progress Report addresses the requirements of Section 15(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, (as amended), which requires that the Chief Executive of a planning authority shall, not more than 2 years after the making of a development plan, give a report to the Members of the authority on the progress achieved in securing the Objectives referred to in subsection (1). This report is provided to the Elected Members in fulfilment of this requirement.

Published under Section 28 of the Act, Development Plan Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2022, requires that a Baseline report for a subsequent Development Plan be published as an evidence base for commencing the review procedures, not later than 4 years after the adoption of the original plan. The report will assess the performance of the current Development Plan in

achieving its Objectives and it is envisaged that this Two Year Progress Report and monitoring information will provide important inputs to the baseline data.

The enactment of the Planning and Development Act 2024 has made significant changes to plan making, including to Development Plans which will have a lifespan of ten years. Fingal County Council will comply with all requirements of the updated legislation and any forthcoming Guidelines issued by the Minister in the preparation of the forthcoming 2029-2039 Fingal Development Plan.

It is clear from this Progress Report, that the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which has been in place for a period of two years out of a total life space of six, is securing the Objectives set out therein. The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will continue to implement and advance these objectives for the remaining four-year life of the Plan.

2. PLANNING FOR GROWTH
CORE STRATEGY
SETTLEMENT STRATEGY



2. Planning for Growth, Core Strategy and Settlement Strategy

2.1 Introduction

The requirement for a Core Strategy as part of the Development Plan is described in Section 10 (2A) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The role of the Core Strategy is to ensure that there is sufficient zoned and serviced land to cater for future housing demand over the plan period.

The Core Strategy sets out a spatial settlement strategy for the County, which is consistent with the Housing Strategy, the National Planning Framework (NPF), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES), Specific Planning Policy Requirements (SPPRs) required under Section 28 Guidelines and takes account of policies of the Minister in relation to national and regional population targets.

2.2 Core Strategy Housing Requirement

The Fingal Development Plan Core Strategy includes housing requirement figures derived from the 2020 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) document '*Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning', December 2020*.

In turn, this document had regard to the population and associated housing demand figures set out in the National Planning Framework (NPF) as well as to research carried out by the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).

In June 2023, government gave approval to commence the process of undertaking the First Revision of the NPF. In addition, further to Census 2022, the Department engaged ESRI to update its previous projections relating to population growth to 2040, based on demographic and econometric modelling and having regard to the results of Census 2022 and other factors.

Subsequently, the government published a Draft Revision of the NPF in July 2024 with the final updated NPF to be published in mid-2025. The draft revised framework retains the original NPF focus on a more balanced distribution of growth across all of Ireland's regions. It is also envisaged that the NPF will increase the overall national housing target in line with increased population growth across the country as shown by the results of the 2022 Census.

2.3 Population Growth

In the national context, the results of the 2022 Census show that the total number of people living in Ireland is now 5,149,139, an increase of ca. 8% on the 2016 Census, while Dublin's population increased from 1.35m to 1.46m an increase of ca. 7.5%.

As shown in Figure 2-1 below, population growth in Fingal during this period exceeded both the county and national level with the total population increasing by 11.65% from 296,020 in 2016 to 330,506 in 2022. As illustrated in the figure below, this level of growth was reflected across the majority of Fingal's 7 Local Electoral Areas.

Figure 2-1: Population Growth in Fingal by LEA 2016-2022

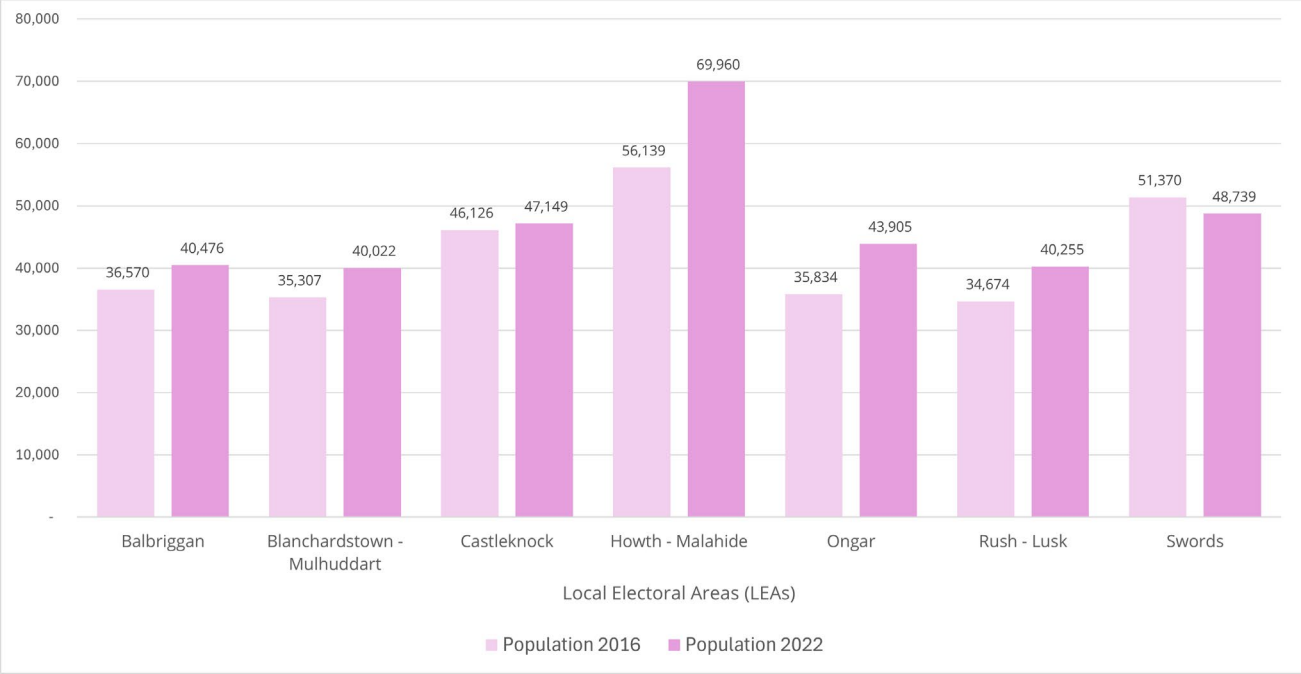


Table 2-1: Population Growth in Fingal by LEA 2016-2022

Local Electoral Areas (LEAs)	*Population 2016*	*Population 2022*	*Population Change*	*% Change*
Balbriggan	36,570	40,476	3,906	10.68%
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart	35,307	40,022	4,715	13.35%
Castleknock	46,126	47,149	1,023	2.22%
Howth-Malahide	56,139	69,960	13,821	24.62%
Ongar	35,834	43,905	8,071	22.52%
Rush-Lusk	34,674	40,255	5,581	16.10%
Swords	51,370	48,739	-2,631	-5.12%
Total	**296,020**	**330,506**	**34,486**	**11.65%**

Source: CSO (2023) Summary Census Results

With regard to the projected population levels contained in the Fingal Development Plan Core Strategy, it can be seen that the growth estimates used were generally in line with the reported figures from Census 2022. As shown below, Table 2.14 'Core Strategy' of the Development Plan estimated a population of 329,289 for 2023, which is only marginally lower than the reported Census figures.

Table 2-2: Core Strategy Population Estimates

	Total Population	Increase over 2016	Annual Increase
CSO 2022	330,506	34,486	5,747
Core Strategy Estimate for 2023	329,289	33,269	5,544

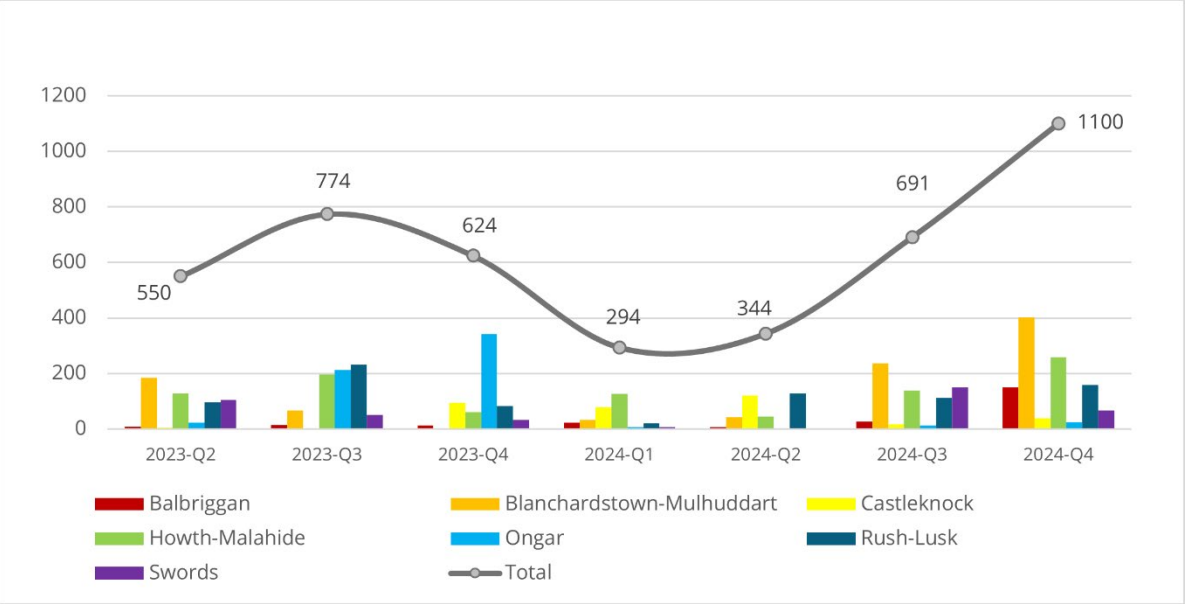
Source: CSO (2023) Summary Census Results, FCC County Development Plan, Table 2-14

2.4 Core Strategy Housing Demand and Delivery

As outlined previously, the Fingal Development Plan Core Strategy was prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Section 28 Guidelines 'Housing Supply Target Methodology for Development Planning'. On the basis of this methodology a total projected housing demand of 16,425 new housing units was identified for the County as a whole.

The most recent CSO figures for housing delivery by Local Electoral Area (LEA) indicate that between the start of Q2 2023 and the end of Q4 2024, a total of 4,377 units have been completed in Fingal. The equates to an annual completion rate of ca. 2,500 per year which is broadly in line with the Core Strategy housing demand figure set out in Table 2.14 of the Development Plan.

Figure 2-2: New Dwellings by Local Election Area



Source: CSO (2023) https://data.cso.ie/table/NDA05

Table 2-3: New Dwellings by Local Election Area

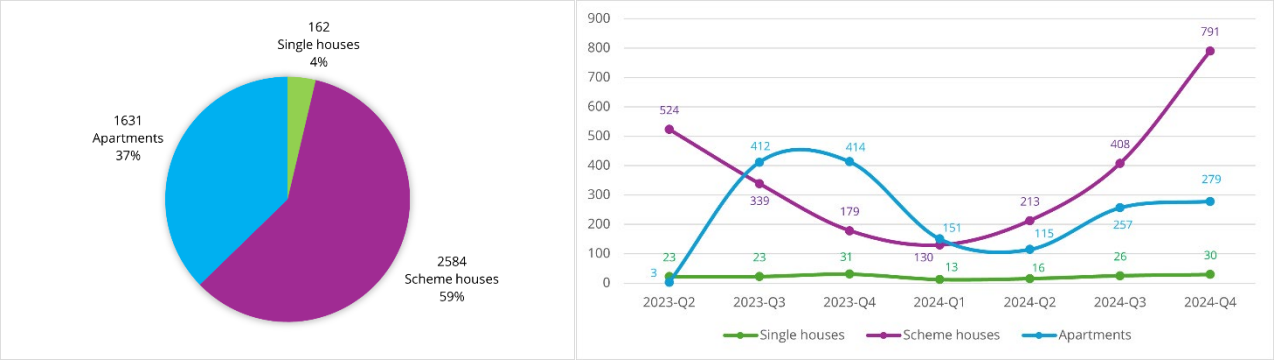
LEA	2023-Q2	2023-Q3	2023-Q4	2024-Q1	2024-Q2	2024-Q3	2024-Q4	Total
Balbriggan	9	14	12	23	7	26	151	242
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart	185	66	1	32	43	236	403	966
Castleknock	4	1	94	78	121	16	38	352
Howth-Malahide	129	196	60	127	44	138	259	953
Ongar	22	213	342	7	0	12	24	620
Rush-Lusk	96	233	82	20	128	113	159	831
Swords	105	51	33	7	1	150	66	413
Total	550	774	624	294	344	691	1,100	4,377

Source: CSO (2023) https://data.cso.ie/table/NDA05

In terms of the overall mix of types of housing being delivered, Figure 2.2 indicates that scheme houses make up the majority of new units provided (59%), followed by apartments (37%), with a limited number of one-off dwellings (4.%). Figure 2.2 also shows that in more recent quarters,

the number of scheme houses have increased as the overall supply of new apartments being provided has levelled off.

Figure 2-3: New Dwellings by Housing Type



The overall trend shown in Figure 2-2 is borne out in the results of the Housing Supply Taskforce Returns which provide information on the planning and development status of residential developments of over 10 units for each of the four Dublin Local Authorities.

The Housing Taskforce Returns differ from the CSO figures in that they provide a detailed, rolling quarter by quarter snapshot of ongoing residential planning and construction activity across the Dublin Region. This information is based on an analysis of submitted planning applications as well as regular site visits.

Figures 2-3 to Figure 2-5 set out the principal Housing Taskforce figures for Fingal for Q2 2023 when the Fingal Development Plan was adopted to Q3-2024 which is the last quarter for which figures have been made available.

Figure 2-4: Housing Taskforce Returns – Units Commenced and Under Construction



Figure 2-4 shows sustained levels of units under construction and under construction or completed during the life of the Development Plan to date. It also indicates a more recent decline in the number of units which have been permitted but have not yet commenced.

Figures 2-5 and 2-6 below provide information as to planning applications which have been permitted, and which are currently being applied for through the Development Management process. These figures show that the sustained levels of planning activity up to the start of 2024 has started to decline over the last two quarters reported on by the Housing Taskforce.

Figure 2-5: Housing Taskforce Returns – Units Permitted by Type

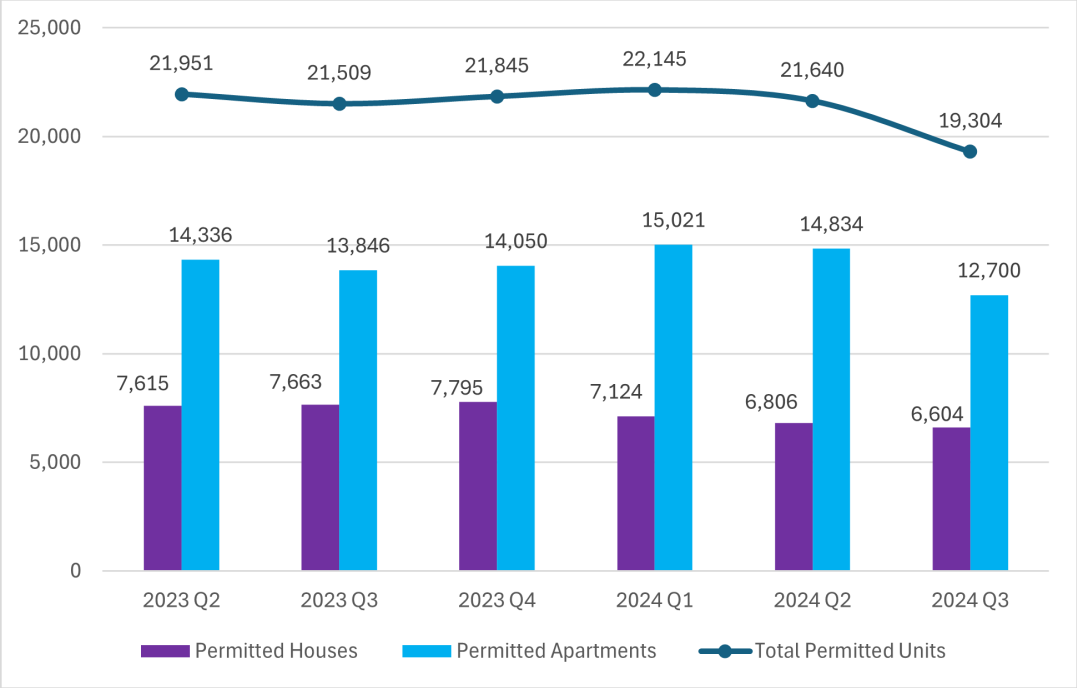
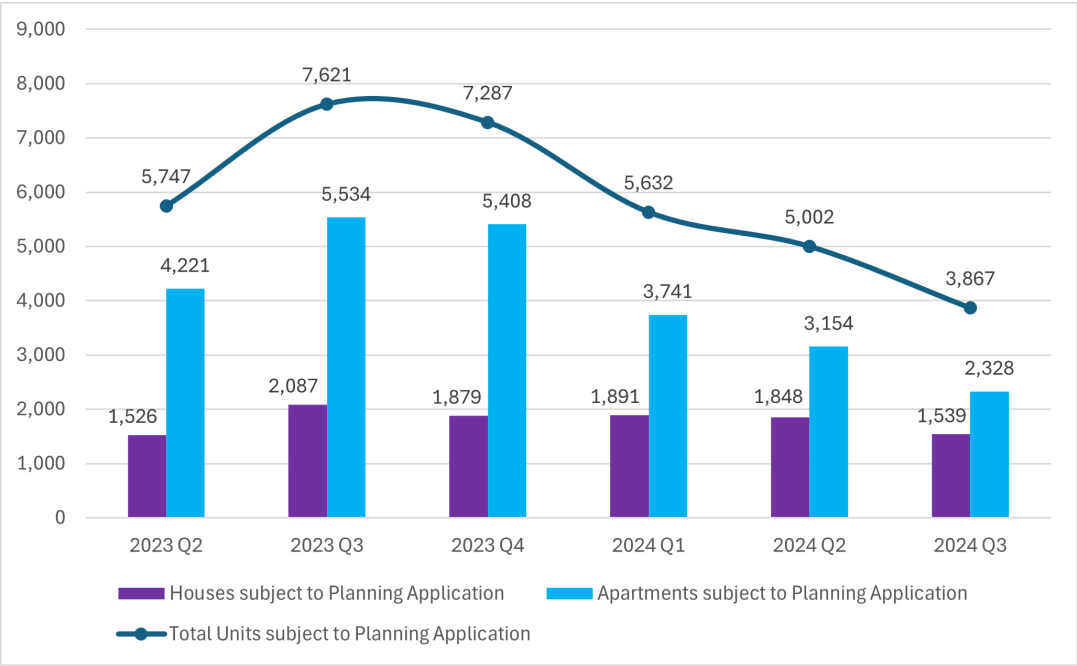


Figure 2-6: Housing Taskforce Returns – Units being Applied For



2.5 Zoned Land

Table 2.12 of the Fingal Development Plan which sets out the potential capacity of zoned lands in Fingal indicates that there is zoned capacity for approximately 41,500 units on approximately 1,250 hectares of developable lands within the lifetime of the Development Plan.

It should be noted that this total includes the strategic development lands at Dunsink and Lissenhall which together have the potential to deliver ca. 14,000 units beyond the 6 year life of the Plan. When these lands are excluded, as of the date of adoption of the Development Plan in April 2023, there was an estimated capacity for 27,615 units on 867.5 hectares.

It is clear therefore that there is currently a sufficient area of lands zoned for residential use in Fingal. While additional applications for development on residentially zoned land have been submitted to the Council since the adoption of the Plan, these applications amount to significantly less than excess capacity outlined above.

It is clear therefore that there is currently a sufficient area of lands zoned for employment uses in Fingal. While additional large-scale applications for employment related uses have been submitted to the Council since the adoption of the Plan (as outlined in the following section), these applications amount to significantly less than the level of undeveloped employment generated lands previously identified.

2.6 Ongoing Monitoring of Planning Applications

In addition to collating up-to-date information on the planning and development of residential schemes of over 10 units for the purposes of the Housing Taskforce Returns, Fingal County Council maintains a database of all planning applications submitted, granted and refused since the coming into force of the current Development Plan in April 2023.

The database includes details of over 450 no. applications for residential development as well as over 580no. applications for a range of other development types including commercial, industrial, retail, warehousing and logistics, community, education and sports related uses.

The following section of the Progress Report provides an overview of planning permissions granted during the life of the Development Plan having regard to the Core Strategy monitoring indicators as set out in Chapter 10 'Plan Implementation, Monitoring and Reporting' of the Development Plan Guidelines for Local Authorities published by the DHLGH in 2022.

With regard to the residential indicators set out in the Guidelines, an analysis of the granted applications in this database (as of the end of January 2025) shows that:

- Of the 294 granted residential planning applications recorded in the database, 227 (77.2%) were for development in Built Urban Areas (BUA) as defined by the CSO;
- The breakdown of unit size by number of bedrooms was as follows:
    - 22% for 1 bed units
    - 37% for 2 bed
    - 31% for 3 bed and
    - 9% for 4+ bed dwellings

- According to the database, a total of 65 houses were granted permission on lands zoned RU – Rural, GB – Greenbelt, HA – High Amenity and RC- Rural Cluster.

With regard to non-residential development, records indicate a total of 582 no. applications classified according to 28 no. different categories ranging from agri-business to medical-related uses, to waste management. The overall floor areas recorded is derived from the planning application form submitted with each application.

It is noted that the Development Plan Guidelines' requirements are to record data relating to the total application area (in m^2) for business and employment uses, which is further divided into four category indicators namely, office, industrial, retailing and logistics. The following tables draw upon database records to identify significant applications granted for each of these categories.

Table 2-4: Granted Applications for Office Development (including Medical Uses)

OFFICE DEVELOPMENT		
Location	**Description**	**Area (m^2)**
Swords Business Campus,	Change of use of existing two storey building from office to health and well -being clinic.	2,175
Sports Surgery Clinic, Santry. D11	Extension to the existing Sports Surgery Clinic comprising c. 6,365sq.m accommodated in 4 storeys plus plant room	6,365
Hollywell Distributor Road, Swords,	Healthcare Facility across three storeys over a lower ground floor level car park	4,426
Corduff Primary Care Centre, D15	Construction of a part one and part three storey extension to the rear of existing Primary Care Centre	2,150
Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown, D15	New 3 storey extension to existing hospital buildings at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown	1,690
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT		
College Business and Technology Park, D15	Expansion of the existing Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Campus, located at, Dublin 15	23,049
Staffordstown Business Park, Turvey	Industrial buildings with ancillary office and staff facility space	18,792
Damastown, Mulhuddart, D15	Medical devices manufacturing facility with associated ancillary warehousing and office/administration block	16,882
Cruiserath Road, Mulhuddart	Biopharmaceutical Development and Manufacturing Building and the refurbishment and extension of an existing Laboratory,	12,944
Horizon Logistics Park, Swords	Light industrial unit, including ancillary office use / visitor centre / staff facilities / reception areas	10,209
RETAILING		
Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	Local Centre facility providing a primary retail unit with convenience, comparison floorspace storage, staff facilities etc	5,151
North City Business Park, North Road, D11	Motor sales showroom with ancillary offices, staff and customer facilities and service garage / workshop	4,725
Main Street North, Hansfield SDZ	A neighbourhood centre, with inter alia, convenience supermarket, community and new public realm spaces	2,521
Oakwood Medical Centre, Clonsilla, D15	3 storey building with 2 convenience retail units at ground floor and medical centre at 2nd and 3rd floor with car parking to rear.	1,128
WAREHOUSING		
Northwest of M2-M3 Link Rd, Cherryhound	12 no. logistics/warehouse buildings, associated yard areas, trailer and truck parking, ancillary facilities	164,256
Dublin Airport Logistics Park	Central warehouse and logistics distribution centre with ancillary office and welfare area	26,966
Horizon Logistics Park, Silloge, Swords	Light industrial warehouse, ancillary welfare, reception and office space	14,805
Carey House, Swords Road, Co. Dublin	13 warehousing units with ancillary office space within 5 2-storey blocks and other ancillary services	11,102
Huntstown Business Park, Cappagh Road	2 Light Industrial/Warehouse/Distribution units with two-storey ancillary offices	7,484

2.7 Plan Programme (LAP, Framework Plans, Masterplans)

The Council will continue to pursue active land management measures provided for under legislation, to ensure that land hoarding is discouraged, and the development potential of zoned lands is realised through available mechanisms and initiatives, including through central or other funding. Fingal has employed a number of policy responses to facilitate housing development, namely the adoption of Local Area Plans and Masterplans across the County.

LAPs and Masterplans provide a framework for the development of zoned lands. These set out Fingal's priorities for growth and provide a development framework and phasing arrangements to ensure the delivery of required social and physical infrastructure in an appropriate manner. In addition, the preparation of these Plans has involved significant local consultation and the engagement of Elected Members.

A commitment was given in the Development Plan to prepare a number of new LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans. To date, there has been significant progress in this regard. The implementation of this programme of plans primarily through the Strategic Policy Unit and Project Delivery work programmes and projects. The tables below provide further information in relation to active land management plans.

Table 2-5: Local Area Plans identified in the Fingal Development Plan

Local Area Plans		Progress to date/Update
Swords	LAP 8.B	To be commenced. Background data gathering underway.
Flemington	LAP 4.B	Adopted in December 2024
Coolquay	LAP 3.B	To be commenced.
Balscadden	LAP 4.A	To be commenced.
Ballymadun	LAP 3.A	To be commenced.

Table 2-6: Masterplans identified in the Fingal Development Plan

Masterplans		Progress to date/Update
Garristown	MP 2.B	To be commenced.
Oldtown	MP 3.A	To be commenced.
Rowlestown	MP 3.C	To be commenced.
Balrothery East	MP 4.B	To be commenced.
Old School House, Clonsilla	MP 13.A	Baseline investigation completed. Master planning phase underway.
Ballyboghil	MP 3.B	To be commenced.
Naul	MP 2.A	To be commenced.
Kilbarrack Industrial Estate	MP 10.A	To be commenced.

Table 2-7: Framework Plans identified in the Fingal Development Plan

Framework Plans		Progress to date/Update
Baldoyle	FP 10.D	To be commenced.
Baldoyle Industrial Estate	FP 10.A	To be commenced.
Blanchardstown Village	FP 13.B	To be commenced.
Blanchardstown Town Centre	FP 13.A	To be commenced.
Castleknock	FP 13.D	To be commenced.
Coolmine Industrial Estate	FP 13.E	To be commenced.
Clonsilla	FP 13.C	Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan on public display until 14.02.2025
Dubber (Horizon Business Park)	FP 11.A	To be commenced.
Dublin Enterprise Zone	FP 12.B	To be commenced.
Donabate	FP 7.A	Donabate Framework Plan adopted in March 2024.
Folkstown Little	FP 4.B	Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) and Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plans published in Q4 2024, with stakeholder engagement and public information sessions held in Q4 2024. The CE's Report is being compiled.
Lusk	FP 6.A	To be commenced.
Kilshane	FP 12.A	To be commenced.
Portmarnock	FP 9.B	To be commenced.
Northwood	FP 11.B	To be commenced.
Howth	FP 10.C	To be commenced.
Stephenstown	FP 4.A	Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) and Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plans published in Q4 2024, with stakeholder engagement and public information sessions held in Q4 2024. The CE's Report is being compiled.
Sutton Cross	FP 10.B	To be commenced.
Whitestown	FP 6.C	To be commenced.
Jamestown Business Park	FP 11.C	To be commenced.
Portrane, including The Burrow	FP 7.B	To be commenced.

Work is also ongoing in relation to the preparation of a local statutory plan for the Long-Term Strategic Reserve lands at Dunsink under Objective CSO31 of the Development Plan.

2.8 Vacant Sites Levy and Residential Zoned Land Tax

There are 5 no. sites currently on the Vacant Sites Register.

The Annual RZLT map for 2025 was published on the 31st January 2025 and the Annual Draft RZLT Map for 2026 was published on the 1st February 2025. An opportunity is provided for landowners to make submissions to the 2025 Annual RZLT map to re-zone lands where a business currently occupies the site. Submissions may be received up to the 1st April 2025. Submissions to the Draft Annual RZLT map 2026 must also be made up to the 1st April 2025.

2.9 Housing Strategy

Under Section 95(3)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the Chief Executive is required to include a review of the progress achieved in implementing the Housing Strategy in the Two Year Progress report on the Development Plan.

As the overall housing demand targets set out in the Development Plan Core Strategy were prepared in conjunction with and having regard to the Housing Strategy, it is considered that this aspect of the Housing Strategy has been addressed in the previous sections of this report.

With regard to the provision of social and affordable housing by the Council, Table 2-7 below sets out the overall number of homes delivered in the two years since the adoption of the current Development Plan. It should be noted that Fingal County Council is on course to exceed its current four year target for the provision of social and affordable housing.

Table 2-8: Granted Applications for Office Development (including Medical Uses)

Category	2023	2024
New Build and Leasing of Social Homes	460	468
Acquisition of Social Homes	233	142
Delivery of Affordable Homes	111	79

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP), a form of social; housing support provided by local authorities resulted in a total number of tenancies for 2023 of 337 and 287 for 2024.

2.10 Chapter 2 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective CSO1 – Sufficient Zoned Land Ensure that sufficient zoned land is available to satisfy the housing and population requirements of the County, as set out under the Ministerial Guidelines for Housing Supply and the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, over the lifetime of the Plan.	Significant baseline data undertaken to inform the Development Plan. Sufficient lands zoned to meet requirements. Council will await any forthcoming updates of NPF, RSES and Ministerial guidance in this matter.
Objective CSO2 – Monitoring Process for Housing Delivery Implement a robust monitoring process for all housing delivery including the performance of large-scale housing developments (Schemes for 100 units+) for each town, village and urban settlement within the County to allow for ongoing assessment of delivery targets whilst ensuring overdevelopment does not occur in any particular area and to ensure that the delivery of necessary infrastructure is provided in a timely manner with the delivery of housing to ensure the sustainability of communities.	Ongoing. As outlined in this chapter, the Council continuously monitors the delivery of housing units across Fingal as well as applications and grants of permission for new residential units.
Objective CSO3 – Delivery of Housing Units Provide for flexibility in achieving the housing supply targets and meeting housing demand, the Council will consider the re-distribution of housing and population figures within each settlement. In this regard, where a site greater than 0.25ha has the potential to exceed the allocation for a particular settlement as set out under Table 2.14, the applicant must demonstrate to the Planning Authority that the necessary social and physical infrastructure {including active travel infrastructure, accessibility to both current and planned public transport services} is in place or can be provided as part of the application to accommodate the proposed development. The Council will monitor the delivery of housing units to ensure general compliance with the Core Strategy and housing supply targets for the County and to inform the redistribution potential outlined above.	Ongoing. As outlined previously in this chapter, the Council continuously monitors the delivery of housing units across Fingal as well as applications and grants of permission for new residential units.
Objective CSO4 – Database of Sites Maintain and further expand the database of greenfield, brownfield and infill sites as part of the active land management process.	Ongoing
Objective CSO5 – Database for Residential Zoned Land Create and maintain a database of land zoned for residential development that has not yet been	Ongoing. In addition, RZLT identifies lands in scope for tax which is zoned and capable of development.

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developed including, where available, information on why this land has not been developed so as to inform future zoning and de-zoning decisions.	
Objective CSO6 – Phased Development Ensure the phased development of new housing areas in tandem with the delivery of physical and social infrastructure provision as identified within Local Area Plans or Masterplans, as informed by assessments carried out by the Planning Authority.	Ongoing through Development Management, including through the LRD process informed by provisions set out under statutory and non-statutory plans
Objective CSO7 – Enabling Infrastructure Identify and support the provision of key enabling infrastructure at strategic sites in Fingal County to facilitate their release for development in response to the current housing crisis.	Fingal Co. Co. continues to work with numerous State agencies in the provision of enabling infrastructure at strategic sites.
Objective CSO8 – Protection of Long-Term Strategic Reserve Protect the long-term strategic reserve land banks for potential future residential growth and to restrict development except for reasonable intensification of, extensions to and improvement of premises within these areas, subject to normal planning criteria.	Ongoing though the Development Management process. Long term strategic reserve land banks continue to be protected.
Objective CSO9 – SEA and AA for Local Area Plans Local Area Plans will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessments as appropriate and Screening for Appropriate Assessment.	Ongoing through the statutory plan-making process.
Objective CSO10 – AA and SEA of Masterplans Masterplans will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessments as appropriate and Screening for Appropriate Assessment.	Ongoing through the non-statutory plan-making process.
Objective CSO11 – Masterplan for the Old School House, Clonsilla Master Plan for the Old School House, Clonsilla, to be completed within two years from the commencement of the Development Plan.	Preparation has commenced with significant background research and baseline data gathering completed. Design considerations arising from DART+ West rail expansion and proposed Royal Canal greenway projects are being considered.
Objective CSO12 – AA and SEA for Framework Plans Framework Plans will be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessments as appropriate and Screening for Appropriate Assessment.	Ongoing as part of non-statutory plan-making process.
Objective CSO13 – High Intensity Employment Uses Focus high intensity employment generating uses around high-capacity public transport nodes.	Ongoing through Development Management and plan-making processes. National planning guidance related to Transport Orientated Development observed.

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Objective CSO14 – Space Extensive Enterprises Ensure that, insofar as possible, space extensive enterprise is located on appropriately zoned lands which are outside the M50 and which do not compromise labour intensive opportunity on zoned lands adjacent to public transport.	Observed through the Development Management process and pre-planning.
Objective CSO15 – Mixed Use Employment Support mixed use employment activities in our urban areas in accordance with the settlement and retail hierarchies.	Continues to be implemented.
Objective CSO16 – Database of Employment Lands Monitor and further develop the database of employment lands within the County.	Ongoing.
Objective CSO17 – Mixture of House Types Promote high quality residential development which meets the needs of all stages of the life cycle through an appropriate mix of house type and local amenities.	Ongoing through Development Management process and further to Ministerial Guidelines under S28 of the Planning and Development Act.
Objective CSO18 – Infill Spaces on FCC Owned Lands (Residential) Where feasible, that infill spaces on residential zoned lands in the ownership of Fingal County Council, are used to build social houses to increase our housing stock.	Ongoing through the Council's housing delivery programmes.
Objective CSO19 – Tree Lined Approaches Retain existing tree-lined approaches to all towns and villages to preserve their special character.	Ongoing.
Objective CSO20 – Network of Pathways/Cycleways Develop a comprehensive network of signed pedestrian and cycleways linking residential areas to one another, to the village centres, schools, recreational hubs and railway stations.	Ongoing through the Active Travel Strategy and via the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department programme. [Refer to Chapter 6]
Objective CSO21 – Promotion of Higher Densities Promote higher densities (50+ units per hectare) at appropriate locations in urban built up areas subject to meeting qualitative standards at appropriate locations with particular reference to urban centres and/or in proximity to high-capacity public transport nodes while demonstrating compliance with all relevant Section 28 Ministerial Guidelines.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process and through the implementation of Ministerial Guidelines including *'Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2024*
Objective CSO22 – Sensitive Redevelopment of Key Sites Encourage the sensitive redevelopment of key sites within the Dublin City and Suburbs area for	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process and through the implementation of Ministerial Guidelines including *'Sustainable Residential*

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mixed use which includes an appropriate residential component to enhance the viability and vitality of existing urban villages.	*Development and Compact Settlements Guidelines for Planning Authorities' 2024*
Objective CSO23 – Town Centre Regeneration Continue to develop a strategic approach to town centre regeneration through Town Centre First: A Policy Approach for Irish Towns within settlements forming part of the Dublin City and Suburbs Area by utilising existing buildings and unused lands for new development, promoting residential occupancy and providing a mix of uses within these areas, including cultural and community uses and residential uses, as appropriate.	Ongoing through the Town Centre First – A Policy Approach for Irish Towns initiative.
Objective CSO24 – Blanchardstown Town Centre and DEZ Promote Blanchardstown Town Centre as an integral component in the promotion and development of the Dublin Enterprise Zone.	Ongoing
Objective CSO25 – Optimising Existing Local Heritage Resources and Public Amenities Require that new development in the urban settlements of the Dublin City and Suburbs area optimises existing local heritage resources and public amenities, while protecting the character and biodiversity of the villages.	Ongoing
Objective CSO26 – High Quality, Sustainable and Inclusive Development Promote development which incorporates a high quality, sustainable and inclusive approach to proposals in the Dublin City and Suburbs Area, which are supported by sustainable means of travel and which create locally distinctive neighbourhoods and positively contribute to the existing built and natural heritage.	Ongoing
Objective CSO27 – Promote and Enhance existing ACAs Continue to promote and enhance the existing ACAs within our urban villages and protect their historic characters.	Ongoing – (Refer to Chapter 10 for further details)
Objective CSO28 – Improved Sense of Identity Develop enhanced community identities throughout Fingal through the improvement of social, cultural, community and residential amenities. Support the development of an improved sense of identity for the areas within Dublin City and Suburbs, including improvements to signage, landscaping and physical	Development of enhanced community identity initiatives through the improvement of social, cultural, community and residential amenities is ongoing. Examples include delivery of Meakestown and Baldoyle Community Centres.

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appearance and through the promotion of mixed uses, including residential, in our urban villages.	
Objective CSO29 – LAPs, Masterplans and Frameworks Plans for Dublin City and Suburbs As set out in Tables 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 and 2.19 - Implement existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans within Dublin City and Suburbs - Prepare and implement Local Area Plans for identified areas - Prepare and implement Masterplans for identified areas - Prepare and implement Framework Plans for identified areas within the Dublin City and Suburbs area.	Council continues to implement the provisions of existing statutory LAPs and non-statutory plans e.g. Masterplans and will prepare and implement a programme of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans as set out in Chapter 2 Table 2.16, 2.28 and 2.19.
Objective CSO30 – Intensive Population and Employment Uses The Plan will promote more intensive population and employment uses focussing on good community, civic and school facilities, good quality streets and spaces whereby existing and new neighbourhoods are knitted together alongside essential infrastructure and amenities that are required to develop sustainable communities and employment within the key urban centres, consistent with RPO 4.3	Ongoing implementation of Objective CSO30 through the Development Management process; through the implementation of extant LAPs and Masterplans and through the preparation and adoption of a programme of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans set out in Chapter 2 Tables 2.16, 2.18 and 2.19.
Objective CSO31 – Dunsink Prepare a local statutory plan for the Long Term Strategic Reserve lands at Dunsink during the lifetime of this Development Plan, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, including an infrastructural audit with costings and implementation strategy to enable sustainable regeneration and development of the area that is cognisant of, and sensitive to the significant historic buildings within the area including the nationally important architectural heritage site of Dunsink Observatory. This plan shall include Dunsink Observatory lands and the provision of a Planetarium.	The local authority will undertake preparation of a statutory plan for the long-term strategic reserve lands at Dunsink in line with Table 2.16 of the Development Plan. The preparation of the plan will be undertaken in consultation with key stakeholders and include all necessary elements, including infrastructural audit to ensure the sustainable regeneration of the lands, taking into consideration its important historical heritage.
Objective CSO32 – Designation of Dunsink Observatory Support the designation of Dunsink Observatory as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.	Fingal County Council is supportive of Dunsink Observatory in seeking UNESCO World Heritage status
Objective CSO33 – Multi-Functional Green Infrastructure Corridor Develop multi-functional green infrastructure corridor between Dunsink and Tolka Valley Park.	Ongoing as part of the preparation of a statutory plan for the long-term strategic reserve lands at Dunsink.

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Objective CSO34 – Belcamp Consider a limited quantum of development on the Belcamp lands to facilitate the rehabilitation and preservation of Belcamp House. A design brief including the quantum and location of any such development, which shall not prejudice any future road requirements, shall be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to a planning application being lodged. Not more than 50% of any residential units permitted shall be sold or occupied pending the full re-instatement of Belcamp House to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.	To be progressed through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO35 – Ongar Enhance and promote all existing greenspaces in Ongar by providing sensitive and appropriate leisure infrastructure within the boundary of the greenspace.	Ongoing
Objective CSO36 – Feasibility Study – Howth Tram/Funiculars Carry out a feasibility study to examine the potential for the reinstatement of a tram or funiculars from Howth DART station to Howth Summit.	To be commenced.
Objective CSO37 – High Quality Services Encourage a range and quality of retail, commercial, civic, cultural, leisure, community and other services commensurate with the role of Swords Town Centre as a Key Town.	Ongoing through the Development Management process, Sustainable Swords Strategy and through a future Local Area Plan for Swords.
Objective CSO38 – Swords Main Street Retain the Main Street as the core of the town centre, protect and enhance its character and ensure that any future new commercial and retail development reinforces its role by promoting the development of active ground floor uses and limiting the expansion of certain non-retail and inactive street frontages including financial institutions, betting offices, public houses and take aways/fast food outlets.	Ongoing through the Sustainable Swords Strategy and in the delivery of Swords Cultural Quarter which will significantly enhance north Main Street and North Street. Through the Development Management process, the local authority continues to assess appropriateness of proposals for ground floor uses/changes of use along Swords Main Street.
Objective CSO39 – Sustainable Swords Project Support and promote the implementation of key recommendations arising from the Sustainable Swords' project including the implementation of the Swords Cultural Quarter.	Ongoing through the implementation of recommendations arising from the Sustainable Swords Strategy. Development has commenced in respect of the Swords Cultural Quarter
Objective CSO40 – Public Engagement and Sustainable Swords Support new forms of public engagement in the preparation of the Sustainable Swords project, with a view to building strong public interest, understanding and buy-in for the recommendations of the project.	The local authority is committed to supporting all appropriate forms of public engagement in seeking the input of all members of society to plans and projects including Sustainable Swords

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Objective CSO41 – Regeneration and Infill Opportunities Support the regeneration of underused town centre lands along with the planned and sequential infill opportunities to provide for high density and people intensive uses in accessible locations that are accessible to high quality transport, existing and planned, and to support the preparation of a statutory land use plan for the strategic landbank at Lissenhall for the longer-term development of Swords.	Ongoing through the Development Management process and through the local authority programme of works.
Objective CSO42 – Enhanced Urban Environment Facilitate the strategic regeneration of Swords to build on the resilience of the local economy and provide for an enhanced urban environment with a particular focus on the development of Swords Civic Centre and Cultural Centre, the delivery of the conservation plan for Swords Castle, and the delivery of an enhanced public realm in the town centre and to promote recreational and amenity uses in accordance with a healthy placemaking strategy.	Ongoing
Objective CSO43 – Swords – Dublin Airport Support Swords-Dublin Airport as a key location for airport related economic development and employment provision linked to the protection and enhancement of access to Dublin Airport lands including the delivery of MetroLink.	Ongoing through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO44 – LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plan for Swords As set out in Tables 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 and 2.19: p Implement existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans within Swords. - Prepare and implement Local Area Plans for identified areas. - Prepare and implement Masterplans for identified areas. - Prepare and implement Frameworks for identified areas within Swords.	Ongoing over the life of the Development Plan.
Objective CSO45 – LAPs and Framework Plans for Donabate -Implement the existing Local Area Plan within Donabate. -Prepare and implement a Framework Plan over the life of the Plan to guide and inform future development and to include measures to improve and promoted the public realm of the village. -Promote and support the provision of a sewage mains connections for Corballis/Balcarrick residents.	The provisions of the Donabate LAP continue to be implemented. Fingal County Council prepared a Framework Plan for Donabate in 2024. The roll out of wastewater infrastructure is a matter for Uisce Eireann. Fingal Co. Co. will work proactively with all State agencies, including Uisce Eireann in the delivery of network improvements/extensions within the county.

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Objective CSO46 – Donabate Town Centre Channel and concentrate the development of additional commercial, social, community and civic facilities within Donabate town centre and promote high quality urban design in such development.	Ongoing through the Development Management process with guidance provided through the Donabate Framework Plan and by the Town Regeneration office.
Objective CSO47 – Donabate Peninsula Develop a continuous network of signed pathways and cycleways as appropriate, around Donabate Peninsula linking Portrane and Donabate to Malahide and Rush via the Rogerstown and Malahide Estuaries whilst ensuring the protection of designated sites and avoiding any routing along the northern boundary of Malahide Inner Estuary by virtue of its ecological sensitivity.	First phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub including a section of the Greenway route will be completed in Q1 2025. Another section of the Greenway will be constructed as part of Phase 2 of the Recreational Hub commencing Q2 2025 and completed in Q1 2026. HSE has granted the Council a license to reconstruct the Cliff Walk from the Ballymastone section to Portrane via the St. Ita's lands and planning for this work is being advanced having regard to the relevant environmental constraints.
Objective CSO48 – Pedestrian and Cycleways in Donabate Provide for a comprehensive network of pedestrian and cycle ways linking residential areas to one another, to the town centre, schools, the recreational campus at Ballymastone and the railway station.	First phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub including a section of the Greenway route will be completed in Q1 2025. Another section of the Greenway will be constructed as part of Phase 2 of the Recreational Hub commencing Q2 2025 and completed in Q1 2026. HSE has granted the Council a license to reconstruct the Cliff Walk from the Ballymastone section to Portrane via the St. Ita's lands and planning for this work is being advanced having regard to the relevant environmental constraints.
Objective CSO49 – Corballis/Balcarrick – Sewage Mains Connections Promote and support the provision of a sewage mains connections for Corballis/Balcarrick residents.	The roll out of wastewater infrastructure within Fingal is a matter for Uisce Eireann. The Local Authority will continue to work with all State agencies, including Uisce Eireann, in the delivery of necessary civil infrastructure improvements.
Objective CSO50 – Active Travel Connections Between Donabate-Rogerstown Park and Lusk-Rush Investigate all options in looking at the delivery of active travel connections between Donabate-Rogerstown Park and Lusk-Rush.	The Rush to Lusk Walking and Cycling Scheme aims to deliver a high quality, safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network (ca. 3km) between the towns and to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station, schools and tourist attractions. A brief is being developed for the appointment of consultants. Masterplan for the Rogerstown Park (former Balleally Landfill) has been

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	prepared with related link from the park to Rush Lusk Train Station and to Lusk. Next phase is subject to approval of the park development plans by the EPA in line with the requirements of the Aftercare/Management plan for the Former Balleally Landfill.
Objective CSO51 – Support Growth of Self-Sustaining Towns Proactively support and promote high quality services, social infrastructure, facilities, tourism offer, appropriate retail mix, and economic activity within Self-Sustaining Towns to meet the needs of existing and future growth in line with the scale and function of these towns within the Fingal Settlement Hierarchy.	Ongoing through the Development Management process and through the delivery of statutory and non-statutory plans.
Objective CSO52 – Safe and Convenient Road, Pedestrian and Cycle Systems Ensure all Self-Sustaining towns benefit from safe and convenient road, pedestrian and cycle systems which promote permeability, accessibility, and connectivity between existing and new developments.	Ongoing in line with the Active Travel Strategy, Transportation Schemes and through Plan implementation.
Objective CSO53 – LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans for Self-Sustaining Towns As set out in Tables 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 and 2.19: -Implement existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans within Self-Sustaining towns. -Prepare and implement Local Area Plans for identified areas. -Prepare and implement Frameworks for identified areas.	Council continues to implement the provisions of existing statutory LAPs and non-statutory plans such as Masterplans and will prepare and implement a programme of LAP's, Masterplans and Framework Plans as set out in Chapter 2 Table 2.16, 2.28 and 2.19.
Objective CSO54 – Tree-Lined Approach Retain existing tree-lined approaches to all towns and villages in order to preserve their special character.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO55 – Development and Growth of Balbriggan and Skerries Promote and facilitate the development and growth of Balbriggan and Skerries as primary service, social, cultural and local tourist centres in north Fingal.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO56 – 'Our Balbriggan' Continue to implement, promote, and support the 'Our Balbriggan' Rejuvenation Plan.	Ongoing
Objective CSO57 – Harbours, Beaches Seashores – Balbriggan, Skerries and Rush Preserve and improve access to the harbours, beaches and seashores of Balbriggan, Skerries	Ongoing – Through the works of the Operations Department.

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and Rush, while protecting environmental resources including water, biodiversity, and landscape sensitivities.	
Objective CSO58 – Rush as a Vibrant Town Facilitate the development of Rush as a vibrant town and retain its market gardening tradition.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process and through the implementation of the Rush Framework Plan.
Objective CSO59 – Historic Core of Lusk Protect and conserve the special character of the historic core of Lusk including the area of archaeological notification in the centre of the town having regard to the physical and social character of the core area particularly in the vicinity of St. MacCullin's Church and Main Street, and to promote a conservation-led approach to the consolidation and redevelopment of the town core.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO60 – Monastic Site and St. MacCullin's Church Maintain the valued distinctive views of the monastic site and St. MacCullin's Church from all approach roads into Lusk, from significant areas of open space and from surrounding areas.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management Process.
Objective CSO61 – Hedgerows in Lusk Retain the traditional hedgerow boundary treatment characteristic of Lusk, the protection and enhancement of existing boundary hedgerows and trees shall be required save where limited removal is necessary for the provision of access and promote the planting of hedgerows and trees using native species within new developments.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management Process.
Objective CSO62 – Maintenance of Distinct Physical Separation – Lusk, Rush and Malahide Ensure that existing and future development within the settlements of Lusk, Rush and Malahide is consolidated within well-defined town boundaries to maintain their distinct physical separation.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management Process.
Objective CSO63 – Pedestrianised Core – Malahide Continue to promote and facilitate the recently implemented pedestrianised core of New Street, Malahide.	Fingal are continuing to engage with consultants to progress the design for the Public Realm Upgrades to a Pedestrianised New Street.
Objective CSO64 – Local Transport Plan Rush Prepare a Local Transport Plan to inform the future transportation needs of Rush. This may include the feasibility of providing a Distributor Road to the west of Rush.	To be commenced.

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Objective CSO65 – Sluice River – Portmarnock Protect and manage the flood plain of the Sluice River to the south of Portmarnock and ensure that its integrity as a natural habitat is maintained; and investigate the potential of a riverside walkway.	Action 11 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 seeks to address this objective. This action to be commenced during the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective CSO66 – Mitigation Measures Ensure that the mitigation measures as set out in the Portmarnock South and Baldoyle Stapolin LAPs (and other LAPs as necessary) will continue to be implemented and managed in accordance with the requirements of the LAPs or where a LAP is no longer in place, in accordance with the following measures if not already implemented:	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process for the residentially zoned lands and through the implementation of the Racecourse Park Development Plan. The Park development works will commence in 2025.
Objective CSO67 – LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans for Towns and Villages As set out in Tables 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 and 2.19: - Implement existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans within the Towns and Villages. - Prepare and implement Local Area Plans for identified areas. - Prepare and implement Masterplans for identified areas. - Prepare and implement Frameworks for identified areas.	In Progress.
Objective CSO68 – Rural Villages Manage the development of Rural Villages within the RV boundaries and strengthen and consolidate their built form providing a suitable range of housing as an alternative to housing in the open countryside.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO69 – Scale of New Housing Developments in Towns and Villages Ensure that the scale of new housing developments within Towns and Villages both individually and cumulatively, shall generally be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO70 – Historic Towns and Village Centres Protect and enhance the unique physical character of historic town and village centres.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO71 – Commercial and Community Facilities Facilitate and encourage improved town and village facilities both commercial and community to meet the needs of expanding towns and villages.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO72 – Compact, Organic and Sequential Development of Towns and Villages	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.

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The scale of new residential schemes within Towns and Villages shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of existing development with a focus on delivering compact growth and providing for the organic and sequential development of the settlement. Infill and brownfield development shall have regard to the existing town or village character and create or strengthen a sense of identity and distinctiveness for the settlement.	
Objective CSO73 – Commercial Development in Towns and Villages New commercial development in Towns and Villages shall generally only be located within the core area and shall contribute positively to character of the settlement.	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO74 – Feasibility Study for St. Ita's Hospital Lands Actively support the implementation of the objectives laid down in the Feasibility Study for St. Ita's Hospital Lands completed in November 2013, or any update or revised version thereof including specifically those relating to: - The ongoing development of modern psychiatric health care and ancillary facilities (including the National Forensic Mental Health Service Hospital) within St. Ita's, - The reuse of the Protected Structures for appropriate uses together with the ongoing future maintenance and management of these structures, - The ongoing maintenance and management of the Demesne landscape including the trees and woodland which are an intrinsic part of this unique landscape, and - The maintenance and provision for an appropriate level of public accessibility through the site.	Updated Feasibility Report to be commenced 2025.
Objective CSO75 – Protected Structures at St. Ita's Hospital Complex and Demesne Promote the use or reuse of all the Protected Structures at St. Ita's Hospital complex and demesne in Portrane as a priority for Fingal County Council. Notwithstanding the use class 'HA' Zoning matrix, appropriate uses within the Protected Structures and within the ancillary land areas within the complex including uses which also relate to and are consistent with the historic use of the overall historic complex will be actively promoted and allowed to proceed subject to appropriate consent where such activities will secure viable sustainable re use of the complex into the future and which will provide for the	Ongoing – Through the Development Management process.

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proper conservation and sustainable development of St. Ita's.	
Objective CS076 – St. Ita's Forum of Engagement Establish a long term Forum of Engagement, the primary objective of which would be to facilitate the active and progressive bringing back into public and other usages of the Victorian Hospital Buildings, at St. Ita's Hospital at Portrane.	The update of the 2013 Feasibility Study will incorporate stakeholder engagement.
Objective CSO77 – Rural Generated Housing Direct rural generated housing demand to Villages and Rural Clusters in the first instance and to ensure that individual houses in the open countryside are only permitted where the applicant can demonstrate compliance with the criteria for rural housing set down in Chapter 3 Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes and in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	Ongoing -Implemented through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO78 – Re-Use and Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Stock Encourage re-use and rehabilitation of existing housing stock in rural areas in preference to newbuild and actively promote the protection of traditional rural buildings.	Ongoing - Implemented through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO79 – Promotion of Attractive and Vibrant Villages Promote attractive and vibrant villages ensuring their sustainable expansion and development at a level appropriate to and integrated with the existing village while meeting the socio-economic and civic aspirations of the community and affording maximum environmental protection.	Ongoing - Implemented through the Development Management process.
Objective CSO80 – LAPs and Masterplans for Rural Towns and Villages As set out in Tables 2.15, 2.16, 2.17 and 2.18: - Implement existing Local Area Plans within Fingal's Rural Towns and Villages. - Prepare and implement Masterplans Plans for identified areas.	Ongoing
Objective CSO81 – Rural Settlement Strategy Implement the Rural Settlement Strategy contained in Chapter 3 Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes and associated Development Management Standards set out in Chapter 14.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process and through the implementation of Objectives contained within Chapter 3 and Chapter 14.

3. SUSTAINABLE PLACEMAKING AND QUALITY HOMES



3. Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes

3.1 Introduction

The Development Plan under Chapter 3 sets out the Council's strategy to guide successful placemaking and ensure quality housing within Fingal over the lifetime of the Plan. The concept of placemaking and the provision of quality homes are not mutually exclusive and the success of both in providing for sustainable, resilient communities is very much interdependent. One cannot be successful without the other.

Fingal Co. Co. has in the first two years of this Development Plan brought a renewed focus to the delivery of high-quality public realms in towns and villages across Fingal and has sought to support established and growing communities in the delivery of high quality recreational and community infrastructure.

Progress continues on the delivery of the Swords Cultural Quarter and the town rejuvenation works under 'Our Balbriggan'.

Fingal continues to progress the delivery of 14 no. recreational hubs strategically located in parks and open spaces across Fingal. The Ward River Valley Park in Swords, Porterstown Park in Castleknock and Bremore Park in Balbriggan have opened, and work is underway on a €10m recreational hub in Donabate.

In addition, Meakestown Community Centre Fingal's newest Community Centre was officially opened in November 2024. The immediate area also includes a public park, playgrounds, and the 'Bloom' community garden. Development commenced on Baldoyle Community Centre in June 2024 and Fingal County Council acquired St. Margarets Parish Hall in 2023. Refurbishment works have completed.





Meakestown Community Centre

3.2 Housing Delivery by Fingal County Council

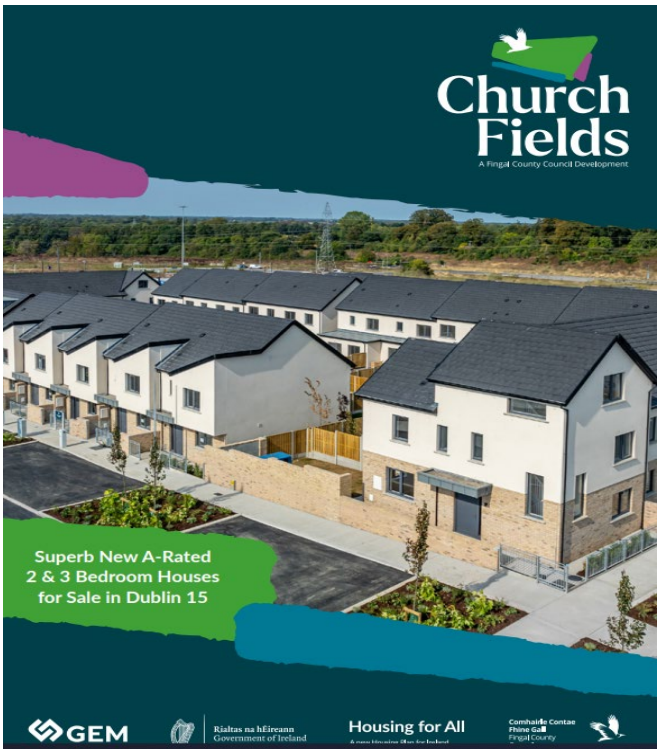
Fingal County Council continues to deliver mixed tenure housing on the Council's own lands and through partnerships with developers and stakeholders through turn-key arrangements as well as through the Part V process. The Council also continues to work with Approved Housing Bodies to meet its housing commitments and to provide Age Friendly Housing opportunities to meet specific needs. Such delivery will continue over the remaining period of the Plan. Some examples of housing delivery in Fingal are set out as follows:



Monastery Court Lusk- development of a new passive residential development incorporating Age-Friendly design elements. 5no. two bedroom apartments with communal landscaped courtyard .



Kilhedge Gardens Age Friendly residential scheme of 31 no. single storey homes delivered through direct build by Tuath and Fingal Co. co. owned lands and funded by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage via Capital Assistance Scheme, a funding mechanism for the delivery of homes for priority groups such as older persons.

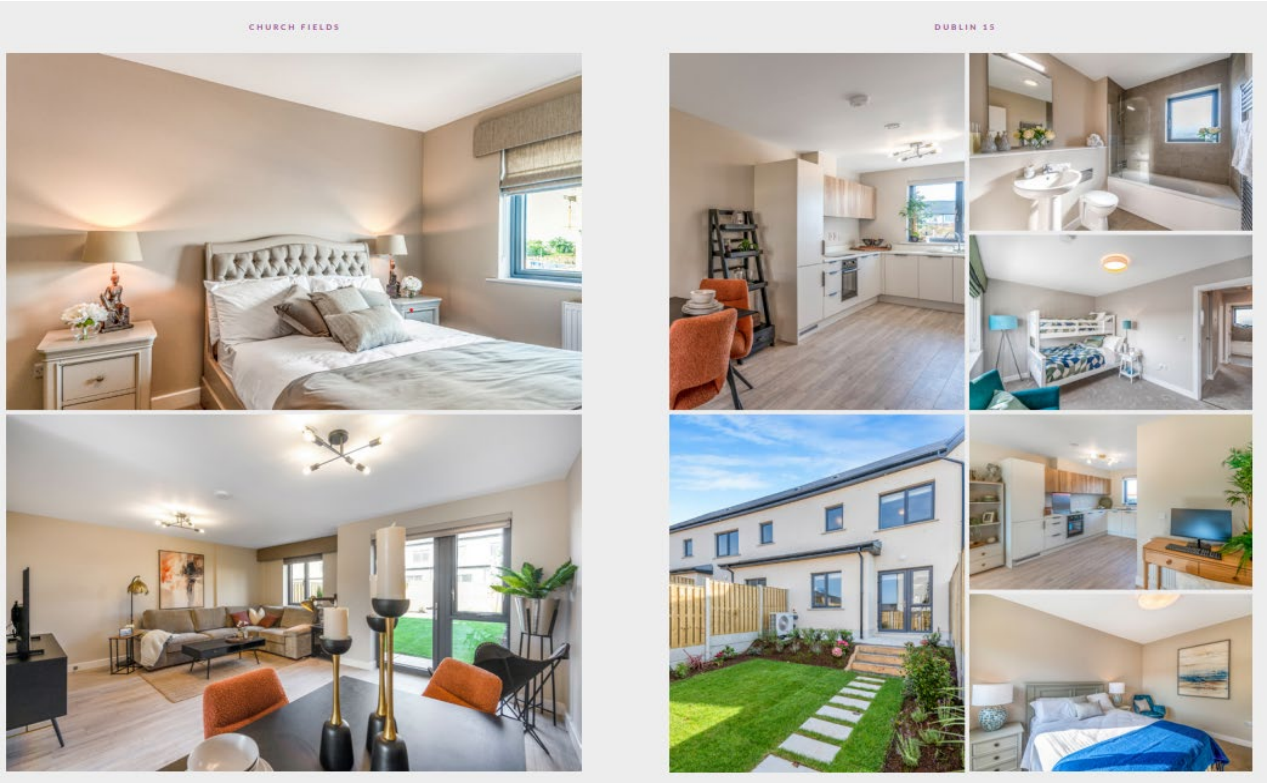


Churchfields Dublin 15

Commencement on the latest phase of the ChurchFields Master Plan will deliver a diverse mix of 180 no. affordable purchase homes, 80 no. cost-rental homes, and 40no. social homes.

The overall Churchfields development will deliver 1,000 new properties in total. In addition to the residential units, the project will also include the construction of a crèche, local community facilities, retail units, and extensive public green spaces. This aligns with Fingal's commitment to providing high-quality, affordable housing across the county with supporting infrastructure.

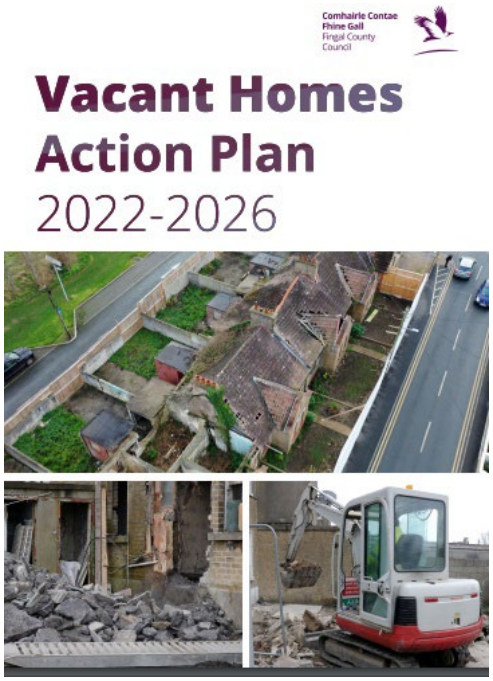
GEM Construction Limited are leading on the delivery of the homes of the Phase 3A site at Mulhuddart, with the first tranche of homes expected to be ready in 2025. These homes will incorporate the most up to date methods of sustainability from the outset, achieving a BER of A2 and Near Zero Energy Building Standard with the intention of reducing embodied carbon in keeping with the Governments 2030 Climate Action Plan.



3.3 Bringing Vacant Homes Back to Life

Fingal County Council is carrying out the restoration of a number of existing dwellings at St Ita's Portrane. The scheme comprising 14no. 100-year-old derelict cottages will be brought back into use under a €4 million restoration scheme from Fingal County Council.





Montage Images below show the pre and post rehabilitation works





3.4 **Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans**

To facilitate housing development, the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 includes a programme of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans, to be prepared within the lifetime of the Development Plan and as set out in Chapter 2 Planning for Growth. These land - use plans will provide a framework to ensure the timely delivery of residential development in tandem with social and physical infrastructure, in areas prioritised for growth and development within the County.

The preparation of these land use plans will involve local consultation and the engagement of Elected Members and other relevant stakeholders. To date, there has been significant progress in advancing the programme of plans, primarily through the Strategic Policy Unit and Project Delivery work programmes and projects. Progress to date is shown in Tables 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 outlined in Chapter 2 of this report.

Chapter 3 – Objectives and Progress

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective SPQHO1 – Sustainable Communities Ensure that proposed residential development contributes to the creation of sustainable communities and accords with the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas, DEHLG 2009 (and any superseding document) and companion Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide, DEHLG 2009 and the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) (as revised).	The Local Authority continues to implement national Guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and seeks to ensure the creation of high-quality residential development and sustainable communities across Fingal.
Objective SPQHO2 – Key Principles Support development which enhances the quality of the built environment, promotes public health, and supports the development of sustainable, resilient communities. In particular development which supports the following key principles will be supported: - Demonstrates compliance with the Guiding Principles for the creation of healthy and attractive places as set out in Healthy Placemaking, Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) 2019–2031. - Promotes the development of healthy and attractive places to live, work, socialise and recreate through the delivery of high-quality public realms and open spaces which encourage physical activity and support wellbeing. - Is inclusive of all members of society, all genders, non-binary or none, irrespective of age, or levels of mobility. - Advocates a universal design approach and is socially inclusive. - Prioritise sustainable, active transport modes by e.g. providing safe cycle lanes and by facilitating public transport services in conjunction with State agencies to meet the needs of the community and to provide access to local services. - Encourages the development of car free neighbourhoods and streets, where appropriate. - Contributes to our climate goals.	Key Principles contained within Objective SPQHO2 continue to be implemented in support of development across Fingal which enhances the quality of the built environment, promotes public health, and supports the development of sustainable, resilient communities. The implementation of this objective is ongoing through associated Development Management Objectives and in the roll out of Framework Plans, Master Plans and Local Area Plans.

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Objective SPQHO3 – Building Height Strategy and Density Study Prepare a Building Height Strategy and Density Study for the larger urban centres of the County.	To be progressed during the lifetime of the Plan
Objective SPQHO4 – Public Realm Strategies Prepare Public Realm Strategies, where appropriate, liaising closely with residents and other relevant stakeholders.	Progressing as part of LAP's, Masterplans and Framework Plans and as part of Council schemes progressed under the Planning Act and via An Bord Pleanála consent process.
Objective SPQHO5 – Amenity of Town and Village Centres Enhance the amenity of existing town and village centres, minimising clutter and proliferation of street furniture and provide guidance on public realm design, including wirescape, shopfront design, street furniture, climate resilient and pollinator friendly planting, signage and the adequate provision of bins and recycling options.	Ongoing through Plan preparation and through initiatives being undertaken by the Town Regeneration Office.
Objective SPQHO6 – Universal Design Approach Promote and facilitate a Universal Design for all developments.	Ongoing progression through both the Development Management process and through the preparation of statutory and non-statutory plans, masterplans and framework plans.
Objective SPQHO7 – Vibrant Town and Village Centres Support measures required to create vibrant town and village centres with high quality public realms.	Ongoing progression through both the Development Management process and through the preparation of statutory and non-statutory plans, masterplans and framework plans.
Objective SPQHO8 – Our Balbriggan and Sustainable Swords Support the objectives arising from Our Balbriggan and the Sustainable Swords Strategy.	Ongoing through the implementation of recommendations arising from the 'Our Balbriggan' and the 'Sustainable Swords Strategy'
Objective SPQHO9 – Consolidated Residential Development Consolidate within the existing urban footprint, by ensuring of 50% of all new homes within or contiguous to the built-up area of Dublin City and Suburbs and 30% of all new homes are targeted within the existing built-up areas to achieve compact growth of urban settlements, as advocated by the RSES.	Ongoing

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Objective SPQHO10 – New Residential Development Focus new residential development on appropriately zoned lands within the County, within appropriate locations proximate to existing settlement centres where infrastructural capacity is readily available, and along existing or proposed high quality public transport corridors and active travel infrastructure in a phased manner, alongside the delivery of appropriate physical and social infrastructure. Active travel options should also be considered while liaising with the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to ensure public transport options to and from new developments to local amenities such as shops and libraries.	Ongoing through the Development Management process and TOD.
Objective SPQHO11 – Housing Need Ensure that adequate and appropriate housing is available to meet the needs of people of all incomes and needs including marginalised groups within our communities, including but not limited to, Traveller households, older persons, people with disabilities, and the homeless, through an appropriate mix of unit types, typologies and tenures provided in appropriate locations and in a manner appropriate to specific needs.	Ongoing. E.g. Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029 is at Draft stage.
Objective SPQHO12 – Fingal Settlement Strategy Ensure that all proposals for residential development accord with the Fingal Settlement Strategy and are consistent with Fingal's identified hierarchy of settlement centres.	Ongoing as part of the Development Management process and through the implementation of the Fingal Settlement Strategy
Objective SPQHO13 – Key Enabling Infrastructure Identify and support the provision of key enabling infrastructure at strategic sites in Fingal to facilitate their release for development in a timely manner.	Ongoing through identification of necessary enabling infrastructure in the plan-making process and through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO14 – Cooperation with Stakeholders The Council will work in cooperation and collaborate with key stakeholders including the DHLGH and the Dublin Housing Supply Co-Ordination Task Force (or any successor) to respond to the current supply challenges in the Dublin region. The Council will also support 'Active Land Management' using appropriate Exchequer funding to ensure the delivery of accessible social and affordable housing in a variety of size and tenure across Fingal County Council lands alongside open space, community and/or educational facilities, where required.	Fingal County Council continue to deliver Social. Affordable and Cost Rental housing at scale and pace throughout Fingal to meet the needs of the residents. In 2023 and 2024 1,429 social homes were delivered through all available mechanisms. In addition, 550 affordable homes have been brought to the market and these continue to have families moving in. Looking forward, we are continuing to build on this success with almost 1,000 homes on-site, or being brought through design, planning and tender for future delivery
Objective SPQHO15 – Preparation of Local Area Plans Prepare Local Area Plans for areas designated on Development Plan maps in co-operation with relevant stakeholders, and actively secure the implementation of these plans and the achievement of the specific objectives indicated.	Ongoing.
Objective SPQHO16 – Implementation of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans Implement existing Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans for areas designated on Development Plan maps in co-operation with relevant stakeholders, and actively seek the achievement of the specific objectives within.	Ongoing through the implementation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans.
Objective SPQHO17 – Preparation of Framework Plans Prepare Framework Plans where outlined in Chapter 2, liaising closely with landowners, developers Elected Members and other relevant stakeholders (which may include local community and voluntary organisations (e.g. Residents' Associations and Tidy Towns groups). These documents shall indicate the broad development parameters for each site and take cognisance of permitted developments and any potential environmental impacts.	Ongoing through the preparation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans.

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Objective SPQHO18 – Age Friendly Principles Support the needs of older people within the community with reference to Housing, Mobility and Public Realm having regard to Age Friendly Principles and Guidelines for the Planning Authority 2021 and the Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2018–2023.	Ongoing in collaboration with the Community Department.
Objective SPQHO19 – Range of Housing Options for Older People Promote a range of housing options within Fingal to cater for the housing needs and care requirements of older people. This includes independent and assisted living options and to support and promote the provision of specific purpose-built accommodation, including retirement villages, 'right-sizing' housing options and measures to ensure housing is adaptable to enable older people to continue living in their homes or in a home more suited to their needs. All LAPs and Masterplans will be assessed for suitability to provide housing for older people. Where there is an identified need or local demand, the appropriate housing option(s) will be included in the plan.	Ongoing through the implementation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans and through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO20 – Dementia Issues in the Built Environment Promote and encourage schemes which promote innovative ways of addressing dementia friendly issues in the built environment, such as the provision of community managed gardens.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO21 – Adapting Homes and Intergenerational Living Fingal County Council will work in partnership with Approved Housing Bodies and other organisations to assist homeowners adapting their homes in a way that meets the needs of an ageing population and will promote initiatives to assist in intergenerational living.	Ongoing through continued engagement with relevant agencies and stakeholders and through the implementation of the Development Management Process.
Objective SPQHO22 – Accessible Housing Fingal County Council recognises the importance of social inclusion and aims to make 30% of social housing should be fully accessible and built with a universal design approach which will mean that	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process. A minimum of 30% of all stock being delivered is built with a universal design approach. Examples include

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the property will be flexible and changed as needed over the course of the occupants lifetime.	Monastery Court in Luck and Boden Court Swords.
Objective SPQHO23 – Emergency Accommodation Facilitate and support Tusla Child and Family Agency, the Health Service Executive and other service providers and State agencies in the provision of specific emergency or other forms of accommodation within Fingal.	Ongoing
Objective SPQHO24 – Inclusive Emergency Accommodation Facilitate and support relevant agencies in the development of emergency accommodation for families and homeless people of all genders, that is socially inclusive and focused in areas close to facilities and public transport.	Ongoing
Objective SPQHO25 – Istanbul Convention Proactively facilitate and support Túsla, the Child and Family Agency, service providers and other relevant agencies in the provision of a domestic violence refuge in the County and work towards the realisation of one refuge space for every 10,000 people, as per the recommendation of the Istanbul Convention, particularly when initiating planning on larger regeneration lands.	Using the CAS model, Fingal Co. Co. have supported Aoibhneas to deliver a domestic refuge. A property has been acquired and designs planned in advance of the planning process.
Objective SPQHO26 – Student Accommodation Support the provision of on-campus accommodation and consider applications for the provision of student accommodation off-campus having regard to: ¨ The location and accessibility to Educational Facilities and the proximity to existing or planned public transport corridors, cycle and pedestrian routes and green routes. ¨ The potential impact on existing residential amenities. ¨ The level and quality of on-site facilities, including storage facilities, waste management, cycle parking, leisure facilities, car parking and amenity. ¨ The architectural quality of the design and internal layouts should take cognisance of the	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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need for flexibility for future possible changes of use. ¨ The number of similar facilities existing in the area. Development proposals for purpose-built student accommodation will be assessed against the criteria set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	
Objective SPQHO27 – Location of Care Facilities Require that residential care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered accommodation be located in towns and villages for reasons of sustainability, accessibility, social inclusion, and proximity to the availability of services, except where a demonstrated need to locate in a rural environment because of the nature of the care required can be clearly established.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO28 – Character of Area and Compatibility with Care Facility Uses Consider the existing (and anticipated) character of the area in which a proposed residential care home, retirement home, nursing home or sheltered accommodation is to be located and the compatibility of the use to such an area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO29 – High Standard of Care Facilities Ensure that proposals for care homes, retirement homes, nursing homes, retirement villages and sheltered housing provide for a range of social and care facilities for the use of residents and that such schemes provide for appropriate levels of accessible green outdoor space, finished to a high standard and available for use by residents.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO30 – Rainwater Harvesting Ensure residential new builds include the provision of infrastructure for the harvesting of rainwater where it is feasible and cost-effective.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process. SuDS is a fundamental part of all planning permissions as a means of delivering multiple objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited.

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	Fingal County Council has published *'A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage' (SuDS)* towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal.
Objective SPQHO31 – Variety of Housing Types Encourage the creation of attractive, mixed use and sustainable residential communities which contain a wide variety of housing and apartment types, sizes, tenures and typologies in accordance with the Fingal Housing Strategy, the HNDA with supporting community facilities, amenities and services.	Ongoing through the implementation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans and through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO32 – Property Management Promote efficient and effective property management to ensure the satisfactory security, maintenance and upkeep of communal areas.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO33 – New Residential Development and Energy Efficiency Ensure new residential development incorporates energy efficiency measures and promotes innovative renewable energy opportunities, for example by passive solar design, natural ventilation, and vegetation (green roofs etc) on buildings and makes most effective and sustainable use of water, aggregates and other resources.	For example, Fingal has introduced a Green Roof Policy as part of the Fingal Development Plan. The potential of green and blue roofs has been recognised as a means of delivering against multiple policy objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited. In this regard, the Water Planning Division is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new Developments.
Objective SPQHO34 – Integration of Residential Development Encourage higher residential densities where appropriate ensuring proposals provide for high quality design and ensure a balance between the protection of existing residential amenities and the established character of the surrounding area with a target minimum amount of 15% (except in cases where the developer can demonstrate that this is not possible, in which case the 12% to 15% range will apply) amount of green space, tree coverage and public space associated with every residential area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO35 – Private Open Space Require that all private open spaces for houses and apartments/duplexes including balconies, patios, roof gardens and rear gardens are designed in accordance with the qualitative and	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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quantitative standards set out set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	
Objective SPQHO36 – Public open Space Public open space provision in new residential developments must comply with the quantitative and qualitative standards set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO37 – Residential Consolidation and Sustainable Intensification Promote residential consolidation and sustainable intensification at appropriate locations, through the consolidation and rejuvenation of infill/brown-field development opportunities in line with the principles of compact growth and consolidation to meet the future housing needs of Fingal.	Ongoing through the implementation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans and through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO38 – Residential Development at Sustainable Densities Promote residential development at sustainable densities throughout Fingal in accordance with the Core Strategy, particularly on vacant and/or under-utilised sites having regard to the need to ensure high standards of urban design, architectural quality and integration with the character of the surrounding area.	Ongoing through the implementation of Local Areas Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans and through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO39 – New Infill Development New infill development shall respect the height and massing of existing residential units. Infill development shall retain the physical character of the area including features such as boundary walls, pillars, gates/gateways, trees, landscaping, and fencing or railings.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO40 – Development of Corner or Wide Garden Sites Favourably consider proposals providing for the development of corner or wide garden sites within the curtilage of existing dwellings in established residential areas subject to the achievement of prescribed standards and safeguards set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO41 – Refurbishment and Refitting of Existing Buildings Promote measures to reduce vacancy and underuse of existing building stock and to support	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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the refurbishment and retrofitting of existing buildings.	
Objective SPQHO42 – Development of Underutilised Infill, Corner and Backland Sites Encourage and promote the development of underutilised infill, corner and backland sites in existing residential areas subject to the character of the area and environment being protected.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO43 – Contemporary and Innovative Design Solutions Promote the use of contemporary and innovative design solutions subject to design respecting the character and architectural heritage of the area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO44 – Retention, Retrofitting and Retention of Existing Dwellings The Council will encourage the retention and retrofitting of structurally sound, habitable dwellings in good condition as opposed to demolition and replacement and will also encourage the retention of existing houses, such as cottages, that, while not Protected Structures or located within an ACA, do have their own merit and/or contribute beneficially to the area in terms of visual amenity, character or accommodation type.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO45 – Domestic Extensions Encourage sensitively designed extensions to existing dwellings which do not negatively impact on the environment or on adjoining properties or area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO46 – Family Flats Ensure family flats: - Are for a member of the family with a demonstrated need. - When no longer required for the identified family member, are incorporated as part of the main unit on site. - Do not exceed 75 sq m in floor area. - Comply with the design criteria for extensions, as above.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO47 – Vacant Sites Levy Implement the Vacant Sites Levy for all vacant development sites in the County and update and	Ongoing implementation.

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make available a Register of Vacant Sites, as per the requirements of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, or any superseding Act.	Final 2025 RZLT Map and Draft 2026 RZLT Map have been published and are available for inspection.
Objective SPQHO48 – Urban Regeneration and Development Fund The Council will continue to identify and secure funding including from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund to promote the sustainable regeneration and development of key areas identified for renewal within the County.	Ongoing.
Objective SPQHO49 – Publicly Owned Land and the LDA Continue to work in partnership with the Land Development Agency to make more effective use of publicly owned land to accelerate regeneration and meet the projected housing needs over the lifetime of the plan to provide a stable sustainable supply of housing.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with relevant agencies and stakeholders and through the Development Management Process.
Objective SPQHO50 – Rural Community Ensure the vitality and regeneration of rural communities by facilitating those with a genuine rural generated housing need to live within their rural community.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO51 – Promote agriculture and landscape value of the rural area Recognise and promote the agricultural and landscape value of the rural area and prohibit the development of urban generated housing in the open countryside.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO52 – Re-use of existing rural building stock Encourage the re-use and adaptation of the existing rural residential building stock and other building types.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO53 – Ribbon Development In areas which are subject to either the RU, GB, or HA zoning objective, presume against development which would contribute to or intensify existing ribbon development as defined by Sustainable Rural Housing, Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2005. A relaxation may be considered where permission is sought on the grounds of meeting the housing needs of the	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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owner of land which adjoins an existing house of a member of his/her immediate family where it is clearly demonstrated that no other suitable site is available.	
Objective SPQHO54 – Vehicular entrances Presume against the opening up of a new additional vehicular entrance into the site of any proposed house, unless necessary in the interest of safety or because no viable alternative exists.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO55 – Preservation of roadside hedging and trees Require that the provision of safe access to a new house be designed so that it avoids the need to remove long or significant stretches of roadside hedging and trees. Where this is not possible, an alternative site or access should be identified.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO56 – Rural Villages Facilitate appropriate development within Rural Villages subject to compliance with the following: i. The scale of new residential development shall be in proportion to the pattern and grain of the existing settlement and shall be located within the defined development boundary. ii. Encourage and promote compact growth within Rural Villages including infill, brownfield development together with redevelopment of derelict/underutilised properties. iii. All development shall enhance the existing village character and create or strengthen a sense of identity and distinctiveness for the settlement. iv. New commercial development should be centrally located within the village and contribute positively to the streetscape and public realm. v. Encourage new community and social facilities in conjunction with residential development.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO57 – Village Framework Plans Prepare Village Framework Plans to guide and inform development within Rural Villages as prescribed.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO58 – Serviced Sites Consider the use of serviced sites for residential development within the boundaries of Rural Villages and in accordance with LAP requirements	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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(where applicable) subject to the availability of services, environmental considerations and the achievement of high-quality cohesive design.	
Objective SPQHO59 – Cultural Heritage features Preserve, protect and enhance the natural, built and cultural heritage features of Rural Villages.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO60 – Existing Building Stock in Rural Villages Encourage the re-use and adaptation of the existing building stock within the Rural Villages.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO61 – Rural Village Services Promote the provision of essential services within Rural Villages to serve the local community including childcare, social infrastructure, employment and retailing services, health, recreation and leisure amenities.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO62 – School Provision Work collaboratively with the Department of Education in identifying demand and meeting increased school place requirements in Rural Villages.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO63 – Care Homes, Health Service Clinics and Education in Rural Villages Promote suitable uses, including care homes, health service clinics, and educational centres, within areas zoned RV, to a scale appropriate to ensure the proper planning and sustainable development of each village.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO64 – Enterprise in Rural Villages Promote the provision of suitable, appropriately sized enterprises within rural villages to minimise the need for commuting.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO65 – Rural Clusters Encourage consolidation of rural housing within existing Rural Clusters which will cater for rural generated housing demand, as an alternative to housing in the open countryside, and encourage the reuse of existing buildings within the cluster over any new development.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO66 – On site Treatment Systems Ensure that the requirements set out by the Council in the Development Management Standards Chapter 14 for on-site treatment systems are strictly complied with, or with the requirements as may be amended by future national legislation or guidance.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO67 – Character and Role of the Rural Cluster Permit only development within the Rural Clusters which has regard to the existing character and role of the cluster within the wider rural area, with particular care being taken that clusters do not compete with villages in the services they provide or the role and function they play within their rural area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO68 – Appropriate Development within Rural Clusters Ensure that proposals for new dwellings do not compromise the development potential of adjoining sites by means of on-site layout and house design and both vehicular and pedestrian access. All sites must provide sustainable drainage infrastructure.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO69 – Vehicular Entrances Minimise the number of new entrances to sites within a rural cluster with a preference for sharing accesses with existing dwellings or using existing entrances. New entrances will only be considered where the potential for sharing is not possible. Any removal of hedgerows, trees and walls or other distinctive boundary treatment required to accommodate sight lines must be limited in extent and must be replaced with the same type of boundary. The use of native species for replacement planting shall be used where appropriate.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO70 – Home-Based Economic Activity in Rural Clusters Allow for small scale home-based economic activity and local services at a level commensurate	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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with the size, scale, and character of the Rural Cluster.	
Objective SPQHO71 – Maximum Number of Dwellings under Rural Zonings Provide that the maximum number of dwellings permitted under any of the rural zonings will be less any additional house which has been granted planning permission to a family member since 19th October 1999.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO72 – Maximum Number of Incremental Houses in RU Zoned Areas Permit a maximum number of two incremental houses for those who meet the relevant criteria set out in this chapter and Chapter 14 within areas with zoning objective RU plus one house for a person with exceptional health circumstances plus one where exceptional farming circumstances prevail.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO73 – Maximum Number of Incremental Houses in HA or GB Zoned Areas Permit a maximum number of one incremental house for those who meet the relevant criteria set out in this chapter and Chapter 14 within areas with the zoning objective HA or GB plus one house for a person with exceptional health circumstances.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO74 – Houses in HA Zoned Areas Permit houses in areas with zoning objective HA, only to those who have a defined essential housing need based on their involvement in farming or exceptional health circumstances.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO75 – Houses Granted Permission in RU, HA or GB Zoned Areas Require that any house which is granted planning permission in areas with the zoning objective, RU, HA, or GB will be subject to an occupancy requirement whereby the house must be first occupied as a place of permanent residence by the applicant and/or members of his/ her immediate family for a minimum period of seven years.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO76 – Additional Dwellings per Farm Family Permit up to two additional dwellings per farm family in areas with the zoning objective, RU, and one additional dwelling per farm family within areas with the zoning objective GB or HA, where the applicant demonstrates their direct participation in running the family farm and is considered to have a demonstrated need related to the working of the farm to reside on the family farm.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO77 – Members of Family Actively Involved in Running of Family Farm In exceptional circumstances in the RU zoning where two members of the family (excluding the occupier of the family farm) are actively engaged in the running of the family farm, permission may be considered for both. Documentation in support of an application must reflect the requirements set out under Chapter 14 Development Management Standards.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO78 – Primary Residence Criteria Demonstrate that any proposed dwelling is for use as the applicant's primary residence and the proposed dwelling will be located on a farm where the applicant's family currently resides.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO79 – Consideration of Additional House on a Fragmented Farm Allow for consideration of any additional house, in the case of a fragmented farm, to be located on an area of the farm not physically connected to the main portion of the farm, and which area has been in the applicant family's ownership and part of the overall active farm holding for at least three years prior to the date of application.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO80 – Family Farm Criteria Demonstrate that the farm has been a working and actively managed farm in the ownership of the applicant's family for a minimum of three years preceding the date of the application for planning permission. The applicant will be required to demonstrate full compliance with all	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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relevant standards set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards. In particular, the applicant will be required to demonstrate the following in relation to their working of the family farm: i. The applicant is a member of a family which operates a farm within the rural area of Fingal, and is actively engaged in farming the family farm. Verifiable documentary evidence (such as dated and stamped Land Registry Documentation) showing details of the farm ownership, details of the family relationship with the farm owner, and the nature of the applicant's involvement in farming the family farm will be required. ii. The farm on which the application for planning permission for a rural house has been submitted has been a working and actively-managed farm in the ownership of the applicant's family for a minimum of three years preceding the date of the application for planning permission. iii. The location of the family home on the existing farm. iv. The location of all other houses on the family farm which have been granted planning permission since the 19th October 1999. Submission details will include the date of grant of planning permission and the Council's file Register Reference under which any Planning Permissions were granted. v. The family farm has been a working farm for the preceding three years. The criteria which are considered to constitute a working farm and the size thresholds for various types of farms are set out below. The minimum threshold area of a farm excludes the area of the farm occupied by the farm yard and farm buildings, the area of the existing family home and its curtilage, and the area of the site of the proposed dwelling. vi. Documentary evidence that the applicant resides on a working family farm within the planning application.	
Objective SPQHO81 – RU and GB lands Permit new rural dwellings in areas which have zoning objectives RU or GB on suitable sites where	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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the applicant meets the criteria set out in Table 3.5.	
Objective SPQHO82 – Rural Settlement Strategy and Airport Noise Zone A Apply the provisions of the Rural Settlement Strategy, only with regard to 'New Housing for Farming Families' as set out within this Chapter, within the Airport Noise Zone A, and subject to the following restrictions: - Under no circumstances shall any dwelling be permitted within the predicted 69dB LAeq 16 hours noise contour. - Comprehensive noise insulation shall be required for any house permitted under this objective. - Any planning application shall be accompanied by a noise assessment report produced by an independent specialist in noise assessment which shall specify all proposed noise mitigation measures together with a declaration of acceptance of the applicant with regard to the result of the noise acceptance report.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO83 – Rural Settlement Strategy within Five Kilometres Outside Noise Zone A Apply the provisions of the Rural Settlement Strategy as it applies to 'New Housing for the Rural Community other than for those who are actively engaged in farming' for rural community members located within Noise Zone A on suitable sites located within five kilometres outside Noise Zone A. For those living to the east of the M1, only suitable sites located to the east of the M1 will be considered, and for those living to the west of the M1, only suitable sites located to the west of the M1 will be considered.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO84 – Compliance with Development Management Standards in Rural Areas Applications for dwellings in rural areas of Fingal will be required to demonstrate compliance with layout and design criteria set out in Chapter 14 Development Management Standards including the carrying out of an analysis/feasibility study of the proposed site and of the impact of the proposed house on the surrounding landscape in support of applications for planning permission.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO85 – Visual Impact Statement for Applications in GB or HA Zoned Areas Ensure that any planning application for a house within an area which has a Greenbelt or High Amenity zoning objective is accompanied by a comprehensive Visual Impact Statement.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO86 – High Amenity Zoned Land between the Sea and the Coast Require that no new houses are permitted on High Amenity zoned lands which are located between the sea and the coast except in such cases indicated in Objective SPQHO87.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO87 – Alternative Site for a New House Consider a suitable alternative site for a new house, in the case of applicants who comply with the Settlement Strategy for houses in the countryside and whose existing family farm is located entirely between the coast and the road, and where no opportunities exist to convert existing/vernacular farm buildings as a new dwelling or to extend the existing house.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO88 – Development of Coastal Sites Ensure that the development of any coastal site through the extension or replacement of existing buildings or development of any new buildings is of an appropriate size, scale and architectural quality and that it does not detract from the visual amenity of the area or impact negatively on the natural or built heritage.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO89 – Proximity to the Family Home Encourage new dwellings in the rural area to be sited at a location in close proximity to the family home where the drainage conditions can safely accommodate the cumulative impact of such clustering and where such clustering will not have a negative impact on the amenities of the original house. Where this arrangement is clearly demonstrated not to be available, permit the new dwelling to be located on an alternative site which is within two kilometres from the family home, or, where the applicant has land zoned HA within 2km from the family home and this arrangement is demonstrated not to be available to build, and the applicant has land zoned RU on lands within 3.5km of the family home, permit the new dwelling to be located on the RU zoned site which is within 3.5km of the family home, or, in the case of applications made under Objective SPQHO83 within five kilometres outside Noise Zone A and subject to the East / West of the M1 stipulation.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO90 – Entrances and Front Boundary Treatment Ensure that the design of entrances and front boundary treatment is sensitive to the rural setting. In this regard, block walls and ornamental features will be discouraged, and native hedging will be utilised where appropriate.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO91 – Retention of Hedgerows and Other Distinctive Boundary Treatments Ensure the retention of hedgerows and other distinctive boundary treatments in rural areas. Where removal of a hedgerow, stone wall or other distinctive boundary treatment is unavoidable, provision of the same type of boundary/provision of agreed species of similar length will be required within the site.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO92 – Applications for Houses within the South Shore Area Consider planning applications for a house located within the South Shore area of Rush from persons who have been resident for a minimum of ten years within the South Shore area or within the development boundary of Rush or within one kilometre by road of either of these areas, subject to sustainable planning and consideration of climate change impacts.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO93 – Applications for Houses in the South Shore Area from Relatives of Residents Consider planning applications for a house located within the South Shore area of Rush from a mother, father, son or daughter of a resident who qualifies under Objective SPQHO92 and subject to sustainable planning and consideration of climate change impacts.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO94 – Occupancy Requirement for House in the South Shore Area Require that any house which is granted planning permission in the South Shore area will be subject to an occupancy requirement whereby the house must be first occupied as a place of permanent residence by the applicant and/or members of his/her immediate family for a minimum period of seven years.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO95 – Flooding and Coastal Erosion in the South Shore Area Require that an applicant for a house in the South Shore area demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, that the site is not and will not be subject to flooding or erosion in line with national climate change predictions.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO96 – Ecological Integrity of Sites in the South Shore Area Require that an applicant demonstrates that the impact of any proposed house will not adversely affect, either directly or indirectly, the ecological integrity of any European site.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

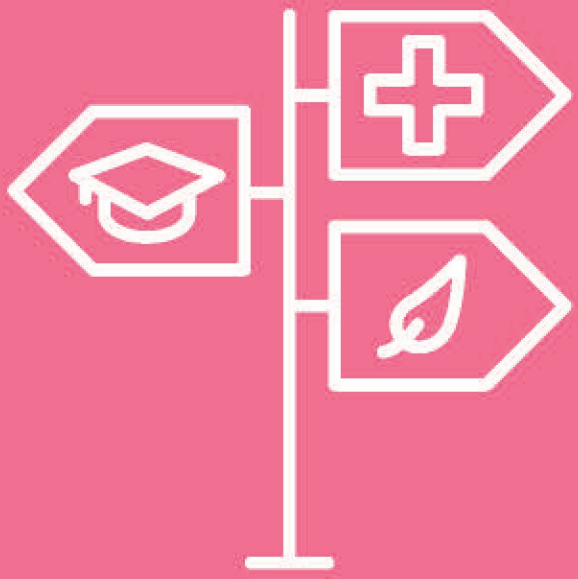
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Objective SPQHO97 – Connection to the Public Sewer on Sites in the South Shore Area Allow for new houses within the South Shore area, subject to normal sustainable planning criteria and in line with climate change impacts, which have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that they cannot connect to a public sewer within a reasonable period of time, on suitably sized sites and subject to the requirements of the EPA Code of Practice.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO98 – Seasonal Worker/Temporary Worker Accommodation Use of land associated with a farm for seasonal / temporary workers will be considered subject to the following requirements and demonstrate the following: - The farm is a working and actively managed farm with a minimum size of 25 hectares. - There is an essential need for the amount and type of accommodation, and this cannot be met anywhere else. The onus is on the farmer/employer to demonstrate this. - The accommodation is for use by the workers associated with the farm only and shall not be for sale or rental independent of the farm. - New on-site residential accommodation for seasonal farm workers shall be designed in an innovative, cohesive and purpose-built manner resulting in a high standard of quality accommodation whilst minimising visual impacts on the surrounding rural area. In this regard, new purpose-built on-site accommodation shall be single storey only. - A viable landholding can facilitate up to a maximum of 200 seasonal workers. - New purpose-built accommodation shall be provided in the form of a maximum 26 bed space unit. - No bedroom shall accommodate more than 2 persons. - Each unit shall provide: - Accommodation and open space provision sufficient to provide an adequate level of comfort and amenity for occupants.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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- Room sizes in accordance with minimum Development Plan standards. Shared kitchen, living and dining room based on a minimum 4 sq. per bed space in the unit, in addition to any circulation space. - Each bedroom, or at a maximum, each pair of two bedrooms shall have an individual dedicated bathroom facility with shower, toilet and basin. Communal facilities below this standard shall not be permitted. p Appropriate indoor and outdoor communal and recreational facilities at a combined level of 5-7 sq.m per bedspace. These facilities shall be provided prior to occupation. - Communal facilities and services shall be provided for and include laundry and refuse facilities. These facilities shall be provided prior to occupation. - Compliance with Building and Fire Regulations. - That Residential Accommodation for Seasonal Workers should be in line with Health and Safety at Work guidelines and accommodation and facilities should be appropriate to support the needs of the workers. - Transport arrangements to allow workers ease of access to nearby towns and villages, each worker will be provided with a working bicycle or electric bicycle or shared mobility scheme and one of the following: - Footpaths linking the development to the nearest town or village, - Footpaths linking the development to the nearest public transport link, - Provision of a private shuttle bus or car for transport to the nearest town or village. - Design, height, scale and finishes shall have regard to the landscape context. - Existing trees and hedgerows shall be maintained in so far as possible and new planting shall be of native species. - A Landscape Plan shall accompany applications for new purpose-built accommodation. - Sufficient drainage and wastewater infrastructural capacity to serve the development.	

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- Sufficient access and car-parking arrangements to serve the development.	
Objective SPQHO99 – HA Zoning Seasonal worker accommodation will not be permitted within the HA zoning.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO100 – Replacement of Chalets and Seaside Huts Proposals to replace or convert existing coastal chalets and seaside huts by dwellings which can be resided in all the year round will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and where all Development Management Standards set out in Chapter 14 in relation to such applications are complied with.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO101 – Strengthening of Greenbelt Lands Strengthen greenbelt lands by identifying opportunities for infill development and consolidation within existing towns to reduce the need to zone additional greenfield lands and ensure the preservation of strategic greenbelts between our towns and villages.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO102 – Development within the Greenbelts Promote development within the Greenbelts which has a demonstrated need for such a location, and which protects and promotes the permanency of the Greenbelt, and the open and rural character of the area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.
Objective SPQHO103 – Retention of Vernacular Buildings Retain, appreciate and revitalise appropriately the vernacular buildings of Fingal by deterring the replacement of good quality vernacular buildings with modern structures and by protecting and promoting the sympathetic maintenance, adaptation and re-use of vernacular buildings where they contribute to the character of the rural area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

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Objective SPQHO104 – Protection of Vernacular Buildings Discourage the demolition or replacement of vernacular rural buildings and encourage their sensitive restoration and/or conversion where they contribute to the character of the area.	Ongoing implementation through the Development Management process.

4. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPEN SPACE



4. Community Infrastructure and Open Space

4.1 Introduction

This chapter sets out the policy context which guides community infrastructure and open space provision within Fingal. The provision and access to locally based community infrastructure and essential services, which are central to health and wellbeing, are vital for communities to thrive, to engender a sense of place, ensure social inclusion and build resilience. In 2024, Fingal County Council's Community Development Department, in conjunction with other departments played a pivotal role in fostering connections, supporting local initiatives, and improving the overall well-being of communities across Fingal.



Through compact growth and in line with the Core Strategy, the provision of key social infrastructure such as quality childcare, education and health services will be provided at locations where most required in accordance with NSO 10 of the NPF.

The Council continues to provide a diverse network of attractive, sustainably managed open spaces to enhance communities and continues to contribute to the creation of a more socially inclusive, equal and culturally diverse society by providing appropriate community infrastructure, quality public realm and by improving access to information and resources.

4.2 Community Centres/Facilities

Fingal Co. Co. continues to support the work of both Council and non-Council owned community centres in recognising their important role in everyday life. The Council now owns 20 no.

community centres throughout Fingal and supports 37 no. community centres under the Community Facilities Management Support unit, including the Council owned centres.

Fingal's newest Community Centre in Meakstown was officially opened in November 2024. The immediate area also includes a public park, playgrounds, and the 'Bloom' community garden. The Changing Places facility is also available in Meakstown Community Centre. Changing Places facilities are life changing and designed to support people in the community and those who care for them to have access to public toilet facilities that meet more complex needs.







Development commenced on Baldoyle Community Centre in June 2024. When complete, the centre will prioritise sustainability and accessibility. The design will feature a green roof and raingarden to promote biodiversity and ecology, and the circular design will minimise visual disruption to the surrounding area. Ample bike parking is to be provided to encourage the use of sustainable transport. Accessible parking and electric vehicle charging points will also be available. The central sports hall will have three courts, and the overall complex will benefit from four multi-purpose community rooms as well as externally accessible sports rooms for use by clubs such as Baldoyle United FC, Na Dubh Ghall GAA Club and Suttonians Rugby Football Club who use pitches in Racecourse Park.

Fingal County Council acquired St. Margarets Parish Hall in 2023. Refurbishment works have completed.

Programme funding 2025-2027 is focused on improvement works to older community centres and conditioning surveys to a number of centres to facilitate and inform future Capital Programmes.

In September 2024 the Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility (RMYF) reopened following a refurbishment to the site at Millbank. This upgraded facility will serve as a vital hub for the

community, providing much needed spaces for community groups to engage in a variety of activities, meetings and development programs. With a focus on fostering a positive and inclusive environment. The refurbishment project was primarily funded by Fingal County Council, having invested just over €1m to help develop the facility. Additional funding was supplied by the LEADER Programme and the RMYF. Ongoing support and funding are provided by Fingal County Council's Community Development Office.





March 2024 saw the opening of a new facility in Millennium Park specifically aimed at providing a quality safe space for teenagers and young adults. Fingal County Council is also re-developing the historic Arboretum. The aim of the upgrade project at Millennium Park is to deliver an attractive and dynamic place for teenagers and young adults to socialise and to engage in a range of unstructured physical activity. The space contains the first purpose-built competitive parkour facility in the country, a custom-made seating structure, chess tables, a music post and climbing poles.





4.3 Recreation and Sports Facilities

With a focus on sustainable and inclusive practices, the Council is committed to making Fingal an exemplary region for sports and physical activity in Ireland. In this regard, Fingal has made remarkable strides in enhancing its community infrastructure, particularly when it comes to delivering state-of-the-art Recreational Hubs. Having already opened new in-demand facilities in Balbriggan, Porterstown Park, and Swords, work is now underway in the heart of the Donabate-Portrane peninsula on an extensive hub that will offer a full sized floodlit all-weather GAA pitch which incorporates two full-sized all-weather soccer pitches, a floodlit eight-lane all-weather

athletics track, bleacher seating, a skatepark, playground, and associated infrastructure which will cater to a wide spectrum of interests and age groups across the community.

There are a wide range of facilities and spaces for sport and physical activity across the Fingal County Council area. The following are operated and maintained by Fingal County Council.

Figure 4-1: Facilities and Spaces for Sport and Physical Activity in Fingal



In 2024, Fingal County Council unveiled a new initiative that aims to transform the sports landscape in Fingal, enhancing participation and access for residents and using sport to help tackle social issues and build communities. The *'Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029'* lays out a strategic framework focused on six key commitments: prioritising sports and physical activity; improving accessibility for everyone; raising the profile and visibility of sports activities; emphasising outdoor participation; enhancing quality facilities; and fostering stakeholder collaboration.

Stemming from the objectives of the aforementioned *'Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029'*, Fingal hosted its first gathering of the *Fingal Sports Awards*, which sought to celebrate local heroes across the county. This event brought together stakeholders from across the Public and Private sectors to commemorate the most dedicated members of many of sports clubs across Fingal and announced the winners of titles such as the *Green Club of the Year*, *Sports for All Club of the Year* and *Club of the Year* awards. There were over eighty winners, and more than twenty clubs taking part in the ceremony.

More than 2000 hectares of public open space are available in Fingal and 180 grass pitches are currently allocated to sports clubs. Community centres also offer opportunities for people of all ages to undertake physical activities including Yoga, Pilates, table tennis and gym-based exercise. Fingal is home to the National Sports Campus, a world class facility which continues to expand under its specific land use zoning objective introduced under the Development Plan.

Overall, 170 no. sport and activity groups and clubs are currently registered in the County.

Along with operating a number of sports hubs, the Council employs a team of sports officers who provide support to community groups, clubs, schools and business groups. This includes supporting activities such as cricket, hockey, tennis, rugby and swimming. The sports team proactively targets all areas in Fingal, particularly areas of disadvantage and population growth

to support key groups such as new communities, people with disabilities, LGBTQI+, women and families to become more active.

Initiatives run by Fingal encourage participation regardless of age or ability, with programmes such as the 'Corduff Children's Sports Hub', 'Men on the Move', 'Football for All' and the 'Balbriggan Beach Festival' providing a fun environment for people to get involved in physical activity. The Council also helps to train and develops programmes for sports volunteers, staff and those working at every level in the delivery of sport.

Fingal has established the country's only 'Football and Fitness' Transition Year course which is run in partnership with the FAI. Students taking part are given an opportunity to sample full-time football training while also fulfilling their educational requirements and obtaining qualifications in coaching and fitness training and football. After several years of a successful programme being run for TY boys - which has seen a large number of graduates gain full-time scholarships, first team contracts in the League of Ireland, professional contracts abroad and represent Ireland at the international level – 2024 also saw the first ever group of TY girls in Ireland graduate.

In addition, Fingal County Council welcomed the announcement in July 2024 that the Government is to explore a bid to host the Open Championship and the AIG Women's Open at Portmarnock Golf Club.

4.4 Facilities for older people

The Council continues to play a role in achieving Age-Friendly communities across Fingal. Fingal's Age Friendly programme supports citizens to prepare for ageing by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors which influence the health and well-being of older adults. By embedding Age Friendly in organisational policies, Fingal County Council works to provide walkable streets, housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for older people to participate in community activities.

Fingal County Council is currently preparing an updated Age Friendly Strategy.

Development completed in 2024 at Kilhedge Gardens Lusk provided an Age-Friendly housing scheme providing 31 no. new single-story homes. The development – delivered through direct build by Tuath on land owned by Fingal County Council – comprises 18 no. two-bedroom and 13 no. one-bedroom homes, with a communal facility area for residents. The new homes were funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage via the Capital Assistance Scheme, a funding mechanism for the delivery of homes for priority groups such as older persons.

4.5 Educational facilities

The demand for school places and new schools continues to grow in Fingal. School facilities play a key role in their respective communities and can be a determining factor as to why people chose to live in a certain area. Fingal is home to a wide range of both primary and post-primary schools and Fingal County Council continues to work collaboratively with the Department of Education in relation to the identification of schools and associated facilities. Under the

Memorandum of Agreement, Fingal County Council makes land in its ownership available at a reduced cost to the Department of Education and in return, the Department in co-operation with the local authority, provide investment in enhanced sports, community and recreational facilities for schools being provided throughout the County.

Fingal County Council will continue to work closely with the Department of Education in this regard.

4.6 Libraries

Fingal currently operates 10no. library branches, a mobile library and housebound service, as well as a Local Studies and Archives service. In March 2024, a new 5-year Plan for Fingal libraries was launched – the Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024-2029. This Plan demonstrates that libraries in Fingal are not just buildings with books, but rather community hubs in which people can enjoy and experience events and activities, including talks and workshops on topics as diverse as healthy living, skills for life, environmental awareness and local history.

After a year of extensive works, the Carnegie Free Library in Swords was officially re-opened in February 2024, marking a key advancement in the extensive Swords Cultural Quarter project currently underway by Fingal County Council.

The building, originally established in 1908 and recognised as a Protected Structure, will now function as a dynamic centre for community and arts-related activities. It features a new two-story extension which will enhance accessibility and services.

The significant renovation of the site, located on North Street, was made possible thanks to a grant from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The Southern Regional Assembly helped secure €1.5m under the Southern and Eastern Regional Operational Programme for the Swords Castle Cultural and Civic Quarter Project. This grant, together with match funding from Fingal County Council has facilitated much of the conservation and improvement works carried out at Swords Castle and North Street over the past seven years. The comprehensive refurbishment, aims to provide versatile workspaces and a creative hub for diverse community and arts events, including rehearsals and performances.

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

4.7 Burial Grounds

The Council manages and maintains 36 no. burial grounds in Fingal. The Architects Department appointed a contractor in August 2024 to carry out works on the Kellystown Graveyard capital project. Works are continuing on this project.

4.8 Open Space

The progress made in implementing open space and recreational activities within Fingal is reinforced by the ongoing projects of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division in conjunction

with the other departments. Examples at strategic level include the continued development of Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan and the enhancement of the Regional Parks at Malahide, Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes and Shackleton Mills in Dublin 15, as well as the delivery of numerous Recreational Sports Hubs.

2023 saw the opening of Rathmore Park in Lusk. The 7.5 Hectare (20 Acre) Town Park is located on the Rathmore Road and within walking and cycling reach of the centre of Lusk and close to residential areas and local schools making it highly accessible. The park has been carefully planned in collaboration with Fingal County Council and developed in combination with housing and community infrastructure. Ownership of the site has recently transferred to the Council as a public park. It showcases "green Infrastructure planning" and development management by the Council and is located to take advantage of public transport and active travel links. The park benefits from specially planned sustainable urban drainage SuDS areas and a climate resilient design.

Additionally, the park features a high-quality playground as well as a play trail, two full-sized grass sports pitches, a jogging/sprint track, seating, extensive areas of tree planting and wildflower meadows. It has amenities attractive to all ages and will appeal to local sports clubs and people involved in both formal and informal outdoor activities.





The Council applied to An Bord Pleanála in 2024 for a new Recreational Sports Hub at Rathmore Park and permission was granted for this development in December 2024.





The Parks and Green Infrastructure Division carried out an Audit of Play Facilities in Fingal in 2023. The audit indicates that Fingal is well served in relation to accessibility standards for play provision. The audit identifies a small number of gaps for retrospective play provision in Loughshinny, Portrane, Oldtown, Hartstown Park, Hazelbury Park, Dunsoughly. It was recognised that additional play provision can also be provided at a modest scale within housing estates (LAPs) through the Operational Works Programme.

The table below outlines the play asset list inspected as part of regular playground inspections:

Table 4-1: Number of Outdoor Recreational Assets across Fingal by Category

Play-ground	Mini Play Area	Fitness equip-ment	Calis-thenics	Skate Park	Park-our	Multi-Use Game Area MUGA	Agility Trail	BMX	TEQ Ball	Tables Tennis	Chess
71	**3**	**41**	**19**	**4**	**2**	**31**	**10**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**

Fingal County Council currently maintains 71no. playgrounds and 3 no. mini play areas across the County. There are ongoing projects to further expand playgrounds in the form of Part 8 developments such as in Portrane, Hazelbury Park and Hartstown Park, (with expected completion target dates of Q2/3 2025).

Many of Fingal's open spaces provide areas for fitness equipment, calisthenics and MUGAs. Outdoor recreational space is also provided in the form of Agility Trails, Skate Parks, Parkour areas and for sports such as Chess, Table Tennis and TEQ Ball amongst others.

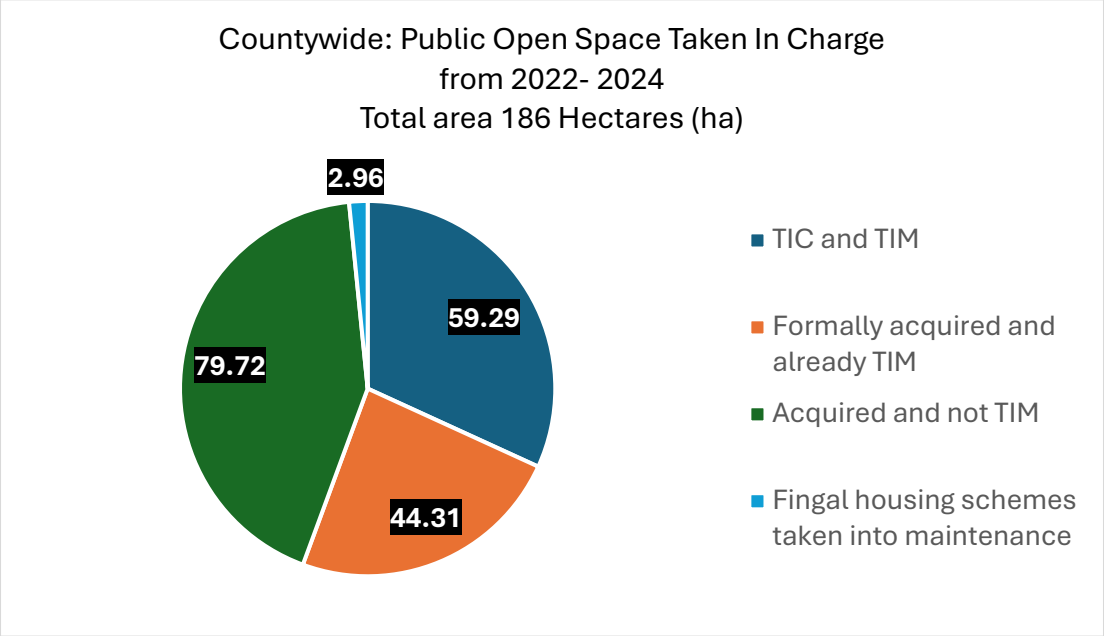
In addition to the assets listed above, Fingal County Council also maintains:

- 180 no. Public Sports Pitches allocated to Fingal Sports Clubs on an annual basis within Fingal public open spaces.
- Publicly accessible Boules Courts in 6 no. locations (Malahide Demesne, Newbridge Demesne, Santry Demesne, Skerries Town Park, Bayside & Kenure Woods Rush)
- Publicly accessible Tennis Courts in 8no. locations (Swords, Lusk, Balrothery, Holywell, Malahide, Skerries, Howth St Catherines Park)

4.9 Land Taken in Charge (TIC) and Taken into Maintenance (TIM)

Overall, 186 no. hectares of lands has been Taken in Charge (TIC) and Taken into Maintenance (TIM) through means of Land Acquisition, Deed of Dedication or taken in charge by Building Control between 2022-2024. Of those 186 hectares, 124.25 were TIC and TIM in 2024.

Figure 4-2: Public Space Taken in Charge



Chapter 4 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective CIOSO1 - Community Facilities and Social Infrastructure Audit Support the preparation of a Fingal cross-departmental community facilities and social infrastructure audit of the County.	It is anticipated that this audit will be progressed in Q2/Q3 2025.
Objective CIOSO2 - Community Centres Support the provision of new community centres and facilitate the refurbishment and extension of facilities where there is a need for such works. Such facilities shall be accessible by a range of travel modes with an emphasis on walking, cycling and public transport use, while providing appropriate car parking facilities to meet anticipated demand of non-local visitors to the centre.	The Council will continue to support this objective. Meakstown Community Centre – opened in November 2024 and St. Margarets Parish Hall has recently completed a refurbishment. Baldoyle Community Centre will be completed and opened in 2025. Programme funding 2025-2027 is focused on improvement works to older community centres and conditioning surveys to a number of centres to facilitate and inform future Capital Programmes.
Objective CIOSO3- Community Infrastructure Guidelines Comply with the aims, objectives and principles in relation to community infrastructure as outlined in the Guidelines for Planning Authorities on Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas and the accompanying Urban Design Manual – A Best Practice Guide and any amendment thereof.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. In addition, the Council implements Objective DMS078 – *Community and Social Infrastructure Audit'* which requires developments of more than 50 units to provide an assessment of community and social infrastructure locally; identify any existing shortcomings and assess whether additional facilities to cater for the proposed development are required.
Objective CIOSO4 - Vacant Commercial Units To identify vacant commercial units and encourage their transition to potential community infrastructure.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the Community Development Department where required.
Objective CIOSO5 - Residential Developments and Community Facilities Ensure proposals for large scale residential developments include a community facility, unless it can be established that the needs of the new residents can be adequately served within existing or committed community facilities in the area.	Ongoing – Through the LRD Process and Objective DMSO78.
Objective CIOSO6 – Existing Community Infrastructure	Ongoing

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Resist the loss of existing social and community facilities such as community centres and youth clubs or any sports facilities including playing fields, unless satisfactory alternatives are available.	
Objective CIOSO7 – Community Infrastructure and Local Amenity Ensure that proposals do not have a detrimental effect on local amenity by way of traffic, parking, noise or loss of privacy of adjacent residents.	Ongoing- Through the Development Management Process. Large Scale Residential Developments are required to include an Infrastructure Audit (See objective DMSO78)
Objective CIOSO8 - Community Hall at Naul A new Community Hall centrally located be provided to service the needs of the people of the village of Naul.	At present, Programme funding 2025-2027 is focused on improvement works to older community centres and conditioning surveys to facilitate and inform future Capital Programmes.
Objective CIOSO9 - Community Hall at Ballyboughal A new Community Hall centrally located be provided to serve the needs of the people of the village of Ballyboughal.	At present, Programme funding 2025-2027 is focused on improvement works to older community centres and conditioning surveys to a number of centres to facilitate and inform future Capital Programmes.
Objective CIOSO10 - Flexibility in Design Ensure community facilities are flexible in their design and promote optimum usage, for users of all age and abilities.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. The newly constructed Meakstown Community Centre includes Changing Places facilities which is an invaluable resource for those with disabilities who need assistance with personal care.
Objective CIOSO11 - Clustering Community Facilities Promote the clustering of accessible community, recreational and open space facilities, with community facilities being located in local centres or combined with school facilities as appropriate.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process in conjunction with relevant internal departments and other stakeholders.
Objective CIOSO12 - Sports and Recreation Facilities Audit Support the preparation of further sports and recreation facilities audit for the County, in accordance with the National Sports Policy 2018–2027.	The Active Travel Department is currently preparing this document which is at draft stage.
Objective CIOSO13 - Active Recreational Hubs and Multi-Use Games Areas Promote the development of high-quality and multi-functional recreational facilities throughout Fingal, including Active Recreational Hubs and	Fingal continues to provide these much-needed facilities. Having already opened new facilities in Balbriggan, Porterstown Park, and Swords, work is now underway in the Donabate-Portrane peninsula to provide a recreational hub providing

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Multi-Use Games Areas to meet existing and future community needs, in accordance with the National Sports Policy 2018–2027.	a full sized floodlit all-weather GAA pitch which incorporates two full-sized all-weather soccer pitches, a floodlit eight-lane all-weather athletics track, bleacher seating, a skatepark, playground, and associated infrastructure. Rathmore Recreational Hib in Lusk has recently received planning permission which will be an invaluable addition to Rathmore Park and the community of Lusk.
Objective CIOSO14 - Fingal Sports Office Vision Statement 2019–2021 Support the strategic goals of the Fingal Sports Office Vision Statement 2019–2021, or any superseding sports strategy for the County	*Active, Together. Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2024 – 2029* was published in 2024 and the Council will continue to support the goals and objectives detailed therein.
Objective CIOSO15 - Healthy Ireland and the National Physical Activity Plan Promote public health policy including Healthy Ireland and the National Physical Activity Plan in line with NPO 26 of the NPF and RPO 9.16 of the RSES.	The Council continues to support this initiative.
Objective CIOSO16 - National Sports Campus Zoning (NSC) Facilitate the provision of sporting facilities and associated infrastructure in accordance with the National Sports Campus zoning (NSC), incorporating appropriate office, administration, training, accommodation and other associated and ancillary development.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
Objective CIOSO17 - Educational Infrastructure Encourage the continued use and possible intensification of existing educational infrastructure where appropriate. Facilitate the development of new schools, the re-development of existing schools and extensions planned as part of the Government's School Building Programme.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process
Objective CIOSO18 - Sites for Primary and Secondary Schools Identify sites for primary and secondary schools in consultation with the Department of Education based on future population growth projections and in accordance with the Core Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and through the preparation of Masterplans and Local Area Plans. Lands are identified for the provision of schools by the Department of Education throughout the County, illustrated on the Development Plan maps.

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	Fingal County Council continues to work closely with all State Education providers including the Department of Education.
Objective CIOSO19 - Additional Schools Facilitate the development of additional schools, including Gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí, at both primary and secondary level in a timely manner in partnership with the Department of Education and Skills and/or other bodies	Fingal County Council will continue to work closely with the Department of Education to support the delivery of Objective CIOSO19
Objective CIOSO20 - Design of Schools Require new schools and other education centres to meet the Council's standards regarding quality of design with an emphasis on contemporary design, landscaping and vehicular movement and vehicular parking. Design of schools and other educational centres should also take account of sustainable building practices, water and energy conservation as well as air quality and climate change. Such standards are to be considered and demonstrated in any application for an educational centre.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO21 - Multiple Usage of School Buildings Promote and encourage the multiple usage of school buildings and associated infrastructure so that school facilities are also available for use by the local community after school hours.	The Council will continue to promote such usage of school buildings, through pre-planning and the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO22 - School Streets Principles Require new schools to be designed in accordance with 'School Streets' principles incorporating traffic free, clean air zones around schools either permanently or on a time controlled basis coinciding with school opening and closing times wherever possible.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO23 - Higher Education Promote and facilitate the development of existing and new third and higher-level education centres where practicable and in proximity to public transport.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO24 - Existing and New Further Education Centres Promote and facilitate the development of existing and new further education centres where	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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practicable and in proximity to public transport, particularly in areas of high socio-economic disadvantage.	
Objective CIOSO25 - Healthcare Facilities Support and facilitate the development of health centres, hospitals, clinics and primary care centres where new communities are proposed and in towns, villages and local centres, with good accessibility for all.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and through continued regular consultation with the Health Service Executive and other key stakeholders on the planning and delivery of critical social and community infrastructure in the County.
Objective CIOSO26 - Primary Care Centre Swords Encourage and facilitate the delivery of a primary care centre for Swords.	The Council will assess any such proposal through the Development Management process and through consultation with key stakeholders.
Objective CIOSO27 - Optimum Childcare Locations Encourage the provision of childcare facilities in appropriate locations, including residential areas, town and local centres, areas of employment and areas close to public transport nodes. Encourage the co-location of childcare facilities and community facilities where appropriate, such as community centres and schools, with an emphasis on community and not for profit childcare facilities where appropriate.	The Council will continue to encourage the provision of appropriately located childcare services and will continue to assess proposals for residential or other types of mixed-use developments which aim to co-locate facilities in accordance with the current guidelines, or any subsequent versions, or as outlined in specified LAPs, Masterplans or SDZs for the provision of childcare facilities. The Council, through Development Management will assess the proposal in consultation with Fingal County Childcare Committee. Childcare facilities are operating in 18 no. Council supported community centres. The community office sits on a not-for-profit community childcare subcommittee, Fingal Children & Young People Services Committee (FCYPSC). The purpose of this is to explore opportunities to increase not-for-profit community childcare in Fingal.

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Objective CIOSO28 - Childcare Facilities and New Development Require the provision of appropriate childcare facilities as an essential part of new residential and mixed-use developments in accordance with the provisions of the Childcare Facilities Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2001 or any superseding Guidelines, or as required by the Planning Authority. Such facilities should be provided in a timely manner and be an integral part of the development proposal.	The Council will continue to assess proposals for residential development or other types of mixed-use developments, including community centres or others which aim to co-locate facilities, in accordance with the current guidelines, or any subsequent versions, or as outlined in specified LAPs, Masterplans or SDZs for the provision of onsite childcare facilities.
Objective CIOSO29 - Community-Based Childcare Promote the establishment of community-based, non-profit, childcare in future Fingal community facilities.	The community office sits on a not-for-profit community childcare subcommittee, Fingal Children & Young People Services Committee (FCYPSC). The purpose of this is to explore opportunities to increase not-for-profit community childcare in Fingal.
Objective CIOSO30 - Fingal Libraries Development Plan Support the development of the County's library services and the implementation of key objectives, as set out in the Fingal Libraries Development Plan 2018–2023 or any superseding document.	The Fingal Library Service Development Plan 2024 – 2029 was adopted in 2024 and the Council will continue to support the objectives of same.
Objective CIOSO31 - Places of Worship Facilitate the development of additional places of worship through the designation and/or zoning of lands for such community requirements and examine locating places of worship within shared community facilities.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO32 - Appropriate Locations for Places of Worship Encourage and facilitate the development of places of worship in appropriate locations in urban centres or within existing community facilities and proximate to residential communities.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO33 - Burial Grounds and Local Amenity Facilitate the development of extended and additional burial grounds, including green graveyards/ natural burial grounds in Fingal, bearing in mind the needs of multi-faith and non-	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. An extension to Balgriffin cemetery was completed in 2024.

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religious communities, subject to traffic, noise and environmental considerations.	
Objective CIOSO34 - Future Burial Requirements Facilitate the future burial requirements of the County including the provision of Columbarium walls where possible, within existing and regional graveyards.	The Council will continue to support this objective through interdepartmental consultation and stakeholder engagement.
Objective CIOSO35 - Fire Stations Continue to support the provision of a modern and efficient fire service as required and in conjunction with Dublin City Council.	The Council will continue to support this objective.
Objective CIOSO36 - Variety of Open Space Provide a wide variety of resiliently designed, sustainably managed and accessible public open spaces, including allotments, community gardens, parklands and sporting facilities, on a hierarchical basis throughout the County in order to achieve a choice of open space facilities. Best practice Green Infrastructure Guidelines should be used to determine the location and type of open spaces to be provided.	The Council continues to provide these facilities throughout the County through multi-departmental co-operation and stakeholder engagement, e.g. new public park at Rathmore, Lusk. The associated Recreational Hub has recently received planning permission from An Bord Pleanála.
Objective CIOSO37 - Increase Allotment Spaces Increase the number of allotment spaces throughout the county during the lifetime of the Development Plan.	Fingal County Council has approximately 900 no. allotments at four sites; Balbriggan, Skerries, Turvey in Donabate and Powerstown, Dublin 15. A review of the Allotments Policy was carried out in September-October 2022 and 2024.
Objective CIOSO38 - Public Open Space Provision Require a minimum public open space provision of 2.5 hectares per 1000 population. For the purposes of this calculation, public open space requirements are to be based on residential units with an agreed occupancy rate of 3.5 persons in the case of dwellings with three or more bedrooms and 1.5 persons in the case of dwellings with two or fewer bedrooms	Ongoing, as part of the Development Management process.
Objective CIOSO39 - Clustering of Active Recreational Open Space Facilities Ensure coherent clustering of active recreational open space facilities into a recreational hub arrangement unless a more practicable solution is demonstrated.	The Council continues to support the clustering of community facilities and services. Having already opened new facilities in Balbriggan, Porterstown Park, and Swords, work is now underway in the heart of the Donabate-Portrane peninsula on an extensive hub that will offer a full sized floodlit

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	all-weather GAA pitch which incorporates two full sized all-weather soccer pitches, a floodlit eight-lane all-weather athletics track, bleacher seating, a skatepark, playground, and associated infrastructure. Rathmore Recreational Hub in Lusk has recently received planning permission and will be an invaluable addition to Rathmore Park and the community of Lusk.
Objective CIOSO40 - Intensive Recreational / Amenity Facilities Require that intensive recreational/amenity facilities be agreed with and given in ownership to the Council. The Council may directly manage these facilities and may grant management licences and/ or sporting leases in respect of the operation of these facilities, and uses shall be consistent with the provisions of any deed of dedication to which the lands are subject. In areas which are subject to Local Area Plans, the general policy will be decided in the first place at Local Area Plan level, rather than when considering individual planning applications.	This is an ongoing endeavour of the Council and will continue in a proactive manner and on a case-by-case basis.
Objective CIOSO41 - Accessible and Safe Open Space Ensure public open space is accessible and safety is prioritised by incorporating passive surveillance.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO42 - Accessible Toilet and Changing Places Facilities Support the provision of fully accessible toilet facilities for all ages and abilities including changing places facilities in Regional Parks.	Millenium Park, Newbridge, Ardgillan and Santry Demesnes have benefited from the installation of new bespoke toilets blocks which incorporate new design features and are excellent examples of sustainable construction. The new toilet buildings are designed differently from previous installations. Instead of separate ladies and gents' rooms, the new buildings incorporate five direct entry unisex toilets with full disability and baby changing specifications in each toilet. There is also a separate fully specified and fitted 'Changing Places' toilet room.
Objective CIOSO43 - Exceptional Circumstances for Certain Facilities Consider in exceptional circumstances particularly desirable open space/ recreation/ amenity facilities which do not comply with the	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.

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foregoing provisions, but only with the specific approval of the Council.	
Objective CIOSO44 - Playgrounds Facilitate the provision of appropriately scaled children's playground facilities within new and existing residential development in line with the Council's Play Policy.	Playgrounds at Portrane, Hazelbury Park and Hartstown Park are currently being prepared for the Part 8 planning process. Target date for completion of process Q2/3 2025.
Objective CIOSO45 - Feasibility Studies Carry out appropriate feasibility studies and ensure the locating of sites to increase the alternative play and recreational facilities, within the county's townlands by 25%, throughout the lifetime of this Plan.	The Council has procured 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.
Objective CIOSO46 - Multi-Functional Buildings Encourage the development of multi-functional buildings which are not used exclusively by any one group.	The local authority will continue to encourage multi-functional use where appropriate.
Objective CIOSO47 - Intensive Recreational / Amenity Facilities Allow recreational/amenity facilities (indoor or outdoor) of a more intensive nature to be provided in tandem with larger developments in place of the open space requirement, within a specified timeframe. Such provision shall be at the sole discretion of the Planning Authority. Such facilities shall either be on site or located within the open space 'accessibility from homes' specified in Table 4.2.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO48 - Use of Intensive Recreational / Amenity Facilities Ensure intensive recreational/amenity facilities are not used exclusively by any one group or sporting code.	The Council will continue to encourage this objective through the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO49 – Smaller Developments and Open Space Require an equivalent financial contribution in lieu of open space provision in smaller developments where the open space generated by the development would be so small as not to be viable.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO50 - Monetary Value of Specific Intensive Facilities	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the

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Require the monetary value of specific intensive facilities to be equal to or greater than the full cost of the open space they replace, inclusive of the development costs of such open space.	advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO51 - Permeability Ensure permeability and connections between public open spaces including connections between new and existing spaces, in consultation with residents.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO52 - Trees Protect, preserve and ensure the effective management of trees and groups of trees.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO53 - Open Space and Privacy Ensure all areas of private open space have an adequate level of privacy for residents through the minimisation of overlooking and the provision of screening arrangements.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the advice of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Department.
Objective CIOSO54 - Pets and Wildlife Ensure that all animals including pets and wildlife are adequately catered for and protected in parks and open spaces.	The Council continues to support this objective wherever possible through the Development Management process and in all relevant Council-led development processes.

5. CLIMATE ACTION



5. Climate Action

The Fingal Development Plan is underpinned by the principles of sustainable development, climate change adaptation, social inclusion, high-quality design and contains adaptation and mitigation measures and actions to address climate change. Fingal County Council has prioritised the promotion of active travel as part of an ongoing commitment to Climate Action with the creation of the Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department which has responsibility for mobility planning and the delivery of the NTA's Cycle Network within the County.





Fingal County Council continues to develop a network of high-quality greenways as part of a wider sustainable transport infrastructure programme. This sustainable infrastructure will improve quality of life for residents and increase the number of people choosing to cycle and walk, thereby reducing dependency on private car use and lowering carbon emissions, improving air quality levels and reducing congestion.

A new Climate Action Plan for Fingal was launched in March 2024 and outlines innovative climate adaptation and mitigation actions which the Council intends to take over the next five-years as it strives to make the county a more climate resilient region.

The 2024-2029 Plan, which demonstrates Fingal's continued commitment to climate action, includes six key theme areas, namely: Energy & Buildings; Transport; Flood Resilience; Nature Based Solutions; Circular Economy & Resource Management; and Community Engagement. This is aligned to the Government's National Climate Objective, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

The Plan sets out how Fingal County Council will be responsible for enhancing climate resilience, increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, across its own assets, services and infrastructure, whilst also demonstrating its broader role of 'influencing,' 'coordinating 'and 'facilitating' and 'advocating' for climate action across society.

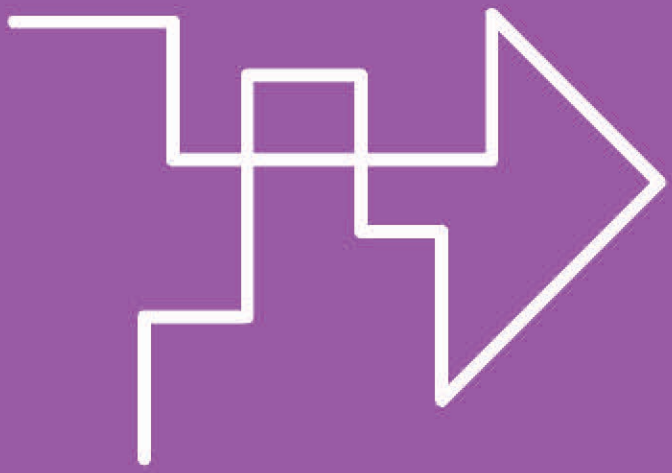
In the area of 'Community Engagement', 25no. Fingal-based community groups and organisations signed contracts to receive grant funding to a value of €1,127,000 to facilitate Climate Action Projects in the county. The Community Climate Action Grant is administered by Fingal County Council Environment, Climate Action and Sports Department. Through the

Community Climate Action Programme, over 100 no. projects in community settings will shortly commence and include measures such as replacing windows, doors, installing Solar PV LEDs and installing insulation to reduce emissions and improve efficiency. This fund will enable community groups to expand Climate Action objectives through increased recycling and circular economy initiatives, community garden expansions and promotion of biodiversity.

Chapter 5 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective CAO1 - Climate Action Legislation Consider a variation of the Plan to align with amended/new climate action legislation.	The Council will consider this if and when required.
Objective CAO2 - Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan Implement Fingal County Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019–2024 in consultation and partnership with stakeholders including the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema.	Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 sets out mitigation and adaptation measures, to create a low carbon and climate resilient County. The Council will continue to implement the Plan.
Objective CAO3 - Quantification of Greenhouse Gases Support the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA) in identifying a robust method for quantifying the relative GHG impacts of alternative spatial planning policies as part of the European Union ESPON 'QGasSP' research programme.	Ongoing- Fingal will support EMRA in fulfilment of this Objective.
Objective CAO4 - District Heating Systems Identify suitable location(s) for the delivery of district heating systems within the plan area.	Ongoing.

6. CONNECTIVITY AND MOVEMENT



6. Connectivity and Movement

6.1 Introduction

Connectivity and movement are vital components of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Influenced by national and regional policy, the Development Plan aims to promote modal shift to more sustainable modes of transportation such as bus, rail, and active travel, while ensuring the protection of its strategic transport corridors as well as the further delivery and maintenance of the road network to serve the county.

Since the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan in 2023, Fingal County Council has made significant progress to advance more sustainable and environmentally focused growth and mobility in order to fulfil relevant Development Plan objectives.

The Council is continuously striving to increase active travel options as well as working with public transport providers to reduce reliance on the private car. Significant progress has been made in the roll out of active travel projects to facilitate increased levels of walking and cycling across Fingal. Measures also continue to expand the public realm and allocate more space for pedestrians and cyclists as well as enhancing connecting and permeability in existing areas.

Fingal County Council has also been successful in securing funding and establishing partnership arrangements with relevant stakeholders such as the National Transport Authority (NTA) to deliver new and enhanced walking and cycling infrastructure. The Council has been allocated €20m in funding from The National Transport Authority for the ongoing delivery of active travel schemes in 2025.

Fingal County Council's three-year Capital Programme 2025-2027 allocates significant investment in projects within Fingal which will facilitate cyclists, pedestrians, bus movement and improve traffic flows generally.

6.2 Active Travel

The Council's Environment, Climate Action Active Travel and Sports Department, in partnership with the NTA continues, to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of active travel projects throughout Fingal, including, retrofitting measures to improve connectivity and permeability in existing towns and villages. This also includes the Safe Routes to Schools Programme.

The Capital Programme for 2025-2027 allocates significant funding of c. €82m to this Department to advance active travel infrastructure.

The following are some of the examples of active travel projects progressed:

Protected Cycleways

Two protected cycle lane schemes were completed in 2024 by the Active Travel Unit, delivering 4.875km of protected cycle lanes at 2no. locations, namely St Cronans/Brackenstown Road Swords and the R132 from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane. A further 80m was delivered in Northwood Santry at a local level. A number of other schemes are in detailed design with construction due in Dublin 15 and Swords in 2025.

Towns and Villages Permeability and Connectivity

The Active Travel Unit continues to receive requests for permeability and connectivity improvements from 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. Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution.

Safe Routes to School

As part of the 'Safe Routes to School' programme, nine schools had 'Safe Routes to School' treatments delivered in 2023 and 2024. Consultant engineers have been commissioned to progress design concepts for schools in round 2 of the scheme.

Fingal County Council has also commenced works on a trial 'Quiet Streets Initiative' aimed at enhancing community living and promoting active travel. The initiative will identify three separate locations where filtered permeability measures will be implemented. This trial is designed to reduce vehicular traffic on residential streets, creating safer and more accessible spaces for walking, cycling, and other active travel modes. By reclaiming road space for the community, the scheme seeks to foster a stronger sense of neighbourhood and improve the overall quality of life for residents.

Strategic Planning

The Active Travel Unit continues to provide input into planning and policy frameworks at a local, regional and national level. Active Travel considerations will continue to be a requirement of future planning permissions where new developments will provide appropriate space for walking and cycling and provide connectivity and permeability to adjoining neighbourhoods.



St. Cronan's Active Travel scheme



Ladyswell National School, Mulhuddart - Safe Routes to School Scheme

6.3 Greenways – High Quality Pedestrian/Cycle Routes

The Planning and Strategic infrastructure Department continues to advance a number of Greenways and high-quality pedestrian/cycle routes since the adoption of the Development Pan. The following are project updates in accordance with Table 6.1 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029:

Table 6-1: Greenways/High Quality Cycling and Walking Routes

Greenways/High Quality Cycling and Walking Routes	Brief Description	Status
Fingal Coastal Way (Donabate–Balbriggan)	The Fingal Coastal Way Greenway will extend from Newbridge Demesne in Donabate to the Fingal boundary, north of Balbriggan. The overall length of the scheme will be approximately 32km.	Phase 2 Route Option Selection is nearing completion. The next stage is preliminary design.
Broadmeadow Way (Malahide–Donabate)	The Broadmeadow Greenway will connect Malahide Demesne and Newbridge Demesne and will form part of the Fingal Coastal Way.	The installation of the main estuary bridge is complete. Tender competitions are complete for a number of sub-elements of the project with work contracts to take place in 2025. The project is expected to be complete in 2026.
Sutton to Malahide	The Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme is a proposed cycling and walking route	The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to improvements being incorporated into

Greenways/High Quality Cycling and Walking Routes	Brief Description	Status
	which will serve Sutton, Baldoyle, Portmarnock and Malahide.	the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. Draft CPO, EIAR and NIS documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2025.
Royal Canal	The Royal Canal Urban Greenway scheme will provide a high-quality urban greenway to facilitate leisure and commuter pedestrian and cycling trips along the 8km section between the 12th Lock to the Fingal County boundary at Leixlip. The proposed Royal Canal Urban Greenway scheme will connect into the existing Greenway at the 12th Lock. It will form a key strategic part of the GDA Cycle Network and the Galway-Dublin Greenway. The route is also envisaged to become a key part of the local transport network that will allow people living along the route to travel in their area in a healthy, sustainable, and safe manner.	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 line with the new Cycling Design Manual. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing. 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 which is envisaged to be later in 2025.
Royal Canal-Grand Canal Loop	This proposed connecting link would connect both canals.	Feasibility report on route options is being completed.
Ward River Valley and Broadmeadow River Valley	Greenway/Active Travel infrastructure provided as part of the Park Development Plan for the Ward River Valley Park.	The Parks Development Plan is at an advanced stage of preparation incorporating a new north/south Walking Cycling bridge crossing of the Ward Valley (Brackenstown Bridge). Restoration of previously open routes ongoing. It is envisaged that plans for statutory approval to An Bord Pleanála will be lodged end of 2025.
Tolka Valley	Greenway/Active Travel infrastructure being provided as part of the Park Development Plan for the Tolka Valley Regional Park which will run from the Meath border with Fingal to Pelletstown in the Dublin City Council Area.	Scoping/Mapping exercise underway to prepare for the engagement of an Integrated Design Team (IDT) to prepare the Park Development Plan for the park including Greenway/Active travel infrastructure. Planning work will commence 2025.

Greenways/High Quality Cycling and Walking Routes	Brief Description	Status
Hamilton Way	The Hamilton Way is a proposed pedestrian and cycle route that follows the route of the Hamilton Walk that would link Dunsink Observatory to the Royal Canal.	To be examined as part of the preparation of the statutory plan for Dunsink.
Lusk/Rush (via Rogerstown Park	Masterplan for the Rogerstown Park (former Balleally Landfill) has been prepared along with related link from the park to Rush Lusk Train Station and the town of Lusk.	Next phase of planning for this route is subject to approval of the park development plans by the Environmental Protection Agency in line with the requirements of the Aftercare/Management plan for the Former Balleally Landfill.
Donabate to Portrane Village (via Ballymastone and Cliff Walk)	Greenway/Active Travel Link from Donabate to Portrane via the Ballymastone Recreational Hub and realigned Cliff Walk between Corballis GC and Portrane.	First phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub including a section of the Greenway route will be completed in Q1 2025. Another section of the Greenway will be constructed as part of Phase 2 of the Recreational Hub commencing Q2 2025 and completed in Q1 2026. HSE has granted the Council a license to reconstruct the Cliff Walk from the Ballymastone section to Portrane via the St. Ita's lands and planning for this work is being advanced having regard to the relevant environmental constraints.
Racecourse Park (Baldoyle)	A link section of Greenway is included in the approved Racecourse Park Development Plan between the existing Baldoyle/Portmarnock Greenway and the DCC lands to the west of the Railway line at Clongriffin.	The Council will appoint an Integrated Design Team in Q1 2025 to prepare the tender for the Park Development Works (including the Greenway) which it is planned to progress over the Summer months in 2025.
Millpond Park	This Greenway/Active Travel route will link the southern end of the Harry Reynolds Road with the R132/Quay Street Junction in the centre of Balbriggan via the Millpond Park.	Detailed design for a link section of the route adjoining the R132/Quay Street Junction is in preparation having regard to the challenging and localised topographical and environmental considerations. When planning is approved for this technically difficult section of the route, the remainder will be developed as part of a park improvement project.

Greenways/High Quality Cycling and Walking Routes	Brief Description	Status
Drumnigh Road to Kinsealy	Forms part of the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Scheme	Non statutory public consultation recently completed for the emerging preferred route.



Broadmeadow Way Project showing the installation of the main estuary bridge.



Visual of the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme

6.4 Strategic Public Transport Projects

The expansion of rail and bus usage and availability is a key feature in many objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The local authority continues to engage and collaborate with the key transport providers including the TII, the NTA and Irish Rail to advance strategic public transport projects in line with the NTA's GDA Transport Strategy 2022-2042. Since the adoption of the Development Plan, significant progress has been made on a number of the strategic public transport projects which will benefit Fingal. The local authority continues to engage with these projects through the various planning, design and construction stages.

Table 6-2: Strategic Transport Projects

Project	Brief Description	Status
MetroLink	MetroLink will comprise a high-capacity, high-frequency, modern and efficient metro railway running from Swords to Charlemont. The alignment will link Dublin Airport, Irish Rail, DART, Dublin Bus and LUAS services and create a fully integrated public transport network for the Greater Dublin Area (GDA).	At Public Consultation stage on information submitted during the MetroLink Oral Hearing. Fingal continues to engage with the process. A submission was made to the most recent stage of the process.
LUAS Finglas	Luas Finglas an extension of the Luas Green Line, running from Broombridge to Charlestown in Fingal, through Tolka Valley and Finglas village.	At Public Consultation Stage of Railway Order Application by TII. Fingal continues to engage with the process. A submission was made to ABP for the most recent stage of the process.

DART + Coastal North	The DART+ Coastal North Project will provide an extension of the existing electrified rail network from Malahide to Drogheda MacBride stations and will provide the infrastructure to facilitate an increase to the rail capacity on the Northern Line between Dublin City Centre and Drogheda MacBride Station, including the Howth Branch.	Railway Order with An Bord Pleanála for consideration. The Council continues to engage with the process. A submission was made to the most recent stage of the Public Consultation process.
Dart + West	DART+ West is seeking to modernise and optimise the existing railway between Maynooth and M3 Parkway to Connolly Station and the proposed Spencer Dock Station. The project involves track works, electrification and certain interventions to remove constraints.	Permitted by An Bord Pleanála with conditions. Depot element near Maynooth not granted. Fingal engaged at all stages of the process and will continue to engage through detailed design and construction phases. Construction expected in 2027-2030
BusConnects	As part of the BusConnects Scheme, a number of new routes are proposed in Fingal, with the aim to provide more frequent and efficient networks and increased bus services. Core bus corridors are also proposed along key routes, with high-quality bus lanes, segregated cycle lands and high-quality bus shelters.	Finglas/ Ballymun, Clongriffin, Swords, and Blanchardstown schemes granted planning with conditions by ABP in 2024. Finglas/Ballymun and Clongriffin advanced to design and built stage contract in Q3/Q4 2024.

6.5 Transportation Schemes

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department continues to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of a significant number of transportation schemes. Some recent examples of projects completed or at advanced stage of planning and design within the Swords, Donabate and Dublin 15 areas include the following:

Swords Transport Projects

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department recently appointed Transportation Consulting Engineers to work collaboratively with the local authority on the delivery of a range of schemes in Swords and Kinsaley. In particular, the recommendations of the Sustainable Swords Strategy will inform the development of a number of new urban realms, walking and cycling projects over the coming years including the upgrade of Swords Main St. cycling and walking connections on the Malahide Road, the Swords Western Distributor Road and a new high-quality walking and cycling bridge connection over the Ward River Valley as part of the wider regional park proposal. Procurement of a multi-disciplinary consultant for Swords Main Street

to progress the Main Street through statutory planning is complete and works on the design is due to begin. Detailed design works for the public realm element of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) is progressing. This will be followed by procurement of a works contractor and construction of the public realm of the SCQ.

Projects co-ordination is ongoing with various departments of Fingal County Council and relevant stakeholders in relation to an overview of all projects which may be on site over the next 5 years in Swords and include an examination of mitigation measures that may be required to facilitate the various projects.

R132 Connectivity Project

Consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), regarding the connection with MetroLink is ongoing with monthly meetings. Detailed Design Stage is underway and progressing as programmed. A 2-year construction timeframe is envisaged to complete the project.

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 to cater 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; and

7 no. 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.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

This bridge will provide connectivity and integration of development lands with Donabate Train Station, Donabate Village and Newbridge Demesne. Support structures to take the weight of the bridge have been constructed on either side of the railway. Bridge beams, spanning over the railway and the concrete deck are in place. Temporary working platforms and edge protection railings have been installed to allow works to be carried out on the bridge with the minimum number of further railway possessions. The permanent parapets, made up of Kalwall panels, are due to be installed in the coming weeks with ancillary works such drainage and public lighting to follow. Works on the bridge are expected to be completed in March 2025.



Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge *under Construction*

Portmarnock Railway Bridge Improvement Works

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 drawings are currently being reviewed by Irish Rail which will form the basis for a Bridge Agreement. Once all the legal agreements are in place, the next stage is construction.

Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge at Granard Bridge Castleknock

The first contract as part of this framework will be to undertake 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 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.

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.

Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route

Fingal County Council continues to progress the Clonsilla-Damastown Cycle Route project brief and tender documentation to undertake phases 2 to 4 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.

Snugborough Interchange Upgrade

The Snugborough Interchange upgrade at road level was completed and became operational in July 2024. The active travel element through the underpasses was completed in November 2024. The upgrade provides for new bus lanes and cycleways at the interchange and is part of the new bus quality corridor from the city to the Blanchardstown Centre.



Snugborough Interchange Upgrade - Underpass.

Churchfields Link Road and Cycle Scheme

Churchfields Road and Cycle Scheme was completed in 2024 and is undergoing snagging. This scheme will underpin the development of significant housing and green infrastructure in Mulhuddart and will provide a strong link between the existing community and the schools campus. Churchfields Link Road includes Ireland's first cycle friendly 'Dutch style' roundabout opened to the public in August 2023.



Churchfields Link Road with 'Dutch style' roundabout

Ongar Barnhill Road

Bam Civil Ltd. constructed the new bridge over the railway line during 2024. Road surfacing is continuing during Q1 2025 along the length of the scheme. Installation of ducting, watermains, sub-base, kerbs and footpaths will continue during Q1. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South early in 2025 following surfacing works. This new high quality transportation corridor will significantly improve accessibility in this fast-growing area of Dublin 15. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.



Ongar Barnhill Road Construction showing bridge over railway -December 2024.

Kellystown Road

This road will service the Kellystown Local Area Plan lands. It is intended that this scheme is to be advanced to planning via a Part 8 process during 2025. Some of eastern part of route is being delivered through planning consents in Kellystown LAP. Irish Rail/ CIE have planning permission with conditions from ABP for Dart+ West. The project includes a bridge over the canal and railway at Barberstown level crossing.

N3 to Clonee Bus Priority and Active Travel

A design for bus priority along the N3 and active travel links across the N3 is being examined by consultants. This is a TII funded project in collaboration with Meath County Council. The focus is on the N3 between Junction 3 and Junction 4b. Route options are being considered.

Consultancy Framework for Dublin 15 Walking and Cycling Projects

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department recently signed a Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area for Walking and Cycling Projects.

Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route

This scheme seeks to improve connectivity within the town of Balbriggan and to serve its growing population with a healthy, climate friendly alternative way to travel locally. It will link 6 no. schools and key attractions in the area and provide an alternative to travel by car in the town. This scheme is substantially complete.



Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cycle Route - *Substantially Complete – Jan 2025*

Rush to Lusk Walking & Cycling Route

The aim of the proposed scheme is to deliver a high quality, safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle network of approximately 3km between the towns of Rush and Lusk and to improve connectivity to the local Rush/Lusk train station and to several schools and tourist attractions in the area. The anticipated primary user groups for the network will be local commuters and school children walking and cycling between Lusk and Rush and the train station. A brief is being developed for the appointment of a consultant.

The following are project updates in accordance with Table 6.3 Transportation Schemes of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Table 6-3: Transportation Schemes

Scheme	Progress to Date
N2 Upgrade Rath to Kilmoon	The project team are currently awaiting TII approval to proceed to the next phase of the process – Phase 3 Design and Environmental Evaluation.
Cappagh Road – Dunsink Lane	To be commenced.
Balbriggan Ring Road R122 to R132	Development Management lead LRD0006/S3, Flemington LAP, LRD0048/S3E Refused and currently under appeal.
Stockhole Lane Upgrade	To be commenced.
Castlelands Link to R127	LDA, Irish Rail and Fingal are progressing a bridge agreement for the bridge element of these works. The bridge will be constructed by the LDA and taken into the ownership of the local authority.
Sillogue Bridge Link	Complete, existing bridge link to be upgraded.
Skerries Southern Relief Road – R128 to Railway Line	To be commenced.
St Margaret's Bypass to Northern Parallel Road	To be commenced.
R126 Donabate – Lissenhall	Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road. Consultant appointed for Phase 1-2 (Options Selection Stage)
Cappagh Road – Huntstown R135 Link	To be commenced.
Swords Outer Relief Road	To be commenced.
Dunsink Lane – Abbotstown Link	To be commenced.
Swords Western Distributor Road	At Contract Award Stage for Phase 1-2 (Options Selection Stage)
N3 Upgrade M50 – Clonee	Route options for Bus priority along N3 and active travel crossing N3 between Junctions 3 and 4b being examined. Public engagement likely in Q2 2025
Fosterstown Link Road	Largely Developer lead at LRD Pre-planning stage. Tie in with Bus Connects at Pinnock Hill. This is at concept development stage.
N3 Castaheany Interchange Upgrade	Route options for Bus priority along N3 and active travel crossing N3 between Junctions 3 and 4b being examined. Public engagement likely in Q2 2025
R106 Malahide–Swords Road Upgrade	To be commenced.

Scheme	Progress to Date
Kellystown Road	Preliminary design being advanced. Planning application via part 8 expected in Q3/Q4 2025
R123 Moyne Road realignment	To be commenced.
Kilshane Cross Upgrade	To be commenced.
R107 Malahide Road/Clare Hall Bypass	To be commenced.
Cappaghfinn Road	To be commenced.
R107 Malahide Road Upgrade	To be commenced.
Barrysparks Link Road	Developer lead. At Pre-Planning stage.
Station Road, Portmarnock and Drumnigh Road Junction	Station Road /Strand Road Junction complete. Station Road/Drumnigh Road junction forms part of the Kinsealy to Portmarnock Walking and Cycling Route. Non-statutory public consultation recently completed for the emerging preferred route
East West Distributor Road: Stockhole Lane to Cherryhound	To be commenced.
East–West Distributor Road: Malahide Road to Stockhole Lane	To be commenced.
Toberburr Road Upgrade	Developer lead. At Pre-Planning stage
Naul Road Upgrade (M1 Junction 6 exit to the roundabout on the R122)	To be commenced.

Protection of Strategic Transport Corridors

Fingal County Council continues to protect the capacity and efficiency of its strategic air, road and rail corridors in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. For example, the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan adopted in January 2020 continues to accommodate the future sustainable growth and development of the airport lands while also facilitating the efficient and effective operation of airport facilities. Fingal County Council continues to work with the relevant transport providers including the TII and NTA to protect and enhance the surface access to the Airport, in accordance with relevant Development Plan objectives, including the continued implementation of the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019.

6.6 Regional/Local Roads

Fingal County Council's three-year Capital Programme 2025-2027, provides for increased investment of €8.4m in improvement works to approximately 20km of the Regional Roads, ensuring that the County's roads are better adapted and more resilient to predicted climate changes and the allocation of road space promoting the modal shift to cycling and walking.

6.7 Supporting Mobility Initiatives

Eight pilot schemes were implemented in 2024 by the Council to promote sustainable mobility. These schemes include eCargo Bikes, Tandem Cycling, Older Adult Cycling Lessons, Children's Cycling Lessons, Science and Cycling Camps and staff eBike loans.

Chapter 6 – Objectives and Progress

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective CMO1 – Transition to Sustainable Modes Work with the NTA, TII and other transport agencies in facilitating the integrated set of transport objectives for the County as set out in this Plan, in line with National and Regional policy including the NTA's GDA Transport Strategy and any subsequent plan to encourage modal shift towards more sustainable modes of transport and patterns of commuting to reduce reliance on the private car.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with the relevant transport providers and stakeholders.
Objective CMO2 – Modal Shift Work with the NTA to develop mode share targets for the County to achieve and monitor a transition to more sustainable modes including walking, cycling and public transport, during the lifetime of this Plan. This includes providing targeted infrastructure in the most appropriate locations and prioritising development at the most accessible locations in order to achieve the appropriate levels of integration and sustainable transport provision.	Fingal County Council continues to integrate land use and transportation to achieve sustainable development through the progression of a number of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans in line with national and regional policy objectives, including those of the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. Current land use policy has developed in anticipation of planned strategic public transport investments which will directly benefit Fingal such as MetroLink, BusConnects, LUAS expansion and the DART+ programme. The Council continues to progress the delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure in collaboration with the NTA. See Table 6.1, Active Travel and Transportation Schemes sections of this report for progress update. The Council endeavours to meet the NTA's GDA Transport Strategy mode share targets through the Development Management Process and in particular, within significant developments.

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Objective CMO3 – Integration of Public Transport and Development Support and facilitate high-density, mixed-use development and trip intensive uses along public transport corridors and to ensure the integration of high-quality permeability links and public realm in conjunction with the delivery of public transport services through plan frameworks to generate and reinforce sustainable patterns of compact growth and development in the County.	Fingal County Council continues to integrate land use and transportation to achieve sustainable development through the progression of a number of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans in line with national and regional policy objectives, including those of the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. Current land use policy has developed in anticipation of planned strategic public transport investments which will directly benefit Fingal such as MetroLink, BusConnects, LUAS expansion and the DART+ programme.
Objective CMO4 – Local Transport Plan for Balbriggan Prepare a Local Transport Plan for Balbriggan, in consultation with the NTA and other relevant stakeholders.	As part of 'Our Balbriggan, the 'Active Travel Strategy and Transport Plan for Balbriggan 2024-2024 was published.
Objective CMO5 - Local Transport Plan for the Blanchardstown Centre Prepare a Local Transport Plan for the Blanchardstown Centre, in consultation with the NTA, TII and other relevant stakeholders.	To be commenced.
Objective CMO6 – Improvements to the Pedestrian and Cyclist Environment Maintain and improve the pedestrian and cyclist environment and promote the development of a network of pedestrian/cycle routes which link residential areas with schools, employment, recreational destinations and public transport stops to create a pedestrian/cyclist environment that is safe, accessible to all in accordance with best accessibility practice.	Fingal County Council continues to progress an ambitious programme of Greenway and high-quality pedestrian and cycle routes projects as set out in Table 6.1 of the Development Plan in conjunction with relevant agencies and stakeholders. See Table 6.1 for progress updates. Progress on additional walking and cycling projects currently carried out by the Transportation Section of the Council are set out under the

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	section Transportation Schemes within Chapter 6 of this report. The Council's Environment, Climate Action Active Travel and Sports Department, in partnership with the NTA continues, to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of Active Travel projects throughout the County including, retrofitting measures to improve connectivity and permeability in existing towns and villages areas, as well as the Safe Routes to Schools Scheme. See Active Travel Section within Chapter 6 of this report for updates.
Objective CMO7 - Integration of Active Travel with Public Transport Work with the relevant transport providers, agencies and stakeholders to facilitate the integration of active travel (walking/cycling etc.) with public transport, ensuring ease of access for all.	Ongoing. Fingal County Council continues to engage in the planning, design and construction phases of strategic public transport schemes with the relevant transport providers, to ensure the integration of active travel with public transport infrastructure.
Objective CMO8 - Active Travel Strategy Prepare an Active Travel Strategy to encourage active travel and modal shift to sustainable transport modes.	The Active Travel Strategy for Fingal was formally adopted on 12th June 2023 at the Full Council meeting. This document is now used to encourage active travel and modal shift to sustainable transport modes.
Objective CMO9 – Active Travel Audits Carry out active travel audits in towns and villages in collaboration with local communities and other relevant stakeholders to inform improvements to the public realm and the pedestrian and cycling network.	Ongoing – Through the work of the Active Travel Unit. Active Travel Plans are currently being prepared for Skerries and Balrothery, with a significant emphasis on improvements to the public

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	realm. Public consultations have taken place in this regard with submissions now being considered for inclusion as part of these plans.
Objective CMO10 – Bicycle Parking Provide publicly accessible high-quality cycle parking spaces, both standard bicycle spaces and nonstandard for adapted and cargo bikes, in town and village centres and key destinations and near the entrance to all publicly accessible buildings as required.	Ongoing – A further 82no. bicycle parking stands were installed across Fingal in 2024 with space for 164 no. bikes. 30 no. Toast Racks and 34no. Scooter Racks were delivered to schools, clubs and community centres in 2024.
Objective CMO11 – Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Support the provision of walking and cycling infrastructure, including bike parking, bike repair and support services, to increase footfall and economic activity in town and village centres while reducing emissions and improving quality of life.	Fingal County Council continues to progress an ambitious programme of Greenway and high-quality pedestrian, and cycle routes projects as set out in Table 6.1 of the Development Plan in conjunction with relevant agencies and stakeholders. See Table 6.1 for progress updates. Progress on additional walking and cycling projects currently carried out by the Transportation Section of the Council are set out under the section Transportation Schemes within Chapter 6 of this report. The Council's Environment, Climate Action Active Travel and Sports Department, in partnership with the NTA continues, to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of Active Travel projects throughout the County including, retrofitting measures to improve connectivity and permeability in existing towns and villages areas, as well as the Safe Routes to Schools Scheme. See Active Travel section within

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	Chapter 6 of this report for progress updates.
Objective CMO12 – Walking and Cycling and Green Infrastructure Network Ensure that new walking and cycling routes are designed, insofar as possible, to function as links in the County's green infrastructure network and that adequate replacement and additional planting of native species and pollinators is provided and that SuDS approaches are used to treat surface water run-off.	Ongoing- Through the planning, design and implementation of walking and cycling infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO13 – Walking and Cycling Network and Tourist Trail Support the formulation and delivery of integrated pedestrian/cycle network plans which connect adjacent communities providing linkages to all modes of transport which will provide links to all destinations of the County creating the nucleus of a slow tourist trail.	Fingal County Council continues to progress an ambitious programme of Greenway and high-quality pedestrian, and cycle routes projects as set out in Table 6.1 of the Development Plan in conjunction with relevant agencies and stakeholders. See Table 6.1 for progress updates. Progress on additional walking and cycling projects currently carried out by the Transportation Section of the Council are set out under the section Transportation Schemes within Chapter 6 of this report. The Council's Environment, Climate Action Active Travel and Sports Department, in partnership with the NTA continues, to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of Active Travel projects throughout the County including, retrofitting measures to improve connectivity and permeability in existing towns and villages areas, as well as the Safe Routes to Schools Scheme. See Active Travel section within Chapter 6 of this 2 year progress report for progress updates.

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Objective CMO14 – Mapping of Public Rights of Way Identify further Public Rights of Way during the lifetime of the Development Plan and to update the 'Public Rights of Way' mapping.	Ongoing
Objective CMO15 – Engagement towards Improved Access The Local Authority will continue to engage with landowners, public bodies, adjoining Local Authorities and state agencies to improve access to publicly owned lands and to investigate opportunities for additional permissive access paths wherever possible and appropriate.	Ongoing
Objective CMO16 – Public Realm and Development Encourage and facilitate the delivery of high-quality public realm in tandem with new developments throughout the County through the Development Management process and the retrospective provision in existing developments, including the provision of a pedestrianised core in town centres where appropriate.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process. The reassignment or reallocation of existing road space is a core principle of all work being carried out in the Active Travel unit. Active Travel Plans are currently being prepared for Skerries and Balrothery, with a significant emphasis on improvements to the public realm and reallocation of existing road space. Public consultations have taken place in this regard with submissions now being considered for inclusion as part of these plans.
Objective CMO17 – Existing Street Space and Active Travel Review the potential for reassignment of existing street space for active travel modes within village and town centres across the County where appropriate during the lifetime of this Plan.	The re-assignment or re-allocation of existing road space is a core principle of all work being carried out in the Active Travel unit. Active Travel Plans are currently being prepared for Skerries and Balrothery, with a significant emphasis on improvements to the public realm and reallocation of existing road space. Public consultations have taken place in this regard with submissions now being considered for

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	inclusion as part of these plans. Fingal County Council has commenced works on a trial Quiet Streets Initiative aimed at enhancing community living and promoting active travel. The initiative will identify 3 separate locations across the county where filtered permeability measures will be implemented. This trial is designed to reduce vehicular traffic on residential streets, creating safer and more accessible spaces for walking, cycling, and other active travel modes. By reclaiming road space for the community, the scheme seeks to foster a stronger sense of neighbourhood and improve the overall quality of life for residents.
Objective CMO18 – Circulation Plans and Low Traffic Zones Work with NTA, TII and adjoining Local Authorities to plan for motor vehicle routing/ impermeability to create low traffic zones and encourage modal shift for short trips from cars, active travel and public transport along the lines of the Ghent circulation plan and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in London.	Fingal County Council's Active Travel Unit has commenced work on a trial 'Quiet Streets Initiative' aimed at enhancing community living and promoting active travel. The initiative will identify 3no. separate locations across the county where filtered permeability measures will be implemented. This trial is designed to reduce vehicular traffic on residential streets, creating safer and more accessible spaces for walking, cycling, and other active travel modes. By reclaiming road space for the community, the scheme seeks to foster a stronger sense of neighbourhood and improve the overall quality of life for residents.

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Objective CMO19 – **Optimising Accessibility for All** Support and facilitate improvements to the pedestrian and cycle network and public realm that prioritise the removal of barriers to active movement, to improve connectivity and permeability and optimise accessibility for all users.	Ongoing – As part of the work being carried out by the Active Travel Unit.
Objective CMO20 – Signal Control and Pedestrians Minimise wait times at signalised pedestrian crossings in order to prioritise pedestrian usage. Except in exceptional circumstances, either Green Person Authority or 'on demand' green for pedestrians shall be provided on all stand-alone ('mid-block') pedestrian crossings within the lifetime of this Plan.	To be progressed within the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective CMO21 – Wayfinding Support the delivery of way-finding systems with an emphasis around highly trafficked urban areas and routes between public transport interchanges and visitor attractions.	Ongoing, as part of the work carried out by the Operations Department and within the planning, design and implementation of greenway and high- quality walking and cycling infrastructural projects.

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Objective CMO22 – Safe Routes to School Measures Promote walking and cycling for school trips by implementing the following measures: - Identifying school sites that are as close as possible to the communities they serve. - Ensuring new schools are designed with an emphasis on active travel and facilitation of same. - Ensuring that adequate and secure bicycle storage is provided within schools. - Prioritising school routes for permeability projects including the potential for shorter and safer routes to schools by the removal of physical barriers to active movement and provision and enhancement of pedestrian and cycle ways. - Supporting the use of a range of physical measures to provide improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists at and close to schools, including the implementation of the Safe Routes to School Programme. - Ensuring that suitable access points are provided to school sites for pedestrians and cyclists.	Safe Routes to School Round 1 - works are complete at 9 no. schools throughout Fingal as part of Round 1 of this programme. Measures include new dropped kerbs and tactile paving outside school entrance gate and at crossing points on route to the school. Other measures include new road markings, road signs, traffic calming measures, surface colour variations, new crossing points, junction tightening, installation of pencil bollards, and landscaping. Safe Routes to School Round 2 – Engagement with schools has taken place and delivery plans have been prepared by An Taisce. Design is now underway for 5 no. schools as part of Round 2 of the programme. Outside of the official SRTS programme, schools in the vicinity of individual active travel projects have had similar treatments with another 7no. delivered by Q1 2025. Schools in the vicinity of future active travel projects will be considered for front of school treatments.
Objective CMO23 – Enabling Public Transport Projects Support the delivery of key sustainable transport projects including MetroLink, BusConnects, DART+ and LUAS expansion programme so as to provide an integrated public transport network with efficient interchange between transport modes to serve needs of the County and the mid-east region in collaboration with the NTA, TII and Irish Rail and other relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with relevant transport providers and stakeholders at the planning, design and construction stages of strategic public transport projects.
Objective CMO24 – NTA Strategy Support NTA and other stakeholders in implementing the NTA Strategy including MetroLink, BusConnects, DART +, LUAS and the GDA Cycle Network.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with the NTA and other relevant transport providers and stakeholders at the planning, design and

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	construction stages of strategic public transport and cycling infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO25 – Level Crossings and Public Transport Schemes Ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to mitigate the impacts of level crossing closures on the Maynooth rail line including protection measures for public transport and increased priority for cycling and walking.	The permitted Irish Rail Dart + West Scheme includes alternative active travel infrastructure at proposed level crossing closures.
Objective CMO26 – Orbital Public Transport Undertake a feasibility study for the progression of an orbital public transport route linking the Dublin–Belfast rail line, Swords, Dublin Airport, Finglas, Blanchardstown and surrounding areas along the route, during the lifetime of the Plan in consultation with the NTA and other stakeholders.	This forms part of the NTA's BusConnects Network Services and in particular the N8 Route which connects Clongriffin Dart Station to Dublin Airport and onto Blanchardstown Centre.
Objective CMO27 – Public Transport Routes Work with the NTA and other relevant national transport agencies to establish future public transport routes that will support the County's medium to long term development, including orbital routes to provide connectivity between key urban centres and outer suburban areas.	Ongoing. Through continued engagement with the NTA and other relevant transport providers and stakeholders and in particular through the roll out of BusConnects Network Services.
Objective CMO28 – Bus Connectivity Work with relevant national transport agencies to create bus connectivity between Dublin 15, including the Blanchardstown Centre and Dublin Airport/Swords.	Ongoing. Through continued engagement with the NTA and other relevant transport providers and stakeholders and in particular through the roll out of BusConnects Network Services.
Objective CMO29 – Integration of Public Transport Services and Development Work with the NTA, TII and other relevant national transport agencies to optimise accessibility to public transport, increase catchment and maximise permeability through the creation of high-quality walking and cycling routes linking to public transport stops.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with the NTA and other relevant transport providers and relevant stakeholders at the planning, design and construction stages of strategic public transport and cycling infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO30 – Cycling and Walking Links Avail of the opportunities provided by any public transport infrastructure works to improve and provide new cycling and walking links, including crossings of motorways and major roads	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with the NTA and other relevant transport providers and relevant stakeholders at the planning,

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which currently represent major permeability barriers to active travel especially in South Fingal.	design and construction stages of strategic public transport and cycling infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO31 – South Fingal Transport Study Implement the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019 in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing
Objective CMO32 –Car Parking Standards Implement appropriate car parking standards for a range of land-use types, where provision is based on factors such as site location, level of public transport accessibility and impact of parking provision on local amenity.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective CMO33 – Accessible Car Parking Promote appropriate parking arrangements for specific user requirements in town and district centres, public transport nodes and other destinations.	Ongoing – Through the works carried out by the Operations Department of the Council and as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective CMO34 – Dublin Airport and MetroLink Promote and facilitate the development of MetroLink, connecting Swords to the Airport and on to the City Centre.	Ongoing – Through continued engagement with the relevant transport providers and stakeholders at the planning, design and construction stages of strategic public transport projects including MetroLink.
Objective CMO35 – Management of Road Network Work with the TII and other relevant national transport agencies, to protect and enhance the capacity of national routes, to minimise the impacts on the management of the broader network and to support the economic competitiveness of the County.	Ongoing
Objective CMO36 – Strategic Roads Network Maintain and protect the safety, capacity and efficiency of National roads and associated junctions in accordance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2012, the Trans-European Networks (TEN-T) Regulations and with regard to other relevant national and regional policy documents, as required.	Ongoing
Objective CMO37 – National Transport Agencies Work with the TII and NTA and other relevant national transport agencies to protect capacity and deliver improvements of the strategic road network and junction upgrades where necessary in line with National and Regional policy objectives.	Ongoing

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Objective CMO38 – M50 Demand Management Study Facilitate the implementation of the demand management measures in the M50 Demand Management Study, as required.	To be commenced. The Council will engage with the relevant agencies subject to the Transport State Authorities commencing the implementation of the study.
Objective CMO39a – N2 Scheme Support and facilitate the TII, NTA and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of an N2 Scheme north of Ashbourne aimed at addressing road safety issues and facilitating significantly enhanced levels of active travel and public transport measures along the route corridor.	Ongoing
Objective CMO39b – N3 Scheme Support and facilitate the TII and Meath County Council in the planning and delivery of the N3 Upgrade between the M50 and Clonee.	Ongoing
Objective CMO39c – M3 and M4 Schemes Support and facilitate the TII, NTA, Meath County Council and Kildare County Council in the planning and delivery of a new link between the M3 and M4. Any such link must not run through the suburban areas of Fingal, Liffey Valley SAAO or St. Catherine's Park.	The Council will engage with the relevant agencies in due course.
Objective CMO40 – Management of Regional and Local Road Network Improve, manage and maintain the strategic regional and local road network in the County, in a manner which safeguards the strategic function of the road network.	Ongoing
Objective CMO41 – Transportation Schemes Seek to implement the transportation schemes indicated in Table 6.3.	Ongoing. Refer to Table 6.3 in this report.
Objective CMO42 – Road and Street Proposals and Environmental Protection Work with the relevant national transport agencies to ensure that all road and street network proposals have regard to pertaining environmental conditions and sensitivities including biodiversity, protected habitats and species and incorporate appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures as part of any environmental assessments.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management process and through the planning, design and construction phases of transportation infrastructural projects.

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Objective CMO43 – Roads and Street Proposals and Green Infrastructure Ensure that all new roads and streets are designed to enhance insofar as feasible, the County's Green Infrastructure network by ensuring adequate replacement and additional planting of native species and pollinators and to ensure that approaches are used to treat surface water run-off.	Ongoing – As part of the planning, design and construction phases of infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO44 – Roads and Street Proposals and Nature-Based Solutions Incorporate sustainable drainage features and wildlife crossings including bridges and underpasses into the designs for new road infrastructure and where possible, incorporation of such measures into the existing road network.	Ongoing – As part of the planning, design and construction phases of infrastructural projects.
Objective CMO45 – Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets Design new streets and roads within urban areas in accordance with the principles, approaches and standards contained within DMURS. -Junctions will be designed with corner radi that reduce pedestrian crossing distances to the minimum allowable by DMURS wherever possible. -The narrowest carriageway widths allowable by DMURS will be the default standard in Fingal wherever possible.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective CMO46 – Speed Limits and Traffic Calmed Areas Expand the 30kph speed limits and traffic calmed areas at appropriate locations throughout the County including in towns and village areas where appropriate and to all residential developments and at schools.	Ongoing – As part of the works carried out by the Operations Department. The Operations Department intend to commence the Countywide Speed Limit Review in 2025 on foot of the National Speed Limit Implementation Plan.
Objective CMO47 – Road Safety and Rural Roads Prioritise safety on rural roads and junctions, while having regard to the protection of biodiversity, Green Infrastructure and rural character present in roadside trees, hedgerows and banks.	Ongoing- As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective CMO48 – Roads and Streets and Green Infrastructure New roads and streets to incorporate green Infrastructure elements such as sustainable drainage infrastructure, planting of native trees, hedgerows and pollinator species in medians and on roadside verges, as appropriate to the location.	Ongoing – As part of the planning, design and construction phases of infrastructural projects and as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective CMO49 – Management of Freight Movements	To be commenced.

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Implement appropriate measures to manage freight movements and deliveries in town and village centre areas.	
Objective CMO50 – Services/Logistics Strategy Prepare a Servicing/Logistics Strategy for the County in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to ensure the continued viability and economic competitiveness of the County.	To be commenced.
Objective CMO51 – Delivery Service Plans Require the preparation of Delivery Service Plans for all new major developments where applicable.	To be commenced.

7. EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY



7. Employment and Economy

7.1 Introduction

Fingal has a strong economic base, and the Council has and continues to support this important sector. Fingal is home to a wide range of key economic sectors, including retail, tourism, aviation, manufacturing, agricultural and agri-food, ICT and financial services, healthcare and pharmaceutical, marine and rural economic activity. A key strategy for future economic development includes appropriately locating intensive employment uses adjacent to public transport networks and where appropriate, residential developments, encouraging existing economic clusters and developing new clustering opportunities and rejuvenating existing business and industrial parks, land and buildings.

Fingal's economy benefits from a broad sectoral mix of businesses; from large international focused industries such as life sciences and aviation, to more localised sectors in retail and hospitality. It is evident that businesses of all sizes in the county require supports of some form in order to thrive, with certain sectors needing specific interventions to spur further expansion. Fingal's towns, villages, rural and coastal areas are all vital to the current and future economic performance of the county.

Looking to take advantage of its strategic position on the Dublin-Belfast corridor, its strong transport connections and as home to a broad mix of key sectors, in September 2024, Fingal unveiled its plan to ensure the long-term economic resilience and sustainability of the county and highlight itself as a key driver of growth in Ireland. The new strategy emphasizes a balanced approach to economic development, leveraging Fingal's strategic advantages and focusing on sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience. The strategy aims to support business in Fingal to grow and thrive in a sustainable way, with a strong emphasis on working with business to implement sustainable business practices, aligning with best European and global practices and working in parallel with the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. It builds on the socio-economic profile which was prepared as part of the process for Fingal County Council's Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-2028 and outlines the actions that need to be taken to support the local economy over the next 15 years.

7.2 Fingal Skills Strategy

The Council has completed work updating the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024. The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group meets quarterly and has established sectoral sub-groups in Construction, Transport & Logistics, Green Skills and Services. The Fingal Skills Strategy support a feedback mechanism between education and industry.

Fingal is collaboration with education/training partners and sectoral industry representatives on the Fingal Skills Strategy to promote the range of apprenticeships / traineeships etc. Through the Council's social media platforms, the 'Xplore Your Future TY Expo' and is launching a new schools competition in 2025 to encourage young people into careers in the Construction and Transport and Logistics Sectors.

7.3 Enterprise Centres

All three Enterprise Centres have space available to start-up businesses and businesses / individuals who wish to avail of remote working options and facilities.

The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy builds on the socio-economic profile prepared as part of the Fingal LECP process and sets out a vision, key opportunities and actions to support the local economy to 2040. The official launch of Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy took place in September 2024. To align with Future Fingal: An Economic Development Strategy work is also ongoing on the development of a Marketing Plan for Fingal in consultation with key stakeholders.

7.4 Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor

The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy emphasises the advantages provided by the strategic location of Fingal. The EETCD is working in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities on the DUBLIN Placebrand and Marketing Plan which commences Q1 2025 and was launched at the Pendulum Summit in Dublin in January 2025. Fingal County Council's Feasibility Study for the development of regional innovation/enterprise hubs along the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor has been completed. EETCD is engaging on an ongoing basis with other Dublin local authorities and on a wider regional and cross-border basis through the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership to drive investment in the region.

7.5 LECP

Fingal County Council unveiled a new Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), (February 2024) presenting an energetic and forward-looking framework for one of Ireland's most rapidly expanding areas. This plan is the result of collaborative efforts involving local communities, individuals, businesses, organisations, and other significant contributors throughout the county, all aiming to steer Fingal towards a flourishing future. Building on the positive developments of the initial LECP launched in 2016, this latest iteration looks to maintain momentum but also introduces significant enhancements. It also serves as an important checkpoint to review targets from that initial plan and the measures that were in place to reach them. The new LECP outlines 15 ambitious, yet attainable, high-level objectives for the upcoming six years. The undertaking cannot be achieved by the Council alone however, with collaboration across all stakeholders the key to realising the broader vision for the county's future.

7.6 Business grants

In 2024, Fingal County Council paid over €11m to over 2,800 no. businesses across the county under the Increased Cost of Business (ICOB) Grant. The Grant was introduced by the Government as part of Budget 2024 and was a support measure of small and medium sized business. Fingal County Council managed the roll-out of the grant to qualifying businesses and contacted all ratepayers in the county to inform them of the Grant and invite eligible businesses to register online for the once-off payment.

The grant was worth up to €5,000 for eligible businesses and there was an additional top up grant of up to another €5,000 for hospitality and retail businesses. Fingal County Council made

4,382 no. payments totalling over €11m to over 2,800no. business. Approximately 45% of all ratepayers in Fingal received a grant payment and 92.79% of all grant applications met the eligibility criteria set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

The 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.

In March 2024 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.

7.7 Food sector

The FINGAL Food & Drink Policy 2024-2029 was launched in July 2024. Fingal boasts a thriving food and drink sector encompassing diverse culinary traditions, local producers and a flourishing hospitality sector. Recognising the ongoing importance of fostering a long term, sustainable and thriving food sector, the policy was developed following an extensive process of consultation and research. Along with a focus on sustainability, the new policy will look at helping support businesses and economic growth, develop greater food tourism experiences, engage the community on the benefits of their local food provenance, celebrate Fingal's horticultural history and celebrate culinary excellence across the county.

7.8 Tourism

Fingal is hugely diverse in population and geography, and tourism is no different. With long sandy beaches, rugged coastline, stunning heritage properties, ancient castles, majestic gardens, a wide range of arts and cultural venues offering a yearlong programme of events, indoor and outdoor sport and leisure activities, combined with a thriving hospitality sector encompassing diverse culinary traditions, and local producers, there is truly something for everyone in Fingal. 2024 saw the launch of the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2024-2029.

Tourism is one of Fingal's most important economic drivers. The sector plays a key role in Fingal's rural and urban local economies and accounts for a significant amount of employment characterised by large numbers of SMEs, with 800 no. businesses providing accommodation and catering services. Guest accommodation supports an estimated 3,000 no. full time job equivalents and the catering sector provides a further 2,000 no. jobs. Through Dublin Airport, Fingal also provides the primary national link between Ireland and international tourists.

The Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 builds on the Fingal Tourism Strategy 2015-2018 and it outlines a roadmap for Fingal to realise its tourism potential in order to gain maximum sustainable, economic and social benefit in the coming years. It presents a compelling strategic vision, objectives and goals, growth targets, and high-level implementation roadmap from which detailed action plans will be developed over its lifetime.

Fingal possess an abundance of natural landscapes including 88km of coastline, blue-flag beaches, cliff walks and rivers. There are approximately 1,300 heritage sites in Fingal on both public and private land. Sites including castles, tombs and mills. Outdoor and indoor activities from golf courses, greenways, blueways, gardens, water activities, museums, and shopping centres. Fingal has a strong food producing, food, and drink offering. with establishments including cafes, restaurants, bars, pubs and cookery schools. Fingal festivals include Flavour of Fingal, The Irish Maritime Festival and recently Tradfest. There are events/ concerts also held in Malahide Castle.

Newbridge House and Farm has won the Best Leisure/Tourism Service award at the Fingal Business Awards 2024.







7.9 Rural Economy

Rural Fingal is well placed to sustain its population and its services, to promote its communities and its tourism product, to protect its built and natural environment and to diversify in terms of local enterprise, tourism and employment.

Fingal LEO and Fingal Leader Partnership encourage and support local enterprise in small towns, villages and rural businesses zones across the county by providing business supports.

7.10 Agriculture

Agriculture has been and remains a mainstay of the Fingal economy. The sector is a vital employer and has scope to further expand over the coming years. Climate change will play an influential role, and adaptation will be required in order to fully maximise opportunities which agri-food and food tourism present. The sector can also benefit from localism to the benefit of local producers and the environment, in alignment with the new Fingal Food & Drink Policy 2024 – 2029.

7.11 Financial Services

Financial Services is an established sector in Fingal and plays a key role in the local economy. To further grow the sector, Fingal should exploit opportunities relating to Fintech by combining its existing financial services and ICT strengths. This is particularly the case given that Fintech globally is expected to become a $1.5 trillion industry by 2030.

Chapter 7 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective EEO1 - Implementation of Land Use Management Plans Implement the existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans and prepare appropriate land use management plans within the lifetime of the Plan for strategically important General Employment, High Technology, Metro and Rail Economic Corridor, Warehouse and Distribution and Food Park zoned lands in collaboration with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and sectoral representatives.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy identifies the activation of economically zoned lands as a significant priority in the county. The Economic Development and Property Services Sections engage on an ongoing basis with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and sectoral representatives to implement existing Local Area Plans and Masterplans. Preparation is ongoing in relation to a Framework Plan for Stephenstown and Folkstown Little which is anticipated to be brought to Council in early 2025.
Objective EEO2 - Dublin as Primary Gateway Ensure that Fingal plays a pivotal role in the promotion of Dublin as the primary Gateway in the Eastern and Midlands Region through engaging and collaborating with the other Dublin Local Authorities and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy emphasises the advantages provided by the strategic location of Fingal. The local authority engages on an ongoing basis with other Dublin Local Authorities and on a wider regional and cross-border basis through the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership. Fingal works in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities on the DUBLIN Placebrand and Marketing Plan which commences Q1 2025 and was launched at the Pendulum Summit in Dublin in January 2025. The local authority maintains a strong working relationship with EMRA through its participation in European Projects under the URBACT and Interreg funding programmes. Fingal LCDC also engaged in 2023 with EMRA for input into the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2023 – 2028 which was approved by the Council Members in January 2024.
Objective EEO3 - Quality Supporting Infrastructure and a Sequential Approach Require that proposals for economic development are served by quality supporting infrastructure with sufficient capacity. A sequential approach may be used for assessing economic developments to ensure their appropriate and sustainable delivery.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy identifies the need for infrastructural development in capitalising on Fingal's strategic position.

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Objective EEO4 - Space Extensive Uses Ensure that space extensive uses are located within appropriate locations which do not compromise labour intensive opportunities on zoned lands, adjacent to public transport nodes or within existing built-up compact growth areas.	Ongoing through the Development Management process.
Objective EEO5 - Enterprise Start-up Hubs Support the establishment of Enterprise Start-up Hubs in Fingal to promote and support local enterprise.	The Council has 3 Enterprise Centres at Drinan, Swords, Balbriggan and Blanchardstown which provide, meeting and office space and various business support services for entrepreneurs and remote workers in the local communities. In 2024 the Council restructured the operational and governance models of the Enterprise Centres for greater efficiency and effectiveness, including the provision of more business support and business outreach services in the local community at these locations and taking a proactive approach to the management of the space to ensure that businesses move on as they mature to ensure there is space available for new start-ups.
Objective EEO6 - Regeneration of Obsolete/Underutilised Buildings and Lands Promote the regeneration of obsolete and/ or underutilised buildings and lands that could yield economic benefits, with appropriate uses and subject to the proper planning and development of the area.	The removal of dereliction has been prioritised since the adoption of the Development Plan with activity increasing significantly. A review of derelict sites within the county is ongoing incorporating all historic sites and proactively identifying new derelict sites. As of January 1st, 2025, there were 12no. properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register with consequent levy demands issued amounting to €499,247.
Objective EEO7 - Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor Engage and collaborate with adjoining Local Authorities and regional assemblies, as appropriate, to promote the continued economic development of the Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor.	The Council, in partnership with Belfast City Council, successfully secured Shared Island funding for a feasibility study on Innovation Hubs in the DBEC region in 2023 and is seeking an appropriate funding stream to implement the feasibility study's recommendations. The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025: Shaping a Cross Border Investment Corridor is scheduled for 27th February 2025 in Belfast.
Objective EEO8 - Dublin Enterprise Zone	The local authority has been working in collaboration with key stakeholders in the Dublin

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Support the continued investment in, and management and promotion of the Dublin15 Enterprise Zone in collaboration with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and sectoral representatives.	Enterprise Zone (DEZ) to identify and progress public realm enhancement works and has engaged with various stakeholders seeking to invest in the DEZ and develop new business opportunities. Fingal liaises closely with IDA in respect of potential development opportunities and ongoing management of College Business & Technology Park.
Objective EEO9 - Economic Growth of Core Area Support economic growth within the Core Area through strengthening and promoting the importance of Balbriggan as the major urban centre and having regard to its strategic location on the Dublin–Belfast Economic Corridor and directing appropriately scaled growth opportunities into the other urban centres in the area.	The Council is currently preparing Framework Plans for the future development of the area. The Council is leading an EU Urbact Project 'EcoCore' and a network of 9 no. European small cities which is focused on advancing the green industrial transition and sustainable economic development of industrial land along strategic transport corridors. An Urbact Local Stakeholder (ULG) has been established as part of this project with national, regional and local stakeholders co-creating an Integrated Action Plan for the area and overseeing the delivery of pilot test actions such as the development of an Investment Guide for the area, the delivery of a Sustainability Briefing for Business in collaboration with Fingal and Balbriggan Chambers and videos with existing business to promote the area and to promote the sustainability journeys of those businesses.
Objective EEO10 - Economic Growth within the Core Area Ensure that towns, villages and other locations within the Core Area follow policies of directional development to ensure that the required economies of scale are achieved in specific centres such as Balbriggan, and that other lower tier towns and villages perform to their economic strengths and competitive advantages such as Skerries and Rush for tourism and marine activities.	Fingal Co. Co. liaises with towns & villages to promote local economic development in partnership with Fingal LEADER Partnership through the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme and with the Town Regeneration Team to implement a Town Centre First approach to development. A Town Centre First Plan has been completed in Lusk with plans and health check studies in progress for Rush, Donabate, Ballyboughal, Skerries, Balrothery and further areas to be advanced. The EETCD continues to work with Let's Play Rush to promote the town's status as a playful town which commenced as an Urbact Project 3 years ago, with the Council, Elected Members and local stakeholders collaborating to leverage funding and run an annual programme of events which

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	raises the town's profile and drives footfall in the town centre. The Council's Tourism Strategy and the County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) which is currently in development and due for completion in Q1 2025 will contribute to a coherent approach to the development of tourism, marine and general water-based propositions in the county.
Objective EEO11 - Economic Growth of Metropolitan Area Ensure that towns, villages and other locations within the Metropolitan Area pursue development policies of consolidation, and maximise their economic strengths and competitive advantages such as tourism and marine sectoral activities in Malahide and Howth, while the lands within the southern part of the County maximise their economic potential through the strong functional linkages to the M50 and the lands to the north of the County maximise their economic potential through strong links to the M1 and the wider regional and national road network.	A marketing strategy for the county under the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy is being developed to maximise the economic strengths and competitive advantages of the county. It is anticipated that the marketing strategy will be complete in Q1 2025. In Q1 2025 Fingal is participating in the launch of the DUBLIN place-brand in collaboration with the other Dublin local authorities.
Objective EEO12 - Supporting Existing Clusters Support existing successful clusters in Fingal, such as those in the ICT, pharmaceutical, aviation and agri-food sectors, and promote new and emerging clustering opportunities across all economic sectors within the County.	The Council's Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal Skills Strategy sets out objectives to support existing successful clusters in the county.
Objective EEO13 - High Technology Lands Encourage the development of corporate offices and knowledge based enterprise in the County on High Technology zoned lands and work with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and sectoral representatives to achieve such development.	Ongoing.
Objective EEO14 - Permeability in General Employment Lands Encourage high quality sustainable design, permeability and pedestrian and/ or cyclist friendly environments within general employment zoned areas.	The local authority continues to progress the preparation of the Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans and is ensuring the incorporation of high-quality sustainable design, permeability and a pedestrian/cyclist friendly

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	environment in the General Employment zoned area of Balbriggan.
Objective EEO15 - Metro and Rail Economic Corridor Lands Protect the integrity of the Metro and Rail Economic Corridor from inappropriate forms of development and optimise development potential in a sustainable and phased manner.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO16– Design Proposals on MRE Zoned Lands Ensure high quality urban design proposals within the Metro and Rail Economic Corridor Zoning, incorporating exemplary public spaces, contemporary architecture and sustainable places within a green landscape setting.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO17 – Warehouse and Distribution Lands Encourage large-scale distribution activities to locate within areas zoned WD.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO18 – Office Development Ensure that a broad range of office accommodation, in terms of size, scale, format and arrangements, is provided for to adequately respond to enterprise requirements in different economic sectors.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO19 – Office Development Standards Ensure that proposals for office development demonstrate regard to the relevant development standards	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO20 – Regeneration of Business Parks and Industrial Estates Identify business parks and industrial estates that are in need of regeneration and revitalisation in line with sustainable measures and engage with all relevant stakeholders and interested parties to encourage their regeneration and revitalisation	Capital Budget provides for upgrade works for Industrial/ Business Parks. In 2024 improvement works were identified and completed in Baldoyle Industrial Estate. There is ongoing engagement with stakeholders in the Dublin Enterprise Zone to develop a programme of improvement works in the area.
Objective EEO21 – Provision of Local Support Facilities	The Council's 3 Enterprise Centres provide remote working, podcasting, meeting and office space for

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Encourage the provision of Local Support Facilities to serve the needs of the employees within major employment areas.	entrepreneurs and remote workers in the local communities. In 2024 the Council restructured the operational and governance models of the Enterprise Centres for greater efficiency and effectiveness, including the provision of more business support and business outreach services in the local community.
Objective EEO22 – Home Based Economic Activity Support the provision of home-based economic activity that is subordinate to the main residential use of a dwelling and that does not cause injury to the amenities of the area.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO23 – Remote Working Support the Making Remote Work – National Remote Work Strategy and the provision of appropriate IT infrastructure and facilities that enable a better life-work balance enabling people to live near their place of work.	The Council's 3 Enterprise Centres are part of the national Connected Hubs network, providing facilities for remote working in local communities. A number of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) were installed across the county as part of the Connected Hubs Call under Town & Village Renewal Funding stream.
Objective EEO24 – Educational Investment and Third Level Institutions Support continued educational investment in the County and promote collaboration between third level institutions located within and outside of Fingal and a range of industrial sectors.	The Council is working in collaboration with third level institutions through the Fingal Skills Strategy and the Urbact EcoCore Project. TUDublin is represented on the Fingal LCDC. EETCD works with DCU under the MoU on Sustainability between FCC/DCU and daa and with the DCU Access Programme to place students for work experience in economic development.
Objective EEO25 – Synergies between Education, Technology and Industry Facilitate and promote synergies between education, technology and industry.	The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group meets quarterly and has established sectoral sub-groups in Construction, Transport & Logistics, Green Skills and Services. The Fingal Skills Strategy support a feedback mechanism between education and industry. The Council is participating in the Interreg SKYLA Project focuses on promoting skills for the twin transition and as part of this project reviewed and incorporated best practice from European partners into the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029. Relationships built through

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	the Fingal Skills Strategy have led to collaboration on a number of Erasmus project proposals and the highly successful delivery of the Xplore Your Future TY Expo in The Helix in 2023 and 2024. The Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029 outlines a number of ambitious objectives to facilitate and promote collaboration with education, technology and industry.
Objective EEO26 – Craft Apprenticeship Schemes Promote and facilitate Council run craft apprenticeship schemes, working with SOLAS, for the main trades, including plumbing, electricians, painting/ decorating, stonecutting/stonemasonry, carpentry/joinery, brick and stone laying, pipefitting, plastering, scaffolding, in particular given the scarcity of skilled tradesmen and women employed by this Council.	The local authority is working in collaboration with SOLAS on the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy, particularly in the area of forecasting the future skills needs of the county. Fingal Co. Co. is working in collaboration with education/training partners and sectoral industry representatives on the Fingal Skills Strategy to promote the range of apprenticeships/traineeships etc. Through the Council's social media platforms, the Xplore Your Future TY Expo and is launching a new schools competition in 2025 to encourage young people into careers in the Construction and Transport & Logistics Sectors.
Objective EEO27– Sustainable Approach to Enterprise and Employment Ensure that a sustainable approach is taken to enterprise development and employment creation across all sectors of the Fingal economy in accordance with the Green Economy national frameworks relevant to each sector.	The local authority is in the process of developing the Sustainable Fingal Initiative, which was an action delivered under the previous Climate Action Plan, into the Sustainable Fingal Strategy in 2025. The Strategy shall seek to promote sustainable economic development in the business/industrial sectors and advance the Green Transition. The Fingal Skills Strategy Implementation Group has established a Green Skills Subgroup to promote green skills training and is actively participating in the Interreg SKYLA Project which focuses on promoting skills development for the green transition. The Council's Economic Development Strategy has Sustainability as a key opportunity for the county and Fingal is advancing delivering of objectives under this theme including the development of the Sustainable Fingal Strategy. The Council developed the EcoCore Project concept to access Urbact Funding to develop a

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	sustainable economic development approach to the industrial lands in Balbriggan. In Q4 2024 EETCD in partnership with Smart Balbriggan and the IT Department ran a successful Hackathon on the Circular Economy in Balbriggan. The EcoCore project has also co-created with relevant stakeholders an Investment Guide for Balbriggan to promote a sustainable development approach to industrial development in the area and promote the circular economy. The Council has signed the Circular Cities Declaration to promote the circular economy in Fingal and has a profile on the Circular Cities website detailing actions taken by the Council to promote the circular economy. The Council participated in an EUI City to City Exchange with the City of Nokia in Finland in 2024/2025 to learn about the municipality's approach to the circular economy, learning from best practice in the development of Nokia ECO3 Innovation Park.
Objective EEO28 – Collaboration on Green Approaches to Economic Development Engage with all relevant government stakeholders, enterprise agencies and sectoral representatives in pursuing 'green' approaches to economic development, and actively collaborate with key industry and educational bodies to promote Fingal based initiatives across the economic sectors.	EETCD is engaging with a range of stakeholders to promote the circular economy, advance the Green Transition and promote sustainable economic development with the delivery of a range of actions in collaboration with relevant key stakeholders under the Council's Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy; the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan; Future Fingal Skills Strategy; commitments under the Council's Circular Cities Declaration; Tourism Strategy; Food & Drink Policy; LEADER Programme and the development of the Sustainable Fingal Strategy.
Objective EEO29 – Green Economy Initiatives Support and resource Green Economy initiatives, such as the Green Way project as a showcase that such initiatives are operational in the Fingal area.	EETCD has delivered the following green economy actions: - Collaboration with DCU/daa to identify sustainability projects with a number of funding applications lodged - Leading the Urbact EcoCore Project on sustainable economic development and a network of 9 small cities

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	- Sustainability Business Briefing during Climate Action Week in September 2024 in Balbriggan in collaboration with Fingal & Balbriggan Chambers - Participation in Malahide Chamber Sustainability Business Briefing in September 2024 - Development of 2 no. video case studies on business sustainability journeys - Circular Economy Hackathon in November 2024 in Balbriggan - EUI City to City Exchange with Nokia, Finland on circular economy - Development of Sustainable Fingal Strategy (in progress) - Liaison with various stakeholders on renewable energy projects in 2024 - Support Smart Balbriggan on green initiatives - Engagement with Trinity College's Academy of the Near Future on STEM for secondary level students in county in collaboration with IT Department and to support Smart Balbriggan Promotion of green skills training with various education/training stakeholders under Fingal Skills Strategy.
Objective EEO30 – The Green Economy Support the growth of the 'green economy' including renewable energy, retrofitting, and electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, supporting the transition towards a circular economy in compliance with national policy and legislation.	EETCD is actively liaising with various stakeholders on renewable energy projects ranging from wind, solar, hydrogen to district heating. The Council is also: -Co-ordinating reporting under the Council's commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration and is actively engaging with businesses to promote the circular economy. -Supporting the growth of the 'green economy' and promoting the incorporation of green skills into education/training programmes via the Fingal Skills Strategy. -Working in partnership with key stakeholders regarding EV charging infrastructure in the county and to promote infrastructure for the circular economy.
Objective EEO31 – Green Economy Initiatives Support the growth of business in the green and circular economy and the initiatives within the	EETCD meets regularly with IDA in respect of the economic growth of the county.

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IDA strategy Driving Recovery and Sustainable Growth, or any superseding document, including through the accelerated roll-out of the National Broadband Plan.	IDA is also represented on the Urbact Local Committee (ULG) of the Urbact EcoCore Project in Balbriggan.
Objective EEO32 – Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan Support the Dublin Regional Enterprise Plan 2024 in this Plan.	The Council will continue support this plan.
Objective EEO33 – Evening/Night-Time Economy Support and facilitate evening / night-time economy uses that contribute to the vitality of towns and villages, ensuring the creation of a safe, balanced and socially inclusive evening / night-time economy.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy, Objective 3.1 Vibrant Places, Support rejuvenation across all geographic areas of Fingal through collaboration and the implementation of innovative and targeted solutions which boost economic activity. This will include initiatives to support retail, local supply chains and the night-time economy.
Objective EEO34 – Diversification of Evening/Night-Time Economy Support uses that would result in the diversification of the evening and night-time economy in towns and villages where there is no negative impact on the amenity of adjacent residential uses through noise disturbance or cumulative impact in terms of other night-time uses in the immediate area.	The Council will continue to support such uses and through the development management process will strive to ensure that negative impacts are avoided.
Objective EEO35 – Range of Industrial/Manufacturing Units Ensure that a range of industrial and/ or manufacturing units, in terms of size, scale, format and arrangements, is provided for to adequately respond to enterprise requirements in different economic sectors.	EETCD has a range of small-scale units available to start-ups and businesses in its 3 Enterprise Centres and is engaging with the managers of industrial estates across the county to promote economic development in Fingal.

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Objective EEO36 – Needs of Enterprises and Bespoke Building Facilities Proactively respond to the needs of enterprises undertaking pharmaceutical, data centre, food production and logistics activities that require bespoke building facilities to meet their specific manufacturing requirements.	The Council actively engages with representatives from a range of sectors to identify existing and future requirements. As an action arising from the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy, an Economic Forum for the county will be established in 2025 to promote communication between the Council and key economic stakeholders.
Objective EEO37 – Development Standards for Industrial/Manufacturing Buildings Ensure that proposals for industrial and/ or manufacturing buildings demonstrate regard to the relevant development standards.	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO38 – ICT, Financial and Banking Sector Promote the growth of the ICT and financial and banking sector in Fingal by facilitating the conditions conducive to such development including the creation of high quality physical environments offering a range of building and office accommodation types, supported through the provision of the necessary services and public transport infrastructure.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy identifies financial Services as an established sector with a key role in the local economy. EETCD is seeking to sustain and grow the sector through the Economic Forum.
Objective EEO39 – Economic Potential of ICT, Financial and Banking Sectors Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies, and sectoral representatives to develop the ICT and financial and banking sectors in Fingal and to ensure that the economic potential of the sectors are secured for the benefit of the local economy, and national economy.	The Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy identifies financial Services as an established sector with a key role in the local economy. EETCD is seeking to engage and collaborate with key stakeholders to sustain and grow the sector through the Economic Forum.
Objective EEO40 – Growth of ICT, Financial and Banking Sectors Promote the growth of the ICT, financial and banking sector in Fingal by making the County an attractive location to live and recognise the growing importance of placemaking, strong communities, and amenities as a key driver of investment.	The local authority is working in collaboration with the other Dublin Local Authorities on the DUBLIN Place brand and Marketing Plan which commences Q1 2025 and was launched at the Pendulum Summit in Dublin in January 2025 to market the county and drive investment. As an action under the Future Fingal Economic Development Strategy the local authority is

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	preparing Marketing Plans to promote the county both as an investment and tourism location. The local authority is also engaging on an ongoing basis with other Dublin Local Authorities and on a wider regional and cross-border basis through the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership to drive investment in the region.
Objective EEO41 – Marine Sector Support the existing diverse nature of the marine sector in Fingal, and identify and promote sustainable growth opportunities, while protecting European sites. This shall be achieved through engagement and partnership with the relevant agencies, sectoral representatives and local communities.	Fingal Co. Co is engaging with various stakeholders to support the ongoing development of the marine sector in the county.
Objective EEO42 – Marine Sectors Development and Environmental Issues Ensure that proposals for economic development associated with the marine sector are cognisant of the sensitivities of many of Fingal's coastal locations and that relevant environmental issues are appropriately considered.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EEO43 – Feasibility Study of the Fingal Coastline Undertake a feasibility study of the Fingal coastline to identify potential sites to accommodate marina development relevant to recreational pursuits and requirements. As part of the study the impact on the receiving marine environment, including the coastline, will be assessed and Screening for Appropriate Assessment and SEA undertaken.	A Marine & Coastal Management SPC has been established with a remit in respect of marine strategy in the Fingal area including coastal recreation & leisure and the blue economy. The development of a Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Strategy (CORP), funded by DRCD, commenced in Q4 2024. The Fingal CORP is anticipated to be complete in Q2 2025, with the local authority working in partnership with ECAAT in respect of delivery.
Objective EEO44 – Economic Potential of the Tourism Sector Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies, sectoral representatives and local communities to develop the tourism sector in Fingal and to ensure that the economic potential of the tourism sector is secured for the benefit of the local economy.	The Fingal Tourism Strategy and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy were launched in 2024 and as part of the implementation of these, the local authority is currently engaged in creating a collaboration framework with internal, local, national, and international tourism, food & drink stakeholders.

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Objective EEO45 – Tourism and Economic Growth Promote and facilitate tourism as one of the key economic pillars of the County's economy and a major generator of employment and to support the provision of necessary significant increase in facilities such as hotels, aparthotels, tourist hostels, cafes and restaurants, visitor attractions, including those for children	The Fingal Tourism Strategy and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy were launched in 2024 and as part of the implementation of these Fingal Co. Co. is currently engaged in defining and managing the approach for a countywide audit of tourism and food & drink assets which will enable continuous assessment of the Fingal tourism offering, planning for continuous product improvement and tracking of investments that position Fingal as a competitive tourism destination in all areas of the product and experience portfolio (accommodation, business tourism, outdoor activities, culture and heritage, leisure and recreation).
Objective EEO46 – Tourist Related Facilities Direct the provision of tourist related facilities, such as information offices and cultural centres, into town and village locations to support and strengthen the existing economic infrastructure of such centres.	A review of existing tourist information offices has been initiated to assess the performance of these facilities and inform the planning for provision of such facilities as are required for the duration of the current Fingal Tourism Strategy.
Objective EEO47 – Conservation and Protection Ensure the economic benefits associated with promoting the County's natural, cultural and built heritage are balanced with due consideration for their conservation and protection.	The Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) includes the theme 'Rich Arts, Culture & Heritage - Promote and protect our arts and heritage, and embrace cultural diversity in the county.'
Objective EEO48 – Events and Concerts Support events and concerts at suitable locations within Fingal subject to the appropriate licensing arrangements, in consultation with affected stakeholders such as community groups, local businesses and residents in the immediate area where feasible and practical, and to protect and safeguard the amenities of the area and the natural and built heritage.	Fingal County Council Events Unit is recognised nationally as an exemplar of best practice in running and supporting a huge range of events numbering in excess of 100 events / festivals across Fingal. In 2025 the first Fingal Events Strategy will be launched and will support the continued delivery of this objective.
Objective EEO49 – Rural-Based Tourism Promote opportunities for enterprise and employment creation in rural-based tourism where it can be demonstrated that the resultant development will not have a negative impact on the receiving rural environment.	EETCD provides individual liaison with businesses referred by LEO or Teagasc regarding tourism opportunities. The Fingal Tourism Strategy includes a strategic objective to deliver 'Dispersed Growth' across the county including rural locations.

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Objective EEO50 – Supporting Cycling and Walking Groups Support cycling/walking groups and local communities to develop cycling and walking trails and quiet ways in towns and villages, connecting towns and villages both for the enjoyment of local people and as an attractor for visitors to the area, promoting local economic development.	EETCD is co-ordinating the development of a County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for Fingal, funded by DRCD and anticipated for completion in Q1 2025. EETCD co-ordinates funding under the ORIS funding stream to support outdoor recreation in the county, including walking, cycling and water-based activities.
Objective EEO51 – Integrated Tourism Complexes Facilitate, where appropriate, (those complexes as listed in 7.5.2.1 Abbeyville, Dunsoghly Castle, Roganstown, Tyrrelstown House, Hampton Demesne, Beech Park House), the conversion of former demesnes and estates and their outbuildings into integrated tourist, leisure and recreational complex type developments subject to architectural conservation best practice and proper planning and sustainable development, having regard to protecting the demesne type landscape and existing natural features, and providing improved pedestrian access, where appropriate.	The Council in partnership with Failte Ireland have drafted a Visitor Attraction Strategy for the County which includes a documented evaluation and decision-making process to consider the suitability of such opportunities for integrated tourist, leisure and recreational complex type developments.
Objective EEO52 – Sustainable Tourism Initiatives Support sustainable tourism initiatives which develop the tourist potential of the rural area while recognising and enhancing the quality and values of the rural area.	The Fingal Food Network has expanded in size in the last year, and has now developed a 'farm to fork' and 'farm visit' approach to the networking of the food sector. EETCD provides individual liaison with businesses referred by LEO or Teagasc regarding the tourism opportunities at present and coming in the future.
Objective EEO53 – Recreation in the Natural Landscape Support recreational pursuits which promote the use of natural landscape features in a way which does not detract or cause undue damage to the features upon which any such proposed initiatives rely. Where the proposed pursuit involves land use changes either within or adjacent to Europeans sites, proposals will be subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment.	EETCD is co-ordinating the development of a County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for Fingal, funded by DRCD and anticipated for completion in Q1 2025. EETCD co-ordinates funding under the ORIS funding stream to support outdoor recreation in the county, including walking, cycling and water-based activities.

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Objective EEO54 – Safe Walking and Cycling Promote informal recreation, particularly walking and cycling, through the development and expansion of a network of safe walking and cycling trails that provides access to rural landscapes, scenic uplands, riverine and coastal features and within towns and villages and their environs. Such routes can link with existing way marked trails, Slí na Slainte walks and parts of the Green Infrastructure Network and other local resources, such as existing or new rights of way.	EETCD is co-ordinating the development of a County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) for Fingal, funded by DRCD and anticipated for completion in Q1 2025. EETCD co-ordinates funding under the ORIS funding stream to support outdoor recreation in the county, including walking, cycling and water-based activities. EETCD is promoting outdoor activity through the Healthy Fingal Initiative, co-ordinated through Fingal LCDC.
Objective EEO55 – New Fencing for lands open to or used by the public during the ten years preceding The following criteria will be used when assessing planning applications for new fencing in relation to lands open to or used by the public during the ten years preceding. Such fencing is not exempted development in accordance with Art. 9(1)(A)(x) of the Planning and Development Regulations. ¨ Such fencing in upland or amenity areas shall conform to the best agricultural practice. ¨ The nature of the material to be used, the height of the fence and in the case of a wire fence, the type of wire to be used will be taken into account. ¨ Stiles or gates at appropriate places may be required.	EETCD has regard to these requirements when fencing of open space or public lands in use arises.
Objective EEO56 – Tourism in Rural Villages Maximise the tourism potential of the rural villages by facilitating the provision of visitor services and accommodation, the promotion of new environmentally sustainable tourism products and co-operate with the relevant bodies in the marketing and promotion of tourism in the area.	The Fingal Tourism Strategy includes a strategic objective to deliver 'Dispersed Growth' across the county including rural locations.
Objective EEO57 – Seamus Ennis Arts Centre Promote the extension and development of the Seamus Ennis Arts Centre, to incorporate a purpose built theatre/performance venue and ancillary facilities	Ongoing- Procurement of an integrated design team to assess and make recommendations in relation is underway.

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Objective EEO58 – Bed and Breakfast or Guest House Accommodation Support proposed extensions to existing dwellings, within areas which have zoning objectives, RU, GB, HA, RV, or RC, which provide for bed and breakfast or guest house accommodation where the size, design, surface water management and foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development does not erode the rural quality and character of the surrounding area.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EEO59 – Campsites Support the development of appropriately located and sensitively designed campsites, with required ancillary facilities, as an alternative form of accommodation for visitors to the County.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EEO60 – Campsites adjacent to Settlements Any campsite adjacent to settlements shall, in terms of scale, layout and design, have regard to the existing character of the village and residential amenity. A detailed hard and soft landscaping plan shall be submitted for camp site applications.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EEO61 – Provision of Space for Small Scale Employment Encourage and support local enterprise within Fingal's small towns, villages and rural business zones by facilitating the provision of space for small scale employment including office development.	Fingal LEO and Fingal Leader Partnership encourage and support local enterprise in small towns, villages and rural businesses zones across the county by providing business supports. The Council engages with stakeholders on space requirements to inform their decisions about investing in these locations around the county and refers developers for preplanning meetings as appropriate.
Objective EEO62 – Re-use of Vacant and Under-utilised Buildings within Rural Villages Encourage the re-use of vacant and under-utilised buildings within Rural Villages as remote working hubs and/or accommodation for small and medium sized enterprises.	The re-use of vacant and under-utilised buildings in rural villages is being encouraged through the Council's Town Centre First approach, for example in Lusk, Rush and Donabate and through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Connected Hub Scheme.

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Objective EEO63 –Sustainable Agricultural Practices Encourage the development of environmentally sustainable agricultural practices, to ensure that development does not impinge on the visual amenity of the countryside and that watercourses, wildlife habitats and areas of ecological importance are protected from the threat of pollution.	EETCD is examining Council owned con-acre lands which are licenced annually to identify any lands suitable for a pilot project for sustainable agricultural practices in partnership with relevant stakeholders.
Objective EEO64 – Sustainable Horticultural Practices Support and facilitate the development of environmentally sustainable horticultural practices.	The Council is promoting sustainable horticultural practices through the Food & Drink Policy and will be engaging with stakeholders to identify any skills requirements in this area in 2025. EETCD is also engaging with stakeholders to explore sustainable horticultural practices in future development in the food production sector in the county.
Objective EEO65 – Licensed Country Markets Support the licensed operation of local country markets at suitable locations in Towns and Rural Villages	The Future Fingal Economic Development recognises the importance of the agri-food sector in Fingal and support development of farmers markets and linkages with Fingal towns and villages.
Objective EEO66 – Forestry Facilitate the sustainable development of forestry provided that it is in harmony with the surrounding landscape, that no significant adverse impacts are caused to natural waters, wildlife habitats, or conservation areas and that it does not have a significant adverse visual impact on the local landscape and subject to compliance with normal planning and environmental criteria.	The Council will collaborate with the relevant stakeholders in this regard.
Objective EEO67 – Sustainable Forest Development Support the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine in implementing sustainable forest development in line with National policy guidance.	The Council will collaborate with the relevant stakeholders in this regard.
Objective EEO68 – Protection and Enhancement of Native Woodlands	The Council will collaborate with the relevant stakeholders in this regard.

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Support the protection and enhancement of existing native woodlands and where appropriate, the conversion of coniferous forest to native woodlands with a focus on opportunities for habitat linkage and wider eco-services.	
Objective EEO69 – Access to Forestry Encourage access to forestry for walking routes, biking trails and other non-noise generating recreational activities.	The Council will collaborate with the relevant stakeholders in this regard.
Objective EEO70 – Renewable and Alternative Energy Facilitate and encourage the development of the alternative energy sector, in line with a Local Renewable Energy Strategy, and work with the relevant agencies to support the development of alternative forms of energy where such developments do not negatively impact upon the environmental quality, and visual, residential or rural amenity of the area.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.
Objective EEO71 – Vacant and Under-Utilised Buildings Encourage the re-use of vacant and under-utilised buildings within Rural Villages as accommodation for small and medium sized enterprises.	The re-use of vacant and under-utilised buildings in rural villages is being encouraged through the Council's Town Centre First approach for example in Lusk, Rush and Donabate.
Objective EEO72 – Home-Based Economic Activities Permit home-based economic activities in existing dwellings, where by virtue of their nature and scale, the activities can be accommodated such that the proposed activity does not impact in an excessively negative way on: i. The operation of agriculture or horticulture farms in the vicinity, ii. The rural ecology and landscape of the area, iii. Any adjacent residential use, iv. The primary use of the dwelling as a residence.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EEO73 – Broadband	The Council will continue to support this initiative, and a number of Broadband Connection Points

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Support and facilitate the expansion and rollout of high-speed broadband services within rural areas	(BCPs) were installed across the county as part of the Connected Hubs Call under Town & Village Renewal Funding stream.
Objective EEO74 – Avoidance of Adverse Impacts on the Environment, Residential and Visual Amenities Ensure that proposals for extraction and land reclamation avoid significant adverse impacts on the environment, residential amenities and the visual amenity of the area through environmental assessment, mitigation and appropriate provision for the restoration of the landscape.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective EE075 – Mineral Extraction and Land Reclamation Prohibit mineral extraction and land reclamation along the coast, particularly in proximity to estuaries, except in exceptional circumstances, where it can be demonstrated that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment, visual amenity, heritage or the conservation objectives of European Sites.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process and in consultation with other Council Department where required.
Objective EEO76 – Prohibit Removal of Beach Material Prohibit the removal of beach material, aggregates, sand and gravel, including the removal of material from sand dune ecosystems.	The Council will monitor this and take the necessary steps where required.

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Objective EEO77 – Preserve and Protect Coastal Wetlands, Coastal Habitats and Estuarine Marshes Preserve and protect coastal wetlands, coastal habitats, and estuarine marsh lands in coastal areas from inappropriate development, including land reclamation. Any proposals for land reclamation in coastal areas shall be subject to Screening for Appropriate Assessment and to an assessment of impacts on any such wetlands, coastal habitats, and estuarine marsh lands and its impacts on coastal processes including erosion, deposition, accretion and flooding particularly in light of climate change.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process and in consultation with other Council Department where required.
Objective EEO78 – Protection of Agricultural Lands Support and facilitate the protection of agricultural lands in the County, ensuring that new development does not irreversibly harm or compromise the commercial viability of existing agricultural land.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process and in consultation with other Council Department where required.
Objective EEO79 – Support and Facilitate Horticultural Development Support and facilitate horticultural development in Fingal encouraging the establishment/ expansion of new enterprises where appropriate.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management Process and in consultation with other Council Department where required.
Objective EEO80 – Support and Facilitate Agri-business Growth Support and facilitate the growth of agribusiness in Fingal and encourage agribusiness and support services which are directly related to the local horticultural or agricultural sectors in RB and FP zoned areas.	The Future Fingal Economic Development recognises the importance of the agri-food sector in Fingal. The sector is listed in the Strategy as a priority in the category Sustain & Grow as a sector with the scope to enable (potentially significant) incremental growth and as a sector which should be cultivated and nurtured to support future economic expansion. EETCD will support the sector through the Food & Drink Policy, LEADER Programme and the Sustainable Fingal Strategy.
Objective EEO81 – Direct and Encourage Agribusiness to Appropriate Locations Direct and encourage agribusiness which relies primarily on imported food and produce into	Ongoing – Through the implementation of the Development Management Process.

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areas which have adequate road infrastructure, and which are appropriately zoned.	
Objective EEO82 – Support and Encourage the Equine Industry Support and encourage the development and expansion of the equine industry in the County, including supporting equine related activities of an appropriate size and at suitable locations.	EETCD has engaged with various stakeholders in the equine industry over the last 2 years regarding their plans for the development of equine related activities in the county.
Objective EEO83 – Develop and Promote the Agri-food Sector Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies, sectoral representatives and local communities to develop the agri-food sector in Fingal and the new Fingal Food Policy, to promote and showcase the agri-food sector, including supporting events such as the Flavours of Fingal, and to ensure that the potential of the sector is secured for the benefit of local communities, the environment, the local economy, and national economy.	Fingal Co. Co. is actively engaging and collaborating with key stakeholders through the Food & Drink Policy to promote and showcase the agri-food sector. July 2024 - a new Fingal Food & Drink Policy which looks to create a sustainable and vibrant food community in the County, celebrating local food provenance and positioning Fingal as a premier culinary *tourism destination.*
Objective EEO84 – Balance Economic Benefits of Agri-food Sector with Protection of the Rural Environment Ensure the economic benefits associated with promoting the County's agri-food sector are balanced with due consideration for the conservation and protection of the rural environment.	EETCD encourages a sustainable and balanced approach to development of rural Fingal through the LEADER Programme and Town & Village Renewal Scheme.
Objective EEO85 – Creation of High Quality Built Environments to Facilitate Growth Promote the growth of the agri-food sector in Fingal by responding to the varying needs and requirements of the different components within the sector and by creating high quality built environments offering a range of building sizes and formats, supported by the targeted provision of necessary infrastructure.	EETCD will engage with the agri-food sector on sectoral requirements in the implementation of the Food & Drink Policy. BASE Enterprise Centre and Drinan Enterprise Centre both have high quality food units of varying sizes all of which are currently occupied by food businesses.
Objective EEO86 – Farm Diversification Promote farm diversification where:	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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• the proposal is related directly either to the agricultural operation engaged upon on the farm or the rural nature of the area. • The use is compatible with the existing road infrastructure in the area. • it does not unacceptably impact on the landscape, environment and character of the area.	
Objective EEO87 – Promote Sensitive Re-use and Adaptation of Farm Buildings Promote the sensitive re-use and adaptation of existing farm buildings for farm diversification. Where a new building is necessary, it shall be sited, where practical, in or adjacent to the existing group of farm buildings and shall relate to existing buildings and the surrounding countryside in terms of design, siting, and materials.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO88 – Support Teagasc and Other Farming / Local Bodies Support and facilitate the work of Teagasc and other farming / local bodies within the County in the promotion of the rural economy, including agriculture development, rural diversification, tourism adaptation and in the development of new initiatives to support farming.	EETCD is supporting the work of Teagasc & other farming/local bodies in partnership with Fingal LEADER Partnership under the Dublin Rural LEADER Programme. The implementation of objectives under the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy & Fingal Skills Strategy also support this work.
Objective EEO89 – Fingal Retail Hierarchy Require that new significant retail development be primarily directed to the higher Levels in the Fingal Retail Hierarchy and specifically to the core retail areas identified for these centres. Only in exceptional circumstances (where the Planning Authority is satisfied that there are no sites or potential sites available either within the core retail area or on-the-edge of the core, and that the proposed retail development is necessary to serve the needs of the area) will proposed retail developments that are located outside of these centres and/ or the core retail areas of these centres be positively considered.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

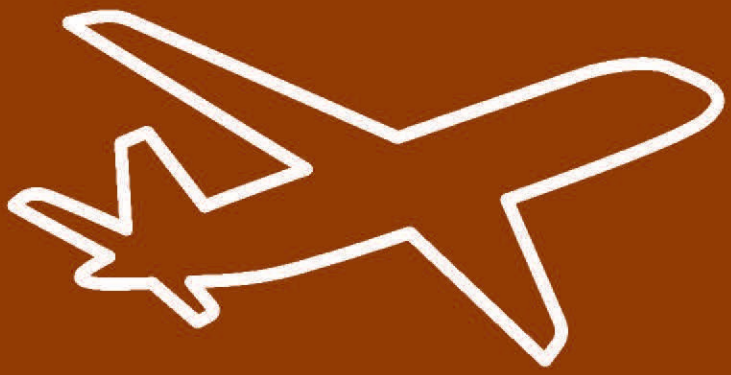
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective EEO90 – New Retail Development Ensure that applications for new retail development are consistent with the retail policies of the Development Plan, in particular with the Fingal Retail Hierarchy, and are assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities: Retail Planning, including, where appropriate, the application of the Sequential Approach, and requirements for retail impact assessments and transport impact assessments for retail developments which due to their scale and/ or location may impact on the vitality and viability of major town, town, local and village centres, while having regard to the impact such directions/ developments may have on the existing businesses operating within the area.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO91 – Level 2 Centres Develop and promote Swords and Blanchardstown as sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Major Town Centres operating at the highest retail Level within the Fingal Retail Hierarchy, and to further strengthen, improve and diversify the retailing performance of Swords and Blanchardstown within a regional context.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO92 – Facilitate improvements to the retail offer and function in Level 2 Centres Facilitate improvements to the quantum and quality of retail offer and function in Swords and Blanchardstown, and ensure their sustainable development by consolidating, intensifying and enhancing their existing core retail areas, and by directing new retail opportunities into the core retail areas identified for each.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO93 – Level 3 Centres Ensure the development of Balbriggan, Malahide, Skerries and Charlestown, as sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Town Centres performing at a high retail level within the Fingal Retail Hierarchy to meet the retailing needs of and offer sufficient retail choice to their local populations and catchment populations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective EEO94 – Retail Offer and Function in Level 3 Centres Facilitate appropriately scaled improvements to the quantum and quality of retail offer and function in Balbriggan, Malahide, Skerries and Charlestown and ensure their sustainable development by consolidating, intensifying and enhancing their existing core retail areas, and by directing new retail opportunities into the core retail areas identified for each.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO95 – Ensure Sufficient Retail Offer in Level 3 Town Centres Ensure that the Level 3 Town Centres have a retail offer that is sufficient in terms of scale, type, and range without adversely impacting on or diverting trade from the higher order retailing locations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO96 – Level 4 Centres Ensure the development of Level 4 Centres as sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Small Towns, Village Centres and Local Centres performing at a level within the Fingal Retail Hierarchy to meet the retailing needs of immediate local populations and catchment populations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO97 – Retail Provision in Level 4 Centres Where a gap in the retail provision of a Level 4 Centre is identified and established, facilitate appropriately scaled improvements to the retail offer and function in Level 4 Centres and ensure their sustainable development by enhancing the existing Centre for each and directing new retail opportunities into the Centres.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO98 – Ensure Sufficient Retail Offer in Level 4 Towns and Centres Ensure that the Level 4 Small Towns, Village Centres and Local Centres have a retail offer that is sufficient in terms of scale, type, and range without adversely impacting on or diverting trade from the higher order retailing locations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective EEO99 – Level 5 Centres Ensure the development of Level 5 Centres as sustainable, vibrant and prosperous Local Shops and Small Villages performing at a level within the Fingal Retail Hierarchy to meet the retailing needs of immediate local populations and catchment populations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO100 – Retail Provision in Level 5 Centres Where a gap in the retail provision of a Level 5 Centre is identified and established, facilitate appropriately scaled improvements to the retail offer and function of Level 5 Centres and ensure their sustainable development by enhancing the existing Centre for each and directing new retail opportunities into the Centres.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO101 – Retail Offer in Level 5 Local Shops and Small Villages Ensure that the Level 5 Local Shops and Small Villages have a retail offer that is sufficient in terms of scale, type, and range without adversely impacting on or diverting trade from the higher order retailing locations.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO102 – Ensure retailing remains as the Core Function of Centres Maintain and strengthen the vitality, viability and regeneration of the County's Major Town, Town, Local and Village Centres by providing for civic, leisure, cultural and tourism attractions while ensuring that retailing remains a core function of these centres.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO103 – Use of Vacant Floor Space and Refurbishment and Replacement of Obsolete Units Promote the use of vacant floor space in our major town centres, town centres, local centres and villages and support proposals for refurbishment and replacement of obsolete buildings/units within these centres	This is ongoing through the Development Management process and the re-use of vacant and under-utilised buildings in rural villages is being encouraged through the Council's Town Centre First approach, for example in Lusk, Rush and Donabate and through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and Connected Hub Scheme.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective EEO104 – Non-Retail Uses Control the provision of non-retail uses, especially at ground floor level, in the main streets of towns and villages, shopping centres and local centres to ensure that injury is not caused to the amenities of these streets and centres through the loss of retail opportunities.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO105 – Prevent Over-Supply of Specific Uses / Outlets Prevent an over-supply or dominance of fast food outlets, takeaways, off licences, adult shops, gaming arcades and betting offices in the main streets of towns and villages, shopping centres and local centres to ensure that injury is not caused to the amenities of these streets and centres through the loss of retail opportunities.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO106 – Retail Warehousing and Retail Parks Direct demand for new retail warehousing and/ or retail parks into the Major Town Centre 'MC' zoned lands of the Level 2 higher order retailing locations and into the Retail Warehousing 'RW' zoning, preferably, in the first instance, to consolidate the existing clusters of retail warehouses and/ or retail parks.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective EEO107 – Applications for New Retail Warehousing and Retail Parks Ensure that applications for new retail warehousing and/ or retail parks are consistent with the requirements of the Guidelines for Planning Authorities: Retail Planning, including, where appropriate, the application of the Sequential Approach, and requirements for retail impact assessments and transport impact assessments for retail developments which due to their scale and/ or location may impact on the vitality and viability of existing retail parks.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

8. DUBLIN AIRPORT



8. Dublin Airport

Dublin Airport is of vital importance to the Irish economy and acts as the principal international gateway for trade, inward investment and tourism. Dublin Airport is nationally significant due to its employment base, passenger throughput and air freight services and it remains the primary economic hub in Fingal.

The Dublin Airport LAP 2020 sets out a framework to facilitate the future development, operation and safeguarding of Dublin Airport. In line with the land-use planning policy of the Dublin Airport LAP 2020, the increase in the connectivity offered by Dublin Airport, is contingent on:

- Continued protection of the core transport function of the Airport,
- Enhanced land-side access to Dublin Airport, particularly through public transport provision such as MetroLink and BusConnects,
- Implementation of the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019, and
- Careful land use management of land-side areas to focus on the current and future needs of the Airport as key infrastructure for National and Regional development.

Fingal County Council continues to engage and collaborate with relevant stakeholders towards the achievement of objectives relevant to Dublin Airport.



8.1 Chapter 8 – Objectives and Progress

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective DAO1 – Safeguarding Dublin Airport Facilitate the operation and future development of Dublin Airport, in line with Government policy and the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020, or any subsequent LAP or extension of same, recognising its role in the provision of air transport, both passenger and freight.	Ongoing - As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020 and the Development Management Process.
Objective DAO2 – Safeguarding the Current and Future Requirements of Dublin Airport Safeguard the current and future operational, safety, technical and developmental requirements of Dublin Airport and provide for its ongoing development in accordance with the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020, or any subsequent LAP or extension of same, having regard to both the environmental impact on local communities and the economic impact on businesses within the area.	Ongoing – As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020, the Development Management Process and through the implementation of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019.
Objective DAO3 – Secondary Hub Engage and collaborate with key stakeholders, relevant agencies and sectoral representatives to ensure that Dublin Airport is developed and promoted as a secondary hub to capitalise on the associated wider economic benefits for Fingal and the wider region.	Ongoing. As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020, the Development Management Process and through continued engagement with relevant stakeholders.
Objective DAO4 – Aviation Infrastructure and Facilities Ensure that the required infrastructure and facilities are provided at Dublin Airport so that the aviation sector can develop further and operate to its maximum sustainable potential, whilst taking into account the impact on local residential areas, and any negative impact such proposed developments may have on the sustainability of similar existing developments in the surrounding area, and the impact on the environment, including the climate.	Ongoing – As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020, the Development Management Process and through the implementation of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019.
Objective DAO5 – Augmentation and Improvement of Terminal Facilities Facilitate the on-going augmentation and improvement of terminal facilities at Dublin Airport.	Ongoing – As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020 and the Development Management Process.

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Objective DAO6 – Supply of Car Parking at Dublin Airport Control the supply of car parking at the Airport so as to maximize as far as is practical the use of public transport and sustainable transport modes (walking / cycling) by workers and passengers and to secure the efficient use of land and safeguard the strategic function of the adjacent road network.	Ongoing – As part of the implementation of Dublin Airport LAP 2020 and the Development Management Process.
Objective DAO7 – Integrated Public Transport Network serving Dublin Airport Require and facilitate the provision of an integrated public transport network to serve Dublin Airport.	Ongoing through continued engagement with relevant transport providers and the implementation of the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019. Approval on the 19th of June 2024 by An Bord Pleanála under HA06D.317121 for BusConnects Swords to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme.
Objective DAO8 – Surface Access Needs Protect and enhance the transportation capacity required to provide for the surface access needs of the Airport.	Ongoing through the implementation of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020, the Development Management Process and the implementation of the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019. All relevant planning applications are referred to Transportation Planning Section for comment.
Objective DAO9 – Maintain and Protect Accessibility to the Airport Maintain and protect accessibility to the Airport as a priority.	Ongoing through the implementation of the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan 2020, the Development Management Process and the implementation of the recommendations of the South Fingal Transport Study 2019. All relevant planning applications are referred to Transportation Planning Section for comment.
Objective DAO10 – Employment Opportunities for Fingal Residents Engage with and support the daa and other employment providers in aviation uses associated with Dublin Airport to create quality and easily accessible employment opportunities for Fingal residents.	Ongoing
Objective DAO11 – Requirement for Noise Insulation Strictly control inappropriate development and require noise insulation where appropriate in accordance with Table 8.1 above within Noise Zone B and Noise Zone C and where necessary in Assessment Zone D, and actively resist new provision for residential development and other noise sensitive uses within Noise Zone A, as	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.

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shown on the Development Plan maps, while recognising the housing needs of established families farming in the zone. To accept that time based operational restrictions on usage of the runways are not unreasonable to minimise the adverse impact of noise on existing housing within the inner and outer noise zone.	
Objective DAO12 – Noise Zones and New Housing for Farming Families Notwithstanding Objective DAO11, apply the provisions with regard to New Housing for Farming Families only, as set out in Chapter 3 Sustainable Placemaking and Quality Homes, within the Inner Noise Zone subject to the following restrictions: -Under no circumstances shall any dwelling be permitted within the predicted 69 dB LAeq 16 hours noise contour, -Comprehensive noise insulation shall be required for any house permitted under this objective, -Any planning application shall be accompanied by a noise assessment report produced by a specialist in noise assessment which shall specify all proposed noise mitigation measures together with a declaration of acceptance of the applicant with regard to the result of the noise assessment report.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and implementation of the Rural Settlement Policy as per the Development Plan.
Objective DAO13 – Aircraft Operations and Noise Ensure that aircraft-related development and operation procedures proposed and existing at the Airport consider the requirements of the Aircraft Noise Regulations, the Noise Abatement Objective (NAO) for Dublin Airport, the Noise Action Plan, Health Issues and all measures necessary to mitigate against the potential negative impact of noise from aircraft operations (such as engine testing, taxiing, taking off and landing), on existing established residential communities, while not placing unreasonable, but allowing reasonable restrictions on airport development to prevent detrimental effects on local communities, taking into account the EU Regulation 598/2014 (or any future superseding EU regulation applicable) having regard to the 'Balanced Approach' and the involvement of	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management process.

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communities in ensuring a collaborative approach to mitigating against noise pollution.	
Objective DAO14 – Aircraft Movements and Development Restrict development which would give rise to conflicts with aircraft movements on environmental or safety grounds on lands in the vicinity of the Airport and on the main flight paths serving the Airport, and in particular restrict residential development in areas likely to be affected by levels of noise inappropriate to residential use.	Airport Noise Zones/ Ongoing through the Development Management Process
Objective DAO15 – Ongoing Review of Operation of Noise Zones Review the operation of the Noise Zones on an ongoing basis in line with the most up to date legislative frameworks in the area, the ongoing programme of noise monitoring in the vicinity of the Airport flight paths, and the availability of improved noise forecasts.	Ongoing
Objective DAO16 – Introduction of a Noise Quota System To encourage and promote the introduction of a noise quota system at Dublin Airport to encourage Airlines to use quieter aircraft so as to prevent and reduce, where necessary, on a prioritised basis the effects due to long term exposure to aircraft noise.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective DAO17 – Crosswind Runway Restrict the Crosswind Runway to essential occasional use on completion of the second east-west runway. 'Essential' use shall be interpreted as use when required by international regulations for safety reasons.	Through Development Management Process. Cond No. 3 of North runway permission F04A/1755 restricts to essential occasional use on completion of the new runway.
Objective DAO18 – Safety Promote appropriate land use patterns in the vicinity of the flight paths serving the Airport, having regard to the precautionary principle, based on existing and anticipated environmental and safety impacts of aircraft movements.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process/Airport Noise Zones
Objective DAO19 – Review of Public Safety Zones Support the review of Public Safety Zones associated with Dublin Airport and implement the policies to be determined by the Government in relation to these Public Safety Zones.	Ongoing

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Objective DAO20 – Irish Aviation Authority Publications Take into account relevant publications issued by the Irish Aviation Authority in respect of the operations of and development in and around Dublin Airport.	Ongoing
Objective DAO21 – Irish Aviation Authority Advice Continue to take account of the advice of the Irish Aviation Authority with regard to the effects of any development proposals on the safety of aircraft or the safe and efficient navigation thereof. To refer planning applications for any proposals that may be developed in the environs of the Airport to the Irish Aviation Authority and daa in accordance with the Obstacle Limitation Requirements of Regulation (EU) No 139 / 2014 (EASA Certification Specifications), previously required under ICAO Annex 14, and which are depicted on the aerodrome operator's map.	Ongoing
Objective DAO22 – Weston Aerodrome Have regard to the safety and environmental impacts of aircraft movements associated with Weston Aerodrome in the assessment of any relevant development proposal.	Ongoing
Objective DAO23 – Public Stakeholder Forums Continue to participate in the Dublin Airport Stakeholders Forum, St. Margaret's Community Liaison Group and other public stakeholder forums involving representatives from Local Authorities, airport operators, community and other stakeholders, providing a forum for discussion of environmental, community and other issues.	Ongoing
Objective DAO24 – Housing Development and Dublin Airport Noise Zones Restrict housing development in order to minimise the potential for future conflict between Airport operations and the environmental conditions for residents, in accordance with the Dublin Airport Noise Zones 2019.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.

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Objective DAO25 – Improvements and Extensions to Existing Properties Permit improvement and extensions to existing properties in the area where it can be demonstrated that such works do not represent significant intensification of development, and that appropriate consideration of potential noise impacts are incorporated within the proposals.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective DAO26 – Development within Dublin LAP Lands Ensure that all development within the Dublin Airport Local Area Plan lands will be of a high standard of design and sustainability, to reflect the prestigious nature of an international gateway airport, and its location adjacent to Dublin City.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and implementation of the Dublin Airport LAP 2020 and associated Dublin Airport Architectural Design Framework.

9. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL HERITAGE



9. Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage

9.1 Introduction

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2023 acknowledges the importance of protecting the county's natural environment, biodiversity and ecosystems. The Plan includes various objectives for the protection and enhancement of our natural environment and its rich and diverse biodiversity as well the development of a green infrastructure network for the county.

The Development Plan acknowledges that maintaining and protecting the County's natural environment and its biodiversity and advancing a green infrastructure network, plays a key role in climate adaptation and mitigation. The multi-faceted nature of green infrastructure is co-ordinated through five distinct themes with associated objectives in the Development Plan. These include:

- Biodiversity
- Parks Open Space and Recreation
- Sustainable Water Management
- Archaeological and Heritage Landscapes
- Landscape

Since the adoption of the Development Plan, the Council's Biodiversity Officer, Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and Heritage Office continue to implement various plans and projects, to fulfil relevant Development Plan objectives relating to these themes.

9.2 Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2029



The Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2029 was published in 2023.

A Biodiversity Forum was set up to oversee the implementation of this Plan. This forum comprises various Departments and external stakeholders such as IFI, NPWS, Birdwatch Ireland, Fingal Beekeepers, Golden Eagle Trust and others.

The Plan contains 100 actions of which 60 are prioritised for implementation between 2023 and 2027.

A Biodiversity Team was established in the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division which currently comprises 6 no. staff responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the prioritised actions.

Examples of Biodiversity Actions ongoing include:

- Weir removal and fish pass construction in the Ward River to improve fish migration.

- Wildfire Management including goat grazing on Howth.
- Wetland Restoration in St Ita's Donabate/Portrane.
- Wetland Restoration and Rewilding in Turvey Nature Park.
- Little Tern Bird Conservation Project at Portrane Beach in conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland.
- Completion of rare Irish Farm breeds collection in Newbridge Farm.



Weir Removal River Ward



Wildfire Management including goat grazing on Howth.



Wetland Restoration in St Ita's Donabate/Portrane.

The Council continues to implement biodiversity projects with support funding, provided primarily through the Local Biodiversity Action Plan fund and the Council's Capital Plan 2025-2027.

The Biodiversity Officer also continues to raise public awareness of the importance of biodiversity, through environmental educational activities, such as guided biodiversity walks. Engagement also occurs with the 22 no. Tidy Towns groups within Fingal to progress biodiversity projects at local level.

The Council promoted a wide range of events for National Biodiversity Week in 2024.

9.3 Parks, Open Space and Recreation

The progress made in implementing open space and recreational activities within the county is reinforced by the ongoing projects of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division and as detailed in Chapter 4 of this report. Examples at strategic level include the continued development of Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan and the enhancement of the Regional Parks at Malahide, Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes and Shackleton Mills in Dublin 15 as well as the delivery of Recreational Sports Hubs across Fingal.



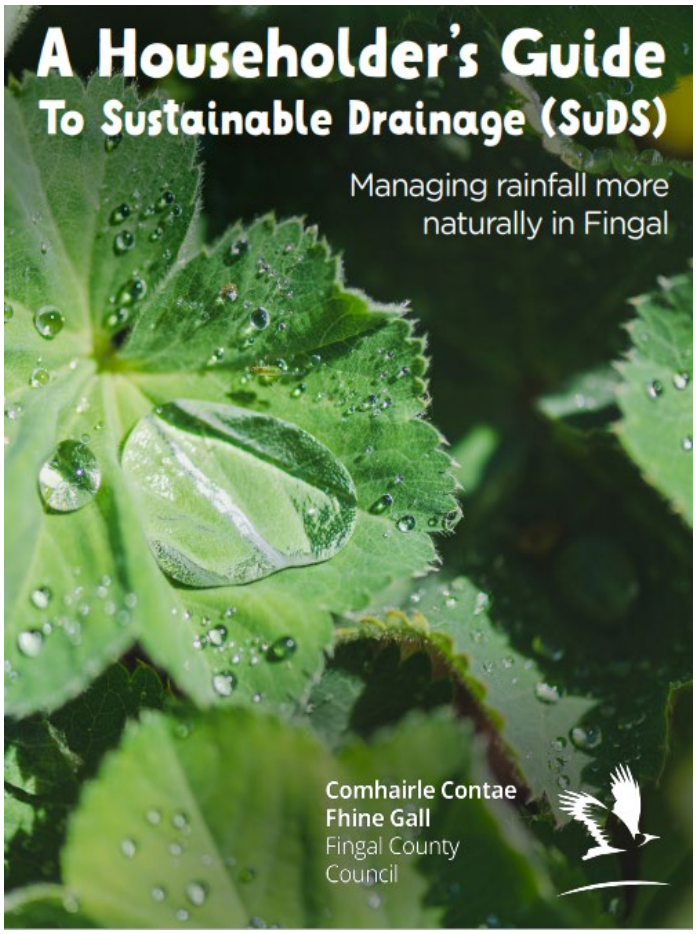
Artist impression of Rathmore Recreational Sports Hub, Lusk -To commence 2025



Artist impression of Corduff Park Upgrade – At Detailed Design Stage.

Works continue across Council Departments to support and facilitate strategic green infrastructure corridors in Fingal. Notable progress on delivery of these corridors is set out in Table 6.1 of this report. These include the Fingal Coastal Way, the Broadmeadow Greenway, The Royal Canal Urban Greenway, Ward River Valley and Broadmeadow River Valley, providing continuous green links along the coast, canals and between regional parks.

9.4 Sustainable Water Management



Fingal County Council's SuDS guidance document was published in parallel with the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

SuDS measures are required to be incorporated into all new development either directly or through conditions.

In 2024, Fingal County Council published a 'A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage' (SuDS) towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal.

9.5 Archaeological and Heritage Landscapes

The progress made in protecting, enhancing and promoting the Archaeological and Heritage Landscapes of the County is reinforced by the ongoing work carried out by the Council's Heritage Officer and as detailed in Chapter 10 of this report. Examples include the publication of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030, excavations at Drumanagh Promontory Fort, exhibitions, a series of seminars and public events as well as input of archaeological expertise into land-use plans and cross-department Council projects and the Development Management process.

9.6 Landscape

All planning proposals are assessed against the relevant landscape character provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 in conjunction with the requirement for a Landscape Assessment and Screening for Appropriate Assessments for developments and specifically within sensitive landscape areas through the Development Management Process.

Implementation of Howth SAAO Operational Plan continues and the adoption of a new Operational Plan for Liffey Valley SAAO is pending.

In line with the Council's remit and in collaboration with relevant national agencies, Fingal County Council continues to protect vulnerable coastal areas and infrastructure where possible using

nature-based solutions in response to coastal change. Examples include, Velvet Strand – Portmarnock and Burrow Beach – Portrane.

The Dublin Bay Biosphere is managed by the Dublin Bay Biosphere Partnership, which includes Fingal County Council. Fingal is committed to the ongoing implementation of the Biosphere Work Programme.



Howth SAAO area

Chapter 9 – Objectives and Progress

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE	PROGRESS
Objective GINHO1 – Urban Greening Plans Develop and implement Urban Greening Plans for Balbriggan, Swords and the wider Dublin 15 area within the lifetime of the Development Plan.	Action 42 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective. Scheduled to commence 2027.
Objective GINHO2 – Fragmentation Reduce fragmentation and enhance the resilience of Fingal's green infrastructure network by strengthening ecological links between urban areas, Natura 2000 sites, proposed Natural Heritage Areas, parks and open spaces and the wider regional network by connecting all new developments into the wider green infrastructure network.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process, Local Area Plans, Framework Plans, Masterplans through the planning and design of Multifunctional Green infrastructural projects.
Objective GINHO3 – Biodiversity in Open Space Make provision for biodiversity within public open space and include water sensitive design and management measures (including SuDS) as part of a sustainable approach to open space design and management.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process, Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplan through the planning and design of Multi-functional Green Infrastructural projects. Actions 29, 30, 31 and 35 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective.
Objective GINHO4 – Green Infrastructure and Development Resist development that would fragment or prejudice the County's strategic green infrastructure network.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO5 – Pollinator Plan Continue to support the provisions of the National Pollinator Plan 2021-2025 through the management and monitoring of the County's pollinator protection sites and through the promotion of additional pollinator sites during the lifetime of this Development Plan.	Action 38 of Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective, and the implementation of this action is ongoing.
Objective GINHO6 – Agriculture and Horticulture Identify and map the important agricultural and horticultural lands in the County for future food security purposes and protect these lands from development.	To be commenced during the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective GINHO7 – Provision of Open Space Provide a range of accessible new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities accommodating a wide variety of uses (both passive and active), use intensities and interests.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and preparation of Local Area Plans, Masterplans, Framework Plans. The three- year Capital Programme includes a number of projects that contribute significantly to the provision of additional open space and recreational facilities within the County.

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Objective GINHO8 – Routes Provide attractive and safe routes linking parks and open spaces and other related features such as cultural sites and heritage assets as an integral part of green infrastructure provision, where appropriate and feasible.	Ongoing - Through the planning and design and implementation of Greenways and Multifunctional Green Infrastructural Projects. Ongoing collaboration between Council Departments including Environment- Active Travel and Transportation regarding such projects.
Objective GINHO9 – Greenways and Net Gain Ensure that all greenway developments have a biodiversity net gain. Nature conservation and opportunities for biodiversity enhancement will be a key part of these infrastructure projects and nature conservation will be considered throughout the lifetime of the project and into the future, following project completion.	Ongoing- Through the planning, design and implementation of Greenway Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO10 – Food Production Identify and provide opportunities for Fingal residents to engage in food production through allotments, community gardens and the provision of food foraging areas in new parks and green infrastructure proposals where appropriate.	Ongoing – Through the implementation of Fingal's Allotment Strategy. The Council continues to maintain 800 public allotments and extend the number of community gardens, in response to local demand in the County. Examples include Rush and Ward River Valley/Knocksedan and Lanesborough.
Objective GINHO11 – Donabate Turvey Nature Reserve That Fingal County Council in the lifetime of this Development Plan provides for the development of a wildlife, education and rehabilitation centre within the Turvey Nature Reserve, Turvey Donabate.	The former Turvey Depot has been cleared, and design consultants will be appointed in Q1 2025.
Objective GINHO12 – Green Infrastructure Requirements Ensure the provision of new green infrastructure addresses the requirements of functional flood storage, the sustainable management of coastal erosion, and links with provision for biodiversity, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and provision for parks and open space wherever possible and appropriate.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and incorporation of multifunctional green infrastructure in projects funded by the Capital Programme.
Objective GINHO13 – Wetlands Seek the creation of new wetlands and/or enhancement of existing wetlands through provision for Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) where appropriate.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process. Incorporates multifunctional green infrastructure such as wetlands in projects funded by the Capital Programme. Examples include Ward River Valley Regional Park, Corballis -Donabate, Racecourse Park- Baldoyle and St. Ita's – Portrane.

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Objective GINHO14 – Green Roofs Seek the provision of green roofs and green walls as an integrated part of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and which provide benefits for biodiversity, wherever possible.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process. The potential of green and blue roofs has been recognised by Fingal as a means of delivering against multiple policy objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited. In this regard, Water Services Forward Planning is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new developments.
Objective GINHO15 – SuDS Limit surface water run-off from new developments through the use of appropriate Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) using nature-based solutions and ensure that SuDS is integrated into all new development in the County.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process. SuDS is a fundamental part of all planning permissions as a means of delivering against multiple policy objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited. Fingal County Council has also published *'A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage' (SuDS)* towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal.
Objective GINHO16 – Coastal Ensure the green infrastructure strategy for Fingal protects the County's natural coastal defences, such as beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and estuary lands, and promotes the use of soft engineering techniques as an alternative to hard coastal defence works wherever possible.	Ongoing – In line with the Council's remit and in collaboration with relevant national agencies, Fingal continues to protect vulnerable coastal areas and infrastructure where possible using nature-based solutions in response to coastal change. Examples include Velvet Strand – Portmarnock and Burrow Beach – Portrane.
Objective GINHO17 – Fingal Heritage Plan Protect, conserve and enhance landscape, natural, cultural and built heritage features, and support the objectives and actions of the Fingal Heritage Plan.	Ongoing – Through the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and as part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO18 – Heritage Landscape Ensure, wherever possible and appropriate, that elements of the archaeological and heritage landscape are fully integrated into proposals for new developments at the project design stage.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans and through the Development Management Process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage and Conservation Officers for comment. Engagement with both the Heritage and Conservation Officers occur in the context of the preparation of the various land use plans.
Objective GINHO19 – Green Networks Create an integrated and coherent green infrastructure for the County by requiring the	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through

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retention of substantial networks of green space in urban, urban fringe and adjacent countryside areas to serve the needs of communities now and in the future including the need to adapt to and mitigate climate change.	the planning and design of multifunctional Green Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO20 – Green Infrastructure and Recreation Where new residential development is proposed, seek, where appropriate to maximise the use and potential of existing parks, open spaces and recreational provision, by upgrading and improving the play and recreational capacity of these existing facilities through development contributions in lieu of new open space or play provision.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO21 – Integration of Green Infrastructure Avoid the fragmentation of green spaces in site design and to link green spaces /greening elements to existing adjacent green infrastructure / the public realm where feasible and to provide for ecological functions.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of multi-functional Green Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO22 – Network Fragmentation Resist development that would fragment or prejudice the County's strategic green infrastructure network.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO23 – Policies Support and implement The Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal, Keeping it Green – An Open Space Strategy for Fingal and Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal during the lifetime of the Development Plan.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and through the Capital Programme 2025-2027. e.g, retrospective provision of play facilities in line with the completed countywide Play Audit and the development of several Recreational Hubs throughout Fingal, e.g. Ballymastone-Donabate, Rathmore-Lusk, Bremore- Balbriggan.
Objective GINHO24 – Allotment Strategy Continue to respond to the demand for Public Allotments and Community Gardens in the County in line with Fingal's adopted Allotment Strategy.	Ongoing – Through the implementation of the Fingal Allotment's Strategy. The Council continues to maintain 800 public allotments and extend the number of community gardens in response to local demand. Examples include Rush and Ward River Valley/Knocksedan and Lanesborough.
Objective GINHO25 – Reintroduction Programmes Promote reintroduction programmes. Reintroduction programmes are an important part of rewilding and increasing biodiversity in the County.	Action 52 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 seeks to reintroduce Osprey into Fingal. The Council is currently awaiting the results of the Osprey reintroduction programme by the NPWS in Wexford and this will inform any reintroduction programme in Fingal. Action 57 of the Fingal

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	Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 seeks to reintroduce oysters into the Fingal coast. Oysters have been reintroduced into Malahide Estuary by UCD and this project will be expanded along the Fingal Coast in 2025.
Objective GINHO26 – Re-wilding Continue to promote and support re-wilding and pollinator initiatives within the County.	Ongoing – A rewilding project has commenced in Turvey Nature Park Donabate.
Objective GINHO27 – National Parks and Wildlife Service Support the National Parks and Wildlife Service, in the maintenance and achievement of favourable conservation status for the habitats and species in Fingal by taking full account of the requirements of the Habitats and Birds Directives, in the performance of its functions.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO28 – Protection of Natural Heritage Areas Ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs), Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs), Statutory Nature Reserves, Refuges for Fauna, Habitat Directive Annex I sites and Annex II species contained therein, and on rare and threatened species including those protected by law and their habitats.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO29 – Biodiversity and Open Space Ensure that the management of the Council's open spaces and parks is pollinator-friendly, provides more opportunities for biodiversity, and is carried out without the use of pesticides where possible.	Ongoing- Implementation of several actions of the Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 in collaboration with local stakeholders such as Tidy Towns Groups. Actions 37 to 41 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 seeks to enhance biodiversity in open spaces. Actions 38 and 40 are ongoing. Action 39 has commenced and Action 41 will commence in 2025.
Objective GINHO30 – Infrastructure and Net Biodiversity Gain All greenway and infrastructure projects are to have a net biodiversity gain and this principle shall be incorporated from the start of the project.	Ongoing - through the planning and design of Multifunctional Green Infrastructural Projects to achieve net biodiversity gain.
Objective GINHO31 – Invasive Species Continue the control programs of invasive species with all relevant stakeholders and landowners to control the key invasive species.	Action 26 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective. Control programmes are ongoing for Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam, Cherry

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	Laurel, Snowberry, Rhododendron, Sea Buckthorn and Mink.
Objective GINHO32 – Development and Invasive Species Ensure that proposals for development do not lead to the spread or introduction of invasive species. If developments are proposed on sites where invasive species are or were previously present, the applications will be required to submit a control and management program for the particular invasive species as part of the planning process and to comply with the provisions of European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 and EU Regulations 1143/2014.	Ongoing. As part of the Development Management Process. Developers are requested to submit Invasive Species Management Plans where invasive species are known to be present.
Objective GINHO33 – Annex I and Annex II Ensure that development does not have a significant adverse impact on proposed Natural Heritage Areas (pNHAs), Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs), Statutory Nature Reserves, Refuges for Fauna, Habitat Directive Annex I sites and Annex II species contained therein, and on rare and threatened species including those protected by law and their habitats.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Multi-Functional Green Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO34 – Ecological Management Plans Develop Ecological Management Plans for the Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries focusing on their ecological protection and that of their surrounding buffer zones.	Actions 1, 5 and 10 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective. To be commenced in 2025. Implementation of Racecourse Park Development Plan (part of the buffer zone of Baldoyle Estuary) to commence in 2025.
Objective GINHO35 – Appropriate Assessment In accordance with Appropriate Assessment of Plans and Projects in Ireland, Guidance for Planning Authorities 2010, any plans or projects that are likely to have a significant effect on a Natura 2000 site, either individually or in combination with other plans or projects, are subject to a screening for Appropriate Assessment unless they are directly connected with or necessary to the management of a Natura 2000 site.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Multi- Functional Green Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO36 – Biodiversity Gain in Farmland Promote biodiversity gain by allocating a proportion of Council owned land currently leased for farming for the purposes of rewilding	To be commenced within the lifetime of the Plan.

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and biodiversity initiatives over the lifetime of this Plan.	
Objective GINHO37 – Nature Development Areas Maintain and/or enhance the biodiversity of the Nature Development Areas indicated on the Green Infrastructure maps.	Ongoing. Examples includes the preparation of a Biodiversity Management Plan for the Howth Golf Club and Beaverstown Golf Club – Donabate and an Ecological Management Plan for Newbridge Demesne.
Objective GINHO38 – Demonstration Sites Develop a demonstration site for each Nature Development Area.	To be commenced during the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective GINHO39 – Ecological Corridor Guidance Develop Design Guidance document for ecological corridors.	To be commenced during the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective GINHO40 – Ecological Assessments Protect the ecological functions and integrity of the corridors indicated on the Plan Green Infrastructure maps. An ecological assessment may be required for any proposed development likely to have a significant impact on habitats and species of interest in an ecological corridor or stepping-stone.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO41 – Protection of Rivers Protect rivers, streams and other watercourses and maintain them in an open state capable of providing suitable habitat for fauna and flora, including fish.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO42 – Inland Fisheries Take full account of Inland Fisheries Guidelines on the Protection of Fisheries during Construction works in and adjacent to Waters 2016 and Planning for Water Courses in the Urban Environment 2020 when undertaking, approving or authorising development or works which may impact on rivers, streams and canals and their associated habitats and species.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO43 – Streamside Riparian Zone Remove existing revetments and/or gabion baskets along river and streams and restore a minimum of 10m of natural streamside riparian zone, where possible. If existing hard bank structures cannot be removed, provide instream river rehabilitation works in consultation with Inland Fisheries Ireland to improve the overall habitat quality of the river.	Rock armour removed from Ward River. Other restoration sites to be identified during the lifetime of the Plan,

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Objective GINHO44 – Setback of New Surface Water Drainage Outfalls Set back new surface water drainage outfalls from the main river channel on the landward edge of the floodplain or a designed wetland feature to cater for water quality improvement before the surface discharges into the river.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO45 – Hedgerow Categorisation Develop a 'Hedgerow Categorisation and Management Appraisal Tool' and associated appropriate planning and management requirements for Development Management purposes to ensure a sustainable future for retained hedgerows in the context of new developments.	This objective is addressed through Action 30 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 and the guidance document is now at Draft Stage.
Objective GINHO46 – Tree Removal Ensure adequate justification for tree removal in new developments and open space management and require documentation and recording of the reasons where tree felling is proposed and avoid removal of trees without justification.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO47 – Woodland Development Schemes Promote and support woodland development schemes by identifying suitable areas to establish and enhance woodlands for biodiversity, climate change and recreational purposes in partnership with local communities in line with the adopted Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal.	Ongoing- As part of the Development Management Process. Taking in charge of 2 no. woodland areas in Q2 2025, Belcamp, Balgriffin – Woodland management and rejuvenation and Thormanby Woods, Howth-Wet woodland restoration. Woodland Development Scheme submitted to the Forest Service for Council owned lands at the Nevitt.
Objective GINHO48 – Wildlife Act and Roads Act The Council shall comply with the requirements set out in the Wildlife Act and Roads Act in the context of its maintenance programmes and housing, recreational and infrastructure developments.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Housing and Multi-functional Green Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO49 – Tree Preservation Order Review Review Tree Preservation Orders within the County and maintain the conservation value of trees and groups of trees that are the subject of any Tree Preservation Order.	To be commenced within the lifetime of the Plan. Subject to a forthcoming cross Departmental approach.
Objective GINHO50 – Tree Preservation Orders Consider the use of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) to protect important trees, groups of trees or woodlands.	Ongoing- As part of Development Management Process.

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Objective GINHO51 – Protection of Shellfish Waters Protect the quality of designated shellfish waters off the Fingal coast.	Ongoing
Objective GINHO52 – Protection of Geological Site Protect and enhance the geological and geomorphological heritage of the County Geological Sites listed in Table 9.2. and indicated on Green Infrastructure Maps.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO53 – Access to Geological Sites Protect and promote safe and sustainable public access to County Geological Sites where appropriate and feasible subject to the requirements of Article 6 of the Habitats Directive.	Ongoing
Objective GINHO54 – Soils Reduce land take, soil sealing and loss of natural soils in urban and rural areas.	Ongoing- As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO55 – Protection of Skylines Protect skylines and ridgelines from development.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO56 – Visual Impact Assessments Require any necessary assessments, including visual impact assessments, to be prepared prior to approving development in highly sensitive areas.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO57 – Development and Landscape Ensure development reflects and, where possible, reinforces the distinctiveness and sense of place of the landscape character types, including the retention of important features or characteristics, taking into account the various elements which contribute to their distinctiveness such as geology and landform, habitats, scenic quality, settlement pattern, historic heritage, local vernacular heritage, land-use and tranquillity.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO58 – Sensitive Areas Resist development such as houses, forestry, masts, extractive operations, landfills, caravan parks, and campsites, and large agricultural/horticulture units which would interfere with the character of highly sensitive areas or with a view or prospect of special amenity value, which it is necessary to preserve.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.

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Objective GINHO59 – Development and Sensitive Areas Ensure that new development does not impinge in any significant way on the character, integrity and distinctiveness of highly sensitive areas and does not detract from the scenic value of the area. New development in highly sensitive areas shall not be permitted if it: - Causes unacceptable visual harm. - Introduces incongruous landscape elements. - Causes the disturbance or loss of (i) landscape elements that contribute to local distinctiveness, (ii) historic elements that contribute significantly to landscape character and quality such as field or road patterns, (iii) vegetation which is a characteristic of that landscape type and (iv) the visual condition of landscape elements.	Ongoing – As part of the preparation of Local Area Plans, Framework Plan and Masterplans, the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO60 – Protection of Views and Prospects Protect views and prospects that contribute to the character of the landscape, particularly those identified in the Development Plan, from inappropriate development.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO61 – Landscape/Visual Assessment Require a Landscape/Visual Assessment to accompany all planning applications for significant proposals that are likely to affect views and prospects.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO62 – Review and Update Views and Prospects Review and update the views and prospects outlined the Development Plan in line with the policy as set out in Section 9.6.15 – Views and Prospects.	To be commenced within the lifetime of the Plan. Subject to a forthcoming cross Departmental approach.
Objective GINHO63 – SAAOs Prioritise Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries for Special Amenity Area Orders.	This objective shall be addressed through the implementation of Actions 1,5, and 10 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030.
Objective GINHO64 – SAAO Management Committees Re-establish in a timely manner the management committee for the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area with an annual programme of quarterly meetings in partnership with South Dublin County Council on an ongoing basis, develop a five year works programme as part of	The first meeting of the Liffey Valley SAAO Committee convened jointly with South Dublin Co. Co. took place at the end of January 2025. The work of the Committee will focus on the Liffey Valley Regional Park Project which includes Shackleton's Mills and adjacent lands.

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the implementation plan for the SAAO and explore the possibility of extending the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area north to the Westmanstown Road (R121), Porterstown Road, Carpenterstown Road and Tower Road.	
Objective GINHO65 – SAAO Management Plans Implement the Management Plans and work programmes for the Special Amenity Areas and review them as necessary in consultation with all relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing – Implementation of Howth SAAO Operational Plan and pending the adoption of a new Operational Plan for Liffey Valley SAAO.
Objective GINHO66 – Liffey Valley Regional Park Study To carry out a study for the lands that comprise Liffey Valley inclusive of the Special Area Amenity Order (SAAO), Shackleton's Mill and adjacent lands so as to investigate and determine viable and appropriate uses to support and facilitate the development of a Regional Park (Liffey Valley Park) including a Greenway (Liffey Valley Greenway), with particular emphasis on enhancing the recreation, amenity value and accessibility of the area, in accordance with the Council's published document Towards a Liffey Valley Park 2007. This new Regional Park will serve the needs of existing communities of Clonsilla, Hansfield and Ongar as well as the wider Greater Dublin area. The study will be carried out in consultation with the surrounding Local Authorities, State Agencies, existing landowners, sectoral, community and commercial interests.	The first meeting of the Liffey Valley SAAO Committee convened jointly with South Dublin is took place in January 2025. The work of the Committee will focus on the Liffey Valley Regional Park Project which includes Shackleton's Mills and adjacent lands.
Objective GINHO67 – Development and High Amenity Areas Ensure that development reflects and reinforces the distinctiveness and sense of place of High Amenity areas, including the retention of important features or characteristics, taking into account the various elements which contribute to its distinctiveness such as geology and landform, habitats, scenic quality, settlement pattern, historic heritage, local vernacular heritage, land-use and tranquillity.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO68 – Coastal Erosion Where coastal erosion is considered a threat to existing properties, explore the technical and economic feasibility of coastal adaptation and coastal retreat management options.	Fingal continues to engage with the OPW and the Department in relation to implementation of the recommendations from the Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change Management Strategy.

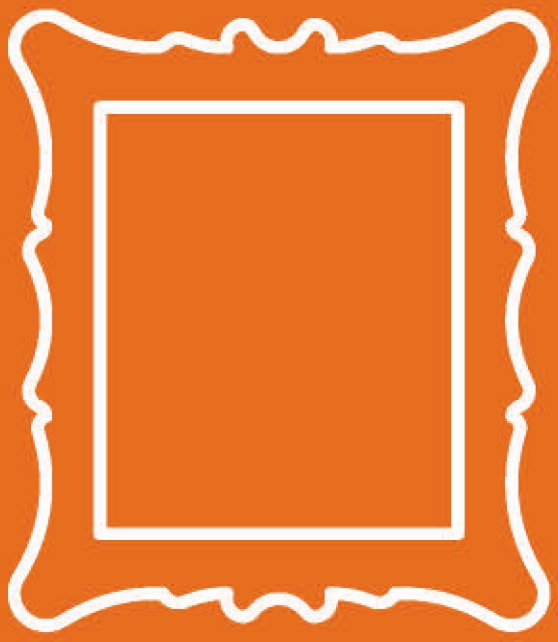
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Objective GINHO69 – Coastal Defence Works Employ soft engineering techniques as an alternative to hard coastal defence works, wherever possible.	Ongoing – In line with the Council's remit and in collaboration with relevant national agencies, Fingal continues to protect vulnerable coastal areas and infrastructure where possible using nature-based solutions in response to coastal change. Examples include Velvet Strand – Portmarnock and Burrow Beach – Portrane.
Objective GINHO70 – Identification of Coastal Protection Works Identify, prioritise and implement necessary coastal protection works subject to the availability of resources, whilst ensuring a high level of protection for natural habitats and features, and ensure due regard is paid to visual and other environmental considerations in the design of any such coastal protection works.	The Coastal Flood Risk Erosion Management Plan (CFERM) has been prepared for the Burrow Portrane which is currently the most vulnerable section of coastline in Fingal. An application for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) was made during Summer 2024 and a response is awaited from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). If this MAC is approved, an application for planning permission for the scheme will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.
Objective GINHO71 – Erosion Risk Management Undertake erosion risk management studies for high-risk areas so that the long-term erosion risks to property can be clearly identified long before the risk may be expected to occur.	The recently published "Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change" outlines recommendations for the management of coastal change over the short, medium, and longer terms. It is the Council's understanding that the government intends developing national policy/legislation on coastal change based on these recommendations. The Council will be better placed to respond to these matters in the context of evolving national policy.
Objective GINHO72 – Coastal Erosion Policy Develop a coastal erosion policy for Fingal based on best international practice to outline how the Council will deal with existing properties at risk of erosion and how future coastal erosion problems will be managed having regard to national climate change legislation, mitigation and adaptation policies, and the need to protect the environment.	The recently published "Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change" outlines recommendations for the management of coastal change over the short, medium, and longer term. It is the Council's understanding that the government intends developing national policy/legislation on coastal change based on these recommendations. The Council will be better placed to respond to these matters in the context of evolving national policy.
Objective GINHO73 – New Development and the Coast Prevent inappropriate development along the coast, particularly on the seaward side of coastal roads. New development for which a coastal location is required shall, wherever possible, be accommodated within existing developed areas.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and through the planning and design of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans.
Objective GINHO74 – Pattern of Coastal Development	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process and through the planning

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Strictly control the nature and pattern of development within coastal areas and ensure that it is designed and landscaped to the highest standards and sited appropriately so as not to detract from the visual amenity of the area. Development shall be prohibited where the development poses a significant or potential threat to coastal habitats or features, and/or where the development is likely to result in altered patterns of erosion or deposition elsewhere along the coast.	and design of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans and Multi-functional Green Infrastructural projects.
Objective GINHO75 – Prohibition of Coastal Development Prohibit development along the coast outside existing urban areas where such development could not be adequately safeguarded over the lifetime of the development without the need to construct additional coastal defences.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO76 – Development and Risk of Coastal Erosion Prohibit new development outside urban areas within the areas indicated on Green Infrastructure maps, which are within 100m of coastline at risk from coastal erosion, unless it can be objectively established based on the best scientific information available at the time of the application, that the likelihood of erosion at a specific location is minimal taking into account, inter alia, any impacts of the proposed development on erosion, or deposition.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO77 – National Marine Planning Framework Comply with the policies and objectives of the National Marine Planning Framework as it relates to the area between the mean high-water mark and the near shore with respect to the planning and resource management of the marine area.	Ongoing

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Objective GINHO78 – Coastal Way Plan and develop the Fingal Coastal Way from north of Balbriggan to Kilbarrack taking full account of the need to protect the natural and cultural heritage of the coast and the need to avoid significant adverse impacts on European Sites, other protected areas and species protected by law.	Phase 2 Route Option Selection is nearing completion. The next stage is preliminary design.
Objective GINHO79 – Coastal Access and Appropriate Assessment Ensure that there is appropriate public access to the coast including the provision of coastal walkways and cycleways, while taking full account of the need to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the coast and the need to avoid significant adverse impacts on European Sites and species protected by law, through Screening for Appropriate Assessment, and examine the designation of traditional walking routes thereto as public rights of way.	Ongoing – As part of the planning and design of strategic Greenway Infrastructural Projects.
Objective GINHO80 – Appropriate Leisure Facilities Encourage the development of facilities for maritime fishing and leisure developments where the siting of such installations and their supporting infrastructure will not have a significant adverse impact on the natural or cultural heritage or detract from the visual amenity and environmental quality and stability of an area, or public access to beaches.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective GINHO81 – Protection of Beaches Protect beaches, and bathing areas as valuable local amenities and as a tourism resource and support the maintenance, protection and improvement of access to them.	Ongoing – Through the works of the Council's Operations Department in accordance with the Council's remit.
Objective GINHO82 – Protection of Bathing Waters Protect bathing waters, including those listed in the Water Framework Directive Register of Protected Areas for the Eastern River Basin District, at Sutton, Portmarnock, Malahide, Donabate, Portrane, Rush, Loughshinny, Skerries and Balbriggan in order that they meet the required bathing water standards and implement the findings and recommendations of the Quality of Bathing Water in Ireland reports as published.	Ongoing Under European and Irish law, Irish local authorities must identify bathing waters each year so that these areas can be monitored to ensure they meet stringent microbiological water quality standards

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Objective GINHO83 – Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy Support the implementation of the Dublin Bay Biosphere Nature Conservation Strategy, the Education and Awareness strategy and any other programs developed during lifetime of this Plan.	Ongoing. Fingal is a key partner in the Dublin Bay Biosphere partnership.

10. HERITAGE, CULTURE AND ARTS



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10.1 Introduction

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of identifying, valuing, safeguarding and promoting archaeological, architectural and cultural heritage through appropriate protection, management, enhancement and promotion objectives of the Development Plan.

The County's Heritage, Conservation, Irish Language and Arts Offices are involved in a number of heritage, conservation, culture and arts projects within the County that have either been completed or commenced since the adoption of the Development Plan. The Council has administered various schemes for grant funding for heritage and conservation projects and continues to secure funding to carry out significant conservation, interpretation, conservation management and culture and arts projects within the county.

Examples of the work carried out by the Heritage Office since the adoption of the Development Plan is detailed in the first section of this chapter followed by the Conservation, Arts and Irish Language Office.

10.2 Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030

The Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 was launched on the 01 March 2024 by Fingal Mayor, Cllr. Adrian Henchy and Minister Darragh O'Brien T.D. in Malahide Castle. Approved by the Fingal Heritage Forum and accepted at the December 2023 County Council meeting it is available to download at https://www.fingal.ie/FingalHeritagePlan2024-2030







Implementation of the Heritage Plan is ongoing. Projects, publications, events etc. undertaken fulfil objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan, Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and the Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023-2028.

10.3 Heritage Projects:

Digging Drumanagh 2024

An important element of the Digging Drumanagh project is post-excavation, which was the focus of this project for 2024. Digging Drumanagh also features as the Archaeology Ireland Heritage

Guide No. 107, written by the Heritage Officer. Copies are freely available from Rush Library, or directly from the Heritage Officer.



Fingal Oral Heritage Audit

Fingal's first audit of oral heritage recordings has been completed. A total of 676 no. recording items were identified, consisting of both long and short form interviews and recordings, with an estimated 750 no. interviewees from the Fingal area. The report can be downloaded from https://www.fingal.ie/HeritageandConservation/fingal-audit-oral-heritage-recordings

Fingal Traditional Skills

In order to highlight traditional skills and expertise across Fingal, a Traditional Skills Courtyard was developed for the Flavors of Fingal County Show which was held on 29th-30th June 2024. This involved the Heritage Officer working with the DHLGH and Fingal's Conservation Office to identify traditional skills practitioners and all the attendant administration. Practitioners were a mix of traditional building and craft skills as well as a Fingal Heritage and Conservation tent, which included the Heritage Officer and Conservation Officer as well as a Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage stand and representatives from the National Built Heritage Service in another tent.



Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage 2024

Phase 2 of the project which explores, records and shares traditions, attitudes, beliefs, and practices around food in Fingal is focused on providing resources to primary school teachers. Access links: https://www.fingal.ie/blas-fingals-food-heritage

Fingal Gravestone Recording



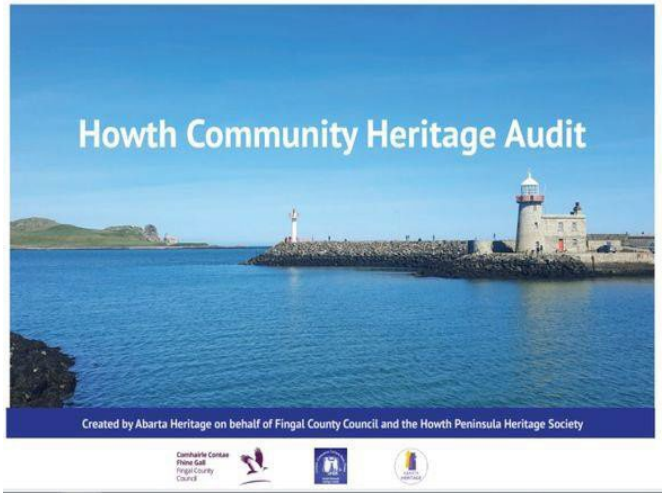




Two, two-day training sessions in gravestone recording took place. The first was in Mulhuddart graveyard on 17th and 18th May 2024 and the second took place in St Margaret's graveyard on 16th and 17th August 2024. John Tierney from Irish Historic Graves https://historicgraves.com/ demonstrated the systematic approach and non-impactful techniques that communities will use to record the history of the people buried in their local graveyard. The online record of the historic graves in each area then forms part of a national resource.

Howth Community Heritage Audit





Abarta Heritage were commissioned by Fingal Heritage Office to work with members of Howth Peninsula Heritage Society to undertake an audit of the built, natural and cultural heritage of Howth. Over one hundred sites were researched and narrowed down to 21no. key points of interest that were visited and evaluated by the project team. The Howth Community Heritage Audit was launched on 24th September 2024. The results of this evaluation and key recommendations from the audit can be found in this report https://www.fingal.ie/.../howth-community-heritage-audit.pdf .

Digital Heritage Projects

Accessible Heritage is a strategic objective of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. This includes the digital context and the use of innovative technologies. The Heritage Officer has worked with the Digital Officer to produce 3D tours of Malahide Demesne Church.



Fingal Heritage Network

Fingal Heritage Network brings together seventeen heritage groups from around the County to work together and pool information and resources. Monthly meetings were held throughout the year. The Network collectively undertook Heritage Night 2024, an annual Heritage Week event, and contributed to the Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024.

Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum contributed to the Heritage Plan process and are instrumental in its implementation. Following the 2024 elections, the Forum has been in the process of being reconstituted with the first meeting of the new Heritage Forum in January 2025.

National Heritage Week



National Heritage Week 2024 with the theme Connections, Routes and Networks took place between 17th-25th August 2024. In Fingal, there were just over 50 in-person events from bat walks in Baldoyle to WWI blimps in Malahide, including a Blas Food Heritage Event at Skerries Mills. Friends of Clonmethan were the Dublin-Fingal County Award 2024 winners with their community heritage event.

Book Launch



The Fingal Heritage Network Booklet 2024 was launched by Deputy Mayor Cllr. JK Onumereh at the annual Fingal Heritage Network Heritage Night. The booklet which highlights the work of the historical societies and heritage groups across the county is available from the societies themselves, local libraries and the Fingal Heritage Office.

10.4 Community Monuments Fund 2024



The Heritage Officer administers the Community Monument Fund in Fingal for the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Five archaeological monuments received a total of €405,639.75 in funding in 2024 towards conservation works. These include:

- Stream 1: St Columba's Towers Swords**,** -Lanistown Castle, -Balrothery Tower House
- Stream 2: *St Douloughs Church and Graveyard, -St Fintan's Church & Graveyard*

10.5 Steering Groups

Meeting of steering groups range from monthly to quarterly.

- Archaeology NI 2030, Engagement & Outreach working Group
- Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Planning Team
- Fingal Sites & Monuments at Risk Group
- Fingal Creative & Cultural team
- Fingal Commemorations sub group





10.6 Planning Files

Consultee reports were undertaken for:

- 98 Planning Permissions
- 20 LRDs
- 30 Compliances

10.7 Naming of Developments

A total of 39 no. reports for compliance with naming conditions were requested from the Heritage Officer in 2024. Process includes liaison with local historical societies, Placename Commission, research, and evaluation.

10.8 Architectural Heritage

Since the adoption of the Development Plan, the programme for the production of Conservation Plans for Council Owned Heritage Properties continues with two due for publication in 2025. The recommendations of the Fingal Thatch Survey 2022 are being implemented by the Conservation Office. The Conservation Office operates several conservation grant schemes to assist owners

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with works to repair and safeguard the architectural heritage of Fingal. These schemes include the Stitch in Time Grant, Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Built Heritage Investment Scheme (Thatch Stream) and the Historic Structures Fund.

Many of the objectives relating to the Record of Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas, Designed Landscapes and Historic Building Stock are achieved through the ongoing day-to-day Development Management process, specifically engaging in pre-planning consultations, commenting on planning applications and issuing Section 57 Declarations.

The Architectural Conservation Office also continues to respond to architectural conservation queries from owners and the general public on Protected Structures, Architectural Conservation Areas, and other built heritage assets and provides in-house architectural conservation expertise to Council staff on projects or policy documents that may impact on the built heritage of the county.

The Public Buildings and Conservation Team of the Architects Department continues to oversee construction projects that relate to council owned heritage properties/protected structures.

10.9 Heritage Properties

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

Bremore Castle – The development of Bremore Castle is nearing completion with park spaces being landscaped and the ground floor open to the public. The next phase will see the appointment of an Integrated Design Team to progress the internal and accessibility works needed to cover fire safety, accessibility and in particular, compliance with Part M Building Regulations.

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

Skerries Mills & Red Barn – With enabling works started at the end of 2023, the redevelopment of the Red Barn will be completed in 2025 enhancing the offering at Skerries Mills and providing revenue generating opportunity.

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

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

Swords Castle –Conservation plan works continue bringing some accessibility to the Knights and Squires Quarters, for which €434k has been allowed for in the Capital Programme. The project to date has been part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Urban Centre Development Scheme. October 20024 saw the commencement of Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) with the centre scheduled to open in 2027.

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

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

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

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

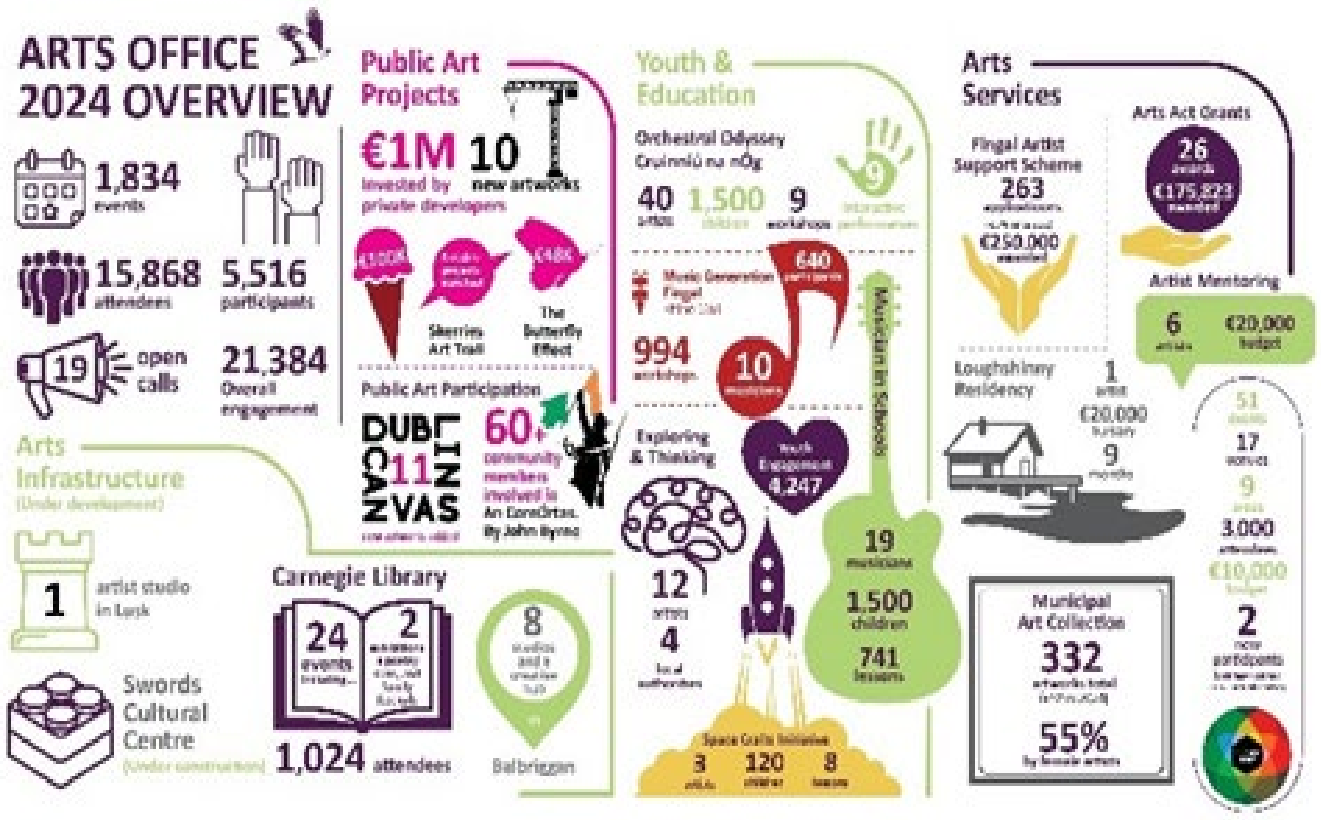
10.10 Arts

10.11 The Fingal Arts Plan 2019 – 2025

The Fingal Arts Plan 2019 – 2025 is the overarching strategy for Arts Development in the County. It offers an opportunity for people to engage, invigorate and renew their interest in the arts, and to help create an environment where people are willing to be challenged and have their lives enriched through participation in the arts. The Arts Office continues to engage with the Arts Council and through the 8-year Framework Agreement with the City and County Managers Association (CCMA). Fingal Arts Office will negotiate a new Framework Agreement in Q4 2025.

10.12 Arts Services

Key aspects of the Arts Service in 2024 is highlighted in the infographic below. This includes 1,834 events, featuring 5,516 participants and 15,868 attendees' amounting to an impressive overall engagement of 21,384.



Other key highlights in 2024 include:

- Following the launch of Carnegie Library in early 2024, the Arts Office delivered 24no. events with 1,024 in attendance.
- €1 million investment in Public Art with 10 new artworks including the launch of the Skerries Art Trail and The Butterfly Effect at the Snugborough Road Interchange.
- 4,247 young people were engaged through the Youth and Education programme via initiatives such as Musician in Residence, Youth Dance, Orchestral Odyssey for Cruinniú na nÓg, Exploring & Thinking and Music Generation Fingal.
- The Fingal Artist Support Scheme saw a 57% increase in the number of applications since 2022 and awarded €250,000 to professional Fingal artists in 2024.

The Arts Office continues to advance the Arts within the County. Priorities for 2025 will focus on building audience and artistic capacity in key geographic areas to support the Council's capital and social investment in Swords and Balbriggan, while maintaining the vibrancy of arts provision in Dublin 15 and other areas. The Arts Office will seek to ensure that its work reaches people within new and established communities, of all ages, abilities and backgrounds, and, as appropriate, to have a focus on children and young people, older people and professional artists.

10.13 Artist's Studios

A sum of €200k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for the fit-out of artist studios in the County. Working collaboratively with the 'Our Balbriggan' team, the development of 2-4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan will continue and will include eight artists' studios, a

community gallery, training, and workshop spaces. This will be a creative hub to foster artistic activity within the local community.



Visual of 2-4 Dublin St, Balbriggan

A residential artist studio has been successfully completed at Barrack Lane, Lusk as part of a new 10-dwelling development. The studio will launch in Q4 2025.

10.14 Creative Places Balbriggan

A successful application was made to the Arts Council seeking funding of €440,000 over three years, under the Creative Places programme to provide local people access to the arts in their own community. The Creative Places Coordinator was appointed in January 2024 as an addition to the Fingal Arts Office team. Preparation of a cogent plan for Creative Places Balbriggan informed by a meaningful process of stakeholder engagement will take place over Q1 & Q2 2025, ensuring robust foundation processes.

10.15 Public Art

Public Art in Fingal aligns with the commitment made in the Development Plan that sees the potential of art as an asset which supports communities, placemaking and Fingal's unique identity. It also aligns with the National Public Art Scheme and capital development. In Q1 2025, a new Public Art Policy will be presented to Council for approval following an extensive research and consultation phase which has included feedback from National specialists in the field from the OPW and The Arts Council. The Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Art in Fingal and will be accompanied by a countywide strategy.



John Byrne, An Comórtas,2024, Fingal County Council, Public Art Programme

10.16 Existing Arts infrastructure

The Arts Office will continue to support Draíocht as it works towards its 25-year anniversary in 2026. A provision of €1.5m has been made in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for the redevelopment of the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre including neighboring lands and outbuildings. Studies will be undertaken in early 2025 to take account of the Naul Village Park Development, condition reports of the existing buildings and a feasibility study to follow. Any progress on the redevelopment will be subject to the identification of funding.

10.17 Youth and Education

Fingal's Youth and Education Programme includes a suite of actions to support the well-being and development of children and young people. It includes the first regional arts partnership for early childhood in Dublin, and a strategic framework to expand the reach of Music Generation into Special Education and Child and Youth services. In 2025, a comprehensive review of spaces dedicated to youth arts activity in Fingal will be conducted to ensure young people have the resources they need to engage in arts and cultural activities. The pilot phase of a new youth dance programme for children in primary schools will be launched. This is informed by research and youth engagement to ensure the programme is relevant and responsive to local needs.

10.18 Funding Schemes, Bursaries and Awards

The Arts Office will continue to support professional Fingal artists through a series of awards and opportunities with partner organizations. Funding will continue to be offered to the community under the 2003 Arts Act Grant Scheme with a budget allocation of €225,000 in 2025.

Professional artists will continue to be supported through the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme. This scheme offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for an award to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work. There is a budget allocation of €250,000 in 2025.

10.19 Creative Ireland

The Creative Ireland Fingal Programme 2024 saw the roll out of many successful initiatives, events and projects across the county to connect people, creativity and wellbeing. As part of our Shared Island Initiative, 'Unforgettable Voices - Sharing Songs' in collaboration with Community Arts Partnership, Belfast, the Forget-Me-Nots choir is continuing to develop the connection with the 'This Is Me' choir based in Larne. Creative Fingal has secured funding to continue the weekly Silver Lining Virtual Music Appreciation Sessions enabling the groups in both locations to stay connected and build friendships.

10.20 Irish Language

Fingal County Council continues to promote the Coiste Gaeilge and the use of Irish by providing training for staff and Councillors and Gaeltacht scholarships for students as well as the promotion of Seachtain na Gaeilge. The Irish language is promoted at events such as Flavours of Fingal and Tradfest and events are organised by the Council for Seachtain na Gaeilge and an Irish Networking event.

Chapter 10 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective HCAO1 – Preservation-in-situ Favour the preservation in situ or at a minimum preservation by record, of archaeological sites, monuments, features or objects in their settings. In securing such preservation the Council will have regard to the advice and recommendations of the National Monuments Service of the Department of the Housing, Local Government and Heritage.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO2 – Protection of RMPs/SMRs Protect all archaeological sites and monuments, underwater archaeology, and archaeological objects, which are listed in the Record of Monuments and Places, Wreck Inventory of Ireland and all sites and features of archaeological and historic interest discovered subsequent to the publication of the Record of Monuments and Places, and to seek their preservation in situ (or at a minimum, preservation by record) through the planning process.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO3 – Management of Archaeological Resource Encourage and promote the appropriate management and maintenance of the County's archaeological heritage, including historical burial grounds and underwater cultural heritage in accordance with conservation principles and best practice guidelines.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO4 – Industrial or Military Heritage Secure the preservation in-situ of significant examples of industrial or military heritage.	Ongoing – Advice is sought as part of the Development Management process.
Objective HCAO5 – Community Monuments Fund Support the implementation of the Community Monuments Fund in order to ensure the monitoring and adaptation of archaeological monuments and mitigate against damage caused by climate change.	Ongoing. Five projects received a total of €405,639.75 in CMF funding in 2024. Five projects received a total of €473,971 in CMF funding in 2023- https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0
Objective HCAO6 – Climate Change and the Archaeological Resource	Ongoing-Heritage Officer is a member of the Climate Change Adaptation Sectoral Plan for Built

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Co-operate with other agencies in the investigation of climate change on archaeological sites and monuments and to develop suitable adaptation measures to strengthen resilience and reduce the vulnerability of archaeological heritage in line with the National Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage 2019.	and Archaeological Heritage Planning Team and participates and presents to working groups.
Objective HCAO7– Archaeology and Development Design Ensure archaeological remains are identified and fully considered at the very earliest stages of the development process, that schemes are designed to avoid impacting on the archaeological heritage	Ongoing – Archaeological advice is sought at pre-planning stages for major infrastructural projects such as the Coastal Way, Dublin Airport, Ward Valley Regional Park etc. Advice is sought as part of the development management process.
Objective HCAO8 – Archaeological Impact Assessment Require that proposals for linear development over one kilometre in length; proposals for development involving ground clearance of more than half a hectare; or developments in proximity to areas with a density of known archaeological monuments and history of discovery; to include an Archaeological Impact Assessment and refer such applications to the relevant Prescribed Bodies.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. All relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage officer/ Archaeologist for comment. Ongoing liaison with Statutory Authorities as appropriate.
Objective HCAO9 – Archaeology in the Landscape Ensure that in general development will not be permitted which would result in the removal of archaeological monuments with above ground features, protected wrecks and that this will be especially the case in relation to archaeological monuments which form significant features in the landscape.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO10 – Context of Archaeological Monuments Ensure that development within the vicinity of a Recorded Monument or Zone of Archaeological Notification does not seriously detract from the setting of the feature and is sited and designed appropriately.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO11 – Impacts of large-scale development	Ongoing – Archaeological advice is sought at preplanning stages for major infrastructural projects. All relevant planning applications are

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Ensure that proposals for large scale developments and infrastructure projects consider the impacts on the archaeological heritage and seek to avoid them.	referred to the Heritage officer/ Archaeologist for comment. Ongoing liaison with Statutory Authorities as appropriate.
Objective HCAO12 – Coastal and Maritime Heritage Co-operate with other agencies in the assessment of the potential for climate change to impact on coastal, riverine, inter-tidal and sub-tidal sites and their environments including shipwreck sites.	Ongoing – through the Development Management process and through the implementation of policies and objectives contained within the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2024-2029.
Objective HCAO13 – Findings of Archaeological Activity Encourage reference to or incorporation of significant archaeological finds into development schemes, where appropriate and sensitively designed, through layout, in situ and virtual presentation of archaeological finds and by using historic place names and the Irish language where appropriate.	Ongoing – identification of archaeological monuments within open space and the raising of public awareness of sub-surface archaeological remains through interpretation projects. Ongoing cross departmental liaison regarding update of open spaces taken in charge, etc.
Objective HCAO14 – Archaeology in Open Space Retain and manage appropriately archaeological monuments within open space areas in or beside developments, ensuring that such monuments are subject to an appropriate conservation management plan, are presented appropriately and are not left vulnerable, whether in the immediate or longer term, to dangers to their physical integrity or possibility of loss of amenity.	Ongoing- as part of the Development Management process.
Objective HCAO15 – Best Practice Promote best practice for archaeological excavation by ensuring that they are undertaken according to best practice as outlined by the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, The National Museum of Ireland and the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Heritage Officer/Archaeologist for comment.
Objective HCAO16 – Conservation Plans Manage the archaeological sites and monuments that Fingal County Council owns or is responsible for according to best practice and according to Conservation Plans where they exist.	Ongoing. The cross-departmental Sites & Monuments at Risk group has identified a number of archaeological monuments for survey and conservation works which have been supported by the Community Monuments Fund- https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0

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	Drumanagh Conservation & Management Plan continues to be implemented.
Objective HCAO17 – Dissemination Ensure the public dissemination of the findings of licenced archaeological activity in Fingal through the Dublin County Archaeological GIS project, publications, public lectures and events to promote awareness of, and access to, Fingal's archaeological inheritance and foster high quality community archaeology.	Ongoing through the implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030. For example, Heritage Officer delivered talks to 29th EAA Annual Meeting, Belfast; Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland, Spring Conference; Roman Finds Group-New Research on Finds from the edges of Roman Britain and beyond; Trinity College Dublin Archaeology Society and Loughshinny & Rush Historical Society in 2023. For projects see https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-conservation
Objective HCAO18 – Public Awareness Raise public awareness of the cultural heritage and improve legibility by providing appropriate interpretation in areas, sites, villages, and buildings of archaeological and historic significance.	Ongoing-Implementation of the Fingal Heritage Signage & Heritage Trails Guidance; Through the implementation of policies and objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and undertaking of heritage audits and interpretation plans e.g. https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-09/howth-community-heritage-audit.pdf
Objective HCAO19 – Community Archaeology Strategy Continue to implement the findings of the Community Archaeology Strategy for Fingal.	Ongoing supporting local community archaeology groups; delivery of annual community archaeology programme, including Digging Drumanagh https://www.fingal.ie/digging-drumanagh
Objective HCAO20 – Cultural Tourism Support the growth of cultural tourism in the County, including the potential for niche heritage-based tourism products by facilitating the development of heritage events, infrastructure such as heritage trails, walkways and cycleways etc. and activities such as community excavation.	Ongoing expert input in order to support and progress the development of a trails and cycleways throughout the County including e.g. St Patrick's Way- and Art Trail, Skerries. https://www.fingal.ie/st-patricks-way-and-art-trail-skerries
Objective HCAO21 – Climate Change Promote awareness and the appropriate adaptation of Ireland's built and archaeological heritage to deal with the effects of climate change.	Ongoing-Citizen science project Fingal Heritage X Climate continues to raise public awareness and participation - https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-heritage-x-climate
Objective HCAO22 – Record of Protected Structures Review the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) to assess current entries and to add structures of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical interest as appropriate.	The next full review of the RPS will coincide with the review of the Development Plan, unless an exceptional circumstance arises that merits changes to the RPS outside of this timeline.

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Objective HCAO23 – Expansion of Record of Protected Structures Expand the RPS to include structures of industrial, maritime, vernacular and twentieth century heritage where they are of sufficient significance and complete the assessment of the few remaining Ministerial Recommendations from the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) Survey of Fingal.	The next full review of the RPS will coincide with the review of the Development Plan, unless an exceptional circumstance arises that merits changes to the RPS outside of this timeline. The assessment of the remaining NIAH recommendations has been partially implemented.
Objective HCAO24 – Alteration and Development of Protected Structures and ACAs Require proposals for any development, modification, alteration, extension or energy retrofitting affecting a Protected Structure and/or its setting or a building that contributes to the character of an ACA are sensitively sited and designed, are compatible with the special character, and are appropriate in terms of the proposed scale, mass, height, density, architectural treatment, layout, materials, impact on architectural or historic features.	Ongoing – as part of the development management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO25 – Architectural Heritage Impact Statement Require an Architectural Heritage Impact Statement as part of the planning documentation for development that has the potential to affect the relationship between the Protected Structure and any complex of adjoining associated buildings, designed landscape features, or designed views or vistas from or to the structure. This particularly relates to large landholdings such as country estates, institutional complexes, and industrial sites where groups of structures have a functional connection or historical relationship with the principal building.	Ongoing – implemented as part of the required documentation for planning applications that relate to designated architectural heritage.
Objective HCAO26 – Use of Protected Structures Where required to support active use or facilitate suitable adaptive re-use of Protected Structures the Council may in certain circumstances consider the relaxation of site zoning restrictions to secure the preservation and conservation of the Protected Structure where the use proposed is compatible with the existing structure. This will	Ongoing – as part of the development management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.

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only be permitted where the development is consistent with conservation policies and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.	
Objective HCAO27 – Protected Structures within Larger Developments Where permission is being sought for a development in which works to the Protected Structure are one element of a larger proposal, the Council will seek for the repair and refurbishment of the Protected Structure to be contained and completed within the first phase.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO28 – Conservation Plans for Protected Structures Demonstrate best practice in relation to the management, care and maintenance of Protected Structures by continuing the programme of commissioning Conservation Plans for the principal heritage properties in the Council's ownership (several of which are also ACAs), implement the policies and actions of these Conservation Plans where they exist, and ensure the Plans are used by all sections of the Council to inform and direct the design of interventions within the heritage properties, both to buildings and landscapes.	Ongoing – Two Conservation Plans for Council owned heritage properties are due for publication in 2025.
Objective HCAO29 – Protected Structures Audit Carry out an audit and assess the condition of all Protected Structures within the Council's ownership and pilot a management/maintenance plan as a template for these structures.	Ongoing – through works programmes for Council owned historic buildings and heritage properties.
Objective HCAO30 – Retrofitting Pilot Project Demonstrate best practice on energy retrofitting of historic buildings through a pilot project using suitable case studies to improve comfort levels and reduce energy consumption for the occupier.	Energy assessments are now the norm for all Council building projects. National guidance has issued on improving the energy performance of traditional buildings and case studies identified nationwide. A specific pilot project in Fingal is no longer required.
Objective HCAO31 – Protection of Designed Landscapes Identify the historic designed landscapes of significance in the County and determine the appropriate mechanism to ensure their future protection. Several of the most significant are	Ongoing - The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has carried out an assessment of the historic gardens/landscapes of County Dublin (including Fingal). The Garden Survey can be viewed on the NIAH website. ACA designation has already been assigned to the most significant

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already designated, as Architectural Conservation Areas.	demesnes. The majority of the other sites have Protected Structures at their core.
Objective HCAO32 – Designed Landscape Appraisal Require that proposals for development within historic designed landscapes include a Designed Landscape Appraisal (including an ecological assessment) as part of the planning documentation to fully consider the potential impacts of the proposal. The appraisal should be carried out prior to the initial design of any development, in order that this evaluation to inform the design which must be sensitive to and respect the built heritage elements and green space values of the site.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO33 – Conservation Plans Continue the programme of commissioning Conservation Plans for the principal heritage properties in the Council's ownership that contain historic designed landscapes.	Ongoing – Two Conservation Plans for Council owned heritage properties are due for publication in 2025.
Objective HCAO34 – Perimeter of Phoenix Park Ensure that development within Fingal along the perimeter of the Phoenix Park adheres to the Office of Public Works' (OPW), Phoenix Park Conservation Management Plan, does not have a detrimental impact on the Park, does not damage any of the built elements along its boundary, or interrupt any important vistas into or out of it.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO35 – Appropriate Maintenance, Repair and Re-use Advocate for and support appropriate maintenance, repair, re-use and sensitive retro-fitting of the architectural heritage, vernacular buildings and the older building stock of the County, whether protected or not, to deliver the Council's sustainable development policy.	Ongoing – the Conservation grant schemes are utilised to support appropriate maintenance and repair of the architectural heritage.
Objective HCAO36 –Extensions to Vernacular Dwellings Require that the size, scale, design, form, layout and materials of extensions to vernacular dwellings or conversions of historic outbuildings take direction from the historic building stock of Fingal and are in keeping and sympathetic with the existing structure.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.

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Objective HCAO37 – Thatched Buildings Audit Audit and map the historic thatched buildings of Fingal and devise measures to assist their continued survival.	Complete. https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-thatch-project-and-report The recommendations set out in the Fingal Thatch Survey 2022 to assist the survival of the thatched buildings of Fingal are being implemented on an ongoing basis through grants and advice provided by the Conservation Office.
Objective HCAO38 – Infill Development Support the development of sustainable backland and infill development that is appropriate in scale and character to historic town and village centres, that transitions appropriately, accommodates surviving structures where appropriate and retains the historic streetscape form.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO39 – Character of Historic Townscapes Maintain and enhance the character and quality of historic townscapes or streetscapes by seeking those interventions to the exteriors of existing buildings are appropriately detailed and use good quality materials. Original finishes/fabric should be retained or replicated.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO40 – Public Realm Works Require that public realm works, proposed infrastructural and public utility works do not remove historic street furniture such as limestone or granite kerbs, cobblestones, cast-iron post boxes, water pumps, milestones and historic street-lamp standards, except where an exceptional need has been clearly established.	Ongoing – the Audit of Historic Street Elements under Objective HCAO43 that is scheduled for 2025 subject to receipt of grant funding will assist with the implementation of HCAO40.
Objective HCAO41 – Modern Street Furniture Sensitively design, locate and rationalise modern street furniture and elements such as utility boxes, cables, bins, bike racks, poles, wires, antenna and signage. Defunct or obsolete telephone boxes/kiosks should be removed rather than replaced.	Ongoing
Objective HCAO42 – Undergrounding Cables Underground cables and wires in historic urban environments or designated sites, such as SAAO's and ACAs, where appropriate, and where it does not detrimentally impact on other elements of heritage e.g. archaeology, natural heritage.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the relevant utility stakeholders.

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Objective HCAO43 – Historic Street Elements Audit Commission a study to map historic street furniture, stone setts, historic kerbing and historic pavers/ flags, and associated features in the public realm, to be protected, conserved or reintroduced.	Audit scheduled for 2025 subject to receipt of grant funding.
Objective HCAO44 – Fingal industrial Heritage Survey Update and publish the Fingal Industrial Heritage Survey to outline the history of the development of industry in the County and use it to identify significant industrial heritage structures that should be added to the Record of Protected Structure or industrial heritage complexes that should be designated as Architectural Conservation Areas.	To be commenced, within the lifetime of the Development Plan.
Objective HCAO45 – Development and Industrial Heritage Utilise the information provided within the Fingal Industrial Heritage Survey when assessing development proposals for surviving industrial heritage sites.	Ongoing – as part of the development management process.
Objective HCAO46 – Preservation of Industrial Heritage Secure the preservation in-situ of significant examples of industrial, military and nautical heritage that form part of our post-medieval archaeological heritage, and examples of which may date from periods up to and including the 20th century.	Ongoing
Objective HCAO47 – Historic Harbours Ensure that repairs and new insertions to the historic harbours, piers and quays are appropriate in the materials used and, in the design, and scale of any new structures or equipment.	Ongoing – as part of the development management process for harbours or piers in private ownership. For those in Council ownership the Conservation Office is available to advise the relevant department/section proposing the works.
Objective HCAO48 – Historic Bridges Seek the retention and appropriate repair/maintenance of the historic road and rail bridges of the County whether Protected Structures or not.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process for bridges in private or State ownership. For those in Council ownership the Conservation Office is available to advise the relevant department/section proposing the works.

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Objective HCAO49 – Royal Canal Protect and enhance the built and natural heritage of the Royal Canal and ensure that development along it or within its vicinity is sensitively designed and does not have a detrimental effect on the character of the Canal, its built elements and its natural heritage values. Works to the built fabric of Royal Canal should have regard to the Waterways Ireland's Heritage Plan and Guidelines for Conservation of the Built Heritage – Repair and maintenance of heritage structures on the inland waterways of Ireland 2015.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. Relevant planning applications are referred to the Conservation Office for comment.
Objective HCAO50 – Climate Change Mitigation Utilise the data provided by the Fingal Cultural Heritage and Climate Change Risk Assessment 2021 to address or mitigate, where possible, the potential Climate Change impacts identified. Where managed loss is the most appropriate option to ensure the site or structure is fully recorded and the data retained by the Council.	Ongoing – through the Development Management process and through the implementation of policies and objectives contained within the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2024-2029.
Objective HCAO51 – Adaptation Strategies Develop resilience and adaptation strategies for the built and archaeological heritage in the Council's ownership.	Ongoing – through the implementation of policies and objectives contained within the Fingal Climate Change Action Plan 2024-2029.
Objective HCAO52 – Risk Management Pilot Pilot a disaster risk management plan for a Council owned heritage property to serve as a template for other historic buildings in the Council's ownership.	Project ongoing.
Objective HCAO53 – Tourism Promote the tourism potential of Fingal's cultural heritage and improve legibility by providing guidance for appropriate interpretation in line with the Fingal Heritage Signage and Trails Guidance 2021.	Ongoing-Implementation of the Fingal Heritage Signage & Heritage Trails Guidance; Through the implementation of policies and objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030 and undertaking of heritage audits and interpretation plans e.g. https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-09/howth-community-heritage-audit.pdf
Objective HCAO54 – Understanding of the Heritage Resource Promote and enhance the understanding of the archaeological and architectural heritage of Fingal through the development of cultural tourism products, talks, exhibitions and publications.	Ongoing-Implementation through the implementation of policies and objectives of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030; National Heritage Week; Supporting the Fingal Heritage Network and undertaking of heritage projects e.g. Digital heritage projects; Blas: Fingal's Food Heritage; Fingal Oral Heritage Audit; Fingal Legacies of

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digital access through interactive maps, videos, virtual exhibitions, and podcasts.	Conflict 1914-1945. See https://www.fingal.ie/heritage-and-conservation
Objective HCAO55 – Universal Access Accommodate and improve universal access to Council owned archaeological and architectural heritage sites open to the general public, where possible. Ensure the archaeological and architectural heritage significance of the site is taken into account when providing such access and is not damaged or compromised.	Ongoing removal of physical, social and cultural barriers, resulting in improved access for all.
Objective HCAO56 – Engagement Seek to work with all relevant stakeholders to promote equality of access to and engagement with arts and cultural services.	Ongoing The Arts Office is committed to enhancing the cultural and artistic life of the County through annual subvention to Art Centre's, Draíocht and the Seamus Ennis Cultural Centre. Through the Arts Act funding Scheme, funding is offered to individuals, community groups, and organizations engaged in arts and cultural activities in line with Section 6 of the 2003 Arts Act. The Fingal Artists' Support Scheme offers professional artists the opportunity to apply for an award to support travel and professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of work. In 2024 Fingal Arts Office consulted with young people aged 10 – 20 years to better understand youth dance activity in Fingal and to explore the development of a new contemporary dance programme. Following an analysis of a range of perspectives, insights and ideas gathered via a countywide study, the arts office will now work with the Dublin Youth Dance Company to pilot a programme that suits the needs and ambitions of young people in the county. The Public Art Programme in Fingal is committed to bringing artists and communities together to develop projects which are often focused on, arts and health, identity, place and diversity with special consideration to accessibility and engagement.
Objective HCAO57 – Arts and Culture Infrastructure Policy Develop an Arts and Culture Infrastructure policy document for Fingal that informs the preparation	The Fingal Arts Plan 2019 – 2025 is the overarching strategy for Arts Development in the County. It is a strategic response to addressing the needs of arts development in Fingal. It offers

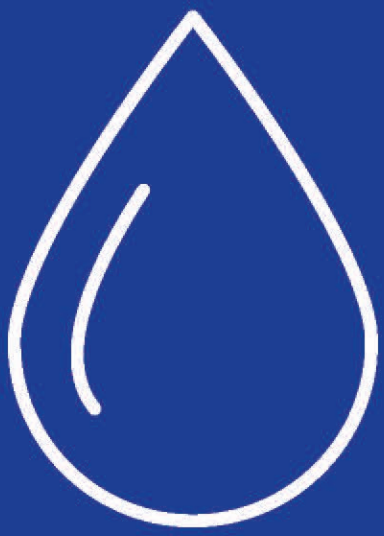
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of audits, use of vacant spaces and toolkits for provision of cultural and arts facilities.	an opportunity for people to become engaged with, and to invigorate and renew their interest in, the arts, and to help create an environment where people are willing to be challenged and have their lives enriched through participation in the arts. The four Strategic Goals include: 1. Making Space for Art 2. Connecting People and Ideas 3. Enabling Excellence 4. Developing Our Capacity Public Art Policy 2025 – 2027 sets out to streamline procedures and principles on how we commission Public Art in Fingal and will be accompanied by a countywide strategy which will be brought to Council in Q1 2025.
Objective HCAO58 – Swords Castle Cultural Quarter Support the enhancement of the identity, cultural and tourism development of Swords by protecting, conserving and enhancing the historic site of Swords Castle and its environs and the improvement of public and civic facilities and spaces of Swords Town Centre through the delivery of the Swords Cultural Quarter.	Ongoing – work has commenced on site on the Swords Cultural Centre. The centre is scheduled to open in 2027.
Objective HCAO59 – Cultural Assets Ensure that regeneration contributes to the cultural assets of the community with new spaces provided at street level in larger regeneration projects that will accommodate and provide for new local cultural uses.	Ongoing - as part of the development management process for privately owned lands. Provided for within Council led development.
Objective HCAO60 – Cultural Spaces Develop the range of cultural spaces and facilities in tandem with new housing developments to meet the needs of an increased population within Fingal.	Ongoing - as part of the Development Management process for privately owned lands. Provided for within council led development.
Objective HCAO61 – Temporary Cultural Provision Facilitate the temporary use of underused sites or buildings for artistic or cultural provision. Where applications are made seeking to demolish or replace a cultural space/use, the development must re-accommodate the same or increased volume of space/use or a similar use within the	Ongoing 2024 saw the refurbishment of The Carnegie Library Building, a key element in the Swords Cultural Quarter, providing a versatile space for artists and communities. Fingal Arts Office launched The Carnegie Library Programme 2024, marking the opening of this significant cultural venue in Swords.

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redevelopment. Cultural uses include theatres, cinemas, artist studios, performance spaces, music venues, nightclubs, studios and dance space.	In March 2023, Fingal Arts Office supported Ardgillan Castle to establish the Ardgillan Gallery. Based in the castle basement, it is a contemporary artistic space dedicated to hosting exhibitions, artist talks, workshops and events. The Arts Offices' continued support of the Gallery demonstrates a strong commitment to preserving and enhancing cultural spaces, ensuring that artistic and cultural activities continue to thrive within the community.
Objective HCAO62 – Irish Language Facilities Highlight the profile of the Irish language in the urban and rural environment and support the Irish language by facilitating the provision of Irish language facilities and activities.	Ongoing. Fingal County Council continues to highlight the profile of the Irish language through bilingual advertising, social media and website and facilitates and hosts Irish language events in our Community and Arts Centres and Libraries.
Objective HCAO63 – Naming of Residential Schemes Ensure that the naming of mixed residential and mixed-use schemes reflect local history, folklore and/or place names and are stated in the Irish language.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and compliance procedures for naming and numbering of new developments.
Objective HCAO64 – Townland Names Encourage the use and promotion of historical and current townland names in the urban and rural environment in both the Irish and English languages, with a view to supporting the provision of townlands' place names markers/signage.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and compliance procedures for naming and numbering of new developments.
Objective HCAO65 – Shopfronts Actively support the use of the Irish language on shopfronts.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective HCAO66 – Promotion of Irish Language Promote Irish language and traditional culture in Fingal and support events celebrating Irish as a living language and our cultural heritage.	Ongoing. The Irish language is promoted at events such as Flavours of Fingal and Tradfest and events are organised by the Council for Seachtain na Gaeilge and an Irish Networking event.
Objective HCAO67 – Irish Language Supports Continue to promote the established Coiste Gaeilge Comhairle Fhine Gall, a Fingal County Irish Language Committee, which encourages the use of the Irish language, the development of Seachtain na Gaeilge and promotes the use of Gaeilge on shop fronts.	Ongoing. Fingal County Council continues to promote the Coiste Gaeilge and the use of Irish by providing training for staff and Councillors and Gaeltacht scholarships for students as well as the promotion of Seachtain na Gaeilge. The promotion of the use of Gaeilge on shopfronts continues through the Development Management Process.

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Objective HCAO68 – Environment for Multi-Culturalism Establish an environment for promoting cross cultural awareness, racial harmony, mutual understanding and appreciation of all religious and ethnic traditions within the County, including development of public spaces with cross-cultural appeal and relevance.	Ongoing Compliance across all Departments with Public Sector Duty Act 2014 to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users, and everyone affected by their policies and plans. Fingal County Council employed an Integration Officer in 2024 highlighting its commitment to inclusivity and progress throughout Fingal's communities.
Objective HCAO69 – Migrant Integrations and Social Cohesion Strategy Implement the actions identified in Fingal's Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion Strategy 2019–2024 or any subsequent strategies.	Ongoing Fingal County Council employed an Integration Officer in 2024 highlighting its commitment to inclusivity and progress throughout Fingal's communities. Evaluation of the current strategy is taking place in Q1 & 2 2025. New Council integration Strategy will be developed in line with the National Integration Strategy due in Q3 2025.
Objective HCAO70 – Artist's Spaces Develop and provide spaces for artist studios within Fingal and avail of opportunities for utilising underused buildings and local buildings with heritage value, to promote the expansion of cultural uses within existing spaces and communities, for artistic and cultural purposes.	Ongoing 2-4 Dublin St, Balbriggan, is set to become a vibrant new Creative Hub. This project will include eight artists' studios, a community gallery, training and workshop spaces, fostering artistic activity within the local community. The project is currently in the detailed design stage, with a tender anticipated in mid-2025. A residential artist studio has been successfully completed as part of a new 10-dwelling development on Barrack Lane, Lusk. Designed and delivered by the Fingal Architects Department, this initiative demonstrates the commitment to integrating cultural uses into new spaces, supporting artists to revitalize local communities.
Objective HCAO71 – Inclusivity Support greater inclusivity as part of the cultural experience by supporting adaptation to existing facilities and support initiatives and investments in arts and cultural spaces that aim to promote increased cultural engagement for minority groups, people with disabilities, young people,	Ongoing In 2024 Swords Music Hub was launched with significant interest in available classes and associated instrument bank from local young people. In collaboration with Foroige, a new Rhapsody Programme is reaching young people in two locations - Phibblestown and Tyrrelstown. A new project with Danu Community Special

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socially excluded, members of the Travelling community and LGBTQ+ community members.	School, which caters for children aged 5-18 years with profound special needs began, alongside the expansion of work in Oberstown Detention Centre**.** Music Generation Fingal is a partnership formed between Fingal Arts Office, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire Education & Training Board and Music Generation Ireland. www.musicgenerationfingal.ie A successful application was made to the Arts Council seeking funding of €440,000 over three years, under the Creative Places Programme to provide local people access to the arts in their own community. Creative Places funding allows towns build local arts programmes for the benefit of all, building on existing cultural strengths and enabling local artists to lead a programme rooted in socially engaged practice and community development. The award was made to Balbriggan, the Creative Places funding will ensure sustained and vibrant cultural activity can continue to grow in Balbriggan. St Patrick's Way Arts Trail, a sculpture trail developed in Skerries featuring works by five Irish Artists and funded with support from Failte Ireland's Destination Towns Scheme. This includes a social story developed in partnership with Skerries Autism Friendly Town and designed to enhance the experience of the new walking route for all users and this is an activity that is aimed to be expanded as part of communication of art programmes to specific communities.

11. INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES



11. Infrastructure and Utilities

11.1 Introduction

Fingal is committed to providing and delivering infrastructural services within its statutory remit, which will enhance the quality of the County's environment and facilitate sustainable economic development and housing. The availability of infrastructure such as water, wastewater, surface water drainage, energy and telecommunication networks will play a key role in securing economic investment. The provision of an adequate supply of water and wastewater facilities is crucial to facilitate and sustain the growth of Fingal and the greater Dublin area. Uisce Éireann (UÉ) has responsibility for the provision of water/ wastewater infrastructure and Fingal will continue to work with UÉ and the Regional Assembly to ensure that UÉ's Investment Plan fully aligns with Fingal's Settlement Strategy.

Surface water management and flood prevention remain the responsibility of the Local Authorities and the OPW and Fingal County Council will continue to protect and enhance the County's floodplains, wetlands and coastal areas supporting approaches to manage surface water that take account of water quantity (flooding), water quality (pollution), biodiversity (wildlife and plants) and amenity (Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS)).

The Greater Dublin Drainage Plan is acknowledged as being another critical piece of national infrastructure and will secure the long-term sustainable growth of Fingal and the Greater Dublin Area. The GDDP will assist Fingal County Council in delivering on its ambitious plans for the future development of the County, not just in terms of local spatial planning policy, but in also supporting the consolidation of the Metropolitan area, sustainable population growth, economic prosperity and continued confidence for investors in the long term. Following a judicial review , the GDDP application is now being considered by An Bord Pleanála. As part of the overall GDD Project consenting process, Uisce Éireann applied to the EPA for a WWDL for the proposed catchment, the North Dublin Agglomeration, that will be served by the project. This is a key component needed to deliver the GDD Project. This WWDL will cover the discharge of treated effluent at the proposed discharge location, 1 km north-east of Ireland's Eye, along with assessment of the existing network, including stormwater and emergency overflows.

11.2 Water and wastewater

The sustainable management of water is provided for through capital investment in water services provision under the UÉ Water Services Strategic Plan (WSSP) 2015 and related Capital Investment Plans and Programmes. The provision of an adequate supply of water and wastewater facilities is crucial to facilitate and sustain the growth of Fingal and the greater Dublin area and we will continue to work with UÉ and the Regional Assembly to ensure that UÉ's Investment Plan fully aligns with Fingal's Settlement Strategy.

Uisce Éireann is proposing the Water Supply Project Eastern and Midlands Region to provide a new supply to address the projected need for drinking water and increase the reliability of supplies in the Eastern and Midlands Region. The Proposed Project consists of an abstraction from Parteen Basin on the Lower River Shannon in County Tipperary, a new 172km pipeline, five associated infrastructure sites, a Flow Control Valve and other ancillary infrastructure to treat

the raw water to drinking water standard and transfer it to a new reservoir at Peamount in County Dublin. Fingal will continue to support Uisce Éireann's strategic water service projects and infrastructure improvements and engage with them to facilitate projects that deliver the water services infrastructure necessary to support Fingal's settlement hierarchy, sustainable growth and mitigation and adaptation to climate change in line with national and regional policy.

11.3 Surface Water and Flood Risk Management

Surface water management and flood prevention remain the responsibility of the Local Authorities and the Office of Public Works (OPW). Approaches to manage surface water that take account of water quantity (flooding), water quality (pollution), biodiversity (wildlife and plants) and amenity are collectively referred to as SuDS. The increased use of SuDS helps control the rate of surface water run-off, thereby, reducing the volume of rainfall being discharged to our drainage systems and potential for overflows and localised flooding.

Fingal County Council will continue to actively encourage and promote the use of green solutions such as swales, tree pits, green roofs, downpipe planters, ponds and wetlands for drainage, which minimise negative environmental impacts resulting from development.

Fingal County Council have been proactive in this regard and published a SuDS guidance document in parallel with the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Water Services Division is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new Developments. SuDS measures are required to be incorporated into all new development either directly or through conditions and this is evident in the update provided for the objectives below. In addition, in 2024, Fingal County Council published a '*A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal'.*

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage also published *Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges, A National Strategy 2024* and *Rainwater Management Plans, Guidance for Local Authorities 2024.*

These nature-based solutions (NbS) (above) are designed primarily to take in rainwater runoff, store the rainwater or "slow the flow" and, in doing so, remove many of the pollutants before allowing the treated runoff back into the drainage system. While this is their primary role, they are also planted and landscaped appropriately and contribute towards a more pleasant urban environment which can be used to prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and other active and sustainable travel modes.

In recognition of these multiple benefits, this strategy has been divided into a number of areas of activity and policy each of which can, through taking specified measures, promote and support the proposed approach. These include proposed actions in Planning for nature-based solutions, Climate Adaptation, Water Services, Roads & Transportation, and Funding.

The strategy also proposes measures to highlight and deliver on the multiple benefits of the proposed approach to nature-based management of urban rainwater in areas such as public health and wellbeing as well as climate adaptation and the environment.

Rainwater Management Plans are intended to integrate spatial planning and rainwater management across urban land uses including roads, streets, open spaces, recreational areas, public realm, public and private lands. Effective rainwater management reduces the likelihood and severity of flooding, captures contaminants carried by rainwater runoff and can provide opportunities for enhanced amenity and biodiversity. Rainwater management can promote groundwater recharge and help deliver sustainable water supply.

Fingal County Council will take account of both aforementioned documents during the Development Management process.

With regard to flood risk management, Fingal will continue to work in close partnership with the OPW on implementing the remaining projects under both FEMFRAMS and CFRAMS as well as minor non-catchment based projects.

11.4 Water Quality

The Council currently monitors 10no. identified beaches in Fingal for water quality.

11.5 Public Lighting

In June 2024, the successful completion of Ireland's most extensive public lighting replacement project to date took place, as Fingal County Council installed its last two energy-saving LEDs across its network of roads, residential areas and public spaces.

The final milestone was reached by the Council along the picturesque Coast Road in Malahide and means there have now been 35,315 environmentally friendly LEDs installed to replace their energy-guzzling counterparts throughout the county. With this accomplishment, Fingal has confirmed its commitment to sustainability and energy efficiency.

11.6 Waste

A key component of Fingal's waste management policy is the development and delivery of a comprehensive education and awareness campaign and Fingal County Council now employs an Environmental Educational Officer to promote Environmental Awareness Programmes within the County.

The Council continues to promote home composting through awareness programmes. For example, Fingal funds the Composting for Schools Programme, offering schools hands-on support to enhance sustainability. The programme includes online workshops, a site visit for tailored planning, and assistance with implementation. Schools receive a €250 voucher for bins, tools, and supplies for composting, recycling, gardening, or biodiversity projects.

An Taisce, in co-operation with the Local Authorities, run the national Green Schools 9-flag program. There are 145 no. schools in Fingal registered as active in the An Taisce Green Schools Program. Fingal County Council assists schools by providing information and support.

Another programme run by the Council includes 'Picker Pals', an initiative whereby primary schools 1st- 2nd classes can sign up to receive a take-home pack, which is sponsored by Fingal County Council. There are 87no. classrooms across Fingal on the Picker Pals Programme. These

classrooms in Fingal will join over 1,100 classrooms across the country who will all be working together to make the world better doing their bit to clean up litter in their local areas.

Fingal will continue to promote more sustainable and localised approaches to litter and waste management and continues to manage a network of bring centres together with civic amenity sites and bottle banks for the recycling of a range of household and commercial waste streams outside of current private kerbside collection systems. There are currently 59no. bring bank locations in the Fingal area, making it easy for you to recycle, no matter where you live.

11.7 Energy

The Council will continue to promote more energy efficient development through the location of housing and employment along public transport corridors, where people can choose to use less energy intensive public transport, rather than being dependent on the car.

Fingal will also continue to support energy utility providers, businesses and local community groups in their efforts to reinforce and strengthen existing utility infrastructure, transmission / distribution networks and community funded energy generation projects and will support new infrastructure projects and technologies with particular emphasis on renewable, alternative, and decentralised energy sources, and those which are less carbon intensive. The Council will work in partnership with existing service providers to facilitate required enhancement and upgrading of existing infrastructure and networks and support the safeguarding of strategic energy corridors from encroachment by other development that could compromise the delivery of energy networks.

Chapter 11 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective IUO1 – Water Conservation Measures Promote the sustainable use of water and water conservation and demand management measures in new and existing developments within the County, to promote water conservation by all water users.	Ongoing – as part of the development management process. As well as encouraging sustainable environmental infrastructure to be provided in new developments through the Development Management process, external stakeholders such as Uisce Éireann, are formal consultees and can again influence the delivery of key infrastructure through the statutory planning process.
Objective IUO2 – Water Safety Plans Protect both ground and surface water resources and work with Uisce Éireann to develop and implement Water Safety Plans to protect sources of public water supply and their contributing catchment and to reduce leakage in accordance with any future Regional Water Conservation Strategy.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with Uisce Éireann.
Objective IUO3 – Water Services Infrastructure Ensure that all new developments in areas served by a public foul sewerage network connect to the public sewerage system and comply with the requirements of the Uisce Éireann Foul Sewer specification (where applicable).	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with Uisce Éireann.
Objective IUO4 – Separate Foul and Surface Water Drainage Systems Require all new development to provide separate foul and surface water drainage systems and to prohibit the connection of surface water outflows to the foul drainage network where separation systems are available, and vice versa (foul to surface), where separation systems are available.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with Uisce Éireann.
Objective IUO5 – Protection of Water and Drainage Infrastructure Work in conjunction with Uisce Éireann to protect existing water and drainage infrastructure by protecting existing wayleaves and buffer zones around public water service infrastructure.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with Uisce Éireann.
Objective IUO6 – Buffer Zones around Wastewater Treatment Plants Establish a buffer zone around all wastewater treatment plants suitable to the size and operation of each plant. The buffer zone should not be less than 100m from the odour producing units.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with Uisce Éireann.

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Objective IUO7 – Buffer Zones around Pumping Stations Establish an appropriate buffer zone around all pumping stations suitable to the size and operation of each station. The buffer zone should be a minimum 35 metres – 50 metres from the noise/odour producing part of the pumping station to avoid nuisance from odour and noise. For small scale developments (less than 15 houses) a smaller buffer zone may be agreed with the Planning Authority.	This criteria is applied during the Development Management process.
Objective IUO8 – Taking in Charge of Private Drainage Infrastructure Require that all new surface water infrastructure within public or private developments be constructed in accordance with the standards set out within the Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works, as amended, irrespective of the management and maintenance regime proposed for the development or whether or not the development is intended to be taken in charge, in full or in part (i.e. infrastructure shall be to designed to taking in charge standards).	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO9 – Surface Water Drainage Systems Maintain and enhance existing surface water drainage systems in the County and to require SuDS in new developments where appropriate, as set out in the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (Vol 2: New Development) / Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works)	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO10 – SuDS – Nature-Based Solutions SuDS shall incorporate nature-based solutions and have regard to the objectives set out in Fingal's Guidance Document – Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended (Appendix 11) and Nature Based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas, Water Sensitive Urban Design Best Practice Interim Guidance Document (November 2021, DHLGH).	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. In addition, Fingal have produced '*A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) – Managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal'* which provides easy to use guidance to integrate SuDS features into homes to catch rainwater and allowing the occupants to play an active part in making Fingal more climate resilient.
Objective IUO11 – SuDS in New Developments SuDS shall be incorporated into all parts of a development (open spaces, roads, footpaths, private areas), and have regard to the FCC SuDs	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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Guidance Document – Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended (Appendix 11), and shall ensure: ¨ That the design of SuDS enhances the quality of open spaces and when included as part of any open space provision, it must contribute in a significant and positive way to the design and quality of the open space. ¨ Open space areas shall not be dominated by SuDS features. ¨ Underground tanked systems, whether concrete or plastic, are the least favoured means for surface water management and shall only be used when green solutions have proven not feasible. See also Appendix 11 (SuDS Guidance Document), and Chapter 14 Development Management Standards (Section 14.20.3 SuDS).	
Objective IUO12 – Green Roofs Require the use of Green Roofs particularly on apartment, commercial, leisure and educational buildings as part of the overall surface water management strategy for each development, where appropriate.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. In addition, Fingal County Council has introduced a Green Roof Policy as part of the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The potential of green and blue roofs has been recognised as a means of delivering against multiple policy objectives relating to flood risk, climate change, amenity and biodiversity, particularly where availability of space is limited. In this regard, the Water Planning Division is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new Developments.
Objective IUO13 – Surface Water Run-Off Require that all surface water run-off from new / extended domestic driveways, repaired/ replacement driveways and vehicular entrances (where such development is not exempted from the requirement to obtain planning permission) is managed using SuDS, ensuring no increase in surface water discharges to the public drainage network.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process. In addition, Fingal has produced '*A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) – Managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal'* which provides easy to use guidance to integrate SuDS features into homes.
Objective IUO14 – Buffer Zones for Riparian Corridors Implement policies relating to the buffer zones for riparian corridors and SuDS, having regard to Fingal's SuDS Guidance document Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO15 – Surface Water Management Plan	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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Require the preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan as part of all new developments which shall include the following: ¨ Identify and assess the existing surface water movements through the development before considering and developing a surface water management system using SuDS, having regard to our Fingal Guidance Document – Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended (Appendix 11). ¨ Incorporate SuDS along the route of the water movement to enhance the water quality effects of nature-based systems at the different stages – Treatment Train approach from source to discharge.	In addition, Surface Water Management Plans are prepared for Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans throughout the county.
Objective IUO16 – OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines Have regard to the OPW Flood Risk Management Guidelines 2009, as revised by Circular PL 2/2014, when assessing planning applications and in the preparation of statutory and non-statutory plans and to require site specific flood risk assessments to be considered for all new developments within the County. All development must prepare a Stage 1 Flood Risk Analysis and if the flooding risk is not screened out, they must prepare a Site-Specific Flood Risk Assessment (SSFRA) for the development, where appropriate.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO17 –Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Implement and comply fully with the recommendations of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment prepared as part of the Fingal Development Plan 2023–2029.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO18 – SFRA Recommendations All Flood Risk Assessments must comply with the recommendations from the SFRA report.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO19 – Medium Range Future Scenario Climate Change Predictions Surface water designs must include 'Medium Range Future Scenario Climate Change Predictions'.	These are included as part of development proposals and are assessed through the Development Management process.
Objective IUO20 – Tolka River Flood Study Maps Prepare a flood map using data from both the River Tolka Flood Study extents and recently	This project has been completed and the flood maps for the Tolka were included in the sFRA maps for the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

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provided National Indicative Fluvial Mapping as well as site specific modelling to ensure the most up-to-date flood maps for Tolka River are available, within 1 year of making this Development Plan.	
Objective IUO21 – Precautionary Principle in OPW Guidelines Require all developments in the County to be designed and constructed in accordance with the 'Precautionary Principle' as detailed in the OPW Guidelines and to minimise the flood risk in Fingal from all potential sources of flooding as far as is practicable, including coastal, pluvial, fluvial, reservoirs and dams, and the piped water system.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO22 – Flood Alleviation Measures Support and facilitate the provision of new or upgrading of existing flood alleviation measures where appropriate.	There continues to be on going examination in this regard and Fingal will continue to actively support same.
Objective IUO23 – Protection of Rivers, Streams and Watercourses Ensure that where flood protection or alleviation works take place that the natural and cultural heritage of rivers, streams and watercourses are protected and enhanced to the greatest extent possible.	The Council continue to ensure this through the Development Management process and in all relevant Council-led development processes.
Objective IUO24 – Cross-Boundary Flood Management Work with neighbouring Local Authorities when developing cross-boundary flood management work programmes and when considering cross-boundary development.	Ongoing, where required.
Objective IUO25 – River Basin Management Plans Maintain, improve and enhance the environmental and ecological quality of our surface waters, groundwater and aquifers by implementing the EU Water Framework Directive through the relevant programme of measures set out in the River Basin Management Plans and to take into consideration the River Basin Management Plan and Programme of Measures when considering new development proposals.	Fingal County Council has adopted a Catchment Based Approach in implementing all objectives as set out in the EU Water framework Directive and associated River Basin Management Plans. Development is approved only where such developments pose no pressure to the water quality objectives as set out in the relevant River Basin Management Plans.
Objective IUO26 – Riparian Corridors Establish riparian corridors free from new development along all significant watercourses	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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and streams in the County: ¨ Ensure a minimum 10m wide riparian buffer strip measured from the top of the bank either side of all watercourses. This minimum 10m wide riparian buffer strip applies to lands within development boundaries– i.e. within designated settlement boundaries (as per Fingal County Council's Settlement Hierarchy set out in Chapter 2, Planning for Growth, Table 2.20). ¨ A minimum 48m wide riparian buffer strip is required in all other areas outside of development boundaries. ¨ Where lands encompass urban and rural areas, a transitional approach from the urban riparian requirements to the rural riparian requirements may be appropriate and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. ¨ Notwithstanding the above, cognisance must be taken of Flood Zone A and B, as outlined in the SFRA. See also Chapter 14 Development Management Standards (Section 14.20.5 Riparian Corridors) and the SFRA.	
Objective IUO27 – De-culverting of Watercourses Promote de-culverting to restore watercourses to their natural environmental state.	Encouraged as part of the development management process.
Objective IUO28 – Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan Implement the provisions of the Eastern Midlands Region Waste Management Plan 2015–2021 or any subsequent Waste Management Plan applicable within the lifetime of the Development Plan. All prospective developments in the County will be expected to take account of the provisions of the Regional Waste Management Plan and adhere to the requirements of that Plan.	A new national plan has been adopted replacing the regional waste management plan.
Objective IUO29 – Sustainable Waste Recovery And Disposal Provide for, promote and facilitate high quality sustainable waste recovery and disposal infrastructure/technology in keeping with the EU waste hierarchy, national legislation and regional waste management policy to adequately cater for Fingal's growing population.	Proposals for waste recovery and disposal infrastructure/technology are assessed through the Development Management process. This is ongoing.

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Objective IUO30 – Hazardous Waste Adhere to the recommendations of the National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2014–2020 and any subsequent plan, and to co-operate with the EPA and other agencies in the planning, organisation and supervision of the disposal of hazardous waste streams, including hazardous waste identified during construction and demolition projects. To continue to promote the use of clean technology and minimisation of hazardous waste production in all development within the County.	A new National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2021-2027 is in place and Fingal will adhere to this and continue to promote the use of clean technology and minimisation of hazardous waste production in all development through the Development Management process.
Objective IUO31 – Network of Bring Infrastructure Provide for and maintain the network of bring infrastructure within the County (i.e recycling centres, civic amenity facilities, bring banks) to facilitate the recycling and recovery of hazardous and nonhazardous municipal wastes and ensure the provision of adequately sized public recycling facilities in accessible locations throughout the County.	There are currently 59no. bring bank locations in the Fingal area, including 2no. recycling centres. The Council will continue to support these facilities and provide new ones where required.
Objective IUO32 – Bring Bank Facilities Seek to identify suitable sites for new bring bank facilities to ensure that developing settlements have ease of access to such facilities over the Plan period, subject to funding and resources available.	The Council will continue to support these facilities and provide new ones where required.
Objective IUO33 – Home Composting Continue to promote home composting and explore the potential for composting in rural areas and promote the development of composting (digestor) plants for organic solid waste at appropriate locations within the County. Continue to promote developments to manage food waste in accordance with the requirements of the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations.	The local authority continues to promote home composting through awareness programmes. Development proposals for composting, management of food waste and other composing facilities are assessed through the Development Management process.

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Objective IUO34 – Waste Management in New Developments Require the provision of appropriate, well designed, accessible space to support the storage, separation and collection of as many waste and recycling streams as possible in all new commercial and residential developments within the County. See also Chapter 14, Development Management Standards (Section 14.20.12: Waste Management).	The adequacy of waste facilities to cater for developments is assessed through the Development Management process and is an ongoing function of the local authority.
Objective IUO35 – Education and Awareness Continue to raise environmental awareness of waste prevention and minimisation and reduction in illegal dumping through the continuation of Council based initiatives, with particular emphasis placed on the involvement of local schools, community organisations, individual households and businesses.	Fingal County Council, in association with State agencies such as An Taisce continues to raise environmental awareness of waste prevention and minimisation in the local community including in local schools.
Objective IUO36 – Partnership Approach Continue to develop the Council's partnership approach with the Tidy Towns Associations, community groups, farming organisations, trade unions, the business community, the local media, sporting organisations, tourism bodies and Gardaí in the support and fostering of anti-litter initiatives within the County.	Ongoing
Objective IUO37 – Restrictions on Development in proximity of a Seveso Site Have regard to the provision of the Major Accident Directive (Seveso III) (European Council Directive 2012/18/EU) and impose restrictions in consultation with the HSA, on developments abutting or within proximity of a Seveso site. The extent of restrictions on development will be dependent on the type of risk present and the quantity and form of the dangerous substance present or likely to be present.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO38 – Location of New Seveso Development Permit new Seveso development only in low-risk locations away from vulnerable residential, retail and commercial development.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO39 – Extensions to Seveso Sites Prohibit new extensions to long-established Seveso sites where they are a non-conforming	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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use and where they pose an unacceptable accident risk to the public.	
Objective IUO40 – Adjacent Uses – Seveso Sites In areas where Seveso sites exist in appropriate locations with low population densities, ensure that proposed uses in adjacent sites do not compromise the potential for expansion of the existing Seveso use and in particular the exclusion of developments with the potential to attract large numbers of the public.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO41 – Storage of Seveso Substances Attach to any grant of permission for new warehouses or similar industrial buildings, a condition to exclude use/storage of SEVESO substances (or require a separate planning permission for it).	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO42 – HSA Consultation Distances for new Seveso Sites Have regard to the advice of the HSA when proposals for new Seveso sites are considered and for all planning applications within the consultation distances stated in Table 14.27: List of Seveso / COMAH Sites (Chapter 14 Development Management Standards).	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO43 – Seveso Risk Assessment Require developers to submit a detailed Consequence and Risk Assessment with all Environmental Impact Statements and/or legislative licence applications for all Seveso sites.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO44 – Energy Utilities Support the development of enhanced electricity and gas supplies, and associated transmission and distribution networks, to serve the existing and future needs of the County, and to facilitate new transmission infrastructure projects and technologies.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the relevant utility stakeholders.

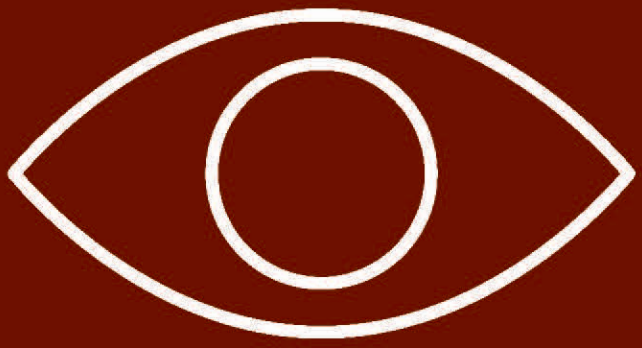
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Objective IUO45 – Undergrounding of Utility Infrastructure Require that the location of local utility services such as electricity, telephone and television cables be located underground wherever possible, and to promote the undergrounding of existing overhead cables and associated equipment, where possible, in the interests of visual amenity and improved public realm.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the relevant utility stakeholders.
Objective IUO46 – Energy Efficiency of Buildings Encourage the adaptability of buildings over time and seek to improve the energy efficiency of new and existing building stock including the retro-fitting of energy efficient measures and promote the use of energy efficiency and conservation in the design and development of all new buildings in the County, in accordance with relevant building regulations, national policy and guidance and the targets of Fingal's Climate Change Action Plan.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process, including the pre-planning process and in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders.
Objective IUO47 – Smart Grids and Smart Cities Action Plan Support the roll-out of the Smart Grids and Smart Cities Action Plan 2013 in order to enable new connections, grid balancing, energy management and micro grid development.	Fingal will continue to support the roll-out of the National Smart Grid Plan enabling new connections, grid balancing, energy management and micro grid development.
Objective IUO48 – High-quality ICT Network and Appropriate Telecommunications Infrastructure Promote and facilitate the provision of a high-quality ICT network and appropriate telecommunications infrastructure in accordance with the Fingal Digital Strategy 2020–23 (and any subsequent plan), and to support broadband connectivity and other innovative and advancing technologies within the County, whilst protecting the amenities of urban and rural areas.	Fingal is committed to the continued development and improvement of the County's digital infrastructure and services and access to free public Wi-Fi in our major town centres and villages.
Objective IUO49 – Digital Inclusion Promote digital inclusion and improve digital equality. Facilitate access to free high-speed connectivity in public buildings and facilitate the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCPS).	The Council will continue to support this initiative, and a number of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) were installed across the County as part of the Connected Hubs Call under Town & Village Renewal Funding stream.
Objective IUO50 – Smart Districts/Smart Places Support the development of Smart	Fingal is in the process of developing the Sustainable Fingal Initiative, which was an action delivered under the previous Climate Action Plan,

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Districts/Smart Places to enhance socio-economic development.	into the Sustainable Fingal Strategy in 2025. The Strategy shall seek to promote sustainable economic development in the business/industrial sectors and advance the Green Transition.
Objective IUO51 – Digital Hubs and Co-working Spaces Facilitate the development of digital hubs and co-working spaces at appropriate locations, including towns and rural villages.	The Council's 3 Enterprise Centres are part of the national Connected Hubs network, providing facilities for remote working in local communities. A number of Broadband Connection Points (BCPs) were installed across the County as part of the Connected Hubs Call under Town & Village Renewal Funding stream.
Objective IUO52 – Telecommunications Infrastructure Ensure that applications made in relation to the provision of overground telecommunications infrastructure, including planning applications and Section 254 licence applications, take into consideration and demonstrate compliance with the Guidance on the Potential Location of Overground Telecommunications Infrastructure on Public Roads 2015.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process and in conjunction with the relevant telecommunications stakeholders.
Objective IUO53 – High-quality Design of Telecommunications Infrastructure Ensure a high-quality design of masts, towers, antennae and other such telecommunications infrastructure in the interests of visual amenity and the protection of sensitive landscapes in the County.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process in conjunction with the relevant telecommunications stakeholders.
Objective IUO54 – Sharing and Co-location Of Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Support the appropriate use of existing assets (i.e. lighting, street furniture etc) for the deployment of telecoms equipment and to encourage the sharing and co-location of digital connectivity infrastructure in the interests of visual amenity and protection of the built heritage.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process in conjunction with the relevant telecommunications stakeholders.
Objective IUO55 – Ducting Support greater coordination in the delivery of telecoms/ digital connectivity infrastructure and use of underground ducting asset space.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process in conjunction with the relevant telecommunications stakeholders.

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Objective IUO56 – Open Access Connectivity Arrangements Require all new developments to provide open access connectivity arrangements directly to the individual premises to enable service provider competition and consumer choice.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process in conjunction with the relevant telecommunications stakeholders.
Objective IUO57 – Sensor and Telecommunication Register of Council Assets Support the development of a mapped IoT sensor and telecommunication register of Council assets and make the data available through the Fingal Open Data Portal.	Will be progressed over the lifetime of the Plan.
Objective IUO58 – Air Quality Monitoring Monitor, pro-actively manage and improve air quality in the County through integrated land use and spatial planning measures to avoid, mitigate and minimise unacceptable levels of air pollution in accordance with national and EU policy Directives on air quality and, where appropriate, promote compliance with established targets.	Ongoing as appropriate. The local authority continues to work with national agencies such as the EPA in this regard.
Objective IUO59 – Air Quality Monitoring Network Continue to work with the Dublin Local Authorities and relevant agencies in the collection of local air quality data through the EPA's air quality monitoring network, to maintain good air quality in the County.	Ongoing as appropriate. The local authority continues to work with national agencies such as the EPA and neighbouring authorities in this regard.
Objective IUO60 – Dublin Regional Air Quality Management Plan Implement the recommendations of the Dublin Regional Air Quality Management Plan (and any subsequent Plan) and to implement the relevant spatial planning recommendations and actions of the Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan 2018–2023 or any superseding action plan.	Dublin Region Air Quality Plan 2021 was prepared by Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO61 – Implementation of Noise Plans Implement the relevant spatial planning recommendations and actions of the Dublin Agglomeration Environmental Noise Action Plan 2018–2023 and the Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2019–2023 (or any subsequent plan), working in conjunction with relevant statutory agencies.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

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Objective IUO62 – Noise Sensitive Developments Consider the location, design and construction of noise sensitive developments, to ensure they are protected from major noise sources, where practical, and to support and facilitate the monitoring and enforcement by Fingal's Environmental Health Department of noise reduction measures in areas experiencing excess noise.	The impact of proposed development on noise sensitive locations and uses is considered through the Development Management process and appropriate conditions to mitigate, as necessary, attached where permission is under consideration.
Objective IUO63 – Noise Exposure Maps Developments for noise sensitive uses shall have regard to the noise exposure maps contained within the Fingal Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023 or any supplementary mapping prepared by Fingal County Council, and developers shall be required to produce a noise impact assessment and mitigation plans, where necessary, for any new noise sensitive development within these areas.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO64 – Design of Lighting Schemes Require that the design of lighting schemes minimises the incidence of light spillage or pollution into the surrounding environment and new schemes shall ensure that there is no unacceptable adverse impact on neighbouring development, visual amenity and biodiversity in the surrounding areas.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.
Objective IUO65 – Lighting: New Developments Require that new developments are appropriately lit and that all public and external lighting in new residential and commercial developments use highly energy efficient luminaires, with the use of energy saving strategies (such as dimming in line with nationally agreed tariffs) encouraged.	Ongoing – as part of the Development Management process.

12. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING



12. Implementation and Monitoring

As stated in Chapter 12 'Implementation and Monitoring' of the Fingal Development Plan, the implementation and delivery of Objectives contained within the Fingal County Council it is a key objective of the Council, and it is acknowledged that this requires a concerted range of actions by the entire organisation in order to ensure that the policies and objectives of the Plan are fully implemented.

The chapter states that a key mechanism for the implementation and monitoring of policies and objectives of the Plan is through the Development Management process, which includes information regarding the number of planning applications, units permitted and constructed etc.

Having regard to the above, as outlined in Chapter 2 of this Two year Progress Report, Fingal County Council undertakes continuous monitoring of all planning applications as they progress through the Development Management process and in the case of residential development in particular, tracks the outcome of granted applications through to the completion of residential units on the ground.

Chapter 12 of the Development Plan also states that during the implementation phase, proactive measures will be taken to enable the delivery of the housing targets outlined in the Core Strategy, and refers to active land management measures as key means to implement the Plan. Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans will provide a further range of mechanisms to secure active land management.

As referenced in Chapter 1 of this report Fingal County Council undertakes active land management through the local level plan-making process and as outlined in Chapter 2, the Council is currently actively implementing the requirements of the relevant legislation relating to vacant sites and the Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT).

Finally, Chapter 12 of the Development Plan also lists relevant policies and objectives in each Chapter of the Plan which are subject to ongoing monitoring by the various Council Departments. It should be noted that details as to how these objectives are being implemented are presented in the detailed 'Objectives and Progress' tables at the end of each chapter of this report.

13. LAND USE ZONING



13. Land Use Zoning

This chapter sets out the general land-use and zoning policies and objectives of the plan. It provides an explanation of the land use categories and the zoning objectives that apply to them. The zoning policies and objectives have been derived from the Core Strategy. It should be noted that the land use objectives in this chapter are not actionable objectives, but guiding principles informing the land use zone therein.

With regard to the progress of the current Development Plan in relation to zoning, there have been no Variations to the land use zoning chapter since the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

13.1 Chapter 13 – Objectives and Progress

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Objective ZO1 – Zoning Objectives and Vision Secure the implementation of the zoning objective and vision applied to each area of the County.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective ZO2 – Transitional Zonal Areas Have regard to development in adjoining zones, in particular, more environmentally sensitive zones, in assessing development proposals for lands in the vicinity of zoning boundaries.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective ZO3 – Non-Conforming Uses Generally, permit reasonable intensification of extensions to and improvement of premises accommodating non-conforming uses, subject to normal planning criteria.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.
Objective ZO4 – Ancillary Uses Ensure that developments ancillary to the parent use of a site are considered on their merits.	Ongoing – As part of the Development Management Process.

14. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS



14. Development Management Standards

The implementation of the Development Standards contained within Chapter 14 of the Development Plan are monitored on an on-going basis through the development management process.

It should be noted that these are standards against which applications are assessed and not actionable objectives, but guiding principles informing the land use zone therein. Therefore, no further details are required.

15. APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Housing Strategy
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15. Appendices

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 had the following 12 appendices:

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- Appendix 12: Acronyms

The Housing Strategy has been addressed in Chapter 2 of this Report and the issue of infrastructure and utilities has been addressed in Chapter 11. With regard to the policy context and ministerial guidelines, Fingal County Council has regard to all current relevant planning policy in place as well as to the requirements of existing Planning and Development Acts and Regulations.

The Record of Protected Structure and Recorded Monuments has not had any additions or deletions since the adoption of the Development Plan. It is intended that this list will be reviewed within the lifetime of the Development Plan.

The map-based local objectives which are listed in Appendix 8 are not individually assessed in this report. However, the policy context within which they are set is directly addressed through the objectives in the Written Statement and through the progress review carried out as part of the progress report.

The other appendices to the Development Plan can be seen to be for information purposes or for the purposes of providing additional detail in relation to Development Management requirements.

16. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) MONITORING

Technical Note:	Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 – Two Year Progress Report 2025: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Monitoring
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1.0 Introduction

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (came into effect on 05 April 2023) was accompanied by a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (in accordance with Directive 2001/42/EC) prepared by Brady Shipman Martin. This technical report sets out the SEA monitoring undertaken in the first two years of the lifetime of the Plan.

The SEA included a 'Monitoring Programme' to monitor the implementation of the Plan and any implications on the environment so as to ensure that the environment is not adversely affected. This is a requirement under Article 10 of the SEA Directive, which states that monitoring must be carried out of the significant environmental effects directly related to the implementation of the Plan '*in order to, inter alia, identify at an early-stage unforeseen adverse effects and to be able to undertake appropriate remedial action.*' If significant negative effects are identified, appropriate actions should be taken / put in place to mitigate the effects and to avoid the likelihood of these effects continuing.

The Monitoring Programme had set a series of indicators and targets based on the Strategic Environmental Objectives (SEOs) set within the SEA, derived from knowledge of the existing environmental issues within the Plan area and also from legislation, guidelines and higher-level Plans.

In summary, this note has not identified any significant negative effects on the environment as a result of the implementation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Therefore, it can be concluded that no remedial action is necessary for the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

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Table 1 SEA Monitoring Progress

Target	Indicator	Monitoring of Targets
1. Biodiversity (Flora & Fauna)		
Maintain or enhance status of European Sites	Condition of European Sites	Natura 2000 is a European network of important ecological sites. The network is made up of Special Protection Areas (SPAs), established under the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC), and SACs, established under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 (came into effect on 05 April 2023) was accompanied by an Appropriate Assessment (AA). The Appropriate Assessment of the Plan and its proposed policies and objectives were informed by a Natura Impact Report (NIR) that accompanies this Plan. It has been objectively concluded in the NIR, following an examination, analysis and evaluation of the relevant information, including in particular the nature of the predicted impacts associated with the Plan that it will not adversely affect the integrity of any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. At Section 1.10.2 of the development plan, it is outlined that land use plans and development proposals will only be adopted / granted permission if they will not have a significant effect on a European Site either individually or in combination with existing and/or proposed plans or projects, or where they might have such a significant effect the planning authority will carry out an appropriate assessment. The Natura Impact Report (NIR) for the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 identified 27no. European sites (13no. Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and 14 no. Special Protection Areas (SPAs)), as falling within the potential Zone of Influence of the FCC administrative boundary. They are as follows: 1. Malahide Estuary SAC [000205] 2. Malahide Estuary SPA [004025] 3. Rogerstown Estuary SAC [000208] 4. Rogerstown Estuary SPA [004015] 5. Baldoyle Bay SAC [000199] 15. Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [003000] 16. North Dublin Bay SAC [000206] 17. North Bull Island SPA [004006] 18. Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC [001398] 19. River Nanny Estuary and Shore SPA [004158]

Target	Indicator	Monitoring of Targets

6. Baldoyle Bay SPA [004016] 7. Howth Head SAC [000202] 8. Howth Head Coast SPA [004113] 9. Ireland's Eye SAC [002193] 10. Ireland's Eye SPA [004117] 11. Lambay Island SAC [000204] 12. Lambay Island SPA [004069] 13. Skerries Islands SPA [004122] 14. Rockabill SPA [004006]	20. South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [004024] 21. South Dublin Bay SAC [000210] 22. Boyne Coast and Estuary SAC [001957] 23. Dalkey Islands SPA [004172] 24. Boyne Estuary SPA [004172] 25. River Boyne and Blackwater SAC [002299] 26. River Boyne and River Blackwater SPA [004232] 27. Codling Fault Zone SAC [001957]

Since the adoption of the Fingal Development Plan on 5 April 2023, the North-West Irish Sea SPA (site code 004236) was designated under the EU Birds Directive on 13 July 2023. This SPA extends offshore along the coasts of counties Louth, Meath and Dublin and is also deemed to fall within the potential Zone of Influence of the Plan area.

Every site in the Natura 2000 Network is accompanied by a standard data form that is updated regularly. Data included in the Standard Data Forms (SDFs) for each Natura 2000 site can be accessed on the European Commission website. This form provides information on the condition of the site and its management e.g. its name, location, area coverage, map, ecological data on the species / habitat, a description of the site, the threats, pressures and activities, ownership and site management.

The conservation objectives of Natura 2000 sites which fall within the potential Zone of Influence of the FCC administrative boundary have been updated on the National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS) website. These are detailed below.

For the following SPAs, the First-Order Site Conservation Objectives have been replaced by Site-Specific Conservation Objectives:

1. Howth Head SPA (29 October 2024)
2. Ireland's Eye SPA (12 November 2024)
3. Lambay Island SPA (19 November 2024)

Target	Indicator	Monitoring of Targets
		4. Skerries Island SPA (19 November 2024) 5. Dalkey Islands SPA (29 October 2024) 6. River Boyne and Blackwater SPA (02 July 2024) For the following SACs, the Site-specific Conservation Objectives Version 1 have been replaced by Site-Specific Conservation Objectives Version 2: 1. Lambay Island SAC, Site -Specific Conservation Objectives – Version 2 (17 December 2024) 2. Codling Fault Zone SAC, Site -Specific Conservation Objectives – Version 2 (14 January 2025) The Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030 contains actions to implement masterplan for Rogerstown Inner & Outer Estuary, Malahide Estuary SAC & SPA, Baldoyle Bay SAC & SPA, management plan for Howth Head SAC & SPA, beach management practices of FCC in context of management of SAC's and SPA's.
Improve / update knowledge on features / sites of biodiversity value within the county	Number and nature of baseline studies / surveys commissioned / completed for biodiversity	The Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2029 contains 100 actions of which 60 are prioritised for implementation between 2023 and 2027. A Biodiversity Team was established in the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division which currently comprises 6 no. staff responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the prioritised actions. Examples of actions ongoing include, 26, 29, 30, 31, 35, 38, 39, 42, 52 and 57. Projects of Biodiversity Actions ongoing include: • Weir removal and fish pass construction in the Ward River to improve fish migration. • Wildfire Management including goat grazing on Howth. • Wetland Restoration in St Ita's Donabate/Portrane. • Wetland Restoration and Rewilding in Turvey Nature Park. • Little Tern Bird Conservation Project at Portane Beach in conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland. • Completion of rare Irish Farm breeds collection in Newbridge Farm.
All local level land use plans to include an ecosystem services approach and green / blue	Number of spatial plans that have incorporated ecosystem services content, mapping	As set out within the RSES, the term 'green and blue infrastructure' can be broadly defined as a strategically planned network of high quality natural and semi-natural areas, designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services and protect biodiversity in both rural and urban settings. As outlined in the Fingal Development Plan, the overarching benefit of the provision of a multi-functional green and blue network is the opportunity to contribute to

Target	Indicator	Monitoring of Targets
infrastructure provisions and as a minimum, to have regard to the required targets in relation to the conservation of European sites, other nature conservation sites, ecological networks, and protected species	and policy to protect / promote ecosystem services when their relevant plans are either drafted or revised	urban sustainability and climate resilience while increasing access to nature and providing a good quality of life for people. The current operational local land use plans - Donabate LAP 2016 (extended to 2026), Rivermeade LAP 2018, Barnhill LAP 2019, Kinsaley LAP 2019, Kellystown LAP 2021, Lissenhall East Local Area Plan 2023, Swords Masterplans 2019, Castlelands Masterplan 2021 - prioritise green/ blue infrastructure and contain GI elements. More recent land use plans by Fingal County Council are urban design led and a green & blue infrastructure / ecosystem services approach is used (including water sensitive urban design and sustainable management measures) as a structuring element in defining the urban structure. All development proposals will be required to demonstrate conformity with the guidance provided within Fingal County Council's Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development Guidance Note (December 2020). This approach will assist with reducing and managing run-off from new developments to the surface water drainage network where possible, reduce the risk of downstream floods and improve water quality. This approach is evident in the following adopted and proposed plans: Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP) 2024 The Flemington LAP provides a framework for the future development of the identified lands within northern Balbriggan while assisting with the provision of new housing located in a locality that already includes existing residential communities. The LAP proposes a variety of public open spaces and areas for recreation as well as addressing climate action. The LAP seeks to promote a modal shift in relation to how people move around the Flemington area with a focus on utilising active modes of travel especially for short journeys. The design of the new built environment will be encouraged to implement green and blue design solutions where possible to include, but not limited to, active travel routes, green roofs, green walls and water harvesting. In terms of green infrastructure, the individual character areas will provide a range of green and public spaces that will support nature-based solutions for the new residential and community development brought forward. The design of future proposals must incorporate nature-based solutions that can both protect and enhance biodiversity and, in turn, produce environmental benefits within the new urban environment. This can include sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS), areas of urban greening, retaining mature trees and hedgerow where possible and new planting schemes. The identification and delivery of the appropriate green and blue infrastructure will also play a key role in the promotion of biodiversity on the LAP lands and in healthy placemaking.

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		Donabate Framework Plan 2024 The Donabate Framework Plan 2024 guides future development within Donabate town centre area and aims to incorporate green infrastructure, street trees and planting in a planned manner, in order to improve the quality of the environment, serve ecological function from reducing stormwater runoff, remove air pollution and provide a cooling effect. Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan 2025 The Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan 2025 will guide future development of Clonsilla to encourage economic, social and cultural development and provide an attractive, high-quality environment for existing and future residents. Clonsilla's most valued assets is its relationship with nature, specifically the biodiversity sustained by the Royal Canal. It is this connection with the Canal that presents an opportunity to both better integrate the public realm and support the natural environment. Other opportunities exist within the village centre, with its historic tree stands and elements of the former estate landscape. The Public Realm Strategy requires that new development respects and protects the natural environment and its rich biodiversity, integrates natural assets and seeks to reduce unnecessary infrastructure and the overuse of resources. Environmental sustainability is further promoted through the appropriate use of materials and the designation of potential biodiversity spaces. Such measures will also enable Clonsilla to positively respond to the challenges presented by climate change Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan The Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan ensures Stephenstown and Folkstown Little zoned lands are developed in a coordinated and sustainable manner, balancing economic growth with environmental protection and community well-being, ensuring that development aligns with national, local and regional planning policies. The Plan seeks to protect and enhance important landscape features and biodiversity. Integrating existing green and blue networks, and enhancing these networks through a landscape strategy, which can facilitate employment delivery while protecting natural assets, is at the heart of the Framework Plan. Environmental sustainability is promoted, through an open spaces and green corridors network, integrating sustainable drainage systems in accordance with Fingal Development Plan policy. It seeks to preserve and protect existing key natural features such as the Bracken River, historic drains, and mature woodland areas and key hedgerows where possible, within the Framework Plan Lands to maintain ecological diversity and enhance the overall landscape character of the area. It will incorporate and

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		enhance greening along existing and proposed movement corridors in the form of tree planting, low level shrubs or grass to create a quality landscaped environment. The Framework Plan seeks to implement sustainable design practices such as stormwater management systems and permeable paving to minimize environmental impact and enhance the overall ecological integrity of the Framework Plan lands, in line with the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.
Screen for and undertake SEA and AA as relevant for plans and projects arising from Development	Number of new plans subject to SEA and / or AA	The Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP) 2024, Donabate Framework Plan 2024, Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan and Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan 2025 were all screened for both Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA). The Strategic Environmental Assessment was undertaken in accordance with the Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004 & 2011 and Appropriate Assessment was undertaken in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive European Union Directive 92/43/EEC, and *European Union (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (as amended)*[1] (the "Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations") and the *Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended)* (the "Planning Acts"). The screenings concluded that both SEA and a Stage 2 AA were not required. SEA & AA screening determinations for all three Plans have been prepared and published on the FCC website.
Complete and implement Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2023	Performance on achieving actions in adopted Biodiversity Action Plan	Ongoing. The Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in 2023 and contains 100 actions of which 60 are prioritised for implementation between 2023 and 2027. A Biodiversity Team was established in the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division which currently comprises 6 no. staff responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the prioritised actions. Examples of actions ongoing include, 26, 29, 30, 31, 35, 38, 39, 42, 52 and 57.
Develop and Implement Green Infrastructure Strategy / Roll out of Ecosystem Services	Progress on: - No. of projects commenced - SuDS projects/ retrofitting	The Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2029 contains 100 actions of which 60 are prioritised for implementation between 2023 and 2027. A Biodiversity Team was established in the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division which currently comprises 6 no. staff responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the prioritised actions. Examples of actions ongoing include, 26, 29, 30, 31, 35, 38, 39, 42, 52 and 57. Projects of Biodiversity Actions ongoing include: • Weir removal and fish pass construction in the Ward River to improve fish migration.

[1] SI No. 477 of 2011, SI No. 293 of 2021

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approach for the County	- River restoration - other flagship projects	• Wildfire Management including goat grazing on Howth. • Wetland Restoration in St Ita's Donabate/Portrane. • Wetland Restoration and Rewilding in Turvey Nature Park. • Little Tern Bird Conservation Project at Portane Beach in conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland. • Completion of rare Irish Farm breeds collection in Newbridge Farm. Ongoing projects of the Parks and Green Infrastructure Division include the continued development of Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan and the enhancement of the Regional Parks at Malahide, Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes and Shackleton Mills in Dublin 15 as well as the delivery of Recreational Sports Hubs across Fingal. Works continue across Council Departments to support and facilitate strategic green infrastructure corridors in Fingal. These include the Fingal Coastal Way, the Broadmeadow Greenway, The Royal Canal Urban Greenway, Ward River Valley and Broadmeadow River Valley, providing continuous green links along the coast, canals and between regional parks. Fingal County Council continues to actively encourage and promote the use of green solutions such as swales, tree pits, green roofs, downpipe planters, ponds and wetlands for drainage, which minimise negative environmental impacts resulting from development. The local authority has been proactive in this regard and has published a SuDS guidance document in parallel with the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Water Services Division is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new Developments. SuDS measures are required to be incorporated into all new development either directly or through conditions. In 2024, Fingal County Council published a '*A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal',* which provides easy to use guidance to integrate SuDS features into homes to catch rainwater and allowing the occupants to play an active part in making Fingal more climate resilient. River restoration and removal of fish migration barriers are priority actions in the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2023-2030. The River restoration project on the Ward River, Balheary Swords is currently ongoing.

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Managing Invasive Species in the County	Implementing/ Achieving actions/ targets of the Invasive Species Plan	Action 26 of the Fingal Biodiversity Plan 2023-2030 addresses this objective. Control programmes are ongoing for Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam, Cherry Laurel, Snowberry, Rhododendron, Sea Buckthorn and Mink.
2. Population and Human Health (PHH)		
Improving the Attractiveness / Viability of and pedestrian activity in major town centres	Pedestrian Footfall Counts in major town centres	Fingal County Council has also commenced works on a trial 'Quiet Streets Initiative' aimed at enhancing community living and promoting active travel. The initiative will identify three separate locations where filtered permeability measures will be implemented. This trial is designed to reduce vehicular traffic on residential streets, creating safer and more accessible spaces for walking, cycling, and other active travel modes. By reclaiming road space for the community, the scheme seeks to foster a stronger sense of neighbourhood and improve the overall quality of life for residents The Council's Environment, Climate Action Active Travel and Sports Department, in partnership with the NTA continues, to facilitate the planning, design and delivery of active travel projects throughout Fingal, including, retrofitting measures to improve connectivity and permeability in existing towns and villages. This also includes the Safe Routes to Schools Programme. Baseline analysis incorporates pedestrian and cycle movements where appropriate. Consultants have been engaged to develop Active Travel Plans for Balrothery and Skerries. The aim of these plans is to identify improvements which can be made in towns and villages creating safer and more accessible spaces for walking, cycling, and other active travel modes. The Capital Programme for 2025-2027 allocates significant funding of c. €82m to this Department to advance active travel infrastructure.

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<tr><td>Deliver / Sustain Economic Growth and Development</td><td>Population, labour force participation and unemployment data</td><td><u>Population</u>

The preliminary population census was last published by Central Statistics Office (CSO) in 2022 with final data published in September 2023. Fingal County Council's population in 2022 was recorded as 330,506, which was an increase of 11.6% from the 2016 census that recorded the population at 296,020.

<u>Labour Force Participation & Unemployment</u>

In 2022, FCC recorded 155,063 people at work, which was a 15.7% increase from the 133,971 people recorded at work in 2016.

FCC recorded 10,751 unemployed people (both long-term & short-term) in 2022 which was a decrease of 20.7% from the 2016 census which recorded 13,565 unemployed individuals.

The labour force survey (Q3 2024) recorded 876,200 individuals in labour force (aged 15 years and over) for the entire Dublin region which was an increase of 4.3% from the 840,400 individuals recorded in (Q4 2023). The unemployed persons (aged 15 years and over) recorded in Q3 2024 were 42,800 which was an increase of 7.8% from the Q4 2023 data which recorded 39,700 individuals.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Healthy Placemaking</td><td>Increase in the proportion of people reporting regular cycling / walking to school and work above 2016 CSO figures</td><td>The table below represents the number of people in County Fingal who reported regular cycling / walking to school and work under the 2016 and 2022 census. The data represents an increase in individuals using active travel.
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<tr><th>Mode of Travel</th><th>Travelling to Work (2016)</th><th>Travelling to School/ College (2016)</th><th>Total 2016 Census</th><th>Travelling to Work (2022)</th><th>Travelling to School/ College (2022)</th><th>Total 2022 Census</th><th>Total Increase</th></tr>
<tr><td>On foot</td><td>7,087</td><td>23,536</td><td>30, 623</td><td>7,282</td><td>29,714</td><td>36, 997</td><td>+20.8%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Bicycle</td><td>3,351</td><td>2,253</td><td>5,604</td><td>3,614</td><td>4,072</td><td>7, 686</td><td>+37.2%</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Land use plans to include specific</td><td><u>Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP) 2024</u></td></tr>
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	reference / measures in relation to human health (e.g. measures for reduction in fossil fuel use in homes and transport, improve access to and provision of sports and recreation and amenity facilities, etc.)	The Flemington LAP focuses on developing the lands in a manner that promotes long term sustainability, minimises carbon emissions, promotes sustainable use of water and water conservation and good quality amenity spaces. The development plan aligns with the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 and also the national Climate Action Plan 2024. The Plan supports an active travel spine that runs through the centre of the character area to ensure connectivity. The Plan proposes a hierarchy of open space and recreational areas that will be multi-functional for the purposes of socialising, congregational space, formal and informal play, landscaping, movement, sustainable urban drainage etc. Donabate Framework Plan 2024 The Donabate Framework Plan provides for a high-quality public realm strategy to design spaces for people, promote environmental sustainability and enable connectivity, accessibility and movement. The Plan seeks to make a contribution to improving connectivity within and through the Village and will support future initiatives to address the issue in the wider Donabate/Portrane area. Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan 2025 The Plan provides an overall approach that responds to the linear nature of Clonsilla and the challenges this presents in terms of the delivery of a coherent and legible public realm. The Public Realm Strategy within the Plan aims to guide the enhancement, development and management of the public realm in Clonsilla, improving legibility, character and identity and delivering an integrated and permeable Clonsilla through linkages. The strategy also considers how public realm improvements can support other initiatives such as improving human health and wellbeing and promoting biodiversity, specifically in the context of the key projects set out in the Plan. Draft Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plan The Framework Plan promotes active travel, pedestrian connectivity, accessibility and ease of movement, to, from and through the Plan lands, coupled with a clear hierarchy of routes facilitating employment generating industry operations, in a safe and secure manner. The Plan promotes upgrade of existing roads, junctions, and connections, to align with sustainable movement principles, while setting out how active travel measures can be integrated with the existing infrastructure where feasible, meeting national, regional and local policy objectives.

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Health In Ireland Key Trends 2023 were published by Department of Health in February 2024. This is a national report reporting key trends throughout the entire state. Ireland has the highest self-perceived health status in the EU, with 80.0% of people rating their health as good or very good.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Growth of Population in Areas Targeted for Growth & Development (Core Strategy)</td><td>Population growth data for county EDs</td><td>The table below provides population change data for electoral divisions (EDs) based on the 2016 and 2022 census data.
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<tr><th>Electoral Division (ED)</th><th>2016 Census</th><th>2022 Census</th><th>Population change between 2016 and 2022</th></tr>
<tr><td>Balbriggan Rural</td><td>16,495</td><td>19, 347</td><td>2852</td></tr>
<tr><td>Balbriggan Urban</td><td>8,116</td><td>8,102</td><td>-14</td></tr>
<tr><td>Balscadden</td><td>707</td><td>743</td><td>36</td></tr>
<tr><td>Hollywood (Dublin)</td><td>1,397</td><td>1,476</td><td>79</td></tr>
<tr><td>Garristown</td><td>1,628</td><td>1,801</td><td>173</td></tr>
<tr><td>Skerries</td><td>8,501</td><td>8,880</td><td>379</td></tr>
<tr><td>Holmpatrick</td><td>3,458</td><td>4,147</td><td>689</td></tr>
<tr><td>Lusk</td><td>9,623</td><td>10,774</td><td>1151</td></tr>
<tr><td>Rush</td><td>9,921</td><td>11,116</td><td>1195</td></tr>
<tr><td>Ballyboghil</td><td>1,162</td><td>1,629</td><td>467</td></tr>
<tr><td>Clonmethan</td><td>837</td><td>933</td><td>96</td></tr>
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		Kilsallaghan	2,263	2,406	143
		Dubber	7,372	8,931	1559
		The Ward	9,602	13,289	3687
		Blanchardstown- Tyrrelstown	3,257	3,343	86
		Blanchardstown- Mulhuddart	4,123	4,219	96
		Blanchardstown- Corduff	3,871	3,689	-182
		Blanchardstown- Abbotstown	6,195	6,551	356
		Blanchardstown- Blakestown	38,894	43,905	5011
		Blanchardstown- Coolmine	11,320	11,271	-49
		Blanchardstown- Roselawn	1,688	1,647	-41
		Blanchardstown- Delwood	5,153	5,144	-9
		Castleknock-Park	5,329	6,355	1026
		Castleknock-Knockmaroon	19,027	20,967	1940
		Lucan North	1,436	1,765	329
		Airport	5,018	6,152	1134
		Turnapin	1,700	1,730	30
		Balgriffin	3,113	5,544	2431
		Kinsaley	9,621	11,470	1849
		Baldoyle	7,524	8,096	572

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		Sutton	5,680	5,789	109
		Howth	8,294	8,399	105
		Portmarnock South	3,621	4,729	1108
		Portmarnock North	4,109	4,048	-61
		Malahide East	7,429	8,406	977
		Malahide West	6,149	6,014	-135
		Swords Seatown	7,003	7,465	462
		Swords Village	2,674	2,786	112
		Swords Forrest	15,153	15,926	773
		Swords Glasmore	7,711	7,674	-37
		Swords Lissenhall	10,447	12,065	1618
		Donabate	9,399	11,783	2384
3. Soils & Geology (SF)					
To achieve 50% growth in built-up area	Increase proportion of development of brownfield county/ suburban lands	Of the 294 granted residential planning applications recorded in the planning applications database referred to in Chapter 2 of this Two-Year Progress report, 227 (77.2%) were for development in Built Urban Areas (BUA) as defined by the CSO.			
Dispose of contaminated material in compliance with EPA	No. of incidences of non-compliant contamination breaches	Ongoing monitoring.			

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guidance and waste management requirements		
Proactively manage and prevent soil sealing / permeability	No. of SuDS retrofitting projects / initiatives Introduction of SuDS in new development areas.	Fingal County Council continues to actively encourage and promote the use of green solutions such as swales, tree pits, green roofs, downpipe planters, ponds and wetlands for drainage, which minimise negative environmental impacts resulting from development. The local authority has been proactive in this regard and has published a SuDS guidance document in parallel with the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Water Services Division is currently working on a new guideline for Green/ Blue Roofs in new Developments. SuDS measures are required to be incorporated into all new development either directly or through conditions. In 2024, Fingal County Council published a '*A Household Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) towards managing rainfall more naturally in Fingal',* which provides easy to use guidance to integrate SuDS features into homes to catch rainwater and allowing the occupants to play an active part in making Fingal more climate resilient.
4. Water Quality and Flooding (WQ&F)		
Maintain / improve the status of surface water bodies in accordance with WFD requirements	Change of status of water bodies	The Water Framework Directive commits member states to preventing deterioration and achieving at least good status in rivers, lakes, estuaries, coastal and ground waters by 2027 and to ensure the long-term sustainable use of water. EPA last published the WFD waterbody monitoring data for 2016-2021 and there has been no update to this data. As of February 2025, there has been no change of status of waterbodies within the administrative boundary of Fingal County Council since what was reported as part of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.
	Findings of reporting on the monitoring programme for the WFD	Ongoing monitoring.

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	Implementation of the objectives of the second cycle of the River Basin Management Plan by 2021 (and objectives as relevant)	Fingal County Council has adopted a Catchment Based Approach in implementing all objectives as set out in the EU Water framework Directive and associated River Basin Management Plans. Development is approved only where such developments pose no pressure to the water quality objectives as set out in the relevant River Basin Management Plans. With regard to flood risk management, Fingal will continue to work in close partnership with the OPW on implementing the remaining projects under both FEMFRAMS and CFRAMS as well as minor non-catchment based projects.
	Water quality monitoring to enable WFD water body status classification	Ongoing monitoring.
	Completion of river catchment projects	Ongoing monitoring.
	Reduction in wastewater emissions per person per annum	Ongoing monitoring.
	Changes in water quality before and after implementation of river catchment projects	Ongoing monitoring.

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To Manage Fingal's Flood Risk through Provision and Upgrading of Flood Alleviation Assets	Progress on implementation of listed flood projects	The Coastal Flood Risk Erosion Management Plan (CFERM) has been prepared for the Burrow Portrane which is currently the most vulnerable section of coastline in Fingal. An application for a Maritime Area Consent (MAC) was made during Summer 2024 and a response is awaited from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA). If this MAC is approved, an application for planning permission for the scheme will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála. The recently published "Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on National Coastal Change" outlines recommendations for the management of coastal change over the short, medium, and longer term. It is the Council's understanding that the government intends developing national policy/legislation on coastal change based on these recommendations. The Council will be better placed to respond to these matters in the context of evolving national policy.
Minimise/ manage developments in areas at risk of flooding	Planning application compliance with the requirements of the Development Plan SFRA	As part of the preparation of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, the county has been subject to Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) (refer to the standalone document). Chapter 5 (Climate Action) and Chapter 11 (Infrastructure and Utilities) of Volume 1, of the Written Statement of the CDP, outlines policies and objectives relating to flood management. Planning applications submitted to the Council demonstrate a high level of compliance with the requirements of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). The Flood Defence Project Team / Drainage Division continue to apply the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in the Development Plan as well as changes in flooding policies and new river corridors policies to all proposed new developments in the county, including assessing all proposed new developments for flood risk. When required, flood management conditions are attached to a grant of planning permission to ensure compliance with the SFRA or development plan flood management policy.
	Preparation of SWMPs	Chapter 11 (Infrastructure and Utilities) sets out the requirement for the preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan as part of new development proposals (Objective IUO15). *Objective IUO15 – Surface Water Management Plan* *Require the preparation of a Surface Water Management Plan as part of all new developments which shall include the following:* - *Identify and assess the existing surface water movements through the development before considering and developing a surface water management system using SuDS, having regard to our Fingal Guidance Document – Green/ Blue Infrastructure for Development, as amended (Appendix 11).*

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		- *Incorporate SuDS along the route of the water movement to enhance the water quality effects of nature-based systems at the different stages – Treatment Train approach from source to discharge.* The Council's Drainage Division has indicated that, in response to this policy, site specific Surface Water Management Plans are being prepared by applicants and are being submitted with planning applications in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 11 of the Development Plan (FCC SUDS Guidance Document – Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development).
	Number of incidences of flooding of existing and new development	Ongoing monitoring.
5. Air Quality (AQ) and Climate (CC)		
Improvement in Air Quality	Preparation of the Air Quality Management Plan for Dublin Agglomeration (2021+)	Fingal County Council has a legal requirement to monitor pollutants in accordance with the provisions of the Air Quality Standards Regulations 2011 (CAFÉ Directive). The Regulations outline the requirements for monitoring specified pollutants, and the target values for each pollutant. For the purposes of air quality assessment and management in Ireland, the country is divided into a number of zones, one of which is Agglomeration A - the Dublin Conurbation. This consists of the functional areas of Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown County Council and most of Fingal County Council. In 2019 there was breach of the nitrogen dioxide/NO_2 limit (of an annual mean of 40 micrograms per meter cubed not to be exceeded) at the Saint John's Roads West site, Dublin 8. The level recorded was 43 ug/m3. This necessitated writing the Air Quality Management Plan by the four Dublin authorities. The plan has been completed and has been submitted to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and EU Commission. Annual progress reports are provided to the EPA. The Air Quality Management Plan is available on the Fingal County Council's website at the following link: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/air-quality-monitoring

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<tr><td></td><td>Changes in NOx, SOx, PM10 and PM2.5 as part of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring</td><td>Air quality monitoring in Ireland is managed by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Ambient Air Monitoring Programme. There are 3 ambient air monitoring stations in Fingal. These are located in Blanchardstown, Swords and Dublin Airport. Real time air quality results are available at the link below:
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<tr><td>Air Quality Parameter</td><td>2024</td><td>2023</td></tr>
<tr><td>NOx</td><td>30.92 µg/m³</td><td>25.5 µg/m³</td></tr>
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Swords

Air Quality Parameter	2024	2023
NO_2	9.68 µg/m³	10.5 µg/m³
PM_{10}	10.27 µg/m³	-
$PM_{2.5}$	6.35 µg/m³	-

Dublin Airport

Air Quality Parameter	2024	2023
NO_2	18.8 µg/m³	20.24 µg/m³
SO_2	1.24 µg/m³	5.17 µg/m³
PM_{10}	11.8 µg/m³	11.80 µg/m³
PM2.5	12.46 µg/m³	6.02 µg/m³

Limit values of CAFE Directive 2008/50/EC

Pollutant	Limit Value Objective	Averaging Period	Limit Value µg/m³
NO_2	Protection of human health	Calendar Year	40
SO_2	Protection of vegetation	Calendar Year	20
PM_{10}	Protection of human health	Calendar Year	40
$PM_{2.5}$ – Stage 1	Protection of human health	Calendar Year	25
$PM_{2.5}$ – Stage 2	Protection of human health	Calendar Year	20

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		As shown in tables above the annual concentrations of pollutants recorded within the Fingal are within the limit values of CAFE Directive 2008/50/EC. Monitoring results are forwarded to the EPA and then reported nationally to the EU. The levels of pollutants are monitored to determine improvement in air quality in Dublin. In addition to monitoring, the EPA operates an Air Quality Index for Health (AQIH). This index is a scale which from runs from 1 to 10 and tells you what the air quality currently is like at the station nearest you and whether or not this might affect your health. A reading of one to three inclusive means that the air quality is good, and a reading of 10 means the air quality is very poor. Dublin's air quality status is currently classed as generally 'good'.
Maintain/ Improve Acoustic Quality in the County	Preparation of Noise Maps in compliance with the EU Environmental Noise Directive (2021+)	The Environmental Noise Directive (END) and the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 to 2021 require the preparation of Strategic Noise Maps and Noise Action Plans every 5 years. Noise Maps relate to noise emitted by road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic and sites of industrial activity. A strategic noise map is a graphical representation of the predicted situation with regards to noise in a particular area and from particular noise sources, with different colours representing different noise levels in decibels [dB(A)]. The strategic noise maps are generated using noise modelling, which are the product of assimilating a collection of digital datasets. Strategic noise maps have been prepared for Round 4 (2022), representing the annual average situation during 2021. These maps are available on EPA's web viewer- https://gis.epa.ie/EPAMaps/ The Noise Action Plans must include actions and measures to address priorities which may be identified by the exceedance of relevant noise limits set by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA). The Strategic Noise Maps for Dublin were published in March 2023 and the Dublin Agglomeration Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 was published in July 2024. These can be viewed at the following link: https://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/2024-08/13354a-20-r014-04-f08-dublin-agglomerationnoise-action-plan_compressed.pdf
	Number of applications referred to Air Quality Monitoring and	Ongoing as and when required.

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	Noise Control Unit re: compliance with noise/ air quality policy	
Compliance with CO_2 emission reduction targets	Number of applications submitted with Climate Action Energy Statements	Ongoing – Monitoring is being undertaken as part of the planning application monitoring database referred to in Chapter 2 of the two year baseline report.
	Number of applications for District Heating Enabled Development	Ongoing – monitoring is being undertaken as part of the planning application monitoring database referred to in Chapter 2 of the two year baseline report.
	Number of Decarbonisation Zones established	Fingal Co. Co.is actively liaising with various stakeholders on renewable energy projects ranging from wind, solar, hydrogen to district heating. Fingal Co. Co is taking a sustainable development approach to its industrial landbank in Balbriggan through the Urbact EcoCore Project and aligning with the designation of Balbriggan as a Decarbonising Zone. Fingal Co. Co is co-ordinating reporting under the Council's commitments under the Circular Cities Declaration and is actively engaging with businesses to promote the circular economy. Fingal Co. Co is supporting the growth of the 'green economy' and promoting the incorporation of green skills into education/training programmes via the Fingal Skills Strategy. Fingal Co. Co is working in partnership with key stakeholders regarding EV charging infrastructure in the county and to promote infrastructure for the circular economy.

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Implement FCC Climate Action Plan	Positive process on specified actions	Fingal County Council has prioritised the implementation of the Climate Action Plan with the creation of the Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department which has responsibility for mobility planning and the delivery of the NTA's Cycle Network within the County
6. Cultural Heritage (CH)		
Protecting Built Heritage	Number of additions / deletions / amendments to RPS	The Record of Protected Structure and Recorded Monuments has not had any additions or deletions since the adoption of the Development Plan. It is intended that this list will be reviewed within the lifetime of the Development Plan.
	No. ACA's adopted	The list of ACAs has not had any additions or deletions since the adoption of the Development Plan. It is intended that this list will be reviewed within the lifetime of the Development Plan.
	No's of Buildings at Risk files opened / closed	Ongoing – the identification of buildings at risk is carried out on an ongoing basis.
Protection/ Promotion of Culture	Implementation of Fingal's Culture and Creativity Strategy / public engagement	Ongoing – please refer to https://www.fingal.ie/fingals-culture-and-creativity-strategy-2023-2027
7. Landscape & Visual (LV)		
Improvement in the public realm and	Number of public realm improvement projects	Progressing as part of LAPs, Masterplans and Framework Plans and as part of Council schemes progressed under the Planning Act and via An Bord Pleanála consent process. Some examples are as below:

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visual quality of the county.		- Fingal are continuing to engage with consultants to progress the design for the Public Realm Upgrades to a Pedestrianised New Street, Malahide. - Detailed design works for the public realm element of the Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) is progressing. - Active Travel Plans are currently being prepared for Skerries and Balrothery, with a significant emphasis on improvements to the public realm. - Main Street North, Hansfield SDZ : neighbourhood centre, with inter alia, convenience supermarket, community and new public realm spaces The local authority has also been working in collaboration with key stakeholders in the Dublin Enterprise Zone (DEZ) to identify and progress public realm enhancement works and has engaged with various stakeholders seeking to invest in the DEZ and develop new business opportunities. Fingal liaises closely with IDA in respect of potential development opportunities and ongoing management of College Business & Technology Park.
	New Tree Planting, including Street tree planting	Ongoing – please refer to 'Forest of Fingal' A Tree Strategy for Fingal (https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2022-03/forest-of-fingal_-a-tree-strategy-for-fingal_2022-2032.pdf)
Protection of County's Landscapes	Park / Open Space Enhancement Projects	Fingal continues development of Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan and the enhancement of the Regional Parks at Malahide Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes and Shackleton Mills in Dublin 15, as well as the delivery of numerous Recreational Sports Hubs. 2023 saw the opening of Rathmore Park in Lusk. The 7.5 Hectare (20 Acre) Town Park is located on the Rathmore Road and within walking and cycling reach of the centre of Lusk and close to residential areas and local schools making it very accessible to the local community. The Council applied to An Bord Pleanála in 2024 for a new Recreational Sports Hub at Rathmore Park and permission was granted for this development in December 2024. Fingal County Council currently maintains 71no. playgrounds and 3 no. mini play areas across the County. There are ongoing projects to further expand playgrounds in the form of Part 8 developments such as in Portrane, Hazelbury Park and Hartstown Park, (with expected completion target dates of Q2/3 2025).

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	Historic Landscape Enhancement Restoration Projects (e.g. historic squares)	The progress made in protecting, enhancing and promoting the Archaeological and Heritage Landscapes of the County is reinforced by the ongoing work carried out by the Council's Heritage Officer. Examples include the publication of the Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030, excavations at Drumanagh Promontory Fort, exhibitions, a series of seminars and public events as well as input of archaeological expertise into land-use plans and cross-department Council projects and the Development Management process. Progress undertaken on heritage restoration projects includes as below: Malahide Castle – The significant item in the costs for the Capital Programme relates to structural works to the roof, and conservation works to the windows. There is an upgrade of the boiler room in the Visitors Centre ongoing. On completion of these projects energy costs and carbon emissions will reduce for both buildings over time. Bremore Castle – The development of Bremore Castle is nearing completion with park spaces being landscaped and the ground floor open to the public. The next phase will see the appointment of an Integrated Design Team to progress the internal and accessibility works needed to cover fire safety, accessibility - in particular compliance with Part M Building Regulations. Ardgillan Castle – A sum of €518k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for continuing conservation works at the castle including, in sequence, publication of the conservation plan, works on internal rooms and outbuildings.

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		Skerries Mills & Red Barn – With enabling works started at the end of 2023, the redevelopment of the Red Barn will be completed in 2025 enhancing the offering at Skerries Mills and providing revenue generating opportunity. Skerries Martello Tower – A design team has been appointed to deliver on the brief of a multi-functional space. The majority of works will be complete in 2025 and €1.2 million is allowed for this in the capital programme. Guinness Bridge – The conservation works required to secure the Guinness Bridge were completed in 2024. Future phases of work will require feasibility studies to assess how and whether the bridge can be developed as an asset. This work is being undertaken in collaboration with South Dublin County Council. Swords Castle –Conservation plan works continue bringing some accessibility to the Knights and Squires Quarters, for which €434k has been allowed for in the Capital Programme. The project to date has been part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund, Urban Centre Development Scheme. October 20024 saw the commencement of Swords Cultural Quarter (SCQ) with the centre scheduled to open in 2027. Shackleton Mills – A sum of €270k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for conservation and stabilisation of the main building, including repairs and renovations to roof and windows. Howth Martello Tower – An estimated cost of €70k has been included over the life of the programme to cover costs associated with essential repairs to the Martello Tower. An engineering assessment of the structure is required as a first step. Malahide Demesne Properties – A sum of €575k has been included in the 2025-2027 Capital Programme for gradually upgrading and restoring the various properties, with a priority for uses that will support the tourism and amenity use of the Demesne. Newbridge House & Farm – The redevelopment of Newbridge House & Farm will continue during 2025- 2027. With the roof works complete in 2023 attention will turn to upgrading of mechanical and electrical services to the house and development of the courtyard buildings.

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8. Material Assets (MA)		
Protect and Provide for our Critical Infrastructure	No. of critical infrastructure projects	The roll out of wastewater infrastructure within Fingal is a matter for Uisce Eireann. The Local Authority will continue to work with all state agencies, including Uisce Eireann, in the delivery of necessary civil infrastructure improvements.
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Increase in provision of public reuse and recycling facilities	Pilot Projects – composting / waste management	A key component of Fingal's waste management policy is the development and delivery of a comprehensive education and awareness campaign and Fingal County Council now employs an Environmental Educational Officer to promote Environmental Awareness Programmes within the County. The Council continues to promote home composting through awareness programmes. For example, Fingal funds the Composting for Schools Programme, offering schools hands-on support to enhance sustainability. The programme includes online workshops, a site visit for tailored planning, and assistance with implementation. Schools receive a €250 voucher for bins, tools, and supplies for composting, recycling, gardening, or biodiversity projects. An Taisce, in co-operation with the Local Authorities, run the national Green Schools 9-flag program. There are 145 no. schools in Fingal registered as active in the An Taisce Green Schools Program. Fingal County Council assists schools by providing information and support. Another programme run by the Council includes 'Picker Pals', an initiative whereby primary schools 1st- 2nd classes can sign up to receive a take-home pack, which is sponsored by Fingal County Council. There are 87no. classrooms across Fingal on the Picker Pals Programme. These classrooms in Fingal will join over 1,100 classrooms across the country who will all be working together to make the world better doing their bit to clean up litter in their local areas.

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		Fingal will continue to promote more sustainable and localised approaches to litter and waste management and continues to manage a network of bring centres together with civic amenity sites and bottle banks for the recycling of a range of household and commercial waste streams outside of current private kerbside collection systems. There are currently 59no. bring bank locations in the Fingal area, making it easy for you to recycle, no matter where you live.
	Percentage increase in number of registered FCC facilities	Ongoing monitoring of percentage increase.
Reduce pressure on waste-water system in the county	FCC SuDS projects	Ongoing monitoring of progress.
	Enhancement projects (e.g. addressing combined sewers)	Ongoing monitoring of progress.
	Drainage Action Plans	Ongoing monitoring of progress.
Sustainable Transport	Modal shifts to more sustainable modes	FCC continues to integrate land use and transportation to achieve sustainable development through the progression of a number of Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans in line with national and regional policy objectives, including those of the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2022-2042. Current land use policy has developed in anticipation of planned strategic public transport investments which will directly benefit Fingal such as MetroLink, BusConnects, LUAS expansion and the DART+ programme. FCC continues to progress the delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure in collaboration with the NTA. FCC endeavours to meet the NTA's GDA Transport Strategy mode share targets through the Development Management Process and in particular, within significant developments. Active Travel Plans are currently being prepared for Skerries and Balrothery, with a significant emphasis on improvements to the public realm. Public consultations have taken place in this regard with submissions now being considered for inclusion as part of these plans.

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Safe Routes to School Round 1 - works are complete at 9 no. schools throughout Fingal as part of Round 1 of this programme. Measures include new dropped kerbs and tactile paving outside the school entrance gate and at crossing points on route to the school. Other measures include new road markings, road signs, traffic calming measures, surface colour variations, new crossing points, junction tightening, installation of pencil bollards, and landscaping.

Safe Routes to School Round 2 – Engagement with schools has taken place and delivery plans have been prepared by An Taisce. Design is now underway for 5 no. schools as part of Round 2 of the programme.

Outside of the official SRTS programme, schools in the vicinity of individual active travel projects have had similar treatments with another 7no. delivered by Q1 2025. Schools in the vicinity of future active travel projects</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>New public transport infrastructure</td><td>The expansion of rail and bus usage and availability is a key feature in many objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The local authority continues to engage and collaborate with the key transport providers including the TII, the NTA and Irish Rail to advance strategic public transport projects in line with the NTA’s GDA Transport Strategy 2022-2042. Since the adoption of the Development Plan, significant progress has been made on a number of the strategic public transport projects that will benefit Fingal. The local authority continues to engage with these projects through the various planning, design and construction stages.
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		LUAS Finglas	At Public consultation Stage of Railway Order Application by TII. Fingal continues to engage with the process. A submission was made to ABP for the most recent stage of the process.
		DART + Coastal North	Railway Order with An Bord Pleanàla for consideration. FCC continues to engage with the process. A submission was made to the most recent stage of the Public Consultation process.
		Dart + West	Permitted by An Bord Pleanála with conditions. Depot element near Maynooth not granted. Fingal engaged at all stages of the process and will continue to engage through detailed design and construction phases. Construction expected in 2027-2030
		BusConnects	Finglas/ Ballymun, Clongriffin, Swords, and Blanchardstown schemes granted planning with conditions by ABP in 2024. Finglas / Ballymun and Clongriffin advanced to design and built stage contract in Q3/Q4 2024.
	Cycle infrastructure	Ongoing – A further 82no. bicycle parking stands were installed across Fingal in 2024 with space for 164 no. bikes. 30 no. Toast Racks and 34no. Scooter Racks were delivered to schools, clubs and community centres in 2024. For details of greenways / high quality cycling and walking routes please refer to Table 6-1 in Chapter 6 of the Two Year Progress report.	
Increase provision of parks and green links	New parks / upgraded parks	Fingal continues development of Bremore Regional Park in Balbriggan and the enhancement of the Regional Parks at Malahide Newbridge and Ardgillan Demesnes and Shackleton Mills in Dublin 15, as well as the delivery of numerous Recreational Sports Hubs. 2023 saw the opening of Rathmore Park in Lusk. The 7.5 Hectare (20 Acre) Town Park is located on the Rathmore Road and within walking and cycling reach of the centre of Lusk and close to residential areas and local schools making it very accessible to the local community. The Council applied to An Bord Pleanála in 2024 for a new Recreational Sports Hub at Rathmore Park and permission was granted for this development in December 2024.	

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<tr><td></td><td>New green route cycle paths</td><td>The Planning and Strategic infrastructure Department continues to advance a number of Greenways and high-quality pedestrian/cycle routes within the county since the adoption of the Development Pan. The following are project updates in accordance with Table 6.1 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029:

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<tr><td>Broadmeadow Way (Malahide–Donabate)</td><td>The installation of the main estuary bridge is complete. Tender competitions are complete for a number of sub-elements of the project with work contracts to take place in 2025. The project is expected to be complete in 2026.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Sutton to Malahide</td><td>The preliminary design drawings are being finalised. The recently published Cycle Design Manual has led to improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme</td></tr>
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			design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards. Draft CPO, EIAR and NIS documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2025.
		Royal Canal	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 line with the new Cycling Design Manual. Landowner searches and land referencing are ongoing. 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 which is envisaged to be later in 2025.
		Royal Canal-Grand Canal Loop	Feasibility report on route options being completed
		Ward River Valley and Broadmeadow River Valley	The Parks Development Plan is at an advanced stage of preparation incorporating a new north/south Walking Cycling bridge crossing of the Ward Valley (Brackenstown Bridge). Restoration of previously open routes ongoing. It is envisaged that plans for statutory approval to An Bord Pleanála will be lodged end of 2025.
		Tolka Valley	Scoping/Mapping exercise underway to prepare for the engagement of an Integrated Design Team (IDT) to prepare the Park Development Plan for the park including Greenway/Active travel infrastructure. Planning work will commence 2025.
		Hamilton Way	To be examined as part of the preparation of the statutory plan for Dunsink.
		Lusk/Rush (via Rogerstown Park	Next phase of planning for this route is subject to approval of the park development plans by the Environmental Protection Agency in line with the requirements of the Aftercare/Management plan for the Former Balleally Landfill.

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		Donabate to Portrane Village (via Ballymastone and Cliff Walk)	First phase of the Ballymastone Recreational Hub including a section of the Greenway route will be completed in Q1 2025. Another section of the Greenway will be constructed as part of Phase 2 of the Recreational Hub commencing Q2 2025 and completed in Q1 2026. HSE has granted the Council a license to reconstruct the Cliff Walk from the Ballymastone section to Portrane via the St. Ita's lands and planning for this work is being advanced having regard to the relevant environmental constraints.
		Racecourse Park (Baldoyle)	FCC will appoint an Integrated Design Team in Q1 2025 to prepare the tender for the Park Development Works (including the Greenway) which it is planned to progress over the Summer months in 2025.
		Millpond Park	Detailed design for a link section of the route adjoining the R132/Quay Street Junction is in preparation having regard to the challenging and localized topographical and environmental considerations. When planning is approved for this technically difficult section of the route, the remainder will be developed as part of a park improvement project.
		Drumnigh Road to Kinsealy	Non statutory public consultation recently completed for the emerging preferred route.
Integration of new designated development areas with critical infrastructure	Infrastructure upgrades as part of LAPs/ Masterplans /Framework Plans / Urban Plans	Ongoing – implemented as part of Development Management process on lands within local plan area.	



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Chief Executive's Foreword

Storm Éowyn made landfall in Fingal during the early hours of Friday January 24th. We were all aware in the preceding days that the storm would be a severe weather event likely to cause significant damage, power outages, flooding and fallen trees and would merit a red weather warning. In Fingal, necessary preparations were made following advisories issued by Met Éireann and several meetings with the National Emergency Co-ordination Group whose guidance shaped our response to the storm. While our public offices, libraries, parks, community centres and recycling centres remained closed throughout the red warning, our teams across the organisation processed hundreds of storm related emails and calls and disseminated information and latest updates. Keeping the public informed before, during and after the storm was key and our website and social media channels were regularly updated for the duration of the event. Many of you will have seen photos and footage of areas nationally which were badly affected by the storm - thankfully while we in Fingal were not as severely affected as other parts of the country, there were hundreds of instances of fallen trees and damage caused by high winds reported. Once it was safe to do so, our highly experienced Operations crews set about clearing fallen trees from public roads, footpaths and housing estates in locations throughout the county. I am pleased with Fingal County Council's efficiency in dealing with events brought about by Storm Éowyn and I know you will join me in extending sincere thanks to staff across all departments who were involved with the response. A particular word of gratitude must go to the Operations crews involved in the clean-up effort, which was both extensive and, due to working in close proximity with power lines, arduous.

Although a limited number of performances had to be rescheduled due to storm Éowyn, Fingal celebrated TradFest's 20 year anniversary with a captivating line up of local and international musicians and artists. Now in its third year in Fingal, the programme included highly commended contributors such as Stockton's Wing, Eleanor McEvoy, The Henry Girls, Declan Sinnott and many more. Showcasing not only the stellar performances on offer, TradFest offered patrons the opportunity to hear traditional and folk music in unique and historic venues across Fingal including The Lark Theatre, Swords Castle Chapel, Skerries Mills, Draíocht and The Abbey Tavern. Over four evenings at The Lark Theatre in Balbriggan, actor and staunch TradFest supporter Stephen Rea's enormous contribution to culture was honoured through words and music. The acclaimed artist was joined in a celebration of words and music by poet Paul Muldoon and musicians Neil Martin, Louise Mulcahy, Matt Molloy, Maighread Ní Dhomnaill, Paddy Glackin and Derek Hickey. A celebration of the life of late legendary banjo player with The Dubliners, Barney McKenna, was also held during the festival.

The Abbey Tavern, Howth was the setting for the tribute to Barney who was hugely influential both here and abroad for his unique style of playing tenor banjo amongst other instruments and for his love and appreciation of music and stories. With performances to suit all tastes and interests, TradFest has again proved to be an incredibly popular event with the people of Fingal.

I am very proud that 14 Fingal County Council projects and initiatives have been shortlisted for this year's All Ireland Community and Council Awards, presented by IPB Insurance and LAMA (Local Authority Members Association). Furthermore, we are in the running for the prestigious 'Council of the Year' accolade. To have been recognised in all categories at this year's awards is a testament to the work undertaken by the council in collaboration with the communities we serve and the stakeholders who share our vision for the county. Environmental sustainability, economic development, and infrastructure enhancement are key priorities for the council and the projects shortlisted clearly represent the progress made in these areas. On behalf of myself and the Executive Management Team, I extend warm congratulations to all involved with these excellent initiatives and certainly look forward to the awards at the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork on February 22nd. You can review the shortlisted entries here

Integrating the Irish language into our lives is something we all can do on a regular basis, regardless of our proficiency in the spoken word, by using cúpla focal as often as we can. In Fingal, many are passionate about Irish language and culture and the promotion of events and initiatives which focus on Irish. On Tuesday January 28th, a wonderful event was held in The Atrium, County Hall which brought together Irish language enthusiasts, members of the community and representatives from local schools. The evening gave all present the forum to use their Irish and to discuss events and opportunities in their localities. Led by Oifigeach Gaeilge, Bernie Kelly and her colleagues who provided huge assistance in arranging the event, attendees were briefed on Fingal's Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme, Seachtain na Gaeilge and about the assistance available from Irish Language Organisations. Seachtain na Gaeilge is taking place from March 1st – 17th and, as always, there is an exciting and full programme of events taking place across locations in Fingal. Follow our social media channels and find out more about what is happening here. From musical performances, a bilingual walk in Ardgillan Castle and Pop Up Gaeltacht's on offer, there is certainly something to suit all ages and interests. All are welcome - Bígí linn!

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Throughout February, courses will be delivered in the areas of Debt Collection, Ignite Staff Development Programme, First Aid and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The first Wellbeing Champions meeting of the year was held in January. This meeting served as an opportunity for the Wellbeing Officer and Team to provide updates on the ongoing activities and initiatives within the Wellbeing Programme.

It was also a chance to discuss future plans and gather valuable feedback from Wellbeing Champions across the organisation.

The Wellbeing Team also conducted their first wellbeing visit of 2025 to outdoor staff. These visits are part of an ongoing plan to visit all depots over the coming months. During these visits, outdoor staff will be reminded of the various supports and initiatives currently available to them. Additionally, a VR headset has been made available, for outdoor staff in the Coolmine Depot who wish to try the guided meditation feature as part of the VR for wellbeing service.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU reviewed occupational health and safety data for 2024. There were 12 monthly reports submitted to the Executive Management Team during 2024 along with 1 submission to NISO for external validation of the organisation's safety management system. Overall site safety inspection compliance [300 inspections] for the organisation was running at 98% for the year 2024 with safety audit compliance [40 audits] at 92%. 31 ancillary safety statements and 1 corporate safety statement were published for the year. The HSU continued through January 2025 with site safety audits and inspections, incident investigation and VDU assessments.

Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – January 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
9,977	**1,177**	**2,811**

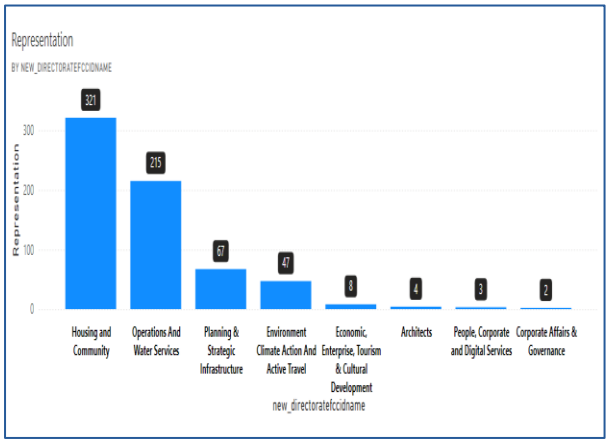
Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in December 2024: 8,814

Total Transactions carried out by Customer Care Agents in January 2025: 13,965

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 January 667.

The table below shows the total number of Elected Members' representations assigned to each Department to date in 2025.



Communications

Digital Statistics

The number of visitors to the finagl.ie website in January was 143,862 which was 22,868 (19%) more than the same month last year. The number of page views also rose from 297,154 to 306,775. The Storm Éowyn news page was the most read page for the month with the home page, planning lists, affordable housing and recycling making up the rest of the top five.

Storm Éowyn was the biggest event of the month for the Council's digital media channels. Warning messages were posted in advance and after the storm had passed there were numerous information posts about road closures and photographs of the damage done by fallen trees and the work of our crews to clear them.

Twenty storm-related posts on Facebook generated almost 420,000 views which was 24% of the 1,747,656 views of channel content during January. The number of followers rose by 508 to 38,155.

Instagram now has 12,539 followers having seen a 5% rise in the past month. It had 463,109 views and 4.654 interactions during January.



A post about the Planning Authority's decision to declare invalid the dda's application for an increase of the passenger cap at Dublin Airport generated 20,118 impressions on LinkedIn and had a click through rate of 7.29% to further information on the Council's website. The number of LinkedIn followers is now 10,807.

The number of followers on X is now 23,537 which is a reduction of 521 on December 2024. It had an engagement rate of 3% from 239,500 impressions during the month.

Seven videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,610. Videos posted include three examples of finding by the Dublin Rural LEADER programme as well as one of the draft Clonsilla Framework Plan. All Videos can be viewed at:

https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

The Communications Units continues to look at adding other channels in order to maximise reach and the WhatsApp has shown tremendous growth since it was launched last October. January saw the number of followers on this channel rsie by 54% to 1,982 followers.

The numbers currently following the channels are Threads (1,214), TikTok (926) and Bluesky (327). he 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.

Press Releases

Fourteen press releases were issued during January. Topics covered included the handover of a eCargo bike to the Howth goat herder; the Fingal Sports Awards; Brigid in Balbriggan; and the latest IBAL report which contained good news for Blanchardstown.



Media Queries

The Communications Unit received 34 media queries during January, Among the topics were Dublin Airport, Public Lighting, Slurry Spreading, Short-term lets, trackless trains and XL Bully Dogs.

Irish Language Networking Event

A successful Irish Language Networking event was held in County Hall on January 27 with an enthusiastic attendance of over 50 people. The audience was addressed in Irish and English by our Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh who praised the work being done to promote the language both in the County and within the Council.

Irish Officer Bernie Kelly gave an update on the Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme and other Irish Language opportunities. Jane O'Toole gave an update on an Irish Language parents initiative in Scoil Chrónáin, and there were also contributions from Gael Linn about Irish in the GAA, from Gaelbhratach and Caith Amach É as well as many Irish language groups in the area. Beautiful music was provided by local Comhaltas groups.



Belfast Visit

As part of Gaeilge365 and An Chomhairle Chraiceáilte, staff members from Fingal County Council along with representatives from the other Dublin local authorities visited Belfast in January to learn from their experience in promoting and speaking Irish.

Building Facilities

Free Used Coffee Beans available for compost

Community Groups, Fingal staff and members of the public can avail of free used coffee beans available from our two staff canteens in County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Blanchardstown.

These used coffee grounds can be added to your compost or used as natural fertilizer for your garden. Whether it would be a regular supply or a once off need, we are happy to provide the service free of charge, so you can feed your garden while helping reduce brown waste. If you need any further information about this initiative, please email building.facilities@fingal.ie with your requirements and contact information.







Re-turn for Children Initiative

'Return for children' launched in January 2025 by Corporate Affairs. Building Facilities have two donation points located in both staff canteens in our Corporate Buildings. Funds from these points are distributed equally to the six children charities listed on the donation box. The Re-turn for children is a pilot initiative in the Dublin region and the goal of the campaign is to reduce mixed litter and provide people with an option of donating their bottle and can deposits, with the monies raised from the initiative divided equally between the six Children Charities.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Tourism Strategy Implementation

Following the launch of the Fingal Tourism Strategy and Fingal Food and Drink Policy in 2024, initial priorities for 2025 include defining and managing the approach to:

- Create a Fingal collaboration framework with internal, local, and national tourism, food & drink stakeholders.
- Create an innovative, value added, best practice destination, food & drink tourism marketing plan.
- Conduct a county wide audit of tourism and food & drink assets to inform product and experience development priorities.
- Develop a regular and recurring program of food and drink markets across the county.

Progress on the Implementation will be reported to the EETD SPC.

Tradfest 2025

The Tradfest Fingal festival took place from 22nd – 26th January in venues throughout the County in an expanded programme that saw 10 venues and 41 headline act performances as well as a large list of fringe events which took place in smaller venues.





Although impacted by Storm Éowyn with a small number of afternoon concerts postponed over safety concerns, the majority proceeded, were well attended and well received by all who attended and there was considerable media coverage locally and nationally.



Fingal Food Network

A meeting of the Fingal Food Network Steering Committee took place on 20th January to discuss priorities and develop an action plan for 2025. The new committee discussed key structural issues such as formalising the status of the network, developing a new website and social media presence and agreed to consider re-branding options. The committee agreed to develop a campaign to recruit new members and identify ways to have a bigger presence at Flavours of Fingal.

EVENTS

Festival & Event Funding Scheme 2025



The scheme closed on 21st December, we received 107 applications and the recommendations for funding will be presented at the February Council meeting.

St. Brigid's Day



Our St Brigid's Day Concert planned for Monday 3rd of February in St. Brigid's Church Blanchardstown is selling very well, and we are hopeful of a full house.

St. Patrick's Day



Plans for the St. Patrick's Day Parades across the county are progressing and the details and links for groups to register can be found on eventsinfingal.ie.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House



M&E Works to Begin at Historic Newbridge House, Donabate

Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) works are due to commence shortly at Newbridge House. This project includes upgrading systems such as climate control and energy-efficient lighting, with a focus on sustainability and seamlessly blending modern technology in keeping with the heritage of this historic Georgian mansion. Updates on milestones will be shared as this project progresses in the latter half of 2025.



Chapterhouse Theatre Company at Ardgillan and Newbridge

The renowned Chapterhouse Theatre Company is returning this summer to present an open-air performance of Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre" on the 12th of July.



In Ardgillan Castle the same company will deliver a performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in the grounds of the Castle on the 27th of June.

Heritage Properties are an imaginative and appropriate setting for these types of theatre performances which are part of the company's Open-Air Tour.

Swords Castle

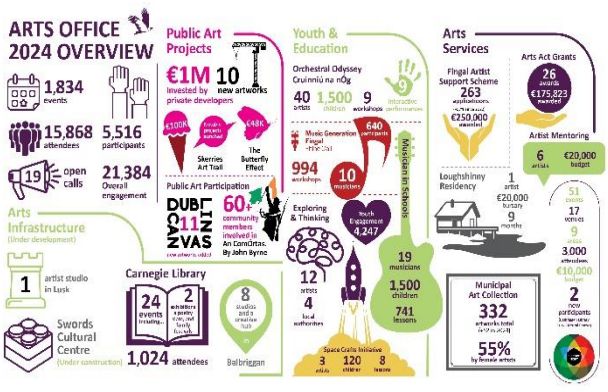
The viability of a monthly food market in the grounds of Swords Castle is being explored and planned on a pilot basis. It is envisaged that the market would start on Easter Saturday and run throughout the Summer until September. Hosting a market in the splendid environment of Swords Castle would bring additional footfall to the castle, bringing locals and visitors from further afield to explore the attraction.



The Heritage Properties team joined the tourism staff at Swords Castle on 29th January to wish Lauri Daly a very happy retirement after nearly a decade of dedicated service welcoming visitors to the castle.

Cultural Development

To measure the impact of arts development in the County, The Arts Office have compiled an infographic to highlight key aspects of the Arts Service in 2024, including 1,834 events, featuring 5,516 participants and 15,868 attendees' amounting to an impressive overall engagement of 21,384.



Key highlights in 2024 included:

- Following the launch of Carnegie Library in early 2024, the Arts Office delivered 24 events with 1,024 in attendance.
- €1 million investment in Public Art with 10 new artworks including the launch of the Skerries Art Trail and The Butterfly Effect at the Snugborough Road Interchange.
- 4,247 young people were engaged through the Youth and Education programme via initiatives such as Musicians in Schools, Orchestral Odyssey for Cruinniú na nÓg, Exploring & Thinking and Music Generation Fingal.
- The Fingal Artists' Support Scheme saw a 57% increase in the number of applications since 2022 and awarded €250,000 to professional Fingal artists in 2024.

The 2025 Arts Office priorities include:

- Build audience and artistic capacity in key geographic areas.
- Ensure our work reaches new and existing audiences within our communities, of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
- Research provision of spaces for young people within the county.
- Plan and deliver of Creative Places Balbriggan.
- Develop and launch Public Art strategy and workplan.
- Sustain relationships with colleagues, agencies, and organisations.
- Increase the delivery capacity of the Arts Office.
- Ensure the effective governance & management of Council supported or developed facilities & programmes.

Public Art

Public Art Policy

A new Public Art Policy will be presented to the full council for approval following an extensive research and consultation phase.

This included feedback from National specialists in the field from the OPW and The Arts Council.



Public Art & Private Development

We are currently supporting Glenveagh Homes to commission new work for their new housing development at Taylors Hill, Balbriggan. The shortlist of artists proposed includes Katherine Sankey, Els Dievost, Luis Enrique Martin, Fiona Kelly & Catherine McDonald. The artists have visited the site with the Glenveagh Team and will submit proposals shortly,

Arts Services

Arts Act Grant Scheme

The recommendations by the 2025 Arts Act Grants Scheme assessment panel will be presented to Councillors at the February meeting. 38 applications were received from individuals, community groups and organisations from across Fingal seeking to deliver quality arts experiences for participants and audiences, increase opportunities for participation and engagement in the arts and contribute to the development of the arts in the county.

Barrack Lane

The Arts Office recently attended a site visit to Barrack Lane, Lusk.



One live-in artist studio has been successfully completed as part of a new 10-dwelling development. Designed and delivered by the Fingal Architects Department, this initiative demonstrates our commitment to integrating cultural uses into new spaces, supporting artists to revitalize local communities.

Loughshinny Boathouse

Artist and photographer Louis Haugh, recipient of the Loughshinny Boathouse Studio Award, featured on RTE's Nationwide which aired on Wednesday 15th January.



The programme highlighted Louis's art practice and his current residency at the boathouse where he is developing new work in response to Fingal's coastal environment, focusing on biodiversity and climate change.

Draíocht

Our January 2025 performance programme started with Coolmine Panto's production of 'Aladdin'. Their 17 sell shows (including a sensory friendly performance) sold out.

We were delighted to continue to work with TradFest in 2025. The Mayor, Cllr Brian McDonagh, joined us for Eleanor McEvoy's sold-out performance to launch the TradFest season Both TradFest performances at Draíocht were very well received.

2025 will be another very full and busy year at Draíocht with a full programme of performance, children/youth arts and visual art exhibitions as well as artists mentoring and residency opportunities. Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

Our first Exhibition of 2025 is 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan. This Exhibition is presented in partnership with the Fingal Arts Office and is the 13th Edition of the Amharc Fhine Gall series which supports a Fingal artists' work and practice. Rich is working with Draíocht's Children's/Youth Arts office on an outreach project that will run in tandem with his exhibition.

Draíocht is delighted that our landmark project 'NEST' delivered in 2024, has been shortlisted for a LAMA award. The Award ceremony take place in Cork on February 22nd.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

Chicago based Bluegrass Band played on January 17th to a sold-out audience of 92, with 17 on the waitlist.
Tim O'Brien, Jan Fabricius, Seamie O'Dowd and Dermot Byrne are due to play January 31st to a sold-out audience – 11 are on the waitlist.

Classes

Music Classes are beginning their latest term on January 27th, with 40 students, adult and children booked in so far.

TradFest

TSEAC's Tradfest Launch took place on January 16th with the opening of the exhibition by prominent Irish artist and musician JB Vallely. The exhibition opening was complemented by music by members of the Vallely family and an address by Fintan Vallely, writer of the Companion to Irish Traditional Music.





The Tradfest Special Singing Session with Moya Brennan took place on Wednesday 22nd of January. The session was sold out at 65, and visitors joined us on Zoom from across the world, with the event also live streamed on Facebook and Instagram.



Musician and Music Educator Mairead O'Donnell worked together with TSEAC Director Lauren O'Toole to lead a music and drama workshop with primary schools in Dublin City Centre and Fingal. The workshop used the Tradfest commissioned production Ocean Child as source material to explore the connection between traditional music, theatre and storytelling.



Eleanor McEvoy was interviewed by BBC Northern Ireland live at TSEAC on Thursday 23rd January, with 26 attendees. Two-time Grammy award nominee Eric Bibb is to be interviewed by BBC Northern Ireland on Friday 24th January with 63 booked in for what promises to be an engaging conversation.

The local Black Raven Pipe Band will be marching through the Naul on Saturday 25th, followed by a family Ceilí and there are 126 booked in to attend. Kieran Goss and Annie Kinsella play on Saturday the 25th and have 68 booked in so far. Lisa Lambe brings her folk song and storytelling performance on Sunday 26th and there are already 57 booked in for this event.

Sessiun Oige is a new initiative based off the popular Slow Session regularly run at TSEAC. This session invites young people over 8 to bring their instruments and play in an informal setting.

Workshops and Other Events

The Pop-Up Gaeltacht is a free event we run every month, and this January we had 28 booked in. This is an informal event in which attendees can practice their Irish, no matter what level, over complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits.

Cinema

The Fantastic Three was a Schools Film Screening as part of our season of IFI foreign language films for secondary schools. 53 students from Ardgillan Community College attended.

Nenah Superstar also part of the above programme is scheduled to take place on 30th January with the screening sold out.

Irish documentary film Housewife of the Year shows on January 30th, with 46 booked in to date.

Libraries

Visits to libraries and items issued in 2024 top the 1 million mark

Footfall to Fingal Libraries in 2024 increased by 7% on the previous year, with the public making 1,014,852 visits to our 10 branch libraries, to Local Studies and Archives and to our 4 mobile vans.
Preliminary figures indicate that physical and digital loans from Fingal Libraries were up by 10% in 2024 on the 2023 figure, with 1,080,511 items issued in total.

Spring Programme of Events at Fingal Libraries



The brochure outlining the Spring 2025 programme of events in libraries is now available in library branches and on the Fingal Libraries website. The programme runs from January to April and features 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. Age-friendly and sensory-friendly events are featured in the programme as well as a series of workshops for schools.

St. Brigid's Festival

Fingal Libraries celebrated the St. Brigid's Festival with events in libraries. Historian Katie Charlwood explored the world of patron saints in a talk in Blanchardstown Library. Children in Malahide Library made their own Brídeog dolls, while the legend of St. Brigid's magical cloak was the inspiration of a children's craft workshop in Rush Library.

Creative Fingal: Brigid in Balbriggan



Brigid in Balbriggan returns on Monday, 3rd February, featuring performers from Luxe Landscape Theatre Company. The event will commence in St. George's Square at 6pm, spreading Brigid's light, before bringing everyone on a processional journey down Mill Street, under the viaduct and onto a final celebration on the beach. The journey is expected to take approximately one hour. Over 300 members from local community groups will participate, representing the diverse population of Balbriggan. This promises to be a beautiful and inclusive event for all to enjoy. A series of creative events themed around St. Brigid will take place in Balbriggan Library to coincide with the event.

Ireland Reads Day



Author, Cecelia Ahern

Ireland Reads is a national initiative to celebrate reading. Throughout February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 22nd February, people of all ages are encouraged to read for pleasure.

Acclaimed novelist Cecelia Ahern will visit Balbriggan Library on Ireland Reads Day to talk about her prolific body of work. Children's author and illustrator Tarsila Krüse will read from her new picture book in Skerries Library. Alan Nolan will visit Donabate Library to talk about his favourite comic books. Other events for children taking place in February include a Role-Play Village Day in Blanchardstown Library, where young children immerse themselves in a world of imagination using miniature utensils. Older children will have the opportunity to programme a microbit computer in Coding Ireland's workshop in Malahide Library. There will also be creative writing workshops for children and teens in a number of libraries.



Role Play Village

Digital Literacy

Fingal Libraries schools' programme begins in February with workshops from CyberSafeKids on how to stay safe online. First year students from local schools are invited to Blanchardstown, Swords and Rush libraries for interactive sessions discussing issues such as encountering harmful content, cyberbullying and developing critical thinking skills when spending time online.

Healthy Ireland at Your Library

Healthy Ireland at Your Library is a national programme promoting health, wellbeing, and quality of life at all life stages.

Fingal Libraries 2025 Healthy Ireland programme began with a workshop in Malahide Library giving practical tips on how to sustain new year's resolutions for a healthier lifestyle. Age-friendly, gentle exercise courses, including chair yoga, Tai Chi, and mindful movement, are ongoing in several libraries. Europe Direct sponsored a ten-week course in Blanchardstown Library beginning in January for parents and carers supporting family members with autism.

Sustainable Living



Aga Hutcheson will deliver sustainable arts & crafts workshops

A range of events on the theme of sustainable living and environmental awareness is taking place in libraries this February. These events include workshops on gardening for biodiversity, sustainable fashion practices, and recycling and reusing.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2025

Planning for Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 is in progress, with a creative consultation involving young people in Dublin 15 continuing throughout February. Children's author and illustrator Alan Nolan and consultant Sinéad Begley are collaborating with 5th-class students to design a programme of creative events in the area inspired by the children's own ideas. In addition, the Fingal Youth Voice Survey will go live online this month, with physical copies available in all Fingal library branches. This survey invites children and young people from across Fingal to share their feedback on creativity. These initiatives ensure that young voices continue to help shape the Fingal Cruinniú na nÓg programme.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 was adopted by the Council on 11th November 2024. Initial planning has taken place for the hosting of an event to launch the new strategy document in Q1. 2025.



Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

The 2025 Xplore Your Future Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools is scheduled to take place in the Helix, DCU on the 15th of October 2025 building on the success of the last two expo events.



Skyla Project

The Fingal SKYLA Project Team attended a number of virtual bilateral meeting with project partners to examine and explore future synergies relation to good practises:

Malmo Sweden in relation to their good practice - the AMK Franchise system (located in 10 regions and encompassing 90 municipalities, engaging with students at secondary level on labour market intelligence to inform career choices)

Sofia, Bulgaria in relation to 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.

The SKYLA mid-term review is scheduled for mid-February. The purpose of the review is to check the progress towards the project objectives beyond the information included in the progress reports. Following the review potential pilot actions will be studied on a project wide level.

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 commenced on developing a Sustainable Fingal Strategy to promote sustainability measures for business.

URBACT – EcoCore

The EcoCore Project

Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along transport corridors.

The next project meeting will be held in Ormoz, Slovenia at the beginning of February with a key focus on partner review of Integrated Action Plans (IAP's) from respective partners which is a key learning from the project.

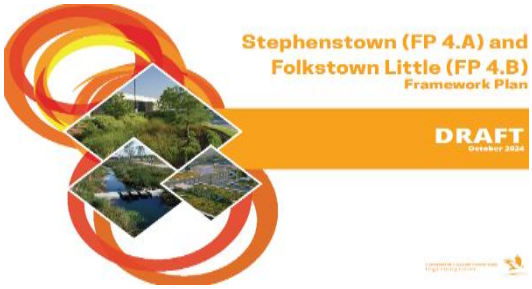


The IAP is a city-level output plan that defines actions to be implemented within the city in order to respond to the specific urban policy challenge which is defined and addressed through a process of action planning with reflection on the lessons learned from local stakeholders, transnational partners and the testing of actions at local level.

ALL IRELAND COMMUNITY & COUNCIL AWARDS
IPB INSURANCE AND LAMA

Project EcoCore is delighted to have been short-listed in the category of "Best CSR Project in a Community" for the forthcoming LAMA 2025 All-Ireland Community & Council Awards.

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 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.

Following the Framework Plan out on public display, submissions were received, and these are currently being reviewed so that the Chief Executive's report can be prepared for the consideration of the Elected Members in the coming weeks.

European Urban Initiative – City to City Exchanges

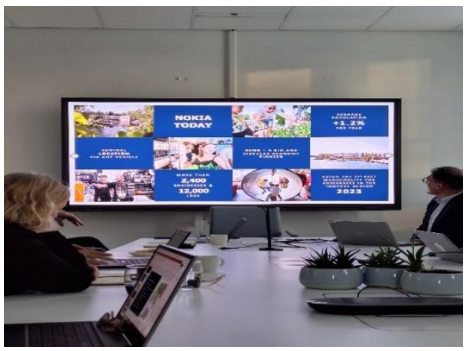


Fingal hosted representatives of the city of Nokia, Finland in December 2024 as part of a European Urban Initiative City to City Exchange to support and compliment the work of its URBACT EcoCore Project. The exchange which has now concluded, afforded both parties the opportunity to exchange knowledge, expertise and good practises with a particular focus on innovation and the circular economy.

Representatives from the EETCD Department travelled to Nokia on the 15/16th January 2025 to meet with officials from the City of Nokia, various representatives from the University of Tampere, Cireco Ltd (an enabler of the circular economy), Business Tampere and to visit the ECO3 business park which is a bio and circular economy business area covering 130ha and home to 42 companies and partners, who engage in various industrial symbioses.

The Fingal delegation met with WasteWise Ltd and Carbofex Ltd both companies located in ECO3 who demonstrated their commitment to a more sustainable and circular economy in their respective industries. The City of Nokia works in collaborative with various stakeholders to ensure that ECO3 is Finland's leading business area for the bio and circular economy which has been identified as an economic growth driver for the municipality.





Sustainable Fingal

The EETCD Department continue to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential 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 videos developed with Techrete and A.forall in Balbriggan on their sustainability journeys to inspire other companies to share their journey. We are also liaising with members of our Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) to identify further companies who might be willing to share their sustainable journey, progress and shared learnings.

Work is ongoing on the with regard to the drafting of a Sustainable Fingal Strategy which aims to inform, promote, encourage and drive sustainability measures, actions and requirements in business.

Smart Balbriggan

Smart Balbriggan has delivered it's SFI Discover Programme 2024 - Science Week is taking place

14 - 16 November, having secured funding of €10,000.

"How it's Made 2024" comprised of three full days of events with over 400 attendees and approximately 200 students from primary and secondary schools in Balbriggan taking the science tours.





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)

As the Circular Cities Declaration community has grown steadily and now includes 85 signatory cities and regions, Fingal County Council has now been assigned a dedicated Circular Economy Expert by the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI) to facilitate all communications on the Declaration, providing a space to share updates on activities, challenges, and ambitions, while exploring opportunities and ideas for advancing circularity.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Summit 2025 is being held on 27th February 2025, this event will highlight DBEC's 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



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 next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 12th February 2025.

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

Empower, as the SICAP Programme Implementer, has submitted the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan & the end of year Financial & Monitoring report 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 29th April 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

EETCD, in collaboration with Fingal Communications Department and Dublin Rural LEADER, produced a series of videos to promote the LEADER Programme. These videos highlight Fingal County Council's pivotal role in the programme, showcasing our commitment to ensuring that funding is used effectively to support rural development, create jobs, and enhance community services. The videos will be promoted across all social media channels to maximise reach and engagement.



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 closed on 13th January 2025.

The Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Current Funding Scheme was held on 27th January 2025, followed by the Evaluation Committee Meeting for the Capital Funding Scheme on 28th January 2025.

All proposed funding must be submitted to the DRCD by 28th March 2025 for final approval.

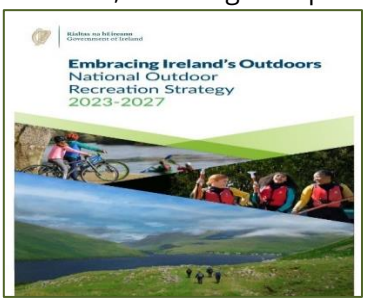
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

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 were required to be sent via email to LCDC@Fingal.ie.

The closing dates for submitting Expressions of Interest forms are as follows:

- Measure 1 and Project Development Measure: Closed on Thursday, January 9, 2025.
- Measure 2 and Measure 3: Will close at 5:00 PM on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

The ORIS Measure 1 and Project Development Measure Evaluation Committee met on 23rd January 2025 and a report is being prepared for return to the DRCD.

An Evening of Inspiration with David Gillick

Healthy Fingal is collaborating with Thrive Balbriggan around a positive mental health event being held in the Lark Theatre. "An Evening of Inspiration: Overcoming Challenges with David Gillick" will be held on February 26th at 7.30pm. David Gillick is a former professional track and field athlete, his achievements include 2 times 400m European Champion, World 400m Finalist and 2008 Beijing Olympian. This event is open to everyone and will be the first of what we hope will be 4 events promoting positive mental health in Balbriggan.



Healthy Fingal Projects

Planning is underway with Coolmine lodge around the development of a physical activity and 1 to 1 quit smoking service for attendees, which we hope will see people recovering from drug addiction able to quit smoking. Planning has also begun for the Smoke Free Homes programme, which we hope to expand to three schools in the Dublin 15 area.



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 €1,813,912 for 26 projects across Fingal with €1.2 million claimed to date.

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 is 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 by 28th February 2025.

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 now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Board of Innovate Fingal had their inaugural board meeting on the 10th of January with agreement reached on a new brand/logo identify for Innovate Fingal.

Innovate 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 in June 2024 resulted in four newly constituted multistakeholder Pilllar structures focusing on progressing opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar, the Public Realm Pillar remains current.

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 (URDF) 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 Leadership Group agreed and adopted the new Communications Strategy for 2025 – 2029 and work will now begin on implementation. Pillar groups will continue to refine workplans in Q1 2025 before presenting them for consideration 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 Riverbed. The Town Car Park has now re-opened. 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 shortly. 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.



An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBruns site 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.

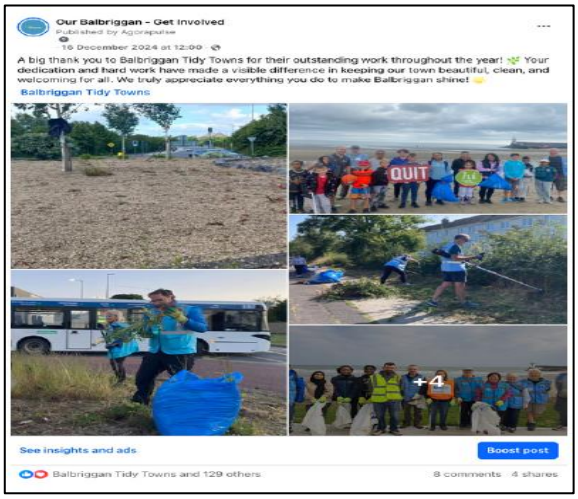
Insights gained will be incorporated into the pre-design report which will soon be reviewed internally.

The Programme Office is currently engaging in a feasibility study to examine options for a sea swim platform in Balbriggan. Feasibility repport for this project is due shortly.

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 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 12,904 followers across all 4 social channels.



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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 Central Parks and the feasibility of the development of a farmers' market.

A consultant has now been appointed to conduct a feasibility study for the farmers market project and preparatory work is ongoing regarding the Lusk Central Parks project.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

A visit of the Balrothery Capacity Building group to Blessington, Co. Wicklow is scheduled to take place in February where information will be shared by Wicklow Town Team regarding successfully completed projects in Blessington. This will provide valuable insights to the Balrothery group with regard to best practice approaches to implementing improvements in their area.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

Following the recent capacity building meeting in Ballyboughal on 16th December, the consultant team are in the process of finalising the Output Report. This report will be presented to the capacity building group at the next meeting.



Town Centre First – Donabate

The next capacity building meeting for Donabate is scheduled to take place on 28th January, where an overview of the workshop held in November will be completed, and additional Town Centre First actions will be identified.



Town Centre First – Rush

An online public survey was conducted over December and January focused on Rush. The survey was conducted in association with Healthy Ireland and invited residents, community groups, and businesses of the town to have their say on the benefits of living in Rush and what aspects of living in Rush could be improved. The deadline for completion of this survey was extended until 31st January 2025, after which the results will be reviewed.



A Consultant has been appointed by the Town Regeneration Office to assist with the process of creating a Town Centre First Plan for Rush, and a commencement meeting between the Consultant and the Town Regeneration office took place on 25 November 2024.



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. Both projects are on schedule 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. 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".

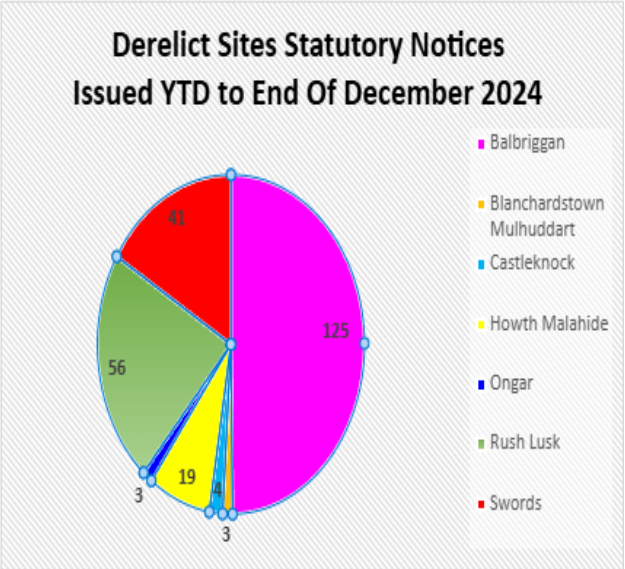
Progress continues to be made by the appointed consultant on a feasibility study currently being undertaken.

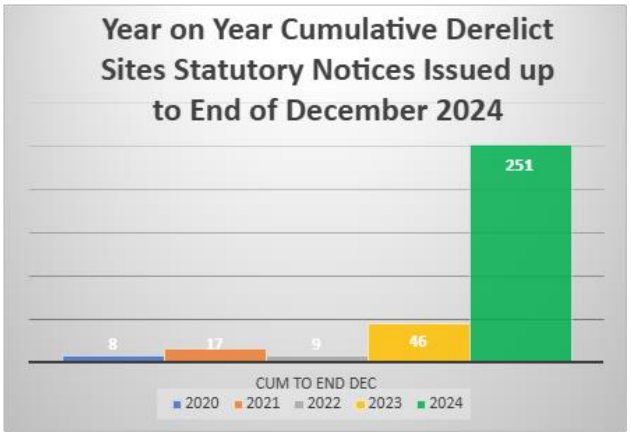
Derelict Sites

251 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of December 2024. This compares to a total of 46 at this point in time in 2023.

12 properties listed on the Derelict Sites Register on the 1st January 2025 with a market value of €7,132,100, have been issued with levy demands at the statutory rate of 7%, as specified under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 (as amended). These levies amount to €499,247.

The Derelict Sites team continue to focus on engagement with the owners of these existing derelict sites and will continue 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 January 2025 are as follows:

Local Enterprise Week 2025

Local Enterprise Week
Local Enterprise Office
3rd - 7th March 2025

Local Enterprise Week kicks off on 3rd to 7th March 2025 with a packed schedule of events including the Fingal Startup Bootcamp, Networking events with Balbriggan Chamber and Fingal Chamber, Fingal Enterprise Awards and Fingal Enterprising Women Network event.

There are also a host of events both in person and online covering areas such as food business, Digital, Productivity, Sustainability.
The launch of Local Enterprise week takes place on January 31st in County Hall Swords.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

The New Year got off to a flying start with the first Fingal Business Supports Briefing of 2025 taking place on Wednesday 15th January to a packed room at the Riasc Centre, Kinsealy. The audience were delighted to hear about the supports for small businesses from LEO Fingal. The LEO team outlined the Training and Events, Business Advice and Mentorship, Grant Funding and other supports on offer. There was a lively questions and answers session with many Owner / Managers staying on for one-to-one consultations with LEO staff. As a result of the interest on the day, the Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses and Grant Application Workshops run by LEO Fingal have seen a large uptake in numbers.

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. The Fingal final takes place on March 13th in Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown.

Food Sectoral Supports

LEO Fingal hosted the latest Dublin Food Chain networking meeting at a producers' event at the Teagasc facility in Ashtown on Wednesday 22nd January with some 50 food producers in attendance. Ciara McDonagh Head of Food Industry Development at Teagasc welcomed the food producers and talks from Shay Hannon, Manager National Prepared Consumer Food Centre and Carol Griffin, Lead Sensory Technologist followed. Then the topic moved to Food Regulation & Sustainability with Ita White, Senior Research Officer and after some Tea and Networking, there was a tour of the National Prepared Consumer Food Centre. The next Dublin Food Chain takes place in Fingal during Local Enterprise Week (5th March), appealing to food producers throughout the region.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved €961,649 across 43 Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants in 2024. To date in 2025, there have been 3 Businesses approved for €28,000 in funding across two Feasibility Grants and one Business Priming Grant.

Eleven Digital for Business consultancy programmes amounting to €27, 900 have also been approved in January. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 12th of February 2025.

Management Development

The next Leadership for Accelerated Growth programme will kick off on the 12th of March 2025 in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport. 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 in the 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. So far this year there has been a very strong level of interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops.

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 12 applications have been approved in the amount of €25,795 In January 2025. The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received on or before 13th December 2024 are being 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.

Fifty-seven people availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics in the month of January, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses. Seventeen clients have so far signed up for business mentoring.

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.

A record-breaking number of loan applications for Microfinance funding were received during 2024, with 39 Fingal applications processed. Two MFI loan applications have been processed in January 2025. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

January has seen the launch of a new Training year for LEO Fingal with demand high from small businesses for all education offerings. The first Start Your Own Business course of 2025 started on Tuesday 21st January with a full complement of learners. The second course is scheduled to start on 13th February and is almost full.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The TAME (Exporter) grant enabled small businesses to explore and develop new market opportunities by providing up to €2,500 to businesses investigating and researching export markets. Twenty Fingal businesses were approved for Export Grants (TAME) in 2024 in the amount of €47,144.

The "New Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The Market Explorer Grant is available to small enterprises in the Manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is 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.



The Export Development programme "Get Exporting" is continuing 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 programme.

Grow Digital Voucher

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

The new Grow Digital Voucher 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 approved their first eligible application and are working to increase awareness of this support with businesses throughout Fingal.

Craft & Design Sectoral Supports



Showcase Ireland 2025 took 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 were 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.

In addition, LEO Fingal is examining the establishment of a Network of Craft and Design businesses with a view to developing further growth opportunities for this sector.

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Area Business January 2024 to December 2024

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/ Swords	5057	1875	516	115	6
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	3854	2824	143	76	10
Howth/ Malahide	3385	647	126	64	5
Total	**12296**	**5346**	**785**	**255**	**21**

Works Programme

Balbriggan / Rush-Lusk / Swords Area

Programme of Works 2025

At the BRLS Area Committee Meeting held on the 16th of January 2025 the Programme of Works 2025 was approved by Councillors.

This Programme of Works outlines the works to be completed in the areas across Roads, Traffic, Parks, and Public Lighting sections. Full details of the programme can be found on report to the public for the meeting.

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Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Skerries Area

New railings installed at Skerries Mills.



Swords Area

New feature entrance with pedestrian corral area and new vehicular gates installed into Ward River Valley Park on Brackenstown Avenue.











This completes the upgrade works to this section of the park following the installation of the Learn to Cycle track.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Fingal County Council provided a service for residents to recycle their Christmas Trees at drop off points across the County from the 2nd to the 16th of January 2025.



Approximately 1,600 Christmas Trees were recycled from collection points in Balbriggan, Barnageeragh, Rush and Lusk, with approximately 2,300 trees recycled from collection points in Swords, Santry, Donabate and Portrane, bringing the total for the Balbriggan / Rush – Lusk / Swords Operational Area to 3,900.



Storm Éowyn

The on-call team dealt with a large amount of call outs in relation to damage caused by Storm Éowyn across the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords areas. Crews dealt with approximately 80 trees down in the Swords/Donabate/Portrane area and approximately 90 trees down in the Balbriggan/Skerries/Rush-Lusk area.

Crews clearing debris in the Balbriggan / Rush – Lusk LEAs (below).

Tree down at Killougher.









Tree down on Balbriggan Street (below).



Crews clearing debris in the Swords LEA (below).







Tree down across the path in Ward River Valley Park.







Railing down at Lioscian, Swords.



Works ongoing beyond the weekend at Ballintrane Woods to clear debris.





Area Roads and General Maintenance Programme

Road sign cleaning in the Donabate/Portrane Area.

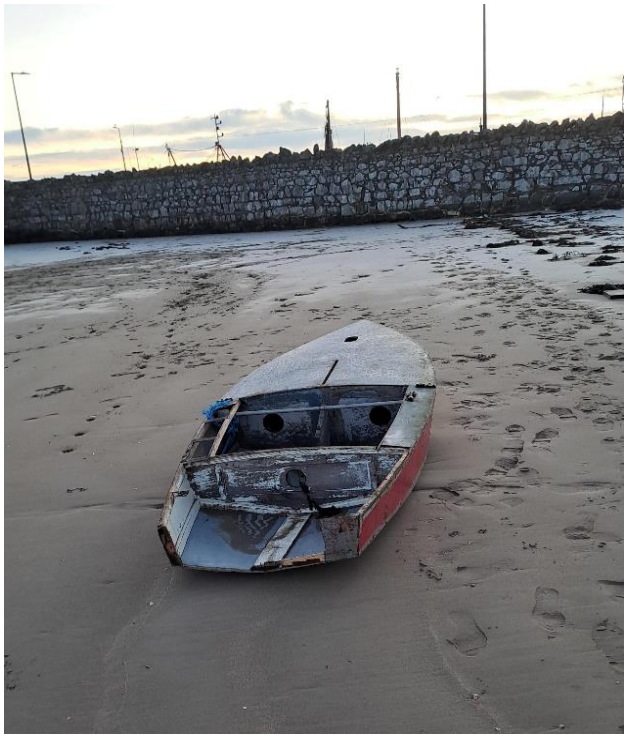


Tree planting at Balheary along the riverbank.





Removal of a wreck that washed up on Balbriggan Beach.



Howth Malahide Area

At the Howth-Malahide Area Committee Meeting held on the of 15th January 2025 the Programme of Works 2025 was approved by Councillors.

Roads



Roads crew replaced storm damaged footpath at Limetree Avenue Portmarnock



The Bawn Malahide – Patching repair works

Burial Grounds and Beaches



Winter works by our Burial Grounds staff at St. Fintan's Graveyard



New pathway to new section at Balgriffin burial grounds



New bicycle racks at our Fingal Balgriffin Burial Grounds

Storm Eowyn

Various locations dealt with by the Howth/ Malahide Crews during Storm Eowyn. Approximately 88 trees down in 84 locations in the Howth/Malahide Area including Malahide Demesne and over 200 cases branches debris etc removed from roads and paths etc. Also, some damage to half acre glasshouse in Malahide Depot where a support wall collapsed during the storm.

Seapark Malahide

Crew removing tree wind thrown and leaning on wall.









Ashley Rise



Tree blocking entrance down at Gaybrook, Malahide



Seamount Park



Tree fell on car (photo blurred intentionally)



Opposite St Sylvesters Church



Outside Duffy's Pub Malahide



Tree damage on Mc Alister's gate,
Crew dealt with limb on the ground and tree surgeon brought in to make safe the remainer of the standing tree



Cut Back to allow access to property and cleaned and processed on Monday.



Large tree down on Wood Road in Malahide Demesne

Malahide Demesne



Christmas trees shredding in Malahide Demesne and area.

Approximately 11,500 trees have been chipped in the Malahide area:



Howth Pathways – Bog of frogs Loop



Foot fall on the Howth pathways has grown on each of the loops, with this increase in popularity the surfaces are more worn. Some areas have become waterlogged and near impassable at times especially after rainy spells.

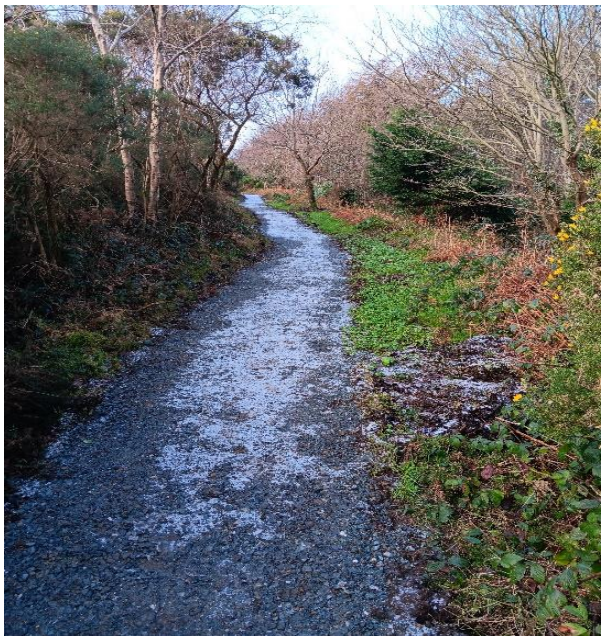
Sections of the Bog of Frogs loop have been closed off temporarily to accommodate these essential works.



Raising the pathway in sections will accommodate the flow of water allowing it to drain away from the path.



S.A.A.O Pathways



SAAO pathway off Windgate Road needs resurfacing work to alleviate

Castleknock Mulhuddart Operations







Christmas Tree Shredding

Millennium Park - 5,380 trees chipped,
Hartstown Park - 310 trees chipped.
St Catherines Park- 141 trees Chipped



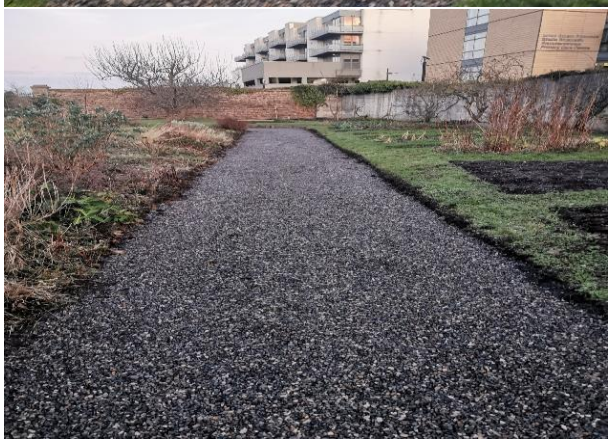


Hedge cutting carried out in Dunshoughly 200M of hedging cut back along walls on open space



Footpath Widening St Catherine's Park





Before and after photos of Footpath upgrade works carried out in the walled garden in Millennium Park.





Edging works been carried out at Corduff Green

Storm Éowyn





Planting Works carried out in Luttrell Park Court as part of Programme of Works.













A variety of images of fallen trees following Storm Eowyn. Approximately 111 trees fell in total.







Photos of 120 newly planted Grass plants on Roundabout at Blackwood Estate on Ongar Road.

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Car Parking Services

December 2024

There was a total of 975 parking tickets issued during December 2024.

Breakdown of Parking Offences

Top 10 Offences

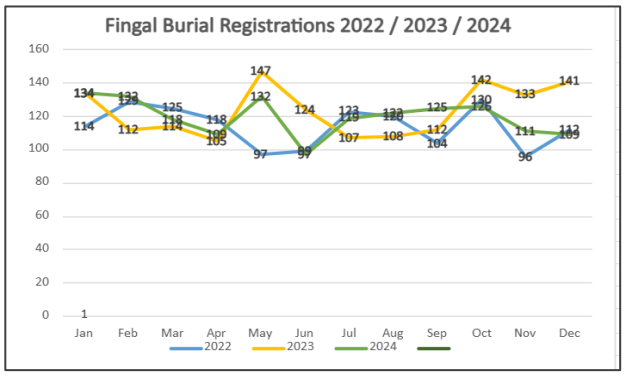
Offence	Main Ticketing Offences - December 2024
9A - A VEHICLE COMMITING AN OFFENCE CONTRARY TO PAY AND DISPLY/PERMIT PARKING	490
04G - PARKING A PRIVATE VEHICLE IN A LOADING BAY	129
08A - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A FOOTPATH	89
9A - A VEHICLE OUT OF TIME TICKET	84
9D - PARKING A VEHICLE ON A DOUBLE YELLOW LINE	82
9F - PARKING/STOPPING A VEHICLE IN A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BAY	32
04E - OBSTRUCTING AN ENTRANCE	11
04C - PARKING A VEHICLE IN A TAXI BAY	11
07A - OBSTRUCTION TO OTHER ROAD USERS/PEDESTRIANS	9
04F - EXCEEDING THE TIME LIMIT IN A LOADING BAY (GOODS VEHICLE)	6

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations December 2024
North Street - Swords	65
Main Street - Swords	60
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	50
Church Road - Malahide	42
The Green - Malahide	39
Old Street - Malahide	36
Strand Street - Skerries	36
The Mall - Malahide	33
Longlands - Swords	33
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	32

Burial Ground Services

There were 109 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during December 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

- **Road Markings Balbriggan-Swords**



Swords – The Nurseries off Forest Road – New Double yellow lines



Swords - Brookdale Green – Rivervalley Park Entrance - New Double yellow lines





Oldtown- New Road Markings and Signage

Castleknock/Mulhuddart
Road Markings Castleknock/Mulhuddart



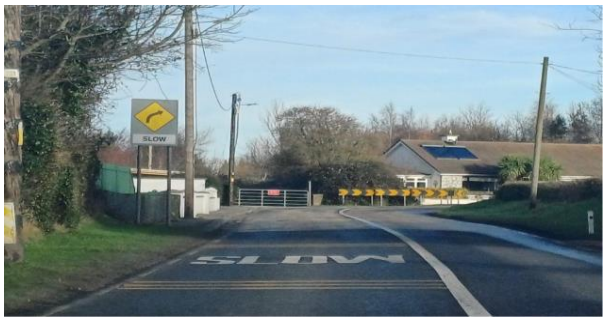
New SLOW Road marking and yellow rumble strips added to Tinkers Hill.



New SLOW Road marking and yellow rumble strips added to Tinkers Hill.



Yellow box and STOP markings repainted at the bottom of Tinkers Hill.



SLOW markings associated yellow rumble strips repainted on Westmanstown Road.

Howth Malahide Traffic Line Marking Works



New Double Yellow Lines for Balgriffin Park

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

79 Plant Hires were put in place from 02/01/2025 to 28/01/2025, engaging 20 suppliers.

Large Loading Shovel on hire to facilitate the delivery of Salt for gritting to the Salt Barn in Watery Lane





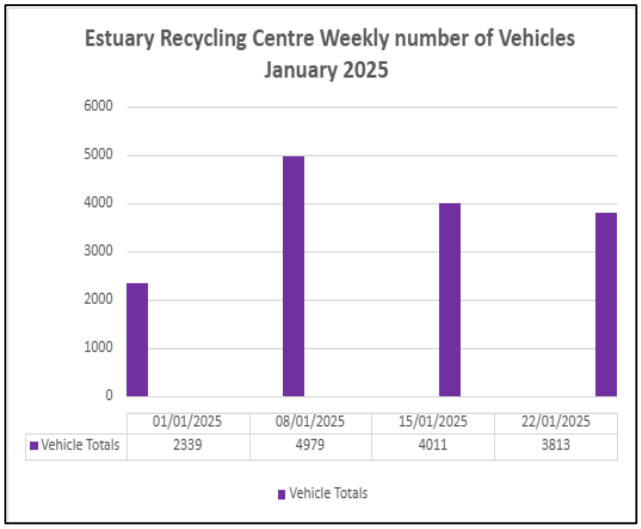
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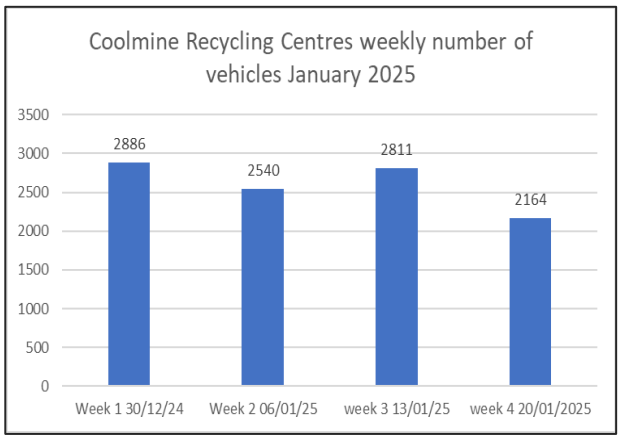
Orders are being placed for all public lighting materials required for the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works.

Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which commenced on 1st January 2025.

he Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine



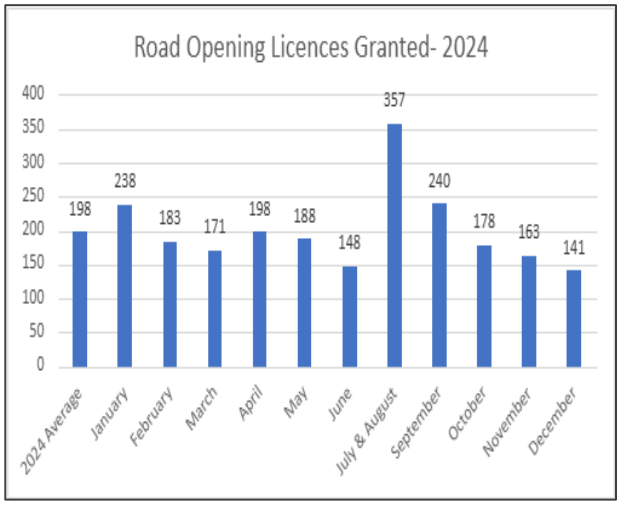


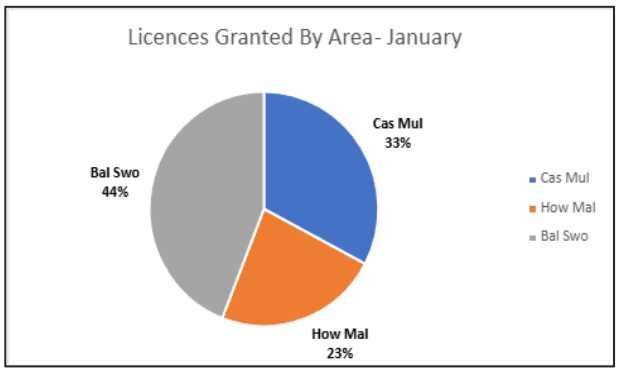
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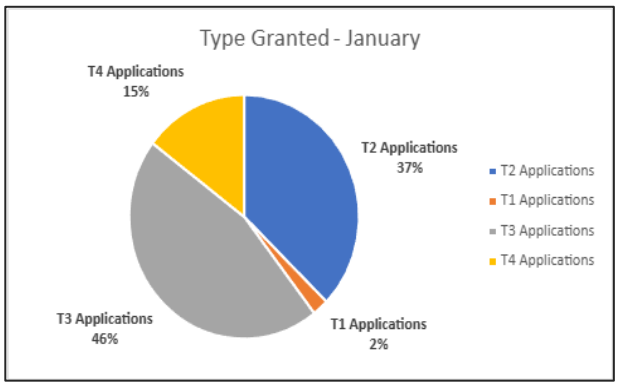
- Road Opening Licenses

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

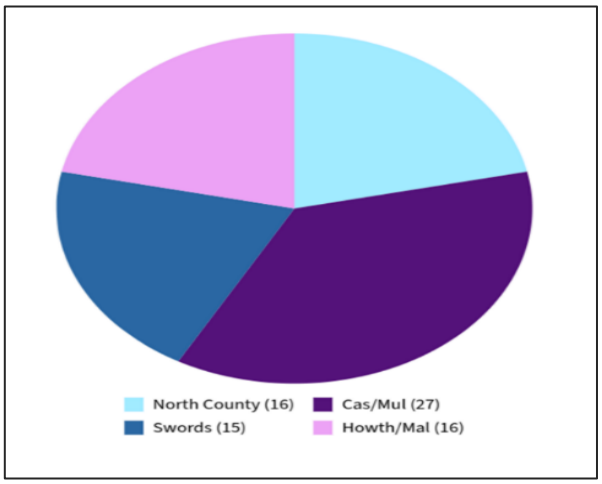
177 Licences were granted in the month of January**, 61% of which were granted by way of automation**. Clerk of Works in each area continue to carry out regular inspections following road opening works by Utilities.







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 €64,160 as of the 27th of January 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.

Currently Licences expire on the 28th of February 2025 & current traders are being given the opportunity to renew their licence at the same location. This gives the businesses the chance to grow & built a relationship with the local community.

Any pitches that are not renewed or that remain available will be advertised and new applications will be accepted.

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 19 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.

All 19 business have paid their licence fee & have been issued with their Licence, which must be displayed prominently in the front window of their business premises.

The Council is currently arranging the removal of all remaining parklets by the Council's contractor.

For those businesses which had a parklet and have requested a footpath buildout, work will commence in February/March following the removal of the parklets. The areas have been assessed and any which have been deemed suitable will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc.



Surface Water

Stormwater Capital Programme 2025-2027

Fingal County Council are continuing to progress projects in the 2025-2027 Stormwater Capital Programme. The 3-year programme includes 16 projects estimated at €1.7 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. The GPR survey has been completed for work package B, this has informed the detailed design which is currently been finalized. Associated tasks for WPB which include an AA screening report and traffic management plan are also being progressed. It is expected that WPB will be completed internally by FCC personnel with works to commence later this year.

- **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. As no agreement could be reached a new route was confirmed. GPR and utility surveys and Slit trenches were completed to inform a redesign.

Since the start in December 2024, 140m of new pipework, two manholes and several road gullies has been constructed. Installation works will be completed in early February with road & footpath reinstatement works commencing shortly after.





- **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.

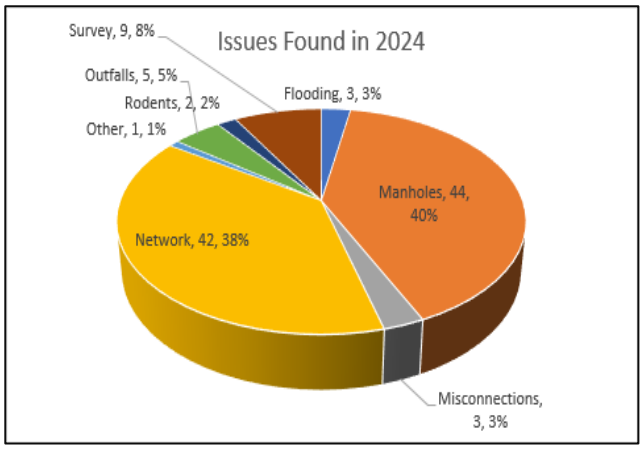
Direct Labour crews have completed the first tranche of repairs on localised damaged pipelines. The next phase of these works commenced in January, 2025. Site investigation works took place and a final design completed. The works will include alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions, involving an eight week road closure.





- **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:**

2 new connection applications have been processed to date in 2025.

- **Networks**

Swords

Following historical reports of blockages and overground flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, a Contractor was engaged and has completed 95% of a programme of CCTV survey and mapping works in the Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates. Following completion the condition of the network will be assessed and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed.



A long outstanding road reinstatement was completed outside the **Forty-Four Hotel,** in December. Works included 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. An AA Screening exercise has been carried out externally and its recommendations will be incorporated prior to commencement in March.



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 were completed in December 2024.

Dublin 15

Surveys were 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. Remedial works will require additional dye testing, surveys and the installation of a UV CIPP liner to repair a defect.

Quotations have been sought for surveys in 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 Main Street, Swords.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

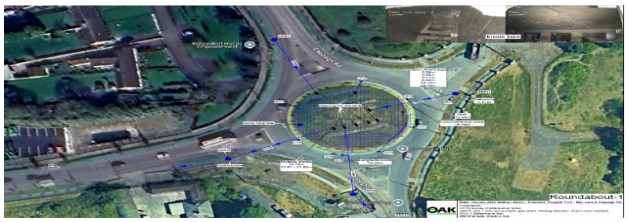
Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets has begun county wide. With new best practice guidelines in place these assets are expected to be phased out in future planning applications and should be replaced with above ground natural features. Below is an example of a system currently employed to manage storm water on new developments

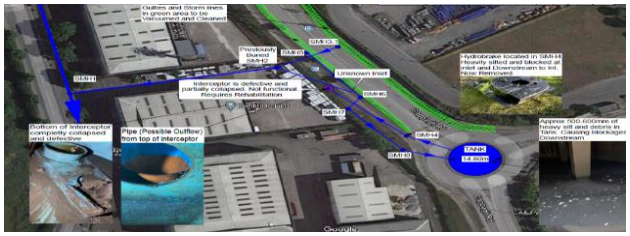


A sharefile location has been created and shared with some of the main suppliers and installers of attenuation systems. This should assist with the capture and recording of existing assets and inform a future maintenance schedule.

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 has commenced surveys and cleaning of two tanks in January 2025 to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.

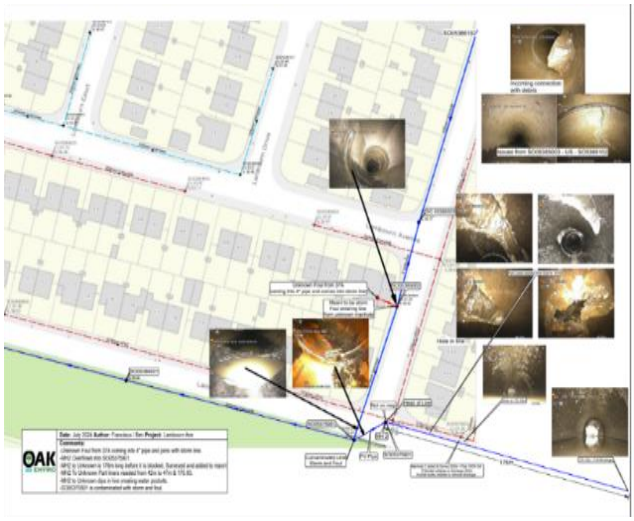




➢ Water Quality

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.



The Environment department are following up with owners of properties misconnected to the surface water network.

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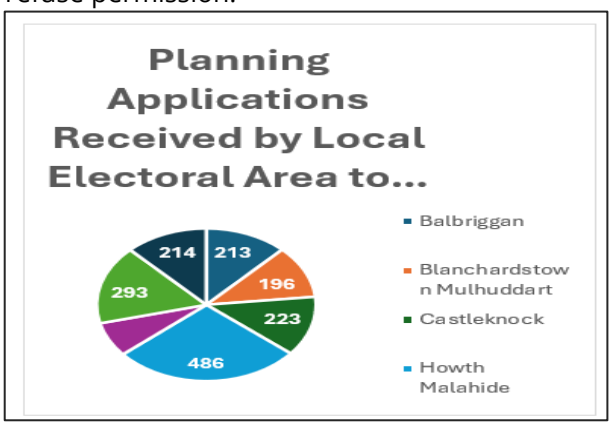
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Planning Applications

There have been 1757 planning applications received from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024. This is including 794 E applications via the LGMA portal. 180 applications were invalid leaving a total of 1577 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below. From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 there have been 12 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024, 19 decisions have been made on Large Scale Residential Developments. Of these 19 decisions made, 10 have been to grant Permission and/or to grant amendments to existing applications, 5 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 31st December 2024, this decision was to refuse permission.

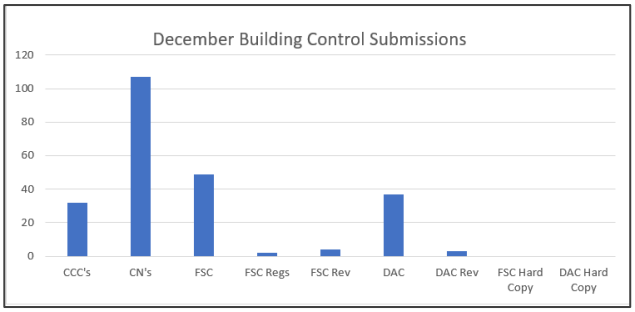


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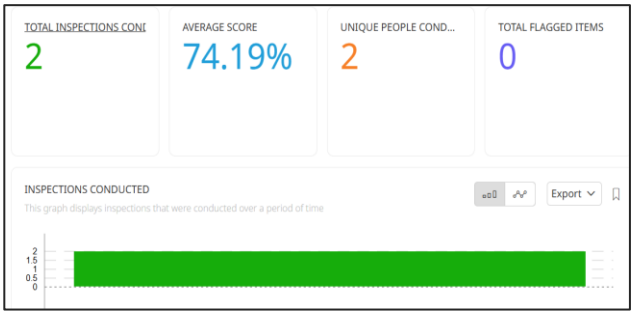
A total of 1434 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024. There have been 1013 decisions to grant permission and 236 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In December 2024, there were 234 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 107 Commencement notices, 32 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 55 Fire Safety related Certificates and 40 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 172 decisions in December 2024 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 66 decisions to grant and 106 extensions of time.



Built Environment Division



- There were 2 Building Control Inspection carried out with 6 houses inspected in January so far.
- We have 2 estates advertised for taking in charge for the February 2025 meeting. These are Hamilton Park and Cruise Park in Dublin 15.
- We have a procurement notice up on Etenders for a single party framework for Consulting Engineers to project manage Taking in Charge works for estates where we have sequestered the bond. The closing date for this competition is the 24th of February 2025.

Pictures



Checking level access to a house bieng built in Castleknock



Checking Handrails in an apartment block in Finglas

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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 surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermains, 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 departments of Fingal County Council together.



Meetings and Workshops

A workshop meeting was held in December at Malahide Castle to discuss all the Swords projects that are being planned and may be carried out on site over the next 5 years in Swords, as well as knowledge sharing on it projects timelines and phasing plus also gathering feedback on them.
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure will be undertaking analysis of how these projects and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required.
Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.

Peer Review

A tender was published in December 2024 for peer review of the technical review of the tender documents for the R132 Connectivity Project. The tender closing date was in Mid Jan 2025. The tender received will be assessed next month followed with the contact documents signing.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The Contractor is currently working through the snagging list with the Design Team. The works to Millpond Park have been completed and all the additional tree planting carried out. The last of the planting for the civic space adjoining the Dublin Road Roundabout is almost complete. The official opening for the project is currently being organised.





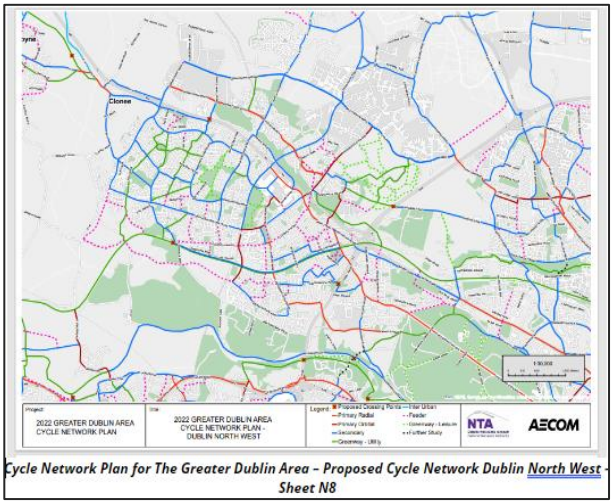




To assist with communication to the community a dedicated project website is setup which is updated throughout the project, highlighting the projects progression and key milestone stages; Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian & Cycle Route | Fingal County Council. A video of the latest drone footage has been 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 undertake 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 RPS consultants 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.

A meeting with Irish Rail / Dart+ West Team was held this month to discuss both projects and align them. Some important points and highlights were raised for further discussions.

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 the tender documentation are now finalised for tender publication under the Single Party Framework for Engineering Consultancy Services for Pedestrian and Cycling Route Projects in the Dublin 15 Area.

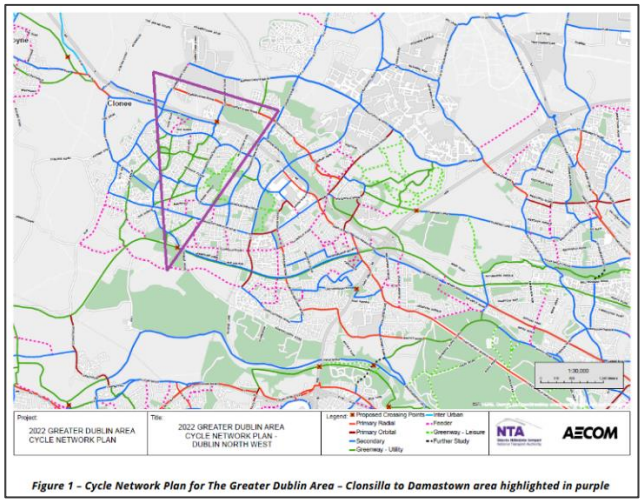


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 consultancy services to progress the project and take it through the Planning process was issued in Mid-December with closing date for submission for mid Jan 2025. A clarification has been received requesting an extension to the timeframe for the tender submission to the end of January. This time extension has been accepted. The assessment will begin upon receipt of the tender documents in early Feb 2025.



S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the FCC project team and forwarded to the NTA for comment. 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. Following this review and, the preliminary design will be frozen in Q1 2025.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements scheduled in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. Following the results from the ground investigation report, further localised testing is required. We are liaising with the works contractor and landowner to progress this additional work.

Following completion of the preliminary design, 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. On completion of the preliminary design, the project team will contact landowners to discuss the compulsory purchase order process and the scheme and acquisition requirements. 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.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Enhancements


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. Stakeholder engagement and design workshops have been held with internal FCC departments and 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 appointed a multi-Disciplinary Engineering Consultancy for the Option Selection, Preliminary Design and preparation of the application for Planning Consent for Swords Main Street Transformation Project.

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 successful non-statutory public consultation yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions, and the aim now is to progress swiftly 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 Portmarmnock



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

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 February 2025. 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.

Construction of this environmentally and technically challenging project has been divided into different works packages which will be delivered in stages:

- Construction of the Broadmeadow Estuary Bridge took place in 2024. Works are complete.
- Construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway will commence during the summer months of 2025.
- Construction of the greenway along the Southern Causeways will commence during the summer months of 2026.
- Construction of the Donabate landward works and the Malahide landward works will take place during 2025 and 2026.
- It is anticipated that the opening of Broadmeadow Way will be in 2026. However, because of the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, works may push in to 2027.



New estuary bridge and ramps looking northwards towards Donabate



New estuary bridge and ramps looking southwards towards Malahide

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. Third-party lands are required to widen the path and in this regard, An Bord Pleanála recently approved the Council's application for a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the project so that the Council can acquire the necessary lands. However, an affected landowner has commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanala's decision to approve the CPO. The Council is engaging with its legal team to see if the Judicial Review process can be expedited but a full hearing of the case is not expected before Q3 of 2025. The Council has also reached out to the affected landowner to see if the issues raised can be resolved without the need for a Judicial Review so that the project can proceed without further delay.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work is progressing well on site. Support structures to take the weight of the bridge have been constructed on either side of the railway. Bridge beams, spanning over the railway, were lifted into place under night-time railway possession at the start of January. The concrete deck of the bridge has been poured, and temporary working platforms and edge protection railings have been installed to allow works to be carried out on the bridge with the minimum number of further railway possessions. Kalwall parapets are due to be installed in the coming weeks with ancillary works such drainage, public lighting etc. to follow on thereafter. Works on the bridge are expected to be completed in March 2025.



Image of the bridge and works area east & west of the railway from the camera installed to capture the works



Image of the bridge over the railway (looking towards Malahide)



Image of the bridge over the railway (looking towards Donabate)

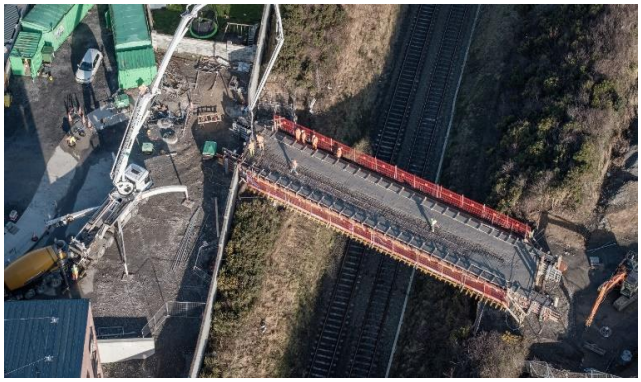


Image of the concrete bridge deck pouring works underway (aerial view looking straight down on the bridge)

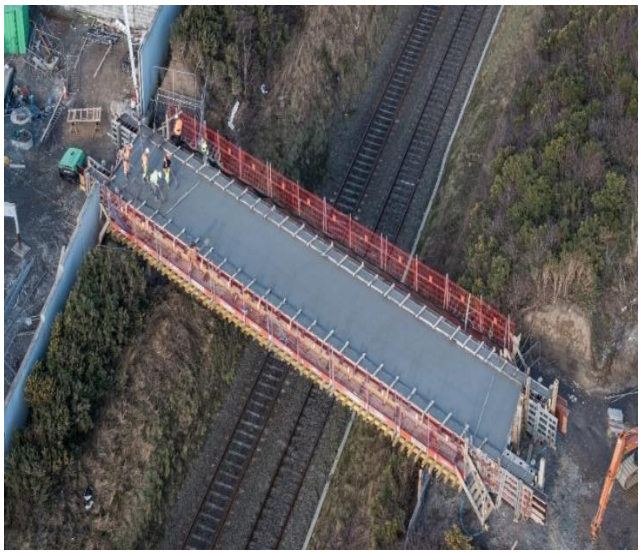


Image of the bridge over the railway (aerial view looking straight down on the bridge)

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 emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout. Once the emerging preferred options are determined, public consultation exercises can be undertaken, most likely in Q2 2025.

Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later 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 Mulhuddard 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 were 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 Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

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 proposed works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck which will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway and will tie-in to the existing paths on either side.

Engagement with Irish Rail on the required Bridge Agreement is ongoing. Engagement with both Developers on required wayleaves for access for maintenance is also ongoing. Once the agreements/licenses are finalised, construction can follow.



Parks and Green Infrastructure

The new Overflow Car Park at Bath Road, Balbriggan opened to the public on Wednesday 29th January. The new car park has 50 No. parking spaces and will be open for weekday and weekend parking. The opening of the new car park will allow for the temporary closure until April 2025 of the existing Bath Road car park which is undergoing a major upgrade.





Heritage Officer



Fingal Heritage Forum

The first Fingal Heritage Forum meeting of 2025 was held on 22nd January. Reconstituted for a new term after the elections of 2024, the non-statutory advisory group was established to assist in the formulation and implementation of the Fingal Heritage Plan https://www.fingal.ie/FingalHeritagePlan2024-2030 . The Fingal Heritage Forum consists of four councillors, eleven departmental staff and fifteen members that reflect the broad reach of heritage, from State agencies to the business, education, tourism, community and volunteer sectors.



Heritage X Climate

While investigating the shoreline of Malahide Estuary, Stephen of the Heritage X Climate group spotted a flint butt trimmed blade. Dating to the Late Mesolithic this is evidence of some of the earliest human activity in Fingal, from at least 7,000 years ago. This is a citizen science project which is looking at the ongoing impact of climate change on heritage around Fingal

https://www.fingal.ie/fingal-heritage-x-climate



Fingal Heritage Network

Members of the Fingal Heritage Network met for the first of our monthly meetings on January 15th. The historical societies and heritage groups are planning for an extensive range of activities in 2025 including talks, publications, schools' projects and

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

In 2024 The Affordable Housing team worked through seven Affordable Housing schemes across Fingal to bring 491 affordable Homes to the market with 353 homes going sale agreed.

In 2025 the team plan to increase the number by a further 476 affordable home across 3 schemes in Ballisk Park, Donabate, Church Fields, Mulhuddart and Mooretown in Swords.

For anyone interested in making an application for an affordable home it is important that they view the eligibility criteria on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing and have all required all documents ready to upload **before** submitting an application on the portal.

Launch of Ballisk Park Affordable Housing Scheme.



Glenveagh Homes is partnering with Fingal's Affordable Housing team to provide new Affordable Homes to purchase at a reduced price in Ballisk Park, Donabate.

The scheme will be comprised of 112 homes, ranging in size from 2, 3 to 4-bed.

The application portal for this scheme will open on 12 p.m. Wednesday, 26 February 2025.

For eligibility criteria log on to www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Glenveagh Homes, are hosting an information event on the 8th of February 2025 for people interested in purchasing home in Ballisk Park, Donabate. For more information and registration for the event https://shorturl.at/MLiHn

Affordable Housing Schemes Update

Scheme	Status	Affordable Homes
Balleally Rise	Closed	20 Homes Sold
Kilmartin Grove	Closed	36 Homes sold
North County Homes	Closed	16 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	51 of 96 Homes sold
Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	74 of 86 Homes sold to date
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	102 of 180 Homes sold to date
Wilkinson's Brook	Assessment of applications ongoing	54 of 57 Homes sold to date
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Portal opening 26th February	112 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening Q2	127 homes for sale
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal Opening Q2	151 homes for sale

Cost Rental

On 27th January, the Fingal Housing Department published Stage one of a Tender process seeking tender applications for the Management of Cost Rental housing in Fingal with the initial contact for 80 Cost Rental apartment in Church Fields, Mulharddart. It is anticipated that the cost rental scheme will be available for in Q3 2025.

Stage 1 of the tender process will remain open until 25th February 2025. For more information https://shorturl.at/iUHBj

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**

Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	544
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	44
Planning and Design	376
Part V	792
TOTAL	1,756

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**

Please note the end of year figures for 2024 are still to be verified.

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed

18 Social Turnkey homes delivered in Station Road, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin

49 Part V homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15





11 Part V homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin





Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords – 36 dwellings

Works for the delivery of 36 social homes at Seatown Road, Swords is progressing well. 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 under the S179A process. The development will be a mixed tenure scheme of 63 social and 112 affordable homes.



Church Fields 3A, Dublin 15

Works are continuing on the mixed tenure scheme of 300 new homes at Churchfields 3A. There will be 40 new social homes being delivered in this phase. The first 8 new social homes were delivered in Q4 2024.



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 homes.



Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 87 new social homes. The first 19 new social homes were delivered in Q4 2024.



Mooretown, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 274 new homes at "Baile na Móna", Mooretown, Swords. This will be a mixed tenure scheme of 123 social and 151 affordable homes. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Holywell, Swords

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 57 new homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development was granted under the S179A process.



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. Contractors are currently onsite at 13 no. void units carrying out EERP works.



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:

Casual Voids for Re-letting	27th Jan 2025
In the letting process	49
Undergoing re-let repairs / in tender process	68
TOTAL	**117**

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 20 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4234 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. Approx. 3,700 tenancies in arrears have now received a statement of account with all remaining tenancies not in arrears to receive their statement of account by end of February 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 have issued 19 Tenancy Warning Letters in January 2025. 12 possession order cases are listed for court hearing in Q1 2025 and a further 15 to be lodged with Courts for a hearing date in 2025.

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:	**225**
Approval in Principal issued:	**75**
Value of AIP:	**19.78m**
Number of Loan Drawdowns:	**37**
Value of Loan Drawdowns:	**8.11m**
Cumulative Loan Book Value (LBV):	**136m**

The Home Loans Team will continue the promotion of 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

- **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 in 2024 and will continue to do so in 2025. This engagement has resulted in the cumulative Loan Arrears figure decreasing from 2.13m at the start of 2024 to 1.9m as at 31/01/2024.

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. Tenants are encouraged to find out if their property is eligible for consideration before progressing an application as certain property types are not eligible for purchase.

Further information on the scheme and the eligibility criteria is available from the Tenant Purchase Section by emailing tenantpurchase@fingal.ie

Private Rented Inspections

It is expected that the 2025 target for inspections will be similar to that of 2024. The Inspections team will receive their target from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage in the coming weeks. However, the inspections programme for 2025 has commenced.

To date 534 properties have been inspected of which 530 were classified as dwellings. The team will continue to work with the contractor improving and streamlining the process and utilising all avenues to ensure that compliance improves and the target is reached.

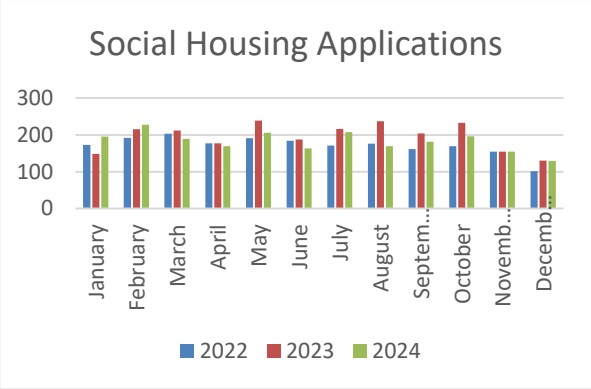
Housing Tenancy Services Report

Housing Support

Housing Support issue list positions to applicants on a yearly basis. Applicants will be updated accordingly. Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

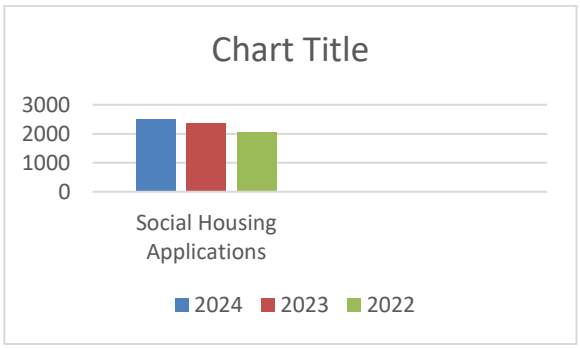
Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

Year on year comparison by month.



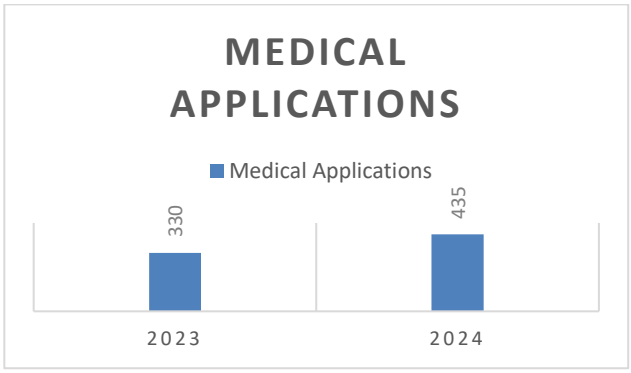
Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.
Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Overall yearly comparison of Social Housing Applications received.



A total of 2497 Social Housing Applications were submitted to Fingal County Council in 2024, **312** of these applications had been re-submitted after being returned to applicants due to incomplete applications received.

Medical applications reviewed



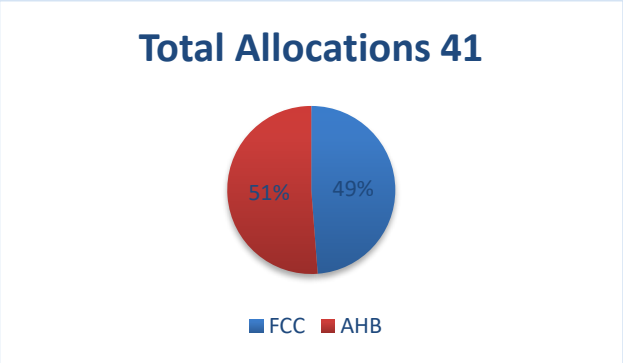
Applications received

Applications	January 2025
Applications	141
Appeals	14
Medicals	41
Amendments	30

Housing Support Appeals

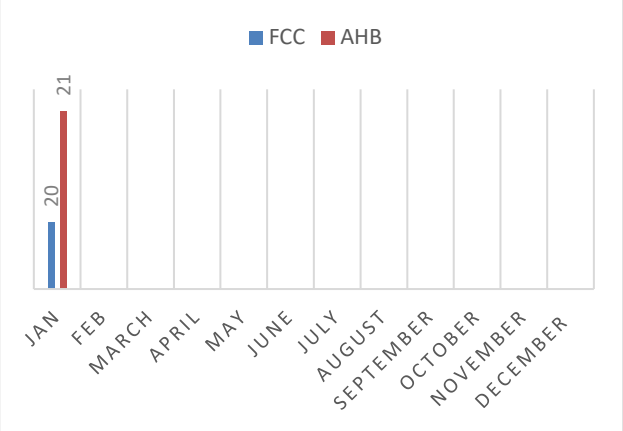
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

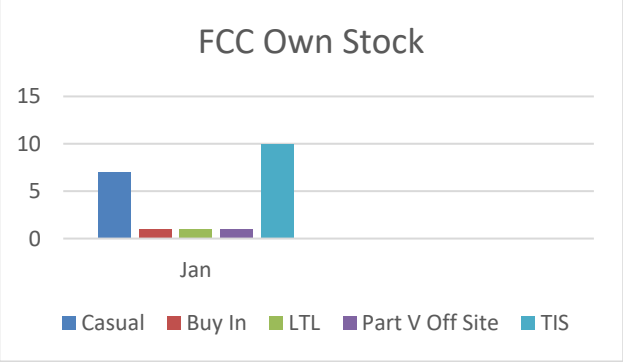
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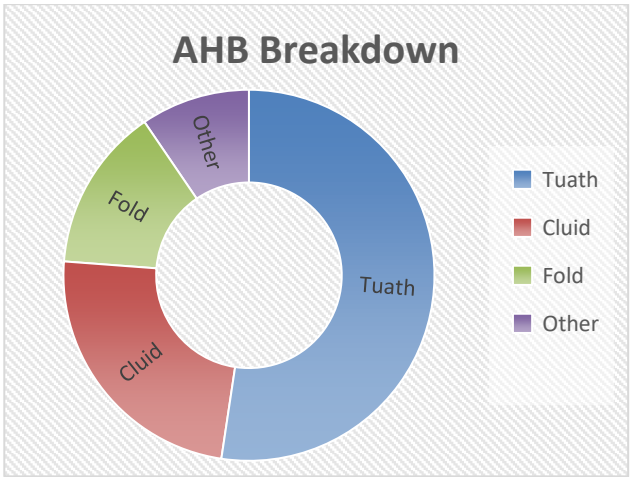
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





21 of the **41 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **20** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of January.

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 January



Internal image of advertised property at Lanesborough Close, Finglas, Dublin 11

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
8th – 14th January	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1184	192
8th – 14th January	Golden Ridge Mews, Rush, Co Dublin	3	Apt	888	71
15th – 21st January	Parnell Drive, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	House	1533	304
15th – 21st January	The Hermitage, Balgriffin, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1186	244
22nd – 28th January	Parslickstown Court, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	2	Apt	1098	181
22nd – 28th January	Lanesborough Close, Finglas, Dublin 11	3	House	1409	182
			Total	**7298**	**1174**

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 2025

During January 2025, 34 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	EA to HUBS	Total
EA	4	8	3	15
Homeless Prevention	9	10	0	19
Total	13	18	3	34

There was a total of 19 homeless prevention cases and 15 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

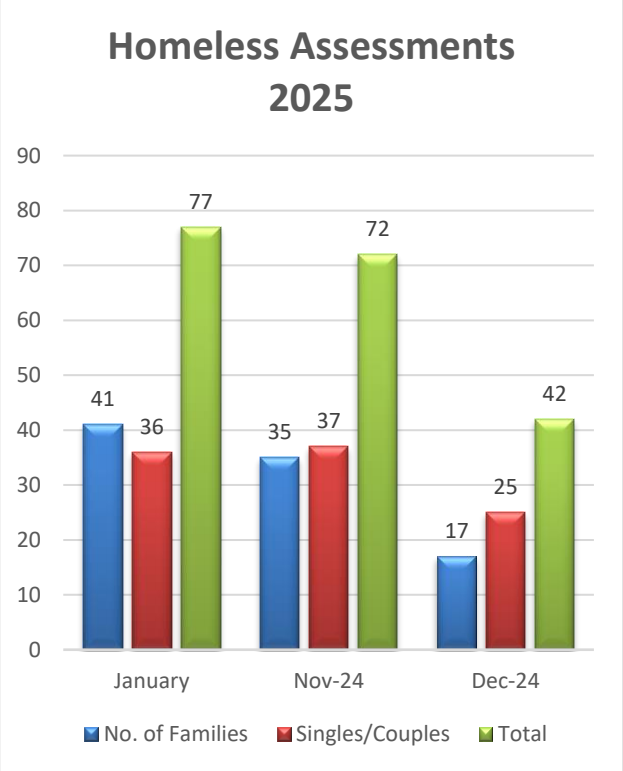
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13 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 4 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

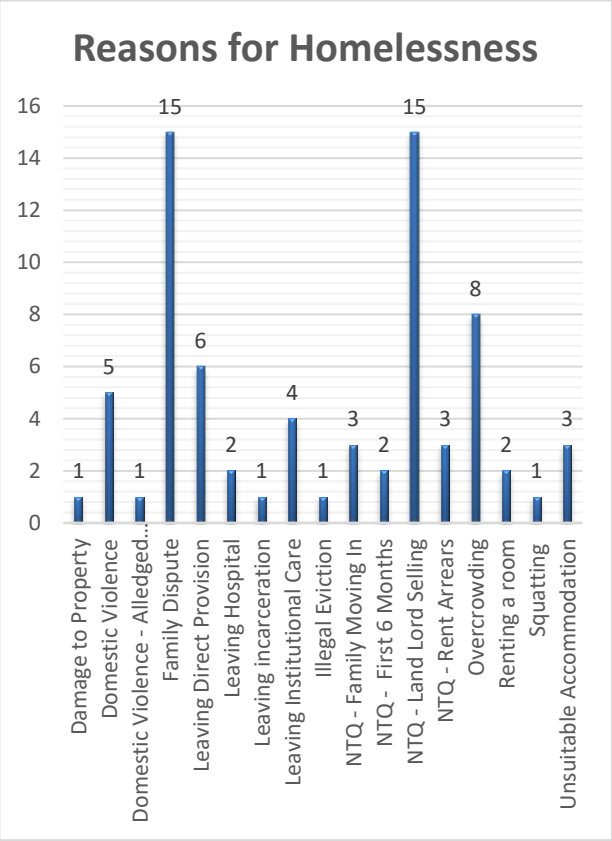
Homeless Assessments

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

In January 2025, there were a total of 77 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 41 families and 36 singles/couples.



During January 2025, of the 73 Homeless Assessments carried out, 31% cases resulted from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 19% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from overcrowding (10%), leaving Direct Provision (9%) and renting a room (4%). The remaining 26% comprise various reasons outlined in the next chart;



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 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

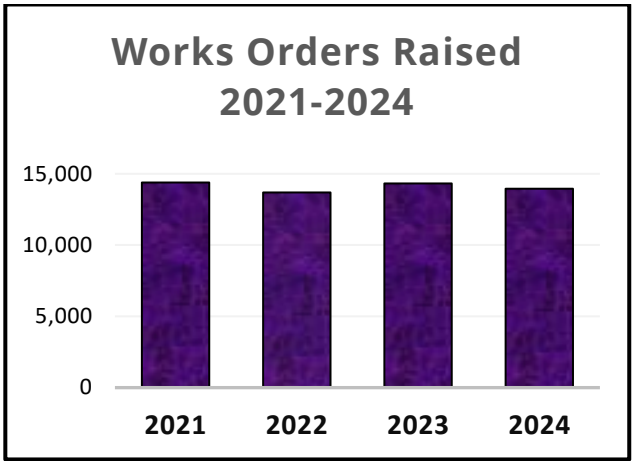


The Traveller Accommodation Programme Accommodation Programme 2025 – 2029 is available from Libraries, CCU in Blanchardstown, Swords and on the Council's website: - https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/traveller-accommodation-programme-consultation

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.

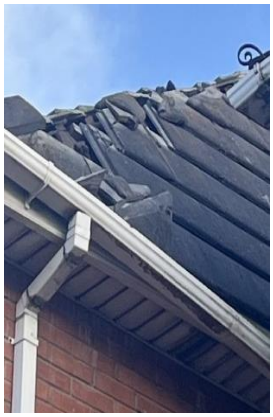
Housing Maintenance



Storm Éowyn

Estate Management received 96 reports of damage to Council properties following Storm Éowyn; 79% of which were damage to rooftops. All jobs were logged and issued to Contractors.





Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2024 Programme had a 82% completion rate across the County.

Preparation for the 2025 Works Programme is underway with servicing scheduled to start in the coming weeks.

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 will be scheduled in 2025 for new developments.

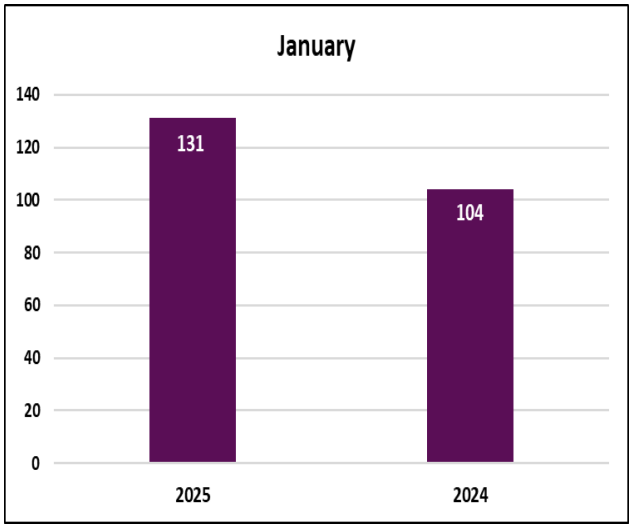
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints January 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	22	12	9	1
Rush / Lusk	13	8	3	2
Swords	26	14	5	7
Howth / Malahide	18	8	0	10
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	37	9	3	25
Ongar	14	5	3	6
Castleknock	1	0	0	1
Total	131	56	23	52

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

Total number for January = **(5)**

Monthly Breakdown of January ASB Complaints Received 2025/2024



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025	10
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	**1**
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	**0**
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate February 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**106**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	**575**

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 meeting held on the 2nd December 2024. The forum meets again on the 11th February 2025. There is regular interaction among forum partners in between the bi-monthly meetings.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting the Ukrainian Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection. However, considering Departmental guidance and the work of the 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.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which came back into occupation and An Bord Pleanala have confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order on a second property. The Vacant Homes Team continue to engage with owners of vacant properties with a view to bringing vacant properties back into use. This work is on-going and will lead to the further vacant properties coming into occupancy.

The Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Refurbishment Grant Scheme is also in utilisation to address vacancy and dereliction and provide homes with increasing enquiries, applications, and grant approvals regarding the scheme.

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 allows for properties to be rented on the private rented market whereas previously the property had to be the applicant's principal private residence. **187** applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **10** new applications received in **January 2025** with additional applications expected in **Q1 2025** based on engagement with potential applicants. **126 a**pplications are approved which equates to **€6.3m** in approved funding**.** .

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. **6** information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024.

For enquiries on the scheme and other schemes to bring properties back into use, please contact the Council's Vacant Homes Office via e-mail at vacant.homes@fingal.ie. Vacant properties can also be reported to this address for investigation.

Recently Approved Grant Awards







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Community Development

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. This month the Community Development Office worked in partnership with a number of community groups and partners to support many projects/Initiatives including.

Failte Isteach Donabate

Failte Isteach Donabate was established with the support of the FCC Community Development Department and the project has been selected to showcase the work of Failte Isteach nationally, at the upcoming Aontas Adult Educations awards in the Social Inclusion category. Tutor Helen Flaherty and Student Serhii Yanovskyi will be interviewed by Aontas to tell the story of their learning journey, since Sergey arrived in Donabate seeking temporary protection from the war in Ukraine in 2022.

Helen is one of its founding members. Failte Isteach Donabate takes place every Thursday in Donabate Portrane Community Centre where volunteer tutors support migrants and members of the international community with their conversational English skills. The project is now planning for its spring inclusion trip, in partnership with other north county failte projects and is open to new members each week.



Blakestown Drive and Coolmine Lodge CitiVerde Project

The Community Department were delighted to support Blakestown Drive Community Group at a tree planting event in Coolmine Therapeutic Centre. This event is part of the CitiVerde Project "Imagining an Urban Oasis," which Blakestown Drive have been working on for the past number of years. This first planting event of 2025 continues to deliver biodiverse rich wellness spaces in the form of stepping-stone Forests across Dublin 15. To date, the group have created a network of 5 forests and 10 ponds across D15. The Blakestown Drive Community group will also take part and represent Dublin 15 in the 2025 Pride of Place Awards later this year.





Community Outreach with new Fingal social housing tenants in Monastery Court, Lusk

The community office, in partnership with Lusk Cultural Centre facilitated a Meet your Neighbours community engagement event for the new residents of Monastery Court, a passive housing development in Lusk. The residents, who received the keys to their new homes before Christmas, met with the staff of the Cultural Centre and enjoyed a presentation on the centre and all activities and services available there and in the community of Lusk. The Community Office also addressed the event and will continue to work with the residents, who plan to attend an upcoming meeting, hosted by the Lusk Action Group, aimed at encouraging new residents' associations and community groups to establish in the town, with support from the Community Development Office and community organisations in Lusk.



Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also manages the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Meakstown Community Council

THE Community Office has met with Meakstown Community Council to review their activities in the past year and to plan for the work of the group into 2025. The group is excited to plan for the year ahead with a new community centre as a base to host local events.



Tyrellstown Community Centre



The first phase of remediation works carried out by ARUP on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills at Tyrrelstown Community Centre, St Lukes National School and Tyrrelstown Educate Together have reached completion. As part of the remediation works, the following upgrades were carried out at Tyrrelstown Community Centre. MEP works (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) included induction loop upgrades on the fire alarm, lighting upgrades, PV solar Panels installed, new heat recovery units in new multipurpose room which will replace the existing small multipurpose space and a changing room, replacement fire doors, painting, CCTV upgrade, new exterior panels of the front of the building and set up for the proposed wood pellet burner to be installed when all three buildings have been refurbished. All remediation works and upgrades are funded by the Department of Education and Skills as part of the Schools Remediation Programme. The official hand over of the Community Centre to Fingal County Council will take place on the 4th of February. Groups will gradually start to return to the Community Centre from the evening of the 4th of February pending a successful hand over, with all groups and activities back in place from Monday 10th of February.

TradFest in Community Centres



The Community Facilities Engagement Team supported three Community Centres in hosting TradFest events in their centres over the weekend of 25th & 26th January. Balscadden Community Centre and Garristown Community Centre hosted Ceili's on Saturday 25th and continued with a Trad session of their own when the formal TradFest event closed. Laurel Lodge Castleknock hosted on Sunday 26th where it was standing room only.



Meakstown Community Centre Research

The Community Development Office received the first draft of the Meakstown Community Centre research in January. The draft report has been shared with the Board of Directors along with the research sub-committee. Meetings were held with the sub-committee and local board of management to gather feedback and suggestions. The feedback will be compiled and reported back to the research team with the final draft due to be completed by late February.

Community Centre Managers Network D15

On Thursday, the 23rd of January 2025, the D15 Community Centre Managers Network convened its inaugural meeting of the year to explore potential collaborations and initiatives for the forthcoming months. This local network serves as an indispensable resource for community centre managers, fostering a supportive environment that encourages cooperation, knowledge exchange, and access to valuable resources.
The localised network is a platform for community centre managers to support their local community in the D15 area with the support of the community office. This network, provides a local support structure that fosters collaboration, sharing of best practices, and access to resource opportunities for those involved in managing community centres.

By connecting community centre managers within a local area, this network helps ensure that community centres are providing projects that meet the diverse needs of local residents. Regular meetings and workshops enable support, cross learning and the development of new skills, ultimately strengthening the impact of community centres in the D15 area.



Community Supports for Meakstown Community Centre

The Community Office is actively engaging with various community partners to promote the delivery of services and supports at Meakstown Community Centre. Organisations including Crosscare, Barnardos, and CDETB have expressed interest in offering programmes designed for both adults and young people in the area.

By facilitating connections between these groups and the local community, the community centre will be better equipped to meet the diverse needs of all residents.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Balbriggan Diversity Forum

The Community Office, in conjunction with the Our Balbriggan Integration & Inclusion pillar took part in the inaugural meeting of the Balbriggan Diversity pillar, convened by An Garda Siochana. The forum represents all minority groups in Balbriggan and is intended to provide a forum for positive interactions with community policing and community safety in the town. The Community Office will encourage and support local groups and projects to positively interact with the forum on issues of community safety and with a view to making sure all voices are heard on this important issue in Balbriggan.



Thrive Balbriggan

The Community Development Office is delighted to continue supporting Thrive Balbriggan who have been shortlisted for the LAMA awards under the Best Mental Health category. Their project: Great Places & Spaces Wellbeing Map is one of the many initiatives designed and delivered by Thrive Balbriggan which was launched in 2021 with the aim to create a happier and healthier community of Balbriggan.



An evening of Inspiration – Overcoming challenges with David Gillick, will take place in the Lark, Balbriggan, on Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm supported by Fingal County Council and Thrive Balbriggan.

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.

Fingal Age Friendly Strategy 2025-2029

Following consultations with older people and key stakeholders throughout Fingal, the consultants engaged to develop the Strategy are in the process of identifying actions to address challenges faced by older people. The proposed actions together with the lead and supporting partners will be presented to the Age Friendly Alliance at their next meeting. Once agreed, the Strategy will be presented to the Council for approval.

Fingal PPN

Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Phoiblí Fhine Gall
Public Participation Network Fingal

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal.
PPN members are being encouraged to take part in consultations such as Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan Consultation Survey, Clonsilla Framework Plan and Fingal's Litter Management Plan for 2025-2027.
The January PPN Secretariat meeting will take place on 29th January in Civic Offices, Swords where new applications for memberships to the PPN will be considered.

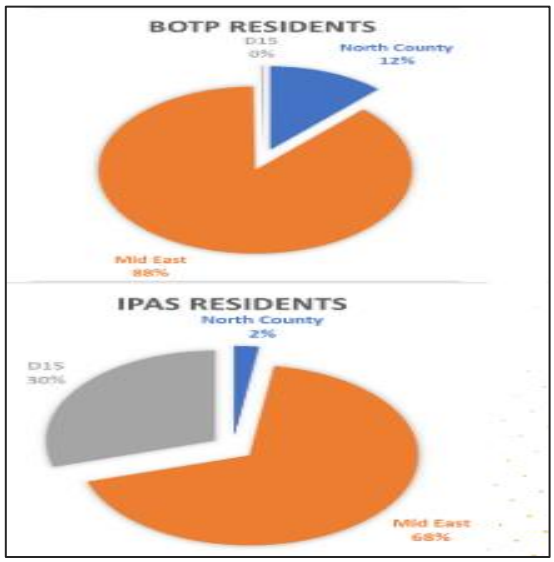
Integration Office

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

The role of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is to provide ongoing integration supports to International Protection (IP) applicants, Programme Refugees and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP) to enable them to live independently in the community.
The LAIT 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).
The latest 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	70	57
Mid-East	509	1655
Dublin 15	1	724
Total	**580**	**2436**

A further breakdown of total population percentages can be seen in the graphs below:



The integration office provided funding to support Integration events and initiatives for both IPA and BOTP cohorts as follows:
Balbriggan Integration Forum - to enable them to exhibit their Demystifying Integration Campaign
Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland - to showcase their Older and Wiser Group.
Fingal Ukraine Volunteer Support Group - to host St Nicolas Day which provided activities for 100 children.
Children for World Children - to celebrate Mediterranean Day.

Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland Showcasing Older and Wiser Group

The team attended the Older and Wiser showcasing event in Blanchardstown, which featured a vibrant showcase of Ukrainian culture, including traditional food, song and creative art display.



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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 Siochána traffic division have been active along the route, and this has helped improve driver behaviour and speed control. Kilhedge Lane Quiet Zone is a welcome link back to Lusk and is a safer space for pedestrians and wheelers.

A full cleaning of the scheme has been undertaken in the last week. An independent Road Safety Audit is underway and nearing completion.

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.

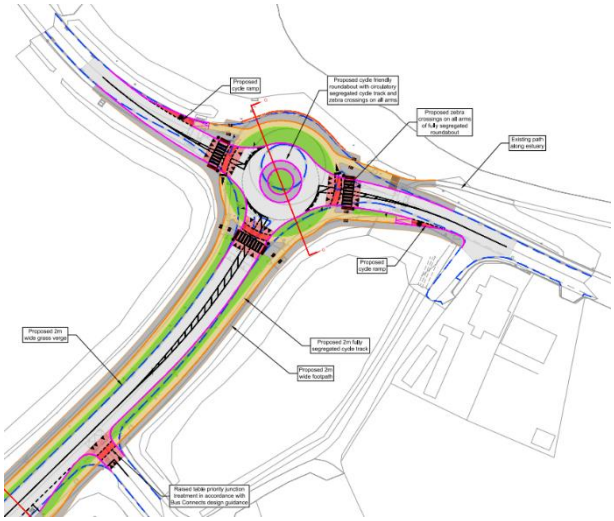
The final requirements for handover of the completed scheme to the Operations Department is currently underway and is expected to occur in the next few weeks.





Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team have submitted the gateway report to the NTA and got approval to proceed to the next phase of the project. The Project Team are working to 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 Design Team are preparing an options report for the proposed walking and cycling infrastructure with the preferred option identified in the report. Further details will be presented to Councillors at ACM in due course.

Coney Hill Balbriggan R132 cycle paths:

An options report is currently being finalised 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.

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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.

We have commenced the handover procedure with FCC's Operations Department with a view to completing over the coming weeks.

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 draft brief has been prepared and once the brief and remaining 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.





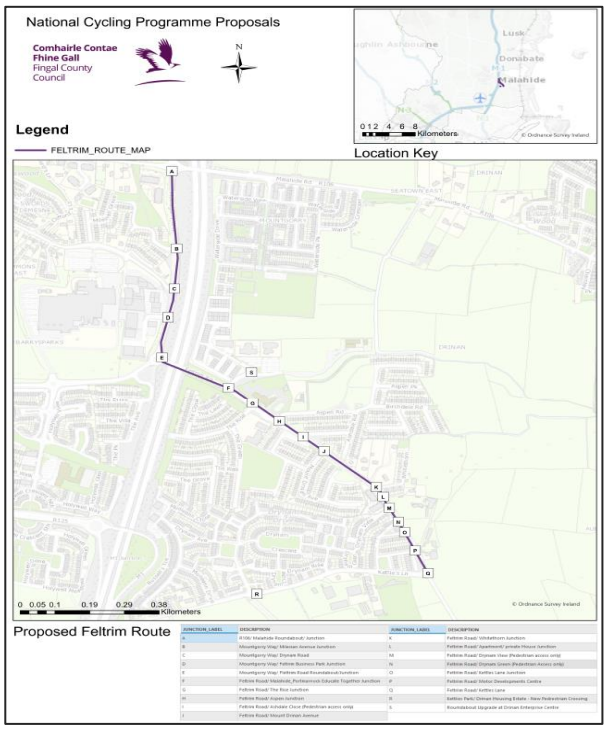
Feltrim Road Cycle Infrastructure

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. An initial non-statutory consultation took place in the Riasc Centre on Thursday 28 November, and a draft consultation report (including processing of survey results) has been received from the consultant.

The consultant has carried out information gathering and the project has progressed to the 'Options Development' Stage. This stage is currently programmed to run to the end of Q1, 2025, with preliminary design to commence thereafter.

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 been updated taking this audit into account. Stakeholder engagement continues with the Bus Connects project team for a new signalised junction at Waterville which is now constructed. 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

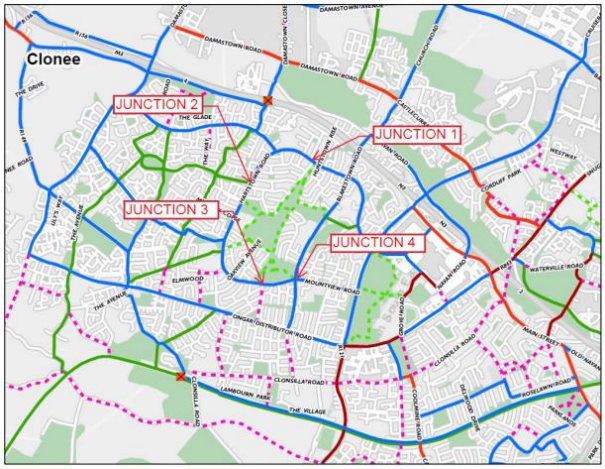
A non-statutory public consultation on the scheme has closed and all submissions have been collated and reviewed. There have been a number of changes to the preliminary design due to the submissions received. These changes were presented to the BMCO area committee in December. The public consultation report has now been published online and is being communicated over social media. Gateway 4 approval has been received and detailed design has commenced. Tenders have taken place in January for tree removal works and associated new tree planting. This work is due to take place in February.



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.

A stage 1 road safety audit has been completed and draft environmental screening reports have been issued to the Active Travel team for comment.



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.





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.

A draft Active Travel Plan was presented to the public during a non-statutory consultation event in the Heritage Centre on the 20 November, 2024. The Active Travel Plan is currently being finalised, and a preferred approach is emerging. After the plan is finalised, the options development phase is currently scheduled to commence during 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 2024. A report outlining a Long List of Options will be generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department.

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.

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Connectivity/Permeability

We are continuing to receive various requests for Permeability and Connectivity improvements from various stakeholders across the county. These requests are being recorded in detail for evaluation through a multi criteria analysis.
The projects are then reviewed across the departments to identify if an appropriate means of delivery can be established on the ground.
Several projects identified through this process are being developed through the design phases for execution on the ground.

Other projects are being progressed in the areas at either design or construction stage. These Connectivity and Permeability improvements are being delivered in cooperation with our Operations Department. These projects will enhance local communities and provide improved walking and cycling infrastructure within the county.

Greenway connectivity support teams have been convened to review, design, and deliver active travel infrastructure that will enhance accessibility between the proposed strategic greenways and residential, educational, amenity and commercial zones. These support projects have been set up for Fingal Coastal Way, Broadmeadow Way/Sutton to Malahide Greenway and Royal Canal Greenway. This will help to optimise the use of the proposed greenway by both leisure and commuter users.

Newtown Bridge, Balheary Road:
The tender assessment process is currently being finalised, and it is envisaged that a contractor will be appointed in February 2025. Works on the project will commence soon after subject to availability of the successful contractor.

Wild Cat Lane:
Connectivity improvement works will be undertaken along Wild Cat Lane in Skerries over the first two weeks in February. These works will consist of public realm improvements along the laneway to provide a pleasant and appealing active travel route to Realt na Mara NS in Skerries.

The project team are liaising closely with local stakeholders to ensure the scheme meets the needs of the intended users.

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:

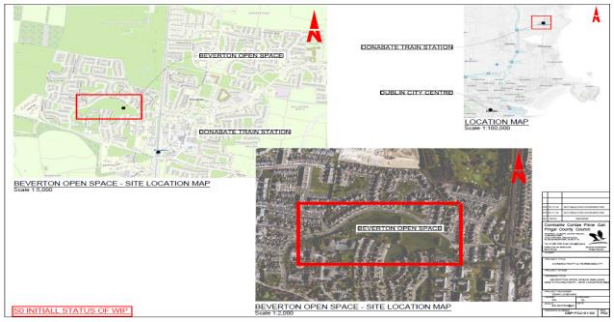
Junction tightening and provision of tactile paving is complete at three junctions in Offington, Howth. This will slow turning movements by motorised vehicles while providing a shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users. Newly landscaped areas have also been provided. The works and snagging are now complete.



Donabate Permeability - Phase 1:

This project involves the provision of a walking and cycling path in Beverton open space. The footpaths from the end of the cul de sacs in Turvey Green, Turvey Drive and Turvey Woods will be extended into the Beverton open space to join the new pathway being provided in the green open space.

A Non-Statutory Consultation is open to residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period will run from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.



https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7
Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

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

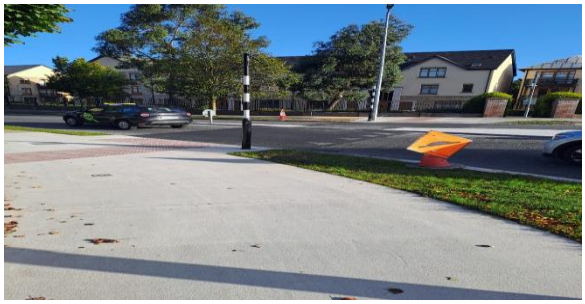
The Contractor is now in the final stages of delivery for this school's works. All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete. The final outstanding works include the laying of coloured epoxy resin has now been completed.



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

Substantial Completion for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide, was achieved in December 2024. The proposed resurfacing works are scheduled to follow shortly, with anti-skid works planned in the coming weeks.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

- An Taisce has announced Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. Fingal County Council, as the client, has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP) in compliance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013, for the following Fingal schools selected:
- St Helen's SNS, Limetree Avenue, Portmarnock, Co. Dublin
- Scoil Bhríde, Cailíní & Buachaillí, Church Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15
- St Colmcille's Girls NS, Chapel Lane, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holy Family JNS, Forest Fields, Swords, Co Dublin

As part of the scope of works, **Murphy Geospatial** are currently on-site conducting topographical surveys.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

Project is focused on identifying and addressing potential road safety issues during the preliminary design phase. The primary objectives of the project include enhancing pedestrian and cyclist safety, reducing traffic speeds, and ensuring accessibility for all road users. To support these goals, consultants have been hired to conduct a comprehensive Road Safety Audit (RSA), as well as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA).

Rush National School:

Active Travel together with Rush National School will be implementing a school street during February 2025. The contractor will be undertaking the bollard installation over the next two weeks 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

Walking buses have started again and we are looking forward to working with more schools and parents in 2025. Our goal is to increase the number of walking and cycling buses in Fingal.



Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are off to a flying start this January! Three courses are now running, and we are using a new venue, the Liam Rodgers Community Centre Drynan.

The current courses are as follows:
Fridays– Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre from 4pm – 6pm
Mondays – Flemington Community Centre from 4pm – 6pm
Saturdays– Corduff Sports Centre from 12pm – 1pm.

A full list of 2025 Courses is available on our website
https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/mobility/learn2cycle
With over 40 courses planned for 2025, it promises to be a very busy year.



Picker Pals & Fingal Active Travel

The Active Travel Unit is excited to announce a collaboration with the environmental organization Picker Pals. Together, we are developing engaging communication materials to promote sustainable transport among schoolchildren in a fun and interactive way. These materials will include games, posters, and photo boards, designed to capture children's interest and spread awareness.

We recently met with some of the Picker Pals reporters to discuss the benefits of active travel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h34UdMx6GZI

There are also plans to use these resources to further engage with schools and parents, reinforcing the message of sustainability and encouraging active travel habits in the community.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff of FCC can avail of a free trial of Bleeper LeaseBike, with the trial lasting from four weeks (with potential to extend, depending on level of demand).

- Choose from a folding e-bike or trekking e-bike- see example images below.
- Starts from mid-February 2025.
- Staff must collect the bike from the Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and return the bike to the same location at the end of the trial.

For more information, please email emma.court@fingal.ie





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



HER Move TY Girls Cycling Course

The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. Participants will learn how to safely navigate on bikes, while also capturing their journey through media, making for an engaging and educational experience.



The course will not only help students develop cycling proficiency but will also empower them to tell the story of their experience through creative media, fostering confidence, teamwork, and leadership. We are scheduling in the course and hope to run it in the next academic term.

Sofa to Saddle March 2025

Two new Sofa to Saddle courses are starting in March 2025, and will be held in Catherines Park and Newbridge House.

Sofa to Saddle is a 6-week course run by Age & Opportunity and The Active Travel Section of Fingal County Council. The goal of the course is to get people over 50 years of age back cycling. These courses have proven to be hugely popular.

The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking.

The course is free to take part in, but registering is vital as places are limited.

Course dates below:

Tuesday 18th March in Newbridge House from 11am to 12:30pm.

Wednesday 19th March in St Catherine's Park from 11am to 12:30pm

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.



Old Irish Goat Herder eCargo Bike

In January, the Active Travel Unit provided Katie, the Goat Herder, with an e-cargo bike to support her daily operations. The bike was specifically chosen for its ability to handle rough terrain, its powerful motor, and its capacity to carry a suitable cargo load. Katie uses the bike to deliver supplies for the goats while promoting a sustainable mode of transport.

We plan to follow up with Katie soon to learn how she and the goats are adapting to this innovative solution.







Dunsink Observatory eCargo Bike

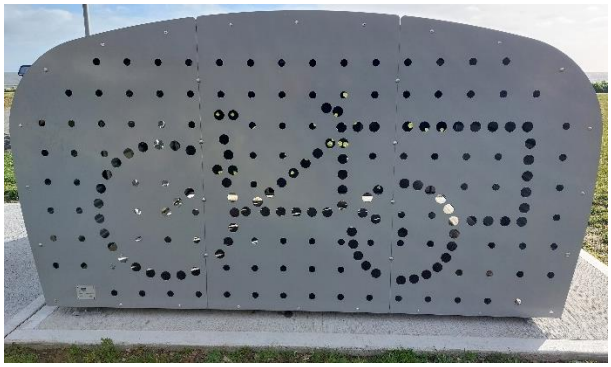


Dunsink Observatory became the newest member or our eCargo Bike Trials, recently taking possession of a new Dolly eCargo front loader cargo bike for work around the campus as well as travelling to their other campuses around the city. If you have a community group or small business who would be interested 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

The Active Travel unit have been promoting the Community eCargo Bike initiative and are receiving applications from interested community groups. We are looking forward to providing more community groups with cargo bikes in 2025.

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

280 Tier eBike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in December
35 Active Vehicles were operational in Fingal in December.
101 customers used a Tier eBike in December
The average journey length was 3.1km for a total of 10.12mins

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action Plan Implementation team

The CAPIT, a multi departmental senior committee, met in Dec 2024 to review the implementation of the CAP

Reporting on Climate Action Plan

Climate Action Team began collating reports on the implementation of the actions in the Fingal CAP and preparing 2024 LGMA Key Performance Indicators report on the Fingal CAP of the Climate Action Plan.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team contributed to the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.



Climate Action Training

Climate action team attended Climate Action Work Engagement and Communications Training event, facilitated by DCU trainers.

Climate Stories

Climate action Projects across the various service department of Fingal County Council are being compiled into a searchable map and database

CLIMATE ACTION AWARENESS

The Environment team, working together with VOICE Ireland are delighted to welcome VYTAL on board to help with the roll-out of the Pilot 'Fingal Coffee Cup Project' which will launch in Malahide and Rush during this year's Climate Action Week.

Vytal is Ireland's first digital platform for reusable takeaway packaging. They are on a mission to make reusables the new standard for takeaway packaging with a scalable, deposit-free reuse system.



The Environment team continue to work with key stakeholders to ensure buy-in from local businesses for this sustainable initiative which will be a great example of Circular Economy.

Workshops will be held in the coming weeks for all retailers who currently sell coffee in single use plastic cups to encourage them to sign up to the initiative which intends to remove single use coffee cups from circulation in both towns at the end of the 6-month pilot.





COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FINGAL

Projects funded under Community Climate Action Fingal have been progressing. The Millbank Theatre in Rush had solar PV installed, the old clubhouse at Ballyboughal GAA had windows and doors replaced offering better conditions for the club members and a quality building structure. Donabate Portrane Community Centre has installed vegetable growing beds and has purchased a bike repair station for installation.

Weekly fashion upcycling sessions will be starting there using five sewing machines purchased for that purpose. Turvey Allotments has completed their projects including an off-grid solar system for charging garden tools, rainwater harvesting systems for the allotment holders, reusable seed trays and a composting system for the site.

The Community Climate Action Officer is visiting new potential applicants in Fingal for the next round of funding will is expected to be announced in the coming months. Community groups and non-profit organisations are provided with guidance and assistance in preparing for the application process. The following have been assisted recently: Sophia Housing Donabate, St Michael's House, Donabate Scouts, Baldoyle Racecourse Community Garden, Tennis clubs, GAA clubs and North County Cricket Club in Balrothery. All non-profit groups are encouraged to have a look at details of the Community Climate Action Fingal grants Community Climate Action Fingal | Fingal County Council

Water Quality

Having completed a review of the environmental performance of Section 4 licensees in 2024, Fingal County Council carried out 4 audits of Section 4 licensees in January 2025.

Each audit included an administrative review of the licensee's performance in terms of its licence conditions compliance followed by an on-site inspection of the wastewater treatment system and discharge to waters serving the activity.

Each licensee is advised of the identified non-compliances which require address, and which are also detailed in the audit findings report issued to each licensee after the audit has been completed.

Fingal County Council will continue to audit more Section 4's in 2025 and is also considering reviewing some of the Section 4 licences were deemed necessary to do so.

Farm inspections

Additional resources have been allocated to farm inspections under the good agricultural practice regulations in order to meet the EPA target for 2025. The Environment Department were invited to the Irish Farmers Association Dublin Branch AGM to discuss the farm inspections.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens started 2025 by dealing with large amounts of littering and dumping. 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 the Operations division for removal and took enforcement action as required where evidence was found. They also followed up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.



At this time of year muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities is continually monitored by Litter warden. They call to sites and ensure that the roads are being kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper in operation.



The Litter wardens continue to raise awareness of the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, road by targeting hot spots for dog fouling and highlight the impact dog fouling has on the environment and the responsibilities of dog ownership. Anti dog fouling signs are erected in areas where complaints are received.



The Litter Warden conducted walking patrols, engaged with business regarding their responsibilities to keep outside their premises clean and free of litter. They also checked to see if any issues have arisen for the Operations crews, and they carried out inspections and followed up with fines/warning notice if evidence found.

The Litter Warden also investigated reports of abandoned cars, taking photographs, and updating the litter app and the CRM system.

Month	Fines	Warning Notices
January	21	1

The Litter Management section received numerous complaints regarding litter enforcement and **the following cases were assigned to the Litter Warden under the CRM system.**

CRMs January 2025	Amount
Fly tipping 1-20 bags Equivalent	6
Dumping – 20 bags Equivalent	3
General Litter Issue	22
Muck on road	5
Abandoned cars	23
Inspection of bring banks	351
Inspection of dumping black spots	293
Unauthorised signage	5
Env Miscellaneous	1
Dog fouling reports	5
Littering at bottle banks	3
Request for Dog fouling signs	3
Walking patrols	4
Councillor rep inspection	3

ABANDONED CARS

There were 470 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles received in 2024. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

In January 2025 there have been reports of 24 alleged abandoned vehicles, all of which are being investigated.

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
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Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2		0	
March	2		3	
April	2		0	
May	0		0	
June	1		0	
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7		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 10 x 10 Day Notices, and 3 Fines issued by the dog wardens during January 2025.

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1997.50	€550
February	297		38		€2135	
March	234		40		€2525	
April	277		35		€2073	
May	408		38		€2420	
June	247		58		€2180	
July	29		88		€3550	
August	15		52		€4600	
September	29		23		€2919.70	
October	15		13		€2321	
November	104		19		€2185	
December	0		5		€1700	
TOTAL	1872	10	429	3	€30,606.20	€550

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during January 2025 in comparison with the same months in 2024. 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	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	1078	843	87	54	€33,740	€24,420
February	1010		62		€28,880	€
March	810		58		€24,320	€
April	918		64		€27,320	€
May	1193		90		€36,460	€
June	1045		87		€33,080	€
July	843		49		€23,720	€
August	865		67		€26,680	€
September	762		47		€21,820	€
October	804		65		€25,180	€
November	654		46		€19,520	€
December	310		20		€9000	€
Total for year	10, 292	843	742	54	€309,720	€24,420

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.



The Animal Welfare Section received 22 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of Jan 2025 to 29th Jan 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of Jan 2025 to 29th of Jan 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	1
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	2
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	0
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	11
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	5
Env - Surrendered Dog	1
Env- Stray Dog	8
Grand Total	**29**

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 155 Certificate Of Exemption applications, of which 64 have been fully processed and exemption certificates have been issued to the owner.

See **https://www.fingal.ie/dogs/xl-bully-regulations-and-certificates-exemption**



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 January 25 there were 17 dogs in the shelter. Up to 29th of January 2025, 11 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and no dogs were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 17 dogs, two were reclaimed by members of the public, 5 were rehomed to Rescue and 1 was PTS. At the 29th of January there were 15 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 Jan 2024	**27**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of Jan 2025**	**17**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11
Surrendered by owners	3	Surrendered by owners	0
Reclaimed	1	Reclaimed	2
Rehomed to Rescue	6	Rehomed to Rescue	5
Rehomed to Public	5	Rehomed to Public	5
PTS	1	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of January 2024	**28**	**Dogs in shelter at 29.12.2025**	**15**

Horses

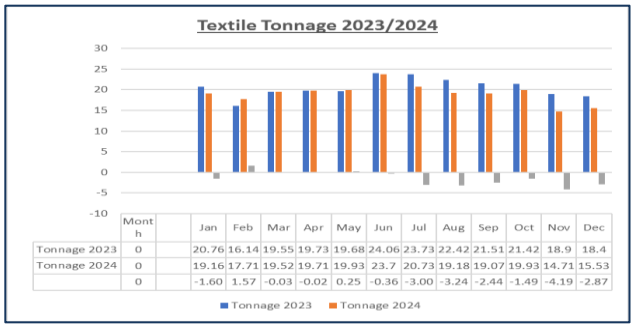
Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. There are 12 hay feeders being filled by the Operations Department on a weekly basis to ensure adequate forage for the horses on the landfill. During the recent cold spell and bad storms staff ensured extra hay was put out for the horses.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Queries and requests from schools and community groups are being addressed, these include requests for musical instruments, litter pickers, environmental workshops and presentations which are being scheduled. Picker Pals is ongoing in primary schools and the composting for Schools program is progressing whereby participating school teachers are provided with training, wormeries and garden tools for food waste and assistance with reducing and managing all their waste.

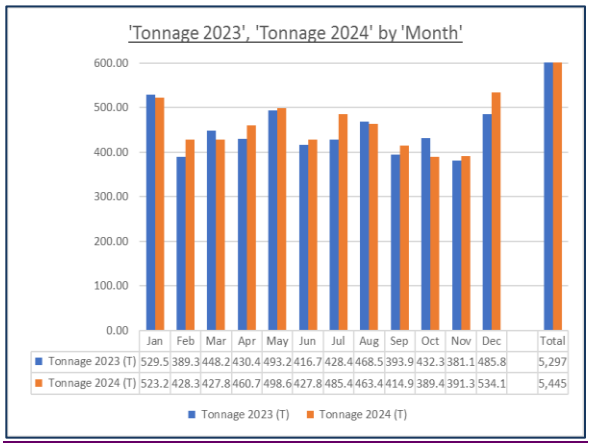
Bring Banks

Textile Banks



Textile volumes collected in December 2024 were 16 (T). This compared with a collection volume of 18 (T) collected in 2023.

Bottle Banks



Glass volumes collected in December 2024 were 534 (T). This compared with collection volumes of 486 (T) in 2023.

SPORTS OFFICE

Fingal Sports Programmes

Fingal on the Move kickstarts again in Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, Mountview and Howth. The programme is designed to introduce adults back into fitness and physical activity through gentle/beginner exercise.



Fingal's Parent and Toddler programmes start back in February, these classes are designed for both parent and toddler to get active and involved in the community. The classes can be found in community centres in Swords Holywell and Applewood, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Meakstown and Lusk.



Fingal Sports Office Active For Life classes cater for adults over 55 and will run for 10 weeks. These classes are available in Balbriggan, Blakestown, Mulhuddart, Baldoyle, Lusk and Swords.



All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.

Fingal Sports Awards 2025

The first Fingal Sports Awards took place on Monday 27 January at the Carlton Hotel Blanchardstown, honouring the exceptional contributions of sports volunteers and clubs across the county. Hosted by David Gillick, the event began with an opening address from Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Brian McDonagh.

The ceremony recognised 82 volunteers for their outstanding service to local sports clubs. In addition to individual awards, several clubs were acknowledged in various categories, with the following winners announced:

- **Green Club of the Year:** St. Finian's GAA
- **Sports for All Club of the Year:** Balbriggan Rugby Club
- **Community Club of the Year:** Corduff FC



Photos of the Event can be found here

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MSPI - Overview

The Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) is a programme established by the Heritage Council to raise standards of care across Irish museums and galleries. The programme sets out professional standards in:

- collections care,
- museum management,
- education,
- exhibition and visitor services.

The programme accredits museums that achieve those standards.
The programme started in 2006 and now has 57 museums participating in it. The programme benchmarks and promotes professional standards in the care of collections and recognises through accreditation, the achievement of those standards within the Irish museum sector. Accredited museums can have confidence they know how to look after their collections and understand the needs of their visitors.

Fingal County Council – MSPI Application

Fingal County Council applied for Malahide Castle and Gardens and Newbridge House and Farm to enter the programme, and both were accepted in 2023.

During 2024, extensive work and preparation was carried out by Fingal Staff, the commercial operator and the curatorial staff to make a submission seeking acceptance onto the MSPI scheme.

The scheme documentation was submitted in September 2024. During this the first assessment stage, the properties underwent a two-day site visit and examination in November 2024 by two nominated external Assessors.



Figure 1 Newbridge House

The Assessor's report has stated that both sites were well on their way to achieving interim standards. Work will continue during 2025 in advance of the 2nd assessment visit with a view to achieving Interim accreditation in 2026. This is a significant step in the development of the custodianship by Fingal County Council of these two properties in public ownership that are of national significance.



Figure 2 The Great Hall - Malahide Castle

FINANCE

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Rates

The 2025 rates bills issued to 6,307 customers on the 15th of January. Overall Commercial Rates collection to the 31st of January 2025 is 5.88%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€9.87m
Rates collected %	5.88%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of December is €71.2m.

Development Levy Income YTD Dec 2024	
Levies Receipted	€71.2 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2023	142%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of December was €90.3m which is c. 101.5**%** of the outturn.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€90.3m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	101.5%

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 Servcies	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	Nazum 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 Grance	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. Inital contract to develop 2 GAA pitches & works at Balymastone 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 servcies 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	Conrete 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 Seapart Hill, Malahide to ensure appropriate security inplace 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
EFTCD	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 – NTA Active Travel Allocations 2025

Active Travel Investment Grants: 2025 Allocations		
Project Code	**Project Name**	**2025 Allocation**
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/12/0001	Broadmeadow Estuary Cycle & Pedestrian Bridge	€ 6,500,000
FCC/13/0001	S2M Extension Sutton to Malahide	€ 460,000
FCC/14/0001	Royal Canal Cycle Route (12th Lock-KCC) (CN2) inc. Deep Sinking Coolmine	€ 400,000
FCC/18/0001	Harry Reynolds Road Cycleway in Balbriggan	€ 3,000,000
FCC/20/0001	Donabate Ped and Cycle Bridge	€ 1,000,000
FCC/21/0001	National Aquatic Centre (NAC) to Ongar Village	€ 130,000
FCC/21/0002	Baldoyle to Howth Phase 2 (Dublin Road to Dublin Street)	€ 120,000
FCC/21/0004	Donabate Hearse Rd/Main St/Portrane Rd (Link 1 & Link 2)	€ 185,000
FCC/21/0005	Damastown to Clonsilla Cycle Route	€ 150,000
FCC/21/0006	Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre	€ 185,000
FCC/22/0001	Castleknock, Auburn Ave.	€ 1,820,000
FCC/22/0004	Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Rd D15	€ 135,000
FCC/22/0005	St Cronins Road	€ 25,000
FCC/22/0006	Rathingle/Rivervalley Rd Swords	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0007	Balbriggan road mill street and Drogheda st	€ 60,000
FCC/22/0009	Permeability Links North County	€ 250,000
FCC/22/0010	R132 Ministers Road to Blakes Cross and Kilhedge Lane	€ 300,000
FCC/22/0011	Skerries - Harbour Road	€ 140,000

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/22/0012	Seatown Roundabout to Estuary Road (Swords to Malahide)	€ 725,000
FCC/22/0014	Balbriggan - Coney Hill From Devlin Bridge to Brempore Cottages	€ 40,000
FCC/22/0016	New Street Malahide Improvement Scheme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0018	Data collection for Active Travel Projects (traffic, air, noise)	€ 50,000
FCC/22/0019	Skerries Active Travel Plan	€ 140,000
FCC/22/0020	Balrothery Active Travel Review	€ 165,000
FCC/22/0021	Seamount Heights to Old Golf Links Park Active Travel Route	€ 75,000
FCC/22/0022	Broomfield to Paddys's Hill via Naomh Marnog GAA Active Travel Route	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0026	Staff Costs Active Travel Team	€ 1,100,000
FCC/22/0027	Swords Cycle Network - Sustainable Swords	€ 100,000
FCC/22/0028	Castleknock to Blanchardstown via Farmleigh	€ 175,000
FCC/23/0003	SRTS (R1) - Ladyswell National School	€ 75,000
FCC/23/0004	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Ghrainne CNS	€ 25,000
FCC/23/0005	SRTS (R1) - Scoil Choilm CNS	€ 115,000
FCC/23/0019	SRTS (R1) - Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide	€ 350,000
FCC/24/0001	Feltrim Road cycle infrastructure	€ 160,000
FCC/24/0006	Donabate to Portrane (R126) - Distributor Rd to Portrane Avenue Active Travel Routes	€ 65,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Buachailli	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Scoil Bhride Cailini	€ 200,000

Project Code	Project Name	2025 Allocation
	Fingal County Council	
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Colmcille's Girls National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - Holy Family Junior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R2) - St Helen's Senior National School	€ 200,000
FCC/25/XXXX	Castleknock Rd - Auburn Ave to gates of Pheonix Park	€ 60,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - St Nichola's of Myra National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Mhuire Junior National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Scoil Thomáis	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Holywell Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together National School	€ 10,000
FCC/25/XXXX	SRTS (R3) - Broadmeadow Community National School	€ 10,000
	Total:	**€ 20,000,000**
	Allocations Through Other NTA Funding Streams	
FCC/24/xxxx	Bus Stop Enhancement Programme	€ 500,000
FCC/22/0029	R132 Junction Upgrade Design	€ 5,800,000
FCC/24/0005	Waterville Junction upgrade	€ 385,000
FCC/25/00XX	Sustainable Traffic Management Measures	€ 1,000,000
Subtotal:		**€7,685,000**

Appendix 3
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	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	Phased delivery
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 Road, Swords 53°27'35.4"N 6°13'04.7"W Google Maps	36 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	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	On-Site	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	On-Site	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.	Q1 2025	Q2 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 8 x 3-bed	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026
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	123 x Social 151 x Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Q4 2026

Appendix 3 - Continued
Schemes with Planning Approval and at Tender stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est.)
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	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

Appendix 3 - Continued
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	Social	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	Pre-planning.	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.

Appendix 3 - Continued
CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	97	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	22	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	40	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	306	2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 26

MAYOR'S BUSINESS – COUNCILLOR B. MCDONAGH

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 26a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) INTERSECTORAL GLOBAL ACTION PLAN ON EPILEPSY AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to implement the World Health Organisation (WHO) Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other neurological conditions, that an implementation plan be developed by the Department of Health and that action is taken on Epilepsy Ireland's specific priorities within this plan."

Report:

If this motion is passed, the terms therein will be forwarded to the Department of Health; and when a reply is received the Mayor and Members will be informed.

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

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025

ITEM NO. 26b

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

ACTION IRELAND TRUST GROUP

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That this Council invites the Action Ireland Trust Group working in Lesotho to a Civic Reception."

Report:

If this motion is passed, an invitation with be issued to Action Ireland Trust Group 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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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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Association of Irish Regions annual training seminar

Driving the Future of Regions: Governance, Sustainability, and Place-Based Impact

REGIONS IN FOCUS

Date: 5 - 6 February 2025

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

Day 1 – 5 February	
8:30am – 9:15am	**Registration and refreshments**
9:15am – 10:00am	**Conference Opening Remarks** - 10 Years of Regions, what has been achieved and what is yet to come.
10:00am -12:00pm	**Session 1 - Evolving Governance in Ireland** This session will feature interventions from a panel of speakers from European, National and Regional levels including the OECD and the Seanad.
12:00pm – 2:00pm	**Showcasing the Regions** Participants will have a chance to explore several stands in an exhibition space that showcase the impact of Regional Assemblies in Ireland.
12:45pm - 2:00pm	**Lunch**
2pm – 4:30pm	**Session 2 – EU and the Role of place-based policies and development strategies** This session will explore the EU policy making process and the role of place-based policies and development strategies. Speakers will represent the European Commission, European Parliament, and the Committee of the Regions (CoR).
7:00pm	**Dinner and Keynote Speaker**

Day 2 – 6 February	
9:30am - 12:00pm	**Session 3 – Opportunities in an evolving planning space** Experts in the field will speak about key planning issues relevant to regional and local government including the evolving overall planning space, the housing, climate and economic contexts, and the review and implementation of the RSES.
12:00pm - 1:00pm	**Regional Development Monitor - Launch of Census Atlas and the S3 Dashboard**
1:00pm - 2:00pm	**Lunch and Conference closes**

Tionól Réigiúnach an Oirthir agus Lár Tíre Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly

Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt Southern Regional Assembly

Tionól Réigiúnach an Tuaiscirt & an Iarthair Northern & Western Regional Assembly

Cumann Réigiún na hÉireann Association of Irish Regions

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AILG Elected Members In-Person & Webinar Training Programme 2025

In-Person Module No.	Date	Region Applicable	Topic	Location	Venue
Module 1	Thursday 20th February	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*"An Overview of Wind Energy: Contribution to Economy, Climate Action and Future Potential"*	Dundalk	**Fairways Hotel**
	Saturday 22nd February	Southern Region	*"An Overview of Wind Energy: Contribution to Economy, Climate Action and Future Potential"*	Kilkenny	**Newpark Hotel Kilkenny**
Module 2	Thursday 20th March	Southern Region	*Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities"*	Ennistymon (Clare)	**The Falls Hotel**
	Saturday 22nd March	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities"*	Galway	**Clayton Galway**
Module 3	Thursday 22nd May	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	Content TBC	Sligo	**Radisson Blu Sligo**
	Saturday 24th May	Southern Region	Content TBC	Tralee	**Rose Hotel**
Module 4	Thursday 19th June	Southern Region	Content TBC	Cork	**Radisson Blu Cork**
	Saturday 21st June	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	Content TBC	Monaghan	**Hillgrove Hotel**
Module 5	Thursday 16th October	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	*OPR Planning Training - Exempted Development*	Wicklow	**Arklow Bay Hotel**
	Saturday 18th October	Southern Region	*OPR Planning Training - Exempted Development*	Tipperary	**Horse & Jockey**
Module 6	Thursday 13th November	Southern Region	Content TBC	Wexford	**Ravenport Resort Hotel**
	Saturday 15th November	Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western	Content TBC	Athlone	**Radisson Blu Athlone**

AILG Elected Members Webinar Training Programme 2025

Webinar No.	Date	Time	Topic
Webinar 1	Friday 24th January	10am – 11.30am	**Learnings from Judicial Review Proceedings**
Webinar 2	Friday 28th February	10am – 11.30am	**Chat GPT (Free Version): An Effective Communication Tool to Enhance Engagement with Constituents**
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ITEM NO. 28

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | CLARE COUNTY COUNCIL

15th January, 2025.

Our Ref: January25 – 16/MMC/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the January meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should be circulated to all Local Authorities:

"We request Clare County Council to make urgent contact with the Department of Local Government regarding housing aid for Older People's Grant in connection with the exclusion of new fossil fuel boilers, oil or gas."

Yours sincerely,

Mary McMahon

Mary McMahon,
Administrative Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Rural Development Directorate.

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15th January, 2025.

Our Ref: January25 – 20/MMC/AC

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the January meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution and agreed that this request should be circulated to all Local Authorities:

"That Clare County Council oppose the recent decision by the GAA, whereby children under the age of sixteen will be charged a fee to gain admittance to GAA matches, and that we call on the GAA to reverse this decision as a matter of urgency. It is also proposed that this Notice of Motion be circulated to all Local Authorities across the country."

Yours sincerely,

Mary Mc Mahon

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15 January 2025

An Taoiseach,
Department of the Taoiseach,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street Upper,
Dublin 2,
D02 R583

Our Ref: LCC 2025-0111

Re: Voting for our Diaspora

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the January meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the next Government and all the elected members of both Houses of the Oireachtas to pass whatever legislation necessary to hold the referendum, promised by the previous administration, to allow our diaspora to vote in the Presidential Election to be held in November of this year."

I look forward to hearing from you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett

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Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
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Date: 17th January 2025
Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

It was AGREED to write to the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste to consider that in the formation of the incoming government that the matter of rural and urban isolation and loneliness is directly allocated to a Ministry.

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hanley

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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ITEM NO. 30

REVIEW OF THE FINGAL CITIZEN'S CHARTER

Motion: Councillor A. Tormey

"That the Chief Executive review the Fingal Citizen's Charter to take in to account an ageing population."

Report:

A review of the Fingal County Council Citizen's Charter is currently underway. The changing demographic of the county will be included for consideration during this review.

Once complete, the Draft Citizen's Charter will be brought before Council for approval.

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

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ITEM NO. 32

BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES

Motion: Councillor E. O'Brien

"That the Chief Executive arranges to install signage at all Blue Badge parking spaces in our car parks, towns and villages stating that "Not all disabilities are visible"."

Report:

Fingal County Council Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020 Appendix 5, Prohibited Parking and Other Parking Restrictions (d) states the following:

"Parking Bays reserved for people with disabilities – no parking at any time except where a valid parking permit is displayed in the vehicle."

The parking regulatory signage for disabled parking is outlined in Chapter 5 of the Traffic Signs Manual. Sign F 204 is the regulatory signage.



F 204:
DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING

Permitted Variant:	Supplementary Plate P 057 may be added.

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

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ITEM NO. 33

ETHICAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

Motion: Councillors A. Donnelly. B. Hanaphy. M. Quinn. J. Smyth

"That this Council adopt a rights based Ethical Procurement Policy, (EPP), making certain that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999)."

Report:

Procurement in Local Authorities operates under the framework of EU and Irish law and the Public Procurement guidelines. The motion doesn't identify specific gaps in the current framework where the principles outlined are not being met but in the event the motion is passed it will be forwarded to Department of Public Expenditure requesting that they review current legislative and guideline framework in light of this motion and if following this review gaps are identified that the necessary changes, including legislative are made, where practicable, to reflect these principles.

This review would have to be done at a Department of Public Expenditure level as Fingal County Council, like other Local Authorities, must operate within procurement legislation and guidelines.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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ITEM NO. 34

PFAS AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"In light of concerns raised by residents about dangerous levels of cancer causing PFAS "forever chemicals" at Dublin Airport, that the Chief Executive conduct a full independent investigation on PFAS at Dublin Airport on soils and waterways in and around the vicinity."

Report:

The Dublin Airport Authority (daa) has undertaken sampling and testing for PFAS of soils within the airport, of watercourses draining the airport and groundwater and have published this information on their website.

This testing was undertaken by a laboratory accredited for this testing.

The EPA have also undertaken some PFAS testing of the Ward and Sluice Rivers as part of their operational monitoring programme and this information is available on the Catchments.ie website

The Council has engaged Geosyntec Consultants to advise the Council on the matter who have extensive experience in this area. They have reviewed the testing undertaken by the airport.

The Geosyntec report advised that the monitoring undertaken was reasonably comprehensive. The surface water monitoring undertaken was extensive but further soil and groundwater testing was advisable. They also advised that the laboratory used by Dublin Airport is accredited and has a good reputation.

The Council's Environment division sent the Geosyntec review to the daa and have held follow up with meetings.

The daa intend to procure consultants and ground investigation contractors to address the points raised in the Geosyntec review. The procurement was to have taken place in Q4 2024/Q1 2025. Another meeting is planned in Q2 to follow up progress on this matter.

The current arrangement whereby daa engage consultants to investigate and analyse environmental risk and this work is reviewed by the Council's own advisors is regarded as appropriate, however this will be reviewed subject to progress and the outcome of further investigations. The undertaking of a full independent investigation (site investigation, testing and risk assessment) by the Council is therefore not recommended.

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

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ITEM NO. 35

GOVERNMENT AND EUROPEAN FUNDING

Motion: Councillors D. Butler, T. Murphy, G. Maguire

"That Chief Executive establish a core team of senior staff with the purpose of maximising grant opportunities available to this Council from Government and European sources; including working with our European and Oireachtas colleagues so that Fingal County Council and the organisations and community groups that we represent can maximise potential European and Oireachtas funding, assisting them with application forms, etc. (example – including assisting local community groups and supporting clubs with Sports Capital Grant opportunities)."

Report:

The Directorates and Departments are structured in a way that best delivers the effective and efficient running of the organisation. The structure facilitates the deployment and development of expert staff and the development of centres of expertise in the functions of the relevant Directorate / Department. These centres become invaluable resources in providing expert advice and guidance to colleagues and communities in the development of projects and proposals.

In respect of funding calls, these centres develop expertise in the requirements and criteria of the schemes and are best placed to provide advice that communities need for successful applications. For example -

- Town Regeneration Office (EETCD) - co-ordinates and manages applications for potential projects under URDF, RRDF, Town Centre First and Town & Village Renewal Scheme funding streams. The team liaises regularly with government

departments in respect of future funding calls and with local communities in developing proposals to ensure a pipeline of potential projects.

- Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sport Department administers funding streams from the NTA, Climate and Sports Capital Grants and actively engage with community groups regarding funding calls.
- Community Department administers a variety of grant funding streams from central government and Council funds and provides significant support and advice to local communities to ensure and develop competence in making applications.
- Local Development Section (EETCD) administers a number of National Funding Calls on behalf of Fingal LCDC which are financed by the Department of Rural & Community Development including the Community Recognition Fund, the Local Enhancement Programme and ORIS. The Team assists community organisations with applications by providing information and/or guidance as appropriate in respect of any funding calls where the criteria and requirements can be very complex.
- Economic Development Section monitors European and National funding calls and developed expertise by actively managing projects in Urbact and Interreg funding streams in recent years. Any suitable funding calls or invitations to participate in European projects are brought to the attention of the relevant senior staff in the Council and assistance and support is provided on applications, financial and project reporting.
- Economic Development Section works closely with the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and universities in the Dublin area to identify funding opportunities for potential projects and areas of collaboration.
- Economic Development Section is developing it's knowledge of cross-border funding scheme, like Shared Island and Peace Plus, at the moment through it's participation in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Initiative.

The Economic Development Section has developed significant experience and built a network of potential partners across Europe by participating in several EU Projects in recent years. EETCD Senior staff are currently developing a relationship with the Irish Regions European Office in Brussels and are undertaking an analysis of existing and upcoming European Funding calls with a view to developing the knowledge to highlight opportunities and provide guidance and advice to the organisation.

The current structure is considered the most appropriate way to support and assist organisations and community groups and maximise potential European and Oireachtas funding.

Source of Report:
John Quinlivan, Director, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism, Cultural Development.

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ITEM NO. 36

INDEPENDENT NOISE MONITORING UNDER THE NORTH RUNWAY DEPARTURE FLIGHT PATHS

Motion: Councillor D. Mulligan

"That the Chief Executive carry out independent noise monitoring at six strategic locations under the North Runway Departure flight paths at Dublin Airport during the 92-day summer period in 2025, with the objective of verifying real-world noise levels, assessing the impact on affected communities, ensuring transparency, and providing data to inform future planning."

Report:

Dublin Airport Authority (daa) operates an extensive noise monitoring network around the airport. This system tracks noise levels to understand the impact on nearby communities.

The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) issued a statutory direction to daa in 2022 requiring an increase in the number of noise monitors around Dublin Airport. Arising from this direction, the number of monitors was increased from seven to twenty-five. Two of these monitors are mobile units that can be rotated between communities that do not have a permanent data station. In addition, daa committed to providing a further five mobile monitors at the LG meeting on the 28th January.

This data is available in real time on the daa website. Also, on the daa website are Quarterly Noise and Flight Tracking and Monitoring Reports. The noise contour

maps are calculated from actual flights and the noise rating of individual aircraft types.

This information is in addition to the aircraft noise contours on the ANCA website (L_{den} and L_{night}) These contours are annual average noise levels and are required by environmental noise legislation.

The current Noise Action Plan for Dublin Airport 2024-2028 makes provision as follows: '*The significantly increased number of noise monitoring terminals has been a valuable enhancement to the network of monitors. Further improvements may be obtained by reviewing the locations of monitors to ensure they are closely aligned with airspace operations'*.

The network will remain under review through the implementation of the Noise Action Plan.

There is no justification for the Council expend significant resources to duplicate the Airport's monitoring network and for which there is no budget provision

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

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ITEM NO. 41

RATES ON COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

Motion: Councillor J. Humphreys

"That the Chief Executive writes to the Valuation Office seeking an assessment on the rateability of bus shelters featuring commercial advertising, with a view to ensuring they are appropriately included in the commercial rates valuation process, and a copy of the request to the Valuation Office be circulated to all Local Authorities."

Report:

Bus shelters featuring commercial advertising are rateable. Tailte Éireann (formerly the Valuation Office) include any such installations on the Valuation List in the same process as any other commercial premises.

Source of Report:
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance

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