Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th April, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Cathal
Boland, Mark
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
Johnston, Corina
Kelly Darren Jack
Kitt, Tom
Leddy, Ted
Maguire, Grainne

Councillors:

McCamley, Mary
McDonagh, Brian
Mulligan, Dean
Mulville, Paul
Murphy, Tony
Newman, Joe
O'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 Councillor Tania Doyle and Councillor Helen Redwood.

The Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh, presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

AnnMarie Farrelly (Chief Executive); Mary Egan (Director of Services/People, Corporate & Digital Services); 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 Services /Housing Services and Community

Development); Mary T Daly (Director of Services/Operations); David Storey (Director of Services/Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer); Aoife Sheridan, (Senior Executive Officer).

F/155/25 (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

F/156/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

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

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/157/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor M. McCamley, seconded by Councillor D. Healy and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 2 to 18 be **ADOPTED**."

F/158/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Councillor C. Boland - Safe Refuge Centres

F/159/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor D. Healy - Santry River Restoration and the Greenway Project

F/160/25 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Funding for Community Groups

F/161/25 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor S. Shovlin - Speed Limit Review

F/162/25 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor E. Dockrell - Social Media Campaign on the Role of Local Government in Fingal

F/163/25 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Tenant-in-situ Scheme

F/164/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor E. O'Brien - Housing Units at Ballymastone Development at risk due to Judicial Review

F/165/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor L. Corkery - Fingal Access Strategy

F/166/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor P. Mulville - Fingal County Council's Social Housing Waiting List

F/167/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Haughey - Revenue from Malahide Castle Concerts

F/168/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor B. Ryan - Rental Schemes for Social Housing Applicants

F/169/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor C. Johnston - Fingal County Council's Planning Portal

F/170/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Social and Affordable Housing stock in Fingal

F/171/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor E. Troy - Street Cleaning

F/172/25 (Agenda Item No 16)
Councillor J. Hopkins - Child Care Facilities

F/173/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor J. Hopkins - Cost of New Cycling/Pedestrian Infrastructure Fingal

F/174/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor J. Walsh - Bilingual Signage

F/175/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Report of Committees

a **Quarterly Reports of Strategic Policy Committees Meetings**

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

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor D. Healy, and **NOTED**.

b **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

c **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

d **Report of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

e **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

f **Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025**

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

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services (B) Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/176/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Financial Matters

a **Consideration of Draft Annual Financial Statement 2024 and Authorisation of Additional Expenditure**

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

b **Annual Financial Statement 2024**

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

F/177/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

a **Notice of Proposed Lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15 to Innovate Fingal CLG**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Councillor J. Humphreys, stated for the record that he is opposed to the granting of the lease.

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor M. McCamley and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of lease of Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 4th April 2024, be granted to Innovate Fingal CLG, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

b **Notice of Proposed Lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords to Innovate Fingal CLG**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** A presentation was given to the Members by Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.

Councillor J. Humphreys, stated for the record that he is opposed to the granting of the lease..

It was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh and seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien and **RESOLVED**:

"That the grant of lease of Drinan Enterprise Centre, Swords Enterprise Park, Feltrim Road, Swords, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 4th April 2024, be granted to Innovate Fingal CLG, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

c **Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen**

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED.** It was proposed by Councillor C. Boland and seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **RESOLVED**:

"That lands at Old Road, Hayestown, Rush, Co. Dublin, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th March 2024, be disposed of to Paul Gillen and Julie Gillen, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

d **Notice of Proposed Rectification of Boundary at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady**

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 at Millfield Shopping Centre, Balbriggan, as referred to in the Notice under S183 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended and dated 7th March 2024, be disposed of to Hugh Grady, Henry Grady, Gerard Grady and Annette Grady, in accordance with the terms specified therein."

F/178/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Declarations of Roads

a **Wilkinsons Brook, Hollystown, Dublin 15**

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

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

b **Hansfield Phase 1, Phibblestown, Dublin 15**

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

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

F/179/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Appointment of external members to the Naming and Commemorative Committee

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

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

"That Ciara Curtin, Fingal Women Pioneers, - Howth/Malahide, Oona Roycroft, Skerries Historical Society, Balbriggan Rush-Lusk Swords and Gearoid Hodgins Blanchardstown Tidy Towns – Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart Castleknock/Ongar be appointed to the Naming and Commemorative Committee."

F/180/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Policy Programme 2025

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Newman and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Strategic Policy Committee Annual Policy Programme 2025 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/181/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Draft Annual Report 2024

The attached report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor B. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor DJ. Kelly and **RESOLVED**:

"That the Annual Report 2024 is hereby **ADOPTED**."

F/182/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Fingal County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)

A presentation was given to the Members by Philip Weston, Outscape and Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism and Cultural Development.
Aoife Sheridan informed the members that Councillor D. Healy submitted wording amendments and these were accepted and agreed.

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

F/183/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Chief Executive's Report

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

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

F/184/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

a **Councillor B. McDonagh - Young Carers' Grant**

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**.

b **Councillor B. McDonagh - Family Homelessness**

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

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

F/185/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Conference Report

a **AILG In-person Training - Embracing Equality - Cultivating Inclusive Local Communities - Southern Region 20th March The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co Clare; Eastern Region 22nd March The Clayton Hotel, Galway -**

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

b **AILG 2025 Annual Conference Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April at the Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick**

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

c **ARC Conference and General Assembly - 22nd/23rd May 2025 - Conference on "Dealing with Aviation Noise: Present and Future Approaches"**

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

F/186/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Correspondence

a **Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 6th February 2025 Re - Financial Support Purchase of Generators**

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

b **Letter from Limerick City & County Council dated 7th February 2025 Re - Recent Weather Events Additional Funding**

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

c **Letter from Limerick & City County Council dated 7th February 2025 Re - Recent Weather Events**

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

d **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Carbon Taxes**

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

e **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 - Re Electricity Costs**

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

f **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Tenant in-situ Scheme**

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

g **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2205 Re - Eviction Ban**

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

h **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 11th February 2025 Re - Fixed Penalty Fine - E-liquids, Vape Kits or Nicotine-containing products**

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

i **Letter from Councillor Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson Finance, SPC, Dublin City Council dated 11th February 2025 Re- Item 52 - Councillor J. Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax**

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

j **Letter from South Dublin County Council dated 13th February 2025 Re - Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty**

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

k **Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re - Landowners Incentive Trees**

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

l **Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Government Phone Network Access**

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

m **Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Exam time learning difficulties**

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

n **Letter from Roscommon County Council dated 17th February 2025 Re- Power Lines in Forestry**

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

o **Letter from An Garda Síochána Ballymun dated 19th February 2025 Re - Item 38 - Cllr JK Onwumereh - Increasing Number of Incidents involving Scramblers and Scooters - December 2024 Council Meeting**

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

p **Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated 24th February 2025 Re - Item 43 - Cllr B. McDonagh - Occupied Territories Bill**

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

q **Acknowledgement received from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Harris TD dated 24th February 2025 Re - Item 44 - Cllr P. Mulville - Occupied Territories Bill**

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

r **Letter from Interim Chief Executive, National Transport Authority dated 27th February 2025 Re - Item 40 Cllr T. Murphy - Bus Shelters - December Council Meeting**

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

s **Letter from Donegal County Council dated 27th February 2025 re Control of Dogs In Public Spaces**

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

t **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re Prohibiting the use of Counselling and Therapy Notes**

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

u **Letter from Sligo County Council dated 4th March 2025 Re - Child Places in local Primary and Secondary Schools**

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

v **Email from Meath County Council dated 6th March 2025 Re PL-FP Adoption of Variation No. 3 to the Meath County Development Plan 2021-2027, as varied**

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

w **Letter from Clare County Council dated 10th March 2025 Re - Funding for Early Years Educators**

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

x **Email on behalf of Chief Superintendent Ballymun Division dated 18th March 2025 re Item 42 - Cllr DJ Kelly - Report on anti-social behaviour in Fingal December Co Meeting**

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

F/187/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

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

F/188/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Councillor JK Onwumereh - Small Bursary Application for hosting Social Inclusion Events

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

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

F/189/25 (Agenda Item No 33)

Councillor D.J. Kelly - Refuge Centres Fingal

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

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

F/190/25 (Agenda Item No 34)

Councillor D. Healy - Photovoltaic panels above Council-owned off-street car parking areas

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

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

F/191/25 (Agenda Item No 35)

Councillor D. Butler - Fingal Greener Community Awards

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

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

F/192/25 (Agenda Item No 36)

Councillor L. Corkery - Factual and Accurate Information in this Council's Discussions

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

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

F/193/25 (Agenda Item No 39)

Councillor P. Mulville - Removal of Council Operated Time-Locked Public Gates

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/194/25 (Agenda Item No 40)

Councillor E. Troy - Audit of Irish Language Road Signs in Fingal

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

F/195/25 (Agenda Item No 41)

Councillor T. Leddy - Housing List Priority

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

The report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Meeting concluded at 20.00.

MAYOR _____ DATE _____

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 02

SITES ACQUIRED BY IGO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of any land/property/sites that Igo Emergency Management Services has acquired within the Fingal area?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council has no information on the land transactions of private individuals or companies. Tailte Eireann maintains the records of land ownership for the country.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

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ITEM NO. 03

GAEILGE AGUS BÉARLA AR NA COMHARTHAÍ BÓITHRE
IRISH AND ENGLISH ROAD SIGNS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"Chun a fhiafraí den Phríomh-fheidhmeannach an mbeidh comhionannas idir na litreacha Gaeilge is Béarla ar na comharthaí bóithre amach anseo?"

"To ask the Chief Executive whether there will be equality between the Irish and English letter on road signs in the future?"

Reply:

Cinntíonn Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall go bhfuil gach comhartha neamhreachtúil i gcomhréir le comhionannas idir Béarla agus Gaeilge (litreacha comhionanna i méid agus an Ghaeilge ar dtús) de réir Leathanach 14 https://www.coimisineir.ie/userfiles/files/Guidebook4.pdf Samplaí de na comharthaí seo ná comharthaí lasmuigh d'Ionaid Athchúrsála, comharthaí Fáilte go Fine Gall srl.

Foráiltear do chomharthaíocht tráchta bóthair faoin reachtaíocht maidir le comharthaí tráchta. Faoin reachtaíocht, tá an t-aistriúchán Gaeilge i gcló iodálach https://www.trafficsigns.ie/irish. Toisc go bhfuil Comharthaí Tráchta Bóthair clúdaithe ag reachtaíocht náisiúnta, bheadh gá aon athruithe a dhéanamh ar an leibhéal náisiúnta.

Fingal County Council ensures all signs which are non-statutory are compliant with equality between English and Irish as per Page 14 https://www.coimisineir.ie/userfiles/files/Guidebook4.pdf

Examples of these signs would be signs outside Recycling Centres, Welcome to Fingal signs etc.

Road Traffic signage is provided for under the Traffic signs legislation. Under the legislation the Irish translation is in italics https://www.trafficsigns.ie/irish. As Road Traffic Signs are covered by national legislation any changes would need to be made at a national level.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 04

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL HOUSING APPLICANTS

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of social housing applicants whose main housing application is with Dublin City Council, but who have a Fingal County Council housing area as one of their preferences, who have been housed by this Council, for each year for the past 10 years?"

Reply:

In accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations, 2011, an applicant with a primary application with one of the other Local Authorities in the Dublin region, can choose two other Local Authorities as areas of choice. This is referred to as a referral application. This is to afford applicants to the greatest extent possible, more opportunity of choice in securing social housing.

Currently on the approved waiting list for Social Housing Support in Fingal there are 1,953 are Dublin City Council (DCC) referrals. Once an application is received by Fingal County Council from another local authority, the application is given a Fingal housing reference number and treated in the same manner as other applications. As a result, the number of applicants that have had their housing needs met, who were referred from DCC or other local authorities, is not tracked.

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

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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ITEM NO. 05

AGE FRIENDLY AUDITS

Question: Councillor J. Walsh

To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the number of Age Friendly Audits carried out in towns or villages in Fingal between 2022 and 2025 and where these audits were undertaken?"

Reply:

Undertaking an Age Friendly Walkability Study or Walkability Audit involves the Age Friendly Programme Manager securing sufficient support and commitment from members of the community and community groups to actively take part in the study. Support from elected representatives in achieving this is also welcomed, and active participation from members of the interdepartmental Age Friendly Team in Fingal County Council is also required. Together, these people form the group who will conduct the study and a firm commitment is required from them in order for the study to progress.

The Community Department and Town Centre First team organised a walkability study in Rush as part of a wider community engagement tool in November 2024. Similarly, at the request of Fingal's Older People's Council, a Swords walkability study was scheduled to take place in 2024; unfortunately, there was an insufficient level of interest in terms of the number of participants needed to undertake the study. Skerries Age Friendly group has recently requested a walkability study which will be proposed to the Fingal Age Friendly interdepartmental group to secure commitment across the relevant council departments.

The new Age Friendly Strategy will further inform the workload and approach in this area; it is anticipated that it will be brought before the Community, Sports & Culture SPC and Council in the coming months.

PLANNING

Separately, the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is cognisant in preparing statutory/non-statutory plans of the need to ensure that matters relating to public realm enhancement, improved accessibility and connectivity have full regard to all levels of mobility and future usage by all age cohorts. Examples include the Sustainable Swords Strategy and Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan. The following Development Plan Objectives are also noted in this regard:

SPQHP17 – Accessibility Audit
'To include an accessibility audit as part of urban framework plans as part of improvements to the public realm for wheelchair users and people with impaired mobility, engaging with disability groups and local organisations throughout the duration of this Development Plan'

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.'

Source of Reply:
Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development Department
Matthew McAleese, Director of Planning & Strategic Infrastructure

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 06

NAMING OF NEW HOUSING ESTATES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FINAL COUNTY COUNCIL AREA

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the process involved in the naming of new housing estates and developments in the Fingal County Council area as numerous new estates have the exact same name as other nearby one-off houses or names of roads, which is a causing confusion and is a very avoidable problem?"

Reply:

The current process used in the naming of residential developments has been in place for a number of years and was last presented to the Elected Members at a Council meeting in 2023. The methodology was developed in response to the increased volume of requests and time pressure, as naming is a requirement to progress critical stages of development including power connection etc. and is now subject to the compliance timeframes and processes.

Residential Development Naming Process

- Where planning permission is granted for a new residential development, a planning condition is included in respect of the naming of the development.
- When a compliance submission is received by the Planning Compliance section, a report is requested from the Heritage Officer.
- The Heritage Officer undertakes research on the proposed name, generally liaises with the relevant local Historical Society, evaluates the proposal and reports on its suitability. If a naming proposal is unacceptable a more suitable proposal is sought.

- The Heritage Officer returns the report to Planning Compliance section; the Planning Compliance section evaluates other aspects e.g. the numbering scheme and when all issues have been dealt with satisfactorily, the relevant Planning Officer approves, and a letter issues to the developer and to relevant public bodies.

To note Fingal County Council has a Naming and Commemorative Memorial Policy and process that pertains to the naming of certain types of public infrastructure to honour or celebrate individuals, groups or events of significance in Fingal https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-04/Final%20Naming%20and%20Commemorative%20Memorial%20Policy.pdf

Implementation of Naming process
The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 clearly sets out policy in regard to the naming of new residential developments. The onus is on the developer to propose a suitable naming scheme which complies with Development Plan Policy;

- **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.

- **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.

- **Objective DMSO193 – Naming of Streets and Residential Estates and Language Heritage**
  Naming of streets and residential estates shall reflect the local place names and local people of note, heritage, language or topographical features as appropriate and shall incorporate old place names from the locality as much as possible and where appropriate shall be in Irish. The use of bi-lingual signage will be required.

Names can refer to historical buildings or structures, the local topography, archaeological monuments or features, the local landscape, or an association with a significant local historical individual, custom or event. In particular, the use and promotion of historical and current townland and parish names in the urban and rural environment are promoted. Names must be in both in the Irish and English languages, or in the Irish language exclusively. The exclusive use of Irish language names is encouraged.

Duplication of existing estate names in Fingal and adjoining counties is avoided. This is in the interests of owners, occupiers, visitors, service and utility providers and for rapid emergency service provision.

In order to minimise inappropriate submissions, the Heritage Officer has drafted guidelines for developers, which details the naming requirements and offers useful sources.

Historical Societies and Heritage Groups have a wealth of knowledge that is invaluable in fulfilling the naming objectives of the Development Plan. The Fingal Fieldnames Project continues to be a useful in feeding into the process, especially in areas of high demand. In light of the compliance deadlines and the sporadic nature of submissions and referrals, the responses from the Heritage Network members, have been continually prompt and efficacious under the current process, and the Heritage Office is extremely grateful for their continued input and sharing of local knowledge which we endeavour to preserve, in the naming of new residential estates.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

SCHOOL WARDEN RELIEF PANEL

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of how many Relief School Wardens are currently in employment by the Council and if an additional amount is required to cover annual leave or sick leave?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council employs a total of 13 reserve School Wardens across its 3 areas.
Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar - 4
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords - 6
Howth/Malahide - 3

Fingal County Council recently ran a competition for School Wardens, and interviews will take place shortly. It is hoped to have additional reserves in place and available for the commencement of the 2025/26 school year in August to cover annual or sick leave.

Source of Reply:
David Storey, Director of Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports
Mary Egan, Director of People, Corporate & Digital Services

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ITEM NO. 08

VACANT AND DERELICT PROPERTIES

Question: Councillor D. Butler

"To ask the Chief Executive to confirm what budget Fingal County Council has ring-fenced internally or is available from Government or other sources, to buy vacant and derelict houses and bring back into the Council's ownership as liveable spaces?"

Reply:

Vacant and derelict private housing can be brought back into use via a variety of funding supports and engagement with owners.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's (DHLGH) Buy and Renew Scheme has been utilised to purchase vacant properties in recent years and some €2 million was spent on properties over 2023 and 2024. This scheme falls under the overall Second-Hand Acquisitions Programme in 2025.

Applications for funding under the Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) to bring property into the ownership of the Council for social housing purposes can also be made to DHLGH. SHIP funding also covers the necessary refurbishment works to bring properties to the appropriate standard. This funding was utilised with respect to the refurbishment of the 14 cottages at St. Ita's, Portrane and further acquisitions in St. Ita's are being considered in this respect currently.

The Council's Vacant Homes Team is also in regular engagement with private homeowners with respect to the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant to assist homeowners in bringing vacant and derelict properties back into use. Some 138

properties have been approved for €6.95 million in funding to date under this scheme with further properties moving to approval stage. Funding has to date been available from the DHLGH to meet any applications made.

In Round 3 of the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF), Fingal County Council has been approved for €10 million, covering the town centre urban areas of the county, to acquire appropriate derelict properties that can be renovated easily and at a low cost for resale into the private housing market. The funding scheme does not permit the acquisition of vacant properties to be added to the Council's social housing stock.

As of March 2025, a total of 43 properties in town centre urban areas of Fingal have been approved in principle by the Department for acquisition cost funding. Of the 43 properties, 28 have been issued with statutory notices under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, 12 have complied with the notices and are now deemed to be non-derelict, 16 have not yet complied with the notices issued of which 11 are now listed on Fingal County Council's Derelict Sites Register and a further 5 properties are at various stages of the Derelict Sites process and will be reviewed and progressed as appropriate.

To date no properties have been acquired through URDF Round 3 funding as the experience to date has been that once the derelict sites process advances to the stage where the Council expresses its intention to acquire the site, property owners move to comply with the process and bring the property back into use before the relevant acquisitions have been progressed.

Potential property acquisitions continue to be assessed, progressed and kept under review.

Source of Joint Reply:
Paul Carroll, Interim Director of Housing & Community Development
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development

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ITEM NO. 09

HOUSING DELIVERY IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor A. Donnelly

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report, in tabular form, on housing delivery in Fingal for 2022, 2023 and 2024 under the following headings-: own build, turnkey and approved housing bodies?"

Reply:

The delivery pipeline is progressing well via the various mechanisms. The breakdown of delivery from 2022 to 2024 across these streams is set out below.

	2022	**2023**	**2024**	**Total by Mechanism**
Fingal Co Council Own Build	136	47	53	**236**
Turnkey (Acquisitions & Part V)	45	62	194	**301**
AHB Stock (CALF, CAS, LTL & MTR)	194	473	202	**869**
Total By Year	**375**	**582**	**449**	**1406**

From 2022 to 2024 the Affordable housing team facilitated the sale of 363 Affordable Homes and are currently working with development partners to deliver a further 366 Affordable Homes in 2025.

Fingal County Council's Housing pipeline from 2026 to 2030 includes the potential delivery of up to 2,382 affordable homes including 1,718 on LDA sites across the county. These figures are subject to change as projects progress through the design, planning and funding approvals processes.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

FINGAL'S POPULATION GROWTH

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline Fingal County Council's strategy to ensure that it can adequately recruit additional staff in the years ahead to meet an increasing workload across all of its departments as Fingal's population continues to grow?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council's Draft Strategic Workforce Plan 2025-2029 has recently been developed and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Strategic Workforce Planning provides a structured approach to analysing current and future workforce challenges and which allows us to plan appropriate actions to address these issues and support delivery of corporate objectives. It provides a mechanism to analyse our current workforce and to estimate future workforce requirements, and by identifying any gaps, to put in place interventions and initiatives to bridge or narrow those gaps.

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

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ITEM NO. 11

THE HSE AND LAND ACQUISITION

Question: Councillor E. Dockrell

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide information on any ongoing engagement between Fingal County Council and the HSE regarding the acquisition by Fingal County Council of any buildings or lands that are currently under the control of the HSE, and to provide an update on how these engagements are progressing?"

Reply:

The Council meets regularly with HSE officials in respect of the HSE's requirements for sites for health services in the county and any HSE owned properties or land that may be available for acquisition by the Council.

There has been engagement between the Council and the HSE on property at St. Ita's Portrane. The scale of works required to that property is prohibitive however engagement will continue to explore what options are available.

At the most recent meeting it was agreed that a list of HSE owned properties that are no longer required would be made available to the Council with a view to further engagement with the HSE in respect of those properties.

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

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ITEM NO. 12

DEVELOPMENT OF A FINGAL FOOD BRAND

Question: Councillor C. Boland

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report detailing how and with whom it is working to maximise the value of a Fingal Food Brand, while also advising if the Executive has entered discussions for the use of the Teagasc's premises at Ashtown to support in the development, training and research of Fingal Food produce?"

Reply:

As part of the implementation of the Fingal Food & Drink Policy and Fingal Tourism Strategy, Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department (EETCD) is actively working with the Fingal Food Network to support and promote Fingal food businesses, including local producers.

In April the Council arranged a naming and branding workshop for the network with a specialist food and drink graphic design practice. The branding concepts developed are currently under consideration by the network and once finalised, will form the basis of a food and drink brand for the sector in the county.

EETCD engages on a regular basis with Teagasc regarding development, training and research opportunities, and communicates these to the sector through the network. LEO Fingal, through its Dublin Food Chain initiative, regularly hosts learning and networking events for food producers at Teagasc Ashtown, the most recent on 22nd January 2025 with some 50 food producers from the Dublin region in attendance. Representatives from the Council's Enterprise Centres also attend

Dublin Food Centre meetings, which are facilitated by Enterprise Ireland and Dublin Food Chain, and Teagasc is a key stakeholder at these meetings.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

CONSULTANCY SPEND

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate what efforts are being made to reduce the spend on consultancy as part of the processes for the 2026 budget?"

Report:

External experts are utilised in order have access to specialist knowledge and expertise to ensure the delivery of projects, activities and services across the county.

For illustrative purposes outlined below is a breakdown of the consultancy cost reflected in the 2025 budget. If the Members wish to reduce these allocations in the 2026 budget, they will need to be mindful of the impact on service delivery. It would not be possible to reduce budgets where a statutory activity has to be delivered. Also, where the cost is funded, e.g. Housing and ANCA spends, any reduction in this budget would see a reduction in income rather than yielding additional discretionary income to the budget process.

Department	Budget 2025	Note
HOUSE	1,297,000	Primarily relates to private rented inspections.
TOURISM	1,166,000	Costs associated with Arts, events delivery, heritage properties and tourism promotion.
STRATPLAN	777,500	Costs associated with biodiversity, planning control and heritage.
REGENERATION	455,000	Costs associated with urban renewal, town centre master planning and Balbriggan Socioeconomic regeneration.
AIRCRAFTNOIS	450,000	ANCA costs are funded by the regulated entity.
COMMUNITY	390,000	Costs across all aspects of delivering community supports including PPN, Age Friendly etc.
OPERATIONS	366,300	Relates to costs across all aspects of activity such as works programme, parks and public realm maintenance etc.
ECONDEV	314,000	Costs associated with economic development and promotion.
LIBRARY	289,700	Costs associated with library operations, events delivery and Creative Ireland.
CORPSERVICES	285,500	Audit Committee and communication activities
WASTEMAN	277,500	Costs associated with landfill aftercare.
FINANCE	182,600	Costs associated with rates collection, procurement and FMS support.
HR	179,000	Costs associated with health and safety, recruitment etc.
PROPDEVELOP	160,000	Costs associated with property and industrial land management.
LAW	110,000	Costs associated with supporting legal services.
ENVPOLLUTCON	98,000	
BLDENVINSP	76,000	
WATER	70,000	
ARCHITECTS	53,000	
SPORT	50,000	
ACTIVETRAVEL	40,000	
BFOFFICEACCO	33,000	
INSURANCES	30,000	
LEO	400	
Grand Total	**7,150,500**	

The budgetary requirement for 2026 will be worked through with Departments and the CPG over the coming months, ultimately the setting of the Annual Budget is a matter for the Members to approve.

Source of Reply:
Oliver Hunt, Director of Finance

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ITEM NO. 14

UPDATES ON THE SUMMER PROJECT FUNDING

Motion: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a three-year comparative analysis for the Summer Project funding and if possible, the number of young people who engaged over the following years 2022, 2023 and 2024 to determine how engaging and effective the funding has been in Fingal?"

Reply:

YEAR	NO OF PARTICIPATING GROUPS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS	AMOUNT
2022	27	1568	€33,252.00
2023	24	1658	€57,720.00
2024	32	1690	€61,290.00

The purpose of the Summer Projects is to provide a supervised 20-hour programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period. Emphasis is placed on encouraging community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities. A wide variety of child-focused activities are catered for across communities of varying demographics and socio-economic need. Summer Project groups are expected to include four

hours of information/education talks on two of the following activity types in their programmes of events -

- Community Safety
- Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Action
- Integration

The maximum funding available to Summer Project groups is from €1,380 up to €2,760 depending on number of young people attending during the week. Summer Projects must cater for a minimum of 20 young people (young person is determined to be 5 years to 18 years).

1. 20 – 40 young people – eligible to apply for up to €1,380

2. 41 – 70 young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,070

3. 70 plus young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,760

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

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ITEM NO. 15

SCHOOL MEALS OVERCHARGING

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Executive has carried out, or plans to carry out, any review or checks on school meals funding under the Urban School Meals Scheme, which is managed by Dublin City Council on its behalf under a shared services arrangement; and if any Fingal schools were affected by the supplier's alleged overcharging?"

Reply:

While Dublin City Council carry out the tender on behalf of Fingal County Council, Fingal County Council manages the School Meals Scheme for the participating Fingal schools and covers the cost of the food for students in these schools.

Fingal County Council receives a monthly report from each school documenting the amount of each food item received by the school. A reconciliation report is carried out each month to confirm that the amount on the invoice matches the amounts on the report from each school. Participating Fingal schools do not avail of full meals under this scheme, they only avail of sandwiches, snacks and milk. Therefore, it is unlikely that any Fingal school has been affected by an overcharge.

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 16a

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (OP&F) HELD ON MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025

Matters of Organisation and Procedure and Finance

Approval of Corporate Calendar 1st July – 31st December 2025

The Draft Calendar of Meeting dates for the period of 1st July 2025 to 31st December 2025, which had been circulated, was **AGREED** by the Members.

Strategic Policy Committee Standing Orders

A presentation was given to the Members by Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services.

Following discussion, the SPC Standing Orders and the relevant amendments to full Standing Orders were **AGREED.**

Finance Matters

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

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

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

Report on all Strategic Financial Matters facing the Council

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

Following discussion, the report was **NOTED**

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ITEM NO. 16b

REPORT OF BLANCHARDSTOWN/MULHUDDART/CASTLEKNOCK-ONGAR SEVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications for funding under the Council's Community Funding Scheme have 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
Blanchardstown Northwest Community First Responders GA-003488	€3,000.00	Insurance, High Viz jackets, Defibrillator replacement, Defib pads, Bagpacks, First Aid Supplies	NO	N/A	€2,400.00

Luttrellstown Residents Association GA-003489	€2,994.00	Activity/Game Hire, Insurance	NO	N/A	€2,785.00
D15 Toy Library Stay & Play GA-003473	€3,000.00	Insurance, Printing, Equipment, Workshops	YES	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00
Riverwood Biodiversity Group GA-003494	€930.00	Insurance Policy Renewal, Swift nest boxes with sound system	YES	2023 - €2,378.00 2024 - €618.00	€930.39
Hamilton Park Residents Association GA-003295	€2,764.00	Insurance	NO	N/A	€316.50
Littlepace Residents Association GA-003447	€1,665.00	Cleaning Hose head, Flowers, Mower, Paint, Refurb Text Alert Signage, Insurance, Compost	YES	2024 - €2,049.35	€1,745.75
Briarswood Huntstown Lawn & Woodlands Residents Association GA-003490	€2,970.00	Insurance, Pruning Saw, Lawn Mowers, Battery Leaf Blowers, Blower Batteries, Walkie Talkie, Communication Devices Safety Vests	YES	2023 - €3,000.00	€2,970.51
Castleknock Hurling and Football Club GA-003484	€3,000.00	Microwave, Battery Charger Bollards, Boot Scraper, Tools, Defibrillator, CPR & Defib training	YES	2024 - €3,000.00	€3,000.00

Aldemere and Windemere Residents Association GA-003396	€2,530.00	Brushes /dust sheet, bark, lawn/topsoil, Wheelbarrow, flowers/plants/ Paint, Family Games Hire, Insurance, Leaf blower/ vacuum/ muncher, Stone Cleaner	YES	2023 - €1964.00 2024 - €2,497.00	€2,530.00
St Margarets GAA Club GA-003468	€1,860.00	AED, Cabinet and training for community	NO	N/A	€1,860.00

It was **proposed** by Councillor T. Kitt and **seconded** by Councillor J. Walsh 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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ITEM NO. 16c

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2025

Donabate – Ballisk House

The Chief Executive gave an update in relation to the future use of Ballisk House, Donabate. It was also stated that the proposed Red C Survey to assess the community preference for the use of the building is currently on hold.

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

Signed: Brian McDonagh
Mayor

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ITEM NO. 16d

REPORT OF HOWTH/MALAHIDE SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application	Summary of What Funding is Required For – Breakdown of Items	Has this Group Applied for Funding Previously? Y/N	Total Amount of Funding Group has Received to Date and Broken Down by Year	Total Amount of Funding Proposed by the Fingal Executive and rationale for Approval
Portmarnock Swim Team	€1,430	150 swim caps, 4 coaching stop watches, 10 finis agility hand paddles	Yes	2022 - €2,484 2020 - €1,200	€1,430
Grove Lawn Tennis Club	€1,500	Tennis balls, Junior tennis nets, Scoreboards,	Yes	2023 - €833 2021 - €425	€4,000

		Table tennis bats, Table tennis nets, Table tennis balls			

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

Signed: _____

Councillor A. Tormey
Area Chairperson

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ITEM NO. 16e

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 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

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Flemington Park Residents Association GA-003477	€2403	Insurance BHP Recycle plastic bench, Wheelbarrow, Hedge, Trimmer Petrol Trimmer Petrol Lawnmower	N	N/A	€2502

		Misc. garden tools			
Skerries Friends Of Breastfeeding Mum2Mum Group GA-003478	€1455	Baby Wearing Workshop Pilates Workshop Baby Weaning Workshop Breast pump & parts	N	N/A	€1455
Balbriggan & Skerries Fishing Club GA-003426	€1953	2 Picnic benches 2 first aid kits 3 air pots	Y	2024 - €1131	€1950
Churchfield Residents Association GA-003376	€2281	Gardening equipment, plants & herbs, water feature and wheelbarrow	Y	2024 - €2604.30 2023 - €1775	€2224
38th Rush Scout Group GA-003486	€3000	Mk5 Tents x 6	Y	2024 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3000
Rush Horticultural Society GA-003458	€3807	Insurance Tables First Aid Kit Signage Show Programs Room Rental - AGM Room Rental - Pre-Show Planning (x2) Room Rental - Post Show Meeting	N	N/A	€3000

Skerries Mills Community Garden GA-003379	€3000	Professional projector and screen hire Musician's fees and sound equipment Venue hire Promo flyers 2xFeather Banners	Y	2024 - €999	€2950
Malayalee Indians (MIND Ireland) GA-003495	€3000	Artist/ Performers PA/AV Equipment Infrastructure Costs Security Costs Marquee Marketing & Promotional Costs Stage Waste management Medals and trophies Insurance	Y	2024 - €3000 2023 - €3000	€3000
Lusk Tidy Towns Association GA-003500	€3000	Plants and materials Tully Nurseries Planters and Bench Alleco	Y	2024 - €2756	€3000
98th Dublin Scouting Ireland GA-003451	€2920	first aid course first aid kit Bandages First aid kit burns kit	N	N/A	€2920

Rathbeale Residents Association GA-003318	€2687	Insurance Garden maintenance Street Party	N	N/A	€2214.85
Royal Oak Residents Committee GA-003297	€1,550	Estate/Family Fun Day	N	N/A	€1,299.25

It was **proposed by** Councillor T. O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor J. Newman.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

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Ballyboughal Boxing club	€4,000	Scrubber drier equipment machine	Yes	2024 - €3,000	€4,000
Balscadden FC	€1,500	Two sets of 5-a-side	Yes	2023 - €833 2021 - €425	€1,500

		portable goals			
Aer Lingus Masters Swimming Team	€3,788.40	Buoys x 2 Cone moorings x 3 Concrete sinker weight x 2	No		€3,788.40
Rush Badminton club	€1,488.30	Shuttlecocks AS30 Badminton Rackets	No		€1,488.30
38th Rush Scout Group	€4,000	4 x Wave Sport Kayaks	No		€4,000
Aer Lingus Swim club	€1500	Agility Paddles x 25 Pullbouys x 25 Kickboards x 25	Yes	2020 - €1,200	€1500
Skerries Harps GAA club	€4000	new set of goalposts for their main playing pitch	Yes	2022 - €3000 2021 - €1,872	€4000
St. Maur's GAA club	€3,997.50	2 X Bolt Strength Skier (SkiERG) 2 X Bolt Air Bike 1 x Full Commercial Half Rack	Yes	2021 - €2000 2020 - €1,200	€3,997.50
Cheval (Jordanstown) CLG	€4,000	1 x Pole Trailer 1 x Wagon Trailer	Yes	2022 - €2,000	€4,000

It was **proposed by** Councillor T. O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor C. Boland.

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

Signed _____

Cllr T. O'Leary
Cathaoirleach

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 17

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ITEM NO. 18

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 1580

28th April 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin to Claire Woods

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An application has been received by the Council from Claire Woods who is seeking to acquire land adjacent to her residence at No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin. The land is contained within Folios DN746 and DN3088 which are both in the ownership of Fingal County Council.

I recommend, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) 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 63 square metres approximately as shown coloured red on Drawing No. LA-4006-25 dated 27th January 2025, contained within Folios DN746 and DN3088, adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin to Claire Woods on the following terms and conditions:

1. The disposal is for the purpose of additional garden space adjacent to No. 2 Abbeylea Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin.

2. That the subject land is shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-4006-25 dated 27th January 2025, comprising a total area of 63 square metres approximately.

3. That the Council shall dispose of the subject lands for a consideration of €4,000.00 (four thousand Euro) plus VAT (if applicable).

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

6. That the purchaser shall erect and maintain a boundary feature between the subject plot and the adjoining property to be completed to the satisfaction of the Council.

7. 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.

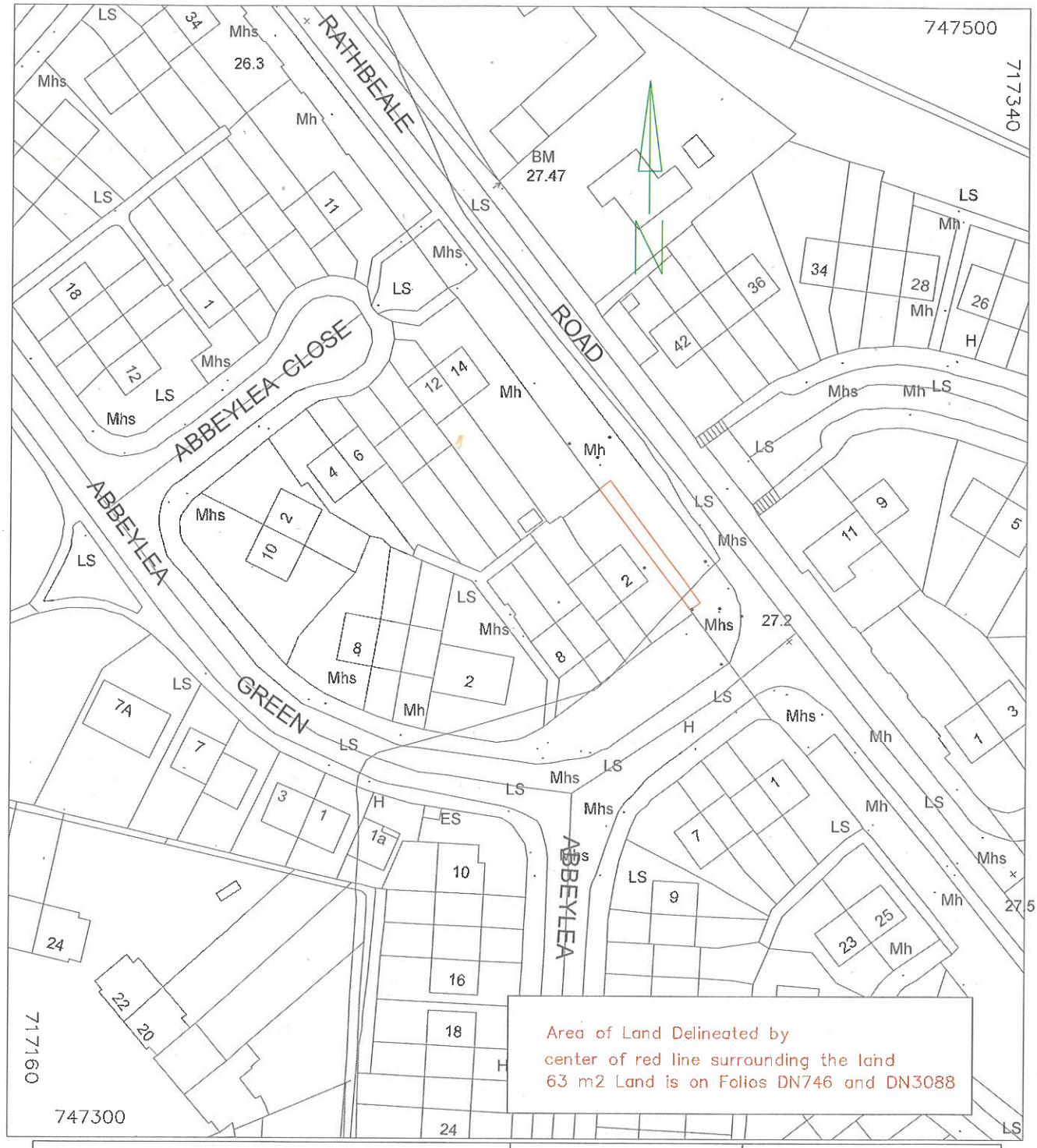
8. That this disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents.

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

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from James Garrigan in January 1976 for Housing purposes.

Notice is hereby given that a report on the proposed disposal will be included on the Agenda of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee (Services B) meeting which will be held on 8th May 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, 12th May 2025

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development



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Dwg No: LA-4006-25	O.S.Ref:	
Date: 27 Jan 2025	Drawn By: LJM	
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No LD1580	Job No. SM/006/25	
Gross Area :		
Road Area :		
Nett Area :		

Project:
Land at No 2 Abbeylea Avenue

Land to be disposed to :
Niall and Claire Woods

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ITEM NO 18b

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF FEE SIMPLE INTEREST OF DWELLINGS

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

ADDRESS	LESSEE	APPLICANT / PURCHASER	DETAILS OF LEASE	ANNUAL GROUND RENT	PURCHASE OF FEE SIMPLE
61 Glenville Drive, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Joseph Barker	Kate McDonnell	150 years from 27/05/1972	£2.60 = €3.30 x 59.17 = €195.26	€195.26 +€130.00 = €325.26
30 Inbhir Ide, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Mary J O'Donoghue	Jake Prest & Fiona Suttle	150 years from 24/05/1975	£0.05 = €0.06 x 59.17 = €3.55	€3.55 +€130.00 = €133.55
67 Glenville Drive, Clonsilla, Dublin 15	Hugh O'Connor	Andrew & Ann O'Connor	150 years from 13/05/1972	£2.60 = €3.30 x 59.17 = €195.26	€195.26 +€130.00 = €325.26

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DECLARATION OF ROADS

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ITEM NO. 19a

BELLINGSMORE GREEN AREA, TYRRELSTOWN, 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 – BC 1782
Taking In Charge – Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15.
DED The Ward. TL Hollywoodrath.

Road Name	Length	Description
The Close	98m	From Junction of The Drive and The Close, Outside No. 1 The Close head south 46m to outside No. 2 The Close, head south-west 45m to outside No. 6 The Close, including turning head.
	Total Length: 98 m	

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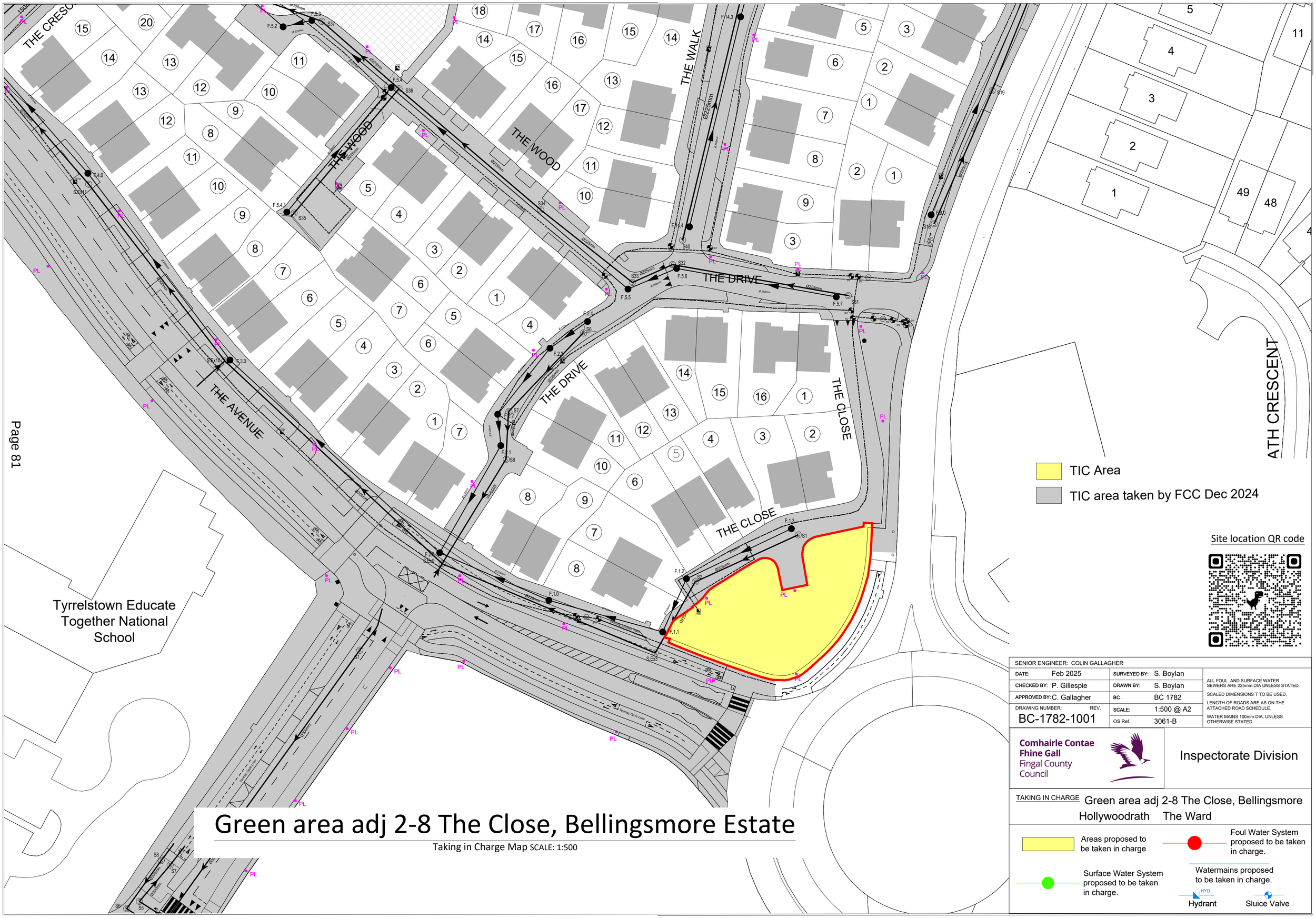
THE CRESCENT
THE WOOD
THE WALK
THE DRIVE
THE CLOSE
THE AVENUE
ATH CRESCENT
Tyrrelstown Educate Together National School
TIC Area
TIC area taken by FCC Dec 2024
Site location QR code
SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER
DATE: Feb 2025
SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan
CHECKED BY: P. Gillespie
DRAWN BY: S. Boylan
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher
BC . BC 1782
DRAWING NUMBER: REV.
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Sluice Valve
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Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

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ITEM NO. 19b

MOUNT EUSTACE, TYRRELSTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1766
Taking In Charge – Mount Eustace
DED: The Ward, TL: Tyrrelstown

Road Name	Length	Description
Tyrrelstown Blvd	1055m	From junction of Páirc an Bhúlbhaird, heading West passing the Roundabout of Mount Eustace Walk and Bellgree Heights, and keep heading West for to the Roundabout of Mount Garrett Drive and Mount Eustace Grove, keep heading South-East to the Roundabout of Mount Eustace Park and Rathmore Crescent, then heading East to the junction of Páirc an Bhúlbhaird.
Mount Eustace Rise	194m	From junction of Tyrrelstown Blvd heading South for 104m then heading South-East for 90m, to the junction of Páirc an Bhúlbhaird.

Mount Eustace Green	177m	From junction of Páirc an Bhúlbhaird, head South-West, passing junction of Mount Eustace Rise, to the junction of Mount Eustace Crescent.
Mount Eustace Avenue	139m	From the junction of Mount Eustace Green, head West for 139m to junction of Mount Eustace Walk.
Mount Eustace Walk	92m	From the Roundabout of Tyrrelstown Blvd and Bellgree Heights, head South for 92m to Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Park.
Mount Eustace Park	362m	From Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Rise, heading West for 76m, passing Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Walk, heading West for 112m passing Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Grove, turning South to the Roundabout of Tyrrelstown Blvd and Rathmore Crescent.
Mount Eustace Drive	280m	From the junction of Mount Eustace Walk and Mount Eustace Avenue heading West for 202m the junction of Mount Eustace Grove and Mount Eustace Close. From the Tri-junction at House No.13 heading South for 40m to the cul de sac. From Tri-junction of Tyrrelstown Blvd heading South for 38m to the Tri-junction at House No. 13.
Mount Eustace Grove	78m	From Roundabout of Mount Eustace Drive and Tyrrelstown Blvd, heading South-East for 78m to Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Park.
Mount Eustace Close	347m	From Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Grove, heading South-West for 268m to the junction of Mount Eustace Park. From Tri-junction at House No.137 heading South-East for 41m to the cul de

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Mount Eustace Crescent	240m	From junction of Mount Eustace Close and Mount Eustace Park heading East for 198m passing Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Green then heading South to Tri-junction of Tyrrelstown Blvd.
Mount Eustace Terrace	108m	From Tri-junction at House No. 21 heading North for 37m to the cul de sac. From Tri-junction at House No. 7 heading North for 35m to the cul de sac. From Tri-junction of From Tri-junction of Mount Eustace Crescent heading South for 36m to the Tri-junction of Tyrrelstown Blvd.
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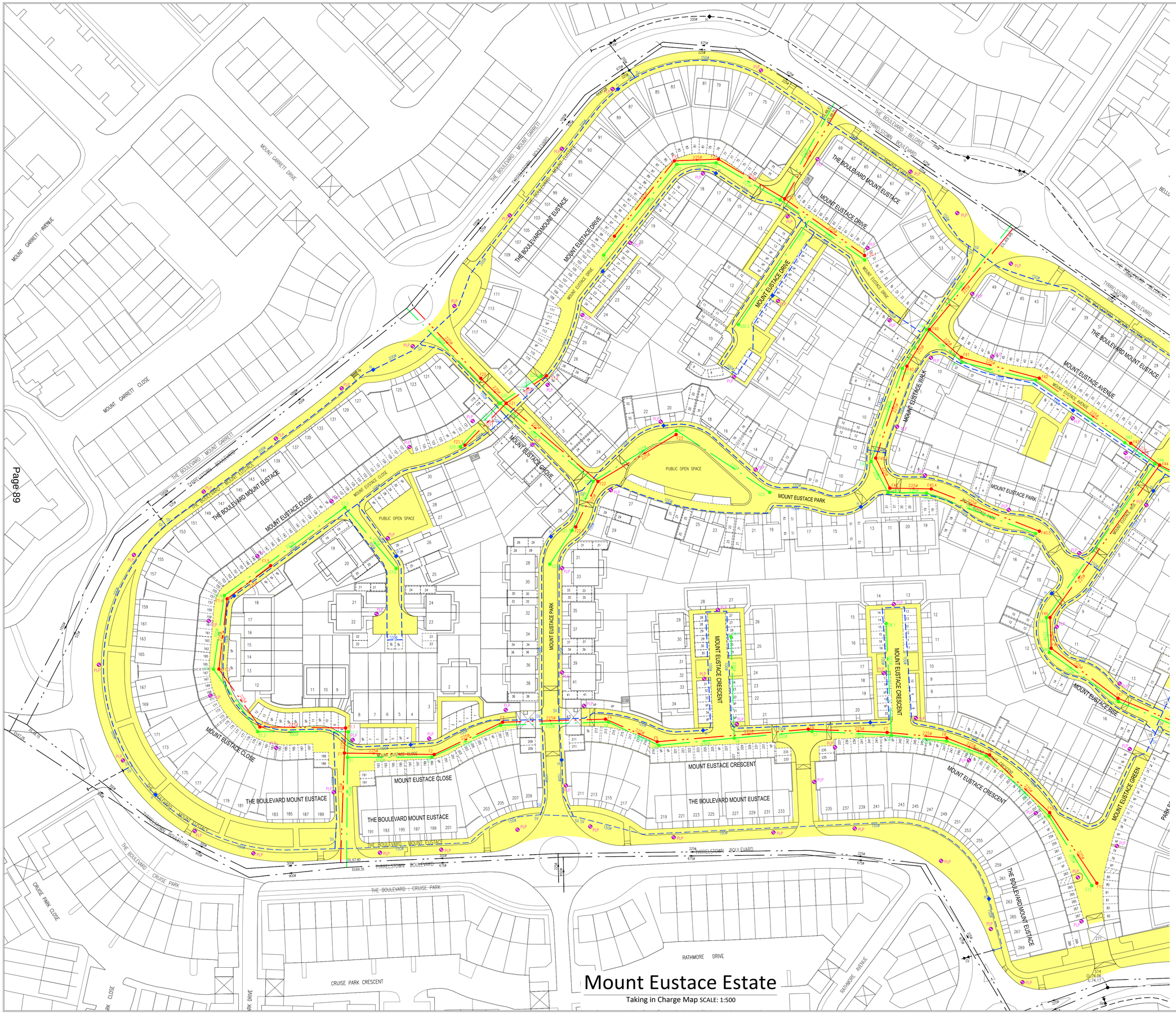

Mount Eustace Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

FROM	TO	PIPE DIAM (mm)	LENGTH (m)	PIPE GRADIENT	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL
F1	BF19	225	36.9	1/68	71.51	68.07
F2	F1	225	30.2	1/131	71.16	68.61
F3	F2	225	25.4	1/36	71.74	68.84
F4	F3	225	34.7	1/34	72.26	69.55
F5	F4	225	19.0	1/112	72.71	70.56
F6	F5	225	51.0	1/91	72.86	70.73
F7	F6	225	26.5	1/883	73.33	71.29
F8	F7	225	20.1	1/80	73.58	71.32
F9	F8	225	15.5	1/111	73.83	71.57
F10	F9	225	28.0	1/108	74.10	71.81
F11	F10	225	28.6	1/110	74.72	72.07
–	F11	–	–	–	75.82	72.33
F1.1	F1	225	8.5	1/283	71.16	68.61
F1.2	F1.1	225	28.9	1/361	71.17	68.64
F1.3	F1.2	225	23.8	1/238	70.93	68.72
F1.4	F1.3	225	23.8	1/216	70.82	68.82
F1.5	F1.4	225	18.4	1/123	70.58	68.93
–	F1.5	–	–	–	70.68	69.08
F20	BF10	225	32.5	1/14	70.83	65.38
F21	F20	225	12.1	1/13	70.89	67.70
F22	F21	225	40.6	1/75	71.24	68.64
F23	F22	225	30.7	1/83	71.82	69.18
–	F23	–	–	–	71.94	69.55
F21.1	F21	225	19.8	1/24	71.24	68.64
–	F21.1	–	–	–	71.01	69.45
F21.2	F21	225	16.8	1/31	71.24	68.64
–	F21.2	–	–	–	71.26	69.18
F22.1	F22	225	17.0	1/68	71.86	69.18
–	F22.1	–	–	–	71.92	69.43
F30	BF	300	34.9	1/21	71.13	67.13
F31	F30	225	26.0	1/93	71.46	68.78
F32	F31	225	14.9	1/88	71.13	69.06
F33	F32	225	32.4	1/130	71.11	69.23
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F30.1	F30	225	33.0	1/31	71.46	68.78
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F40	BF	225	44.0	1/142	71.99	69.04
F41	F40	225	14.3	1/84	72.31	69.35
F42	F41	225	27.1	1/100	72.17	69.52
F43	F42	225	37.8	1/84	72.42	69.79
F44	F43	225	12.2	1/136	72.89	70.24
F45	F44	225	63.2	1/129	73.13	70.33
F46	F45	225	10.3	1/94	73.15	70.82
F47	F46	225	28.1	1/47	73.31	70.93
F48	F47	225	28.3	1/44	73.76	71.53
–	F48	–	–	–	74.28	72.18
F40.1	F40	225	14.5	1/121	72.31	69.35
F40.2	F40.1	225	32.7	1/76	72.27	69.47
F40.3	F40.2	225	11.2	1/24	72.61	69.90
F40.4	F40.3	225	14.0	1/93	72.75	70.37
F40.5	F40.4	225	39.1	1/81	72.72	70.52
–	F40.5	–	–	–	73.08	71.00
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F44.2	F44.1	225	22.5	1/64	73.05	70.57
F44.3	F44.2	225	8.4	1/31	73.37	70.92
F44.4	F44.3	225	12.5	1/45	73.47	71.19
F44.5	F44.4	225	23.5	1/102	73.55	71.47
–	F44.5	–	–	–	73.69	71.70
F44.2.1	F44.2	225	35.7	1/56	73.37	70.92
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Site location QR code

Key Plan

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE:	Mar 2025	SURVEYED BY:	S. Boylan
CHECKED BY:	S. Boylan	DRAWN BY:	J.Burke
APPROVED BY:	C. Gallagher	BC :	BC 1766
DRAWING NUMBER:	REV:	SCALE:	1:500 @ A1
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown - TIC (1 of 2)

Tyrrelstown The Ward

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S5	S4	450	18.7	1/117	72.74	71.06
S6	S5	450	25.5	1/128	72.82	71.22
S7	S6	300	26.3	1/91	73.08	71.42
S8	S7	300	26.8	1/92	73.31	71.71
S9	S8	225	18.7	1/75	73.56	72.00
S10	S9	225	14.2	1/51	73.85	72.25
S11	S10	225	29.3	1/147	74.12	72.53
S12	S11	225	27.5	1/153	74.74	72.73
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S1.1	S1	450	8.6	1/287	71.16	69.18
S1.2	S1.1	300	30.4	1/1013	71.22	69.21
S1.3	S1.2	300	25.8	1/430	70.97	69.24
S1.4	S1.3	300	25.1	1/314	70.81	69.30
S1.5	S1.4	225	50.2	1/179	70.62	69.38
S1.6	S1.5	225	26.9	1/673	70.81	69.66
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S8.1	S8	225	37.7	1/97	73.56	72.00
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S20	BS14	300	44.9	1/13	70.74	65.82
S21	S20	300	40.9	1/105	71.25	69.28
S22	S21	225	32.8	1/89	71.82	69.67
S23	S22	225	37.7	1/114	71.91	70.04
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S20.1	S20	225	19.8	1/116	71.25	69.28
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S20.2	S20	225	16.6	1/53	71.25	69.28
–	S20.2	–	–	–	71.28	69.59
S21.1	S21	225	18.0	1/120	71.82	69.67
S21.2	S21.1	225	13.6	1/30	71.92	69.82
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S30	BS	450	37.5	1/68	71.13	68.83
S31	S30	225	24.9	1/113	71.48	69.38
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S43	S42	300	36.6	1/333	72.37	70.72
S44	S43	300	12.3	1/68	72.77	70.83
S45	S44	300	63.4	1/141	73.22	71.01
S46	S45	225	11.8	1/131	73.17	71.46
S47	S46	225	28.6	1/45	73.31	71.55
S48	S47	225	47.6	1/251	73.78	72.18
S49	S48	225	40.1	1/66	74.93	73.37
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S40.1	S40	225	15.4	1/154	72.31	70.12
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S40.5	S40.4	225	39.2	1/87	72.66	71.28
–	S40.5	–	–	–	73.03	71.73
S44.1	S44	225	21.1	1/73	73.22	71.01
S44.2	S44.1	225	21.0	1/75	73.01	71.30
S44.3	S44.2	225	7.1	1/39	73.36	71.58
S44.4	S44.3	225	13.0	1/38	73.46	71.76
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Key Plan

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DATE: Mar 2025	SURVEYED BY: S. Boylan		ALL FOUL AND SURFACE WATER SEWERS ARE 225mm DIA UNLESS STATED.
CHECKED BY: S. Boylan	DRAWN BY: J.Burke		SCALED DIMENSIONS ? TO BE USED.
APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC . BC 1766		LENGTH OF ROADS ARE AS ON THE ATTACHED ROAD SCHEDULE.
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TAKING IN CHARGE

Mount Eustace, 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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH May 2025

ITEM NO. 19c

DELHURST ESTATE, PHIBBLESTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – BC 1763
Taking In Charge – Delhurst Estate, Dublin 15.
DED Blanchardstown-Blakestown. TL Philbblestown.

Road Name	Length	Description
Hayworth Drive	129m	From junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Drive, head south-east 129m, to the junction of Delhurst Terrace and Delhurst Avenue.
Delhurst Terrace	232m	From junction of Hayworth Terrace and Delhurst Terrace, head south-west 232m, passing Hayworth Court, Delhurst Close, Hayworth Mews, Delhurst Mews, Hayworth Close to junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Rise, including turning bays at 21/23 Delhurst Terrace and 26/28 Delhurst Terrace.

Delhurst Avenue	303m	From junction of Hayworth Drive and Delhurst Avenue, outside No. 1 Delhurst Avenue, head south-west 176m, passing Delhurst Court, Delhurst Mews, Annaly Court to outside No. 25 Delhurst Avenue, head west 127m to junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Rise.
Delhurst Court	35m	From junction of junction of Delhurst Avenue and Delhurst Court, head north-west 35m.
Delhurst Mews	202m	From junction of junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Mews, outside No. 36 Delhurst Terrace, head east 65m to No. 10 Delhurst Mews, including turning bay at 12 No. Delhurst Mews. From outside No 10. Hayworth Mews head north 74m to outside No 31. Delhurst Mews, including turning bays at 25/27 Delhurst Mews. From outside No 31. Delhurst Mews head east 63m to outside No 34. Delhurst Mews, including turning bays at 35/37/39 Delhurst Mews.
	Total Length: 901m	

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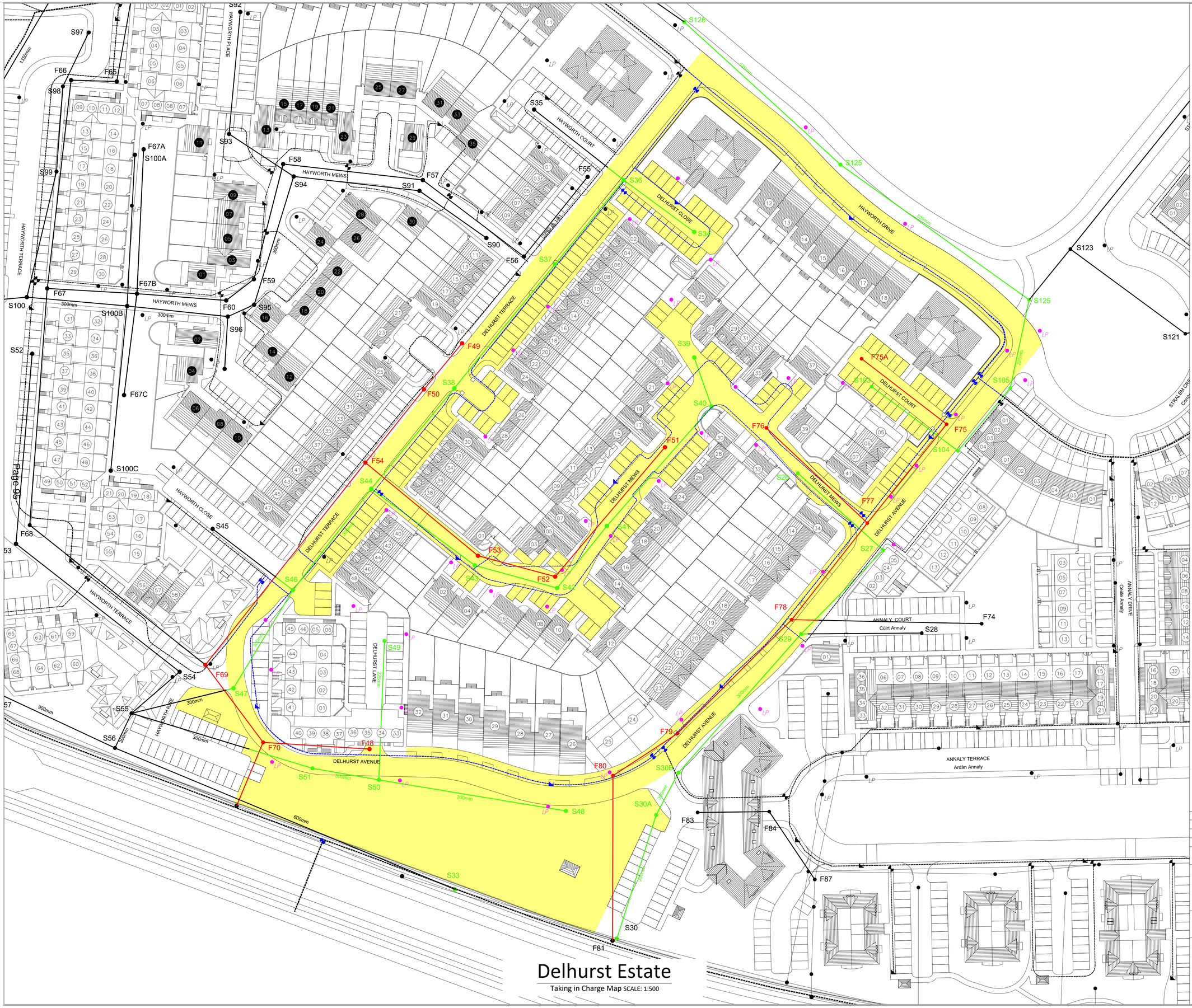
	Total Length: 901m	



Delhurst Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
S26	6399	61.87	225
S27	63.21	61.56	225
S28	62.91	61.63	225
S29	62.76	61.27	300
S30	61.36	59.75	375
S30A	62.45	59.93	300
S30B	62.50	60.25	300
S34	65.60	62.86	225
S35	65.39	62.97	225
S36	65.04	62.52	225
S37	64.85	62.28	225
S38	64.41	61.64	225
S39	64.58	62.91	225
S40	64.58	62.74	225
S41	64.18	62.35	225
S42	64.01	62.18	225
S43	63.84	61.93	225
S44	63.60	61.62	300
S45	63.33	61.35	225
S46	63.12	60.99	300
S47	62.85	60.52	300
S48	63.88	60.88	300
S49	62.06	61.18	225
S50	63.32	60.50	300
S51	63.84	60.41	300
S55	62.95	60.15	300
S103	63.97	61.62	225
S104	63.80	61.20	225
S105	63.87	61.10	225
S124	64.35	60.07	525
S125	64.47	59.90	525
S126	64.62	59.65	525

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
F48	62.06	59.05	225
F49	64.77	61.76	225
F50	64.26	61.55	225
F51	64.33	62.03	225
F52	64.01	61.73	225
F53	63.83	61.59	225
F54	63.70	61.37	225
F64	64.43	61.91	225
F69	62.93	58.85	225
F70	63.83	58.00	225
F75A	63.84	62.02	225
F75	63.56	61.80	225
F76	64.14	61.78	225
F77	63.04	61.58	225
F78	62.86	60.97	225
F79	62.53	60.18	225
F80	63.19	59.77	225
F81	61.12	57.12	225

Site location
QR code

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TAKING IN CHARGE Delhurst Estate, Ongar
Phibblestown Blanchardstown-Blakestown

Areas proposed to be taken in charge

Foul Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

Surface Water System proposed to be taken in charge.

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Hydrant

Sluice Valve

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH May 2025

ITEM NO. 19d

HAYWORTH ESTATE, PHIBBLESTOWN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – BC 1762
Taking In Charge –Hayworth Estate, Dublin 15.
DED Blanchardstown-Blakestown. TL Philbblestown.

Road Name	Length	Description
Hayworth Drive	230m	From junction of The Mall and Hayworth Drive, head east 230m, passing junction of Hayworth Terrace and Hayworth Place, to the junction of Delhurst Terrace.
Hayworth Terrace	222m	From junction of Hayworth Drive and Hayworth Terrace, outside No. 1 Hayworth Terrace, head south 157m, passing junction of Hayworth mews, to outside No.49 Hayworth Terrace, head south-east 65m to outside No. 58 Hayworth Terrace.

Delhurst Terrace	232m	From junction of Hayworth Terrace and Delhurst Terrace, head south-west 232m, passing Hayworth Court, Delhurst Close, Hayworth Mews, Delhurst Mews, Hayworth Close to junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Rise, including turning bays at 21/23 Delhurst Terrace and 26/28 Delhurst Terrace.
Hayworth Place	44m	From junction of junction of Hayworth Drive and Hayworth Place, outside No 2. Hayworth Place, head south 44m.
Hayworth Court	37m	From junction of junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Court, head north-west 37m.
Hayworth Close	43m	From junction of junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Close, outside No 47. Delhurst Terrace, head north-west 43m.
Hayworth Mews	211m	From junction of junction of Hayworth Terrace and Hayworth Mews, outside No 29. Hayworth Terrace, head east 61m to No. 16 Hayworth Mews, head south-east 31m to No. 10 Hayworth Mews, including turning bay From outside No 16. Hayworth Mews head north 42m to outside No 9. Hayworth Mews, including turning bays at 11/13 Hayworth Mews, From outside No 9. Hayworth Mews head east 77m to outside No 11. Delhurst Mews, including turning bays at 23/25/27/29 Hayworth Mews and 31/33/35 Hayworth Mews.
Hayworth Rise	50m	From junction of junction of Delhurst Terrace and Hayworth Rise, head south 23m, head east 27m including turning bay.

	Total Length: 1,069m	

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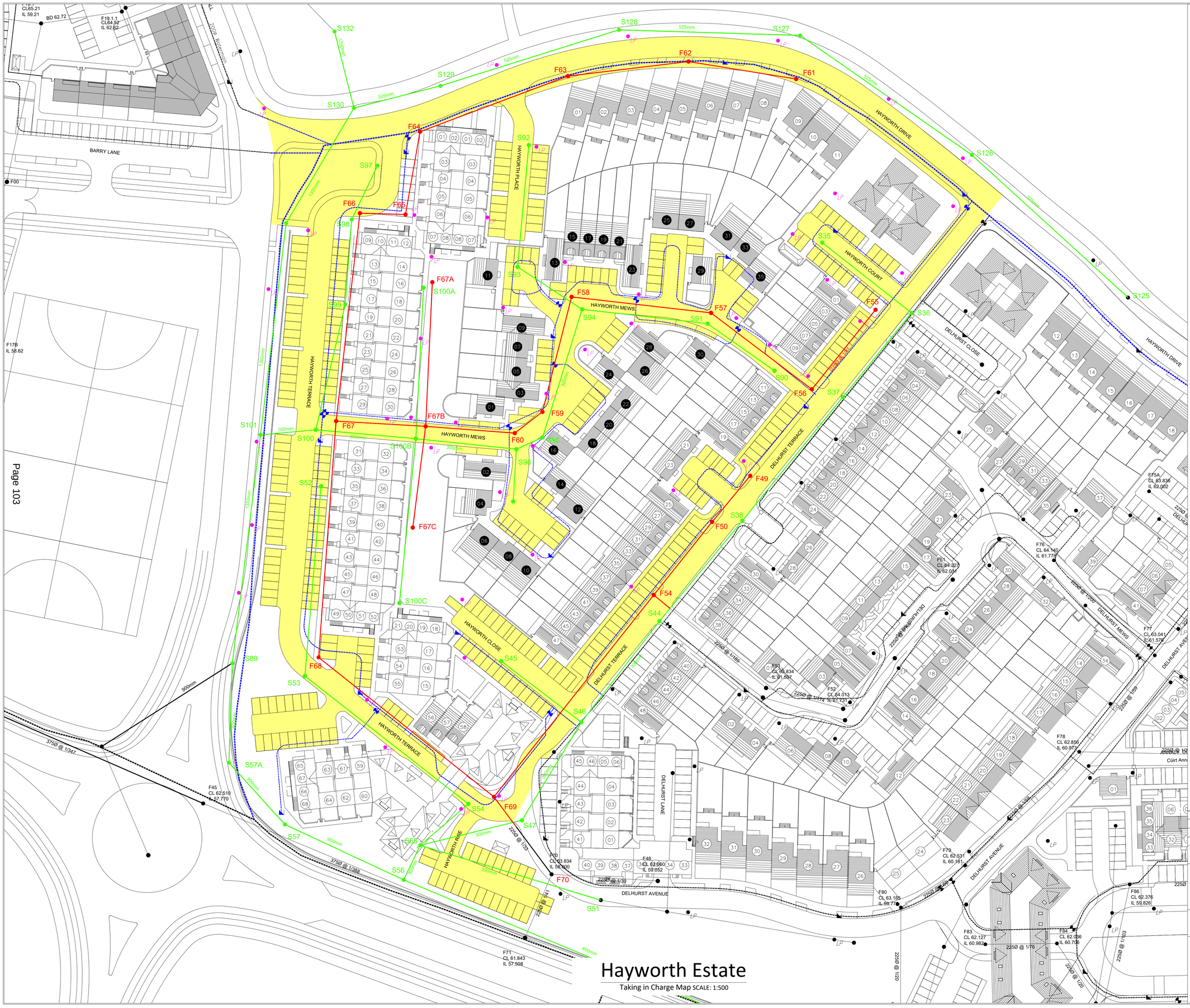

Hayworth Estate

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

Surface Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
S35	65.39	62.97	225
S36	65.04	62.52	225
S37	64.85	62.28	225
S38	64.41	61.64	225
S44	63.60	61.62	300
S45	63.33	61.35	225
S46	63.12	60.99	300
S47	62.85	60.52	300
S51	63.84	60.41	300
S52	64.28	61.25	225
S53	62.88	60.79	225
S54	62.39	60.38	225
S55	62.95	60.15	300
S56	62.24	59.38	900
S57	62.78	59.29	900
S57A	62.76	59.21	900
S89	62.88	58.92	1350
S90	64.66	62.85	225
S91	64.50	62.60	225
S92	64.45	62.79	225
S93	64.30	62.40	225
S94	64.25	62.16	300
S95	63.91	61.94	300
S96	63.66	61.89	300
S97	64.64	62.79	225
S98	64.84	62.59	225
S99	64.85	62.09	225
S100	64.14	61.58	300
S100A	64.92	61.91	225
S100B	64.75	61.77	300
S100C	64.39	62.01	225
S101	64.56	58.83	1350
S125	64.47	59.90	525
S126	64.62	59.65	525
S127	64.98	59.44	525
S128	64.55	59.13	525
S129	64.09	58.93	525
S130	60.87	58.65	1350

Foul Water

Manhole No.	Cover Level	Invert Level	Pipe Dia.
F49	64.77	61.76	225
F50	64.26	61.55	225
F54	63.70	61.37	225
F55	65.24	62.87	225
F56	64.71	62.51	225
F57	64.18	62.19	225
F58	64.24	61.81	225
F59	64.06	61.49	225
F60	64.01	61.38	225
F61	65.73	64.14	225
F62	65.62	63.59	225
F63	64.34	62.16	225
F64	64.43	61.91	225
F65	64.65	61.73	225
F66	64.72	61.50	225
F67	64.24	60.83	225
F67A	64.97	61.61	225
F67B	64.50	61.11	255
F67C	65.01	61.38	225
F68	63.21	60.22	225
F69	62.93	58.85	225
F70	63.83	58.00	225

Site location QR code

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APPROVED BY: C. Gallagher	BC.	BC 1762	
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Hayworth Estate, Ongar

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 19e

CLOCH CHOIRNEAL, BALBRIGGAN

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1786
Taking In Charge – Cloch Choirneal
DED: Balbriggan Rural, TL: Balrothery

Road Name	Length	Description
Cloch Choirneal	395m	From the junction with Coach Road - Main Entrance to development, the road runs southeast for approximately 65m, to the junction opposite/south of No.8. At the junction opposite/south of No.8 road runs via a cul-de-sac to the southwest for approximately 41m stopping in front of No. 44, while the main road runs for approx. Northeast for 40m to the junction opposite/south of No. 11. Opposite/south of No. 11. The road runs northeast for 77m, before it changes direction opposite/south of No.19 where it ends and runs South.

		From No.19 the road runs South for approximately 44m to opposite/north of No. 28 where the road then changes direction to the northwest. From No.28 the road runs northwest for approximately 83m, to the junction opposite/east of No.40. From the junction opposite/east of No.40, the road runs for approximately 18.5m north to the junction opposite/South of No.11, while a cul-de-sac runs in the opposite direction from No. 40 & travels Southwest for approximately 26m to the rear of No. 42.
	Total Length: 395m	

Road Schedule

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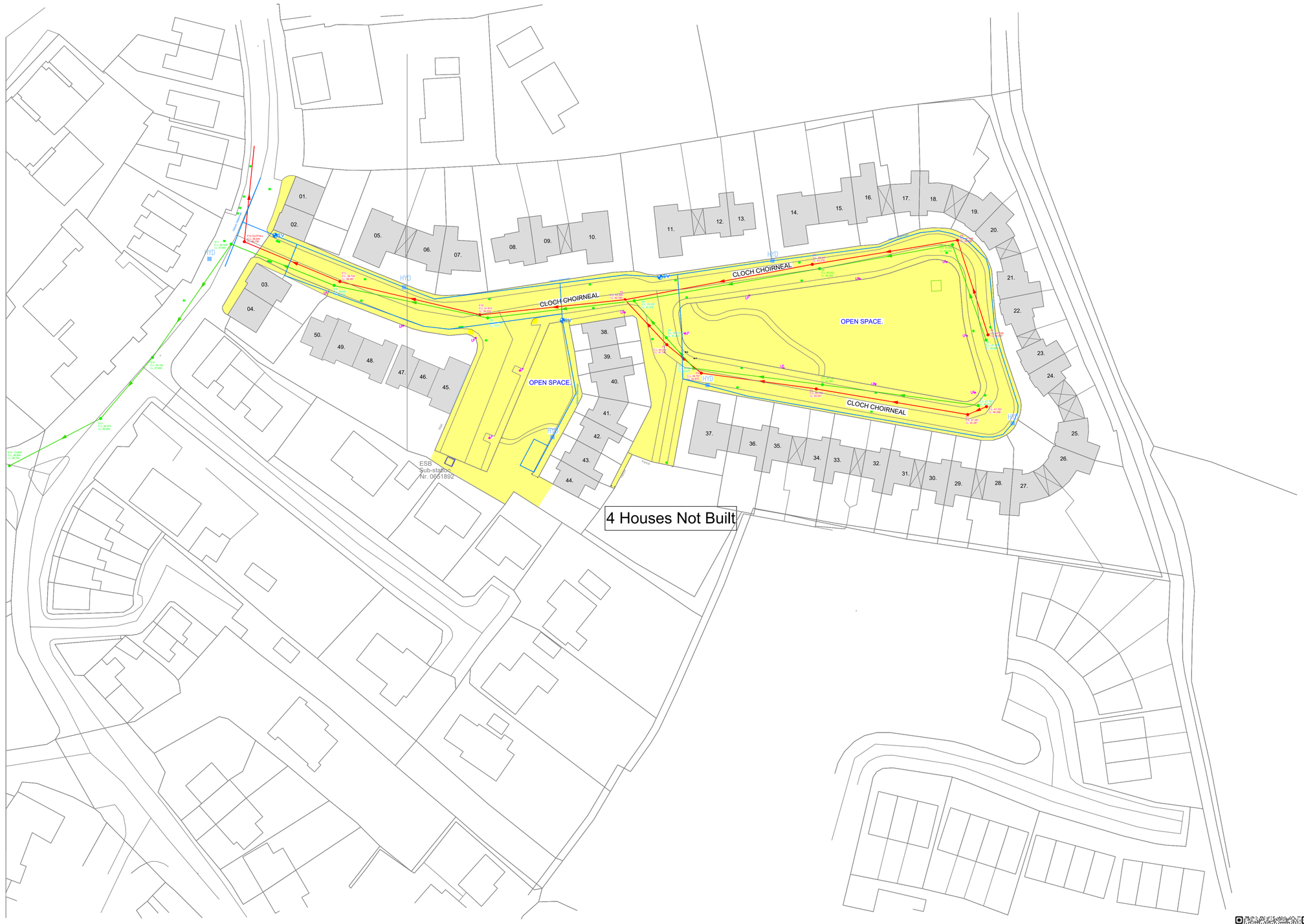

FOUL SEWER				SURFACE WATER SEWER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER	MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	PIPE DIAMETER
F1	47.253	46.298		S1	47.182	46.213	
F2	47.091	45.281		S2	45.740	43.294	
F5	45.708	43.251		S3	44.684	42.473	
F4	44.797	42.673		S4	44.219	41.652	
F5	44.330	41.749		S5	43.422	40.878	
F6	43.300	40.769		S6	47.357	45.986	
				S7	47.022	45.244	
F7	47.335	45.937		S8	45.353	43.342	
F8	47.068	45.356		S9	41.700	????	
F9	45.247	43.278		S10	39.643	38.623	
F10	41.613	39.222		S11	38.529	37.663	
F11	39.724	38.097		S12	39.750	37.495	
F12 Outfall	38.500	36.750		S13	39.975	36.900	
				S14 Outfall	38.995	36.725	

NOTES:

1. DO NOT SCALE. USE FIGURED DIMENSIONS ONLY.
2. THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL OTHER RELEVANT ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DRAWINGS.

FOUL WATER LINE
SURFACE WATER LINE
WATER MAIN
HYDRANT HYD
SLUICE VALVE SSV
LAMP POST LP xx
Road Gulley

SENIOR ENGINEER: COLIN GALLAGHER

DATE: March 2025		SURVEYED BY: EF(Thornton)	
CHECKED BY: Y.Cao		DRAWN BY: EF(Thornton)	
APPROVED BY: A.O'Callaghan		BC . 1786	
DRAWING NUMBER: 1786	REV: F	SCALE: 1:500 @ A1	
		OS Ref. 2061	

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 19f

LANESTOWN VIEW, DONABATE

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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Road Schedule

BC Number – 1785
Taking In Charge – Lanestown View
DED: Donabate, TL: Ballymastone

Road Name	Length	Description
Marram Avenue	202m	From the junction of New Road, heading North for 128m then turning East outside House No.10, and keep heading East for 74m to the cul de sac.
Orchid Close	138m	From junction of Marram Avenue heading East for 85m then turning North for 53m, to the cul de sac outside House No.16.
Bramble Way	33m	From junction of Marram Avenue heading West for 33m to the cul de sac.

Sea Hollygreen	37m	From junction of Marram Avenue heading North for 37m to the cul de sac.
	Total Length: 410m	

Road Schedule

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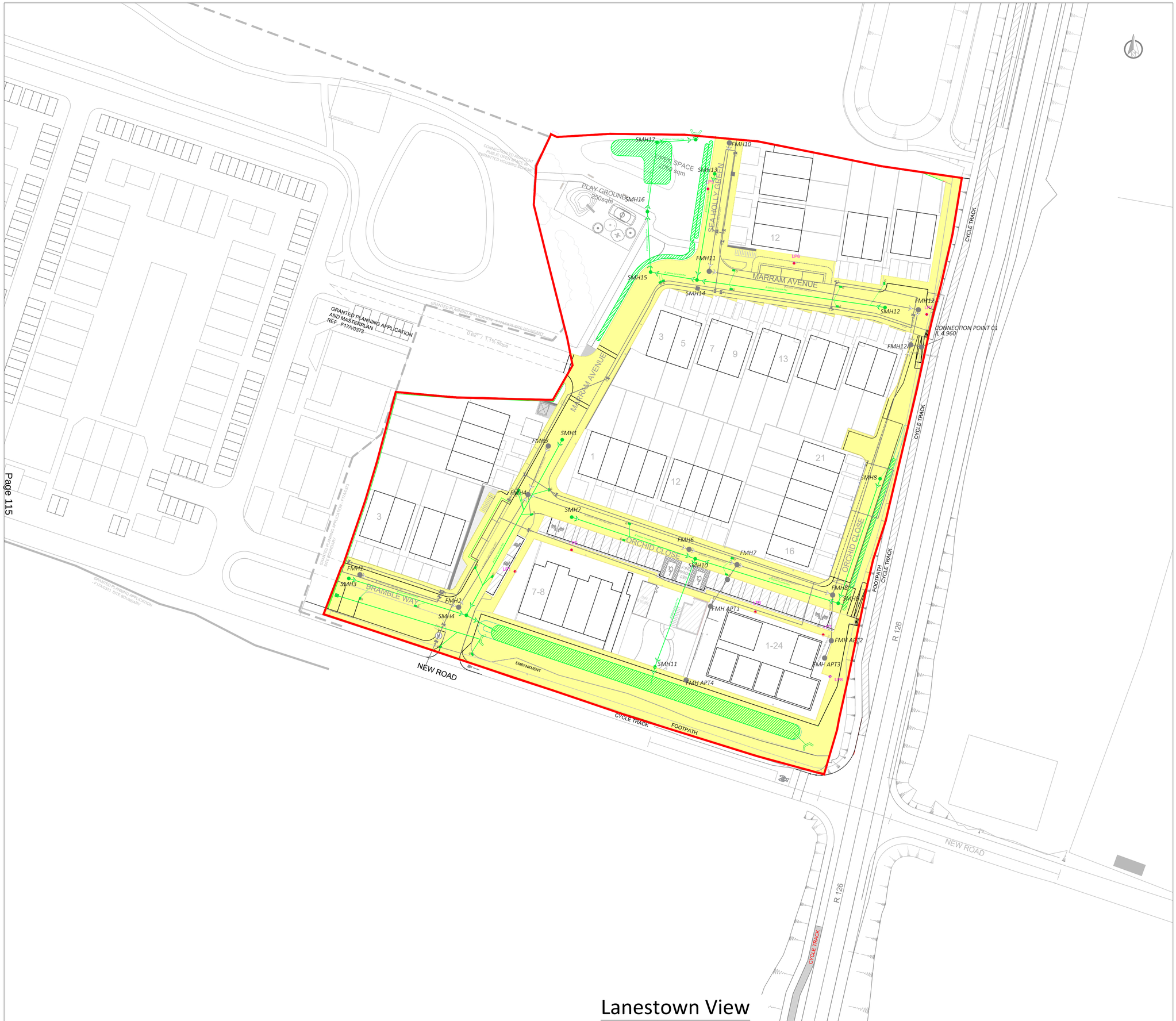

Lanestown View

Taking in Charge Map SCALE: 1:500

STORM WATER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
SMH 1	7.99	7.02	225mm
SMH 3	8.31	6.85	225mm
SMH 4	8.09	6.63	300mm
SMH 7	7.82	7.02	225mm
SMH 8	8.26	7.07	225mm
SMH 9	7.88	6.87	225mm
SMH 10	8.02	6.68	300mm
SMH 11	8.07	6.54	300mm
SMH 12	8.80	7.11	225mm
SMH 13	7.75	7.05	225mm
SMH 14	7.76	6.90	300mm
SMH 15	7.72	6.86	300mm
SMH 16	8.10	6.78	300mm
SMH 17	7.77	6.70	300mm
SMH 18	7.73	6.63	300mm

WASTE WATER			
MANHOLE NO.	COVER LEVEL	INVERT LEVEL	DIAM-OUT
FMH 1	8.29	7.07	150
FMH 2	8.11	6.57	150
FMH 3	7.98	6.21	150
FMH 4	7.79	5.91	225
FMH 6	8.14	5.59	225
FMH 6A	7.96	5.52	225
FMH 8	8.13	5.39 EIL=7.015	225
FMH 10	7.85	5.60	225
FMH 11	7.77	5.33	225
FMH 12	8.21	5.04	225
FMH 12A	8.18	4.99	225
FMH APT1A	7.86	5.63 EIL=6.925	225
FMH APT1	8.03	7.11	225
FMH APT2	8.07	7.19	225
FMH APT3	8.06	7.23	225
FMH APT4	8.07	7.29	225
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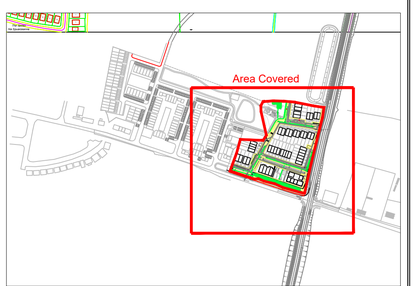

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT CLONSILLA FRAMEWORK PLAN

12th May 2025

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1. Introduction:

1.1 Chief Executive's Report on Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan Consultation

This Chief Executive's Report has been prepared to provide a summary of the submissions received in relation to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan, to respond to the observations raised in the submissions, and to make recommendations on the policies and objectives to be included within the finalised Framework Plan, taking account of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

1.2 Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan Consultation

The Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan went on public display from Wednesday 15th January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025 (inclusive of both dates) at the offices of Fingal County Council at County Hall, Main Street, Swords, County Dublin and at Blanchardstown Public Library, The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15 and on the County Council's online consultation portal: https://consult.fingal.ie/en/browse.

A total of **336** no. submissions were received from members of the public and other interested parties in relation to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan during the public consultation period. In addition, a submission was received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in relation to the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the plan (see Section 4 of this report).

1.3 Structure of this Chief Executive's Report

This Chief Executive's Report is structured as follows:

- **Section 1:** Introduction (this section)
- **Section 2:** A summary of the submissions received by issue raised, the Chief Executive's response and, where required, proposed recommendations to the Elected Members for amendments to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan
- **Section 3:** A summary list of the recommendations to the Elected Members for amendments to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan (ordered in accordance with the structure of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan document).
- **Section 4:** A list of the individuals and organisations who made submissions on the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan within the consultation period.

With regard to recommended changes to the text of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan set out in Sections 2 and 3, new text is denoted in green italics e.g. ***new text***, with deleted text denoted by red strikethrough e.g. ~~***deleted text.***~~

Editorial changes and updating of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan will be carried out and minor typographical or graphical errors or discrepancies will be rectified. In addition, all maps and drawings will be updated where relevant to reflect any proposed changes if agreed.

1.4 SEA and AA Screening

It should be noted that all changes as recommended have been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening. This is set out in Appendix A- '*Screening of recommendations for AA and SEA*'

2. Summary of Issues raised in Submissions / Observations

2.1 Introduction

A total of **336** no. submissions were received during the public display of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan between 15th January 2025 and 14th February 2025 (inclusive of both dates). An additional submission was received from the EPA relating to the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) of the Plan.

All submissions have been given careful and serious consideration and Fingal County Council wishes to thank all those who engaged in the public consultation process. A list of all parties who made submissions is included in Section 4 of this report.

Section 2 provides a summary of the issues raised in the submissions received during the consultation period.

Where possible, the issues will be addressed having regard to the most relevant chapter or section of the Draft Plan.

Issues which specifically relate to locations or matters which are outside the boundary or stated scope of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan will be addressed towards the end of the section.

For each of the issues raised, the Chief Executive will provide a response and will make recommendations to alter the text of the Draft Plan where appropriate.

2.2 Issues raised by State Bodies

A submission was received from one public body, namely the Environmental Protection Agency. This submission provides detailed guidance in relation to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submission from the EPA which includes detailed guidance in relation to the SEA process. Full regard was taken of this guidance in the preparation of the Draft Plan, where relevant.

Specifically, it should be noted that the SEA and AA process for the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan has been carried out having regard to best practice documents, including the EPA's SEA of Local Authority Land Use Plans – EPA Recommendations and Resources' guidance document.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.3 Issues relating to Chapter 1 'Introduction'

Chapters 1, 2, 5 and 6 of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan address a number of overarching principles which form the basis for specific projects and public realm improvements set out in later chapters of the Draft Plan.

Chapter 1 of the Plan sets out the need for a framework plan for Clonsilla, the scope and remit of the plan and defines the plan boundary. A number of submissions relate to the overall content of Chapter 1, as they reference issues in relation to identification of the plan boundary as well as changes arising from new development within Clonsilla.

2.3.1 Extension of Plan Boundary

Several submissions suggest the Draft Framework Plan boundaries should be extended to include new development areas to the south and east in order to reflect a wider demographic.

Chief Executive's Response

Comments received in relation to the plan boundaries are noted. As part of the initial stages of the Framework Plan process and informed by feedback from consultations, the boundary of the Framework Plan was revised to better reflect the settlement of Clonsilla. As a result, it is not considered appropriate or necessary to revisit the Plan boundary at this stage of the plan-making process.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.4 Issues relating to Chapter 2 'Developing a Vision for Clonsilla'

While many of the submissions received focus on single issues or key projects, others identify additional overarching matters with some submissions stating such matters have not been addressed or require further detail/ analysis.

The issues raised in this section relating to quality of life are addressed from a strategic perspective while more specific issues of concern relating to this topic are addressed in detail in Section 2.9 'Key Projects' in the Chief Executive's report.

2.4.1 Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing

This section of the Chief Executive's Report relates to submissions which can be seen to relate directly to Chapter 2 of the Draft Plan 'Developing a Vision for Clonsilla and specifically, Key Objective 9 which seeks to promote a high quality of life, health and well-being for the area.

A significant number of the submissions received express serious concerns over the level of anti-social behaviour occurring on a regular basis in Clonsilla at various locations within the village, including at Castlefield and Lohunda Lodge. Submissions indicate that this behaviour is affecting the quality of life for residents of the area and specifically note the impact on residential amenity, security and safety of residents arising from anti-social behaviour.

In this regard, a large number of submissions object to proposed projects set out in the Plan, including the proposed playgrounds and ancillary facilities at Castlefield and Lohunda Lodge, due to the potential for increased anti-social behaviour.

In addition, several submissions request CCTV within the village and at various locations such as Lohunda Lodge to deter anti-social behaviour.

Chief Executive's Response

The Fingal Development Plan at Section 4.5.2.4 promotes well-designed and high-quality open space and recreational facilities. Key design requirements for open space and recreational facilities as advocated throughout the Development Plan, include the need for passive surveillance and quality design which deters anti-social behaviour.

Fingal's '*Space for Play – A Play Policy for Fingal*' provides a framework for the provision of safe, accessible, inclusive, natural and engaging play spaces for all children and adolescents, in line with international best practice.

In response to the concerns raised, the plan team has engaged with the An Garda Síochána Community Policing Officer for the area to discuss the issue of anti-social behaviour in Clonsilla, in view of project proposals set out in the Draft Framework Plan.

The Community Policing Garda acknowledged this behaviour in the area and noted regular engagement with the community in response to such concerns. The officer also highlighted important principles to improve security in the public realm, including ensuring high levels of passive surveillance and visibility through sites.

In responding to the concerns raised in the submissions received, it should be emphasised that the principles identified by the Community Policing Garda, were taken into account in considering the provision of new recreational infrastructure in the Framework Plan area.

Nonetheless, given the large number of submissions received which indicated significant local opposition to the provision of additional recreational spaces in some established residential areas, the Chief Executive recommends that the Draft Framework Plan is amended to omit some elements, including playgrounds.

Specifically, it is recommended that the proposed playgrounds are omitted from Project 4 – Castlefield Park and replaced with proposed public realm enhancements (see Section 2.9.4 of this report for additional detail and recommendation).

Additional text is also included under Objective 9 of the Draft Framework Plan to emphasise that all key projects will be designed in a manner which ensures passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour, in accordance with relevant Development Plan policy.

With regard to the provision of additional CCTV infrastructure as called for in a number of submissions, it should be noted that Fingal Co. Co. has published a CCTV policy which differentiates between both private and public CCTV systems, noting that normally, for public CCTV, the consent of the Garda Commissioner is required under Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act, 2005, as well as justification under the provisions of Article 5, Section 1(c) of the EU GDPR 2016/679. The provision of community CCTV in Clonsilla is therefore outside the remit of the Framework Plan.

In relation to the wider issue of anti-social behaviour raised in submissions, it is noted that the Fingal Joint Policing Committee offers an opportunity to develop greater consultation, co-operation and accountability between An Garda Siochana, Local Authorities and Elected Local Representatives. This provides for the participation of the community and voluntary sector in the management of policing and public safety at local level. It is considered that this committee, together with the Community Policing Officer's role, are appropriate vehicles to address any issues of concern relating to public safety and security in Clonsilla.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Objective 9 on **page 4** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

Objective 9: Promote a High Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing

'To remain an attractive place to live and provide a high quality of life, Clonsilla needs to plan for inclusive and healthy communities through education, community and health facilities and access to amenity and recreation spaces. ***All projects arising from the Plan shall be designed in a manner that ensures passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour, in accordance with relevant Development Plan policy.***

2.5 Issues relating to Chapter 3 'Clonsilla in Context'

Chapter 3 of the Draft Framework Plan entitled 'Clonsilla in Context' provides an overview of the plan area in the context of the overall socio-economic profile, land uses, heritage as well as movement and transport.

Submissions raised in the context of this chapter relate mainly to Section 3.3 of the Plan, which provides details on land uses and land use zoning within the plan area.

2.5.1 Land Uses

Submissions raised in this context, relate to the level of new residential development in the plan area with perceived deficiencies in infrastructure and services. Specifically, submissions received raise concerns regarding the impact new residential development will have on the established character, natural and cultural heritage assets, community amenities, infrastructure and traffic management in the plan area, as well as newly developing areas outside of the plan's boundaries. Concerns are also raised in terms of traffic impacts, general accessibility and safety.

One observer noted that the achievement of a distinct identity for Clonsilla is being undermined by permitted high density development. Several submissions request the need for a robust development framework to guide new development in the area, including a cap on building heights, with an emphasis on low-density family living.

One observer requests a design vision for infill sites with guiding design parameters, to ensure the protection of the areas character and heritage. Several submissions raise the need to integrate new housing with supporting infrastructure, specifically as it relates to the provision of open space, recreational amenities and traffic management measures.

A large number of submissions raise concerns in relation to the general lack of services and facilities available in Clonsilla, including the type and variety of commercial uses such as restaurants and cafes. In general, the submissions indicate that the Framework Plan should better promote an increased variety and availability of services and facilities locally.

Several submissions refer to potential development lands and heritage buildings within the plan area and suggest that the local authority acquire and develop these sites for community and commercial/retail provision to address such concerns.

Several submissions request the need for a new or upgraded community centre as part of a redefined village centre. It is suggested that Fingal County Council acquire lands adjoining the existing community hall for expanded community facilities. In addition, the perceived lack of youth facilities was raised as a specific issue.

Chief Executive's Response

While the Chief Executive recognises the numerous issues raised in submissions as discussed above, these matters do not fall within the direct scope and remit of the Draft

Clonsilla Framework Plan which primarily relates to the delivery of public realm improvements, enhanced recreational facilities, new active travel infrastructure and improved accessibility in the Clonsilla area.

However, it is important to note, that development in Clonsilla is set against the policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 which identifies strategic spatial planning issues and the vision for development and balanced growth in the county, in tandem with supporting infrastructure.

It is a key focus of the Development Plan to ensure that new development in the county, including in Clonsilla, is accompanied by the required community, educational, transport, drainage, and recreational infrastructure to ensure the protection and enhancement of local amenities and the continued growth of local services. The Development Plan also includes robust policy and objectives to guide the development of infill sites.

Furthermore, it should be noted that guidance issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), includes '*Urban Development and Building Heights -Guidelines for Planning Authorities*' 2018. Specific Planning Policy Requirement 1 (SPPR1) of the Guidelines precludes Planning Authorities from setting blanket numerical limitations on building height.

In addition, the '*Sustainable Residential Development and Compact Settlements - Guidelines for Planning Authorities*' 2024 emphasises the creation of compact settlements for urban and rural areas in order to foster more sustainable forms of development.

In general terms, the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan further adds to the overarching approach to sustainable growth of Clonsilla as set out in the Development Plan, to create a vibrant village which will support and encourage economic, social and cultural development and provide an attractive, high-quality environment for existing and future residents.

With regard to proposals for a new or upgraded community hall and youth facilities as sought in a number of submissions, it should be noted that the provision of additional and extended community facilities within the county is kept under active review and Fingal County Council will support the provision of such facilities where there is an identified need in line with population projections.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.5.2 Natural Heritage

Chapter 3 entitled 'Clonsilla in Context' and specifically Section 3.4 of the Draft Framework Plan relate to natural and built heritage.

Several submissions note that the protection and enhancement of the area's natural heritage should be a priority focus for this plan, in accordance with the relevant

environmental protection policy and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Specific concerns relate to the need to protect and enhance trees, hedgerows and existing green areas within Clonsilla which contribute to the overall character of the area and form a valuable part of the local eco-system.

A number of submissions raise concerns that the Plan is not sufficiently robust to prevent adverse effects on local biodiversity and habitats, resulting in the loss of valuable natural heritage assets, including trees and hedgerows.

One submission notes that the Draft Framework Plan does not include the proposed Natural Heritage Area (pNHA) of the Royal Canal which is evidenced in the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report.

Several submissions request the preservation of existing green spaces in their current form, including hedgerows and mature trees, in the interests of environmental sustainability, community well-being, aesthetic value and cultural significance of the area.

Chief Executive's Response

The Draft Framework Plan was drafted having regard to the relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 relating to the protection and enhancement of natural heritage.

The Development Plan acknowledges the importance of protecting the natural environment, biodiversity and ecosystems. The Plan includes various objectives for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and its rich and diverse biodiversity as well the development of a green infrastructure network in Fingal, as set out in Chapter 9 Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage.

The Development Plan acknowledges that trees and hedgerows provide valuable amenity and wildlife habitats while fulfilling an important role in the improvement of air quality in urban areas.

Tree and hedgerow protection is a key aim of the Development Plan and is extensively addressed by a range of policy and objectives in Section 9.6.9 of the Plan, including policy GINP21, GINHP22 and Objective GINO45.

'The Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal' sets out the Council's policy for the planning, establishment, protection and management of trees and associated plants, individually and within small groups within the county.

The Development Plan also 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.

At a more localised level, the Development Plan contains a map-based local objective to protect and preserve trees, woodlands and hedgerows in existing open space within the

Castlefield development and in the vicinity of Lohunda Lodge as shown on Sheet 13 of the Plan.

In the context of natural heritage protection, the Draft Framework Plan's vision as set out in Chapter 2 is explicit in protecting and fostering its distinct natural heritage assets. Specifically, the vision states that,

> *'Clonsilla will become a distinct place that embraces its rich heritage and natural assets, fostering pride of place and a sense of community through improvements in the public realm, enhanced community and recreational facilities, prioritisation of active travel, increased legibility and the showcasing of its unique attributes.*

Furthermore, Key Objective 1 of the Draft Framework Plan requires that:

> *'Clonsilla must not only retain and protect the attributes and assets that give it its distinctiveness but must utilise and showcase these to build a distinct identity.'*

Key Objective 6 of the Draft Framework Plan acknowledges that:

> *'Clonsilla has an enviable natural environment rich in biodiversity and wildlife from the Royal Canal to the parkland nature of the lands of the former Lohunda House. In line with the Development Plan, this should not only be respected and protected but should be strengthen and enhanced.'*

In addition, the importance of protecting and enhancing existing natural heritage assets in the plan area is emphasised throughout, and in particular in Chapters 3, 6 and 7.

Chapter 3 'Clonsilla in Context' and specifically Section 3.4.1 'Natural Heritage' acknowledge the designated environmental sites within the plan area, as well as those sites within 15km of the plan area.

The Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is explicit at Section 3.4.1 in acknowledging the Royal Canal, a proposed Natural Heritage Area (pHNA), located within the Framework Plan area which is regarded as an important protected structure and key ecological feature, providing an opportunity for the development of the Royal Canal Urban Greenway.

Chapter 6 of the Draft Framework Plan sets out the Public Realm Strategy for the area. A key guiding principle includes the incorporation of Clonsilla's natural heritage assets in development proposals. Specifically, the Public Realm Strategy set out in Chapter 6 seeks to ensure 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 in the Draft Framework Plan 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.

Chapter 7 of the Draft Plan sets out the key projects informed by urban analysis, feedback from consultations and research undertaken to gain an understanding of Clonsilla.

In formulating these key projects, existing natural heritage assets are proposed for retention and augmentation. In facilitating projects, all reasonable measures will be taken to ensure that mature trees/hedgerows are retained in accordance with the overall vision and relevant key objectives of the Draft Framework Plan which accords with the relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

Having regard to the above, it is considered that relevant Development Plan provisions, together with the vision, relevant key objectives and design principles set out in the Draft Framework Plan, as well as proposed recommendations detailed under key projects in this report, are sufficient to protect and enhance the natural heritage assets of Clonsilla.

However, to further acknowledge the more localised natural heritage assets in the plan area, it is recommended that Chapter 3 of the Draft Framework Plan and specifically Section 3.4.1 'Natural Heritage' include a reference to existing green areas, trees and hedgerows which lend themselves to the overall character of Clonsilla and support local biodiversity.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that the following text be included on **page 7** in Section 3.4.1 Natural Heritage of the Draft Framework Plan as follows:

> ***Clonsilla is also characterised by open space lands and mature trees of the former estate within the Castlefield development and at Lohunda Lodge and with hedgerows and trees along the northern side of Clonsilla Road and along the Royal Canal, which are important natural heritage assets and contribute to the overall character of the area.***

2.5.3 Built Heritage

Submissions raised in relation to the protection of built heritage relate to Chapter 3 which is entitled 'Clonsilla in Context' and which includes a section on Built Heritage.

A number of submissions raise concerns that the cultural heritage of the area has not been fully considered in accordance with Fingal Development Plan objectives relating to protection and enhancement of built heritage. Some submissions raise concerns that heritage buildings within Clonsilla are vulnerable to loss in the context of new development in the area.

One submission notes that the heritage assets of the area are not represented in the analysis and formulation of the vision for the plan. The submission also notes the absence of aims and objectives to preserve remaining vernacular heritage assets within the plan area. In this regard, several submissions request that that the Plan include specific provisions for the protection of vernacular heritage assets.

Submissions also request the need for a comprehensive heritage plan to ensure the protection and enhancement of the built heritage in the area. Several submissions also request that the Old School House be included in the plan with a priority focus for its re-development and its reuse for community or other appropriate uses.

Chief Executive's Response

Chapter 3 of the Draft Plan entitled 'Clonsilla in Context' addresses many of the issues raised in relation to the protection and promotion of the built heritage.

The Draft Framework Plan was drafted having regard to the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. The protection, maintenance and enhancement of the county's built heritage, including vernacular heritage assets, is a key strategic objective of the Development Plan. The Plan contains supportive policy and objectives in this regard, as set out in Chapter 10 Heritage, Culture and Arts. These include policies HCAP1, HCAP3, HCAP8, HCAP9, HCAP10, HCAP11, HCAP21, HCAP22 and HCAP24.

The Development Plan also supports the implementation of the *Fingal Heritage Plan 2024-2030* which is centred on the protection and promotion of the built heritage of the county. The Heritage Plan also includes a number of implementation projects. In this regard, a key project includes support for a community-led heritage audit and interpretation plans.

The vision of the Draft Plan as set out in Chapter 2 is explicit in protecting and fostering Clonsilla's distinct built heritage and in this regard the vision specifically states that,

> *'Clonsilla will become a distinct place that embraces its rich heritage and natural assets, fostering pride of place and a sense of community through improvements in the public realm, enhanced community and recreational facilities, prioritisation of active travel, increased legibility and the showcasing of its unique attributes.'*

In addition, there a number of overarching objectives in the Draft Framework Plan that seek to protect and promote built heritage assets in the plan area. For example, Key Objective 1 set out in Chapter 2 requires that:

> *'Clonsilla must not only retain and protect the attributes and assets that give it its distinctiveness but must utilise and showcase these to build a distinct identity.'*

In addition, Key Objective 8 in Chapter 2 acknowledges that:

> *'Clonsilla has a wealth of historical and cultural assets that should be showcased through strategic signage, public art and cultural and community events.*

The Draft Plan at Section 3.4 is explicit in acknowledging the varied mix of built heritage assets, including protected and vernacular assets, that reflect its historical development, including its industrial heritage, and which together, contribute to the character of the area. Fig 3-9 'Built Heritage of Clonsilla' illustrates the built heritage assets of the area.

The Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan at Section 3.4.2 acknowledges the provisions of the Development Plan relating to built-heritage protection, including Fingal's vernacular heritage as set out in Section 10.5.2.5 of the Development Plan.

Chapter 6 of the Draft Plan sets out the Public Realm Strategy for the area, a guiding principle of which seeks to showcase Clonsilla's unique built heritage assets.

It is considered that relevant provisions of the Fingal Development Plan, the statutory overarching plan for the area, together with the vision and relevant key objectives and design principles of the Draft Framework Plan are sufficient to protect and enhance the built heritage of Clonsilla.

In addition, Fingal County Council in collaboration with appointed consultants is currently advancing the Old School House Masterplan which will include provisions for the protection and enhancement of the Old School House building, including the identification of appropriate use(s).

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.5.4 Movement and Transport

Chapter 3 entitled 'Clonsilla in Context' and specifically Section 3.5 of the Draft Framework Plan relates to movement and transport.

A number of submissions received relate to the wider issue of movement and transport. For example, submissions request active travel infrastructure provision and enhanced connectivity to the wider active travel network, as well as improved public transport provision and additional traffic management measures within the plan area and beyond.

Chief Executive's Response

These issues will be addressed in detail later in this report in conjunction with key projects.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.6 Issues relating to Chapter 4 'Urban Analysis'

Chapter 4 of the Draft Plan provides high-level analysis of the urban form, including identification of character areas, accessibility, visual clutter audits and movement and transport analysis.

Chief Executive's Response

Submissions received in relation to the urban form of Clonsilla as described in Chapter 4 will be addressed in detail in later sections of this report, including sections relating to

public realm at Section 2.8.1; traffic management proposals within Section 2.8.2 and Key Project 2 – Clonsilla Road Traffic Management at Section 2.9.2; Key Project – Clonsilla Active Link at Section 2.9.3; Key Project 5 – Clonsilla Road Western Gateway at Section 2.9.5; Key Project 6 – Clonsilla Road Eastern Gateway and Key Project 7 – Porterstown Road at Section 2.9.7.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.7 Issues relating to Chapter 5 'Public Consultation'

Submissions raised in relation to the public consultation process relate to Chapter 5 of the Draft Framework Plan entitled 'Consultation'.

A number of submissions express concern regarding the limited nature of public consultation with residents and the community in making the draft plan and assert that the document does not fully consider the needs and concerns of residents who live in the area.

Concerns are also expressed regarding the brief nature of the public consultation period which it is contended, did not provide sufficient time for stakeholders to adequately review the plan or allow for meaningful engagement. It is suggested that an extended consultation period would ensure broader community engagement and input.

A number of submissions request additional public consultation to address the concerns and needs of residents, particularly within the Castlefield area in order to enable further clarity on proposals.

Chief Executive's Response

Chapter 5 of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan entitled 'Consultation' sets out in detail, the extensive consultation process undertaken in advance of, during and post preparation of the Draft Plan. This process included workshops, drop-in sessions, retail/shopper/visitor surveys as well as opportunities to submit observations at two stages.

At pre-draft stage, a total of 77 no. submissions were received which informed the preparation of the Draft Framework Plan. Chapter 5 provides a summary of the issues arising from this stage of the public consultation which informed the key projects and interventions proposed in the urban environment of Clonsilla.

In response to the publication of the Draft Framework Plan, 336 no. submissions were received from the public and other interested parties which indicates a high level of public engagement. These submissions, together with the organised drop-in sessions provided a comprehensive understanding of potential issues and opportunities relating to the plan area.

The draft plan went on public display for a period of four weeks, consistent with the timelines for other plans including Local Area Plans, Framework Plans and Masterplans. The public consultation was also advertised by way of adverts in locally circulating newspaper, social media posts and by engagement with the Public Participation Network (PPN).

As a result, it is considered that the multi-stage consultation process provided an opportunity for all members of the community to have their say in the making of the draft

Plan, exemplified by the high level of submissions received and attendance at public consultation events.

It should also be noted that the preparation of the Draft Plan has benefitted from the expertise of a multi-disciplinary design team, providing design inputs at various stages of the process in response to consultation findings. Numerous updates to the document, as set out in this Chief Executive's report, illustrate the value and effectiveness of public consultation.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Chapter 5 'Consultation' of the Draft Framework Plan on **page 19** should be updated to take account of the overall consultation process including changes arising from the consideration of the Chief Executive's Report by Elected Members.

2.8 Issues relating to Chapter 6 'Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategies'

Chapter 6 of the Draft Framework Plan sets out Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategies for the plan area, which support the creation of a traffic-calmed and attractive village centre, and which prioritises active travel by sustainable modes.

2.8.1 Public Realm Strategy

A number of submissions are generally supportive of proposed public realm enhancements. The removal of bollards, poles and overhead wires in the village centre are requested, together with the provision of significantly improved lighting, landscaping and planting.

Chief Executive's Response

To inform the preparation of this Draft Framework Plan, an accessibility and visual clutter audit was carried out as part of the urban analysis conducted.

Section 4.4 acknowledges barriers to movement such as bollards and poles while Section 4.5 acknowledges the prevalence of visual clutter, including in relation to wirescape.

Section 6 of the Plan relating to public realm enhancement, proposes the removal of movement barriers to enable enhanced connectivity and permeability, as well as the removal of visual clutter to enhance the setting and visual character of Clonsilla.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides a strategic framework for the carrying out of these improvements, the measures identified will be contingent on further detailed design work and separate consent processes where necessary.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.8.2 Traffic Management Strategy

A number of submissions are generally supportive of the traffic management measures proposed to reduce car dependency, including provision of an enhanced pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment through active travel provision.

Several submissions however, express concern regarding proposed traffic management measures. Specific concerns relate to a proposed one-way system which it is considered, would impede car, HGV and emergency vehicle movements, affect car parking in the area and increase traffic congestion, particularly in neighbouring residential areas.

In this regard, submissions note that such a proposal would result in additional pressure on existing infrastructure, particularly in the context of planned level crossing closures locally. It is contended that this would impact pedestrian/cyclist safety and accessibility for pedestrians, vehicular movement and businesses in the area, particularly businesses which are car/HGV dependent in nature.

A number of submissions welcome the commitment to maintain vehicular access to the commercial core of Clonsilla. Concern is expressed in some submissions as to a perceived lack of detailed assessment of traffic management measures and evaluation of the potential effects of limiting car access on overall traffic patterns in the area and in the development of traffic management solutions.

A number of submissions object to any restrictions on traffic flows, including proposed one-way system. Some submissions note that a traffic safety management plan should be implemented, including for emergency vehicle movements in order to reduce traffic volumes in the area prior to active travel provision.

One submission suggests alternatives to traffic management proposals set out in the draft plan and contends that such alternatives would enable a reduction in traffic, a safer shared environment for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles as well as improved traffic flows and car parking provision.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive welcomes the submissions received in relation to the Traffic Management Strategy for Clonsilla. The strategy if implemented would redress the balance in favour of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport, over vehicular traffic to deliver a more attractive, accessible village centre.

The measures proposed will also retain vehicular traffic to the commercial core of the village whilst encouraging through-traffic to use more appropriate routes on the wider transport network.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the strategic framework and design brief for each of the identified projects, where appropriate, such projects will require further development and detailed design prior to implementation.

This may also include a statutory consent process and stakeholder consultation on a project-by-project basis.

While it would not be appropriate for the Framework Plan to provide detailed design solutions for site specific issues, the Framework Plan can address high level design principles which can feed into project briefs.

Section 6.3.2 notes in the longer term it may be appropriate to introduce a one-way traffic system for Clonsilla, subject to a future detailed traffic analysis exercise.

It is clear that any such changes to the traffic flow in the area will require careful considered before being implemented, which is why the Schedule of Actions in Table 8-1 of the Plan include the carrying out of a Transport Appraisal and detailed design in relation to the Traffic Management Strategy.

To inform the overall traffic management strategy, detail traffic surveys were carried out by transportation consultants to demonstrate that the implementation of the various key projects would not have an undue, negative impact on traffic circulation on the wider Clonsilla area.

In addition, it should be noted that the Draft Plan emphasises that any change to traffic circulation, including the introduction of a one-way system, is a long-term measure which will only be considered subject to future detailed assessment.

With regard to other specific proposed interventions in the Framework Plan area, including the *'traffic management measure'* and *'turning facility'* as shown on **Figure 6-2 *'Overall Framework Plan Strategy*** on page 26 of the Draft Plan, following consideration of the detailed submissions received, the Chief Executive recommends the removal of these measures from the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Fig 6-2 Overall Framework Plan Strategy on **page 26** of the Draft Plan is amended ***to remove*** the traffic management measures and turning facility shown on Clonsilla Road to the northeast of the proposed Aldi development.

It is recommended that ***Fig 6-6 Overall Traffic Management Strategy*** on **page 30** of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the Traffic Management Measure.

2.8.3 Potential New Connections

Section 6.3.3 of the Draft Framework Plan addresses potential new connections within the Plan area as part of the overall Public Realm and Traffic Management Strategies as set out in Chapter 6 of the Plan.

A number of submissions object to proposals to remove existing walls and fencing between the Lambourn and Weavers Wood estates to enhance connectivity between these residential areas, due to the potential for increased anti-social behaviour and the negative impacts that may arise relating to the safety and privacy of residents.

Submissions note the area between Lambourn and Weavers Wood estates is in private ownership.

A number of submissions recommend that active travel provision should focus on the development of the Royal Canal Urban Greenway, creating a safe off-road and fully accessible alternative, with connectivity to the train station and nearby residential areas, services and amenities and the wider strategic greenway network.

Submissions request connectivity between the planned Royal Canal Urban Greenway, the existing village centre and new development areas. One submission requests enhanced pedestrian connectivity between Beech Park and Clonsilla Train Station.

Chief Executive's Response

Given the number of concerns expressed to proposals to remove existing walls and fencing between the Lambourn and Weavers Wood estates and the private nature of this area, it is recommended that text and mapping symbols relating to such proposals be removed from the Plan.

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's boundary at Leixlip.

The scheme will connect into the existing Greenway at the 12th Lock and will form a strategic part of the GDA Cycle Network and the Galway-Dublin Greenway. The route is envisaged to become a key part of the local transport network providing enhanced connectivity.

Fingal County Council is advancing this project which is currently at preliminary design stage. On completion of the preliminary design, all supporting documents including the Environmental Impact Assessment Report will be prepared for a planning application to An Bord Pleanála which is envisaged later in 2025.

Fig. 6-7 as set out in the Plan shows proposed connections between the planned Royal Canal Urban Greenway to the village centre, the train station and Porterstown Road, thereby linking the canal to residential and commercial areas, services and amenities.

Finally, it should be noted that Beech Park is outside the Clonsilla Framework Plan area and as a result, does not fall within the remit of the Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Fig 6-2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy' on **page 26** of the Draft Framework Plan shall be amended to remove the following:

~~Investigate Removal of Barriers to Permeability~~

It is recommended that the following text is be deleted from Section 6.3.3 on **page 31** of the Plan:

> ~~***In order to improve overall levels of permeability in the residential areas to the south of Clonsilla Road (including Lambourne Avenue and Weaver's Wood), active consideration should also be given to addressing existing barriers to movement in this area.***~~

It is recommended that Fig 6-7 Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections on **page 31** of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the following text:

> ~~***Investigate Removing Barriers to Permeability***~~

It is recommended that Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions Gateway on **page 52** of the Draft Plan be amended to remove the row relating to ~~***Potential New Connections***~~.

2.9 Issues relating to Chapter 7 'Key Projects'

Chapter 7 of the Draft Framework Plan provides for a number of key projects which seek to significantly improve the public realm, provide enhanced accessibility as well as new recreational amenities and spaces. As set out in the Draft Plan, these key projects include:

- Key Project 1 – A Redefined Village Centre
- Key Project 2 – Clonsilla Road Traffic Management
- Key Project 3 – Clonsilla Active Travel Link
- Key Project 4 – Castlefield Park
- Key Project 5 – Clonsilla Road Western Gateway
- Key Project 6 – Clonsilla Road Eastern Gateway
- Key Project 7 – Porterstown Road
- Key Project 8 – Wayfinding.

These key projects are addressed in sequence below in the context of submissions received.

2.9.1 Key Project 1 – A Redefined Village Centre

This key project as set out on pages 34-35 of the Plan seeks to redefine Clonsilla Village centre, focused on the regeneration and enhancement of the Lohunda Lodge complex, providing a central and identifiable amenity space for the community.

A number of submissions express concern regarding the proposals for Lohunda Lodge, particularly as it relates to the provision of a playground, seating, pathways, potential market/café uses, the removal of railings, the open nature of the area and the lack of a detailed traffic management approach, with safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists.

Submissions contend that proposals for Lohunda Lodge will exacerbate existing anti-social behavioural issues in the area, including littering, loitering and noise disturbance, adversely affecting residential amenity and the safety, security and privacy of residents.

A number of submissions note the adequacy in supply of playgrounds in close proximity of the village.

Concerns are also expressed regarding the loss of mature trees and hedgerows to facilitate proposals at Lohunda Lodge, impacting local biodiversity and together with the removal of existing railings, would result in the loss of light and noise and air pollution barriers, from the busy Clonsilla Road. A number of submissions request the retention of existing trees and hedgerows.

One submission notes that the existing Lohunda Lodge area is not zoned for commercial use, therefore making the area unacceptable for a café use and only suitable for community uses.

A number of submissions request Fingal County Council to acquire ownership of Lohunda Lodge, for the development of community uses including a café use. One submission questions the likelihood of the future development of the Lohunda Lodge project, particularly in the context of uncertainty surrounding landownership.

Submissions received propose a number of alternative locations for a redefined village centre with associated café, community uses and ancillary parking, which should be explored in consultation with local residents, businesses and relevant stakeholders.

Chief Executive's Response

The Draft Framework Plan retains focus on the enhancement of the existing village centre. The revitalisation including Lohunda Lodge, together with enhanced public realm works present an opportunity to redefine the existing village centre.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will need to be further developed and will require detailed design expertise as well as stakeholder consultation on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation. As a result, it would not be appropriate for the Draft Framework Plan to provide detailed design solutions for site specific issues.

However, given the number of submissions expressing serious concerns in relation the proposed playground within the vicinity of Lohunda Lodge, it is recommended that the proposed playground and seating is replaced with an enhanced public realm area with the potential for seating and play equipment subject to detailed design.

This would support the overall intention of the Draft Plan to create a high-quality public realm that is open in nature, and which could facilitate civic uses alongside the regeneration of Lohunda Lodge.

Having regard to the concerns raised in relation to the removal of existing railings at Lohunda Lodge, it is recognised that the removal could be concerning to people residing in the vicinity and for those regularly using the adjoining junction and the surrounding footpaths in the vicinity of the lodge. However, it is important that this option, along with

other changes to layouts and materials are used to redefine the space for people and not for vehicles.

Furthermore, it should be noted that final design proposal will be required to demonstrate how the safety of all road users and pedestrians is taken into full consideration. In order to allay the concerns expressed in the submissions, it is recommended that additional text to this effect be included in Section 7.2.2 on page 34 of the Draft Framework Plan.

Having regard to concerns expressed relating to impacts on existing mature trees and local biodiversity, 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 the natural environment and diverse biodiversity as well the development of a green infrastructure network as set out in Chapter 9 Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage.

The Development Plan also contains a map based local objective to protect and preserve trees, woodlands and hedgerows in open space lands within the vicinity of Lohunda Lodge as shown on Sheet 13 of the Plan.

In this regard, it should be emphasised that the Draft Framework Plan was drafted having regard the relevant Development Plan provisions relating to the protection of natural heritage assets. For example, the vision as set out in Chapter 2 of the Draft Framework Plan is explicit in protecting and fostering Clonsilla's distinct natural heritage assets. Specifically, the vision states that,

> *'Clonsilla will become a distinct place that embraces its rich heritage and natural assets, fostering pride of place and a sense of community through improvements in the public realm, enhanced community and recreational facilities, prioritisation of active travel, increased legibility and the showcasing of its unique attributes.*

In addition, there are a number of overarching objectives in the Draft Framework Plan which seek to protect and enhance the existing natural heritage assets of the area. Key Objective 6 of the Draft Framework Plan specifically seeks to protect the natural environment in line with relevant Development Plan policy and objectives.

It is also noted that Section 7.2.2. of the document as it relates to Key Project 1 – A Redefined Village Centre, specifically states the following: "*Retains the existing mature trees".*

Furthermore, it should be noted that final design proposal will be required to demonstrate the protection and enhancement of existing mature trees in the vicinity of Lohunda Lodge. Relevant environmental assessment may also be required.

In order, to allay the concerns expressed in the submissions, it is recommended that additional text to this effect be included in Section 7.2.1 of the Draft Framework Plan. In addition, it is recommended that Fig. 7-5 incorporate all existing mature trees.

In the interests of clarity, it is confirmed that the lands incorporating Lohunda Lodge are zoned Open Space 'OS' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029. Any future uses within these open space lands would be assessed in accordance with the use classes set out in Chapter 13 of the Development Plan relating to the underlying zoning objective and vision.

Uses which are neither 'Permitted in Principle' nor 'Not Permitted' will be assessed in terms of their contribution towards the achievement of the zoning objective and vision and their compliance and consistency with the policies and objectives of the Development Plan.

Finally, having regard to submissions which raise the issue of land ownership, it should be noted that the zoned open space lands incorporating Lohunda Lodge are currently in the process of transfer to Fingal County Council.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34**, paragraph 4 of the Draft Framework within Section 7.2.1 'Purpose of the Project' as follows:

> *'Future use of the Lodge and proposed improvements to the associated open space should have regard to the importance of the structure as a heritage building of significance within Clonsilla, **its existing mature trees** and the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan.'*

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.2.2 Project Features as follows:

> ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***

It is recommended that the text on **page 35**, Section 7.2.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

> ~~***2 Provides a Playground and Seating.***~~ ***2 Provides an Enhanced Public Realm Area***

It is recommended that Fig 7.3 'Key Project 1 – Concept for the Redefined Village Centre on **page 35** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended to include all existing mature trees.

It is recommended that Fig. 7-5: CGI Image of Concept Design for the Redefined Village Centre on **page 35** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended to include all existing mature trees.

2.9.2 Key Project 2 – Clonsilla Road Traffic Management

This key project as set out on pages 36-37 of the Plan seeks to redress the balance in favour of pedestrians and cyclists over vehicular traffic, in order to deliver a more

attractive, accessible village centre though a series of traffic management measures along the Clonsilla Road.

A number of submissions generally welcome the traffic management proposals along Clonsilla Road a set out in the document. Specifically, the commitment to maintain vehicular access to the commercial core of Clonsilla is welcomed.

Other submissions, request detailed information regarding assessments carried out in relation to the proposed traffic management measures as set out in the Plan and in particular, as they relate to traffic proposals on Clonsilla Road.

Clarity is also sought in relation to the operations of the proposed turning circle for vehicular and HGV traffic, junction tightening, bus priority and car parking along Clonsilla Road.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council welcomes the submissions received in relation to this important traffic management project which, if implemented would redress the balance in favour of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport, over vehicular traffic, in order to deliver a more attractive and accessible village centre.

The measures proposed will also retain vehicular traffic to the commercial core of the village centre, whilst seeking to encourage through traffic to use more appropriate routes on the wider transport network

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will require further development and detailed design on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation.

While it would not be appropriate for the Framework Plan to provide detailed design solutions for site specific issues, the draft Plan can address high level design principles which can feed into project briefs.

The project aligns with Development Plan policy to create low traffic zones and shift the orientation of main streets from private cars to pedestrians and cyclists. Any such orientation will ultimately entail a change in motorised traffic flows in order to reduce impacts of through-traffic and to provide additional space for pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

It is clear, that such alterations to traffic flow require careful consideration which is why the Schedule of Actions in Table 8-1 of the draft Plan provides for the carrying out of a Transport Appraisal and detailed design drawings in relation to traffic management proposals on Clonsilla Road.

Section 6.3.2 notes in the longer term it may be appropriate to introduce a one-way traffic system for Clonsilla, subject to a future detailed traffic analysis.

To inform the overall traffic management strategy set out in the Plan, detailed traffic surveys were carried out by transportation consultants which demonstrate that the implementation of the various key projects would not have undue negative impacts on traffic circulation in the wider Clonsilla area.

In addition, the draft Plan emphasises that any change to traffic circulation, including the introduction of a one-way system is a long-term measure which will only be considered subject to future detailed traffic assessments.

As stated in Section 2.8.2 of this report, with regard to other specific proposed interventions in the Framework Plan area, including the 'traffic management measure' and 'turning facility' as shown on Figure 6-2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy on page 26, following consideration of the detailed submissions received, the Chief Executive recommends the removal of these measures from the Draft Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that Fig 6-2 Overall Framework Plan Strategy on **page 26** of the draft Plan is amended to remove the traffic management measures and turning facility shown on the Clonsilla Road to the northeast of the proposed Aldi development.

2.9.3 Key Project 3 – Clonsilla Active Travel Link

This key project as set out on pages 38-39 of the Plan seeks to provide a new active travel route along Clonsilla Road for pedestrians and cyclists, with connectivity to the train station and key services and amenities and the wider cycle network.

A number of submissions generally welcome the active travel link and associated measures to provide a safer cycling environment in the area, particularly along Clonsilla Road.

A number of submissions note that the implementation of the proposed active travel link will benefit residents of Clonsilla through a renewed focus on the village centre, linking existing residential developments, St. Mochta's National School, the train station, bus stops, the planned Royal Urban Canal Greenway and the wider cycle network, resulting in a reduction in car use, improved environmental quality and enhanced connectivity and accessibility.

A number of submissions question the priority focus on active travel provision and the necessity for the proposed active travel link, given the provision of existing cycle paths on more strategic routes. Submissions received also question the feasibility of the proposed active travel link, particularly in the context of width variance at some locations along the route.

Submissions express concern relating to safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists along the route. Specific concerns relate to the use of a shared pedestrian and cycle route

and safety of all road users at estate junctions. In this regard, a separate dedicated route for pedestrians and cyclists is requested.

In relation to the provision of a cycling route, submissions seek to ensure such facilities are of adequately width, comprise a high-quality surface with appropriate lighting and emphasise the need to comply with relevant national cycle guidance standards.

Submissions received call for additional clarity regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety with regard to the active travel link as well as its potential impact on the existing entrance pillars and railings in the area.

Submissions also express concern regarding the loss of green areas and associated trees and hedgerows to facilitate the proposed link, negatively impacting local biodiversity, resulting in the loss of important light, noise and air pollution barriers from the busy Clonsilla Road and affecting the overall enjoyment and environmental benefit of the area, contrary to relevant Development Plan provisions.

Concern is also expressed in relation to impacts on wildlife arising from the introduction of lighting provision along the proposed active travel link. Clarity is sought in relation to the impacts on trees and hedgerows. The majority of submissions request the retention of existing trees and hedgerows to facilitate the project.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council welcomes submissions received in relation to this important active travel project which, if implemented, would have a transformative positive impact in terms of improved connectivity and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, linking residential areas and services / amenities within Clonsilla and the wider cycling network.

The prioritisation of walking and cycling is a key strategic objective of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, based on national and regional policy. This project is in line with relevant Development Plan policy and objectives to advance an active travel network within Fingal.

Since the adoption of the Development Plan, significant progress has been made in the roll out of active travel projects to facilitate increased levels of walking and cycling across Fingal, enabling a shift to more environmentally sustainable modes.

All active travel projects carried out by Fingal County Council have regard to relevant national cycle guidance standards in the planning, design and implementation of such projects.

In response to the concerns raised in relation to the feasibility of the proposed active travel route, an additional topographical survey was carried out to assess likely potential constraints.

Additional work was also carried out by the project team's transportation consultants to demonstrate that the proposed active travel route could be implemented in line with national best practices, and without causing undue negative impact on existing vegetation, including mature trees.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will require further development with detailed design expertise and opportunity for stakeholder consultation on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation.

Having regard to the submissions referring to safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists, it is important to again state that the draft Plan is a strategic document, providing a conceptual framework for active travel linkages in Clonsilla.

Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions requires the undertaking of a Transport Appraisal, where appropriate, and the preparation of detailed drawings. A recently conducted Topographical Survey will also assist in future detailed design.

In the case of the proposed project, the overall concept is to prioritise the needs and safety of pedestrians and cyclists over the private motor vehicle along the route. Furthermore, it should be noted final design proposals will be required to demonstrate compliance with design safety standards for all road users. To further strengthen this commitment, the Chief Executive recommends that additional supportive is included in Section 7.4.2 Project Features.

In relation to concerns regarding the impact on existing trees, hedgerows and local biodiversity, the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2023 acknowledges the importance of protecting the county's natural environment, biodiversity and ecosystems and includes numerous objectives for the protection and enhancement of the natural environment, biodiversity and the development of a green infrastructure network. Chapter 9 Green Infrastructure and Natural Heritage relates.

The Development Plan also contains a map-based local objective to protect and preserve trees, woodlands and hedgerows in existing open space lands within the Castlefield development and in the vicinity of Lohunda Lodge as illustrated on Sheet 13 of the Development Plan.

The draft document has full regard to all relevant Development Plan provisions relating to the protection of natural heritage assets. For example, the vision as set out in Chapter 2 is explicit in protecting and fostering natural heritage assets and specifically states that,

> *'Clonsilla will become a distinct place that embraces its rich heritage and natural assets, fostering pride of place and a sense of community through improvements in the public realm, enhanced community and recreational facilities, prioritisation of active travel, increased legibility and the showcasing of its unique attributes.*

In addition, there are a number of overarching objectives in the Draft Framework Plan which seek to protect and enhance existing natural heritage assets. Key Objective 6 seeks to protect the natural environment in line with relevant Development Plan policy and objectives.

It is also noted that Section 7.4 relating to Key Project 3-Clonsilla Active Travel Link is explicit in acknowledging the retention of the existing tree-lined character of the area. Specifically, Section 7.4.2 Project Features states the following: *"Retains and enhances the setting of significant trees".*

It is also noted that Section 7.4.2 proposes the incorporation of sympathetic lighting and landscaping in relation to the proposed project. Section 7.4.4 Project Physical Changes is also explicit in promoting the retention of the existing mature trees and the undertaking of work for the maintenance and improvement of the tree lined/vegetated area along the north of Clonsilla Road.

To further underline the importance this issue, the Chief Executive recommends that additional text is included to the Draft Framework Plan to ensure development proposals have regard to the retention of existing trees and hedgerows.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that additional text is included on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows:

> ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows,

- Retains and enhances the setting of significant trees~~'.~~ ***and hedgerows and provides for the maintenance and improvement of the tree lined/vegetated area along the north of Clonsilla Road.***

2.9.4 Key Project 4 – Castlefield Park

This key project as set out on Pages 40-41 of the Plan seeks to provide high quality, usable green space and recreational amenities, focused on the existing green areas within the Castlefield development, maximising their use for the benefit of the wider community.

A significant number of submissions, express serious concerns regarding the proposed project and as it specifically relates to playgrounds, associated exercise equipment, seating and trail elements proposed within the Castlefield development.

Submissions note the adequacy of supply of more suitable, well-maintained and secure playgrounds in close proximity to Clonsilla Village such as Millennium Park, Hartstown Park, Beech Park, Porterstown Park, St. Catherine's Park, Shackleton Gardens and the

Phoenix Park. Submissions also contend that funding should continue to be directed to these existing parks.

Concerns are expressed that the provision of such facilities are likely to give rise to increased anti-social behaviour, vandalism, noise disturbance, littering, and loitering, as well as additional traffic, parking and pedestrian footfall into the area. Further concerns include increased pressure on existing infrastructure and impacts on security and privacy of residents, leading to subsequent devaluation of properties and negative impacts on the overall well-being of the community.

Concerns are also expressed that such proposals would result in the loss of green areas in the Castlefield development that are natural and tranquil in nature and that offer residents a space that allows for more natural recreational opportunities, remote from the busy Clonsilla Road.

Several submissions are concerned by the loss of existing trees and hedgerows within the Castlefield which lend themselves to the established character of the area and are regarded as important habitats for biodiversity as well as important light, noise and air pollution barriers from Clonsilla Road. Submissions note their removal would be contrary to relevant Development Plan provisions.

Some submissions note that existing green areas in the Castlefield should not be developed as public parks to compensate for the perceived lack of open space and recreational amenities in new developments in the area.

Several submissions suggest that lands adjoining the Aldi development would be more appropriate for the development of community and recreational facilities. Lands to the south, along the Royal Canal are also cited for such uses in this regard.

A number of submissions request that existing green areas and associated trees, hedgerows and railings within Castlefield be retained in their natural state for free play and recreation. One submission requests that existing green areas in this location are zoned for use as open space to preserve existing natural amenities and local biodiversity.

Chief Executive's Response

Given the large number of submissions expressing serious concerns in relation the proposed playgrounds within the Castlefield, it is recommended that the proposals are omitted and replaced with public realm enhancements.

It is noted that each project will need to be further developed and requires detailed design expertise as well as stakeholder consultation and a separate consent process, on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation. The Schedule of Actions in Table 8-1 of the Draft Plan refers in this regard.

Having regard to the concerns relating to the impact on existing mature trees and local biodiversity within Castlefield, this issue is addressed in further detail in relation to Key Project 3 – Clonsilla Active Travel Link above.

In the interests of clarity, the existing green areas within the Castlefield development are zoned Open Space 'OS' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029, with a specific map-based objective to protect and preserve trees, woodlands and hedgerows.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is recommended that the text on **page 40**, Section 7.5.2 -Project Features of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

~~***Delivers a range of recreational spaces, both formal and informal that can be enjoyed by all ages of the community.***~~

It is recommended that the text on **page 41**, Section 7.5.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

> ~~***2 Provides a playground***~~ ***2 Provides Public Realm Enhancements***
>
> ~~***6 Provides a multigenerational space e.g. exercise machines***~~ ***6 Provides Public Realm Enhancements***

Having regard to the above, it is recommended that Fig. 7-25 on **page 41** of the Draft Plan is deleted.

2.9.5 Key Project 5 – Clonsilla Road Western Gateway

This key project as set out on pages 42-43 of the draft Plan seeks to redefine the area as an identifiable gateway to Clonsilla from the west, providing an attractive, high-quality public realm giving priority to pedestrian and cyclist movements, subject to final detailed design on foot of the permitted DART + West works.

Several submissions are supportive of the public realm improvements proposed at the western gateway to Clonsilla. However, other submissions express concerns relating to the closure of vehicular traffic on Callaghan Bridge as a result of the permitted DART+ West project and particularly in view of the traffic management proposals set out in the Plan, which is likely to exacerbate traffic congestion in the area and may have safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists.

One submission is concerned that Fig. 7-28 of the draft Plan does not show the proposed pedestrian bridge under the Dart + West Scheme to scale. Other submissions suggest more bicycle parking provision for Clonsilla train station while one submission requests that Fingal County Council and Uisce Éireann deliver a wastewater service connection from the Clonsilla Road/Larch Road junction under the Callaghan Bridge along the R121, to accommodate development within the Kellystown Local Area Plan lands.

Chief Executive's Response

The support for public realm enhancements proposed at the western gateway of Clonsilla in line with the approved Dart + West scheme is acknowledged and welcomed.

Subject to detailed design, this project seeks to redefine the area as an identifiable gateway to Clonsilla from the west, providing an attractive, high-quality public realm that gives priority to pedestrian and cyclist movements and will include the provision of enhanced bicycle parking.

It is noted that Drawing Fig. 7.28 is indicative only based on available information and will be subject to final detailed design by the NTA and Irish Rail as part of the permitted DART + West scheme. This is reflected in the draft Framework Plan text at Section 7.6.4.

In relation to new public transport services, the provision of public transport and supporting ancillary infrastructure is the responsibility of the NTA and other transport providers such as TII and Irish Rail. Fingal County Council liaises on an ongoing basis with key transport providers in the design, planning and construction phases of such schemes to achieve sustainable outcomes. The approved Dart + West scheme includes alternative traffic management measures in response to proposed level crossing closures in the area.

A requirement for a new wastewater connection to facilitate the development of lands outside the Framework Plan boundary is noted. Uisce Éireann has responsibility for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure in the county and delivery of same is outside the remit of the Draft Framework Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.9.6 Key Project 6 – Clonsilla Road Eastern Gateway

This key project as set out on pages 44-45 of the Plan seeks to enhance Clonsilla Road from the Diswellstown Road roundabout to the junction with Shelerin Road, re-defining it as the eastern gateway to Clonsilla village centre, through the provision of a series of traffic management measures including a mixed traffic zone and public realm enhancements.

This project would result in reduced traffic speeds creating an enhanced environment for pedestrians and cyclists on the eastern approach to Clonsilla including at St Mochta's School.

A number of submissions express support for proposed mixed traffic zone between the Shelerin Road junction and the Clonsilla Road roundabout on the Diswellstown Road, albeit, subject to changes to improve cyclist safety and traffic management.

Some submissions, however, express concerns relating to safety implications for pedestrians and cyclists, including children and other vulnerable road uses in relation to the proposed mixed traffic zone. Other submissions express concern that this proposal would increase pressure on existing junctions and impact the operation of vehicular traffic, including emergency vehicles.

A number of submissions recommend alternatives in relation to the mixed-traffic proposals along this section of Clonsilla Road, in the interests of pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Executive's Response

The Council welcomes submissions received in relation to the design and implementation of this important project which will substantially reduce vehicular speed and discourage through-traffic on Clonsilla Road, creating a pedestrian and cyclist friendly environment, with convenient and connected active travel network between residential areas and St. Mochta's National School.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will be further developed with detailed design expertise and there will be opportunity for further stakeholder engagement on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation. Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions proposes to undertake a Transport Appraisal as appropriate and to prepare detailed design drawings.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.9.7 Key Project 7 – Porterstown Road

This key project as set out on page 46 of the Plan seeks to redefine the Porterstown Road as an environment that is pedestrian and cyclist friendly. Potentially, this may include provision for the future delivery of a mixed-traffic zone to the proposed Dart+ West pedestrian and cyclist bridge.

A number of submissions express support for the proposals relating to Porterstown Road, subject to reduction in traffic volumes and speeds to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Clarity is sought in relation to the right of way provision in the context of a proposed pedestrian crossing on Porterstown Road, linking residential areas to St. Mochta's School and the village centre.

A number of submissions express concern relating to the closure of vehicular traffic on Porterstown Road as a result of the approved DART+ West project, which is viewed as likely to exacerbate traffic congestion in the area.

Chief Executive's Response

Support for proposals relating to the Porterstown Road project as set out in the Plan is acknowledged and welcomed.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is strategic in nature, providing a basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will be

further developed and will be subject to future detailed design. Further stakeholder engagement on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation may also be sought where a formal consent process is required.

Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions requires the preparation of detailed design drawings subject to consultation with relevant stakeholders.

As a result, it would not be appropriate for the Framework Plan to provide detailed design solutions for site specific issues including traffic calming measures and new pedestrian connectivity proposals.

In relation to new public transport services, the provision of public transport and supporting ancillary infrastructure is the responsibility of the NTA and other key transport providers such as TII and Irish Rail. Fingal County Council regularly liaises on an ongoing basis with the NTA and other key transport providers in the design, planning and construction phases of such schemes, with a view to achieving sustainable outcomes for the county.

The level crossing on Porterstown Road is to permanently close to vehicular traffic as part of the approved DART + West project with pedestrian and cyclist access maintained through the construction of a new bridge. The removal of through-traffic will substantially reduce traffic volumes and speeds on Porterstown Road. The approved Dart + West scheme includes alternative traffic management measures in response to proposed level crossing closures in the area.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.9.8 Key Project 8 – Wayfinding

This key project as set out on page 47 of the draft Plan seeks to assist wayfinding around Clonsilla through sensitively designed and appropriately sited signage, at key nodes where appropriate, having regard to the Council's signage guidance.

A number of submissions are supportive of wayfinding proposals, particularly at the train station. Some submissions request additional signage. One submission, requests that wayfinding proposed for Castlefield is removed from the Plan as it not considered a key node while other submissions propose that a signage strategy for Clonsilla would enable decluttering of the village centre.

Chief Executive's Response

The support for wayfinding proposals as set out in the Plan is acknowledged and welcomed.

It should be noted that although the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan provides the basis for a design brief for each of the identified projects, each project will be further developed

and will require detailed design expertise as well as stakeholder consultation on a project-by-project basis prior to implementation.

As a result, it would not be appropriate for the draft Framework Plan to provide detailed design solutions for site specific issues including additional wayfinding proposals.

As part of the preparation of this Draft Framework Plan, a visual clutter audit was carried out and the draft Plan at Section 4.5 acknowledges the oversaturation of visual clutter on Clonsilla Road, including varied signage.

Section 6.2.1 of the Plan relating to public realm enhancement, proposes the removal of visual clutter as well as providing for consistency of signage and shopfronts to enhance the setting and visual character of Clonsilla.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.10 Issues relating to Chapter 8 'Implementation and Monitoring'

Chapter 8 of the Draft Framework Plan entitled, 'Implementation and Monitoring' sets out how the vision for Clonsilla including key projects can be achieved.

Several submissions refer to potential development lands and heritage buildings within the plan area and requests that the Council acquire and develop these lands for community and commercial/retail provision.

Chief Executive's Response

This issue is addressed in Section 2.5.1 of this report.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

2.11 Matters Outside the Scope of the Draft Framework Plan

A number of submissions refer to matters such as illegal parking, the provision of additional bike sharing schemes, improved litter and recycling management and additional planting and landscaping measures.

Chief Executive's Response

The Council acknowledges the many submissions received relating to these issues which are addressed by the Operational, Environmental and Active Travel Divisions of the Council and therefore outside the remit of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

No change.

3. List of Chief Executive's Recommendations

This section of the report sets out the recommendations of the Chief Executive to the Elected Members in relation to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan.

In the interests of clarity, the recommendations are presented in the order they would appear in the Draft Framework Plan document. In addition, each recommendation has been identified according to the specific section of the Draft Framework Plan to which it relates.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (1) – Section 2.3 'Objectives'

It is recommended that Objective 9 on **page 4** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

> **Objective 9: Promote a High Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing**
>
> 'To remain an attractive place to live and provide a high quality of life, Clonsilla needs to plan for inclusive and healthy communities through education, community and health facilities and access to amenity and recreation spaces. ***All projects arising from the Plan shall be designed in a manner that ensures passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour, in accordance with relevant Development Plan policy.***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (2) – Section 3.4 'Natural and Built Heritage'

It is recommended that the following text be included on **page 7** in Section 3.4.1 Natural Heritage of the Draft Framework Plan as follows:

> ***Clonsilla is also characterised by open space lands and mature trees of the former estate within the Castlefield development and at Lohunda Lodge and with hedgerows and trees along the northern side of Clonsilla Road and along the Royal Canal, which are important natural heritage assets and lend themselves to the overall character of the area.***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (3) – Section 5.2 'The Public Consultation Process'

It is recommended that Chapter 5 'Consultation' of the Draft Framework Plan on **page 19** be updated to take account of the overall consultation process including changes arising from the consideration of this Chief Executive's Report by Elected Members including any motions received.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (4) – Figure 6.2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy'

It is recommended that a number of changes are made Fig 6-2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy' on **page 26** of the Draft Framework Plan including the removal of:

> ~~***Investigate Removal of Barriers to Permeability***~~
>
> ~~***Traffic Management Measure***~~
>
> ~~***Turning Facility***~~

Chief Executive's Recommendation (5) – Figure 6.6 'Overall Traffic Management Strategy'

It is recommended that Fig 6-6 Overall Traffic Management Strategy on page 30 of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the Traffic Management Measure.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (6) – Section 6.3 'Traffic Management Strategy'

It is recommended that the following text is be deleted from Section 6.3.3 on **page 31** of the Plan:

> ***~~In order to improve overall levels of permeability in the residential areas to the south of Clonsilla Road (including Lambourne Avenue and Weaver's Wood), active consideration should also be given to addressing existing barriers to movement in this area.~~***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (7) – Section 7.2 "Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections"

It is recommended that Fig 6-7 'Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections' on **page 31** of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the following text:

> ***~~Investigate Removing Barriers to Permeability~~***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (8) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34**, paragraph 4 of the Draft Framework within Section 7.2.1 'Purpose of the Project' as follows:

> *'Future use of the Lodge and proposed improvements to the associated open space should have regard to the importance of the structure as a heritage building of significance within Clonsilla, **its existing mature trees** and the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan.'*

Chief Executive's Recommendation (9) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.2.2 Project Features as follows:

> ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (10) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'

It is recommended that the text on **page 35**, Section 7.2.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

> ***~~2 Provides a Playground and Seating.~~ 2 Provides an Enhanced Public Realm Area***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (11) – Figure 7.3 'Key Project 1'

It is recommended that Fig 7.3 'Key Project 1 – Concept for the Redefined Village Centre on **page 35** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended to include all existing mature trees.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (12) Figure 7.3 'Key Project 1'

It is recommended that Fig. 7-5: CGI Image of Concept Design for the Redefined Village Centre on **page 35** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended to include all existing mature trees.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (13) – 'Key Project 3'

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows:

> ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (14) – Section 7.4 'Key Project 3'

It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows,

Retains and enhances the setting of significant trees~~'.~~ ***and hedgerows and provides for the maintenance and improvement of the tree lined/vegetated area along the north of Clonsilla***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (15) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'

It is recommended that the text on **page 40**, Section 7.5.2 -Project Features of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

~~***Delivers a range of recreational spaces, both formal and informal that can be enjoyed by all ages of the community.***~~

Chief Executive's Recommendation (16) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'

It is recommended that the text on **page 41**, Section 7.5.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows:

> ~~***2 Provides a playground***~~ ***2 Provides Public Realm Enhancements***
>
> ~~***6 Provides a multigenerational space e.g. exercise machines***~~ ***6 Provides Public Realm Enhancements***

Chief Executive's Recommendation (17) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'

Having regard to the above, it is recommended that Fig. 7-25 on **page 41** of the Draft Plan is deleted.

Chief Executive's Recommendation (18) – Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions Gateway

It is recommended that Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions Gateway on **page 52** of the Draft Plan be amended to remove the row relating to ~~***Potential New Connections***~~.

4. List of Submissions Received

The table below lists the submissions received in relation to the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan. The table provides the unique reference number assigned to the submission by the Council's online portal and the name of the person or organisation making the submission. Each submission may be viewed online at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/node/35951/submissions

List of Submissions received on the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan

Submission Reference	Name
FIN-C786-1	Stephen Burke
FIN-C786-2	Darren Murphy
FIN-C786-3	Marcus Vinicius Marciano Rodrigues Castro
FIN-C786-4	Eamonn Slattery
FIN-C786-5	Dylan Colley
FIN-C786-6	Ambrose Clarke
FIN-C786-7	Ambrose Clarke
FIN-C786-8	Ronan Mc M
FIN-C786-9	Aleksandra Rulikowska
FIN-C786-10	Helen O Neill
FIN-C786-11	Gary Connolly
FIN-C786-12	Aideen McGinn
FIN-C786-13	Stephen Gray
FIN-C786-14	Stephanie O.
FIN-C786-15	Siobhan Keaney
FIN-C786-16	Owen Robinson
FIN-C786-17	Philip G
FIN-C786-18	Daniel Whooley
FIN-C786-19	Megan O
FIN-C786-20	Withdrawn author
FIN-C786-21	John Stokes
FIN-C786-22	Octavio Hernandez
FIN-C786-23	Liam Diamond
FIN-C786-24	Nicola O' Gorman
FIN-C786-25	Karen Hernandez
FIN-C786-26	Karen Quinn
FIN-C786-27	Thomas M
FIN-C786-28	Jim Nolan
FIN-C786-29	Anonymous Charnwood
FIN-C786-30	Barbara Clarke
FIN-C786-31	Nuala McGLinchey
FIN-C786-32	Robert Scanlon
FIN-C786-33	Chris Moore

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FIN-C786-34	Shane Dolan
FIN-C786-35	D. Eoghan
FIN-C786-36	Marie Carberry
FIN-C786-37	Patrick Murphy
FIN-C786-38	Stefano Sellitto
FIN-C786-39	Jenny Carberry
FIN-C786-40	Jonathan Carberry
FIN-C786-41	Ciaran O Briain
FIN-C786-42	Barbara Gilleran
FIN-C786-43	Liliana Mereacre
FIN-C786-44	Paul Walker
FIN-C786-45	Debbie Gallagher
FIN-C786-46	Deirdre Coughlan
FIN-C786-47	Withdrawn author
FIN-C786-48	Sharon Campbell-Shaw
FIN-C786-49	Willowtree Afterschool
FIN-C786-50	Michael Chaney
FIN-C786-51	Heather Chaney
FIN-C786-52	Noel Sheridan
FIN-C786-53	Gwen Byrne
FIN-C786-54	Kathleen Chaney
FIN-C786-55	Jack Diamond
FIN-C786-56	Lisa Gavin
FIN-C786-57	Sinead O Reilly
FIN-C786-58	Edward T
FIN-C786-59	Janice Ward
FIN-C786-60	David Barrow
FIN-C786-61	Barbara Sargent
FIN-C786-62	Niamh Foran
FIN-C786-63	Patrick Griffin
FIN-C786-64	Dermot Downey
FIN-C786-65	Daniel Chaney
FIN-C786-66	Emer and Mark Hilliard
FIN-C786-67	Jennifer Reardon
FIN-C786-68	Thomas Colton
FIN-C786-69	Kolyn Byrne
FIN-C786-70	K Grant
FIN-C786-71	Ailish Jameson
FIN-C786-72	Daniel Seavers
FIN-C786-73	Donal Lynch
FIN-C786-74	Muireann Neville
FIN-C786-75	Mary Mullins
FIN-C786-76	Grainne Kealy
FIN-C786-77	Gerry McGovern
FIN-C786-78	Ken King

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FIN-C786-79	Alexandra Birney
FIN-C786-80	Brian Yeoman
FIN-C786-81	Anthony Byrne
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FIN-C786-83	Matthew Hayes
FIN-C786-84	Seán O
FIN-C786-85	Aldi Stores (Ireland) Limited
FIN-C786-86	Bernard Coughlan
FIN-C786-87	Sadhbh O
FIN-C786-88	Richie Culleton
FIN-C786-89	Individual
FIN-C786-90	Conor Cleary
FIN-C786-91	Áine O'Neill
FIN-C786-92	Yihui Zhang
FIN-C786-93	Eibhlin Murphy
FIN-C786-94	Stacey C
FIN-C786-95	Zixiao Wang
FIN-C786-96	Jean Gray
FIN-C786-97	Aoife Gray
FIN-C786-98	Rachel McGrath
FIN-C786-99	Oliver Davies
FIN-C786-100	Stephen Gray
FIN-C786-101	Declan McDonald
FIN-C786-102	Steve Kavanagh
FIN-C786-103	Patrick Buffini
FIN-C786-104	Kevin Doogan
FIN-C786-105	Máire Uí Bhriain
FIN-C786-106	Catherine Meade
FIN-C786-107	Denise Dwyer
FIN-C786-108	Laurent Dhenain
FIN-C786-109	Linda Griffin
FIN-C786-110	Maria McAuliffe
FIN-C786-111	Lorraine McDonald
FIN-C786-112	Claire Ryan
FIN-C786-113	Nicola Bolger
FIN-C786-114	Iain Cameron
FIN-C786-115	Tara Gordon
FIN-C786-116	Robert Meade
FIN-C786-117	Seamus Moore
FIN-C786-118	Wolfgang Stengel
FIN-C786-119	Stephen Scannell
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FIN-C786-127	Pauline McConnell
FIN-C786-128	Derek Ward
FIN-C786-129	Eileen Hogan
FIN-C786-130	Niamh F
FIN-C786-131	Sophia F
FIN-C786-132	Tara Morgan
FIN-C786-133	Craig Best
FIN-C786-134	David Byrne
FIN-C786-135	Denise Best
FIN-C786-136	Jacinta Lawlor
FIN-C786-137	Gloria McAndrew
FIN-C786-138	David Devlin
FIN-C786-139	Tony Keogh
FIN-C786-140	David and Frances McClelland
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FIN-C786-143	Niall O Rourke
FIN-C786-144	Angela Doyle
FIN-C786-145	Anastasia Grace
FIN-C786-146	Charlotte Prior
FIN-C786-147	Jose George Kandathil
FIN-C786-148	Catherine Aarkvisla
FIN-C786-149	Gerard Jameson
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FIN-C786-182	Mark O'Brien
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FIN-C786-224	Sean O Hara
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FIN-C786-229	Damien Carbery
FIN-C786-230	Shona Freeman
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FIN-C786-232	Ciara Mulholland
FIN-C786-233	Aidan Ryan
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FIN-C786-235	Steve Mac Donncha
FIN-C786-236	Michael Gilvarry
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FIN-C786-238	Stacy Kenny
FIN-C786-239	Audrey Power
FIN-C786-240	Clonsilla and Porterstown Heritage Society
FIN-C786-241	Kenneth Yeates
FIN-C786-242	Clonsilla Tidy Towns
FIN-C786-243	Colm Heffernan
FIN-C786-244	Gerard Moore
FIN-C786-245	Agnessa Piotrovskaja
FIN-C786-246	Gerald O'Halloran
FIN-C786-247	Stewart McCall
FIN-C786-248	Jenny O'Brien
FIN-C786-249	Seamus Thorpe
FIN-C786-250	Gary and Helen Harold
FIN-C786-251	Alexandra Birney
FIN-C786-252	Bernard Harbor
FIN-C786-253	Desmond Brown
FIN-C786-254	James Clarke
FIN-C786-255	Caroline Barr
FIN-C786-256	Elaine Silvester
FIN-C786-257	Clonsilla Resident
FIN-C786-258	Mary O'Riordan

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FIN-C786-260	Matthew Fanning
FIN-C786-261	Edwin Williamson
FIN-C786-262	Cathal McDaniel
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FIN-C786-291	Marie Cahill
FIN-C786-292	John B
FIN-C786-293	Norah Nichol
FIN-C786-294	Donal O'Donoghue
FIN-C786-295	Fingal Active Travel Group
FIN-C786-296	Aisling Smith
FIN-C786-297	Igor Quinan
FIN-C786-298	Patrick Behan
FIN-C786-299	Maria Rocha
FIN-C786-300	Andrew Marsh
FIN-C786-301	Francisco Galan
FIN-C786-302	Christopher C
FIN-C786-303	Maeve Kelly

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FIN-C786-305	Fionnuala Gilvarry
FIN-C786-306	Padraig Tyrrell
FIN-C786-307	Jason Barr
FIN-C786-308	James Murphy
FIN-C786-309	Louis Colley
FIN-C786-310	Roderic O'Gorman
FIN-C786-311	Cllr John Walsh
FIN-C786-312	Patrick Glennon
FIN-C786-313	pamela McEntee
FIN-C786-314	Pádraig Mac Criostail
FIN-C786-315	Sabrina V
FIN-C786-316	Cathy Oneill
FIN-C786-317	Clair Rooney Dolan
FIN-C786-318	Claire Maguire
FIN-C786-319	Roisin Luz Smith-Galan
FIN-C786-320	Alan Elliott
FIN-C786-321	Tara Byrne
FIN-C786-322	Helen Carberry
FIN-C786-323	Richard Stephenson
FIN-C786-324	Aisling Nic Dhonncha
FIN-C786-325	D R
FIN-C786-326	Martina Glennon
FIN-C786-327	Deirdre Ryan
FIN-C786-328	Lambourn Residents Association
FIN-C786-329	Richard Dixon
FIN-C786-330	Emer Currie
FIN-C786-331	Ken King
FIN-C786-332	Janet Phelan
FIN-C786-333	Cathal McDermott
FIN-C786-334	Sean O'Riordan
FIN-C786-335	Eamonn and Eileen McKiennan
FIN-C786-336	Arthur McLaughlin

In addition to the submissions received from the parties mentioned above, the Environmental Protection Agency, provided an additional submission relating primarily to the strategic environmental assessment of the Draft Plan. Section 2.2 of this report refers.

Appendix A Screening of Recommendations for AA and SEA

Appendix A to this report includes a table detailing the screening of the Chief Executive's Recommendations to the Elected Members for Appropriate Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Proposed Amendment Reference	Text of Proposed Amendment	Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)	Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*
CE's Rec. (1)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (1) – Section 2.3 'Objectives'*** It is recommended that Objective 9 on **page 4** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows: **Objective 9: Promote a High Quality of Life, Health and Wellbeing** 'To remain an attractive place to live and provide a high quality of life, Clonsilla needs to plan for inclusive and healthy communities through education, community and health facilities and access to amenity and recreation spaces. ***All projects arising from the Plan shall be designed in a manner that ensures passive surveillance and deters anti-social behaviour, in accordance with relevant Development Plan policy.***	The amendment provides for a minor positive addition to Objective 9 to address provision of passive surveillance for public safety. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	The amendment provides for a minor positive addition to Objective 9 to address provision of passive surveillance for public safety. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

Proposed Amendment Reference	Text of Proposed Amendment	Screening for Appropriate Assessment (AA)	Screening for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*
CE's Rec. (2)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (2) – Section 3.4 'Natural and Built Heritage'*** It is recommended that the following text be included on **page 7** in Section 3.4.1 Natural Heritage of the Draft Framework Plan as follows: ***Clonsilla is also characterised by open space lands and mature trees of the former estate within the Castlefield development and at Lohunda Lodge and with hedgerows and trees along the northern side of Clonsilla Road and along the Royal Canal, which are important natural heritage assets and lend themselves to the overall character of the area.***	The amendment provides for additional text to Section 3.4.1of the Plan to highlight the importance of existing open space and mature trees within the Plan area that describes the overall character of the area. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	The amendment provides for additional text to Section 3.4.1of the Plan to highlight the importance of existing open space and mature trees within the Plan area that describes the overall character of the area. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (3)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (3) – Section 5.2 'The Public Consultation Process'*** It is recommended that Chapter 5 'Consultation' of the Draft Framework Plan on **page 19** be updated to take account of the overall consultation process including changes arising from the consideration of this Chief Executive's Report by Elected	Amendment provides for clarification. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of updating the Plan with overall consultation process. The requirement for	Amendment provides for clarification. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of updating the Plan with overall consultation process and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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	Members including any motions received.	Stage 2 AA is screened out.	
CE's Rec. (4)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (4) – Figure 6.2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy'*** It is recommended that a number of changes are made Fig 6-2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy' on **page 26** of the Draft Framework Plan including the removal of: ~~***Investigate Removal of Barriers to Permeability***~~ ~~***Traffic Management Measure***~~ ~~***Turning Facility***~~	This is a minor amendment to remove measures from the Figure 6-2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy'. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor amendment to remove measures from the Figure 6.2 'Overall Framework Plan Strategy'. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (5)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (5) – Figure 6.6 'Overall Traffic Management Strategy'*** It is recommended that Fig 6-6 Overall Traffic Management Strategy on page 30 of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the Traffic Management Measure.	This is a minor amendment to remove a proposed measure from the Figure 6-6 'Overall Traffic Management Strategy'. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The	This is a minor amendment to remove a proposed measure' from the Figure 6-6 'Overall Traffic Management Strategy'. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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		requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	
CE's Rec. (6)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (6) – Section 6.3 'Traffic Management Strategy'*** It is recommended that the following text is be deleted from Section 6.3.3 on **page 31** of the Plan: ~~***In order to improve overall levels of permeability in the residential areas to the south of Clonsilla Road (including Lambourne Avenue and Weaver's Wood), active consideration should also be given to addressing existing barriers to movement in this area.***~~	This is a minor amendment to remove text. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor amendment to remove text. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment change to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (7)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (7) – Section 7.2 "Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections"*** It is recommended that Fig 6-7 'Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections' on **page 31** of the Draft Clonsilla Framework Plan is amended to remove the following text: ~~***Investigate Removing Barriers to Permeability***~~	This is a minor amendment to remove text in Figure 6-7 '*Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections*'. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan. The requirement for	This is a minor amendment to remove text in Figure 6-7 '*Active Travel Network and Potential New Connections*'. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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		Stage 2 AA is screened out.	
CE's Rec. (8)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (8) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'*** It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34**, paragraph 4 of the Draft Framework within Section 7.2.1 'Purpose of the Project' as follows: *'Future use of the Lodge and proposed improvements to the associated open space should have regard to the importance of the structure as a heritage building of significance within Clonsilla, **its existing mature trees** and the requirements of the Fingal Development Plan.'*	This is an addition of text to *Section 7.2.1 Purpose of the Project* to address the existing mature trees near Lohunda Lodge. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is an addition of text to *Section 7.2.1 Purpose of the Project* to address the existing mature trees near Lohunda Lodge. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (9)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (9) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'*** It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 34** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.2.2 Project Features as follows: ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***	This is an additional text to address pedestrian and road user safety. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this text in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is additional text to address pedestrian and road user safety. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this text in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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CE's Rec. (10)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (10) – Section 7.2 'Key Project 1'*** It is recommended that the text on **page 35**, Section 7.2.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows: ***~~2 Provides a Playground and Seating.~~ 2 Provides an Enhanced Public Realm Area***	This is a minor change to text to address provision of enhanced public realm area. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor change to text to address provision of enhanced public realm area. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (11)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (11) – Figure 7.3 'Key Project 1'*** It is recommended that Fig 7.3 'Key Project 1 – Concept for the Redefined Village Centre on **page 35** of the Draft Framework Plan be amended to include all existing mature trees.	This is a minor change to *Figure 7-3 Key Project 1* to include all existing mature trees. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor change to *Figure 7-3 Key Project 1* to include all existing mature trees. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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CE's Rec. (12)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (12) – Figure 7.3 'Key Project 1'*** It is recommended that Fig. 7-5: CGI Image of Concept Design for the Redefined Village Centre be amended to include all existing mature trees.	This is a minor amendment to *Figure 7-5 CGI Image of Concept Design for the Redefined Village Centre* to include all existing mature trees. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor amendment to *Figure 7-5 CGI Image of Concept Design for the Redefined Village Centre* to include all existing mature trees. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (13)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (13) – 'Key Project 3'*** It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows: ***Ensure that all improvements will have full regard to any and all requirements relating to pedestrian and road user safety at this location.***	This is additional text to address pedestrian and road user safety. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is additional text to address pedestrian and road user safety. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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CE's Rec. (14)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (14) – Section 7.4 'Key Project 3'*** It is recommended that additional text is added on **page 38** of the Draft Framework Plan within Section 7.4.2 Project Features as follows, Retains and enhances the setting of significant trees~~'.~~ ***and hedgerows and provides for the maintenance and improvement of the tree lined/vegetated area along the north of Clonsilla***	This is a minor addition to Section 7.4.2 of the Plan to highlight the presence of existing trees and hedgerows along the north of Clonsilla Road and provide for their maintenance and improvement. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor addition to Section 7.4.2 of the Plan to highlight the presence of existing trees and hedgerows along the north of Clonsilla Road and provide for their maintenance and improvement. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (15)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (15) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'*** It is recommended that the text on **page 40**, Section 7.5.2 -Project Features of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows: ~~***Delivers a range of recreational spaces, both formal and informal that can be enjoyed by all ages of the community.***~~	This is a minor change to remove text. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for	This is a minor change to remove text regarding recreational spaces. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

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		Stage 2 AA is screened out.	
CE's Rec. (16)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (16) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'*** It is recommended that the text on **page 41**, Section 7.5.4 -Project Physical Changes of the Draft Framework Plan be amended as follows: ~~***2 Provides a playground***~~ ***2 Provides Public Realm Enhancements*** ~~***6 Provides a multigenerational space e.g. exercise machines***~~ ***6 Provides Public Realm Enhancements***	This is a minor change to address provision of enhanced public realm area. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor change to address provision of enhanced public realm area. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (17)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (17) – Section 7.5 'Key Project 4'*** Having regard to the above, it is recommended that Fig. 7-25 on **page 41** of the Draft Plan is deleted.	This is a minor change to remove Fig 7-25. No likely significant environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	This is a minor change to remove Fig 7-25. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment in the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.
CE's Rec. (18)	***Chief Executive's Recommendation (18) – Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions Gateway*** It is recommended that Table 8-1 Schedule of Actions Gateway on	This is a minor change to remove text. No likely significant	This is a minor change to remove text. Having regard to the criteria set in Schedule 1 of S.I. No. 435 of 2004, as

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	page 52 of the Draft Plan be amended to remove the row relating to ~~***Potential New Connections***~~.	environmental effects on European sites arise as a result of this amendment change to the Plan. The requirement for Stage 2 AA is screened out.	amended by S.I. No. 200 of 2011, no likely significant environmental effects arise as a result of this amendment change to the Plan and the requirement for SEA is screened out.

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 21

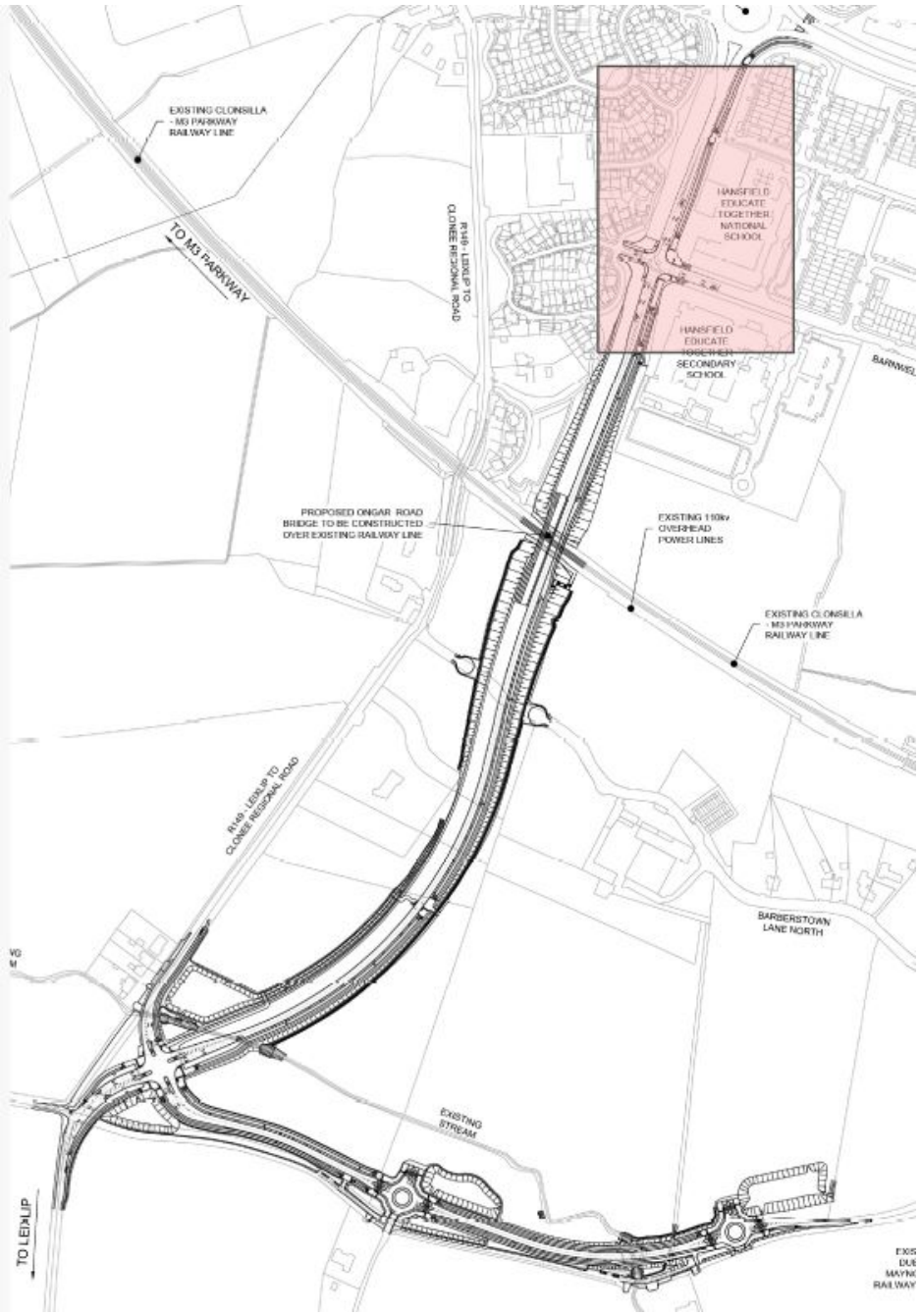
PROPOSED SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE LAW 2025 - L-7011 FROM ONGAR DISTRIBUTOR ROAD TO JUNCTION WITH BARNWELL ROAD(R149) (ROADS TRAFFIC ACT 1994 AS AMENDED)

The L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to Junction with Barnwell Road is 220m in length. The current speed limit on this section of the road is 50kph. It is proposed to increase the speed limit at this section to 60kph as the section of the road links the Ongar Distributor Road which is currently a 60kph road. There is no direct access into properties or estates from the road. Pedestrian and cycle infrastructure are catered for off road separated by a verge. There is a signalised pedestrian crossing at the top of the road and a signalised junction at the bottom of the road. Please see the attached map.

Recommendation: -
Following public consultation where no submissions were received, and the presentation to the Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock-Ongar Area Committee Meeting on the 24th of April 2025, it is now recommended that the following resolution be passed:

Resolution: -
Fingal County Council, in exercise with the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No.44 of 2004) and Section 86 of the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010) and Section 22 of the Road Traffic Act 2016 (No. 21 of 2016) and following consultation with An Garda Síochána, makes the following Special Speed Limit Bye-Law 2025:

Proposed speed limit increase from 50kph to 60kph at L-7011 from Ongar Distributor Road to Junction with Barnwell Road (R149)


EXISTING CLONSILLA - M3 PARKWAY RAILWAY LINE
TO M3 PARKWAY
R149 - LEIXLIP TO CLONEE REGIONAL ROAD
HANSFIELD EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL
HANSFIELD EDUCATE TOGETHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
PROPOSED ONGAR ROAD BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER EXISTING RAILWAY LINE
EXISTING 110kv OVERHEAD POWER LINES
EXISTING CLONSILLA - M3 PARKWAY RAILWAY LINE
R149 - LEIXLIP TO CLONEE REGIONAL ROAD
BARBERSTOWN LANE NORTH
EXISTING STREAM
TO LEIXLIP

Chief Executive's Report

County Council Meeting

Item No. 22

12th May 2025

Licence Application – 'Flavours of Fingal County Show'

(Reg. Ref. PEL/002/25)

Section 1.0 Executive Summary

An application has been made by Fingal County Council in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the 'Flavours of Fingal' event in Newbridge Demesne, Donabate (Register Reference PEL/002/25).

The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country market; artisan food stalls; an extensive 'family fun' area; and various other additional activities on the 5th and 6th of July 2025. The anticipated attendance will be in the region of 30,000 persons on both days.

The publication of notice of intention to hold the Flavours of Fingal County was made in the Gazette and Irish Independent. This provided for a three week period within which to make submissions or observations. The proposal, including the draft plan for the management of the event was available for inspection at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation portal at https://consult.fingal.ie. No submissions or observations were received from third parties during this time.

Having regard to:

- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;
- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council; and,
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

It is recommended that a decision to approve the event be made under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) subject to the schedule of conditions included within this report.

2.0 Introduction

This is an application for a Public Event Licence for an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal' event, in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country markets; artisan food stalls; an extensive family fun area; and, various additional activities on the 5th and 6th of July 2025. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The event will be held at Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co. Dublin and hosted by Fingal County Council.

Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) introduced legislation to provide licensing of certain outdoor events. Section 238 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) provides for the making of regulations by the Minister for matters of procedure and administration in relation to the holding of an event by a Local Authority.

Part 16 (Articles 193 to 199) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) addresses the matter of holding of an event by a local authority. This application has been made in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

The report of the Chief Executive has been prepared in accordance with Section 238(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, which requires that the report shall:

(i) specify the proposed event,

(ii) specify the matters referred to in section 231(4) to which the holding of the proposed event will be subject,

(iii) list the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed event in accordance with the regulations made under subsection (2),

(iv) summarise the issues raised in any such submissions or observations and state the response of the Chief Executive to them, and,

(v) recommend whether or not the proposed event should be held.

3.0 Site Location

The proposed event is to be hosted within Newbridge House Demesne, an historic and important regional parkland located c.6km northeast of Swords. The Demesne forms an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA), and the ACA includes objectives to protect its natural and built heritage.

Newbridge House is a protected structure and recorded monument, consisting of a Georgian Villa with a square cobbled courtyard to the rear. A café also adjoins the house. Grounds closest to the main house also include: a working farm that includes stables and a blacksmith workshop, a duck pond, a paddock area and animal / fowl pens. The main access to the demesne is via the R126, with additional access provisions along the eastern boundary (via Cobbe's Lane), northern boundary (via Turvey Avenue) and to the east (via Newbridge Avenue).

It is noted that the receiving environment where the event is proposed to take place, Newbridge House Demesne, has not undergone any substantive changes or alterations since the most recent iteration of the 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in 2024. To that extent, all of the issues raised in previous years by submissions from internal Council departments as well as external consultees (both statutory and non-statutory) are considered to remain valid.

4.0 Proposed Event

The 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' comprises a combination of outdoor activities including: include livestock and equestrian shows; music performances; country markets; artisan food stalls; an extensive family fun area; and, various additional activities.

According to the public notices, the event will run with public admittance on the 5th and 6th of July 2025 between the hours of 1100hrs to 1800hrs, with an anticipated attendance in the region of 30,000 persons per day (as stated in the public notices).

In summary, the key components of the proposed 'Flavours of Fingal' include six operational zones; listed below and illustrated on submitted maps.

Zone	Name
Zone 1	County Show
Zone 2	Paddocks Area
Zone 3	Walled Garden Area
Zone 4	Front of House Area
Zone 5	Living History Area
Zone 6	Equestrian Area

Each of these zones contains a variety of uses as part of the overall event, ranging from 'family-fun' activities; entertainment; concession and picnic areas; animal & agricultural displays; equestrian; vintage vehicles; historical demonstrations; exhibitor stands; event centre; and, wellness. Car parking areas ('Blue 1', 'Blue 2', 'Brown', 'Green', 'Staff and Exhibitors' have also been illustrated, as well as the 'Transport and Bus Centre' area.

Relative to the 2024 iteration of the event, there are no significant changes within the submitted proposals to be considered within this year's submission.

5.0 Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029

Zoning Objective

The site is located in an area designated with Zoning Objective OS - Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities', in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029.

Green Infrastructure Maps: Low Lying Agricultural
Highly Sensitive Landscape: Coastal
Architectural Conservation Area: Donabate

Protected Structures

RPS – 494 - Newbridge House
RPS – 493 – Lanistown Castle
RPS – 505 - Former Forge and Vernacular House
RPS – 863 - The Old Vicarage
RPS – 495 – The Lodge
RPS – 496 – Motte
RPS – 502 Railway Bridge

National Monuments

SMRS - DU012-060 - House - 18th/19th century
SMRS - DU012-101 – Enclosure
SMRS - DU012-004 - Castle - Tower House
SMRS - DU012-073- Enclosure

Objective GIM2

Protect the natural and built heritage of the following Fingal County Council owned lands (which include important historic sites, landscapes and gardens), while providing significant public amenities; Bremore Castle and Park, Ardgillan Castle and Demesne, Newbridge House and Demesne, Malahide Castle and Demesne, Swords Castle and Park, Santry Demesne, and Beechpark (Clonsilla) and Ward River Valley Regional Park, Swords.

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.

Section 7.2.5 Growing Tourism Sector of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029
This relates to the tourism sector and also recognises the role of the Flavours of Fingal in promoting Fingal County:

> *Tourism is one of Fingal's most important economic drivers which is fully embraced by the Council. Through Dublin Airport, Fingal provides the national major link between Ireland and international tourists. Fingal's Tourism sector is characterised by large numbers of SMEs, with 800 businesses providing accommodation and catering services. Guest accommodation supports an estimated 3,000 full time job equivalents and the catering sector provides a further 2000 jobs. The implementation of the Tourism Statement of Strategy and Work Programme 2017 – 2022 including the marketing of Fingal as a visitor location and the engagement with local tourism groups continues across the County. Flavours of Fingal continues to grow and highlight the quality and depth of food and farming in Fingal.*

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.

Section 10.5.2.4 Historic Designed Landscapes
Newbridge Demesne is recognised as a historic design landscape.

Policy HCAP18 – Designed Landscape Features, Settings and Views
Protect the setting, significant views, and built features of historic designed landscapes and promote the conservation of their essential character, both built and natural.

Policy HCAP19 – Development and Historic Demesnes
Resist proposals or developments that would lead to the loss or, or cause harm to the character, principal components or setting of historic designed landscapes and demesnes of significance in the County.

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.

Policy HCAP12 – Interventions to Protected Structures

Ensure that direct or indirect interventions to Protected Structures or adjoining development.

affecting them are guided by architectural conservation principles so that they are sympathetic, sensitive and appropriate to the special interest, appearance, character, and setting of the Protected Structure and are sensitively scaled and designed.

Policy HCAP14 – Architectural Conservation Areas

Protect the special interest and character of all areas which have been designated as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). Development within or affecting an ACA must contribute positively to its character and distinctiveness and take opportunities to protect and enhance the character and appearance of the area and it's setting wherever possible. Development shall not harm buildings, spaces, original street patterns, archaeological sites, historic boundaries or features, which contribute positively to the ACA.

Policy HCAP3 – Record of Monuments and Places/ Sites and Monuments Record

Safeguard archaeological sites, monuments, objects and their settings listed in the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP), Sites and Monuments Record (SMR), underwater cultural heritage including protected wrecks and any additional newly discovered archaeological remains.

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.

Objective DMSO140 – Protection of Existing Landscape

Protect existing landscape features such as scrub, woodland, large trees, hedgerows, meadows, ponds and wetlands which are of biodiversity or amenity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their protection and management.

Policy GINHP21 – Protection of Trees and Hedgerows

Protect existing woodlands, trees and hedgerows which are of amenity or biodiversity value and/or contribute to landscape character and ensure that proper provision is made for their

protection and management in line with the adopted Forest of Fingal-A Tree Strategy for Fingal.

6.0 Submissions

No submissions from third parties were received within the statutory time period allocated.

7.0 Department Reports

Copies of all reports are available in Appendix 1.

7.1 Internal Department Reports

Water Services Department

No objection.

Transportation Planning Section

No objection, subject to conditions.

Parks and Green Infrastructure

No report received at time of drafting this report. However, it is noted that previous submissions from the Parks Division have not objected to the event, subject to the the implementation of tree protection measures. Given there have been no substantive changes to the receiving environment since the event's inception, the previously included tree-protection conditions remain of relevance.

Housing Department

No report received at time of drafting this report.

Conservation Officer

The Conservation Officer has no objection in principle. The report recommends that adequate management and protective measures be put in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event.

Environmental Health Officer

No report received at time of drafting this report.

Public Lighting Section

Previously, the public lighting section have recommended that locations of any tower lights proposed should be located and positioned so that they avoid causing a glare issue to drivers and pedestrians, and that obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit), is minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered. Given daylight hours at this time of the year, such conditions are not considered necessary

during the operation of the event, but may be of relevance during event preparation and de-rigging.

Community/Sports Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Arts/Culture Department
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Community Archaeologist / Heritage Officer
No report received at time of drafting this report. However, given the similarity between the proposed event and previous iterations of the event, there are no perceived impacts on the archaeological resource at Newbridge Demesne by this year's proposals, as detailed in the application submitted. Therefore, there remain no objections to this development on archaeological grounds.

Environment Department
No report received at time of drafting this report. Again, given there have been no substantive changes to the receiving environment since the event's inception, the previously included environmental conditions remain of relevance.

Ecologist
No report received at time of drafting this report. A 2024 report did address the ecology of the site as well as the issue of Appropriate Assessment. Mitigation to protect grasslands at the site was required then and in particular, the protection of Meadow Barley was recommended. Given there have been no substantive changes to the receiving environment in the interim, the recommended conditions of 2024 remain relevant.

7.2 External Department Reports

Garda Superintendents
No report received at time of drafting this report.

C.I.E
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII)
No report received at time of drafting this report. It is noted that the 2024 report received from TII advised that traffic management for the 2024 event must ensure that the strategic function of national roads in the area is safeguarded during the event. Recommendations were also made with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and signage issues before and during the event.

Uisce Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Comhairle Ealoin
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Failte Ireland
No report received at time of drafting this report.

An Taisce
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Heritage Council
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Health & Safety Authority
No report received at time of drafting this report. It is noted that a report received in 2024 stated that the proposal appears to be outside the scope of the Chemicals Act (Control of Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2015 and consequently the Authority has no observations to make.

N.T.A.
No report received at time of drafting this report.

Iarnród Eireann
No report received at time of drafting this report.

8.0 Assessment

8.1 Event Management

Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended relates to items which the local authority is required to place on display with respect to the event licence application. As part of the event licence procedure, an Event Management Plan, site layout plan and other supporting information including a Traffic Management Plan have been prepared.

Key elements of the Event Management Plan include:

- Event details
- Event management team (NOC Consultancy including Jillian Armstrong and Neil Kennedy; FCC including Paul Barnes and Fiona O Reilly).
- Licences, codes of practice, legislation, regulations & by-laws

- Safety & operations
- Crowd safety & movement
- Stewarding
- Medical provisions
- Fire safety
- Equipment standards
- Traffic management
- Policies & procedures
- Event health & safety documentation & inspections
- Accessibility

The Event Management Plan (prepared by NOC Consultancy) contains a safety strategy which states that it is the promoter's objective to provide competent trained staff and recognised safety management systems (including risk assessments), in order to ensure a safe event with minimum risk to the health, safety and welfare of attendees at the 'Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025'. An organizational chart has been provided detailing the roles and responsibilities of key post-holders, including the roles of external agencies.

Risk assessments have been undertaken in relation to this event and are contained in the Event Management Plan. The specific Event Risk Assessment is included as an Appendix (6) in the Event Management Plan and establish risks based on Impact/Severity and Probability. The procedures in the event of an emergency are contained in the Appendices (3 & 5) of the Event Management Plan submitted with this application. The procedures include roles and responsibilities, details of key personnel, procedures and emergency routes. It is stated that all emergency services will be made aware of emergency routes in advance of the event.
A comprehensive traffic management plan has been submitted as part of the application.

Having regard to Article 194(2) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) prior to the staging of the event, an updated event management plan should be submitted to provide details of the deputy event controller and clarity as to whether any reinstatement works are required. In addition, an environmental management plan should be prepared.

8.2 Principle of Proposal

The site is located in an area designated with zoning objective 'OS' Open Space to 'Preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities' in the Fingal Development Plan 2023 – 2029. The vision of this objective is to 'Provide recreational and amenity resources for urban and rural populations subject to strict development controls. Only community facilities and other recreational uses will be considered and encouraged by the Planning Authority'.

The ‘Flavours of Fingal’ event is a temporary, 2-day event which would not be prejudicial to the zoning and ongoing use of these lands as open space or the established cultural and recreational facilities thereon. Objective EEO83 of the Fingal Development Plan supports events such as the ‘Flavours of Fingal’ as a means of promoting and showcasing the agri-food sector while Section 7.2.5 of the Plan in relation to tourism similarly recognises that the ‘Flavours of Fingal’ event highlights the quality and depth of food and farming in the county. Objective EEO48 of the Development Plan specifically supports events at suitable locations in Fingal subject to appropriate licensing arrangements, appropriate consultation and where the amenities of the area, natural and built heritage can be safeguarded.

Flavours of Fingal is noted to have a successful track record of being hosted at Newbridge Demesne and this event has included engagement and collaboration with a range of stakeholders. It is considered that the proposed event would improve the quality of Fingal’s tourism offer, will help promote Newbridge House & Demesne and support the agri-food sector, consistent with the provisions of the Fingal Development Plan in this regard. It is noted that there have been no objections from local residents, or from statutory and non-statutory consultees. This of itself suggests that the event is well organised and well run.

For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed event is considered acceptable in principle.

8.3 Impact on Built Heritage & Landscape

The proposed event is taking place within the curtilage of a historic demesne with mature landscaping and structures of historical importance.

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 recognises the importance of Newbridge House and Demesne as a site of historical importance as per the conservation designations. The tourism opportunity of Newbridge House and Demesne is also considered in the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, under Section 7.5.2 and particular attention is given to the rarity of the 18th Century or earlier designed landscapes, which are highly significant and sensitive, under Section 10.5.2.4.

The event will utilise existing amenities alongside the provision of temporary new structures to accommodate the event and activities on site for its duration. It is therefore important that suitable provision is made to ensure the integrity of the protected structures; mature trees and existing roads are suitably protected from damage during the construction and preparation stage, during the event itself and the site re-instated to pre-event condition afterwards.

Consideration is given to the temporary nature of the event in assessing impacts and the specific layout. Based on the information prepared, there are no perceived impacts on the archaeology features in the Demesne and therefore the event is considered to be consistent with Policy HCAP3 and Objective HCAO2 in respect of safeguarding archaeological sites and their settings.

The report received from the Conservation Office states that there is no objection in principle to the event as long as adequate management and protective measures are in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event. The report notes that the open fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these. Care should be taken in the more significant areas of the demesne e.g. within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanistown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. The latter is also discussed further in this report. The Conservation Officer has made a number of recommendations for mitigation to protect Newbridge Demesne and the historic features therein.

Some of the areas of woodland present on the site in the 1840s have been mapped by National Parks and Wildlife Service in the National Native Woodland Survey and have been included in the Ancient and Long-Established Woodland dataset1. These woodlands are outside of the areas proposed to be utilised by the event according to the 'Areas Map' included in the Event Management Plan (Rev001) and no impacts are therefore likely. The application submission does not include documentation which details tree protection. Newbridge House Demesne is a regional park containing numerous trees and woodland areas which will be accessible to the public during the Flavours of Fingal event. As a result of this. adequate tree protection measures should be put in place to avoid potential negative impacts of increased pedestrian footfall and vehicle traffic.

Conditions are recommended to ensure the protection and of the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House and Demesne prior to the event, during and after the event.

It is also recommended that the event organisers ensure that no public or casual access is permitted to those parts of Newbridge Demesne (or property therein) that are not for public use during the event and provide any necessary protective measures in consultation with the management team of Newbridge House and Demesne. Subject to adherence to these conditions, it is considered that the proposed event, would not adversely affect the character, components or setting of Newbridge Demesne landscape, the character or setting of the Protected Structures within or adjoining the Demesne or the Newbridge Demesne Architectural Conservation Area.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on both the established Built Heritage & Landscape as they relate to Newbridge Demesne.

8.4 Impact on Amenities

The Planning Authority acknowledges that given the siting of Newbridge Demesne, the proposed event areas are suitably detached from residential areas. Furthermore, given the event is temporary in nature (2 days) with limited operating times over a weekend, it is considered that the event will not negatively impact on residential amenity. It is stated in the Event Management Plan that noise will be limited and shall not cause unreasonable disturbance to any nearby noise sensitive premises and that no vibration exposure is anticipated.

Obtrusive light (light spill and light pollution in areas that are not to be lit should be minimised. This can be addressed by condition. The hours of operation of the tower lights should also be considered, though it is noted that sunset on the weekend of 5/6th of July is 2153hrs, and so light overspill effects are considered to be minimal given the proposed event timings.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on local amenities, including the residential amenities of nearby occupiers as well as the wider communities of Donabate and Portrane.

8.5 Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan has been prepared by Freeflow Traffic Management and included with the submission. Paid car-parking will be facilitated within the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at the most central location on the site, independent of the main car-parks. A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by a combination of marshals, TMO and Gardai. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the event and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section. A Travel Manager should also be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

The 2024 submission received from TII requested that traffic management measures protect the strategic nature of national roads in the area and also included recommendations with regards to signage and the appointment of a liaison officer to address all traffic and signage issues before and during the event. The historic running of the event appears to have taken these issues into account. Nonetheless, such issues should be addressed by way of conditions.

8.6 Public Transport

According to the event documentation, it is an objective this event to encourage use of public transport to minimise congestion of the public road network. The Planning Authority note that details relating to public transport options should be provided prior to the event

taking place, clearly indicating connectivity and the available location, frequency, and capacity for public transport provision on both days of the event.

8.7 Car & Bicycle Parking
Provision has been made for car parking including accessible car parking.

It is also considered that bicycle parking provision should clearly be included with convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle and also comprising dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking within the event site. Details of these should be agreed with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential impact on the local transport network as detailed in paragraphs 8.5 to 8.7 above.

8.8 Environmental Monitoring and Measures
It is noted that no specific environmental monitoring statement has been included which would include details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property. It is submitted that a comprehensive clean-up post-event will ensure there is no lasting damage.

It is recommended that conditions be attached requiring the reinstatement of the venue subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event. Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site will also be conditioned to be detailed prior to the holding of the event.

Food safety is also important and would require facilities regarding storage handling etc. This can be addressed by way of conditions.

A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor should be prepared in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan. Following the event, a waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

All contractors/vendors should adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report after the event to

highlight successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of Environmental Monitoring.

8.9 Ecology
According to the documentation prepared for the event, no negative impacts on flora and fauna are foreseen.

The 2024 report received from the Fingal County Council ecologist advises that the ecology of the estate, in particular the meadow grassland, is of substantial ecological importance. The grasslands on the site are known to support Hordeum secalinum (meadow barley) which is listed in Schedule A of the Flora (Protection) Order 2022 (S.I. No. 235/ 2022). Meadow Barely has been identified previously within the areas proposed to be 'Staff and Exhibitors Car Park", "Brown Car Park" and "Blue Car Parks 1 and 2".

This submission, albeit from 2024 remains of relevance given the potential for damage to the Hordeum secalinum with this potential impact caused by the increased disturbance from the event. Mitigation measures are therefore required to ensure no impact can occur to this protected species.

Potential significant impacts to fauna such as bats, birds and badgers are considered unlikely as the event is carried out on areas of open terrain leaving the woodland areas and fauna therein unimpacted by the event, the hours of the event are 11 am to 6 pm allowing fauna to forage before and after the event and the main period of impacts of the event will be short term in nature (2 days).
Subject to conditions, the proposed event is considered to be acceptable in terms of its potential negative impacts on local ecology within the site.

9.0 Conclusion
A licence has been applied for by Fingal County Council Events Unit, to hold an event in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The Event Management Plan submitted has been assessed and due consideration given to the protection of Newbridge Demesne in particular the landscape and historical setting including protected structures within Newbridge Demesne.

Having regard to:
- The location, characteristics and setting of the site and its suitability for holding this event;
- The proposals in respect of the event;

- The provisions of Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended and Part 16 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended;
- The comments received from state organisations and departments of Fingal County Council;
- The history of the successful staging of events on the subject site by the Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council,

The Public Event Licence application is considered acceptable subject to conditions to mitigate any potential impacts on the amenities of the area, established trees and woodlands, built heritage and ecology and ensure satisfactory arrangements in respect of the event including waste management, access and traffic management.

10. Recommendation

For the above reasons, it is recommended that a Public Event Licence for the outdoor event: 'Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025' is approved and issued, subject to the following conditions:

1. The event shall be carried out in its entirety in accordance with the plans, particulars and specifications lodged within this application, save as may be required by the other conditions attached hereto. Unless otherwise stated, documentation indicating compliance with the attached conditions shall be submitted no later than 7 days prior to the event. In the event of such documentation not being completed and submitted to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority within 7 days of the event commencing or where compliance with attached conditions cannot be achieved, permission for the event or those elements of the event that are not compliant under the licence may not be permitted and/or the event may not be permissible. The licence hereby issued relates to the holding of an event on 5th and 6th of July 2025 only.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence and that effective control be maintained in particular as it may relate to health and safety and the protection of Newbridge House and Demesne.

2. Prior to the holding of the event, an updated event management plan shall be prepared which (a) identifies and confirms the event controller, deputy controller and deputy safety officer and clarifies whether any reinstatement works are required after the event. The Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Event Management Plan, with particular emphasis being placed on health, safety & welfare issues, stewarding, crowd management and employee safety, and protection of the Newbridge Parkland/ Demesne.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

3. Safety & Security
   (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that experienced security and safety staff are provided.

   (b) Only authorised security and safety staff and working personnel employed by the Fingal County Council Events Unit and designated Council employees shall be permitted to enter the designated parts of the event site during the set up and removal process.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

4. In relation to all health and safety matters, the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall adhere to the requirements of Fingal County Council, in addition to all legal requirements in relation to health and safety for the construction build, take down and event operation.

   REASON: To ensure that the development shall be in accordance with the event licence, and that effective control be maintained.

5. Medical provision shall be in accordance with a Medical Operational Plan which shall be prepared in advance of the event and include suitable parking and access provisions for ambulance service vehicles and equipment.

   REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

6. Briefing Prior to the Event
   Fingal County Events Unit and/or the Event Management Team on behalf of Fingal County Council shall hold an event briefing meeting. This shall include relevant emergency services and all other relevant bodies and prescribed agencies. The applicant shall also organise and attend a site meeting on the morning of the event with An Garda Síochána, the Emergency Services, and respective prescribed bodies.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

7. The Organisers shall undertake to ensure there is no breach of relevant licensing laws and in particular those provisions relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor to minors or parties who are under the influence of alcohol. Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that all staff members engaging in the sale of intoxicating liqueur at the event will be fully familiar with the licensing laws.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

8. All concession units which are serviced by gas supplies shall have certification certified by a competent person and in accordance with Fingal County Council 'Guide to Gas Usage at Events'.

   REASON: In the interests of the safety and the proper planning of this event.

9. Insurance
   Fingal County Council Events Unit, on behalf of Fingal County Council, shall ensure that there is full insurance provided for this event. This shall include:

   (a) All relevant insurances including indemnity, Public Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance are in place prior to the event against all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including necessary legal expenses) arising out of injury to any person or loss of or damage to any property whatsoever, resulting from or in any way connected with or arising out of the use of Newbridge Demesne. (Insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €25m or any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance with an indemnity limit of not less than €13m for any one accident unlimited in any period of insurance)

   (b) The insurance policies will extend to include the liability of all parties involved in any way with the holding of the event including but not limited to enabling works, catering, broadcasting and crowd control.

   REASON: In the interests of the proper planning of this event.

10. A debriefing session shall be held by the Fingal County Council Events Unit not later than 4 weeks after the event and shall be attended by the prescribed bodies. A copy of all final documentation as required by conditions to this licence shall be made available at this meeting.

    REASON: In the interests of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

11. Traffic Management
    (a) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the event and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

    (b) Any proposed event signage (including contingency plan signing), static and Vehicle Management System (VMS) relating to national roads shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to holding the event. Only approved signage shall be placed on national roads. VMS signs shall be used for traffic management purposes only and not advertising, sponsorship or similar.

(c) Prior to the event, the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall consult with Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A where there may be implications for the motorway network subject to Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor Area A provisions.

(d) The sign faces and posts of existing road traffic signs shall not be used as backing/support for any signage.

(e) All signage shall be removed from national routes no later than one week post event unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

(f) A liaison person shall be appointed by Fingal County Council Events Unit to deal with all traffic and signage issues before and during the event and such person shall be readily contactable by Gardaí, Fingal County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland before and during the event.

REASON: In the interest of traffic safety.

12. Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site shall be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle; the details of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

13. Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking shall be provided within the event site; the details of which shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the staging of the event.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

14. A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

    REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

15. Public Transport
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall engage with Iarnród Éireann seeking advice on technical requirements for mitigating impacts on railway infrastructure and

operations. Stakeholder meetings must be scheduled with operational staff in Iarnród Éireann prior to, and with adequate notice, in advance of the events. All decisions and agreements reached must be fully adhered to by the applicant.

(b) In the interest of crowd management and safety the Fingal County Council Events Unit shall liaise and seek agreement with Iarnród Éireann, as early as possible with respect of any required augmented timetable arrangements, increased train frequencies, or passenger queuing arrangements on the days of the events.

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

16. Conservation
    (a) No heavy or load bearing structures shall be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden.
    (b) Restrictions shall be placed on large or heavy vehicles within the cobbled courtyard area and close to historic walls of the walled garden.

REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural and built heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

17. Landscape
    The following landscape protection measures shall be implemented:
    (a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall meet a representative of the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council on-site at least 4 weeks pre-event to agree tree and ground protection measures including access routes for works vehicles. The event organisers shall implement any additional tree or ground protection measures instructed by the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department prior to or post each event taking place to mitigate the impacts of possible damage.
    (b) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall submit a Method Statement to the Swords/ Balbriggan Operations Department detailing a stage by stage activity programme of the event build up and take down works. This shall include a drawing showing location of temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas & vehicle type (e.g. HGVs) storage compounds, fuel containers, generators and details of any required excavations/foundations. This drawing shall include the location of trees relative to the temporary features.
    (c) Any proposed temporary fencing shall be fixed using a surface anchoring system and not excavated foundations. No equipment, vehicles, materials including fuel to be stored or parked within the root protection area of trees as per BS 5837: 2012, Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.

REASON: To ensure the protection of existing trees in Newbridge Demesne.

18. Waste Enforcement & Regulation

(a) A detailed waste management plan from the appointed waste contractor shall be submitted in writing to the Environment Section for consideration in advance of the event to highlight methods of segregation of waste materials and subsequent management of waste streams with an emphasis on reuse and recycling. Waste streams once separated shall not be mixed thereafter. The appointed contractor shall take into consideration the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance when drafting the waste management plan.

(b) All contractors/vendors shall adhere to the sustainability initiatives outlined in the Green Festival and Events in Fingal Guidance and provide a summary report in writing after the event to the Environment Section highlighting successes in reducing, reusing and recycling waste as well as any issues encountered and improvements for future events.

(c) A waste report shall be submitted by the appointed waste contractor to the Environment Section after the event to highlight the success of the measures undertaken and to confirm the quantities of different waste streams reused, recycled, recovered and disposed of to landfill.

REASON: In the interests of safety and the proper planning and management of this event.

19. Demesne Renewal

(a) The Fingal County Council Events Unit shall ensure that the venue be reinstated subsequent to the event, including litter clean-up for the full clean-up of the surrounding area, and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the event.

(b) Full details on sanitary provision and the provision of potable water to serve the site shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

(c) Full details on food safety storage facilities shall be provided prior to the event taking place.

REASON: In the interest of public and environmental health.

20. Ecology

A suitably qualified Ecologist, with demonstratable experience in botany and or habitat management, shall be appointed at the earliest possible time to oversee the management mitigation measures to protect the grasslands on site and in particular, the protected plant Meadow Barley.

The Ecologists role shall include but not be limited to:

i. Carry out a survey of the grasslands on site prior to mowing to identify locations of Meadow Barely;
ii. Advise what time of year is best for any mowing necessary to occur in advance of the event to give the greatest opportunities for the species rich grassland, and Meadow Barely, on site to set seed;
iii. Ensure the habitat for this plant is excluded to a satisfactory extent from any activities associated with the event.
iv. Ensure the areas identified are supervised for the extent of the festival. This shall include any preparations beforehand and activities involving cleaning up the festival afterwards.
v. Any proposed mitigation measures shall be agreed in writing with Fingal Ecologist, prior to the event.

REASON: In the interests of protecting the natural heritage of Newbridge House & Demesne and the proper planning and management of this event.

21. Environmental Management
Prior to the event, an environmental management plan shall be prepared which includes details on sanitary provision, waste management and damage to property and an environmental monitoring programme for before, during and after the proposed event.

REASON: To protect the amenities, environment and ecology of the area.

22. Lighting
Obtrusive light arising from the event (during preparation, the event itself and removal/ reinstatement) shall be minimised. The hours of operation of the tower lights and details of the extent of light spill from same, shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority prior to the event.

REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

23. Operations Management

(a) The applicant shall meet on-site with a representative of the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council no later than four weeks prior to the event to agree on appropriate tree and ground protection measures, including designated access routes for works vehicles. The applicant must implement any additional tree or ground protection measures as directed by the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department, before the event.

(b) The submitted Proposed Traffic Management Plan for Flavours of Fingal County Show at Newbridge Demesne on 5–6 July 2025, prepared by Freeflow Traffic

Management (dated March 2025), shall be shared and discussed with the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department.
In addition, the applicant shall submit a detailed Method Statement outlining the stage-by-stage schedule of the event setup and breakdown. This submission shall include: a site plan indicating temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas (including vehicle types, e.g. HGVs), storage compounds, fuel containers, generators, and any required excavations or foundations and the locations of existing trees in relation to all temporary infrastructure.

REASON: To protect the amenities of the area.

Appendix 1 Department Reports

1. **Internal Department Reports**

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<u>Water Services Department:</u>

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE **PLANNING REPORT** **Report of the Water Services Department**

Register Reference: PEL/002/25

Registration Date: 27-Mar-2025

Development: Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Department (Events Section), Fingal County Council hereby proposes to hold an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

The proposal, including the Draft Plan for the management of the event, may be inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation poral at https://consult.fingal.ie for a period of five weeks from the date of receipt of publication of this notice.

Submissions or observations may be made to Events Section, Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin within a period of three weeks from the date of publication of this Notice.

Location: Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Dept.

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Flood risk: No objection;

Surface water drainage: No objection

Engineer:	***PG***	Endorsed:	**DD**
Date:	***11.4.25***	Date:	**14/04/2025**

Transportation Planning Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE PLANNING REPORT Report of the Transportation Planning Section

Register Reference: PEL/002/25

Registration Date: 27-Mar-2025

Development: Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Department (Events Section), Fingal County Council hereby proposes to hold an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025.

The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day. The proposal, including the Draft Plan for the management of the event, may be inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council during office hours and online through the public consultation poral at https://consult.fingal.ie for a period of five weeks from the date of receipt of publication of this notice.

Submissions or observations may be made to Events Section, Economic Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin within a period of three weeks from the date of publication of this Notice.

Location: Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Dept.

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

General

The proposed event will take place in the Newbridge Demesne.

Parking

Parking will be facilitated in the grounds of the Demesne. Accessible parking is provided at a central location on the site.

Bicycle Parking

The bicycle parking quantity, location and detail is unclear. Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site, should be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle. Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking should be provided within the event site.

Traffic Management Plan

A Traffic Management Plan for a free flow system has been prepared which details traffic movements which shall be managed by marshals, TMO and Gadaí. This document has been updated on the basis of previous Flavours of Fingal events. The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

Conclusion

The Transportation Planning Section has no objection to the proposed development subject to the following conditions:

1) The Traffic Management Plan shall be monitored on a continuing basis over the course of the events and amended, if necessary, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, An Garda Siochána and Fingal County Council Operations Department Traffic Section.

2) Dedicated convenient bicycle access routes within the event site should be provided giving priority to cyclists over the private motor vehicle.
3) Dedicated, convenient and secure bicycle parking should be provided within the event site.
4) A Travel Manager shall be included in the proposed roles set out in the event management plan with dedicated duties around active and sustainable travel communication and planning.

Officer:	**James Johnson**	Endorsed:	
Date:	**8th May 2025**	Date:	

Conservation Officer Section:

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Conservation Officer Section

Register Reference: PEL/001/24

Registration Date: 11 March 2024

Development: To hold an outdoor event - Flavours of Fingal County Show in accordance with part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June 2024. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

https://consult.fingal.ie/en/consultation/flavours-fingal-county-show-2024

Location: Newbridge House and Farm, Newbridge Demesne, Donabate, Co Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise, Cultural Development Dept

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

Flavours of Fingal is an annual event within the lands of Newbridge House and Demesne. The lands contain a number of Protected Structures and Recorded Monuments and is also designated as an Architectural Conservation Area. The historic designed landscape is a very significant 18th century landscape.

The Conservation Office has no objection in principle as long as adequate management and protective measures are in place to ensure that damage is not caused to any of the protected structures, recorded monuments or designed landscape features, and that no permanent alterations are made to the historic demesne to facilitate the event. The open fields on the northern side of the demesne are less sensitive than other parts of the demesne and a lot of the activity is centred within these. Care should be taken in

the more significant areas of the demesne e.g. within the walled garden, close to the main house and historic outbuildings, within the vicinity of Lanestown Castle, and in proximity to individual or clusters of mature trees. Therefore:

- No heavy or load bearing structures should be placed adjacent to the historic walls of the walled garden or within the historic outbuilding areas and courtyard.
- Restrictions should be placed on large or heavy vehicles within the cobbled courtyard area and close to historic walls of the walled garden.
- The provision of car parking areas and the siting of activities should be careful of vehicular movements and compacting of ground around the root systems of mature trees. An area of archaeological potential has been identified close to Lanestown Castle through an archaeological investigation. The Heritage Officer should be consulted in relation to any potential impacts on this.
- The comments of the Parks Superintendent should be sought in relation to any required protective measures for the mature trees or other designed landscape features during the course of the event.

Signed:

	Helena Bergin
Position:	**Conservation Officer**
Date:	**28/03/2024**

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNAL CONSULTEE

PLANNING REPORT

Report of Parks and Green Infrastructure Division

Register Reference: PEL/002/25

Registration Date: 27-Mar-2025

Development: Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Department (Events Section), Fingal County Council hereby proposes to hold an outdoor event 'Flavours of Fingal County Show' in accordance with Part XVI of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The proposed event will comprise of outdoor activities to include livestock and equestrian shows, music performances, country market, artisan food stalls, an extensive family fun area and various activities of a like kind on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th July 2025. The anticipated audience will be in the region of 30,000 persons per day.

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Location: Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate, Co. Dublin

Applicant: Economic, Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development Dept.

Application Type: Public Event Licence

Report

The submitted documents include the map titled FCC – Flavours of Fingal – Donabate, Site Layout – Event Areas, Revision 001, and the Flavours of Fingal 2025 – Site Layout – Licence Application and Event Management Plan prepared by NOC Consultancy and Proposed Traffic Management Plan for Flavours of Fingal County Show at Newbridge Demesne on 5-6th July, 2025 prepared by Freeflow

Traffic Management, however, the application does not include documentation addressing the protection of historical landscapes and trees. Newbridge House Demesne, a regional park with extensive woodlands and mature trees, will be accessible to the public during the Flavours of Fingal event. Therefore, appropriate tree protection measures must be implemented to mitigate the potential negative impacts of increased pedestrian footfall and vehicular traffic.

Response:

The Parks & Green Infrastructure Division has no objection in principle to the granting of a Public Event Licence for the Flavours of Fingal event.

In the event of planning permission being granted, the following conditions should be applied:

In order to ensure the protection of the existing landscape and trees within Newbridge Demesne, the applicant shall implement the following landscape protection measures:

(c) The applicant shall meet on-site with a representative of the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department of Fingal County Council no later than four weeks prior to the event to agree on appropriate tree and ground protection measures, including designated access routes for works vehicles. The applicant must implement any additional tree or ground protection measures as directed by the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department, before the event.

(d) The submitted *Proposed Traffic Management Plan for Flavours of Fingal County Show at Newbridge Demesne on 5–6 July 2025*, prepared by Freeflow Traffic Management (dated March 2025), shall be shared and discussed with the Swords/Balbriggan Operations Department.
In addition, the applicant shall submit a detailed Method Statement outlining the stage-by-stage schedule of the event setup and breakdown. This submission shall include: a site plan indicating temporary works access routes, vehicle parking areas (including vehicle types, e.g. HGVs), storage compounds, fuel containers, generators, and any required excavations or foundations and the locations of existing trees in relation to all temporary infrastructure.

Officer: Marta Durek Endorsed: Gemma Carr

Date: 11/04/2025 Date: 11/04/2025

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 23

FINGAL ARTISTS' SUPPORT SCHEME 2025 FOR PROFESSIONAL FINGAL ARTISTS

Applications have been received from professional artists under the bursary entitled the '***Fingal Artists' Support Scheme 2025'***. This bursary scheme arose as a core recommendation from the Council's Arts Development Plan 2013-2017 and was adopted by the Council in 2014. Now in its twelfth year, demand for the funding scheme has increased from 37 applications received in 2014 to 305 applications received this year.

The funding allows professional artists in Fingal to avail of an award towards professional development opportunities, a residency, or towards the development of their careers as artists.

The award was open to practicing artists at all stages in their professional careers working in music, visual art, drama, film, dance, and literature. To be eligible to apply, applicants must: have been born, have studied, or currently reside in the Fingal administrative area. It is proposed to make funding available to the applicants in accordance with the conditions of the scheme.

Following a comprehensive eligibility check conducted by the Arts Office, a total of **297 eligible applications** were received and assessed by independent advisors across the six categories. The total amount applied for across all applications was **€1,272,000.00**, an increase of **18% from 2024**. Having examined the applications, the advisors and the Arts Office have recommended **89 awards** amounting to a total sum of €250,000. **29%** of applicants were awarded.

This year the budget for the scheme retained the increase from €200,000 in 2022 to €250,000 in 2023. The Arts Office is now seeking the Council's approval to issue the successful candidates with the awards below. The candidates are as follows:

Artform: Music			**Award**
1	Ailbhe	McDonagh	€3,720.00
2	Anna	Cashell	€930.00
3	Aonghus	McEvoy	€3,370.00
4	Caitríona	O'Leary	€3,900.00
5	Ciarán	McGannon	€3,900.00
6	Denis	Cahill	€2,250.00
7	Doireann	Ní Aodáin	€3,900.00
8	Eadaoin	Copeland	€3,770.00
9	Eimear	O'Sullivan	€1,360.00
10	Eve	Quigley	€3,900.00
11	Laoise	Fitzgerald	€3,900.00
12	Méabh	McKenna	€3,900.00
13	Moses	Eusebio	€3,900.00
14	Stephen	Tiernan	€2,650.00
15	Tadhg	Kinsella	€3,900.00

Artform: Drama			**Award**
16	Aoibheann	McCaul	€2,700.00
17	April	Bracken	€980.00
18	Cliodhna	Noonan	€2,700.00
19	Colette	Cullen	€2,700.00
20	Gary	Keegan	€5,000.00
21	John	King	€2,650.00
22	Helen	Casey	€2,600.00
23	Keith	Murphy	€3,000.00
24	Margaret	Mc Auliffe	€2,700.00
25	Síomha	McQuinn	€2,700.00

Artform: Film			**Award**
26	Andrew	Lynch	€1,650.00
27	Brian	Lally	€2,500.00

28	Edelle	Kenny	€2,500.00
29	Georgina	McKevitt	€2,500.00
30	Kealan	Ryan	€2,000.00
31	Keelan	Gallagher	€1,500.00
32	Lorna	Fitzsimons	€2,500.00
33	Mark	Ryan	€2,000.00
34	Pat	Boran	€1,500.00
35	Patricia	Kelly	€2,500.00
36	Sam	Ahern	€2,500.00
37	Shane	O'Callaghan	€2,500.00
38	Suzie	Keegan	€2,500.00
39	Tania	Notaro	€2,500.00

Artform: Literature			**Award**
40	Anna	Doran	€2,500.00
41	Bobby	Aherne	€2,500.00
42	Damien	Donnelly	€2,000.00
43	David	O'Neill	€2,500.00
44	Elizabeth	Brennan	€1,580.00
45	Enda	Coyle-Greene	€2,500.00
46	Esther	Fatoye	€2,500.00
47	Fiona	McKay	€2,500.00
48	Kevin	Breathnach	€2,500.00
49	Kevin	Curran	€2,500.00
50	Lauren	Lawler	€788.00
51	Margaret Anne	Suggs	€2,500.00
52	Niamh	Sharkey	€2,500.00
53	Trudie	Gorman	€2,500.00

Artform: Visual Arts			**Award**
54	Agnieszka 'Uisce'	Jakubczyk	€3,200.00
55	Aideen	Farrell	€3,200.00
56	Aindriú	Ó'Deasún	€2,800.00
57	Áine	Phillips	€2,450.00
58	Alex	de roeck	€2,000.00
59	Amie	Egan	€3,400.00
60	Andrew	Grace	€700.00

61	Aoife	Dunne	€3,500.00
62	Asha	Murray	€3,400.00
63	Bassam	Al-Sabah	€3,400.00
64	Beata	Piekarska Daly	€800.00
65	Dermot	Blighe	€3,400.00
66	Eileen	Leonard Sealy	€1,700.00
67	Elaine	Grainger	€2,250.00
68	Ellen	Duffy	€3,400.00
69	Gary	Farrelly	€3,500.00
70	Joanne	Reid	€3,200.00
71	Justine	McDonnell	€3,100.00
72	Kerry	Guinan	€3,300.00
73	Lana May	Fleming	€3,500.00
74	Laura	Skehan	€3,200.00
75	Lieselle	McMahon	€3,400.00
76	Maree	Hensey	€3,400.00
77	Marie	Hanlon	€3,000.00
78	Matthew	Coll	€3,350.00
79	Michael	Boran	€3,500.00
80	Michelle	Hall	€3,400.00
81	Naomi	Sex	€3,500.00
82	Richard	Proffitt	€3,000.00
83	Ruth	Clinton	€3,500.00
84	Sara	Muthi	€3,400.00
85	Sean	Molloy	€3,500.00
86	Susan	Early	€2,100.00

Artform: Dance			**Award**
87	Emily Aoibheann	McDonnell	€5,000.00
88	Jessie	Thompson	€5,000.00
89	Niall	Tuohy	€1,552.00

The independent advisors included:

Eamonn Maxwell (Visual Arts)

Eamonn Maxwell is a contemporary art curator and art advisor for more than 20 years' experience. Maxwell has curated numerous exhibitions across the world including the Irish Pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 2011. From 2009 to 2016, Maxwell was Director of Lismore Castle Arts, where he programmed significant exhibitions by leading international and Irish artists. In more recent times, Maxwell has worked as a collection advisor to the Arts Council of Ireland, Goldsmiths, and private art collectors. Maxwell regularly lectures at Crawford College of Art and Design, Ulster University and UCD.

Sharon Murphy (Visual Arts)

Sharon Murphy brings over 30 years of experience leading in the performing and visual arts in diverse contexts - national cultural institutions, theatre companies, galleries, local authorities and public art/per cent for art - as director, producer, curator, commissioner, theatre practitioner, educator, mentor and most recently as a visual artist.

Sara Jane Keating (Literature, Drama, & Film)

Sara Keating is a cultural journalist with The Irish Times, with a special interest in live performance and community arts. She received a PhD from Trinity College Dublin in 2006 for her research on twentieth-century performance. She has contributed to a wide variety of arts programming on RTE Radio One. "Hear. See. Feel" is her first radio documentary.

Neil Quigley (Music)

Neil Quigley is a composer from Kilkenny. Quigley's current work focuses in part on sonic skeuomorphism, divination, audio representations of space and interpersonal politics of the musical workspace. His recent work has been released on Amalgam Records (US), Moot Records (Irl) and Destiny Trax (US).

Jenny Traynor (Dance)

Jenny Traynor is a freelance arts consultant and creative producer, specialising in the artform of dance. Jenny was the founding director of Dance Limerick (2013-2023). Previously she was General Manager with CoisCéim Dance Theatre where

she produced over twenty new productions alongside national and international tours for the company.

Alongside producing new dance works and tours, Jenny is passionate about expanding interest in dance as an artform and pioneered the inaugural CoisCéim Broadreach (CoisCéim Dance Theatre) programme.

Fingal Artist's Support Scheme 2025 Statistics

Applicants Locations

Applicants based in Fingal:	Number
Balbriggan	29
Baldoyle	8
Balgriffin	3
Ballyboughal	4
Blanchardstown	13
Castleknock	15
Clonsilla	11
Donabate	15
Garristown	3
Howth	11
Kilbarrack	4
Loughshinny	1
Lusk	4
Malahide	21
Mulhuddart	8
Oldtown	5
Portmarnock	5
Rush	13
Santry	7

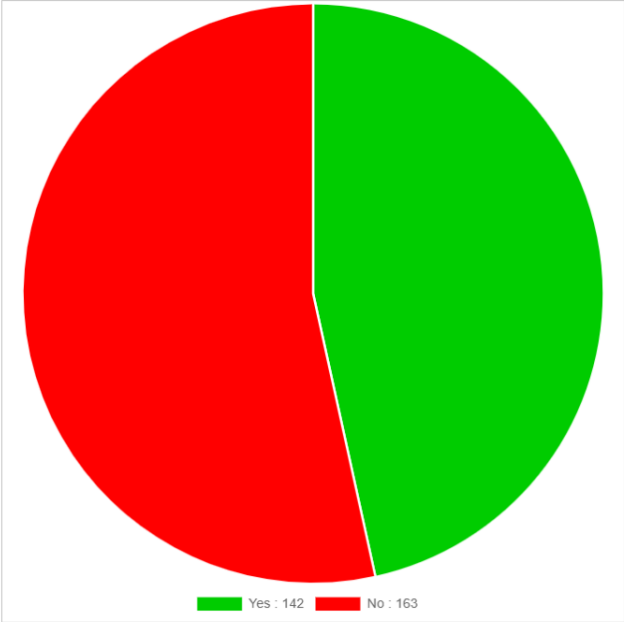
Applicants outside Fingal with a connection to Fingal:	Number
Belgium	1
Dublin City	36
Dún Laoghaire	1
Ireland Outside Dublin City	13
Netherlands	1
Sweden	1
UK	8
Total	**59**

Total applications	**305**

Skerries	26
Sutton	9
Swords	29
Total	**244**

Have you been awarded through the Fingal Artist's Support Scheme before?

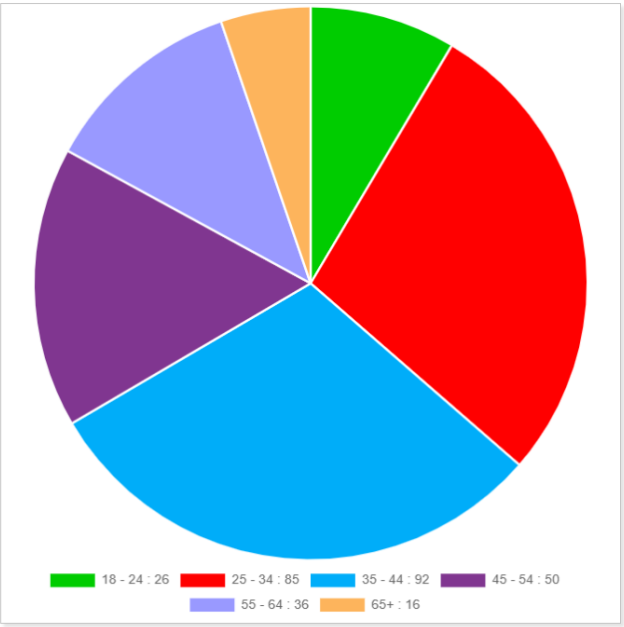
- All Applicants



Option	Count
Yes	142
No	163

Age Breakdown

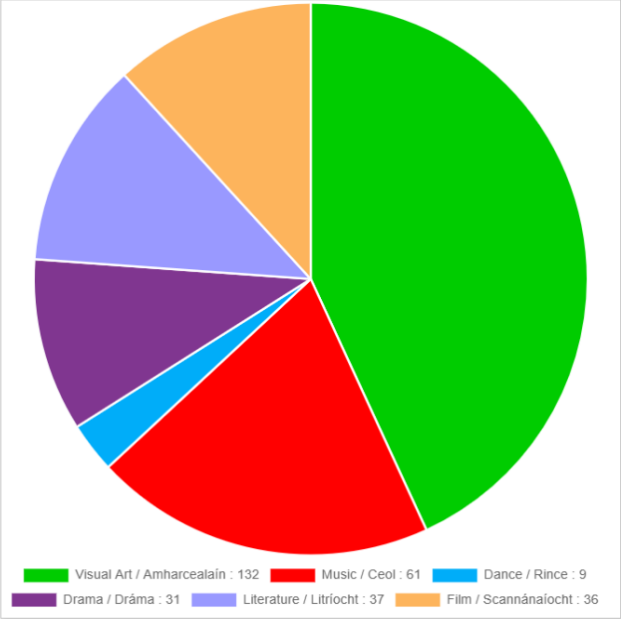
- All Applicants



Option	Count
18 - 24	26
25 - 34	85
35 - 44	92
45 - 54	50
55 - 64	36
65+	16

Primary Artform

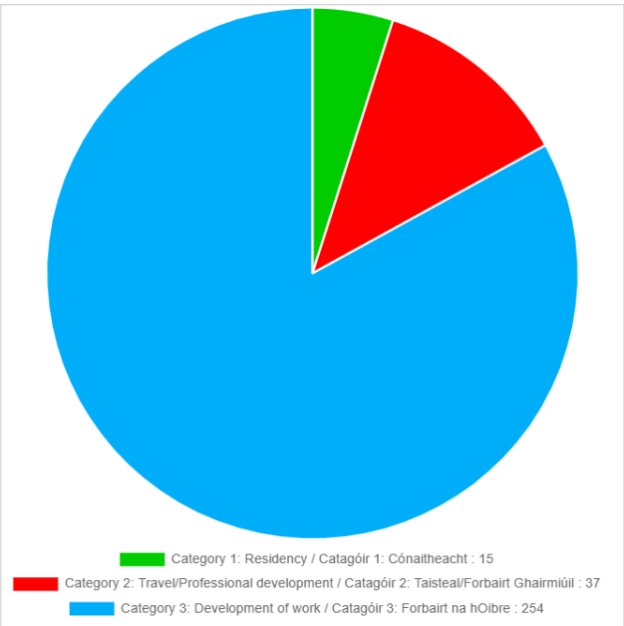
- All Applicants



Option	Count
Visual Art / Amharcealaín	132
Music / Ceol	61
Dance / Rince	9
Drama / Dráma	31
Literature / Litríocht	37
Film / Scannánaíocht	36

Types of funding

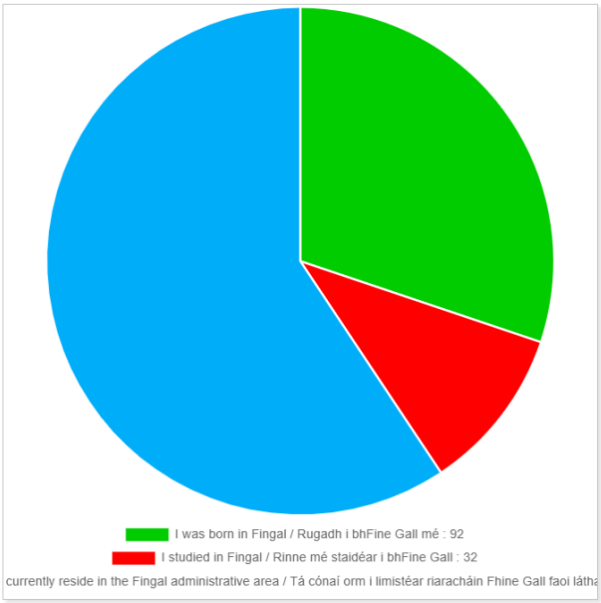
- All Applicants



Option	Count
Category 1: Residency / Catagóir 1: Cónaitheacht	15
Category 2: Travel/Professional development / Catagóir 2: Taisteal/Forbairt Ghairmiúil	37
Category 3: Development of work / Catagóir 3: Forbairt na hOibre	254

Connection to Fingal

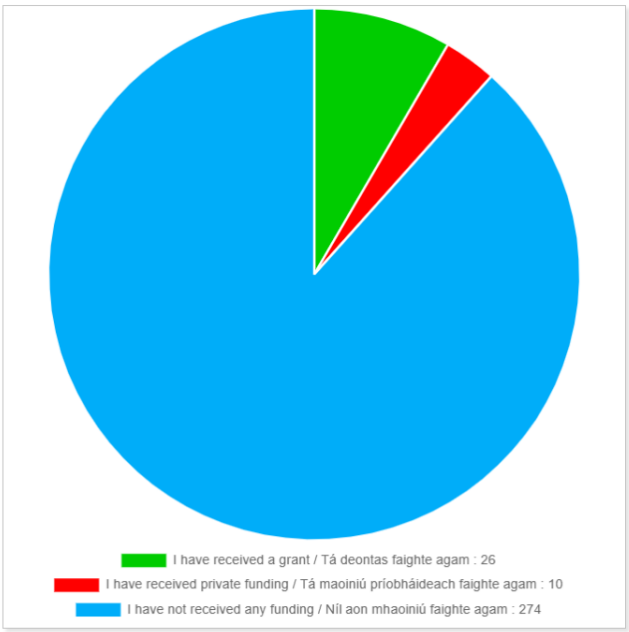
- All Applicants



Option	Count
I was born in Fingal / Rugadh i bhFine Gall mé	92
I studied in Fingal / Rinne mé staidéar i bhFine Gall	32
I currently reside in the Fingal administrative area / Tá cónaí orm i limistéar riaracháin Fhine Gall faoi láthair	181

Other sources of funding

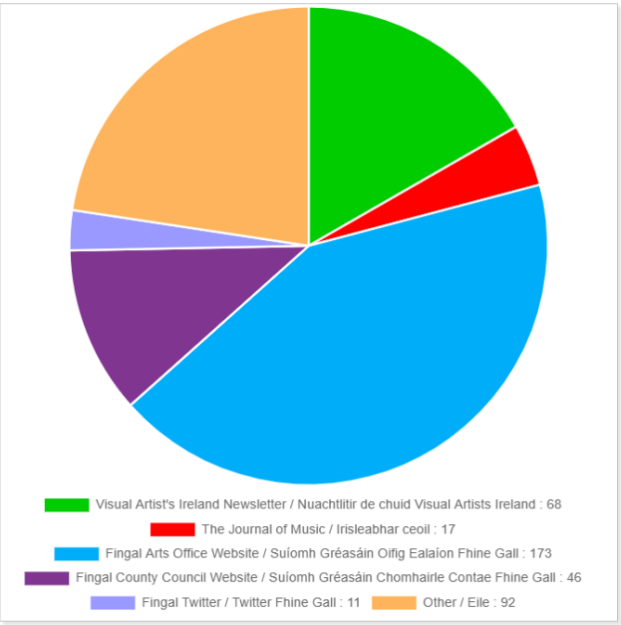
- All Applicants



Option	Count
I have received a grant / Tá deontas faighte agam	26
I have received private funding / Tá maoiniú príobháideach faighte agam	10
I have not received any funding / Níl aon mhaoiniú faighte agam	274

How did you hear about the Fingal Artists' Support Scheme?

- All Applicants



Option	Count
Visual Artist's Ireland Newsletter / Nuachtlitir de chuid Visual Artists Ireland	68
The Journal of Music / Irisleabhar ceoil	17
Fingal Arts Office Website / Suíomh Gréasáin Oifig Ealaíon Fhine Gall	173
Fingal County Council Website / Suíomh Gréasáin Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall	46
Fingal Twitter / Twitter Fhine Gall	11
Other / Eile	92

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 24

SUMMER PROJECTS FUNDING 2025

Fingal County Council intends funding €88,782, across 41 Summer Projects taking place around the county this year. The groups running the Summer Projects have applied for funding under Fingal County Council Community Division's Summer Projects Funding Scheme, as part of Activities Funding.

The purpose of these projects is to provide a supervised 20-hour programme of recreational and educational activities for young people during the summer period. Emphasis is placed on encouraging community involvement and the development of resources and groups within localities. A wide variety of child-focused activities are catered for across communities of varying demographics and socio-economic need. Summer Project groups are expected to include four hours of information/ education talks on two of the following activity types in their programmes of events -

- Community Safety
- Health & Wellbeing
- Climate Action
- Integration

The maximum funding available to Summer Project groups is from €1,380 up to €2,760 depending on number of young people attending during the week. Summer Projects must cater for a minimum of 20 young people (young person is determined to be 5 years to 18 years).

1. 20 – 40 young people – eligible to apply for up to €1,380
2. 41 – 70 young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,070
3. 70 plus young people – eligible to apply for up to €2,760

In 2025 the scheme is piloting support for small - scale volunteer led summer projects in an effort to initiate these programmes in 2025 and encourage delivery of a fuller programme in 2026 and beyond.

The amounts being recommended in the body of this report below will reflect the numbers of participating children indicated by the summer project groups in their applications. Approx. 1800 young people are expected to benefit from the Fingal Summer Projects Funding Scheme.

All the projects listed below have submitted an expression of interest, a funding application and a detailed program of events and have confirmed they are fully insured for all events. It is a requirement of the funding scheme that all Summer Project leaders undergo safeguarding training.

It is intended to fund the following Summer Projects subject to each project meeting all of the requirements that are set out in the Activities Funding Application Form and Supplementary Summer Programme Form.

Payments are recommended in the amounts set out hereunder:

Organisation Name	Electoral Area	Amount Recommended
Lusk AC	BRLS	€ 700.00
Down Syndrome Centre	BRLS	€2,000.00
Viking Sub Aqua	BMCO	€1,380.00
Jesuit Refugee Service (The Failte Project)	BMCO	€2,760.00
Aster Family Resource Centre	BRLS	€2,070.00
Gravity Autism Support	BRLS	€1,380.00
Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group	BMCO	€2,070.00
Luttrellstown Community Centre	BMCO	€1,240.00
Thrive Arch Club Dublin 15	BMCO	€1,813.00
Sustainable Skerries	BRLS	€ 1,380.00
Sophia Housing	BRLS	€1,088.00
Howth Sutton AFC Arch Club	H/M	€1,148.00
Lusk Community Council	BRLS	€ 800.00
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	BRLS	€1,438.00
Mulhuddart Community Centre	BMCO	€1,630.00
Fingal Liam Rodgers Centre	BRLS	€ 1,240.00
Meakstown Community Centre	BMCO	€2,500.00
Flemington Community Centre	BLRS	€2,500.00
Mountview/Fortlawn Community Centre	BMCO	€2,500.00
Blakestown Community Centre	BMCO	€ 2,500.00

Applewood Community Centre	BLRS	€1,240.00
Corduff Sports Centre	BMCO	€ 2,070.00
Blakestown Mountview YI	BMCO	€2,760.00
Blakestown Mountview NYP	BMCO	€2,760.00
Tyrellstown Community Centre	BMCO	€2,500.00
St Johns Ambulance Cadets	BRLS	€2,000.00
Foroige Summer Projects		
Teenage Health Initiative Coastal North	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
UBU Coastal North Dublin	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
BEAT Early Intervention	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
BEAT Youth Diversion	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Blanchardstown Drug Prevention & Education	BMCO	€ 2,675.00
Huntstown UBU	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Tyrellstown UBU	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Balbriggan UBU	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
Crosscare Summer Projects		
Heathfield Summer Project	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Dublin 15 Youth Club	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Hollystown Youth Club	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
The Manor Summer Project	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
Rivermeade Summer Project	BMCO	€ 2,760.00
Applewood Youth Club	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
Thornleigh Summer Project	BLRS	€ 2,760.00
TOTAL		**€88,782.00**

It is proposed to make payments in May in advance of project commencement. This will be subject to the group accepting conditions of funding and any other additional material deemed necessary. In the case of Foroige and Crosscare led summer projects, funding will be paid in one instalment on project completion. All projects will be required to submit valid receipts in September 2025.

It is intended that Projects will be visited by staff from the Community Development Office, with feedback secured via evaluation forms submitted on completion. The data gathered will inform the approach for Summer Project Proposals in 2026.

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Climate Action Plan

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Annual Progress Report 2024

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Executive Summary

The Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024–2029 represents a strategic and ambitious response to the global climate emergency, aligning local action with national and international climate objectives. Approve, by the Council, in February 2024, the Plan sets out a detailed roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, enhancing climate resilience, and fostering a just transition across Fingal. This first Annual Progress Report covers implementation activities undertaken between January and December 2024 and provides a comprehensive account of the progress made across the Plan's thematic areas.

The Climate Action Plan identifies 162 discrete actions structured under six key thematic areas: Energy and Buildings; Transport; Flood Resilience; Nature-Based Solutions; Circular Economy and Resource Management; and Community Engagement. These actions are further guided by Fingal's designation of Balbriggan as a Decarbonising Zone—a pilot area for the integration of low-carbon technologies and climate-resilient planning at a local scale.

In 2024, significant progress was achieved across all thematic areas. Fingal County Council improved its organisational energy efficiency by 54.8% relative to its 2006–2008 baseline and reduced energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by 44.9%, placing the Council on a promising trajectory towards its 2030 targets. Social housing retrofits continued under the national Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme, with 94 homes upgraded to higher energy performance standards. Major investments in energy infrastructure included ongoing implementation of Energy Performance Contracts and 100% public lighting has been converted to LED with a reduction in energy on public lighting by over 57%.

In the area of sustainable transport, the Council continued to prioritise the integration of land-use and transport planning with a focus on active travel and modal shift. Infrastructure delivery included the completion of 4.9 kilometres of protected cycleways, additional pedestrian and cycling crossings, and expansion of secure bike parking facilities across the county. The electrification of the Council's fleet progressed steadily, with 40% of its commercial vehicles now powered by electricity.

Flood resilience efforts were bolstered through collaboration with the Office of Public Works (OPW), the preparation of a Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management Plan for Portrane, and the development of minor works schemes informed by sustainable drainage and nature-

based approaches. The Council also participated in a national coastal monitoring pilot project, supporting evidence-based responses to coastal change.

Nature-based solutions were a central element of the Council's adaptation strategy. In 2024, seven Green Flag awards were retained for excellence in park and landscape management, and the Council expanded its pollinator-friendly meadows to over 125 hectares. The implementation of wildfire management strategies in Howth, green roof installations on public buildings, and marine restoration efforts in Malahide Estuary reflected Fingal's commitment to enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Circular economy and resource management initiatives advanced under a variety of programmes, including the "Keen to Be Green" initiative, the Replay Instruments Project, and the development of the Circular Cities Action Plan. The Council continued its partnership with the Rediscovery Centre to promote the reuse and upcycling of waste materials such as paint and bicycles.

Community engagement remained a cornerstone of the Council's approach. Over 45 public events were delivered as part of Dublin Climate Action Week, and the Community Climate Action Programme Fund allocated €1.2 million to support 25 local projects aligned with five core climate themes. Climate literacy training was delivered in 10 secondary schools, and the Council supported 133 schools participating in the Green-Schools programme.

The Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone, a national testbed for innovative local climate action, progressed through detailed emissions profiling, project planning, and the launch of the EU-supported E2-CUTIES initiative. This project aims to support the development of community energy projects, build local governance capacity, and accelerate climate action at the neighbourhood level.

With 91 actions completed, 46 in progress, and 25 yet to be initiated, Fingal County Council has laid a strong foundation for the ongoing implementation of its Climate Action Plan. The Council remains committed to delivering on its climate commitments through continued investment, cross-sector collaboration, and the empowerment of communities to take action. This report provides not only a record of progress to date but also a clear indication of the scale and ambition of climate action in Fingal.

1. Introduction

The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 was approved by Elected Members at the County Council meeting on February 12th, 2024. The CAP sets out mitigation and adaptation measures to create a low-carbon and climate-resilient County. The Plan outlines the strategic approach for tackling climate change within the Fingal County Council over the next five years.

The Plan focuses on how the Council will reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency across its properties, facilities and fleet, and build climate resilience across the county. The Plan also focuses on how the Council, through its actions, actively influences, facilitates and advocates for climate action across other sectors and communities in the Fingal area.

This inaugural annual 'Progress Report' for the Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 covers the implementation period from January 2024 to December 2024. The report summarises the Council's climate action progress throughout 2024, showcasing the extensive range of initiatives delivered across various Council services.

2. Climate Action Plan Overview

The Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 comprises 162 actions, along with opportunity areas and actions for the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone (DZ).

The Plan is centred around actions in six thematic areas that collectively address the four key targets of this plan, Figure 1, which are framed by the Climate Action and Low-Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 and the National Climate Action Plan 2023:

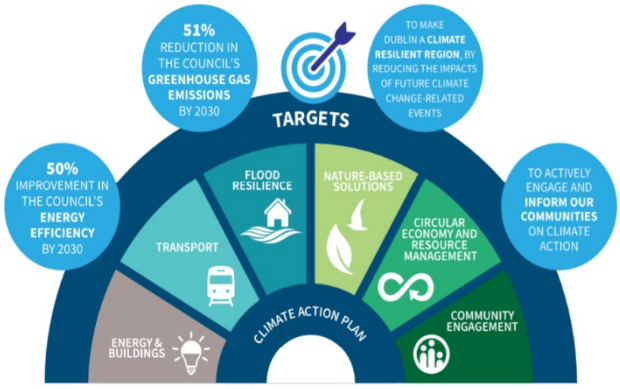


Figure 1 CAP 2024-2029 Targets and Thematic areas

- 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030;
- 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030;

- To make Dublin a climate-resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events; and
- To actively engage and inform our communities on climate action.

2.1.Thematic areas

The Climate Action Plan contains 162 actions across 6 thematic areas with the following action distribution across the themes, shown in Figure 2. The actions were created after thorough consultation with all service areas within the Council, Elected Members, the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC, stakeholders, and the broader public. They were also shaped by baseline data on climate risks to Fingal County Council's service delivery, alongside information on the Council's energy usage and emissions.

Figure 2 No of actions per Thematic area

2.2.Types of Actions in the Plan

The plan's actions address climate mitigation, climate adaptation (actions that prepare for the impacts of climate change), and a combination of both. Figure 3 shows the number of actions per action type.

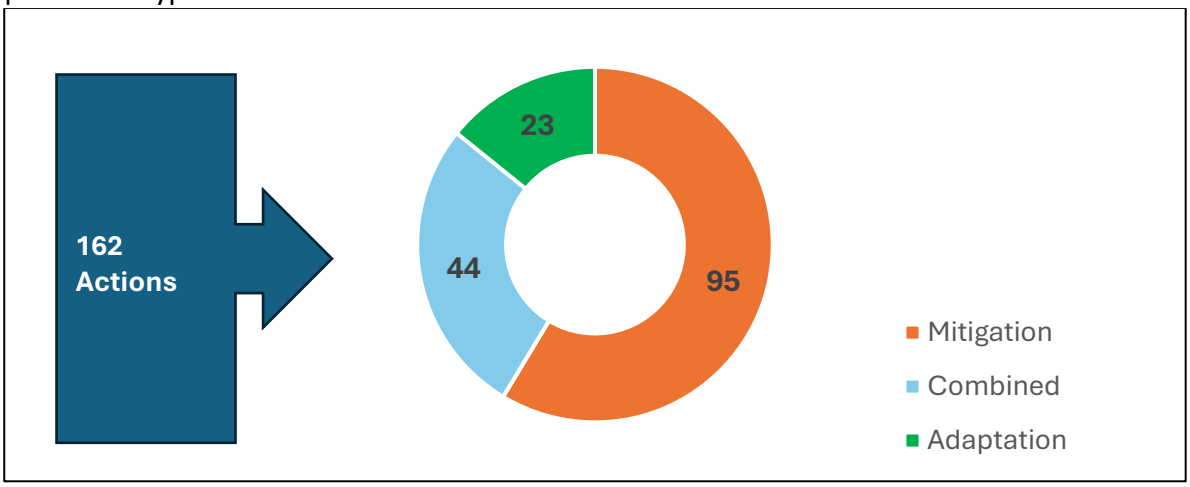


Figure 3 Number of actions per action type.

3. Update to Climate Policy and Legislation

The Climate Action Plan 2024 (CAP24): CAP24, published in May 2024, builds on the 2023 Plan and provides a roadmap for Ireland to reduce emissions by 50% by 2030 and reach net-zero emissions by 2050, in line with the commitments set out in the Climate Action and Low-carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021. The supplementary Annex of Actions highlights the new, high-impact measures. At the same time, the complete roadmap of actions to achieve the country's climate targets is detailed in the main Climate Action Plan.

Climate Change Advisory Council 2023 Review: The Climate Change Advisory Council published its 2023 annual review in late September. One of the Council's main tasks is to review the progress made over the previous year across all sectors in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient, and sustainable economy and society by 2050. In its "traffic light" assessment of sectoral adaptation progress, the Local Government Sector was rated as having made 'Good Progress.' The report highlighted the effective collaboration on risk identification and measures with various sectors, including heritage, transport, flood risk, and Met Éireann. It also noted the development of specific risk identification tools, such as the semi-quantitative climate risk and vulnerability (SQRVA)

methodology and the WIRE App. It emphasized that climate change risks are now being considered in infrastructure projects' planning and design stages. These are seen as innovative approaches, with a suggestion to explore the expansion of the WIRE App to cover vulnerability aspects and the outcomes of adaptation interventions.

The report further pointed out that local authorities are highly engaged in planning and implementing adaptation and mitigation actions. However, it noted that more attention is needed regarding the human and financial resourcing of the Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) and local authorities, especially considering the need to develop the Local Authority Climate Action Plans (LACAPs) and ensure their successful implementation.

Ireland's Provisional Greenhouse Gas Emissions 1990-2023: In July 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency published Ireland's Provisional Greenhouse Gas Emissions report for 1990-2023. The report revealed that provisional total national greenhouse gas emissions for 2023 (excluding LULUCF) are estimated to be 55.01 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (Mt CO2eq), which is 6.8% lower (a reduction of 4.00 Mt CO2eq) compared with emissions in 2022, which were 59.00 Mt CO2eq. The comparison follows a 2.0% decrease in emissions reported for 2022. Notably, emissions in 2023 are 1.2% lower than the historical 1990 baseline, marking the first time in 33 years that this has occurred.

Ireland’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2023-2050: In May 2024, the EPA published Ireland’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2023-2050[1]. It assesses Ireland’s total projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from 2023 to 2050, using the latest inventory data for 2022 as the starting point. The assessment focuses on 2030, given the current national and EU 2030 climate targets. Extended projections out to 2050 are also provided. Key findings include:

- Ireland is not on track to meet the 51 per cent emissions reduction target (by 2030 compared to 2018) based on these projections, which include most 2024 Climate Action Plan measures.

1. Ireland’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Projections 2023-2050, EPA May 2024

- The first two carbon budgets (2021-2030), which aim to support the achievement of the 51 per cent emissions reduction goal, are projected to be exceeded by a significant margin of between 17 and 27 per cent.

Ireland's Annual Report 2023 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance: Ireland's Annual Report 2023 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance[2], published by The Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland, showed non-electricity greenhouse gas emissions in 2022 were 3.9% below the baseline (2016-2018 average), while total greenhouse gas emissions in 2022 were 17.3% below the same baseline.

4. Leadership and Governance

Fingal Climate Action Unit (CAU): Was established with the support of funding from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) and includes the following roles, Figure 4:

- Climate Action Coordinator
- Climate Action Officer
- Community Climate Action Officer
- Climate Action Graduate

The Climate Action Unit is supported by the Climate Action Steering Group (CASG), which is chaired by the Chief Executive and includes members of the Executive Management Team. The CASG provides strategic direction and oversight to the Climate Action Unit (CAU) and the Climate Action Plan Implementation Team (CAPIT).

The CAPIT comprises senior staff from all service areas and serves as a network of climate change advocates within their respective departments. Their primary responsibilities include implementing the actions that are set out in the Climate Action Plan and reporting on progress.

2. Public sector energy efficiency performance report 2023, SEAI

The Fingal CAU is further supported in the delivery of the Plan by the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) and Codema, the Dublin Energy Agency. Codema provides advisory and technical services to the Council, including the monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

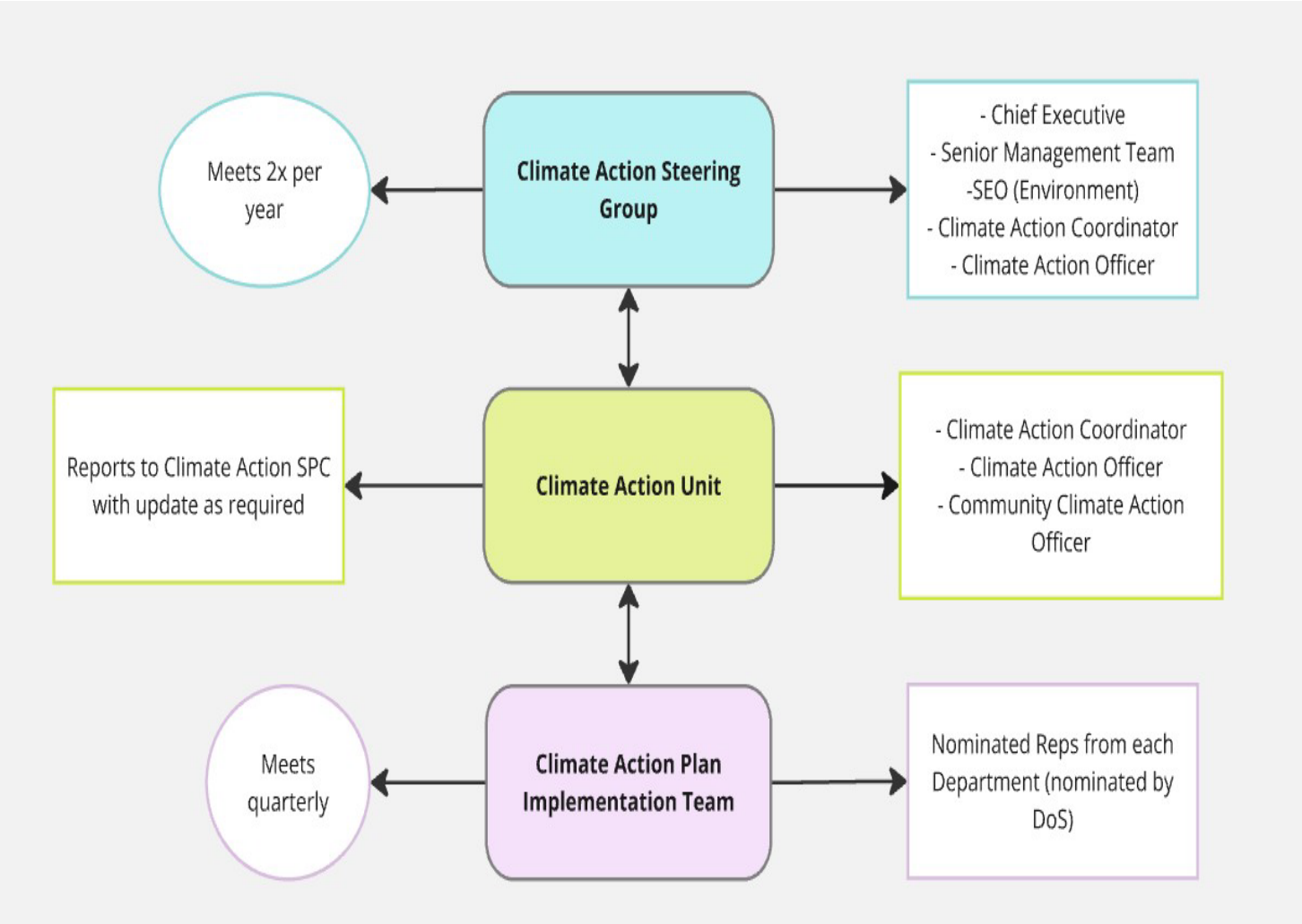


Figure 4 Governance Structure of the Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO): The Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) were established in 2018 in response to Action 8 of the 2018 National Adaptation Framework (NAF) – *Planning for a Climate-resilient Ireland*. The offices are mandated to coordinate engagement across the varying levels of government and help build on existing experience and expertise in climate change and climate action. The offices have a role in driving climate action at both regional and local levels, including supporting the implementation of local adaptation plans/Climate Change Action Plans.

The composition of the four Climate Action Regions has been determined by the geographical and topographical characteristics, vulnerabilities and shared climate risks experienced across local authority areas. The four CARO regions, constituent local authorities and associated lead authorities are shown in Table 1 and Figure 5.

Climate Action Region	Local Authority function area	Lead Authority
Dublin Metropolitan	Dublin City, Dun-Laoghaire-Rathdown, South Dublin, Fingal	Dublin City Council
Eastern and Midlands	Carlow, Cavan, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Longford, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Tipperary, Waterford, Westmeath, Wexford, Wicklow	Kildare County Council, with support from Kilkenny County Council
Atlantic Seaboard North	Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, Galway City & County	Mayo County Council
Atlantic Seaboard South	Clare, Limerick, Kerry, Cork City & County.	Cork County Council

Table 1 Climate Action Regional Offices

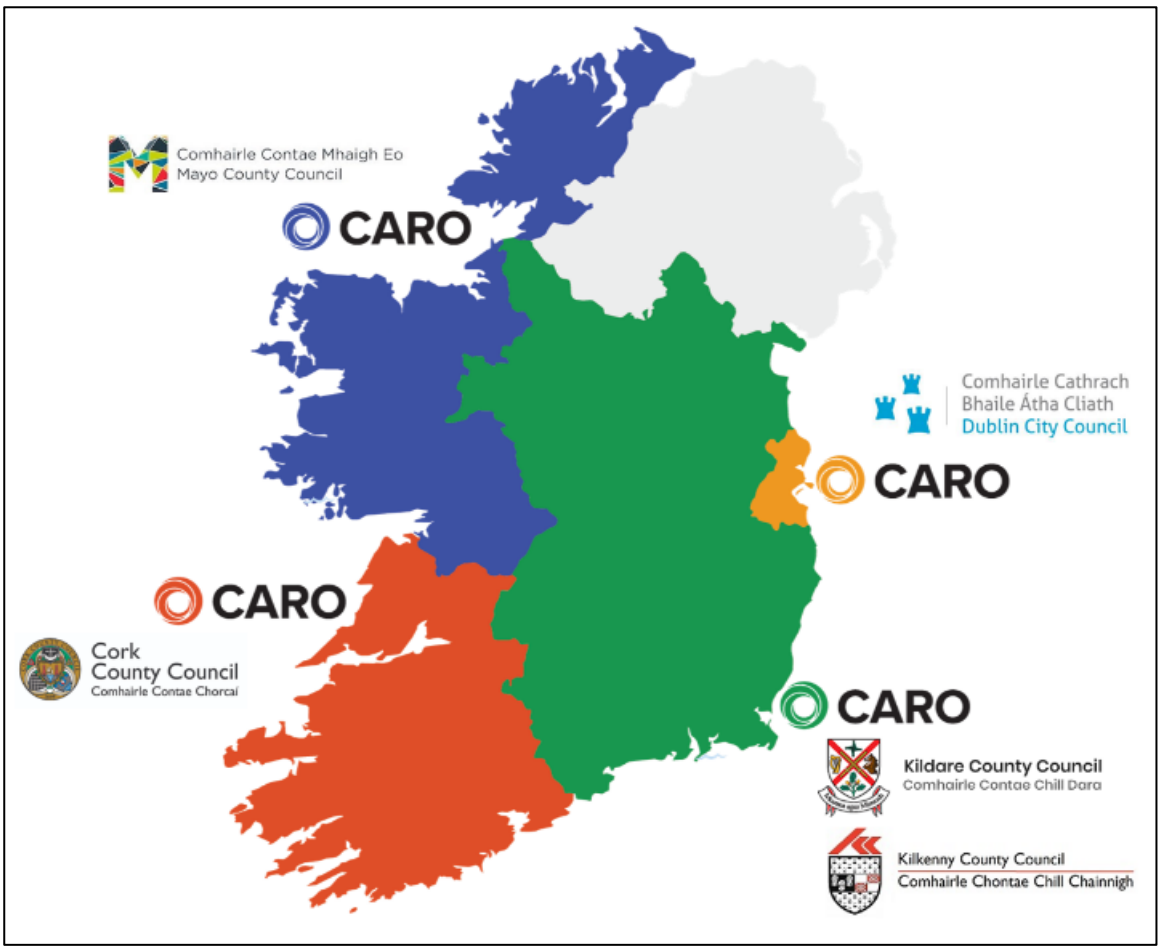


Figure 5 Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs)

The Dublin Metropolitan CARO has been working closely with the four Dublin Climate Teams and Codema, the Dublin Energy Agency, to support the implementation of their Climate Change Action Plans. The Dublin CARO has a regional steering group comprising the four Directors of Services of the Dublin Local Authorities and colleagues from Codema and the Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly.

CARO Work programme: Examples of projects across the six key areas of the CARO work programme are listed below:

- **Management and Governance**
  - National, Regional and local climate team meetings
  - Participation in sectoral adaptation steering groups and working groups
  - Preparation of a detailed business case to support climate action for the local authority sector

- Participation in relevant CCMA/LGMA and Government working groups on Climate Action

- **Climate Adaptation**
  - Assisting local authorities with the implementation and reporting of Climate Action Plans, including implementation guidance
  - Preparation of guidance such as guidance document for adaptation of regional and local roads
  - Working with Government Departments and agencies on the implementation of sectoral adaptation plans
  - Collaborating with key climate actors such as Climate Ireland, Universities
  - Participation in National Working Groups such as the new Coastal Change Strategy Steering Group

- **Climate Mitigation**
  - Participation in Regional and National Electric Vehicle (EV) working groups
  - Collaboration with energy agencies and SEAI on energy-related projects
  - Identifying and assisting local authorities with projects eligible for the National Climate Action Fund

- **Communications and Citizen Engagement**
  - Presentations to Councils, Government Departments and Agencies, youth organisations and the general public
  - Supporting individual local authorities with community engagement events, including climate action workshops
  - Collaboration with key stakeholders such as GAA on Green Clubs Programme, Comhairle Na nOg, Age Friendly Ireland, etc.
  - Maintenance of the CARO website and social media communication channels
  - Preparation of submissions on climate-relevant public consultations

- **Training and Education**
  - Preparation and rollout of a comprehensive Climate Action training plan for the LA sector across all levels (see below for further details)
  - Identification of external training and upskilling opportunities in climate action for the Local Authority Sector
  - Collaboration with expert organisations and representative bodies for tailored workshops and training seminars

- **Knowledge Development**
  - Development of an online Weather Impacts Reporting App (WIRE) for Local Authorities
  - Preparation of guidance and position papers on climate action areas
  - Identification and communication of funding opportunities for climate action projects in local authorities and assistance with the application process
  - Participation in relevant climate action research projects from the Environmental Protection Agency research programmes and other funding programmes
  - Engaging with local authorities and Regional Assemblies on planning issues relating to climate action

- **Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme:**

A key focus of the recent CARO work programme has been the rollout of climate action training across the local authority sector. The CAROs have developed this training plan in collaboration with partners such as the Local Authority Environmental Services Training Group (LASTNG), Climate Ireland, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), Met Éireann, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Institute for Public Administration and others. Training has been targeted at all staff levels and focuses on the following six pillar areas;

- Climate Action Leadership – aimed at all elected members and senior staff
- Climate Action Awareness Training – aimed at building capacity across climate action teams
- General Awareness Building – online training for all indoor staff to raise awareness of climate action
- Practical Climate Action – training for all outdoor staff to assist them in delivering practical climate action measures
- Behavioural Change Training – to empower staff to promote positive change both internally and across the community
- Specific and Targeted Training – training arising from specific knowledge gaps or individual policy/role requirements, such as spatial planning, flood risk management

- **Strengthening communications:**

  This has been primarily done by developing the CARO website, which has more than 86,000 users. The most popular sections of the website include projects, research, local authority climate action, training and academic courses.

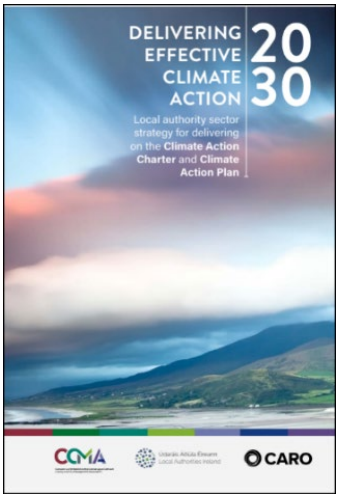
- **Community outreach:**

  Working with the four Dublin Local Authorities and Codema, a significant amount of work and events were undertaken as part of the Dublin Climate Action Week in September to deliver a programme of in-person and online events to showcase climate action. Additional outreach will be achieved by delivering recorded webinars on the CARO website for future use. Significant work was also undertaken with other partners through the GAA Green Clubs Phase 1 programme[3]. Other events have included working with partners such as Age Friendly Ireland, An Taisce Climate Ambassadors and 3rd-level universities to participate in events and workshops on climate action.

[3] https://www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/community-and-health/green-clubs-sustainability

Climate Actions and UN Sustainability Goals: The Department of Environment, Climate, and Communications (DECC) holds overall responsibility for promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). There are 17 SDGs, and the successful implementation of all is crucial for ensuring a sustainable future. While Action 17 focuses explicitly on Climate Action, achieving many other SDGs is also essential for the sustainable development of the county. There is a strong, cross-departmental awareness of the SDGs, and they are consistently integrated into the development of new policies and service delivery. For instance, the SDGs, including Climate Action, are deeply embedded in key documents such as the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029, Fingal Climate Action Plan 2024-2029, the Fingal Local Economic and Development Plan 2023-2028, and the Fingal Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

Local Authority Climate Action Framework: The CAP implementation fulfils commitments outlined in the local authority framework for climate action. This framework includes the national Climate Action Plans, the Climate Action and Low-carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the Local Authority Climate Action Charter (2019, currently under review), and the Local Government roadmap for climate action, Delivering Effective Climate Action 2030: Local Authority Sector Strategy for Delivering on the Climate Action Charter and Climate Action Plan.



Codema: Codema is Dublin's Energy Agency committed to leading Dublin's low-carbon transition towards 2030 and 2050. They act as the energy agency to the four local authorities in Dublin - Dublin City Council (DCC), Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC), Fingal County Council (FCC) and South Dublin County Council (SDCC).

Codema works closely with all four Dublin Local Authorities (DLAs) to support them in achieving their public sector obligations, including meeting energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets and the implementation of their Climate Action Plans. They support the Fingal County Council to achieve energy management standards through ISO 50001 certification, and to monitor and achieve the public sector targets. Codema works with Fingal's Energy Performance Officers (EPOs) and Energy Team to help them identify and implement the best energy-saving opportunities in their organisations and develop a pathway towards achieving our 2030 targets.

Areas of work where Projects where Codema supports Fingal County Council include:

- **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting**: Codema assists in the direct energy management within Fingal County Council, completing the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting to show the authority's progress towards its energy efficiency improvement target of 51% by 2030. A key aspect of this role involves participating in the regular energy team meetings and preparing monthly energy reports for each Significant Energy User (SEU) designated within Fingal County Council.

- **Project Implementation Unit:** Codema was awarded significant funding from the EU Horizon 2020 Programme in 2021 to develop a Project Implementation Unit for developing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Dublin over the next four years. Under this DeliveREE project, 21 FCC facilities have been proposed for energy projects within the pipeline. In conjunction with this, Codema is working with the four Dublin Local Authorities to develop a Pathfinder funding application with SEAI, which could provide up to 50% capital funding for these projects.

- **Display Energy Certificates (DECs):** The information from Codema's energy database and energy surveys is used to prepare Display Energy Certificates (DECs) for each publicly accessible local authority building with a floor area greater than 250m2, as required under the regulation S.I. 243 of 2012. In 2022, seven DECs were generated for public buildings. Codema has guided Fingal County Council through the procurement process for its first Energy Performance Contract for the Blanchardstown Civic Offices

and Swords County Hall. DECs allow for comparing a building's energy performance against a standard benchmark and are updated annually with the actual energy consumption over the previous 12-month period. The comparison allows the building's energy performance to be tracked from year to year.

Codema assists Fingal County Council with the certification of public buildings and issues certificates to the managers of all these buildings, along with information on how much energy would need to be saved in the following year to improve their energy rating. This information is entered into the SEAI system. Each building manager also receives a copy of Codema's 'Guide to Display Energy Certificates in Local Authority Buildings' to accompany these certificates and encourage direct action.

- **Blanchardstown District Heating:** Code with the support of Fingal County Council (FCC) is proposing to implement the Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme (BDHS). The system proposes to utilise a low-temperature waste heat source from a nearby data centre through a large-scale heat pump to supply space heating and hot water to a university campus, public hospital, and a national sports facilities campus in its first delivery phase. The system will also have the capacity to supply other nearby interested customers in the public and private sectors in the following phases. This innovative district heating scheme will provide low-carbon, low-cost heat to the Blanchardstown area. It will be only the second of its kind in Ireland, following the example of the Tallaght District Heating Scheme in South County Dublin.

- **DeliveREE:** In early 2021, Codema was awarded funding under the Horizon 2020 Project Development Assistance call for the DeliveREE project. DeliveREE aims to create an innovative project finance and delivery structure for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the Dublin region, across the four Dublin Local Authorities, using various performance-based contracting structures. By creating a structured approach, DeliveREE can accelerate the formation of large-scale projects by standardising the project development process, allowing projects of various types and sizes to be aggregated to create scale. This enables the use of energy performance and energy

supply contracts whose performance guarantees are both critical for achieving value for money and providing a mechanism for the involvement of private capital.

- **E2-CUTIES:** Engaged Energy-Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems (E2-Cuties) is a 4-year Interreg North-West Europe project in which Codema, with the support of Fingal County Council, were successful in securing funding in Q4 2024 with the support of Fingal County Council. This project will commence in January 2025. E2 Cuties aims to enhance energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to implement integrated energy-efficient measures and by strengthening cooperation models between energy communities and the local authority. This project features Codema and Fingal County Council as the local Dublin partners, alongside associated partner Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community. It will directly support Fingal's climate goals by implementing strategies to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.

5. Local Authority CAP Monitoring and Reporting

Climate Action National Key Performance Indicators: The government collects annual data on the performance of local authorities regarding their climate action obligations. This data is organised into themes, such as mainstreaming, mitigation, adaptation, internal behavioural change, and capacity building. It is compiled into an annual Climate Action Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) report by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), as shown in Figure 6.

Data for 2024 was collected from January 15th to January 31st, 2025, and will be published by the LGMA in the summer of 2025. A new KPI (Number 6 - Climate Action Plans) has been introduced for 2024, which will gather updates on the delivery of LACAP actions from every local authority.

Local Government CA KPI Theme	Climate Action Theme	Data supplied by
1. Climate Action Staff	Mainstreaming	**Local Authorities**
2. Climate Action Teams	Mainstreaming	**Local Authorities**
3. Active Travel Projects	Mitigation	NTA
4. Social Housing Retrofit	Mitigation	LGMA (HDCO)
5. Greenhouse Gas Reduction	Mitigation	SEAI
6. Climate Action Plans	Adaptation / Mitigation	**Local Authorities**
7. Severe Weather Responses	Adaptation	**Local Authorities**
8. Community Climate Action Programme	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	DECC
9. Councillor & Staff Training	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	LASNTG
10. Green for Micro	Internal Behavioural Change and Capacity Building	Enterprise Ireland

Figure 6 Ten National KPIs for Climate Action

Status of Actions - CAP 2024-2029: In 2024, out of the total 162 actions in the CAP, 91 were completed, 46 are currently in progress, and 25 have not yet been started. Of the completed actions in 2024, 83 are classified as recurring, which have an annual work programme, and the 2024 work programme for these actions has been completed, see Figure 7. Table 2 provides details of progress on actions in 2024 per thematic area.

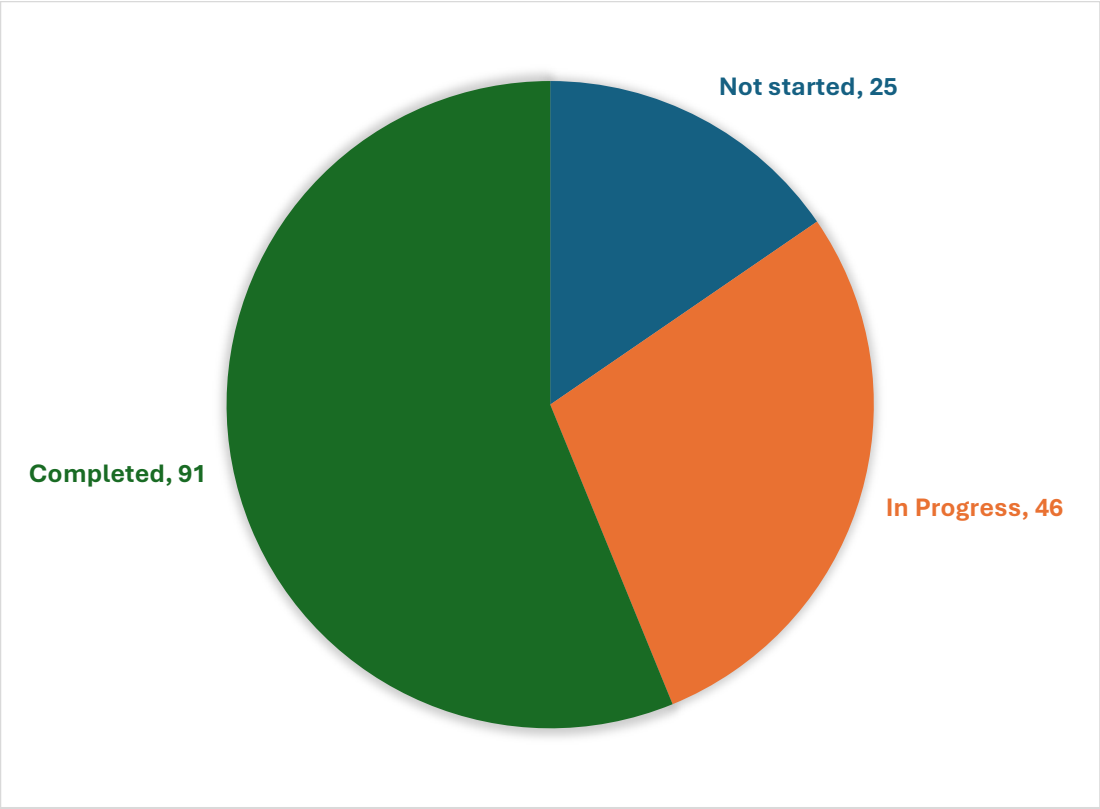


Figure 7 Implementation Status of LACAP actions (1st Jan 2024 to 31st Dec 2024)

Thematic area	**Completed (2024) and in progress**	**Actions not started**
Energy and Buildings	28	4
Transport	31	4
Flood Resilience	26	3
Nature-Based Solutions	8	11
Circular Economy and Resource Management	21	2
Community Engagement	23	1

Table 2 Actions implemented per theme 2024

6. Fingal County Council Climate Action Plan Update

6.1. Energy and Buildings

With energy prices continuing to rise, there is a renewed emphasis on reducing both European and national reliance on fossil fuels for heating and powering homes and buildings. The public sector, including local authorities, is expected to intensify efforts to improve energy efficiency and cut greenhouse gas emissions by adopting renewable heating solutions in buildings.

ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management: ISO 50001:2018 is an international standard that provides a structured approach for organizations to develop, implement, maintain, and continually enhance an energy management system (EnMS). It supports efforts to increase energy efficiency, cut energy usage, reduce operational costs and minimise environmental impact.

Certification Europe awarded Fingal County Council ISO 50001 certification for its Energy Management System in June 2020. A comprehensive Energy Management System has been implemented across the organisation to help reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions in Council operations. As part of this initiative, Fingal County Council has established an Energy Team comprising staff representatives from our SEUs. This team meets quarterly to support and drive energy efficiency efforts.

Energy Efficiency Improvement and Upgrades

Fingal County Council is required to achieve a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) carbon emissions, based on a 2016-2018 baseline, and a 50% improvement in energy efficiency, based on a 2009 baseline, by 2030[4].

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Monitoring and Reporting (M&R) system offers a platform for tracking progress on these emission reduction and energy efficiency targets. It provides an annual assessment of the 'Gap to Target' necessary to meet these goals.

[4] Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 32 of 2021)

According to the Energy Review Report prepared by Codema on behalf of Fingal County Council in November 2024, by the end of 2023, FCC had improved its energy efficiency by 54.8% compared to the baseline (average 2006-2008). The average glide path to 2030 is presented in Figure 8 below and represents a 2.27% annual improvement in energy performance to 2030.

In 2023, FCC's Total Final Consumption of Energy was 28.11 GWh, producing 7,184 tonnes of CO2 across three principal energy categories: electricity, thermal and transport fuels. The estimated cost associated with this energy use is approximately €5.69 million for the year.

The SEAI M&R system shows that FCC has reduced its annual energy consumption by 21.7% between the baseline (average of 2006-2008) and 2023. It is a decrease of 9.7% compared to the previous year, representing a 3 GWh reduction of energy.

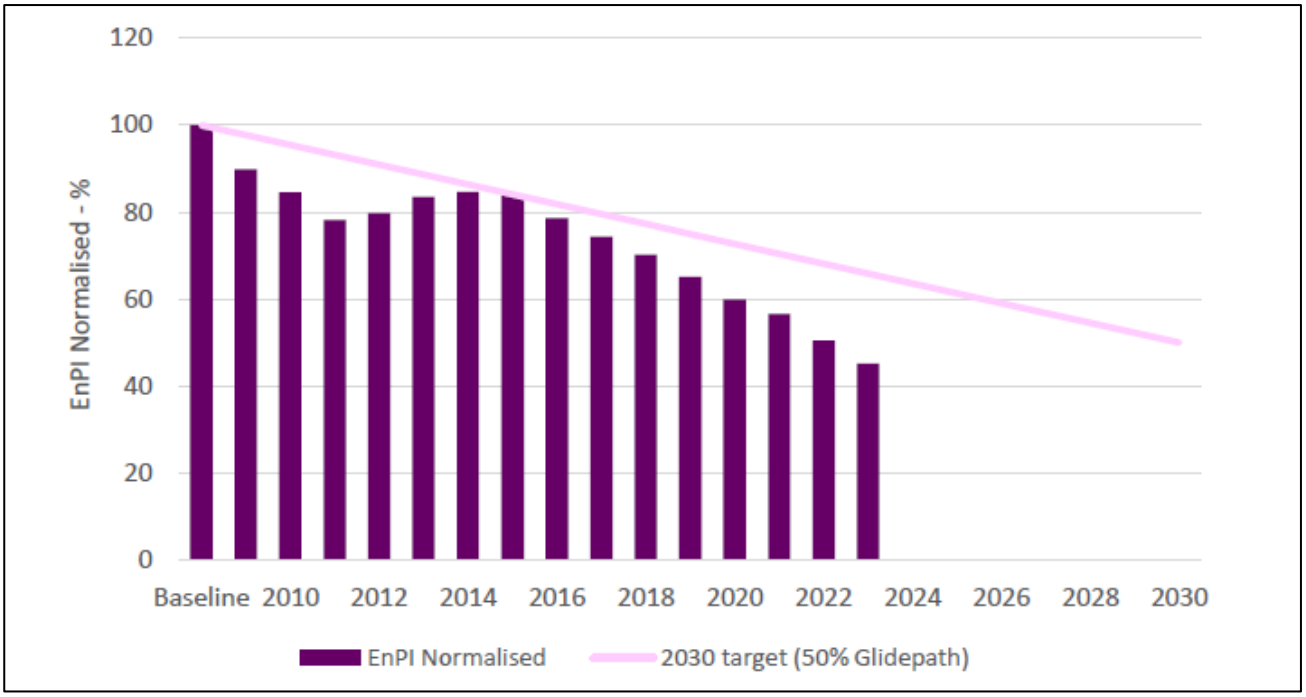


Figure 8 Annual Energy Efficiency target compared to 50% Glidepath.

Green House Gas Emissions: As part of the SEAI's monitoring and reporting 2030 framework, a statutory GHG emissions target must be met by Public Bodies. The 2023 Government Climate Action Plan has set a 51% absolute reduction in energy-related GHG emissions by 2030, and a 51% reduction in direct (thermal and transport fuels) related GHG emissions based on a 2016-2018 average baseline[5].

[5] Fingal County Council 2023 Energy Review, November 2024, Codema

Preliminary results for 2023 indicate that FCC's total energy-related emissions were reduced by 44.9% compared to the baseline, amounting to 5,860 tonnes of CO2.

Looking at direct GHG emissions, there has been a 7.3% reduction in thermal and transport emissions, equivalent to 227 tonnes of CO2, as plotted in Figure 9. The reduction results in 1,367 tonnes of direct CO2 emissions that need to be eliminated by 2030.

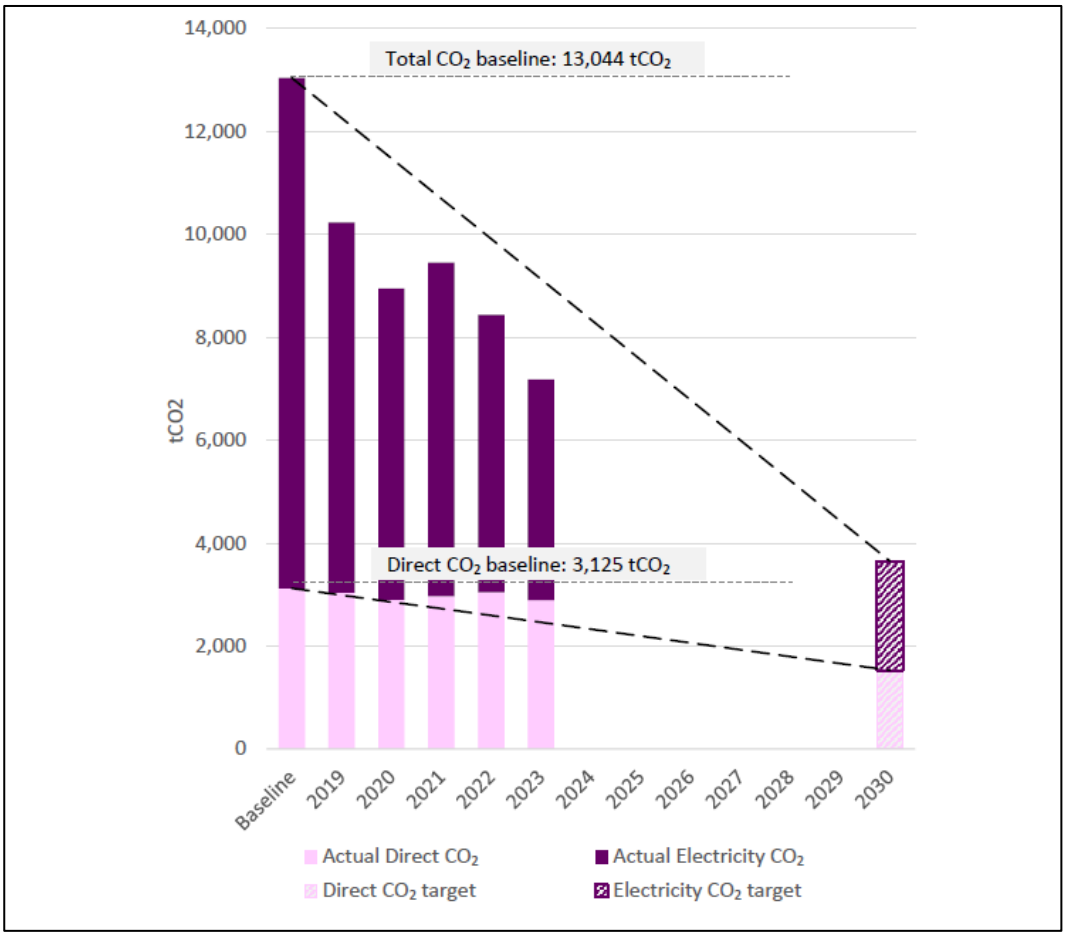


Figure 9 Total & direct CO2 emissions

A GHG gap-to-target chart visualises the difference between projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the emissions reduction targets needed to achieve a specific climate goal. FCC is expected to meet the direct emissions target with County Hall in Swords, Civic Offices in Blanchardstown, Blanchardstown Library and Draiocht, smaller buildings and fleet upgrades. Energy upgrades to offset future construction planned by FCC will be required to ensure the pathway to Net Zero by 2050. Considering all these projects, a revised GHG Gap to Target chart is shown in Figure 10.

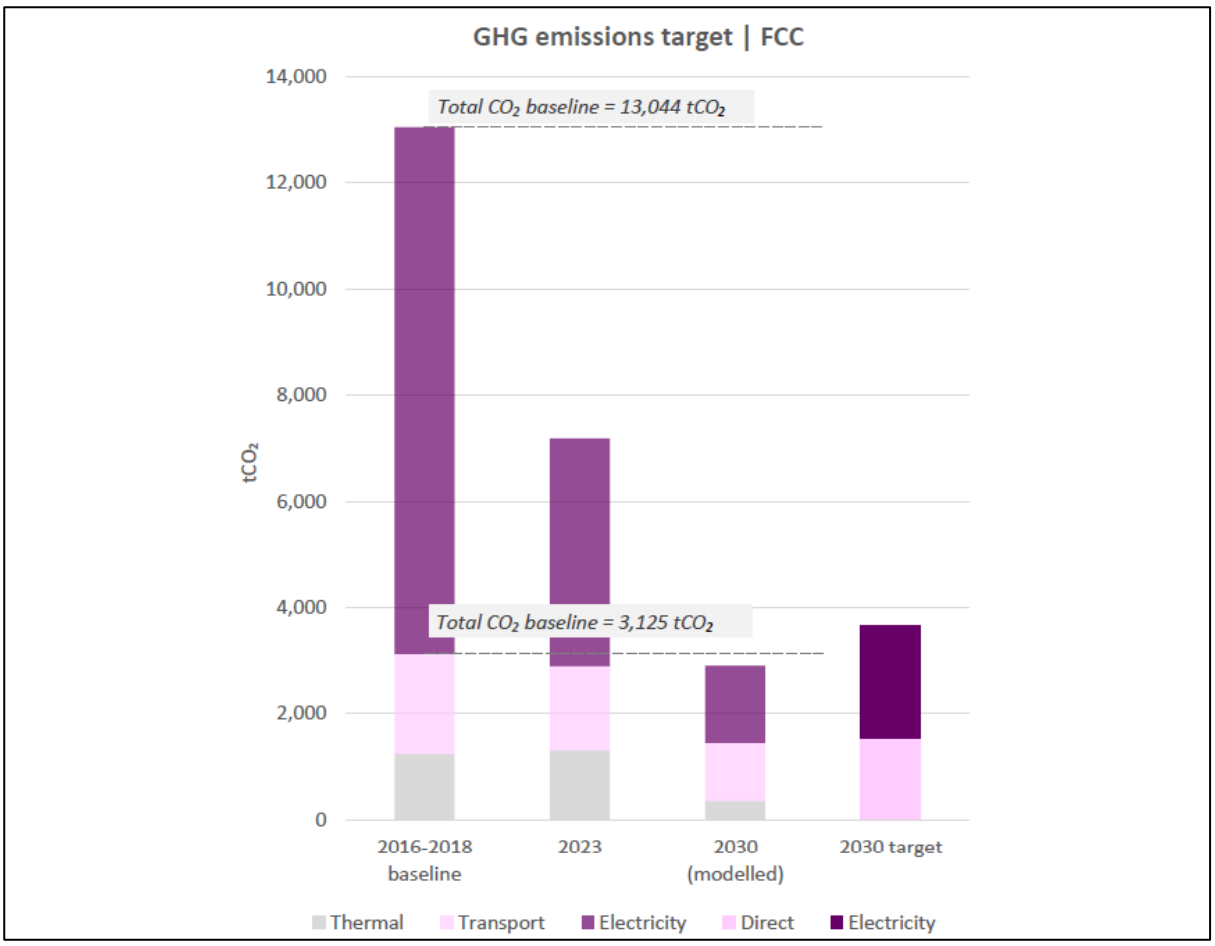


Figure 10 Gap-to-target analysis GHG emissions

Codema is working with FCC to address the GHG emissions target through a Building Decarbonisation Strategy. The Building Decarbonisation Strategy is a process to identify a pipeline of suitable energy efficiency and renewable projects based on meeting 2030 targets, refining the pipeline, and classifying these projects into appropriate project development routes. The strategy is an iterative process, and the pipeline will continue to evolve depending on the status of buildings and the current gap to target. The buildings included in the FCC pipeline are County Hall Swords, Civic Offices Blanchardstown, Blanchardstown Library and Driocht.

Codema is working with FCC to bring some of these projects through the EU Horizon 2020-funded DeliveREE project, under which a dedicated Project Implementation Unit has been established within Codema.

Energy Performance Contract (EPC): In February 2022, an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) project was conducted by Codema at County Hall in Swords and the Civic Offices in Blanchardstown, implementing several energy upgrades that affected energy consumption. To assess performance before and after the upgrades, 2019 was selected as the baseline. The baseline is reviewed on an annual basis.

Figure 11 reveals an overall improvement in performance due to the EPC implementation. Overall, electricity performance experienced a substantial improvement of 28% in electricity performance, which equates to a reduction of 489 MWh of energy.

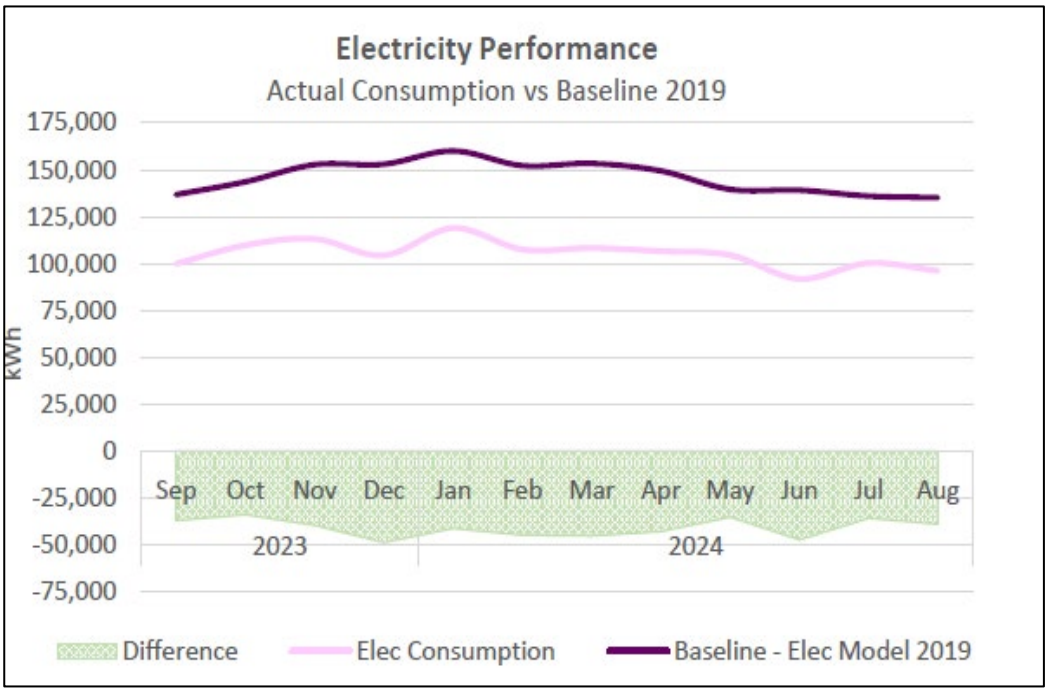


Figure 11 Large Offices Electricity Performance

Public Lighting Replacement Programme:

In June 2024 Fingal County Council completed Ireland's largest public lighting LED replacement project, replacing all existing lights with energy-saving LED technology across roads, residential areas, and public spaces. This initiative began in 2016 and has been a major part of Fingal

County Council's commitment to sustainability and energy efficiency. Since 2016, annual energy use on public lighting in Fingal has been reduced by over 57%. There have now been 35,315 environmentally friendly LEDs installed. Public Lighting has enhanced its energy performance by 7.3% compared to the 2022 baseline year, according to its Energy Performance Indicator (EnPI). This improvement equates to an absolute reduction of 567 MWh of energy and 411 tonnes of CO2.

In 2024, approximately 200 lights were successfully upgraded to LED technology, and by the end of June, 100% of the total streetlights were upgraded to LED. The EnPI since the baseline (average 2006-2008) is illustrated in Figure 12. It shows that energy performance has steadily improved since 2016 due to the LED replacement program, which has delivered tonnes of carbon savings. The LED lights are also easier to maintain, particularly as they are expected to last significantly longer – those installed in Fingal are specified to have a design life of 20 years or 80,000 hours minimum. The neutral white light emitted by LEDs also enhances the visibility of road markings and signs, meaning the council saves money and energy, and increases safety and visibility in Fingal's communities and public spaces.

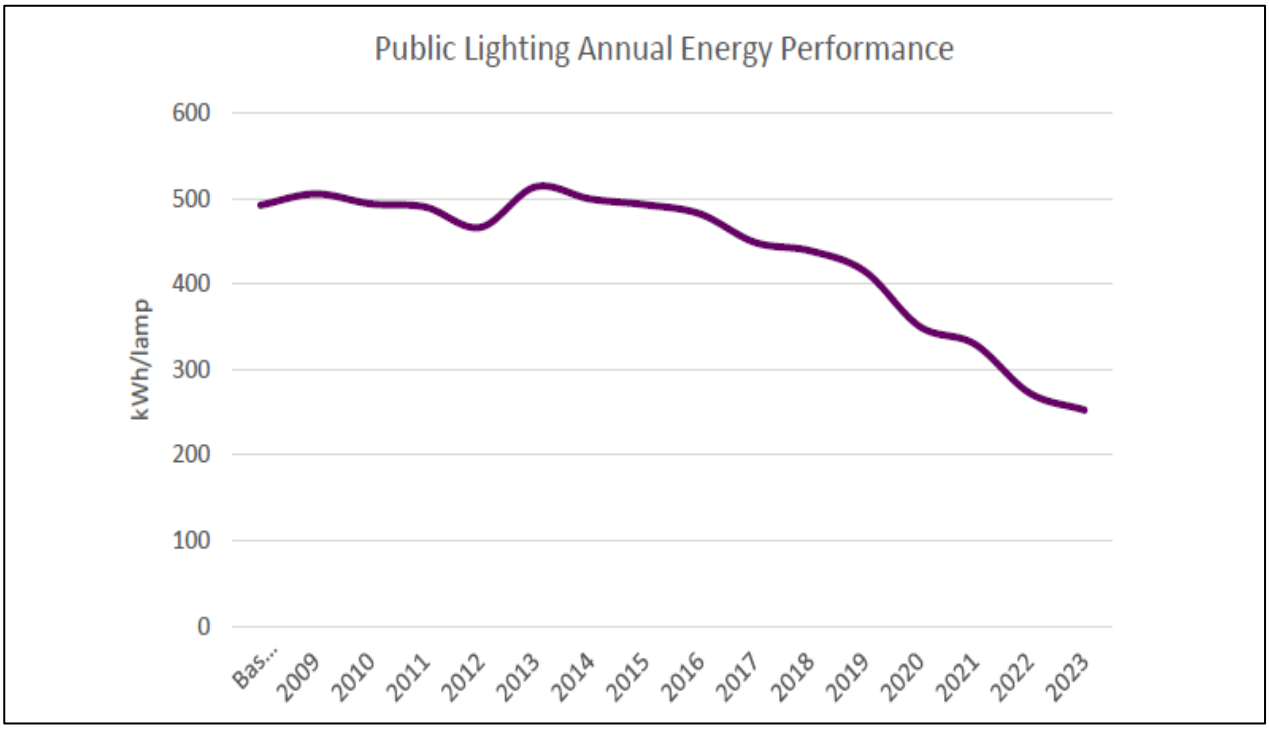


Figure 12 Public lighting Annual Energy Performance

Social Housing Upgrades

2024 marks year 4 of the 10-year Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in Ireland, part of the National Retrofit Plan, which aims to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings significantly. The goal is to retrofit the equivalent of 500,000 homes to a Building Energy Rating (BER) of B2 or higher by 2030.

This year, the Council successfully retrofitted 94 homes under this programmme with an allocation of €3,196,000. The scope of retrofit works includes the installation of external wall and attic insulation, solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, replacement of doors and windows, the provision of air-to-air or air-to-water heat pump systems, mechanical ventilation, the sealing of fireplaces, and the installation of low-energy lighting.

These energy efficiency measures have resulted in substantial cost savings for Council tenants while significantly enhancing comfort levels and the overall quality of living within their homes.

Irish Green Building Council Home Performance Index: Assessments were conducted for four new social housing developments led by the local authority: North Street in Swords, Mourne View in Skerries, Remount in Lusk, and the Fortlawn Infill Sites.

Energy Planning and Renewables

District Heating: Codema has studied the potential of a district heating system in the Dublin 15 area. The proposed scheme will take waste heat from a data centre and upgrade it through a large-scale heat pump to supply heat to Blanchardstown IT, Connolly Hospital, and the national sports campus in the first phase. The first phase of the project will require an estimated €42 million in capital costs to establish the ten-kilometre core network pipeline and energy centre. The Council have worked with Codema on an ELENA (European Local ENergy Assistance) funding submission to the European Investment Bank. The Phase 1 application was successful, and we are working on a Phase 2 application. The proposal should allow for a detailed feasibility study and the development of an operational and business model. The first Project Board meeting was held in December 2024.

Viable Renewable Energy Projects: The council has been engaging with various stakeholders on potential renewable energy projects on council lands in the county, including solar, wind, hydrogen and district heating projects.

Energy Awareness

Climate Resilience for Older Buildings: Fingal County Council remains dedicated to enhancing the resilience of older building stock against the challenges posed by climate change. In 2024, FCC allocated funding to support conservation works and repairs through the following schemes:

- **Stitch in Time Grant:** Grant assistance was provided to a value of €39,563 to 28 projects. 25 projects carried out minor repairs to the property, primarily works to patch repair thatch to extend out the lifespan of the thatched roof. Three projects obtained grants for conservation advice, including one property for a report on addressing coastal erosion to the property line.
- **Built Heritage Investment Scheme:** Nine projects were awarded funding of €96,000 for moderate-scale repairs, including roof or rainwater good repairs and external wall repairs.
- **Historic Structures Fund:** The grants awarded to three projects for a total value of €105,000 for larger scale works, including full re-covering of a thatch roof, repair of large brick chimneys, and repair of unusual timber tracery windows.

LEO Supporting Energy Efficiency in Business

Fingal Local Enterprise Office has worked with the SME sector to promote energy-efficient adaptations through Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.

- **Green for Business:** Fingal LEO supported 35 grant applications in 2024. This complimentary programme is designed to support small enterprises in initiating their journey towards greater sustainability. Participants gain access to the expertise of a dedicated green consultant, who will provide tailored guidance on practical, achievable changes that can significantly enhance both business performance and environmental impact.

- **The Energy Efficiency Grant**: Fingal LEO supported 7 grant applications in 2024. This grant provides financial support to enterprises implementing sustainability measures recommended in a Green for Business Report, GreenStart Report, or SEAI Energy Audit. Covering 75% of eligible costs, the grant ranges from €750 to €10,000. The scheme aims to reduce environmental impact and enhance the sustainability and resilience of businesses. Support is intended explicitly for actions identified in the relevant reports. Enterprises should consult the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for appropriate grant assistance for building-related upgrades.

6.2.Transport

The transport sector represents the largest source of energy demand within the Irish economy and is among the leading contributors to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions nationally. In 2023, it accounted for just over 43% of Ireland's total energy demand and 21.4% of its GHG emissions[6].

Ireland's transport sector remains heavily reliant on fossil fuels, with approximately 94% of its energy derived from these sources[7]. This dependency is primarily on diesel and petrol, which constitute most transport fuels. Private cars remain the primary consumers of transport energy, comprising 39.9% of the sector's total energy demand in 2023.

Planning and Strategic Infrastructure: A core objective of the Fingal County Development Plan 2023-2029 is to enhance the integration of land-use and transport planning, with a strong emphasis on expanding infrastructure for walking, cycling, and public transport. The Plan outlines several policies and objectives aimed at decarbonizing transport by encouraging a shift to sustainable modes, fostering modal transitions, managing demand, and expanding active travel networks such as greenways. The Plan supports the development of a connected, sustainable transport network that is inclusive and accessible to everyone. These measures aim to ensure that towns and villages are well-connected and serviced, supporting sustainable travel options that reduce reliance on cars, enhance residents' quality of life, and increase Fingal's attractiveness to visitors.

The Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department prioritises the integration of transport and land use planning, emphasising compact growth underpinned by high-quality public transport systems. To achieve this, the Council collaborates closely with key partners to

[6] Irelands Provisional Greenhouse Gas Emissions (1990-2023), EPA July 2024
[7] Energy in Ireland, SEAI, December 2024

support the implementation of sustainable public transport solutions for both new and existing developments. This includes active partnerships with the National Transport Authority (NTA), Irish Rail, and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to drive forward major initiatives such as Metrolink, DART+, and BusConnects.

As part of the Council's broader sustainable transport infrastructure programme, the Strategic Infrastructure section and the Active Travel team are progressing a number of high-quality greenways and cycleways. Several projects are progressing through various design, planning, and construction stages. Examples of these are:

- Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route,
- Royal Canal Urban Greenway, t
- Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route,
- Kinsealy Walking and Cycling scheme,
- Fingal Coastal Way
- Broadmeadow Way Greenway
- Church Fields Link Road
- Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge
- Portmarnock Pedestrian & Cycle Bridge
- N3 M50 to Clonee Bus Priority Measures

The Council prioritises the delivery of these greenway projects due to their extensive benefits. They improve quality of life by offering active travel and sustainable transport options alongside recreational opportunities. These initiatives also promote cleaner air, better public health, reduced carbon emissions, and bolster the county's reputation as an attractive tourism destination.

Active Travel Team: Fingal County Council developed an Active Travel Strategy in 2022, accompanied by a substantial programme of works aligned with the strategy's six strategic themes. These include developing and enhancing a protected cycle network across the county, the rollout of the Safe Routes to School programme, the delivery of infrastructure

improvements to strengthen connectivity, active travel initiatives in towns and villages to improve accessibility, and measures to support mobility and encourage behavioural change.

Development of Protected Cycle Lanes and Walkways

In 2024, the Active Travel Unit continued to progress the delivery of high-quality pedestrian and cycling infrastructure across the county. A total of 650 metres of new footpaths were constructed in Donabate, Santry, Blanchardstown, and Swords, supported through funding from the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Connectivity Fund.

Two significant cycling infrastructure schemes were completed during the year, delivering 4.875 kilometres of protected cycle lanes. These schemes were located at St. Cronan's / Brackenstown Road, Swords and the R132 corridor from Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane.

In addition, 80 metres of cycle lane was constructed locally in Northwood, Santry, as part of a community-level improvement project. A number of further schemes are currently undergoing detailed design, with construction scheduled to commence in Dublin 15 and Swords in 2025. These projects form part of Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to enhancing sustainable mobility and providing safe, accessible routes for all road users.

Active Travel Connectivity

In 2024, Fingal County Council delivered targeted improvements to enhance pedestrian safety and connectivity. A 45-metre section of new footpath and a boundary wall were constructed along Beaverstown Road, Donabate, effectively closing a gap in the local pedestrian network. In addition, three kissing gates were removed in Dublin 15 to improve permeability and accessibility for all users, particularly those with mobility challenges.

A total of 11 new pedestrian crossings were installed during the year. These were implemented under the Safe Routes to School Programme, the Permeability/Connectivity Tracker, or as part of independent Active Travel projects. Key locations include:

- Scoil Chormaic Community National School, Balbriggan
- St. Benignus National School, Balscadden
- Scoil Choilm, Porterstown
- Scoil Ghrainne, Hansfield
- Brackenstown Road / St. Cronan's Avenue, Swords

To further enhance pedestrian safety, 27 junction arms were built out across the county to reduce crossing distances for vulnerable road users. These build-outs were completed at various strategic locations, including the R132, residential areas in Swords, Offington Estate in Howth, Mulhuddart, and Riverwood.

Active Travel- Mobility

In 2024, Fingal County Council provided a programmme of cycling Infrastructure and sustainable mobility initiatives. The council installed an additional 82 bicycle parking stands across the county, providing secure parking for 164 bikes. This expansion brings the total number of public bicycle parking spaces across the seven Electoral Areas to 1,884.

To further support active travel in schools and local communities, 30 ‘toast rack’ bicycle stands and 34 scooter racks were delivered to educational institutions, sports clubs, and community centres.

As a result, 1,150 private bike racks are now in place across the Fingal County Council area.

Over the course of the year, more than 26,000 bike-share journeys were recorded within the county. However, journey numbers were reduced in the latter half of the year due to the withdrawal of TIER, the eBike share operator, from the Irish market. This led to a gradual decrease in the availability of eBikes between August and December. Eight pilot schemes were launched in 2024 to support innovation and sustainable transport. These initiatives aimed to encourage greater adoption of active and e-mobility and included:

- eCargo bike trials
- Tandem cycling
- Adult cycling lessons
- Children's cycling lessons
- Science & Cycling camps
- Staff eBike loan programmes

These pilots reflect Fingal County Council's ongoing commitment to promoting active travel and supporting the transition to more sustainable modes of transport.

Proposed Road Reallocation Schemes: Fingal County Council is progressing the design of eight road reallocation schemes, collectively representing approximately 9 km of proposed interventions. These schemes aim to enhance active travel infrastructure and prioritise more sustainable modes of transport. The projects are located at the following sites:

- Baldoyle Village
- New Street, Malahide
- Feltrim Road, Kinsealy
- Seatown Road, Swords
- Harbour Road, Skerries
- Balbriggan Town

- Auburn Avenue, Castleknock
- Clonee to Blanchardstown

Active Travel- Modal Shift

Quiet Streets Initiative: In 2024, Fingal County Council commenced works on a pilot Quiet Streets Initiative to enhance neighbourhood environments and encourage active travel. The initiative will focus on three selected locations across the county, where filtered permeability measures will be trialled.

These measures are designed to reduce through-traffic on residential streets, thereby creating safer, more accessible public spaces for walking, cycling, and other non-motorised travel. The trial seeks to reallocate road space for community use, promoting a stronger sense of place and contributing to improved quality of life for residents.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme: The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Programme is currently being implemented nationwide, following the success of an initial pilot project in Malahide, Fingal. An Taisce administers the programme on behalf of the National Transport Authority (NTA) and is being delivered in collaboration with local authorities.

SRTS aims to create safer, more accessible, and more appealing walking and cycling routes for school communities. By delivering targeted local interventions, the programme seeks to encourage students, parents, and staff to choose active travel options for their daily commutes. The programme focuses on three core objectives:

- Accelerating the delivery of walking and cycling infrastructure along key access routes to schools.
- Implementing "front-of-school" treatments to prioritise the safety and visibility of children accessing school grounds.
- Increasing the provision of bicycle parking to support greater uptake of cycling among students.

Through these measures, the SRTS Programme supports the broader goal of promoting sustainable travel, improving road safety, and fostering healthier, more active lifestyles within school communities.

In 2024, Safe Routes to School Round 1 saw the successful delivery of treatments to five schools. For Round 2, consultant engineers have been appointed to advance the design concepts for additional schools.

Looking ahead, a School Street is planned for implementation in Rush in 2025. A public consultation held in 2024 garnered highly positive feedback. The potential for extending this initiative to more schools will be explored in the coming years.

Shared Mobility

There are currently 97 Shared Cars in operation within the Fingal area. Additionally, 1 Community Car is available for use in Skerries, Co. Dublin. The feasibility of introducing similar facilities in other locations is being actively explored.

EV Charging Infrastructure

The Electric Vehicle Regional Working Group, comprising the four Dublin Local Authorities, the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), and Smart Dublin, launched Dublin's first Electric Vehicle Strategy in June 2022. This strategy is designed to support and accelerate the transition to electric vehicles across the region and deliver tailored, effective solutions for each local authority area.

In October 2024, a Charge Point Operator was appointed to oversee the initial contract to install up to 200 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) across 50 local authority-owned sites within the four Dublin Authorities. These sites include local authority car parks, libraries, public parks, and community centres, with up to 14 sites designated within Fingal County Council (FCC).

The works contract is scheduled for completion within two years. By December 2024, an initial list of sites had been surveyed in collaboration with the ESB, and site designs are currently under development and agreement. ESB connection applications have been submitted, and construction on the first sites is expected to begin in early March 2025, with an operational launch planned for April or May 2025.

Staff Travel

Fingal County Council remains committed to advancing the national public sector remote working strategy. Various digital solutions enable staff to meet virtually to reduce the need to travel to meetings. In 2024, two dedicated FCC GoCars were actively utilised, with an average of 24 trips per month. Additionally, an informational page has been made available to staff, offering guidance on the use of electric vehicles (EVs).

Fleet Electrification Progress

The Council is actively transitioning its commercial fleet to electric vehicles (EVs), with 40% of the current fleet already converted. This includes a range of fully electric machinery such as mini diggers, dumpers, ride-on mowers, and woodchippers.

To support this transition, EV charging points have been installed at staff car parks and operational depots. Additionally, a dedicated EV charging hub is now fully operational at the Coolmine facility, enhancing the Council's capacity to manage and maintain its growing electric fleet.

Bike Week 2024 in Fingal

Bike Week 2024 took place across Fingal from 11 to 19 May and was a great success, drawing large crowds to a variety of engaging events. The Active Travel Section coordinated the awareness week and organised a wide range of virtual, staff, and public activities at multiple locations throughout the county.

Highlights of the week included:

- A Family Fun Day in Millennium Park
- A bike decorating session and parade for children
- The exciting Street Velodrome experience
- An inclusive cycling session in The Phoenix Park, held in collaboration with Dublin City Council and The OPW
- A picturesque Sunset Cycle
- A fun and educational Balance Bike Buddies session on the new Learn 2 Cycle Track in Millennium Park

Bike Week 2024 successfully promoted active travel and cycling in the community, offering opportunities for all ages and abilities to participate.

6.3.Flood Resilience

Fingal County Council plays a key role in all areas of flood risk management—from prevention and preparedness to emergency response and long-term recovery. Its work spans the development of climate-informed policies, close collaboration with the Office of Public Works (OPW) on major flood defence initiatives, and the direct delivery of smaller-scale flood protection projects. The Council also employs nature-based solutions to mitigate flood risks, activates emergency flood response plans when needed, and leads the reconstruction of infrastructure impacted by extreme weather events.

Flood Risk Management

Ongoing meetings between Fingal County Council and the Coastal Liaison Group are focused on advancing the integration of climate adaptation strategies into the Council's policies.

Flood Defences

A Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management Plan (CFRERM) has been prepared to address the long-term impacts of coastal change in the Rogerstown Outer Estuary. This plan has been submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for approval under the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) process (ref: MAC20240007).

If consent for the CFRERM is granted, the Council will proceed with an application to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission to implement the proposed coastal protection measures. These measures include the installation of specially designed Y-shaped groyne structures, combined with beach nourishment and flood embankments at the Burrow, along with a floodwall in Rush.

The Council continues to advance flood alleviation schemes in partnership with the Office of Public Works (OPW). Scheme viability reviews have been completed for Bissett Strand and The Green, Malahide Village.

Ongoing collaboration with the OPW and neighbouring local authorities is helping to progress further studies of flood-prone areas within Fingal. This includes working on the assessment and development of suitable schemes, such as the Dublin City Council-led Santry River Project, which is currently under review, and the Liffey Flood Risk Assessment at Chapelizod.

The Council is also progressing minor works schemes to address recurring flood issues, prioritising the incorporation of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) and nature-based solutions where feasible. The following schemes were completed in 2024:

- Carpenterstown Road Stormwater Sewer Refurbishment
- Ongar TIC Stormwater Remedial Works

The following schemes are currently in progress:

- Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme
- Burrow Beach Stormwater Outfall Pipeline Repair
- Clonsilla/Mulhuddart Surface Water Network
- Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement
- Lusk Surface Water Network

The Council is actively participating in a pilot Coastal Monitoring Project, managed by the OPW, which is scheduled for completion in 2024. This project is expected to contribute to the establishment of a national coastal monitoring programme and will assist Fingal County Council in effectively monitoring coastal change along the Fingal coastline.

A total of 12 flood defence features have been identified for removal or relocation to increase the flood capacity of rivers and estuaries. These locations include Malahide Estuary (3 sites), Rogerstown Estuary (7 sites), Ballyboughal River (2 sites) and Rush (1 site). With the exception of one site, all are in private ownership. Land acquisition is required to proceed with this project.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

In 2024 Fingal County Council published a "'A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) - Managing Rainfall more naturally in Fingal', a concise resource designed to help homeowners explore more sustainable methods for managing rainfall.

In 2022, the Council completed a countywide Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (sFRA), which influenced the policies and objectives of the County Development Plan (CDP) 2023-2029. Surface Water Management Plans (SWMPs), Flood Risk Assessments (FRA) and a Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Strategy developed early in the forward planning process for all Local Area Plans and Framework Plans aim to assess current flood risks and identify opportunities to implement nature-based drainage solutions. Several housing developments and public buildings, including Baldoyle Community Centre, Skerries, and Swords Cultural Quarter, were evaluated for the feasibility of installing green roofs. Green roofs have been successfully implemented on the following Local Authority buildings: Meakstown Community Centre and the County Hall bin store.

Resilience of Archaeological and Heritage Assets

As the impacts of climate change become more evident, ensuring the resilience of archaeological and heritage assets is crucial. Ongoing maintenance and timely repairs are vital to enhancing the ability of these monuments to withstand environmental changes.

Community Monuments Fund: Fingal County Council secured funding of €405,639.75 through the Community Monuments Fund to support the preparation and execution of essential reports for five key structures in the Fingal area: St. Columba's Tower, Swords; Lanistown Castle; Balrothery Tower House (figure 12), St. Fintan's Church and Graveyard; and St. Doulagh's Church and Graveyard.

Figure 12 Illustration from the Irish Penny Magazine of Balrothery church and tower house by Samuel Lover, 1833.

The Fingal Heritage X Climate Project is examining the ongoing impacts of climate change on the county's heritage sites, including assessing the risks it poses and planning for their future preservation. The Fingal Heritage X Climate Toolkit equips participants with the necessary tools to monitor the effects of climate change on the county's heritage assets. This citizen science group meets bi-weekly to continue their work. In 2024, the focus shifted to coastal heritage sites, which included a significant discovery of Mesolithic artefacts.

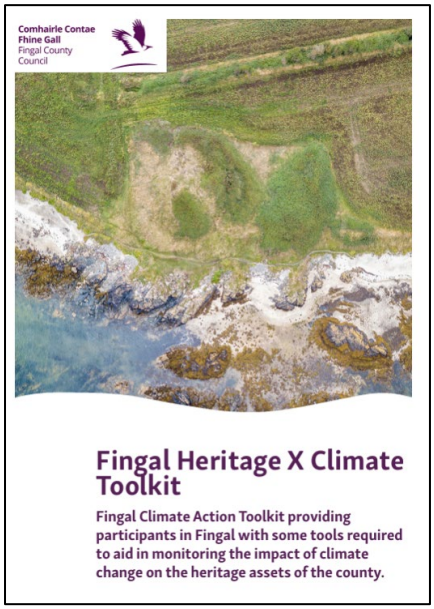


Figure 13 Fingal Heritage X Climate Toolkit

6.4.Nature Based Solutions

Fingal County Council continues to implement a range of Nature-Based Solutions to protect and enhance local ecosystems and biodiversity while also delivering a variety of climate benefits. Fingal is fortunate to have an abundance of these green spaces, which play a crucial role in the county's resilience to climate change and contribute to the health and well-being of its residents.

In 2024, Fingal County Council retained seven Green Flags, an award that highlights the sustainable management of the following parks and demesnes: Millennium Park, Hartstown Park, Santry Demesne, Newbridge House and Farm, St. Catherine's Park, Malahide Demesne and Ardgillan Demesne, —figure 14.

Green Infrastructure

Green infrastructure refers to a strategically planned network of natural spaces, such as parks, rivers, and open areas, that work together to preserve ecosystem services. This approach supports climate adaptation and resilience while also delivering social and economic benefits. Fingal County Council continues to promote and expand this network.

Ongoing efforts include the implementation of the Fire Management Strategy for Howth Head, featuring the creation of wildfire breaks on the Ben of Howth. The Council has also renewed its contract for the Old Irish Goats grazing project, which helps maintain wildfire breaks at Redrock, Bellingham's Farm, Carrickbrack Road, and Shielmartin. This project, run by the Council in partnership with the Old Irish Goat Society, serves a dual purpose: reducing the risk of wildfires on Howth Head and supporting a breeding programme for Old Irish Goats. Over the past year, the herd has grazed on large volumes of vegetation, significantly reducing the presence of flammable plants such as gorse. The combination of goat grazing and the strategic creation of firebreaks is helping to limit the potential spread of wildfires in the area.

Importance of Trees

The Council has been using CAVAT (Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees), which assigns a monetary value to the amenity benefits trees provide in public spaces. This tool is used to calculate the replacement value of trees that have been damaged or need to be removed by statutory bodies, with the goal of securing compensation to help cover the cost of replacement. Several Fingal staff members have recently completed training on the updated version of CAVAT

The initial phase inventory of the Council's Independent Tree Management Systems 'Arbortrack' has highlighted potential planting locations which is informing subsequent planting. This data is currently being used to plan planting for winter 2024/2025 in the Swords Area.

Additional tree-related initiatives include; Woodland Creation at Nevitt (near Lusk), an Oak Orchard plantation at Ardgillan and a comprehensive planting list developed by the Council's Tree Officer, who also advises operational teams and community groups.

Preservation and Conservation

UCD's School of Biology and Environmental Science, with support from Fingal County Council, has submitted a proposal to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority for ecological restoration at Malahide Estuary and Ireland's Eye. The project includes introducing native oysters (*Ostrea edulis*) and installing eco-engineered habitat units with suitable substrates (Ref: MUL230032).

As part of the FCC Biodiversity Plan, the Operations Department supports Local Town Biodiversity Plans by planting high-biodiversity trees and shrubs, establishing open community orchards, and implementing varied grass maintenance regimes. These initiatives are delivered through the Council's annual Programme of Works, approved by elected representatives.

Since 2014, FCC has expanded its managed long grass areas in line with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. To date 125 hectares of meadows (short and long flowering) have been developed and 118,000 m² (11.8 hectares / 30 acres) of residential and roadside grass areas have been planted with pollinator-friendly bulb mixes.

Currently, the Council is mapping and categorizing all managed grass areas, distinguishing between regularly maintained areas, short flowering meadows, and long flowering meadows. This will give the Council a baseline into the quantity of grass it maintains and the volume of managed grass meadows within this.

Food and Agriculture

FCC continues to manage three public allotments and five community gardens. The allotment plots are allocated on an annual basis by the council with an active management committee operating each site. The community Gardens are managed completely by the individual management committees who have a management lease on each site.

Recognising the significant efforts of local community groups, Santry Community Garden and The Rock Garden in Swords were honoured with Community Awards under the prestigious Green Flag Award scheme. This global initiative celebrates and rewards excellently managed parks and green spaces, establishing a benchmark for the effective management of recreational outdoor areas worldwide.

6.5.Circular Economy and Resource Management

Reduce Waste & Increase Recycling in Fingal County Council

Keen To Be Green: is a Fingal County Council Community Development initiative designed to support the implementation of practical, sustainable, and climate-focused actions within local communities.

As part of this initiative:

- 30 community centres are participating in the Keen to Be Green programme, which is delivered across five stages.
- A Water Audit and Waste Management Review was completed for 30 community centres.
- Participating centres are required to submit monthly water usage figures throughout 2024, which will be reviewed in Q1 2025.
- The collected data will be analysed and used to inform a Keen to Be Green Awards Event focused on Water Conservation, scheduled to take place in Q2 2025 to coincide with Climate Action Week.

Waste Reduction / Circular Economy

The National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023–2029 outlines five national priorities, all of which were addressed through the Council's RMCEI Environmental Inspection Plan. This plan included 76 specific tasks covering key areas such as Producer Responsibility Initiatives, Waste Data and Waste Flows, Commercial and Household Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste, and Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activities. It also addressed Planning, Waste Facility Permits, Waste Collection Permits, and the management of End-of-Life Vehicles.

To reduce the use of single use plastic 18 public Water Drinking Stations across whole Fingal area were installed in 2024. These stations have been supported as part of an Uisce Eireann pilot project, which has provided free water connections for 11 of the newest installations. By the end of 2025 Fingal will have a total of 33 public drinking fountains located mainly within public open spaces across the county.

Waste Prevention

Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Management Plans The Council assessed 192 (C&D) Waste Management Plans for proposed developments to ensure that all potential waste streams were identified early and that appropriate measures were in place to support waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and recovery, in accordance with the waste hierarchy. Following the initial review, 42% of the plans were deemed compliant. Non-compliant plans were referred back to Planning for further action, requiring developers/applicants to revise and resubmit their plans for reassessment. Full compliance (100%) is mandatory before any site works can commence.

Waste Segregation and Reduction: Initial contact was made with 20 management companies responsible for 53 apartment complexes across Fingal to raise awareness around food waste management and the provision of brown bins for residents. The aim was to encourage the adoption of best practices for food waste segregation and reduction, and to ensure that brown bins are made available for proper disposal. However, significant follow-up is required due to limited engagement from management companies to date. Ongoing efforts are focused on securing compliance with waste legislation and promoting the segregation of food waste by residents, followed by collection through authorised waste collectors.

Audits of Waste Collection Permits (WCP)and Waste Facility Permits (WFP): As part of efforts to enhance the traceability of waste streams, the Council carried out desktop validations and on-site audits of Waste Collection Permit (WCP) and Waste Facility Permit (WFP) holders' Annual Returns (ARs). A total of 110 desktop annual return validations were completed for Waste Collection Permits along with 10 on-site AR verification audits and 10 compliance inspections. Of the 110 returns, 93 were validated, while 17 were deemed inconclusive, requiring further follow-up in 2025. An overall 90% compliance rate with WCP conditions was recorded. 22 desktop annual return validations were carried out of Waste Facility Permits: with 20 returns validated and 2 requiring further follow-up in 2025 due to inconclusive data. In addition, 41 on-site inspections were conducted to improve compliance with WFP conditions.

An assessment of commercial premises across Fingal was carried out to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009, with a particular focus on waste segregation and food waste management. 58 premises were inspected, with a total of 80 inspections conducted. Initial compliance was recorded at 48%, which improved to 76% following a second inspection.
Further follow-up inspections are scheduled for 2025 with the objective of achieving 100% compliance.

Promote and Facilitate Circular Economy

Circular Cities: In 2024, staff from the Economic Development Office engaged in Circular Cities webinars and successfully completed MODOS Circular Economy training. These efforts have strengthened internal capacity and deepened their understanding of circular economy principles.
The MODOS Circular Economy Training Programme, funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, supports micro and small enterprises in overcoming challenges related to adopting sustainable business practices. Delivered through the local authority sector, this training is now offered free of charge to eligible SMEs and micro-enterprises. Specifically tailored for Irish businesses, the online course provides participants with practical tools and knowledge to integrate green practices and circular economy models into their operations.

Additionally, the Council took part in a European Urban Initiative (EUI) Exchange in 2024, collaborating with the City of Nokia in Finland and representatives from the ECO3 Park. This initiative aimed to enhance understanding of circular economy strategies and innovative approaches.

EcoCore Network.: To support the delivery of the Circular Cities Action Plan and Sustainable Fingal, Fingal County Council is acting as the lead partner in the Urbact EcoCore Network. This European initiative is focused on exploring sustainable approaches to industrial development, green innovation, investment attraction, and active mobility. Throughout 2024, the Council led a number of masterclasses and participated in transnational meetings with partner cities to exchange knowledge and best practices.

As part of its efforts to integrate circular economy principles into economic development, the Council collaborated with the Balbriggan EcoCore Local Stakeholder Group to co-create an Investor's Guide. This guide outlines sustainability-focused criteria for prospective investors and aims to encourage environmentally responsible development in Balbriggan.

Under the EcoCore Project, the Council produced and shared two promotional sustainability videos featuring local Balbriggan businesses. These were disseminated via the Council's social media channels to highlight positive examples of circular practices in action.

In 2024, the Council also partnered with Fingal Chamber, Balbriggan Chamber, and Malahide Chamber to deliver a series of sustainability-focused business briefings, supporting the local business community in embracing sustainable practices.

Circular Economy Hackathon: As part of the EcoCore initiative and in collaboration with Smart Balbriggan, the Council hosted a Circular Economy Hackathon on 8th November 2024. The event was well attended, with several innovative concepts developed by participating teams. The winning idea proposed the creation of a circular economy digital platform to map, track, and share data on local material flows—promoting more efficient resource use and reuse.

To expand the reach of the Sustainable Fingal initiative across businesses, communities, and organisations, while promoting circular economy principles and supporting a Just Transition to a net-zero, climate-resilient economy, Fingal County Council is currently preparing tender documentation for the appointment of consultants to develop a comprehensive Sustainable Fingal Strategy. The development of this strategy is being shaped by insights and best practices gained through the Council's participation in Circular Cities webinars, MODOS circular economy training, the Urbact EcoCore Project, and the Interreg SKYLA Project.

Fingal County Council continues to lead by example in the transition to a circular economy. This is evidenced by the application of circular economy thinking in shaping the sustainable development of the Council's strategic industrial landbank in Balbriggan, including the creation of a dedicated Investors Guide which promotes sustainable investment aligned with circular principles.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy: The strategy was adopted by the Council in 2024. The Strategy outlines 6 grand opportunities, one of which is Sustainability where the Council aims to develop the local economy in accordance with a broadened Sustainable Fingal Initiative which facilitates and supports businesses in the transition to Net Zero. The Strategy has moved to implementation on the eight actions listed under the Sustainability Theme.

Guide for Sustainable Events: In support of Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan and to help reduce the carbon footprint associated with Council-supported events; the Events Unit has developed a Guide for Sustainable Events. This guide offers practical advice and actionable steps to assist organisers in delivering environmentally responsible events that align with the County's wider sustainability and climate objectives. It aims to encourage best practices in waste management, energy use, transport planning, and resource efficiency.

Replay Instruments Project: In 2024, the Replay Instruments Project successfully repaired 60 musical instruments, using them as a tool to promote community engagement with the circular economy. This innovative initiative demonstrates how sustainability can be embedded into cultural and educational programming.

Fingal County Council is proud to partner with Music Generation Fingal and Crosscare to deliver this unique programme. The project collects quality, pre-loved instruments, refurbishes them, and redistributes them to young people and community groups across Fingal. This not only supports access to music education and creative expression but also diverts waste from landfill—illustrating the circular economy in action.

As part of the programme, community-based sustainability guitar lessons have been introduced. These lessons go beyond music instruction by educating participants about the lifecycle of a guitar, the importance of reuse, and the broader environmental impact of consumption.

By supporting Replay Instruments, Fingal County Council is helping to reduce barriers to music participation, foster local talent, and instil values of sustainability and reuse within the community.

Recycling and the Circular Economy

Partnership with the Rediscovery Centre: Fingal County Council's ongoing partnership with the Rediscovery Centre (RDC) and Fingal's recycling centres continues to support the circular economy by promoting reuse and repair. In 2024, a total of 167 bikes were collected from Fingal recycling centres, repaired, and given a new lease of life through reuse initiatives.

Additionally, the RDC collected 4,209 kg of paint from the Estuary Recycling Centre. Of this, 1,619 litres of upcycled paint were used to support community projects across Fingal, demonstrating the environmental and social benefits of resource recovery.

This collaboration highlights the Council's commitment to waste prevention, reuse, and community enrichment through circular economy practices.

Land Use and Acquisition

Fingal County Council is actively reviewing its landbank to identify opportunities for the development of sustainable projects focused on renewable energy and biodiversity enhancement.

Discussions are ongoing with Dublin City University (DCU) and daa regarding potential collaborative projects in the vicinity of Dublin Airport. The Council is also engaging with a range of state agencies and private sector stakeholders to explore energy initiatives, including those related to solar, wind, and hydrogen technologies. In addition, the Council's three Enterprise Centres have identified several potential sustainability-focused projects. Work is underway to evaluate appropriate funding streams to support the delivery and implementation of these initiatives.

Fingal County Council is committed to advancing renewable energy, green infrastructure, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, and other sustainability-focused initiatives across its landholdings and buildings. A number of projects located on Council-owned land are currently at the preliminary assessment stage, being developed in collaboration with partners from the education sector, private enterprise, and state agencies.

In 2024, roof and façade restoration and insulation works were completed at Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle. These energy efficiency upgrades have already resulted in a reduction in energy usage at these significant heritage properties, demonstrating the potential of combining conservation with climate action.

Fingal County Council continues to identify and pursue opportunities for the acquisition of land and building, to support projects related to renewable energy, regeneration, active travel, greenways, and green infrastructure. Key developments include the Royal Canal Urban Greenway Project, Broadmeadow Greenway Project, Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement Project, Sutton to Malahide Greenway, St. Catherine's Park Extension, Lucan. The Council is also engaged in negotiations on additional land parcels across the county to support the development of green infrastructure and related initiatives.

6.6.Community Engagement

Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) 2024: was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO). The week featured a diverse range of events aimed at engaging communities and promoting climate action. Over 45 public events were held across Dublin, including Fingal, under themes such as Citizen Engagement, Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions, and Resource Management.

Highlights included nature walks and workshops that educated participants on sustainable practices and the importance of biodiversity. Climate festivals brought communities together to celebrate local initiatives, while youth conferences empowered younger generations to take action against climate change. Practical sessions offered advice to businesses and individuals on reducing energy bills and accessing grants.

These events provided opportunities for residents to connect, learn, and contribute to a sustainable future. The week showcased Fingal's commitment to climate action and its efforts to inspire meaningful change within local communities.

Community Climate Action Programme Fund In 2024: Fingal County Council launched the Community Climate Action Programme Fund (CCAP Fund), with a total allocation of €1.2 million provided by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). The fund aims to empower community-led climate action by supporting projects delivered in partnership with local nonprofit and voluntary organisations. These initiatives vary in scale and focus, reflecting the diverse needs and strengths of communities across the county.

Projects funded under the programme addressed five core themes:

- Community Energy
- Sustainable Travel
- Food and Waste Management
- Shopping and Recycling Practices
- Local Climate and Environmental Actions

Fingal County Council was awarded €1,127,000.00 to support 25 community projects, as outlined in Table 3.

	Group Name	Project Overview	Theme(s)
1	Donabate Portrane Community Centre	LED lights, bicycle lockers and repair station, sewing machines, clothes rails, reusable cups, gardening	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
2	Kinsealy United	Solar PV panels for internal lighting 2 gazebos for kit swap events, tree planting in local park, tools for tree planting, bike repair stand and Reusable sports bottles for Reuse campaign	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
3	Turvey Allotments	PV Panels for charging of gardening tools, Industrial bulk containers for storing harvested rainwater, Reusable Seed Trays and compostable seed trays, water butts for rainwater harvesting	Community Energy, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
4	Balbriggan Golf Club	Solar PV to address the Community Energy needs of the golf club	Community Energy
5	Castleknock GAA	Solar PV, A New Bike Repair station for the club, and a tree planting and gardening project for pollinators	Community Energy
6	Coolmine Therapeutic Centre	Solar PV, bike rack, rainwater harvester, composting project	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental
7	Dogs Trust	Solar PV, biodiversity survey, tree planting and waste management	Community Energy, Local Climate and Environmental Action
8	Howth Yacht Club	Solar PV & Bike EV Charging	Community Energy
9	Baldoyle Community Centre	Building Renovations	Community Energy
10	Sutton Dinghy Club	Roof insulation, bike repair, composter, rainwater harvesting €33,450.20	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action
11	Blakestown Mountview Youth Initiative	Install Solar PV, and upgrade lighting in the community building, install bike lockers, water butts, vegetable trugs and shrubs for pollinators	Community Energy, Travel,
12	Lusk Community Network	Composters, solar panels, project delivery/ guidance & permits, bike shelter	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environment Action
13	Naomh Mearnóg GAA	Solar PV, Bike Shelter, Trees Swap Shop	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
14	St. Maurs GAA	Solar Panel LED lights, reusable cups, tree planting, Bike Hub	Community Energy Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action

15	Brackenstown Scout Den (164th Brackenstown Scouts)	Attic/Wall insulation, doors windows, bike repair, flowers/shrubs, bird boxes, wardrobe vacuum pack for clothes food storage reusable bottles	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action
16	98th Dublin Scouting Ireland - Skerries Sea Scouts	Improvements to scouts building, solar PV, insulation, replace lighting to LEDs and change the large window to improve building efficiency.	Community Energy
17	Ballyboughal GFC	Install Solar PV on GAA Club building, replace old doors and windows, install bike lockers, plant shrubs, bulbs and dig a new pond in the community garden	Community Energy, Local Climate and Environmental Action
18	Fingallians GAA	Solar PV, LEDs, Hall Diffraction Fans to improve heating circulation, Insulation and under sink water heaters for hot water needs, Bike shelter for club users	Community Energy, Travel
19	Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre	Replace old windows, upgrade boiler for swimming pool, install scooter parking racks, install food waste compactor, develop community garden in arch club	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
20	Rivervalley & Rathingle Community Centre	Solar PV Panels on community building, replace old community centre doors, Bike repair station and bike lockers, waste management bin stations, Planting of native trees and shrubs and materials for swap shops	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
21	Balbriggan SEC	Solar PV on Meals on Wheels building, replace draughty door in GAA Club, LED upgrade, new water butts and bike lockers and planting for biodiversity	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Local Climate and Environmental Action
22	Balrothery Group Tennis Club	Solar PVs for Tennis Club, Insulation on Community Centre, Water Refill Stations, Bike lockers, Extend Community Garden, planting native hedges and introduce a composting project in the community garden	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
23	Bayside Community Centre	Solar PV and LED lighting, new windows, insulation and hand dryers for Community Centre, Community Garden design, Bike Hub tools and gazebo, bike shelter, bike repair station	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
24	Millbank Theatre Rush Dramatic Society	Solar PVs on Millbank Theatre in Rush, Rechargeable electric gardening tools for Tidy Towns, LED Lights, Bike repair Hub for Bike rack, Outdoor and indoor water refill stations in Rush, water butts, bee pollinator planting projects, swap shop for and Reusable Party kit	Community Energy, Travel, Local Climate and Environmental Action
25	St Brigid's GAA	Insulate the clubhouse, introduce a bike shelter and Bike Repair Stand, Plant Trees and bulbs for pollinators, eliminate single use cups in the club	Community Energy, Travel, Food and Waste, Shopping and Recycling, Local Climate and Environmental Action

Table 3 Fingal Community Climate Action Fund recipients 2024

Media Campaigns: The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continues to deliver targeted social media campaigns throughout the year, highlighting best practices and marking national and local environmental awareness events.

To highlight the environmental damage caused by disposable cigarette butts and vapes—particularly their impact on marine life—a cinema campaign was launched, reaching an audience of 438,534 viewers. This initiative aimed to raise public awareness about the harmful consequences of improper waste disposal on ecosystems.

The Environmental Awareness Officer also coordinates two dedicated newsletters—one for community groups and another tailored to schools. These newsletters provide updates on environmental initiatives, educational resources, and upcoming events across the county.
To improve accessibility and encourage broader engagement, the public can now sign up to receive the newsletter via the Fingal County Council website.
The Council's environmental webpage is also regularly updated with the latest news, campaigns, and events, helping to keep residents informed and engaged in building a more sustainable Fingal.

In 2024, Fingal County Council initiated updates to its Climate Action webpage to enhance public access to information on the Council's Climate Action Plan and related initiatives. The revised webpage will serve as a central platform providing:

- Detailed information on the Climate Action Plan and progress updates
- Practical guidance for individuals and communities on taking climate action
- Access to climate education materials and event listings

Additionally, in 2024, an internal catalogue of climate action-themed books and eBooks available from Fingal Libraries was developed to support education and awareness in alignment with the Council's climate goals.

Climate Awareness in Schools

In preparation for the introduction of the new secondary school subject *Climate Action and Sustainable Development* by the Department of Education in September 2025, Fingal County Council's Climate Action Department delivered Climate Literacy Training to ten secondary schools across the county in 2024. This training was provided through Education for Sustainability and reached a total of 263 students and 10 teachers.

Fingal County Council continues to manage and support the Green-Schools Programme in partnership with An Taisce. In 2024, 133 schools were registered under the programme, and 29 schools were awarded Green Flags in recognition of their commitment to environmental education and action.

The Environmental Awareness Officer has maintained a strong focus on promoting waste management and circular economy principles within schools. Key initiatives during the 2023–2024 academic year included the Composting for Schools Programme, Seasonal Workshops and Relove Fashion Competition

Funding was allocated to 15 schools to support a range of sustainability projects, including seed collections, biodiversity signage, materials for community gardens, polytunnels, and wormeries. These programmes collectively support Fingal's broader goals of embedding sustainability education in schools and empowering young people to lead environmental action.

Community Awareness & Engagement through Partnerships

In 2024, Fingal County Council worked collaboratively with partner organizations to enhance awareness of climate action and promote sustainable living across the county. Key initiatives included impactful public engagement events, program partnerships, and community-led projects.

Public Engagement during Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) 2024: As part of DCAW 2024, the Council joined forces with Codema and SEC mentor Eric Dennis to host public engagement

events, such as Home Energy Advice Clinics and a Pop-up Stand at the Climate Action Festival in Millennium Park. These events provided practical guidance on reducing household energy usage through small, actionable changes.

Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) Programme: Fingal County Council continues to serve as the Lead Partner Applicant for the SEAI-led SEC Programme, with 31 SECs established in Fingal to date. The Council's Climate Action Team works closely with the SEAI-appointed mentor and regional coordinator to advance the program. A highlight of 2024 was the launch of the Energy Master Plan by Balbriggan SEC, marking a key milestone in community-led energy planning.

Community-Based Projects and Partnerships: The Council collaborated with community groups and initiatives to drive localized climate action:

- **GAA Green Clubs Programme:** Continued support for Fingal clubs participating in sustainability-focused efforts covering Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity, and Transport.
- **Tree Planting Initiatives**: Coordinated orchard planting in 16 community centers during Tree Week, alongside tree planting with local Tidy Towns groups and community gardens.
- **Keen to Be Green Projects:** Supported community awareness programs such as bike repair workshops, clothes swap events, green festivals, and community gardens. Highlights included three Green Festivals (Flemington, Donabate, Mulhuddart), four bike repair events, five clothes swap shop events, and two food waste prevention.
- **Circular Economy Activities**: Organized visits, workshops, and a new Bike Library in Ongar.
- **Waste Management and Recycling Efforts**: to enhance waste and recycling practices included distribution of brown bin caddies, compost workshops, and funding for upgraded waste and recycling systems in six community centers. Two WEEE recycling drop-off events were hosted in Flemington and Donabate.
- **Marine Cleanup and Awareness**: The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Section coordinated 10 marine cleanup and awareness events in partnership with Clean Coasts, Explore Your Shore, and Education for Sustainability.

- **Global Action Plan and Community Involvement**: In 2024, the Council worked with Global Action Plan (GAP) to further develop the Climate Action Heroes program across 17 community groups.
- **Sports Grants Program:** In 2024, a total of 34 grant applications incorporated circular economy and sustainable initiatives, which have become mandatory for all clubs moving forward.

Through these diverse initiatives, Fingal County Council successfully fostered community engagement and environmental awareness, paving the way for sustained climate action across the region.

Promote the development of green skills across all economic sectors

Fingal County Council has completed the review of its Skills Strategy with the adoption of Future Fingal: *Fingal Skills Strategy 2024–2029* in November 2024.

This new Strategy builds on insights and best practices gained through the Council's participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project, which focuses on upskilling for the twin transition - digital and green.

The Strategy emphasises the growing need for digital and green skills, underlining the critical importance of upskilling and lifelong learning. It outlines a series of actions for implementation across five strategic themes.

Climate Awareness Training

Fingal County Council is committed to embedding climate awareness across all levels of the organisation. Climate Action training is now mandatory for all new staff, and efforts are ongoing to provide training for existing personnel and elected members.

In 2024, 93 staff members completed Climate Action training, including 57 indoor and 36 outdoor staff. Opportunities to further integrate climate awareness across all departments continue to be identified and implemented.

6.7.Decarbonisation Zone- Balbriggan Update

Balbriggan has been designated a Decarbonising Zone (DZ) under Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan 2024–2029. A DZ is a defined area selected by a local authority to trial and implement a suite of low-carbon, climate-resilient solutions. These zones contribute directly to Ireland's national climate objectives, which include a legally binding target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 51% by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Decarbonising Zones serve as innovation testbeds designed to meet the specific needs of local communities while delivering measurable climate action. The approach integrates planning, engagement, and project delivery at a local scale.

Key Features of Decarbonising Zones

- Localised Climate Action:

DZs facilitate tailored interventions such as renewable energy generation, energy efficiency retrofits, and low-carbon mobility solutions that directly address the characteristics and needs of the area.

- Alignment with National Targets:

All actions within DZs are guided by Ireland's national climate commitments, ensuring coherence between local measures and national policy.

- Community Engagement:

The success of a DZ hinges on active and inclusive participation from residents, community groups, and businesses. Collaboration fosters resilience, climate awareness, and sustainable behaviours.

Progress to Date

In partnership with Codema and as part of the Climate Action Plan development, significant groundwork has been completed for the Balbriggan DZ, including:

- A comprehensive spatial emissions profile, mapping emissions sources and identifying local low-carbon assets.
- Projections to 2030 showing potential emissions trajectories based on various intervention scenarios.
- Cost analysis and identification of investment requirements across different climate pathways.
- A gap-to-target analysis to quantify the shortfall in achieving the 51% reduction.
- A Register of Opportunities outlining a portfolio of potential decarbonisation projects and corresponding funding sources.

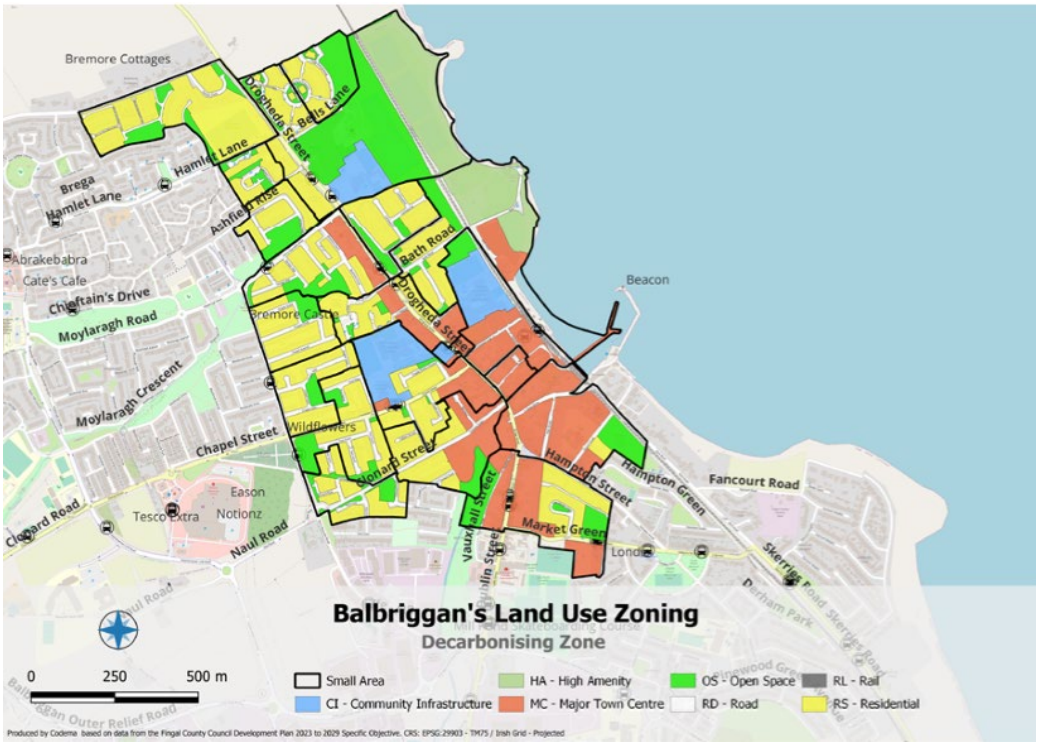


Figure 15: Balbriggan Decarbonisation Zone Map

Next Steps

The Register of Opportunities will now inform the development of strategic priority areas and action pathways for implementation over the plan's duration. These priorities will be refined through targeted stakeholder consultation. A key enabler in delivering these actions will be Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs).

Role of Sustainable Energy Communities (SECs)

A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a group of citizens, organisations, and stakeholders working collaboratively to improve how energy is used and generated locally. The SEC model promotes a whole-of-community approach to sustainability and energy transition. While many SECs have developed Energy Master Plans to guide their actions, a significant number struggle to progress from planning to implementation. Common challenges include:

- Limited community engagement and volunteer fatigue
- Funding constraints and financial risk
- Gaps in technical expertise and project development capacity
- Difficulty navigating administrative and regulatory processes

E2-CUTIES: A European Support Framework for Balbriggan's DZ

Fingal County Council and Codema are partners in E2-CUTIES (Engaged Energy Communities in Urban areas with Technology Integrated Energy Systems), an Interreg North-West Europe project. E2-CUTIES provides a robust framework to address barriers faced by SECs and strengthen the capacity of local energy communities.

The project aims to:

- Develop roadmaps and investment strategies for community energy projects
- Produce toolkits that address governance, inclusion, finance, legal, and technical needs
- Pilot integrated energy systems in European partner cities such as Leuven and Strasbourg
- Deliver a capacity-building programme for communities and local authorities

How E2-CUTIES Support the Balbriggan DZ

- Empowering Communities: Enhances SEC capacity through training, tools, and mentoring
- Delivering Local Projects: Facilitates the rollout of practical energy actions (e.g. retrofits, solar PV, EV infrastructure)
- Roadmap & Monitoring: Supports planning, data analysis, and progress tracking
- Strengthening Governance: Builds alignment and cooperation between the local authority and the community

E2-CUTIES positions Balbriggan as a model for community-led climate action and provides the tools needed to make real progress toward its decarbonisation goals.

Appendix I Action Progress Report 2024

Ref	Action	Tracking Measure	2024 Progress	Status
	Energy Management			
E1	Continuous Improvement by maintaining ISO 50001 energy management system	ISO 50001 Compliant	Ongoing. Surveillance Audit successfully completed in March 2024	
E2	Annual Monitoring & Reporting to SEAI	FCC's energy use monitored and reported	M&R completed and submitted to SEAI in November 2024 for 2023 reporting period	
E3	Publish Fingal County Council's Energy Review Periodically	Review published, # of recommendations implemented	Energy Review for 2022 completed in 2024 with recommendations outlined.	
	Energy Efficiency Improvements & Upgrades			
E4	Continuous Improvement through the Energy Performance Contract for County Hall (Swords) and Civic Offices, during the service stage	Measurement & Verification of energy savings	Reconciliation Period 2 (March – August 2024) has shown significant energy improvements for the Energy Performance Contract across both County Hall, Swords and Civic Offices, Grove Road. The total electrical cost reduction achieved through this period is 32% based on the agreed contract rates. Thermal energy supply for this period is a decrease of 30% in gas usage across the two office facilities. The combined total energy savings achieved amounted to 31%, which represents a reduction of 172 tonnes of carbon emissions.	
E5	Procure upgrades through an Energy Performance Contract for Draíocht Arts Centre and public library in Blanchardstown with potential of including Balbriggan Town Hall & Library/ Watery Lane Depot/ Ballycoolin Training Centre	EPC Awarded	Procurement planned for 2025 on further EPC Blanchardstown library and Draiocht	
E6	IES Building Energy Modelling to be completed in County hall and Grove Road offices. Further modelling of digital assets to be included in other EPC projects.	# Number of models completed	County Hall and Grove Road IES modelling completed	

E7	Refurbishment programme for Fingal Corporate buildings to include energy reviews and retrofits as standard in line with Public Sector targets for 2030.	# of buildings upgraded	1. Baldoyle Library - in construction due for completion Q2 2025 2. County Hall - tender documents prepared for 395 m2 of upgrade works due on site 2025 3. Donabate Library - Balisk House retrofit - tendered 2024, due on site Q1 2025 4. Malahide Castle - M&E upgrade completed 2024 Other FCC Assets 5. Mourne View Community Centre - retrofit upgrade completed November 2024 including PV panels. 6. Hartstown Community Centre - retrofit including PV panels in progress, due for completion Q2 2025. 7. Corduff Community Centre - retrofit due for Stage 3 tender end 2024. 8. Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility - upgrade works completed 2024	
E8	Engage with independent BREEAM assessor and utilise Building Assessment Methodology throughout delivery of Swords Cultural Quarter flagship project; and extend the assessments under the various indicators from BREEAM and the Build Upon Energy Renovation Framework to Public Buildings. BREEAM is a leading validation and certification system for sustainable built environment.	Ongoing reviews of design and construction process to target independent certification on completion	1. Swords Cultural Quarter = 69.04% achieved score of target 75.96% Bream Excellent assessed so far. Works commenced on site 2024. BEAM assessment method for future projects currently under review.	
E9	Undertake a feasibility study on utilising the existing Bore Hole with heat pump technology in County Hall Offices to provide heating, and to provide cooling to IT Comms room.	Feasibility study to be completed	Investigation works have been undertaken, feasibility study to follow	
E10	BER Audits to be carried out on corporate buildings and libraries to determine BER ratings	# of BER Audits carried out	4 completed. Energy Audits with BER findings.	
E11	Roll out of real time check metering and energy monitoring platform across significant energy using buildings to analyse and understand usage.	# of sites metered and monitored	11 Locations are currently metered and monitored. 30 meters across 11 locations.	
E12	Implementation of identified DeliveREE/ Pathfinder projects across FCC premises to include the decarbonisation of significant energy using buildings.	# of Projects implemented / packages prepared through DeliveREE/Pathfinder funding; and associated emissions reductions.	Pathfinder funding has been finalised December 2024. Funding to be drawn down.	

E13	Feasibility study for retrofit/ fabric upgrades across the 2 Civic Offices	Feasibility study and use of IES Models	Ongoing	
E14	Targeted LED upgrades across smaller FCC premises, not suitable for EPC	# of LED upgrades	Baldoyle Library currently under construction to inc LED upgrade. Skerries Library upgrade nearing completion included LED upgrades. Single Party Framework being procured. Baldoyle Library upgrade on site construction to inc PV array.	
E15	Targeted M&E upgrades across smaller FCC premises, not suitable for EPC. Identifying projects and packages through Planned Preventative Maintenance	# of M&E Upgrades	Baldoyle Library currently under construction to inc M&E upgrade package. Skerries Library upgrade nearing completion included M&E upgrades.	
E16	Renewal of remaining 1.5% of public lighting stock & pitch lighting	# of units converted to LED	100% of public lighting converted to LEDs. Pitch Lighting inventory check to be carried out with a view to converting any non-LED lights to LEDs. Single Party Framework being procured. Baldoyle Library upgrade on site construction to inc PV array. Since 2017, we have reduced our annual energy use on public lighting by over 57%.	
	Social Housing Upgrades			
E17	Continue to make energy efficiency retrofits to social housing under the DHLGH-supported Energy Retrofit Programme. Ensure FCC's social housing stock has a B2 or cost optimal energy rating where feasible by 2030 (subject to programmes and funding support).	# of units upgraded annually	94 EERP properties this year. We will continue to roll this out if the grant funding is available. With an allocation of €3,196,000.	
E18	Complete Pilot programme in Strandmill Estate, Portmarnock, in conjunction with SEAI and REIL offering retrofit upgrades to private homeowners, availing of economies of scale when coupled with public housing upgrades. Partially funded by SEAI government grants.	# of units completed under pilot project.	This project was piloted in Strandmill the SEAI and Contractor meet with the residents in areas where we are carrying out retrofits. They communicate with residents and issue the grants. We have very little involvement in the actual process. I think the uptake is low enough but can get actual figures across to you if needed.	
E19	Build on the pilot roll out of EnergyCloud to c. 60 social homes in Swords in 2024 with further roll out to social homes across the county	No. of homes availing of Energy Cloud	The pilot scheme for Energy Cloud was rolled out in 2023. In Drynam Avenue and Russell's Terrace. There are no plans to continue this programme.	
E20	IGBC Home Performance Index Assessments carried out and where feasible certification obtained for all new social housing projects developed by the local authority.	# Registered and assessed	1. North Street, Swords - Assessed but not registered yet. 2. Mourne View, Skerries - Assessed but not registered yet. 3. Remount, Lusk - Assessed but not registered yet. 4. Fortlawn Infill Sites - Assessed but not registered yet.	

E21	Pilot study to research and potentially futureproof new build social housing schemes for district heating	Study Complete	Not commenced	
	Accreditation & Compliance			
E22	Green Procurement - Design Team appointments to include a sustainability specialism capable of informing all stages of the design process and documenting the required evidence to achieve accreditation under a recognised Building Assessment Method such as the IGBC Home Performance Index, BREEAM and LEED	Appointments Made	**Housing** 1. New Road Donabate (Ballisk Park, 175 houses & apartments) - Thornton O'Connor Town Planning appointed on 15/02/2024 to prepare a Climate Action Energy Statement. 2. Mourne View, Skerries (14 dwellings) -FLN appointed 15/03/2024 to provide HPI services. 3. Remount, Lusk (18 dwellings) - FLN appointed 15/03/2024 to provide HPI services. 4. Fortlawn Infill Sites (21 dwellings) - BCE appointed 16/07/2024 to prepare a climate Action Energy Statement. Procurement for HPI services on receipt of planning approval. **Public Buildings** 1. Bridge Street, Balbriggan design team appointed 2024	
E23	In accordance with the incoming embodied carbon amendments to the Construction Products Regulations, the Building Control Authority will encourage compliance and monitor/enforce the display of carbon footprint on all construction products.	Compliance with the annual market surveillance campaign	Not progressed	
	Energy Planning & Renewables			
E24	Continue to develop a strategic approach to town centre regeneration through Town Centre First: A Policy Approach for Irish Towns and by utilising existing buildings and unused lands for new development, promote residential occupancy in our rural towns and villages and provide for a mix of uses within these areas.	# of existing buildings and sites developed and occupied.	Action is ongoing through P&SI (Development Management and SPU) in conjunction with work being undertaken by Town Regeneration Office EETD	
E25	Deliver Blanchardstown District Heating Scheme	On Site completion	Codema have studied the potential in the Dublin 15 area. The proposed scheme is to take waste heat from a data centre, upgrade it through a large-scale heat pump to supply heat to Blanch IT, Connolly Hospital, and national sports campus in first phase. The first phase of the project will require an estimated €42 million in capital costs to establish the ten-kilometre core network pipeline, and energy centre. We have worked with Codema on an ELENA(European Local ENergy Assistance) funding submission to the European Investment Bank. The Ph1 application was successful, and we are working up a Ph2 application. This should allow a detailed feasibility study and develop an operational &	

			business model. The first Project Board meeting was held in December 2024.	
E26	Assess potential for viable renewable energy projects on a temporary/permanent basis, on council controlled lands	Assessment complete	EETCD has been engaging with various stakeholders on potential renewable energy projects in the county – including solar, wind, hydrogen and district heating projects. End. Environment Dept: Preliminary Assessment for Project Viability is on-going. Access to Grid and Planning Regulations are the limiting factors. Also is the project financially feasible-detailed study required looking at Community & Commercial options. FCC have identified options which could make the project viable. I estimate it will take the most part of 2025 to determine whether potential options for project go-ahead are realised. FCC requires a change in grid connection policy to allow for a hybrid grid connection (power source from 2 different energy streams) and existing policy doesn't allow for this. We are opening discussions seeking a hybrid connection policy. We are also going to open discussions with BIOVERDA who have an existing connection to the Grid at Balleally. This connection would be suitable if a hybrid connection policy was in place. There is another option of Small Scale Solar which we haven't looked at yet as we are focussing on the 5 MW Option but the 200 kW seems a feasible interim measure	
E27	Install PV panels on suitable Council roofs such as civic offices, libraries and community buildings	# of panels installed	Single Party Framework being procured. Baldoyle Library upgrade on site construction to inc PV array.	
E28	Develop Wind Energy Strategy	Strategy prepared	Not started	
E29	Review Energy Statements for planning applications.	Energy Statements reviewed.	Conducted as part of Development Management functions of L.A. Policy CAP12, Objective DMSO262 of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 Policy CAP12 – Climate Action Energy Statements All new developments involving 15 residential units and/or more than 1,000 sq. m. of commercial floor space, or as otherwise required by the Planning Authority, will be required to submit a Climate Action Energy Statement as part of the overall Design Statement to demonstrate how low-carbon energy and heating	

			solutions, have been considered as part of the overall design and planning of the proposed development.	
	Energy Awareness			
E30	Work with SMEs to promote energy efficient adaptations through Local Enterprise Office initiatives including Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.	# of SMEs availing of Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant	LEO managed the following grant allocation to SME sector in 2024. Energy Efficiency Grant 7 Grants Green for Business Consultancy 35 Grants	
E31	Conduct research into the Council's historic building stock that consider pre- and post-works energy performance and devise advise on of appropriate and sensitive retrofitting/energy upgrading of traditional buildings to inform works to other Council-owned properties and to guide private owners	# of advisory notes completed	Architects Dept will review the OPW technical guidance document "Approaches to Improving the Energy Performance of Heritage Properties in State Care" (published 2024) to determine how FCC could establish its own approach energy upgrade of FCC owned heritage properties and historic buildings. For private owners the Dept HLGH issued guidance in Dec 2023 "Improving Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings: Guidance for Specifiers and Installers" which helps advise on the considerations for historic buildings.	
E32	Promote and encourage routine maintenance and good housekeeping to maintain the older building stock of the county in good condition in order to reduce energy consumption and extend the building's life-cycle (e.g. Fingal's Stitch in Time Grant, National Schemes of Built Heritage Investment Scheme, Historic Structures Fund, Community Monument Fund).	# of buildings upgraded	In 2024 FCC awarding funding for conservation works or repairs under the following schemes: •Stitch in Time Grant - grant assistance provided to value of €39,563 to 28 projects. 25 projects carried out minor repairs to the property, primarily works to patch repair thatch to extend out the lifespan of the thatched roof. 3 projects obtained grants for conservation advice, including one property for a report on addressing coastal erosion to the property line. •Built Heritage Investment Scheme - 9 projects awarded funding of €96,000 for moderate scale repairs, including roof or rainwater good repairs, and external wall repairs. •Historic Structures Fund – grants awarded to 3 projects to a total value of €105,000 for larger scale works, including full re-cover of a thatch roof, repair of large brick chimneys, and repair of unusual timber tracery windows.	
	Active Travel - Protected Cycleways/Walkways			

T1	Increase the meterage of high quality walkways in the county and improve the meterage of existing walkways in the county.	m of walkways delivered and improved per year, captured through the pavement management system.	**Active Travel** 650m of new footpaths were constructed in 2024 in Donabate, Santry, Blanchardstown and Swords and funded through the NTA connectivity fund. **Operations** As per 2024 POW a number of new footpaths were introduced in Howth/Malahide LEA in urban areas and open spaces e.g. Howth pathways, Portmarnock Sports Centre, Kinsealy Lane and open spaces in residential areas.	
T2	Increase the km of protected cycle lanes and off road cycle lanes and greenways in the county annually; in line with the Greater Dublin Cycling Network Plan, and the FCC Greenway Plan - including Fingal Coastal Way, the Sutton to Malahide Cycleway, the Broadmeadow Way, Church Fields Link Road, and the Royal Canal Urban Greenway, etc.	km of Protected Cycle Lanes and Off Road Cycle Lanes and Greenways delivered per year. # of schemes completed.	**Active Travel** 2 large schemes were completed in 2024 by the Active Travel Unit, delivering 4.875km of protected cycle lanes at 2 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. **Operations** As per 2024 POW a number of new footpaths were introduced in Howth/Malahide LEA in urban areas and open spaces e.g. Howth pathways, Portmarnock Sports Centre, Kinsealy Lane and open spaces in residential areas.	
	Active Travel - Connectivity			
T3	Deliver/alter infrastructure to improve connectivity/permeability in order to promote active travel	Number improved annually	45m of new footpath and boundary wall was installed on the Beaverstown Road Donabate connecting existing footpaths where there was a gap in the network. 3 no. kissing gates were removed in Dublin 15 in 2024 to improve permeability for all users.	
T4	Deliver new pedestrian / cycling road crossings, which give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. Develop and implement a work programme for the replacement of pedestrian crossings with ones which give priority to pedestrians & cyclists.	# of crossing delivered	**Active Travel** 11 new pedestrian crossings were installed in 2024, either as part of the Safe Routes to School program, from the Permeability/Connectivity tracker or as part of a separate Active Travel project. These locations include: Scoil Chormaic Community NS Balbriggan, St. Benignus NS Balscadden, Scoil Choilm Porterstown, Scoil Ghrainne Hansfield and Brackenstown Road/St Cronans Avenue Swords. **Operations** As per the 2024 POW a number of signalised pedestrian crossings or zebra crossings was introduced countywide e.g. Millbank, Rush, Church Road, Swords etc.	

T5	Install junction build outs in accordance with Design Manual for Urban Roads & Streets 2020, increasing safety to users.	no. of upgraded arms of junctions installed	**Active Travel** 27 no. arms of junctions were built out across Fingal to shorten the distance vulnerable road users must cross. Locations include the R132, residential areas in Swords, Offington estate Howth, Mulhuddart and Riverwood. **Operations** As per the 2024 POW a number of junctions were built out in accordance to DMURS e.g. Castleknock Elms/Laurel Lodge Road	
	Active Travel - Mobility			
T6	Increase the quantity of bicycle parking and virtual parking bays in the public domain.	No. of bicycles facilitated in the public space	A further 82 bicycle parking stands were installed across the County in 2024 with space for 164 bikes. There are now 1884 spaces available across the 7 Fingal Electoral Areas.	
T7	Assist in the provision of bicycle stands in private community space, such as community centres, sport clubs etc.	# of bicycles facilitated in private/communit y spaces	30 Toast Racks & 34 Scooter Racks were delivered to schools, clubs and community centres in 2024. There are now 1150 private bike racks in place within Fingal County Council.	
T8	Continued provision of Bike Sharing Schemes across the county	# of bikes provided, # of bike journeys	There were 26,000 bike share journeys across Fingal in 2024. Unfortunately, TIER, who operate the eBikes have withdrawn from the Irish market. The drop in journey numbers in relation to 2024 can be explained by a gradual reduction in the number of eBikes in use from August to December.	
T9	Provision of E scooters across the county	# of scooters provided, # of bike journeys	Bye laws are currently being considered which would enable E scooter companies to provide a service in Fingal. It is hoped to progress a pilot scheme in 2025.	
T10	Implement pilots schemes for mobility/emobility to promote sustainable mobility by encouraging creativity and innovation in the county.	# of pilots implemented per year.	8 pilot schemes were implemented in 2024 for mobility/emobility to promote sustainable mobility by encouraging creativity and innovation in the county. These schemes include eCargo Bikes, Tandem Cycling, Older Adult Cycling Lessons, Children's Cycling Lessons, Science & Cycling Camps and staff eBike loans.	
	Active Travel - Modal Shift			
T11	Identify opportunities for reallocation of existing road space to promote active travel and improve public space.	km of road reallocation identified.	A number of schemes in design have proposed road reallocation totalling 9km. These 8 projects are at Baldoyle Village, New Street Malahide, Feltrim Road Kinsealy, Seatown Road Swords, Harbour Road Skerries, Balbriggan Town, Auburn Avenue Castleknock and Clonee to Blanchardstown.	
T12	Enhancement / reallocation of roads & street space to promote active travel and improve public space. Implement in all 3 LEAs	km of existing road space reallocated. # of schemes	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.	
T13	Implement traffic calming programme. To include provision of infrastructure for encouraging modal shift (Ramps, VAS, Pedestrian Crossings etc)	# of traffic calming measures	As per 2024 POW traffic calming measures such as ramps or VAS were implemented nationwide e.g.Damastown Way, Mulhuddart and Seapoint, Balbriggan	
T14	Assess the feasibility of re-allocating existing Pay & Display spaces to bike parking where ample Pay & Display parking.	# of spaces reallocated	Operations Department met monthly (approx) with Active Travel regarding various issues	
T15	Introduction of Pay & Display schemes in accordance with adopted bye-Laws to discourage car use (To decrease car dependency)	# of locations	No new P&D locations were progressed in 2024	
T16	Provide programmes and initiatives that support community-wide adoption of active travel modes e.g. Learn 2 Cycle with a Disability lessons, Adult Cycling lessons, Walking Buses, Cycling Buses; and opportunities for marginalised groups to engage in Active Travel	# of programmes/initiatives provided per year	In 2024 we ran programmes across the county including several new programmes such as Balance Bike Buddies, Sofa to Saddle and Tandem Cycling Courses. 44 courses were provided in 2024.	
T17	Examine the potential for 30 km/h speed limits in towns and villages in line with the Road Safety Plan recommendations.	Increase in kilometres of road network with a 30kmph speed limit	Work has commenced in relation to National Speed Limit implementation.	
	Active Travel - Modal Shift - Safe Routes To School			
T18	Implement Safe Routes to School programme	# of schools with measures implemented.	Safe Routes to School Round 1 - 5 no. schools had Safe Routes to School treatments delivered in 2024. Safe Routes to Scholl Round 2 - Consultant engineers have been commissioned to progress design concepts for schools in Round 2.	
T19	Implement the School Streets initiative	# of schools participating	A School Street is proposed to be delivered in Rush in 2025. A pubic consultation was held in 2024 with very positive feedback. Further schools will be considered for implementation in future years.	
	Public Transport			
T20	Support the development and expansion of existing public transport services including MetroLink, BusConnects and DART expansion to Balbriggan	Public transport supported	Delivery by State Agencies. FCC supports through policies/objectives contained within Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 and through engagement in the statutory planning process e.g. Rail Order conducted for MetroLink, DART+ projects, LUAS Finglas etc.	

T21	To facilitate the provision of Park and Ride facilities in appropriate locations at transport nodes and along strategic transport corridors in accordance with the NTA Strategy, and encourage the inclusion of EV charge points and bike parking.	Policy developed and sites identified	The NTA have identified a number of sites for the provision of P&R at the N2,N3 & M1. The provision of bikes parking and EV charging will be provided for. It is anticipated the NTA will submit a planning application for the M1 P&R in Q1 2026	
	Shared Mobility			
T22	Promote and facilitate additional car sharing schemes	# of cars provided	There are currently 97 Shared Cars operating in the Fingal area.	
T23	Promote and facilitate additional community car sharing schemes	# of cars provided	1 Community Car is available to the community in Skerries, Co. Dublin. Further locations are being considered as to their feasibility.	
	EVCP Provision			
T24	Implement the DLA EVCP strategy through delivery of sufficient EVCP's	# of chargers provided	Charge Point Operator appointed in Oct 2024. Initial contract is for the provision of up to 200 EVCP's at 50no local authority owned sites across the four Dublin Authorities. These sites are typically local authority carparks, libraries, public parks and community centres. Up to 14 sites in FCC. The works contract should be complete within two years. Initial list of sites have been surveyed with the ESB and site designs are being developed and agreed at present (December 2024). ESB connection applications have been made. The first sites should commence construction in early March 2025 and go live in April / May 2025.	
T25	Expand availability of EV charging points for Council staff and operational vehicles	# of charging points	There are 100 EV charging points across various Fingal County Council depots and staff car parks	
T26	Provide EV charging infrastructure (in addition to 20% charge points) to development plan standards, for new social housing developed by the Local Authority. Provide Electric vehicle charge points in car parking for new Fingal Corporate buildings.	# of EV charge points provided	Housing 1. Church Fields - 10% EV provision and 20% ducting provision agreed with ZEVI & ESB. first 40 units including 8 social for handover 2024 . Planning brought forward under previous Development Plan. 2. Balmoston - 19 no. social units handover in 2024 with EV charging infrastructure to in curtilage parking only, chargers to be installed tenants. 45 no. Affordable units handed over in 2024, with EV charging infrastructure to in curtilage parking only, chargers to be installed home owners (private). 3. Bowden Court - 2 no. chargers (4 bays) installed (28%). Infrastructure for future chargers to 10 bays (72%) 4. Mourne View - Street parking. Ducting for EV to be provided & 2 no. chargers (4 bays). 5. Remount Court - Street parking. Ducting for EV to be provided & 2 no. chargers (4 bays). Public Buildings 1. Meakstown Community Centre completed	

			2024 - 3 Nr EV spaces 2. Corduff Community Centre to tender 2024 - 2 No. EVs to tender 3. Baldoyle Community Centre in construction 2024 3 Nr EV spaces not including adjacent carpark	
T27	Continued electrification of the Council's vehicle fleet as market technology develops	% of total fleet converted to EVs	40% of current commercial fleet converted to Eves. Fully electric mini diggers, dumpers, ride on mowers and wood chippers. Charging hub in Coolmine is now operational.	
	Roads Construction & Maintenance			
T28	Maintenance and upgrade of public footpath network and regional and local roads to encourage modal shift to walking and cycling	Km of footpaths and roads maintained that facilitates modal shift	On going	
T29	Explore the use of sustainable methods of road surfacing that minimise the use of raw materials.	Study alternatives and # of pilots undertaken.	Not commenced	
	Staff Travel			
T30	Continued implementation of the national public sector remote working strategy	Enabling IT solutions in place. # of staff availing of the scheme	On going	
T31	Aim to reduce kilometres travelled by private ICE vehicles within work hours and incentivise modes such as cycling, electric vehicles.	% modal shift from private car.	2 dedicated FCC GoCars – average of 24 trips per month in 2024. Information page on SharePoint for staff regarding EV usage.	
T32	Prepare and finalise the Smarter Travel Workplace Strategy for staff of Fingal County Council, and engage on the implementation of the strategy	Strategy prepared # of recommendations enacted per year	On going Preparation of Smarter Travel Workplace Strategy for staff has commenced.	

T33	Promotion of Cycle-to-Work Scheme for Council staff	# of staff availing of scheme	Cycle to work promoted through staff messages. 35 applications processed in 2024.	
T34	Provide eco driving training to Council drivers	# of staff trained	Not started	
T35	Implement carbon offset programme for official flights and investigate an appropriate offsetting scheme for the Council's other business travel emissions.	Carbon Offset Programme implemented	Carbon emission offset for air travel in 2023 returned and fee paid. Offsetting of 2024 air travel to be done in Q1 2025.	
	Flood Risk Management			
F1	Update Council Emergency Response Plans to include flood event response	Plans reviewed and updated yearly	Working draft of Air Incident plan in place. Oil spill contingency plan with consultant for updating. Consultant engaged to update severe weather plan and flood plan commencing January 2025.	
F2	Ensure annual update of the specific risks to service provision in each FCC Department that may be impacted by Climate Change, building on the Climate Change Risk Assessment developed for the CAP.	Annual Risk Review	Not Started	
F3	To engage with the Fingal Coastal Liaison Group with the integration of adaptation strategies into planning policies, etc.	x2 meetings held each year	Meetings between Fingal County Council and the Coastal Liaison Group are ongoing to advance the inclusion of Climate Adaptation strategies in the Council's Policies.	
	Flood Defence			
F4	Develop and implement Coastal Protection Plan for Portrane	Plan produced and actions implemented	A Coastal Flood Risk and Erosion Risk Management Plan CFERM has Plan has been prepared and submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) for approval through the Maritime Area Consent (MAC) process.	
F5	Progress Flood Alleviation schemes in conjunction with the OPW - including Mill Stream Skerries, Bissett Strand and The Green Malahide Village, Portmarnock Bridge,	Projects completed	Bissett Strand and The Green Malahide Village, Scheme Viability Review done	
F6	Continued engagement with the OPW to progress further studies of areas within Fingal at risk of flooding, and development of suitable schemes such as Strand Road Sutton and Santry	Schemes identified	Dublin City Project on Santry River under assessment. Dublin City Liffey Flood risk assessment-Chapellizod initiated	

F7	Progress appropriate minor works schemes to resolve recurring flood issues, where possible, ensuring the schemes are designed and implemented to promote SUDs / nature based solutions.	# of schemes progressed	For 2024 two were completed – 1. Carpenterstown road Storm water sewer refurbishment 2. Ongar TIC Storm water Remedial Works (using sequestered bond from developer) Schemes in progress – on site or design stages – 3. Beaverstown Surface Water Scheme – pumps and flood risk alleviation - design 4. Burrow Beach Storm water Outfall pipeline Repair – consents and procurement stages 5. Clonsilla/Mulhuddart Surface Water Network – various locations - site 6. Howth Surface Water Culvert Replacement Design – design stage continuing 7. Lusk Surface Water Network – various locations - site. 8. Surface Water Pumping Stations Capital Improvements – asset investigation and management/upgrades 9. Surface Water Works Improvement Programme (Misconnection Works) – investigation and structural repairs arising from environmental pollution	
F8	Develop a coastal monitoring programme to measure coastal erosion along the Fingal coast	Monitoring programme set up	The Council is participating in a pilot Coastal Monitoring Project being managed by the OPW and due to conclude this year. It is expected that this will assist Fingal County Council with monitoring Coastal Change along the Fingal coastline	
F9	Facilitate the development of a National Coastal Monitoring Survey Programme	Survey programme facilitated and developed	The Council is participating in a pilot Coastal Monitoring Project being managed by the OPW and due to conclude this year. It is expected that this will lead to the adoption of a countrywide coastal monitoring programme.	
F10	Identify sites where flood defence features can be removed or relocated to increase flood capacity of rivers and estuaries	# of sites identified	12no Sites identified at Malahide Estuary (3), Rogerstown Estuary (7), Ballyboughal river (2) and Rush (1). All sites, except one, are in private ownership. Land acquisition required to progress this project	
F11	Restore St Ita's wetlands to maximise water attenuation capacity and nature conservation benefits	Construction haul roads and fill removed from wetland	Project completed.	
	Surface Water Management			
F12	Record on a GIS layer the council surface water system and make it available to all relevant staff from Operations & Planning. This must include all SuDS systems and flood embankments	Surface water system recorded on GIS layer	Ongoing	
F13	Prepare a maintenance register for the entire surface water system within the county, including SuDS, pipes and culverts to aid proactive maintenance, alleviate flooding and maintain water quality	Maintenance register created & updated annually	Information being collated from manufacturers and from TIC/TIM safety files where available.	

F14	Develop an improved maintenance plan for SuDS assets that are taken in charge by FCC, ensuring their continued operation.	Maintenance plans developed	A tender to issue for a complete survey and cleaning of two underground storage tanks TIM. This will give valuable information to enable forming a maintenance plan for assets.	
	Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems			
F15	Promote and encourage community involvement in the retrofit of SuDS in existing developments, maintaining community rain gardens, discourage hard paving in gardens and retrofit raingardens / water butt installations	No of promotional initiatives (social media posts, articles etc) and engagement events per year.	https://www.fingal.ie/surface-water-and-flooding	
F16	Develop a Blue/Green Roof Guideline to assist both internal and external stakeholders implement these systems as per the County Development Plan objectives	Guideline Produced	Contract has been awarded to consultants and is due for completion Q2 2025.	
F17	Ensure the inclusion of water conservation and SuDS measures in all developments, to reduce the level of surface water run-of, improve water quality and contribute to adaptation to climate change through nature based solutions.	Appropriate SuDS incorporated into all developments in the Planning process	Promotion of SUDS included in Bloom Garden 2024. Ongoing implementation through Development Management process and implementation of Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 policies and objectives. Publication of 'A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) - Managing Rainfall more naturally in Fingal' 2024	
F18	Drive the implementation of SuDS in FCC Capital projects, including new builds, retrofits etc, and monitor the level of implementation.	# of schemes progressed	Promotion of SUDS included in Bloom Garden 2024. Ongoing implementation through Development Management process and implementation of Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 policies and objectives. Publication of 'A Householder's Guide to Sustainable Drainage (SuDS) - Managing Rainfall more naturally in Fingal' 2025	
F19	Create a case study of SuDS at Local Area Plan level	Case study complete	Feasibility stage	
F20	Ensure new Local Area Plans feature Urban Greening Proposals.	Local Area plans with Urban greening measures.	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment(SFRA) and Sustainable Drainage Strategy conducted for LAP's as appropriate. Ongoing.	

F21	Assess the feasibility of green roofs on all new Fingal public, operational and social buildings and provide where viable and appropriate. Evaluate date from CARO / UCD project on Green Roof substrates.	Assessments completed and provided	**Housing:** 1. Woodside, Swords. Planning 2024. Green roof included on Apartment Building, approx 310m2. 2. Fingerpost, Malahide. Pre-planning 2024. Assessing green roofs for biodiversity pilot project (Action 35 of the Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan). Approx 140m2. 3. New Road Donabate (Ballisk Park, 175 houses & apartments) - Green roof assessed, viable for Apartment Building, included in tender works requirements. Sedum roofing - min 60% of apartment roof area, approx 980m2. 4. Mooretown, Swords. Planning 2024. Green roof included on Apartment Building, 60% roof area, approx 735 m2. 5. Fortlawn Infill Sites. Pre-Planning 2024. Green Roof included on the bin and bike stores. The houses and apartments had pitched roofs, therefore they weren't suitable. **Public Buildings:** 1. Meakstown Community Centre completed 2024 with approx. 1,120 sq. m. Green Roof, 80% of roof area. 2. Baldoyle Community Centre in construction 2024 through 2025, with approx. 1,120 sq. m. Green Roof, 80% of roof area. 3. County Hall bin store completed 2024 with approx. 30m2 green roof, 60% roof area when parapets and gutters are included. 4. Skerries Library, on site 2024 due for completion 2025, 150m2 green roof, 50% roof area. 5. Swords Cultural Quarter, on site 2024 due for completion 2026, 550m2 green roof, 30% roof area.	
	Improve resilience of Infrastructure			
F22	Assess resilience of regional and local roads in line with Climate Adaptation Strategy issued by the Department of Transport	# of assessments	Not commenced	
F23	Assess Resilience of Bridge Infrastructure vulnerable to impact of climate change	# of Inspections carried out	A competition to be ran 2025 to replace term of framework consultant which expires 2025.	
	Resilience of Archaeological and Heritage Assets			
F24	Develop maintenance and condition survey programmes for Council owned historic buildings and ancient monuments that are informed by climate change impacts.	No of projects complete annually	Annual programme implemented	

F25	Archaeological and heritage assets to form part of all climate risk assessments including opportunities for integration of cultural heritage in adaptative mitigations e.g. green infrastructure, cycle ways, nature-based solutions etc.	Assets included in risk assessments as part of the Planning & Development processes	Ongoing. Heritage officer has inputted on opportunities for integration into of cultural heritage into the Fingal Coastal way and other initiatives.	
F26	Use the findings of the Fingal Cultural Heritage & Climate Risk Assessment to prioritise and pilot adaptative and palliative measures for heritage assets in Council ownership	Number of pilot projects identified and delivered	Co-ordinated with Community Monuments Fund.	
F27	Support and develop citizen science projects such as Fingal X Heritage as a means of monitoring climate change impacts on Fingal's heritage assets and raising public awareness	# of projects developed with community engagement	Ongoing. Citizen science group continue to meet on a fortnightly basis. In 2024 the focus was on the coastal heritage sites and included significant Mesolithic artefact find.	
F28	Identify projects and opportunities for collaboration with relevant stakeholders to assess and prioritise cultural heritage sites vulnerable to climate change	# of projects participated in	Membership of the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage Planning Team Working Groups whose remit includes collaboration with relevant stakeholders.	
F29	Build climate resilience of archaeological and built heritage in public and private ownership through the Community Monuments Fund	Number of sites in Fingal per year funded through CMF	Five projects received a total of €405,639.75 in funding in 2024.	
	Green Infrastructure			
N1	Prepare and implement multi-functional management plans for the Rogerstown, Malahide and Baldoyle Estuaries and their surrounding lands	Management plans prepared and # of actions implemented	No progress made	
N2	Map and survey all significant/historic stands of woodland within the county e.g. in excess of 5ha, and review the effectiveness of the protection offered under the Green Infrastructure Network Zoning of woodlands in the County Development Plan	Map & Survey & Review completed	No progress made	
N3	Review measures to improve Biodiversity nett gain on all projects, including Biodiversity pilot programme on new build housing. Architects will adhere to Biodiversity officers protocol for nesting boxes.	Carry out exercise on all projects	Design of pilot project on biodiversity housing started in Malahide.	

N4	Develop SUDS demonstration sites in the Tolka Valley, Ward River Valley, Balbriggan town Park and Rogerstown estuary	# SUDS project implemented	No progress made in 2024. Tender to issue in early 2025 for SUDS scheme in Ward River Valley. SUDS scheme in Balbriggan to be part of Matt River restoration scheme which is to be tendered in early 2025 too.	
N5	Implement wildfire fire management strategy for Howth Head	# of actions implemented	Strategic wildfire breaks created on Ben of Howth. Final wildfire break to be created at Nose of Howth. All others are in place. Goat grazing project contract to maintain wildfire breaks at Redrock, Bellinghas Farm, Carrickbrack road and Shielmartin renewed for another 3 years.	
N6	Explore funding models for carbon offsetting to fund wetland and woodland development	Study Complete	Study to be undertaken in 2025	
	Importance of Trees			
N7	Commission a study to report on the ecosystem services/nature-based solutions provided by Fingal's trees with reference to their economic/climate change adaptation benefits	Study Complete	The Council has been using CAVAT to calculate replacement value of trees that have been damaged or that require removal by statutory bodies with the intention of receiving compensation which in turn will help pay towards replacement cost. A number of Fingal staff have attended training in the recent updated version of CAVAT.	
N8	Assess and adopt tree valuation methods for compensatory / replacement planting, e.g. CAVAT, iTree	Valuation method adopted	The initial phase inventory of the Councils Independent Tree Management Systems 'Arbortrack' has highlighted potential planting locations which is informing subsequent planting. This data is currently being used to plan planting for winter 24/25in the Swords Area. The Council is also working on the proposed Woodland Creation on Public Lands at Nevitt (near Lusk), as well as an Oak Orchard plantation at Ardgillan	
N9	Initiate a programme of targeted Strategic Annual Tree Planting including identifying and mapping priority locations, to include sites suitable for woodland creation. Reviewed in an annual works programme, presenting what is planned for the coming year. Taking advantage of government funding programmes such as the New Woodland Creation Scheme on Public Lands	Priority locations mapped, Ha of trees planted, € funding obtained.	The Councils Tree Officer has prepared a general planting list for wider use and has also been advising the various Operational areas internally as well as community Groups.	
N10	Prepare a list of suitable tree species recommended for differing situations / functions and make available to developers and other stakeholders following the Guiding Principle of 'right tree in the right place'	Right tree in the right place list prepared	Not commenced	
	Preservation & Conservation			
N11	Undertake study to identify the habitats and species at risk of climate change	Study completed	Not commenced	

N12	Carry out feasibility studies of developing a Marine Protection Area along the Fingal Coast and on the restoration of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands	# of studies undertaken	Not commenced	
N13	Restore marine ecosystem along Fingal coast by supporting restoration projects of Oyster beds, Shellfish beds, Seagrass beds and Kelp stands	# of restoration projects undertaken	Oyster restoration projects started in Malahide Marina by UCD. MARA application submitted for restoration projects at Malahide Estuary and Irelands eye. Awaiting result of application.	
N14	Prepare wetland and river restoration project for the Bog of the Ring and the Matt river corridor	Restoration project implemented	Not commenced	
N15	Increase pollinator areas in public parks and open spaces	Increased acreage in pollinator areas	As part of the Fingal County Council (FCC) Biodiversity Plan, the Operations Department actively supports local Town Biodiversity Plans by planting trees and shrubs with high biodiversity value, establishing Community Orchards, and facilitating diverse managed grass maintenance regimes. All projects are implemented through the annual Programme of Works, which is approved annually by elected representatives. Since 2014, FCC has aligned its approach to grass management with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, significantly increasing its total managed long grass areas. Over this period, 125 hectares have been designated as short and long flowering meadows, promoting pollinator-friendly habitats. To further enhance biodiversity management, FCC is currently undertaking a comprehensive mapping of all managed grass areas. These areas are being categorized into regular maintenance zones, short flowering meadows, and long flowering meadows. This mapping process will establish a baseline, allowing FCC to quantify the extent of grass it manages and evaluate the volume of meadow areas dedicated to biodiversity enhancement.	
	Food & Agriculture			
N16	Continue supporting the use of public allotments and community gardens as a way communities can grow their own food, and lower food miles and food waste.	Increased awareness on the use of allotments	FCC continues to manage 3 public allotments and 5 community gardens. The allotment plots are allocated on an annual basis by the council with an active management committee operating each site. The community Gardens are managed completely by the individual management committees who have a management lease on each site.	
N17	Map and protect strategic agricultural land for national food security purposes	Resource mapped	Not commenced	

N18	Engage with the agri-food sector to gain an understanding of how Fingal might better support more sustainable farming practices	Sector engaged	Not commenced	
N19	Develop climate change initiatives in partnership with local farmers and other stakeholders	Initiatives developed	Not commenced	
	Green Public Procurement			
R1	Develop a Green Public Procurement (GPP) strategy	Strategy developed and adopted by Steering Group	Completed	
R2	Develop a monitoring and reporting tool to ensure GPP is embedded into all Procurements	Tool Developed and Approved by Steering Group	Commenced. Done as part etenders for full competitions not mini. Asking depts to include GPP.	
R3	Ensure GPP Monitoring & Reporting is undertaken to ensure Green Criteria is included in contracts.	# of contracts assessed for GPP inclusion	Commenced	
	Reduce Waste & Increase Recycling in FCC			
R4	Implement Environmental Management System for Council buildings including reduction in waste and water usage, and increased recycling	EMS implemented	In Progress	
R5	31 Community centres to participate in FCC Keen to be Green initiative over 5 stages	Implementation of sustainable initiatives identified in each stage	Water Audit & Waste Management Review of 30 X Community Centres was completed. Community Centres required to submit monthly usage figure throughout 2024 for review during Q1 of 2025 . Information will be compared-collated and used for a KTBG awards event focusing on Water conservation in Q2 of 2025 to coincide with Climate action Week .	
	Waste Reduction / Circular Economy			
R6	Support and promote the implementation of the targets of the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2023-2029	# of initiatives supported	5 National Priorities were dealt with under the RMCEI Environmental inspection plan comprising 76 specific tasks under Producer Responsibility Initiatives, Waste Data and Waste Flows, Commercial and Household Waste, Construction & Demolition Waste, Tackling Significant Illegal Waste Activities, Planning, Waste Facility Permits, Waste Collection Permits and End of Life Vehicles.	
R7	Establish a network of public drinking water fountains to help reduce plastic waste in partnership with Uisce Eireann	# of new points installed	In 2024 18 public Water Drinking Stations across whole Fingal Area were installed. These stations have been supported as part of an Uisce Eireann pilot project, which has provided free water connections for 11 of the newest installations. By the end of 2025 Fingal will have a total of 33 public drinking fountains located mainly within public open spaces across the county.	
	Waste Prevention			

R8	Assessment of Construction & Demolition Waste Management Plans for proposed developments to ensure all potential waste streams are identified at an early stage and appropriate measures put in place to promote prevention, reuse, recycling and recovery of waste in line with the waste hierarchy. The segregation and management of different waste streams is also assessed.	# of assessments undertaken yearly and compliance with best practice guidance for C & D waste management.	192 C & D Waste Management Plans assessed during 2024. 42% deemed to be compliant following an initial assessment. Non-compliant C & D WMP's referred back to Planning for action - plans to be reviewed and revised by developers/applicant and resubmitted to Planning for assessment. 100% compliance required prior to any works taking place on site.	
R9	Assessment of all apartment complexes within Fingal on the management of food waste and use of brown bins. Engagement with apartment management companies to ensure compliance with legislation and to encourage segregation of food waste by residents and subsequent collection by authorised collectors.	# of apartment complexes engaged with and the # apartment complexes with brown bin collection service in place.	Initial contact made with 20 management companies regarding 53 different apartment complexes to raise the issue and request that brown bins be provided for apartment residents and information on best practices regarding food waste reduction and management. Significant follow up required due to a lack of engagement from management companies to date. Additional resources required.	
R10	Waste Collection Permit and Waste Facility Permit holders desktop annual return (AR) validation and on site verification audits to improve traceability of the various waste streams	# of compliant Annual Return validations/verifications completed	Waste Collection Permits - 110 desktop annual return validations undertaken, 10 AR on-site verification audits and 10 on-site compliance inspections. 93 annual returns validated with 17 deemed inconclusive which requires further follow-up in 2025. 90% compliance with WCP conditions noted. Extensive Waste Facility Permits - 22 desktop annual return validations undertaken, 20 annual returns validated with 2 deemed inconclusive which requires further follow up in 2025. 41 inspections undertaken to improve compliance with WFP conditions.	
R11	Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project - identify households who currently don't have a standard waste collection service in place, investigate and determine how they are managing their waste; encourage compliance with FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws and take legal action if required to ensure compliance	# of households engaged with and # of engagements resulting in bin service put in place	Reverse register identified ~ 10k households with no bin service in place however significant issued identified with data which required extensive further investigation (boundary issues with other LA's and multi-use developments - duplexes, houses and apartment complexes). Waste companies contacted and requested to update waste register data based on FCC findings. New waste register info to be requested from collectors in 2025 to facilitate development of an accurate reverse register. Waste Bye Laws are enforced as part of complaint investigation on a daily basis where no bins are in place.	
R12	Assessment of commercial premises within Fingal to ensure compliance with the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws and the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 in terms	# of commercial premises engaged with and the # of commercial premises with 3 bin system in place with an	58 premises inspected. 80 inspections undertaken. Initial compliance noted to be 48 % which increased to 76% upon 2nd inspection. Further follow-ups scheduled for 2025 to ensure 100% compliance.	

	of waste segregation and in particular food waste.	emphasis on management of food waste.		
	Promote & Facilitate Circular Economy			
R13	Prepare Circular Cities Action Plan	Circular Cities Action Plan Complete	The Circular Cities Action Plan is still in development. In 2024 Economic Development staff have attended a number of Circular Cities webinars and MODOS training to improve knowledge of circular economy principles. The Council has participated in 2024 in an a European Urban Initiative (EUI) Exchange with the City of Nokia in Finland and representatives of the ECO3 Park to further understand the circular economy and innovation approaches.	
R14	Implement measures under the Circular Cities Action Plan and Sustainable Fingal.	Measures Implemented	Fingal County Council is lead partner of the Urbach EcoCore Network considering approaches to sustainable industrial development, green innovation, green investment attraction and active mobility measures. The Council has led a number of masterclasses for the network in 2024 and attended transnational meetings with network partners to share best practice. The Council is incorporating the principles of the circular economy into its approach to investment attraction to Balbriggan and in 2024 has co-created with the Balbriggan EcoCore local stakeholder group an Investors Guide outlining sustainable criteria for potential investors to encourage sustainable development in the area. Through the EcoCore Project the Council has developed 2 no. sustainability videos with local businesses in Balbriggan which have been posted on the Council's social media platforms. The Council also has worked in partnership with Fingal Chamber, Balbriggan Chamber and Malahide Chamber to deliver sustainability business briefings during 2024. As part of the EcoCore Project and in partnership with Smart Balbriggan the Council organised a Hackathon on the circular economy on 8th November 2024. There was good participation on the Hackathon with a number of ideas developed by teams - the winning concept related to the development of a circular economy platform to identify, map and share data on material flows.	

R15	Broaden the scope of the Sustainable Fingal initiative to include businesses, communities and organisations, explore the concept of the circular economy, and lead on a Just Transition to Net Zero and a climate-resilient economy.	Review Completed	The Council is in the process of preparing tender documentation for consultants to develop a Sustainable Fingal Strategy. The preparation of the tender documentation has been informed by information and best practices learned through participation in Circular Cities webinars, MODOS training, the Urbach EcoCore Project and the Interreg SKYLA Project. The Council is leading the way on the circular economy by using circular economy thinking to inform the approach to the sustainable development of the Council's strategic industrial landbank in Balbriggan through the development of the Investors Guide.	
R16	Incorporate circular economy principles in FCC Economic Development Strategy	Circular Economy principles incorporated in Economic Development Strategy	The Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy was adopted by the Council in 2024. The Strategy outlines 6 grand opportunities, one of which is Sustainability where the Council aims to develop the local economy in accordance with a broadened Sustainable Fingal Initiative which facilitates and supports businesses in the transition to Net Zero. The Strategy has moved to implementation on the 8 actions listed under the Sustainability Theme.	
R17	Reduce carbon footprint of Council supported events.	Carbon footprint reduced at events	In support of Fingal County Council's Climate Action Plan, the Events Unit has developed a Guide for Sustainable Events. This guide provides practical steps and insights to ensure that events within the County are environmentally conscious and contribute to our broader sustainability goals. Link for guide here: Guide for Sustainable Events https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-05/green-festival-fingal_ver3.pdf	
	Recycling / Circular Economy			
R18	Extending opening hours in Coalmine in line with Estuary Recycle Centre	Opening Hours extended	DOS has confirmed increased service charges for 2025. Works to increase opening hours at Coalmine in progress	
R19	Expand the bring bank network (bottles, cans & textiles) throughout Fingal by a minimum of 3 sites annually, giving consideration to new areas of populations and development.	# of new bring bank sites	Sites under consideration. An assessment of all bottles bank sites was undertaken in 2024 to ensure the sites are operating in an efficient and safe manner.	

R20	Provide paints, musical instruments and bicycles from Estuary & Coalmine civic amenity centres to community groups for re-use. Identify other used items that could be collected at the Civic Amenity Centres and re-purposed, re-imagined or repaired for re-use.	# of items re-used	The Replay project has repaired 60 instruments in 2024. These instruments have been used as a tool to engage communities in the circular economy. The council has engaged in a partnership with Music Generation Fingal who are working to deliver community based sustainability guitar lessons. These lessons include learning about the lifecycle of a guitar and the importance of reducing waste. By implementing this project communities are learning about the circular economy as a service and showing value base for community groups. To find out more about this project, click here: HTTPs://www.fingal.ie/replay-instruments-project . Our partnership with the Rediscovery Centre (RDC) and Fingal's recycling centres continue. In 2024 167 bikes collected from the recycling centres were repaired and reused. The RDC collected 4209kg of paint for reuse from the Estuary of that 1619 litres of paint was upcycled for community projects in Fingal	
	Land Use & Acquisition			
R21	Assess Council lands & buildings for potential for renewable energy, biodiversity; green infrastructure, sustainable agriculture & other sustainable projects.	Land & building assessment complete	The Council has been examining its landbank for opportunities to develop sustainable projects in energy and biodiversity. Discussions have been held with DCU/daa regarding potential projects in the vicinity of Dublin Airport and with various state agencies and private entities regarding energy projects, including solar/wind/hydrogen. The Council's 3 Enterprise Centres have identified a number of sustainability projects and are assessing potential funding streams for implementation of the projects.	
R22	Develop renewable energy, green infrastructure, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture & other sustainable projects on Council lands & buildings.	No. of projects/measures implemented annually	A number of projects on the Council's landbanks are at the stage of preliminary assessment with partners in education/private business/state agencies. Assessment of various potential funding streams is in progress for the Council's 3 Enterprise Centres to progress sustainability projects. Roof and facade restorations and insulation projects at Newbridge House and Ardgillan Castle in 2024 are showing less energy usage in these heritage properties.	

R23	Identify opportunities for the acquisition of land and buildings by agreement/CPO for renewable energy/ regeneration/active travel/greenway / green infrastructure projects etc	Area of land (Ha) or no. of buildings acquired for Climate Action Projects	1 acquisition by agreement is in progress for the Royal Canal Urban Greenway Project, with 7 additional plots for acquisition by CPO. There are 14 plots being acquired by way of CPO for the Broadmeadow Greenway Project. There are 8 plots being acquired by way of CPO for the Turvey Avenue Footpath Enhancement Project. There are 116 plots being acquired by way of CPO for the Sutton to Malahide Greenway Project. Lands at Bleach Green, Lucan (c. 29 acres) have been acquired for an extension to St. Catherine's Park, Lucan. The Council is in negotiations on a number of other plots of land across the county for the provision of green infrastructure.	
	Community Awareness & Engagement			
C1	Promote & Administer Community Climate Action grants for 2023 - 2026. Approve grants to communities to deliver climate action projects across the thematic areas as per grant guidelines.	# of grants for climate action projects across each thematic areas,	25 applicants with 160 projects received grants in 2024	
C2	Deliver Climate Action Week program of events in conjunction with DLA	# of events held, # of citizens engaged	Dublin Climate Action Week took place on September 9th -15th 2024. During this week we saw over 20 public and closed events take place in Fingal celebrating and demonstrating climate action. Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW) aims to showcase the great work that is taking place across the County and during DCAW we saw events take place that not only demonstrated that but also highlighted Community Climate Action and the 6 themes of the Climate Action Plan. Events in Fingal took place in multiple formats such as demonstrations, talks, festivals, film screenings, walks and hands-on workshops. These events helped raise awareness about climate change, inspire action and facilitated engagement with communities on climate action in Fingal. Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).	

C3	Develop an annual calendar of climate action & environmental awareness days of significance which will include international and national days, such as the World Earth Day, World Sand Dune day, National Reuse Month, National Bike Week, Dublin Climate Action Week, All Dublin Clean up week. Targeted campaigns to promote activities as per calendar timeline.	Annual calendar of activities developed from January to December each year. # of activities promoted.	The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Section developed an internal calendar of climate action and environmental days of significance. This calendar informed the workplan of the section. It is intended this this will continue into 2025 and a version of this calendar will be made available to the public.	
C4	Utilise various forms of media including FCC social media, FCC website, newsletters, & cinema campaigns to promote climate action awareness.	# of campaigns	A Cinema campaign was created to raise awarenss about the impact of disposable cigarettes butts and vapes on marine life and environment, this campaign had 438,534 viewers. The Environmental Awareness Officer runs two newsletters; one for the community and one for schools. To increase accessibility to this information there is now a link to sign up to the newsletter on Fingal's website here: HTTPs://www.fingal.ie/join-fingal-county-council-environmental-awareness-newsletter Fingal's website is updated regularly with information about different environmental campaigns and events happening across the county.	
C5	Develop a library of climate material including webinars, books, articles and digital training resources covering Climate Science, Climate Action, Just Transition, the LACAP, National and Local on climate action and make available to the public through the Fingal's social media channels and Fingal Libraries.	# of supports for public, # of citizens engaged	The Fingal Climate Action Team have begun works to update the Fingal County Council website with information about the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action works across the County. It is intended that the updated webpage will provide information regarding the Climate Action Plan, its progress and advice on what the public can do for climate action as well as climate education resources and events. The new home page can be found here: https://www.fingal.ie/ClimateAction . The Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Team continue to run social media campaigns on best environmental practice and to celebrate national and local environmental campaigns. The environmental awareness officer puts out a newsletter to community groups and schools regularly to keep members of the community up to date with climate action events and educational information. A catalogue of climate action themed books and eBooks that were available from Fingal's libraries was created internally in 2024.	
	Climate Awareness in Schools			
C6	Engage with DLA to scope requirement for delivering Climate Action Awareness in Schools, through training providers, in advance of Climate Action Awareness being	Agreed programme scoped and delivered accordingly	The Department of Education will begin to roll out the subject Climate Action and Sustainable Development in Secondary Schools from September 2025. In 2024 Fingal's Climate Action Department provided Climate Literacy Training in 10 secondary schools in Fingal through the	

	mainstreamed within school curriculum.		provider Education for Sustainability. Through this 263 students and 10 teachers took part in the training.	
C7	Engage with schools and An Taisce and provide resources & funding to deliver green flags and achieve green schools status.	# of schools engaged, # of students participating	The Green-Schools programme is managed locally by Fingal, in association with An Taisce. There are 133 schools registered with the Green Schools programme. 29 Green flags were awarded in 2024,	
C8	Provide resources including funding to schools in Fingal as support to engage in resource management projects. Projects may include composting for schools, gardening and vegetable growing projects, resources packs and installation of water butts.	# of schools engaged, # of gardening projects, # of composting projects, # of resource packs provided, # of water butts installed	The Environmental Awareness Officer continues to promote waste management and the circular economy in schools. Fingal County Council has continued to deliver the Composting for Schools Programme in 2024. In the 2023-2024 school year, 5 online training sessions were conducted with 25 schools and 11 2nd site visit were conducted. 6 schools in Fingal received Halloween themed circular economy workshops. Fingal continued to support the Relove Fashion Competition. 20 schools took part toy upcycling workshops. 6 schools took part in Christmas decoration upcycling workshops. Funding was provided to 15 schools which supported a variety of projects such as seed collections, materials to support community gardens, signs for biodiversity, polytunnels and wormeries	
	Community awareness & engagement through engagement with partner organisations			
C9	Provide an annual energy awareness event in partnership with Codema, SEAI and other stakeholders	Annual event held	As part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2024, Fingal worked with Codema and our SEC mentor Eric Dennis to host a home energy clinic and information stand on Sustainable Energy Communities. A home energy advice clinic was hosted in the Pavilions Shopping Centre in Swords on September 10th and a pop up stand providing details of sea grants and information on Sustainable Energy Communities was at the Climate Action Festival in Millenium Park on September 14th. A home energy clinic was hosted in Blanchardstown Library on November 26th. These clinics provided members of the public with advice on how to save energy at home by making small changes.	
C10	Promote and support SEAI's Better Energy Communities and Sustainable Energy Communities	# of communities supported	Fingal has 31 SEC's. The Climate Action Coordinator and Officer meet with the Fingal SEC mentor on a monthly basis . One SEC launched their Energy Master Plan in 2024 which was Balbriggan SEC.	
C11	Pilot Climate Action workshops with Tidy Town committees to promote awareness of climate action at a local level.	# of workshops	Fingal County Council continues to support the GAA Green Clubs Programme. The Environmental Awareness Officer continues to promote the toolkit which contains resources, advice and guidance, tailored especially for GAA clubs and members, in the areas of Energy,	

			Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Travel & Transport.	
C12	Involve residents and community groups, e.g. Tidy Towns/community garden groups, in the establishment of newly planted trees in their area, e.g. watering	Number of people involved	The Council is assisting local Tidy Towns and Community Gardens Groups to prepare plans and to undertake tree planting and establishment work.	
C13	Guided by the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the GAA and CCMA, towards working together on sustainability and climate action projects, engage with the Green Club Programme through a nominated lead, working with the CARO and GAA, in the promotion and support of projects by participating clubs, to meet the objectives, and during key phases, of the programme to 2029	# of clubs engaged, # of students participating	Fingal has 2 number of clubs partaking in the Green Clubs Programme	
C14	Keen to be Green Communities: supporting community groups to develop climate awareness projects such as Bike repair workshops, clothes swaps, community gardens, green festivals.	# of initiatives / projects supported and examples	Orchard Planting initiative was coordinated; 16 x Community Centres planted a variety of fruit tree saplings during tree week 3 x Green Festivals: Flemington, Donabate, Mulhuddart 4 Bike repair events: Flemington, Donabate, Mulhuddart, Meakstown 5 x Clothes Swap Shop events: Flemington, Donabate, Mulhuddart, Castaheany, Mountview 2 Food waste prevention workshops for Children: Flemington, Donabate Keen To BG Working group completed a research & development visit to the National Centre for the Circular Economy in Ireland Bike Library in Ongar Community gardens x 7: Bayside, Baldoyle, Broadmeadows, Santry, Balseskin, Fortlawn, Glas Tu Distribution of brown bin caddies for wood waste, dog waste bags, compost workshops, litter pickers at green festivals Funding secured for new waste & recycling bin systems for 6 community centres 2 WEEE recycling drop off events: Flemington, Donabate	
C15	Work with Global Action Plan on the further development of Climate Action Heroes programme across communities	Programme Supported Annually	17 groups participated in the Climate Action Heroes programme across Fingal	

C16	Promote LEADER Projects on sustainability	No. of LEADER Projects on sustainability	LEADER has issued 2 calls for project applications in 2024 - targeting social enterprises and digital optimisation projects and encouraging environmental projects. LEADER has provided training for capacity building for voluntary groups. DRCD also invited the Dublin Rural Leader Group to participate in a Food Sustainability Think Tank. LEADER has a number of EOI's for sustainability projects at various stages of assessment, with best practice case studies available on the LEADER website.	
C17	Provide resources including equipment and funding for marine clean-up and awareness events. Deliver an annual coastal event in the community such as awareness of and protection measures for sand dunes.	# of initiatives supported by the Council each year, One events per year delivered	In 2024 the Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Section organised 10 marine clean up and awareness events. These events were delivered through Clean Coasts, Explore Your Shore and Education for Sustainability	
C18	Sport Grants - Clubs must provide evidence of 'circular economy' and other sustainable initiatives as appropriate.	# of applications approved with evidence of sustainable initiatives	34 grant applications that had sustainable initiatives in their clubs in 2024. This has become mandatory going forward for all our clubs	
C19	Publish in annual progress reports of the LACAP, any publicly available figures relating to Dublin Airport emissions, and invite the daa to provide progress updates and plans to meet the national carbon neutrality objective.	Figures published annually	Published information available on line: https://www.seai.ie/sites/default/files/publications/Public-Sector-Annual-Report-2023-English.pdf https://www.daa.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/ESG-Strategy-2024.pdf The DAA completed a major carpark lighting upgrade project with support from the EXEED Programme. Results in 80% savings. https://planning.agileapplications.ie/fingal/application-details/96645	
	Promote the development of green skills across all economic sectors			
C20	Review Fingal Skills Strategy which includes the development of green skills across all economic sectors	Skills strategy review completed	The review of the Fingal Skills Strategy is completed with the adoption of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 - 2029 by Fingal County Council in November 2024. The new Strategy incorporates learnings and best practice from the Council's participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project which focuses on upskilling for the twin transition. The new Strategy highlights the need for digital and green skills and the importances of upskilling and life-long learning and sets out actions for implementation across 5 themes.	

C21	Expand participation in Green Skills Sub-Group under Fingal Skills Strategy	Group membership expanded	The Green Skills Sub-Group of the Fingal Skills Strategy has maintained its membership and promote a number of new green micro-credentials courses in partnership with DCU and DDLETB (Baldoyle Training Centre). During Climate Action Week a Sustainability Business Briefing was held in association with Fingal Chamber and Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce where businesses were updated on green training available and invited to participate in the Green Skills Sub-Group. There was excellent participation and strong interest in the Sustainability Briefing. Economic Development also presented on sustainability measures for business and invited businesses to participate in the Green Skills Sub-Group and development of the new Sustainable Fingal Strategy at a Malahide Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Briefing in September 2024. The Green Skills Sub-Group participated in the development of the new Fingal Skills Strategy and in the Interreg SKYLA Project which focuses on upskilling for the twin transition.	
C22	Establish an Agri-Food Skills Sub-Group under Fingal Skills Strategy to promote diversification within the Agri-Food Sector	Membership of group & number of initiatives promoted	The establishment of the Agri-Food Skills Sub-Group has been deferred while procurement takes place for a co-ordinator to oversee the implementation of the Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy. Once the co-ordinator is appointed the Agri-Food Skills Sub-group shall be established and work in partnership with the co-ordinator on skills development in the sector.	
	Staff Awareness			
C23	Provide Climate Awareness training for all staff and elected members and identify opportunities to embed climate awareness across all departments	# of staff trained, # of councillors trained	On going all new staff are required to attend Climate Action training. In 2024 indoor Staff 57 outdoor Staff 36.	
C24	Develop climate action induction pack for all new staff.	Pack developed	Deferred to 2025	

APPENDIX II: Action Status definitions

Not started:

Action is set to start at a later stage or action for 2024 has not commenced

Ongoing:

Action is currently being implemented but has not yet been completed.

Completed

Completed in 2004 or wok programme for 2024 completed.

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Appendix IV: List of Acronyms:

BER – Building Energy Rating

CARO – Climate Action Regional Office

CCAC – Climate Change Advisory Committee

CCAP – Climate Change Action Plan

CCMA – County & City Management Association

CSO – Central Statistics Office

CO2 – Carbon Dioxide

DAFM – Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine

DECC – Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications

DHPLG – Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government

DLAs – Dublin Local Authorities

DTTAS - Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport

EMWR – Eastern & Midlands Waste Region

EnPi – Energy Performance Indicator

EPA – Environmental Protection Agency

EPC – Energy Performance Contract

ESRI – Economic & Social Research Institute

EV – Electric Vehicle

FCC – Fingal County Council

GHG – Greenhouse Gases

Fingal County Council Climate Change Action Plan

ISO – International Standards Organisation

LAP – Local Area Plan

LEADER - Liaisons entre actions de development de Léconomie Rurale

LED – Light Emitting Diode

LGMA – Local Government Management Agency

NAF – National Adaptation Framework

NBS – Nature Based Solutions

NZEB – Nearly Zero Energy Building

NTA – National Transport Authority

OPW – Office of Public Works

PV – Photovoltaics

SEAI – Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

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SPC – Strategic Policy Committee

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1. In these Orders "Council" means "The Council of the Administrative County of Fingal."

2. "Councillor" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor of the Administrative County of Fingal.

3. "Representative" means a person nominated by their Organisation and appointed to the position of representative of Strategic Policy Committee by the elected Members of Fingal County Council.

4. "Member" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor or selected to the position of representative of a Strategic Policy Committee.

5. The membership of the Council shall consist of the Councillors of Fingal County Council.

6. The membership of the Corporate Policy Group shall consist only of the Mayor of the Council and each Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committees.

7. a) Each Member of the Council shall be a member of at least one Strategic Policy Committee.

   b) The membership of each Strategic Policy Committee shall consist only of the Councillors selected by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee and the representatives nominated by their organisations and appointed by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee.

8. In counting clear days, where the number of days' notice does not exceed seven, Sundays and Christmas Day are not counted. If notice exceeds seven days, Sundays and Christmas Day are to be counted. Unless otherwise stated, the word "month" when used in resolutions of the Council, Standing Orders and regulations of the Council, shall mean a calendar month.

MEETINGS

9. The Strategic Policy Committees are Standing Committees of the Council. The seven Strategic Policy Committees of Fingal County Council are as follows:

   a) Community, Sports and Culture Strategic Policy Committee
   b) Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee
   c) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee
   d) Housing Strategic Policy Committee
   e) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
   f) Planning, Strategic Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee
   g) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee

It shall be the function of the Strategic Policy Committees to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy in relation to the functions of the SPC and the Local Authority and to advise the Authority on those matters.

The Strategic Policy Committees shall be constituted in accordance with an SPC scheme as adopted by the Council.

The standing orders for Strategic Policy Committees shall apply together with the provisions of Section 48 of the Local Government Act, 2001 as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and any other enactment to the operation of the Strategic Policy Committees.

QUORUM

10. At meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    b) Housing SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    c) Planning Strategic, Transport and Infrastructure Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    d) Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    e) Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    f) Community, Sports, and Culture SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

11. When, during any meeting, it is stated by a Member to the Chairperson, that less than the quorum of Members are present, the Chairperson shall adjourn the meeting for a maximum of five minutes after which the Meetings Administrator shall call the roll and shall record the names of the Members in attendance, and when it appears that the number of Members present is less than the quorum the meeting shall rise and the business not disposed of by such meeting shall be set down to be disposed of at the next meeting. Whenever a meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee is abandoned owing to failure to obtain a quorum the names of those present at the time and place appointed for such meeting shall be recorded by the Meetings Administrator and they shall for all purposes be deemed to have attended the meeting.

ATTENDANCE / RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

12. Every Member physically attending a meeting shall sign their name in the attendance book provided for the purpose. Members attending remotely will have their attendance recorded by the roll call and/or by record of the virtual forum being used for the meeting.

    The Chairperson will at the outset and at any reconvening of a meeting call for a roll call of participating members and ensure that they can see and/or hear those in attendance. Any Member participating remotely shall also confirm at the outset and at any reconvening of the meeting that they can see and/or hear the proceedings. The minutes of each meeting shall be the official record of such attendances.

Each Member participating remotely shall ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings, in accordance with Standing Orders that apply.

Members leaving the meeting should advise the Chairperson. Should a Member(s) remote connection fail the meeting should continue, provided the meeting remains quorate. If the connection is successfully re-established, then the remote Member(s) will be deemed to have returned at the point of re-establishment.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

13. No Member shall attend a meeting of a Committee during the consideration of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or professional interest. The Member shall disclose the nature of his or her interest to the Chairperson and the Meeting Administrator at or prior to the meeting before discussion or consideration of the matter commences. Any Member who declares a disclosable pecuniary or other beneficial interest in any item of business that would require them to leave the meeting must advise the Chairperson and Members at the time of departure and this shall be recorded in the minutes. Their departure will be confirmed by the Meeting Administrator, who will invite the relevant member to re-join the meeting at the appropriate time.

14. No Member shall attend a meeting of a Committee during the consideration of any matter in which any person, with whom the member has any immediate family/business relationship, is concerned.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

15. The Chairperson for each SPC will be elected by the full Council at the AGM following the local elections. They are appointed for a minimum of three years. Any change required to the SPC Chairperson shall require approval of Council by resolution at a full Council meeting.

MEMBERS

16. a) An SPC shall have one-third of its membership drawn from sectors relevant to the Committee's work.
    b) Every elected member of the Council shall be a member of an SPC but shall not be a member of more than two.
    c) All members of a Committee shall hold office for the lifetime of the Council unless their term ends. Any resignations before the end of the term will be made in writing and it is the responsibility of the nominating body to replace the member.
    d) All members of an SPC must complete and return a Declaration of Interests form upon being nominated to a Committee.
    e) In the event of a member failing to attend three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee in any year, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved by the Council, the Council and/or nominating sector shall be asked to review the matter.

f) The Executive are not members of the committee and do not have a vote.

g) Members of a committee shall not be entitled to nominate a substitute to attend meetings in their place.

h) Council Members of another Strategic Policy Committee may attend meetings with the permission of the Chairperson and may speak with the permission of the Chairperson but are not entitled to vote.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

17. Strategic Policy Committees shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.

A SPC meeting shall finish when all the business for such meeting has been transacted, and if all the business has not been transacted by 6.00 p.m. at the Housing SPC or 6.30p.m. for all other SPC's, the meeting shall end, and any outstanding business shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee. Any motion included in such business may be withdrawn by the proposer on notification.

CONSTITUTION OF MEETINGS

18. The Chair at every meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee shall be taken within ten minutes after the time set for the meeting. In the absence of the Chairperson the meeting shall select a member to preside who must be a Councillor.

19. If, after fifteen minutes after the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Chairperson of that Committee on the day the meeting has fallen.

20. All SPC meetings shall be held virtually or at such other place as the Chairperson/Meetings Administrator may decide.

Such other places may be at:

- County Hall, Swords or Civic Offices, Blanchardstown.
- an external venue used to accommodate meetings of the Council.
- an electronic, digital, or virtual location, web address or a conference call telephone number or a combination of the above to provide for physical and/or remote attendance by Members/Representatives of the Committee.

21. A meeting to be valid must be:

(a) Properly convened after proper notice from the Meetings Administrator
(b) Properly constituted; that is
  (i) With properly appointed person in the Chair
  (ii) With a quorum present
  (iii) Must be held in accordance with Standing Orders, Articles or Regulations governing its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

22. Notice of meetings shall include the agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the agenda can be inspected four weeks before the day of the meeting.

23. If a Member does not receive notice of a meeting it shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

24. The functions of meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee shall be comprised solely of policy matters affecting the whole county.

    The order of business for the Strategic Policy Committees should include the following items:

    a) Confirmation of Minutes
    b) Headed Items/Business submitted by the Chief Executive
    c) Motions

25. All motions appearing on agendas, require to be proposed and seconded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

26. Minutes of every meeting shall include:

    a) The date, place and time of the Meeting
    b) The names of the Members present at the Meeting
    c) The names of the Senior Employees of the Local Authority present
    d) Reference to any report submitted to the Members at the Meeting
    e) Reference to decisions arrived at or recommendations which the Committee make
    f) Where there is a roll call vote, the number and names of Members voting for and against the motion and of those abstaining
    g) Such other matters considered appropriate.

    The Minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson at such meeting, in the case of meetings held online the signing of minutes by the Chairperson will be carried out at the next available opportunity and shall be kept by the Council.

27. Draft minutes to be circulated to all members four weeks before the meeting.

28. Any discussion of the Minutes except as to their accuracy is out of order, and the Chairperson shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible on matters arising out of the Minutes, and for information only and not for discussion.

QUESTIONS

29. The submission of questions for Strategic Policy Committee agendas is not permitted.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

30. The latest day for submission of motions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees shall be five weeks before the date of the meeting. Only those motions which are received before midnight on that day will appear on that agenda.

31. Only the Members of the SPC may submit Motions to their allocated SPC.

32. Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt.

33. The Agenda paper for a Strategic Policy Committee meeting shall contain no more than one notice of Motion from any one Councillor and Representative, including an adjourned Motion.

34. Notice of Motion for a Strategic Policy Committee shall be relevant to matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy in relation to the functions of the SPC and the Local Authority.

35. Any notice, which is seriously technically out of order, or contains unbecoming expressions, may be excluded from the agenda by order of the Meetings Administrator/Chairperson**.**

36. A Motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the meeting.

37. Discussion on any Motion is restricted to the subject of the Motion put to the Committee. Members may not, under cover of any Motions authorised by these Orders, discuss any other subject.

38. If a Member is not present at a meeting when their Motion is reached on the agenda paper, the Member may move the Motion, when duly seconded, without debate before the end of the meeting when they are present at the meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

39. An Amendment may:

    a) Omit certain words
    b) Omit certain words and insert or add others
    c) Insert certain words
    d) Add certain words.

40. An amendment shall not involve such substantial alteration of the Motion as to make it a new Motion.

41. An amendment shall not commit the meeting to anything more onerous than the original Motion.

42. An amendment must be formally moved and seconded before any discussion or vote can be taken.

43. At a fully physical meeting an amendment must be in writing clearly stating the proposed alteration and signed by the proposer and handed to the Chairperson. If the amendment is submitted by a Member attending a meeting by virtual means it shall be submitted from the Member's email address to the Chairperson and/or the relevant Director of Service.

44. An amendment shall not be moved after the original Motion is put to the SPC.

45. The proposer of an amendment may be permitted by the Chairperson to reply.

46. If there is an equality of votes and the Chairperson does not exercise their casting vote the amendment is deemed not carried.

47. When a Motion and an amendment remain before the Chairperson, the amendment shall be first put and shall be disposed of before any other amendments can be moved. When an amendment is agreed, the original Motion shall disappear and the amended Motion shall become the Motion under consideration, upon which a new Amendment may be moved. When an amendment is lost, another amendment to the original Motion may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any one time before the Chairperson. Notice of any number of amendments may, however, be given.

48. A Member may propose an amendment to any amendment being considered to a Motion before the SPC. Any amendment proposed to an amendment under consideration is subject to Standing Order Nos. 39 to 47.

    In such cases, the question of making an amendment to the amendment shall be considered and put first. When affirmed, the amendment stands amended and is then considered as the proposed amendment. When lost, the first proposed amendment is considered.

SIMILAR OR RESCINDING MOTIONS

49. When any Motion has been disposed of by the SPC, it shall not be for any Member to propose a similar or rescinding Motion within a period of six months without the consent of not less than three-fourths of the membership of the Committee.

RULES OF DEBATE

50. All Elected Members are bound to act in accordance with the Ethics Framework and Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members, to co-operate with the orderly conduct of meetings, the direction of the Chairperson and in a manner that is respectful of colleagues.

51. Members must bear in mind that discussions at SPCs are not privileged. No Member may make false statements, impute improper motives, or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the Council, Employee of the Council, or any other person. Any Member having made such statements or used such objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when

requested by the Chairperson to do so, shall be called upon by the Chairperson to withdraw from the meeting.

52. A Member while speaking shall address themselves to the Chairperson. Any Member participating in a meeting remotely must, when they are speaking, be able to be heard and seen, by all other Members in attendance, and the remote participant must, in turn, be able to hear and see, those other Members participating.

53. A Member speaking is not to be interrupted except on a point of order, but they shall give way to a Member desiring to make a personal explanation with the consent of the Chairperson. A Member who speaks shall confine their speech strictly to the matter under discussion. A ruling of the Chairperson on a point of order, or on the admissibility of a personal explanation, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

54. The proposer of a Motion shall be allowed to speak to the Motion for not more than three minutes and for a further three minutes in reply to the debate, the speech of any other contributor shall not exceed two minutes.

55. On matters of exceptional importance, the Chairperson may consent to the continuation of a speech for an additional three minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the meeting and shall be for a definite period.

56. The Chairperson may allow a Member to speak a second time, but only after every Member who desires to do so shall have spoken once.

57. The Chairperson shall call a Member to order for irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language, imputations of motives, reflections of a personal character upon another Member or employee, or any breach of order, and may direct such Member, if speaking, to discontinue their speech.

58. In the event of a grave disorder at the meeting, or of persistent disregard to the authority of the Chairperson, the Chairperson shall protect the meeting in the conduct of its business by directing the Member or Members causing such disorder, or disregarding such authority, to retire for any period up to and including the remainder of the meeting or for a shorter period.

59. When the Chairperson so directs a Member to retire, and the Member does not retire immediately, the Chairperson shall give directions for the removal of the Member and such other directions as are necessary for restoring order to the proceedings.

60. If the Chairperson considers that the meeting, owing to disorder, cannot continue, they shall have power to adjourn the meeting for a short interval.

61. The ruling of the Chairperson on a point of order shall be final.

62. The Committee shall, as far as possible, arrive at all decisions and recommendations by consensus.

63. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees shall go before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

64. Certain matters which arise for discussion by the SPC may be confidential and it is a matter for the Chairperson to declare that confidentiality shall be maintained on the issue.
It shall be the responsibility of each member of a Committee to ensure that confidentiality is maintained.

DETERMINATION/VOTING

65. Subject to any statutory provision requiring the recording of the names of Members voting for or against a motion, voting may be:

    (a) By voice when it is obvious that the meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting.
    (b) By show of hands. If any objections as to the correctness of the results are made a poll may be demanded
    (c) By a division, i.e., a regular count of the Members for or against the motion.

66. No Motion or amendment shall be put to the Committee unless it has been duly proposed and seconded. A Motion may be proposed either by the Member in whose name it stands, or in their absence, by any Member authorised by them to propose it on their behalf. If a Member is not present to propose their Motion, the Motion shall retain its position on the schedule of Motions for the next meeting unless removed by the Member concerned.

67. Verbal/Written reports to Motions will be presented as such by the Chief Executive only where a Motion has been proposed and seconded. Once the Motion is put to the Committee, reports will be made available to Members for the purpose of discussion at the meeting and are only published to the public record where Members have concluded consideration, debate and decided/voted on the Motion in question.

68. Every matter at a meeting of the Committee shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Members of the Committee voting on the matter, unless otherwise stated by Statute or included in Standing Orders, and, in the case of an equal division of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

69. When voting on a Motion is by a roll-call division, there shall be an interval of three minutes between the decision to take the vote and the actual vote itself should any Member so request. The Chairperson shall determine when this interval has elapsed.

REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON AND RECOMMENDATIONS

70. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees on reserved functions and policy matters shall come before the Council for consideration by way of report prepared by the Chairperson with the Director of Service and the relevant Administrator, otherwise, the proceedings of each Committee shall come before the Committee for confirmation and re-affirmation at its next meeting.

Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees shall come before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

SUB-COMMITTEE

71. The establishment of a sub-committee is a matter for the members of the SPC once convened.

a. The Committee shall be entitled to establish sub-Committees (working groups) to examine particular policy issues at any one time. These sub committees are to have a timeline for completion of their work. The members will then provide a report of their work and findings to the SPC.
b. Composition of sub-committees/working groups to be comprised of a mix of the membership of the Committee.
c. The SPC Chairperson is an ex-officio Chairperson of any subcommittee if she/he so wishes, or an ordinary member of it if she/he prefers.

VISITORS / MEDIA

72. SPCs shall be open to the members of the public or the media unless otherwise agreed by the Chairperson and the Committee to facilitate discussion on particular items.

73. Attendance of media personnel at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Only Accredited Media are allowed access to meetings of the SPCs and must operate in designate areas of the Council Chamber or meeting room. The numbers and types of media personnel to be admitted to a meeting will be agreed in advance of the meeting by the Chairperson.

74. Only Accredited Media may be present at meetings. Media must apply by email to **press@fingal.ie** for accreditation. (subject to Standing Order No.72)

75. Media must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Chairperson or any officer in attendance and comply with rulings of mobile phone and social media of Standing Orders No.77 and No.79.

76. Visitors shall only be admitted to any meeting of the Committee after they have been signed in/ endorsed by a Councillor. A Councillor may only sign in/endorse one visitor to any meeting.

77. Visitors and Media are to maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Chairperson or any officer in attendance.

(i) All mobile phones during Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting.
(ii) No cameras of any kind or sound recording or communication equipment may be used by visitors at meeting.
(iii) All Reports/Replies on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iv) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.
Visitors are the responsibility at all times of the Councillor who has signed them in. Disorderly persons may be removed by order of the Chairperson.

78. In the event of a disorderly person refusing to leave the meeting, the Chairperson may invoke the sanction provided for in Standing Order Nos. 59 and No. 60, against the Member who has signed the visitor in.

MOBILE PHONES / SOCIAL MEDIA

79. All mobile phones during Strategic Policy Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting. Failure to comply with this order will result in a fine of €50 for every time a mobile phone rings.

(i) No cameras of any kind, sound recording, or communication equipment may be used at meetings.
(ii) All Report on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iii) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.

REMOTE/HYBRID MEETINGS

80. a) All Standing Orders in place are applicable to Remote/Hybrid meetings.
b) Members should notify their Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.
c) The Chairperson of the meeting should attend a hybrid meeting in person and, if unable to do so, in the first instance the Chairperson nominates another member who is attending the meeting in person as the Chair. In the absence of the Chairperson the meeting shall select a member to preside who must be a Councillor. (reference Standing Order No.18).
d) Members should allow sufficient time to establish a connection prior to the commencement of the start of the meeting to allow themselves to test the connection.
e) Members should keep their cameras on for the duration of the meeting and ensure that no confidential papers are seen on video feed or that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings.
f) Members must mute their microphone unless they are recognised by the Chairperson and invited to speak.
g) Members are advised to use an appropriate headset.
h) Members who wish to speak should use the notification process as directed by the Chairperson and speak when invited.
i) The rules of debate as set out in Standing Orders No.50 to No.63 will apply.
j) The meetings platform chat facility must not be used for private conversations between

Members.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

81. A ruling of the Chairperson on any question or their interpretation of the Standing Orders shall be final. Should any question, doubt or dispute arise as to the area or functions or functioning of a Committee or as to the application of standing orders to a Committee, the matter shall be determined by the Chairperson of whose decision shall be final.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

82. Standing Orders may, at any time by consent of a majority of the total membership of a Committee, be suspended for the purpose of any specific business before the Committee.

MATTERS NOT COVERED BY STANDING ORDERS

83. The Chairperson shall have power to deal with any matter not covered by Standing Orders.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

84. These Standing Orders may only be amended or repealed by Motion of the Council and agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council.

DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS

85. The foregoing Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended, or repealed.

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4. "Member" means a person elected or co-opted to the office of Councillor or selected to the position of representative of a Strategic Policy Committee.

5. “Mayor/Méara” means Mayor/Méara so elected at the Annual Meeting.

6. "Cathaoirleach" means the Councillor presiding at any meeting of the Council or of a Committee or Sub-Committee, Corporate Policy Group, Area Committee or Strategic Policy Committee.

7. The "Chief Executive" means the Chief Executive for the Administrative County of Fingal or, in their absence, their duly appointed Deputy.

8. The membership of the Council shall consist of the Councillors of Fingal County Council.

9. The membership of the Corporate Policy Group shall consist only of the Mayor of the Council and each Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committees.

10. The membership of each Area Committee shall consist only of the Councillors for the Electoral Area represented by that Area Committee.

11. a) Each Member of the Council shall be a member of at least one Strategic Policy Committee.

    b) The membership of each Strategic Policy Committee shall consist only of the Councillors selected by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee and the representatives nominated by their organisations and appointed by the Council to that Strategic Policy Committee.

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MEETINGS

13. The Members of Fingal County Council will meet as set out below:

    a) Annual General Meeting - Annually
    b) Budget Meeting – Annually and as required.
    c) Ordinary Meeting – Monthly
    d) Special Meetings – As required / requisitioned as per these Standing Orders

14. The Standing Committees of the Council are established as follows:

    a) Corporate Policy Group.
    b) The Organisation, Procedures & Finance Committee
    c) Community, Sports, and Culture Strategic Policy Committee
    d) Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee
    e) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee
    f) Housing Strategic Policy Committee
    g) Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee
    h) Planning Strategic, Transport & Infrastructure Development Strategic Policy Committee
    i) Marine and Coastal Management Strategic Policy Committee
    j) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee
    k) Howth/Malahide Area Committee
    l) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee

    Standing Committees will meet as set out in these Standing Orders, as agreed by resolution of the Council, and as may be agreed by the Committees.

15. An Audit Committee is established as per the Regulations governing the business of Audit Committees and is subject to such Standing Orders specific to the Audit Committee as agreed by resolution of the Council.

QUORUM

16. At meetings of the Council, eleven Councillors shall be a quorum.

17. At meetings of the Corporate Policy Group, three Members shall be a quorum.

18. At meetings of the Area Committees the quorum will be as follows:
    a) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords – 6 Councillors
    b) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar – 5 Councillors
    c) Howth/Malahide – 3 Councillors

19. At meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the quorum will be as follows:

    a) Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    b) Housing SPC – 5 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
    c) Planning Strategic, Transport and Infrastructure Development SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

d) Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
e) Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
f) Community, Sports, and Culture SPC- 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors
g) Marine and Coastal Management SPC – 4 Members, two of whom shall be Councillors

20. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order Nos. 18, 19 and 20, the quorum for any other Committee of the Council (including sub-committees) shall be not less than one quarter of the membership of such Committee or three Members, whichever is the greater, two of whom must be Councillors provided however, that should the membership of any such Committee be less than eight, the quorum shall be two, one of whom shall be a Councillor.
If, after fifteen minutes of the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Cathaoirleach of that Committee on the day the meeting has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a Motion signed by a quorum of the Committee, giving at least five days' notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the Committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the Motion.

21. When, during any meeting, it is stated by a Member to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, that less than the quorum of Members are present, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall adjourn the meeting for a maximum of five minutes after which the Meetings Administrator shall call the roll and shall record the names of the Members in attendance, and when it appears that the number of Members present is less than the quorum the meeting shall rise and the business not disposed of by such meeting shall be set down to be disposed of at the next meeting. Whenever a meeting of the Local Authority is abandoned owing to failure to obtain a quorum the names of those present at the time and place appointed for such meeting shall be recorded by the Meetings Administrator and they shall for all purposes be deemed to have attended the meeting.

ATTENDANCE / RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

22. Every Member physically attending a meeting shall sign their name in the attendance book provided for the purpose. Members attending remotely will have their attendance recorded by the roll call and/or by record of the virtual forum being used for the meeting.

The Mayor/Cathaoirleach will at the outset and at any reconvening of a meeting call for a roll call of participating members and ensure that they can see and/or hear those in attendance. Any Member participating remotely shall also confirm at the outset and at any reconvening of the meeting that they can see and/or hear the proceedings. The minutes of each meeting shall be the official record of such attendances.

Each Member participating remotely shall ensure that there are no other persons present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings, in accordance with Standing Orders that apply.

Members leaving the meeting should advise the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. Should a Member(s) remote connection fail the meeting should continue, provided the meeting remains quorate. If the connection is successfully re-established, then the remote Member(s) will be deemed to have returned at the point of re-establishment.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

23. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee or section of a Sub-Committee during the consideration of any matter in which they have a pecuniary or professional interest. The Member shall disclose the nature of his or her interest to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and the Meeting Administrator at or prior to the meeting before discussion or consideration of the matter commences. Any Member who declares a disclosable pecuniary or other beneficial interest in any item of business that would require them to leave the meeting must advise the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and Members at the time of departure and this shall be recorded in the minutes. Their departure will be confirmed by the Meeting Administrator, who will invite the relevant member to re-join the meeting at the appropriate time.

24. No Member shall attend a meeting of the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee or section of a Sub-Committee during the consideration of any matter in which any person, with whom the member has any immediate family/business relationship, is concerned.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

25. In every year in which a Local Election is held, the Annual meeting shall be held on the 14th day after polling day. In every other year the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held, in the month of May or June as the Members of the Council shall by resolution agree.

26. At an Annual Meeting in an election year the Meetings Administrator shall read out the names of the persons duly elected as Members of the Local Authority.

ELECTION OF MAYOR / CATHAOIRLAIGH

27. The first business at every Annual Meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and they shall come into office immediately after their election and shall, unless they earlier resign, continue in office (subject to their death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Council) until their successor has been elected. The procedure for the election of the Mayor is set out in Section 36 and 37 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended.

28. At each Annual Meeting, or at such meeting as may be agreed by resolution of the Members, the election of Cathaoirleach/Chairperson for each of the Area Committees shall take place.

29. At the first Annual Meeting following the election of the Council, the election of Cathaoirleach/Chairperson for the Strategic Policy Committees shall be listed on the Agenda.

COUNCIL / COMMITTEE ORDINARY MEETING TIMES

30. Ordinary monthly meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Monday of each month commencing at 5.00 p.m. to conclude at 8.00pm or at such other day or time as the Council, by resolution, may decide, except for July, when the monthly meeting shall be held on the first Monday of the month.

31. The Council shall meet not less than once a month, but no ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held in August. A Budget Meeting shall be held during the period prescribed by regulation.

32. Ordinary meetings of the Standing Committees shall meet as follows, and on such days as agreed by the Council, unless otherwise determined by the Council:
    a) **Corporate Policy Group** shall meet at such days and times as agreed by the Committee and Mayor.
    b) **Strategic Policy Committees** shall meet quarterly at 4.30pm to conclude at 6.30pm or at a time agreed by the Committee except for the Housing Strategic Policy Committee which starts at 4.00 pm and concludes at 6.00pm.
    c) **Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee** during the following months – February, April, June, September, November and December - prior to a Council Meeting and at a time deemed necessary by the Mayor for the business of the meeting to be concluded.
    d) **Area Committees**
        i) Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords monthly at 2.00pm. to conclude at 6.00pm
        ii) Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar twice monthly at 3.30pm to conclude at 6.00pm
        iii) Howth/Malahide monthly at 3.00pm to conclude at 6.00pm.

33. When at a meeting of the Council, Corporate Policy Group, Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee or Strategic Policy Committee all the business set down for such meeting has been transacted, the meeting shall then conclude without question from the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, subject to the provision that all meetings of the Council shall terminate at a time not more than three hours from the time appointed for the commencement of that meeting. Business not reached shall be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. Any motion included in such business may be withdrawn by the proposer on notification.

34. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, voting in pursuance of proposals to put the motion or decisions to vote made before the time appointed for the termination of a meeting shall proceed. In such circumstances, the meeting shall terminate on declaration by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the results of such voting.

35. The Mayor of the Council may decide, before the end of the Council meeting, and with the agreement of the majority of the Members present, to extend the current meeting or adjourn the Council meeting to a date before the next Council meeting, for the purpose of concluding some or all of the business set down for the Council meeting that has not been transacted. Any extension to a meeting should be for a specific time period.

36. An ordinary meeting of an Area Committee shall finish when all the business for such meeting has been transacted, and if all the business has not been transacted by 6.00 p.m., the meeting shall end, and any outstanding business shall be dealt with at the next meeting of the Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF MEETINGS

37. The Chair at every meeting shall be taken within ten minutes after the time set for the meeting. In the absence of the Cathaoirleach of an Area Committee at its meeting, the majority vote of Councillors present shall decide who shall be Cathaoirleach. In the case of meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees, the Cathaoirleach of the Strategic Policy Committee or in their absence some other Councillor - Member will take the Chair. At all other meetings, in the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, a Councillor chosen by a majority of the Councillors present and voting at the commencement of business shall preside as Acting Cathaoirleach, and in that capacity shall have the same powers, rights and duties as are, under Standing Orders, possessed by the Mayor.

38. If, after fifteen minutes after the published start time for a meeting, a quorum is not present, the business shall be postponed to the next meeting or to a date and time specified by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of that Committee on the day the meeting has fallen. If no such date and time is specified, then a Motion signed by a quorum of the Committee, giving at least five days' notice of the date and time of the proposed meeting, shall serve to cause the Committee to reconvene at the date and time specified in the Motion.

39. All meetings of the Council shall be at County Hall, Swords or at such other place as the Council may decide.
Such other places may be at:
- an external venue used to accommodate meetings of the Council.
- an electronic, digital, or virtual location, web address or a conference call telephone number or a combination of the above to provide for physical and/or remote attendance by Elected Members.

40. A meeting to be valid must be:
(a) Properly convened after proper notice from the Meetings Administrator
(b) Properly constituted; that is
    (i) With properly appointed person in the Chair
    (ii) With a quorum present
    (iii) Must be held in accordance with Standing Orders, Articles or Regulations governing its Constitution.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

41. Public Notice of the place, date, and time of a meeting, other than a Local Authority Budget meeting, shall be displayed not less than three clear days before the day of the meeting in, or at the principal offices of the Local Authority in a position convenient for public inspection during normal office hours.

The Notice shall include the agenda for the meeting or specify a place where the agenda can be inspected and in the case of a Special Meeting shall include or be accompanied by a copy of the requisition.

42. An agenda paper setting out the business to be transacted shall be furnished to each Member three clear days before the date of a meeting. Members shall notify the Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.

43. If a Member does not receive notice of a meeting it shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

44. A Special Meeting of the Council, as it relates to the functions and activities of the Council, may be called at any time by the Mayor, or if the office of Mayor is vacant or the Mayor is unable to act, by the Deputy Mayor, of their own motion or upon a request addressed to them and signed by at least five Members of the Council.

If the Mayor does not act on such request within seven days after its presentation, a Special Meeting for the purposes defined in it may be called by any five Members of the Council, on the expiration of these seven days, provided that not less than three clear days shall elapse between the date of the summons convening a Special Meeting and the date of the Special Meeting, and the meeting may be called for the time that the Mayor or Members request. During a Special Meeting all Standing Orders will apply (reference Standing Order No. 74 to 78)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

45 a). The Order of Business at all but Special, Budget or Annual Meetings shall be as herein set down and shall only be altered in cases of urgent and important business and only then by a majority vote on suspension of Standing Orders or at the discretion of the Mayor. The functions of meetings of the Council shall be comprised solely of reserved functions and policy matters affecting the whole county.

a) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended.
b) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 139 of the Local Government Act 2001.
c) Consideration of resolutions pursuant to Section 34(6) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.
d) Confirmation of Minutes.
e) Appointment of Members to various Committees.
f) Questions
g) Consideration of reports of the Corporate Policy Group and Committees.
h) Other business prescribed by Statute, Reserved Functions, Standing Orders or Resolution of the Council for transaction at that meeting.
i) Business arising from the implementation of Section 44 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, or such other business as may, from time to time, become urgent for the implementation of the Council's powers in accordance with Statute.
j) Headed Items/Business submitted by the Chief Executive.
k) Chief Executives report – Will be taken as the last Headed Item on the Agenda
l) Business submitted by the Mayor.
m) Correspondence and matters not for discussion.
n) Notices of Motion – Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;

(i) Business not reached at previous meeting
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt

0) Notices of motion – Non-Fingal County Council Statutory Functions –
Motions relating to matters that are not within the direct control and statutory functions of Fingal County Council will be listed on the Agenda in the following order;
(i) Business not reached at previous meeting.
(ii) Motions adjourned without discussion at a previous meeting on the request of the proposer.
(iii) Notices of Motion shall appear on the agenda, in the order of their receipt.

p) Other business as set forth in the agenda paper.

45 b) The order of business for the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee should include the following items:

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Questions
3. Matters of Organisation and Procedure
4. Finance Matters to include:
   (i) Monthly report on both Income and Expenditure on both Revenue and Capital Account
   (ii) Report on all Strategic Financial matters facing the Council
5. Motions

The rules for the submission of business, questions and motions that will apply to this Committee will be as applied to Full Council meetings of Standing Order No. 50 and No. 66.

It shall be a function of the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee to fix periodically:
a) The dates and times of meetings of the Council and its Committees.
b) Meetings of the OP&F shall be held without admission of the press or public.
c) Minutes of the OP&F shall not be placed on the Council agenda, but a report of the Chairperson shall be placed on the agenda outlining business.
d) Any decision of the OP&F which requires confirmation by resolution shall be placed on the Council agenda by the Chief Executive as a headed item.

46. All items appearing on Council agendas, and which require to be proposed and seconded, other than those items specifically entered by Members, shall be taken to be proposed and seconded by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor unless there is a particular reason why the item should not be proposed and/or seconded by the Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

47. Minutes of every meeting shall be drawn up in accordance with paragraph 14 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001.
The Minutes shall include:
a) The date, place and time of the Meeting
b) The names of the Members present at the Meeting
c) The names of the Senior Employees of the Local Authority present

d) Reference to any report submitted to the Members at the Meeting
e) Where there is a roll call vote, the number and names of Members voting for and against the Motion and of those abstaining
f) Particulars of all Resolutions passed at the Meeting
g) Such other matters considered appropriate.
The Minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach at such meeting, and shall be kept by the Council, and no Minutes shall be submitted for confirmation unless a copy thereof shall have been previously, and at least one day before the meeting, transmitted to every Member of the Council/Committee after which such Minutes shall be taken as read when the question that they be confirmed shall be put from the Chair, unless a Member requests that any part be read in order to determine whether it is an accurate record, provided that no entry shall be made in the minutes of any protest or expression of dissent, save in the form of a Motion or amendment.

48. Any discussion of the Minutes except as to their accuracy is out of order, and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall rule accordingly. Questions are only permissible on matters arising out of the Minutes, and for information only and not for discussion.

QUESTIONS

49. Written questions by Members, which are received in advance, are permitted to be put to the Chief Executive relating to the business of the Council or the Executive functions of the Chief Executive.

50. Each Councillor may submit one question for the Council meeting, and one additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a Motion. Each Councillor may submit seven questions for an Area Committee meeting and two questions shall be allowable in lieu of two Motions, providing that there is no Motion which was not reached at the previous meeting or an adjourned Motion which will take precedence (reference Standing Order No. 66 and No. 67)

51. Before being formally put and answered, questions must be approved by the meeting on Motion without debate. Questions shall be framed in such a way as to elicit information or a report on a matter.

52. Questions shall not involve argument, nor contain any matters, except such as are strictly necessary to explain such questions. Questions must relate to a specific subject or aspect of a service only and if applicable to a locality, must be confined to a single instance or application and may not be omnibus.

53. Matters referred to in Questions will not be discussed or debated and any further information or clarification may be followed up outside of the meeting's agenda either directly with the relevant Department or through the Corporate Services Department who will follow up with the relevant Department. Supplementary questions are not allowed. A question which has been fully answered may not be renewed.

54. Where the subject matter relates to a Local Area and not to Policy issues, questions, and Motions in connection with these issues should be submitted only to the Area Committees.

55. Any questions which in the opinion of the Meetings Administrator are unreasonable, unsuitable in form, frivolous, or derogatory to the dignity of the Council may be disallowed.

56. With the consent of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, urgent and important questions may be put without notice in exceptional circumstances, if the information required is readily available.

57. The latest day for submission of questions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council or any one of its Committees shall be nine clear working days before the date of the meeting. Only those questions which are received before midnight on that day will appear on that agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

58. A copy of every report of the Corporate Policy Group or of a Committee to be submitted to the Council shall, before the submission thereof, be transmitted to every Member of the Council at least three days before the Council meeting, save in cases of urgency when the reading of the report to the Council shall suffice.

59. Where several items are dealt with in a Report it shall be in order, to submit by reading any item or items requiring urgent consideration.

60. A Report may without notice:

    (a) Be adopted
    (b) Be postponed for consideration
    (c) Be referred back to the Committee from which emanated for re-consideration and further report with or without instructions
    (d) Be amended.

61. Every report of a Committee of the Council shall be signed by the Cathaoirleach of the Committee or by the Councillor in the Chair when the report was adopted. A motion to adopt a report of a Committee or to sanction any proceeding or recommendation of a Committee shall be proposed by the Cathaoirleach of that Committee or, in their absence, by one of its Members. A report recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless it contains or is accompanied by a statement setting out the expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the report.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS / CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

62. (a) Under the item Chief Executive's report members shall be allowed ninety seconds to make a contribution. Within their contribution Members shall only be allowed to refer to matters of policy and/or countywide relevance**.** No area specific matter shall be allowed to be raised by Members during their contribution.

    (b) The Management Report (Chief Executive Report) shall be circulated 3 days prior to the ordinary meeting of the Council.

BUSINESS OF THE MAYOR/CATHAOIRLEACH

63. At each monthly meeting of the County Council, the Mayor may submit, two Motions in addition to their right, as a Member to submit one question and one Motion in the ordinary way. The additional Motions will be listed under Mayor's Business on the agenda and the question and Motion received in the ordinary way will be listed by date and time submitted.

64. At each meeting of the Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area Committee, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee and the Howth/Malahide Area Committee, the Cathaoirleach may submit one Motion in addition to their right, as a Member to submit two Motions and seven questions in the ordinary way. The additional Motion will be listed under Cathaoirleach Business on the agenda and the questions and Motions received in the ordinary way will be listed by date and time submitted.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

65. The agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain Notice of Motions where Notice is submitted in advance of the Meeting and in accordance with these Standing Orders.

66. The Agenda paper for a Council meeting shall contain no more than one notice of Motion from any one Councillor, including an adjourned Motion.

67. The Agenda paper for an Area Committee meeting shall not contain more than two Motions for any one Councillor, including an adjourned Motion.

68. Each Member of the Council may submit an original Motion relevant to the business of the Council on giving notice through the Meetings Management System, to the Meetings Administrator. The latest date for submission of Motions for inclusion on agenda for meetings of the Council, or any one of its Committees, shall be nine clear working days before the day of the meeting, except for County Development Plan meetings where, because of the nature and volume of the Motions, additional time may be required to allow for consideration by the Chief Executive. Only those notices of Motion which are received before midnight of that day will appear on the agenda paper.

69. A notice of Motion recommending or involving expenditure shall not be considered by the Council unless the Council has before it at the same time a report from the proper officer setting out the estimated expenditure which would be involved by the adoption of the Motion.

70. Each Council Member and each representative on the Strategic Policy Committees will be confined to submitting one Motion only for each Strategic Policy Committee meeting agenda. The submission of questions for such agendas will not be permitted.

71. Every notice of Motion (and any notice of amendment thereto) shall be relevant to some question which affects, or may affect, the services of the Council, the administration of the County or the interests of the people of the County. A Notice of Motion shall be written in a concise and transparent form to set out a clear proposal for action or express an opinion to be put before a Committee for approval that addresses a single issue. Motions should not be omnibus in nature, relate to a particular subject only and shall not

apply to a variety of services affecting a single area. A Notice of Motion containing more than one issue shall be divided by the Meetings Administrator in consultation with the Member who submitted the Motion, or if the Member cannot be contacted, in consultation with the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and each matter listed shall count as a separate Motion.

72. If any Notice of Motion of which notice has been duly given relates to a matter normally dealt with by a Committee or comes within the terms of reference of any Area Committee or Committees, it shall be referred to such Area Committee or Committees as the meetings administrator may determine. Any dispute on such reference shall be determined by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

73. Any notice, which is seriously technically out of order, or contains unbecoming expressions, may be excluded from the agenda by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach**.** The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall reference the Standing Order under which the Motion is deemed out of order.

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

74. The following Motions may be made without notice at a meeting:

a) On matters expressly required by Statute to be done at the meeting
b) On matters arising directly out of a Report presented at the meeting. The Motion must be directly relevant to a substantive issue addressed within the report. Members should reference the section and page number of the report their Motion relates to
c) For, or on, the appointment of a Committee to which business specified is to be referred
d) For the resolution of the Council into a Committee of the whole Council
e) For a variation of the order of business
f) For the adjournment of the meeting
g) For the suspension of a Standing Order or of Standing Orders in respect of any specified rule or rules
h) For the appointment of a Cathaoirleach of the day, the Cathaoirleach/Mayor and/Deputy Mayor being absent.
i) Motion to reconsider (Standing Order No. 81)
j) Emergency Motions (Standing Order No. 79)

MOTIONS

75. The proposer of a Motion or an amendment not printed on the agenda paper shall, before moving same, deliver a copy in writing to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. For a Member attending a meeting remotely the Motion or amendment not printed on the agenda paper shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meetings Administrator.

76. A Motion may be withdrawn with the permission of the meeting.

77. Discussion on any Motion is restricted to the subject of the Motion put to the Council. Members may not, under cover of any Motions authorised by these Orders, discuss any other subject.

78. If a Member is not present at a meeting when their Motion is reached on the agenda paper, the Member may move the Motion, when duly seconded, without debate before the end of the meeting when they are present at the meeting. The Chief Executive's report is accepted in such cases and is subject to the agreement of the Members.

EMERGENCY MOTION

79. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Standing Orders a Motion may be proposed without notice for the purpose of dealing with urgent or emergency business related to a function of the Local Authority and where due to its seriousness and the imminence of the matter gives rise to an unexpected, urgent and/or potentially dangerous situation requiring immediate action of Council within its statutory functions.

Emergency Motions must be submitted to Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meeting Administrator by:
(i) 10am on the morning of the Full Council Meeting
(ii) 4pm on the working day prior to the Area Committee Meeting,
unless related to an issue that has arisen after these times on the day in question.
In exceptional circumstances the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may consider Emergency Motions received outside of these timelines.

Any such Motion must set out the clear reasons why the Motion cannot be dealt with by way of Motion to an ordinary meeting of the Council or a Committee. If the Emergency Motion is deemed Out of Order, it should not be read into the record of the meeting.
Any such proposed Motion requires the support of two-thirds of the Members present subject to the number voting in favour of the Motion being not less than half of the total number of Members of the Authority or Committee. The Motion shall not be considered until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

SIMILAR OR RESCINDING MOTIONS

80. When any Motion or Resolution has been disposed of by the Council, it shall not be for any Councillor to propose a similar or rescinding Motion within a period of six months without the consent of not less than three-fourths of the Councillors of the Council.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

81. A Member may move a Motion to reconsider a Motion of which they were the proposer and where the Chief Executive's report was accepted by the proposer and where no vote has taken place. Such a Motion, if seconded, may only be considered where a clear misunderstanding of the content of the Chief Executive's report is explained by the Member. The consent of three quarters of the members of the whole Council, will be required for a

Motion to be reconsidered. Such a Motion may only be proposed during the meeting at which the original Motion was considered.

AMENDMENTS TO MOTIONS

82. An Amendment may:

a) Omit certain words
b) Omit certain words and insert or add others
c) Insert certain words
d) Add certain words.

83. An amendment shall not involve such substantial alteration of the Motion as to make it a new Motion.

84. An amendment shall not commit the meeting to anything more onerous than the original Motion.

85. An amendment must be formally moved and seconded before any discussion or vote can be taken.

86. At a physical meeting an amendment must be in writing clearly stating the proposed alteration and signed by the proposer and handed to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. If the amendment is submitted by a Member attending a meeting by virtual means it shall be submitted from the Member's Council email address to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach, Corporate Services and the Meetings Administrator.

87. An amendment shall not be moved after the original Motion is put to the Council

88. The proposer of an amendment may be permitted by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to reply.

89. If there is an equality of votes and the Mayor/Cathaoirleach does not exercise their casting vote the Amendment is deemed not carried.

90. When a Motion and an amendment remain before the Chair, the amendment shall be first put, and shall be disposed of before any other amendments can be moved. When an amendment is agreed, the original Motion shall disappear and the amended Motion shall become the Motion under consideration, upon which a new Amendment may be moved. When an amendment is lost, another amendment to the original Motion may be proposed, but only one amendment shall be at any one time before the Chair. Notice of any number of amendments may, however, be given.

91. A Member may propose an amendment to any amendment being considered to a Motion before the Council. Any amendment proposed to an amendment under consideration is subject to Standing Order No. 82 to 90.

In such cases, the question of making an amendment to the amendment shall be considered and put first. When affirmed, the amendment stands amended and is then considered as the proposed amendment. When lost, the first proposed amendment is considered.

RULES OF DEBATE

92. All Members are bound to act in accordance with the Ethics Framework and Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members, to co-operate with the orderly conduct of meetings, the direction of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and in a manner that is respectful of colleagues.

93. Members must bear in mind that discussions at Council Meetings are not privileged. No Member may make false statements, impute improper motives, or use offensive or unbecoming words in reference to any Member of the Council, Employee of the Council, or any other person. Any Member having made such statements or used such objectionable words, and not explaining or retracting the same, or offering apologies for the use thereof when requested by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to do so, shall be called upon by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach to withdraw from the meeting.

94. A Member while speaking shall address themselves to the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. Any Member participating in a meeting remotely must, when they are speaking, be able to be heard and seen, by all other Members in attendance, and the remote participant must, in turn, be able to hear and see, those other Members participating.

95. A Member speaking is not to be interrupted except on a point of order, but they shall give way to a Member desiring to make a personal explanation with the consent of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach. A Member who speaks shall confine their speech strictly to the matter under discussion. A ruling of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach on a point of order, or on the admissibility of a personal explanation, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

96. The proposer of a Motion shall be allowed to speak to the Motion for not more than three minutes and for a further three minutes in reply to the debate, the speech of any other contributor shall not exceed two minutes.

97. On matters of exceptional importance, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may consent to the continuation of a speech for an additional three minutes. Any further extension shall require the special consent of the meeting and shall be for a definite period.

98. Members of the Council shall address and speak of each other in the Council by the respective titles of “Mayor”, “Cathaoirleach" or "Councillor".

99. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach may allow a Member to speak a second time, but only after every Member who desires to do so shall have spoken once.

100. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall call a Member to order for irrelevance, repetition, unbecoming language, imputations of motives, reflections of a personal character upon another Member or employee, or any breach of order, and may direct such Member, if speaking, to discontinue their speech.

101. In the event of a grave disorder at the meeting, or of persistent disregard to the authority of the Chair, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall protect the meeting in the conduct of its business by directing the Member or Members causing such disorder, or disregarding such authority, to retire for any period up to and including the remainder of the meeting or for a shorter period.

102. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach so directs a Member to retire, and the Member does not retire immediately, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall give directions for the removal of the Member and such other directions as are necessary for restoring order to the proceedings.

103. If the Mayor/Cathaoirleach considers that the meeting, owing to disorder, cannot continue, they shall have power to adjourn the meeting for a short interval.

DETERMINATION/VOTING

104. Subject to any statutory provision requiring the recording of the names of Members voting for or against a motion, voting may be:

(a) By voice when it is obvious that the meeting is practically unanimous, and no Member dissenting.
(b) By show of hands. If any objections as to the correctness of the results are made a poll may be demanded
(c) By a division, i.e., a regular count of the Members for or against the motion.

105. Every matter at a meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the Members of the Council voting on the matter, unless otherwise stated by Statute or included in Standing Orders, and, in the case of an equal division of votes, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

106. When voting on a Motion is by a roll-call division, there shall be an interval of three minutes between the decision to take the vote and the actual vote itself should any Member so request. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach shall determine when this interval has elapsed.

107. No Motion or amendment shall be put to the Council unless it has been duly proposed and seconded. A Motion may be proposed either by the Member in whose name it stands, or in their absence, by any Member authorised by them to propose it on their behalf. If a Councillor is not present to propose their Motion at a full Council meeting, the Motion shall retain its position on the schedule of Motions for the next full Council meeting unless removed by the Councillor concerned.

108. Verbal/Written reports to Motions will be presented as such by the Chief Executive only where a Motion has been proposed and seconded. Once the Motion is put to the Council, reports will be made available to Members for the purpose of discussion at the meeting and are only published to the public record where Members have concluded consideration, debate and decided/voted on the Motion in question.

109. When the Mayor/Cathaoirleach has not formally declared the result of a vote or is in doubt as to whether their declaration is right or wrong, they are entitled to take a second vote on the matter especially if they consider that through some misunderstanding the first vote did not properly represent the sense of the meeting.

110. The Mayor/Cathaoirleach cannot give their first vote after they have ascertained the number of votes for or against a Motion. They can only then give their casting vote.

COMMITTEES

111. The Council and every Committee are authorised to furnish to the Press reports of its proceedings.

112. The Chief Executive shall summon a meeting of any standing or special Committee on the request of its Mayor/Cathaoirleach, or any three of its Councillors or whenever they shall deem it necessary that such Committee shall meet.

113. In the event of the Council deciding to empower any special Committee to do any act without further reference to the Council, the resolution of appointment shall be in conformity with Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2001.

114. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of every Committee by such Officer of the Council assigned to attend the Committee. Such minutes shall give the names of each Member present.

115. All questions in Committee shall be determined by a majority of such Members of the Committee as vote and in case of an equal division of votes the Cathaoirleach shall have a casting vote in addition to their vote as a Member of the Committee.

116. Committees may appoint Sub-Committees of their number for facilitating the transaction of business, who shall report to the Committee, but such Sub-Committees shall not have power to transact any business without express authority from the Committee.

117. Each Member of a Committee is to be notified of every meeting of that Committee.

118. The Council may from time to time appoint any Special Committee for specific purpose, and may, set out terms of reference for this Committee.

119. The Council may, at any time, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council for the transaction of business, to be specified in the resolution. The quorum of a Committee of the whole Council shall be eleven**.**

120. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No.14, meetings of any standing Committee numbered c, d, e, f, g, h, I, j, k, l shall be open to the public or media unless otherwise agreed by the committee .

121. A meeting of the Council shall take precedence over a meeting of any Committee.

122. Subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 123, recommendations of the standing Committees numbered a) to l) inclusive, as set out in Standing Order No. 14, on reserved functions and policy matters shall come before the Council for consideration by way of report, otherwise, the proceedings of each Committee shall come before the Committee for confirmation and re-affirmation at its next meeting.

123. Recommendations of the Strategic Policy Committees, numbered c) to i) in Standing Order No. 14, shall come before the Corporate Policy Group in the first instance before being considered by the Council.

124. Members of a Strategic Policy Committee shall not be entitled to nominate a substitute to attend Strategic Policy Committee meetings in their place. In the event of a member failing to attend 3 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee in any year, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved by the Council, the Council and/or nominating sector shall be asked to review the matter. Council Members of another Strategic Policy Committee may attend meetings with the permission of the Chairperson and may speak with the permission of the Chairperson but are not entitled to vote.

125. Vacancies in Committees shall be filled by the Council at any ensuing meeting of the Council.

126. Members of Standing Committees numbered j), k) and l), in Standing Order No. 14 may submit two Motions and seven questions for each meeting of the Committee subject to the provision that an additional question shall be allowable in lieu of a Motion, providing that there is no Motion which was not reached at the previous meeting or an adjourned Motion which will take precedence (reference Standing Order No. 50 and No .67)

127. Where the Council otherwise directs, it shall be a function of the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee to fix periodically the dates and times of meetings of the Council and its Committees.

128. Site visits within the County shall be approved by the County Council, or by the Organisation, Procedures and Finance Committee, as the case may be.

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

129. In any consideration of the making of the Development Plan, all amendments suggested by the Chief Executive, or the Members shall be specifically listed on the agenda for the relevant meeting as headed items or Motions as appropriate and in such way as clearly to identify the area or purpose involved.

VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

130. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 132, or of any other Standing Order relating to the submission of Motions, at a meeting held to consider submissions/observations and the report of the Chief Executive made under Section 12(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, or to make the proposed plan in accordance with the provision of Section 12(10) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, Motions to make such proposed plan with or without amendments (including Motions for a specific amendment or amendments) as provided for in the aforesaid Section 12(10), as amended, may be made without notice at such meeting.

131. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 69 and No. 74(b) in any consideration of a Variation to the County Development Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in Section 13 the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all modifications proposed by the Members shall be by way of Motion submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such a way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Variation has commenced, no further Motions can be submitted or proposed.

LOCAL AREA PLANS

132. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 69 and No. 74(b) in any consideration of a Local Area Plan following the public consultation procedures as set out in the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, all amendments suggested by the Members shall be by way of Motion, submitted seven clear working days before the day of the meeting and in such way as to clearly identify the area or purpose involved. Once consideration of a Local Area Plan has commenced no further Motions can be submitted or proposed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, RESIGNATION, VACANCIES, ETC.

133. A Councillor may, at any time, in writing, signed by them, and delivered to the Chief Executive of the Council, resign their membership of the Council.

134. If a Councillor is absent from meetings of the Council for more than twelve months, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved of by the Council, the Councillor will be deemed to have resigned.

135. A Member of any Committee who is absent from all meetings of the Committee in any twelve months shall, except in case of illness, maternity leave or for some reason approved by the Council, be disqualified and be ineligible for re-election.

136. A casual vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001.

137. Where a casual vacancy is caused by the resignation of a non-party Member, the vacancy shall, be filled by a person nominated by the Member. In the case of a casual vacancy being caused by the death of a non-party Member the vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the family of the Member and for the purposes of this standing order "member of the family" means a brother, sister, parent and spouse of the Member or a child of the Member.

MAKING OF APPOINTMENTS

138. Subject to observance of any statutory requirements in relation to the making of appointments, the following procedure shall apply:

a) If the number of nominees, duly proposed and seconded, exceeds the number of appointments to be made, then each Councillor will be entitled to vote by ballot for not more than the number of appointments to be made.

b) Nominees securing the greatest number of votes shall then be declared to be appointed in order until the number of vacancies has been filled. In the event of a tie between two or more nominees for one or more remaining vacancies, there shall be a further ballot or ballots as necessary, on the basis set out in sub-paragraph (a) above, between the tied nominees for the vacancy or vacancies have been filled.

c) If following a ballot or a number of ballots there remains two or more tied candidates for one or more vacancies, the remaining vacancy or vacancies shall be filled successively by a ballot between the remaining tied candidates, each Councillor having a single vote, and in the event of a further tie, the Mayor shall have a casting

vote after each such ballot. Should the Mayor following such ballot not exercise their casting vote, the person to be appointed shall be determined by lot.

d) If the number of nominees duly proposed and seconded is equal to or less than the number of appointments to be made, the nominees shall be declared to be appointed.

REPRESENTATIVES AT CONGRESS, ETC.

139. Councillors and representatives attending on behalf of the Council at meetings of Associations, Conferences, or Congresses shall report to the Council upon any matter discussed at such meetings, which, in their opinion, is of interest to the Council.

DEPUTATIONS

140. The Council may set aside days on which Deputations shall be received.

141. Any person/persons wishing to address the Council, must apply in writing to the Deputations Administrator, at least seven clear days before the day for Deputations, setting out the matters they wish to discuss. No Deputation shall exceed five persons in number and the maximum duration of discussion between a Deputation and the Council Members and officials shall be forty minutes. A person/persons may only meet with the Council once within any six-month period unless the Council specifically agrees to same.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

142. Following the signing of a Presidential Election Order by the Minister, a Special Meeting of the Council may be held between four and fourteen days following the signing of the Order.

143. A person seeking the Council's nomination is required, in the first instance, to secure the sponsorship of four Elected Members of the Council before that applicant is allowed address the County Council.

144. Sponsored applicants may be allowed a period of up to fifteen minutes each to make a presentation to the Council.

145. Only those applicants who have addressed the Members can be nominated by the Council.

146. At the conclusion of the presentation(s) and any Questions and Answers, the Mayor may accept proposals for the nominations of candidates from the Members.

COMMON SEAL

147. The Common Seal of the Council shall be kept securely by the Council. The Seal shall only be affixed to any document either by resolution of the Council or a signed order of the Chief Executive. Whenever the Seal is affixed the Mayor or an employee of the Authority nominated in writing for that purpose by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Mayor, shall be present and shall testify the fact by their signature to an entry in the Seal Book specifying the document or documents sealed.

148. The Common Seal may be affixed by the Mayor to any documents going abroad which do not in any way relate to the Council, at any time, without resolution of the Council.

VISITORS

149. Attendance of the public at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Visitors may be present at meetings of the Council in the visitor's area, unless when the Council, by resolution, otherwise determines and they may report and publish the proceedings of the Council. Visitors may also be present at all meetings of the standing Committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i), j), k) and l) of Standing Order No.14.

150. Visitors shall only be admitted to any meeting of the Council or Standing Committee after they have been signed in by a Councillor. A Councillor may only sign in one visitor to any meeting if the visitor's area has available capacity. When, upon the expiration of a quarter of an hour after the time for which any meeting is convened, accommodation for visitors is not fully occupied, further visitors, not exceeding the number for which accommodation is available, may be admitted at the direction of the Meetings Administrator.

151. Visitors and Media are to maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance.
(i) All mobile phones during Council or Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting.
(ii) No cameras of any kind or sound recording or communication equipment may be used by visitors at meeting.
(iii) All Reports/Replies on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iv) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.
Visitors are the responsibility at all times of the Councillor who has signed them in. Disorderly persons may be removed by order of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

152. In the event of a disorderly person refusing to leave the public gallery, the Mayor/Cathaoirleach may invoke the sanction provided for in Standing Order No. 102 and No. 103, against the Member who has signed the visitor in.

GRANTING OF CIVIC HONOURS

153. Nominations for a person or persons to be granted a civic honour/reception will be made by the Mayor-to the Council, and the decision to confer a civic honour/reception on any person or persons will be made by resolution of the Council.

MOBILE PHONES / SOCIAL MEDIA

154. All mobile phones during Council or Committee meetings should be turned off/on silent for the duration of the meeting. Failure to comply with this order will result in a fine of €50 for every time a mobile phone rings.

(i) No cameras of any kind, sound recording, or communication equipment may be used at meetings, except for the purpose of the Council webcast.
(ii) All Report/Replies on an Agenda are confidential until they are reached at a meeting.
(iii) Social Media sharing of items of business prior to it being reached at a meeting is prohibited.

MEDIA

155. Attendance of media personnel at meetings shall be in accordance with Section 45 of the Local Government Act 2001. Only Accredited Media are allowed access to meetings of the Council and must operate in designate areas of the Council Chamber or meeting room. The numbers and types of media personnel to be admitted to a meeting will be agreed in advance of the meeting by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach.

Accredited Media will be facilitated in person at the following meetings of the Council a), b), c) and d) of Standing Order No. 13. Accredited Media may also be present at meetings of standing Committees numbered c), d), e), f), g), h), i), j), k), and l) of Standing Order No. 14. Media must apply by email to press@fingal.ie for accreditation, (subject to Standing Order No. 120).

Media must maintain silence and observe any directions given by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach or any officer in attendance and comply with rulings of mobile phone and social media of Standing Order No. 151 and No. 154.

REMOTE/HYBRID MEETINGS

156. a) All Standing Orders in place are applicable to Remote/Hybrid meetings.
b) Members should notify their Meetings Administrator in advance if they intend to attend the meeting remotely.
c) The Mayor/Cathaoirleach of the meeting should attend a hybrid in person, if unable to do so in the first instance, the Deputy Mayor chairs the meeting and in their absence, the Mayor nominates another member who is attending the meeting in person as the Chair (reference Standing Order No. 37).
d) Members should allow sufficient time to establish a connection prior to the commencement of the start of the meeting to allow themselves to test the connection.
e) Members should keep their cameras on for the duration of the meeting and ensure that no confidential papers are seen on video feed or that there is no other persons

present who are not entitled to be either hearing or seeing consideration of such items, and/or recording the proceedings.
f) Members must mute their microphone unless they are recognised by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and invited to speak.
g) Members are advised to use an appropriate headset.
h) Members who wish to speak should use the notification process as directed by the Mayor/Cathaoirleach and speak when invited.
i) The rules of debate as set out in Standing Orders 92 to 103 will apply.
j) The meetings platform chat facility must not be used for private conversations between Councillors.
k) When referring to a specific report, page or slide, Members should mention the report, page, or slide so that all Members have a clear understanding of what is being discussed.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

157. A ruling of the Mayor/Cathaoirleach on any question or their interpretation of the Standing Orders shall be final. Should any question, doubt or dispute arise as to the area or functions or functioning of a Committee or as to the application of standing orders to a Committee, the matter shall be determined by the Mayor of the Council whose decision shall be final.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

158. Any standing order or Standing Orders may, at any time by consent of at least two thirds of the Members present at the meeting of the Council or standing Committee, such meeting consisting of not less than one-half of the Members of the whole Council or standing Committee then present, be suspended, on a Motion duly made, for the purpose of any specific business then before the Council or Standing Committee, and defined in the suspensory Motion, save that no such Motion may be made until 2 ¾ hours after the commencement of business, or at the conclusion of the business, whichever is the earlier.

Subject to the Mayor's consent the decision whether or not to suspend standing orders should go to a vote without debate.

MATTERS NOT COVERED BY STANDING ORDERS

159. The Mayor shall have power to deal with any matter not covered by Standing Orders.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS

160. These Standing Orders may only be amended or repealed by Motion of the Council and agreed by at least one half of the total membership of the Council.

DURATION OF STANDING ORDERS

161. The foregoing Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended, or repealed.

FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

LCDC
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Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	EXPLANATION
CRF	Community Recognition Fund
CYPSC	Children & Young People's Services Committees
DLRCC	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
DRCD	Department of Rural and Community Development
DSP	Department of Social Protection
DETE	Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment
DEZ	Dublin Enterprise Zone
EETCD	Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Development
ESF	European Social Fund
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
FCC	Fingal County Council
FLP	Fingal Leader Partnership
IP	Implementing Partner
LAG	Local Action Group
LEADER	'Liaison entre Actions de Développement de l'Économie Rurale' 'Links between the rural economy and development actions'
LCDC	Local Community Development Committee
LDC	Local Development Company
LECP	Local Economic Community Plan
LEP	Local Enhancement Programme
LES	Local Employment Services
LDS	Local Development Strategy
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PPN	Public Participation Network
PI	Programme Implementer
SICAP	Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme
SDCC	South Dublin County Council
TUS	Community Work Placement Initiative
UESS	Ukraine Emergency Support Services

This report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2, Section 128B (1)(i) Local Government Act 2001, as Inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: *"to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submit"*

Joint Chief Officer and Chairperson Statement

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Report of the Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Fingal LCDC has responsibility for implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development through the Implementation Plan for the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023 - 2028. 2024 marked the first year of the Implementation Plan, which spans a period of two years from 2023 - 2025.

The LECP 2023 – 2028 sets out an ambitious vision for Fingal, outlining 15 high-level goals, 31 supporting objectives and a series of actions to progress delivery of the Implementation Plan. Updates on progress in relation to the implementation of the action plan have been provided by stakeholders, which are outlined in Section Two of this report. Updates provided by Fingal County Council Departments including Community, Climate Action, Economic Development, Tourism, Town Regeneration and Libraries, highlighting strong cross-departmental collaboration on the delivery of the Implementation Plan as staff progress Fingal's mission *'to be a vibrant, outward looking, well-run Council that shows leadership and embraces diversity and opportunity.'* Updates provided by external stakeholders including LDCs, various Government Departments, HSE and CYPSC highlight areas for improvement, while drawing attention to the impressive work these stakeholders do in our local communities.

Fingal LCDC also has a key role to play in overseeing and managing a number of programmes such as the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) and Healthy Ireland and administering various funding streams including the Community Recognition Fund and the Local Enhancement Programme which provide vital support to community groups across the county.

The SICAP Programme is co-funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Rural and Community Development and the European Social Fund, administered by Pobal, and managed at local level by the LCDC. In 2024, Fingal was allocated €1,520,811 to support interventions to tackle poverty and promote social inclusion and equality at a local level under SICAP. Fingal received an additional amount of €375,372.06 with two additional allocations during the year of €100,000 and €40,172 to assist with the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis response. The SICAP Programme Implementer, Empower, successfully achieved targets in the delivery of the SICAP Programme and provided targeted supports to disadvantaged individuals and groups in Fingal.

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group (LAG) has responsibility for the delivery of the LEADER Programme in the Dublin area. The e Dublin Rural area has a budget of €4.7 million over the period 2023 – 2027 and in 2024, the Dublin LAG approved five projects to the value of €101,121.56, with drawdown expected to be completed in 2025. Fingal Leader Partnership carried out targeted calls in 2024, resulting in twenty-two expressions of interest and is developing a strong pipeline of future projects.

The Healthy Ireland Programme in Fingal for 2024 had a budget of €130,084.52 and a focus on supporting smoking/vaping cessation and a reduction in age standardised heavy episodic drinking over the three years. The Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator worked in partnership with key stakeholders such as Empower and the Local Drugs Taskforce to deliver targeted programmes throughout 2024 to support delivery of actions in the key focus areas. During 2024 Fingal LCDC administered the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) and an allocation of €220,842.98 in 2024 for capital funding for groups across the county. This included a separate provision of €36,807.17 to support Fingal's emerging Women's Groups. Fingal LCDC also administered calls for projects under the Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024, which has an allocation of €1,538,573 from the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) to deliver projects over 2024 and 2025, with funding allocated across 3 application windows.

We would like to thank all the members of Fingal LCDC for their commitment and support over the last year and all the representatives from community organisations, government agencies, the business community and stakeholder groups for their active engagement and participation on the LCDC in 2024.

In particular, we would like to acknowledge the new Committee members who joined the LCDC in 2024, who have shown such enthusiasm and dedication in coming to terms with the wide remit of the LCDC and to progressing the work of the LCDC and the delivery of the LECP.

We would also like to thank John Quinlivan, Director of Services, Economic Enterprise Tourism & Cultural Department, and all the staff of the directorate for their work in supporting the LCDC and ensuring the successful delivery of the LECP Implementation Plan and the many programmes and funding streams for which the LCDC has responsibility.

We look forward to working with all members of the LCDC and all stakeholders in 2025 to realise the LECP vision: *"Fingal will be a vibrant, sustainable, progressive and climate resilient county, underpinned by inclusive, healthy, empowered communities and a dynamic economy."*

Aoife Sheridan

AOIFE SHERIDAN
Chief Officer Fingal LCDC

Laurence Ward

LAURENCE WARD
Chairperson Fingal LCDC

SECTION 1

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

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Members of Fingal LCDC

(L-R: Cllr Eoghan Dockrell, Aoife Sheridan, John Quinlivan, Eilish Harrington, Mary Attridge Jones, Ellen O'Dea & Laurence Ward)

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 gives legislative effect to the commitments in 'Putting People First', including the establishment of LCDC's in each local authority administrative area, for the purposes of developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
• A clear focus on Social Inclusion, marginalised communities and the marginalised within communities
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as key element in supporting sustainable communities
• Planning and programme implementation that makes the best use of available resources for citizens and communities

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LCDC ARE
• Prepare and arrange for the implementation of the Community element of a six year Local Economic and Community Plan
• Co-ordinate, manage and oversee the development of local community development programmes
• Review, monitor and revise actions and strategies set out to achieve the objectives of the Local Economic and Community Plan
• Promotion of enterprise, employment development, training and education, as a key element in supporting sustainable communities.
• Improve the co-ordination of all public funded local and community development programmes in the administrative area

Note: Section 1288 of the Local Government Act 2001 sets out the functions of the LCDC's

The functions of a local authority regarding promoting the interests of communities as set out in Section 66 of the 2001 Local Government Act, delegated to LCDCs, section 128(2)

Fingal Local Community Development Committee Members 2024

Cllr. Eoghan Dockrell

Eoghan is a Fine Gael councillor representing the Rush-Lusk local electoral area. With a career foundation rooted in finance, Eoghan worked as a tax consultant for several years, providing him with a comprehensive understanding of financial systems and strategies. Prior to that, he served as a Revenue auditor in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, gaining valuable experience in financial oversight and public accountability. This background has equipped him with a strong knowledge of financial procedures, governance, and justice-skills that are essential in his work as a councillor. Currently, Eoghan lives in Donabate and through his work on the council, Eoghan is dedicated to ensuring that the planning of communities is done in a sustainable and responsible manner. He strongly believes in creating long-term strategies that promote both growth and environmental sustainability, ensuring that future generations can enjoy thriving, well-planned communities.

Cllr. Eimear Carbone-Mangan

Eimear is a Fianna Fáil councillor representing the Castleknock local electoral area. As a communications professional with a proven record, Eimear has spent most of her career to date working for Government agencies on the delivery of major transport, infrastructure and planning projects, and was a key contributor to the delivery of all Luas lines that have been built in Dublin. Having operated in the context of high-profile projects of national and international relevance has given her an excellent understanding of delivering for the wider benefits to the public, local community and other stakeholders. Eimear is committed to supporting and delivering for our community to improve the quality of life for people and families. As a trained classical singer, she is passionate about the arts and developing more cultural spaces and facilities for our talented young people and artists. Eimear holds a BA (Economics and Sociology) from National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Cllr. Cathal Haughey

Cathal is a Fianna Fáil councillor representing the Howth-Malahide local electoral area. Born and raised in Malahide, he continues to call the town home. Cathal's early education took place locally at St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S and Malahide Community School, giving him a deep connection to the community he now serves. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from DCU, a qualification that equips him with a solid understanding of governance and policy development, skills that are invaluable in his role on the LCDC. His expertise in public policy is especially beneficial when contributing to the development of statutory plans, ensuring that local needs are addressed within a broader policy framework. In addition, Cathal has a Diploma in Electoral Law and Politics from King's Inns, further strengthening his knowledge of the legal and political systems that underpin local government.

John Quinlivan

John Quinlivan is the Director of Services of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development in Fingal County Council. John has over 30 years of experience in local government, working in 6 Local Authorities in rural, urban, and metropolitan areas and in that time he has been involved in every function of local government. His current role is to advance the economic, community and cultural development of Fingal.

Pat O'Connor

Pat O'Connor is Head of School of Social Sciences, Law, and Education in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Technological University Dublin. Pat holds a doctoral degree from the University of Manchester and has been involved in further and higher education for over 30 years. He has been on the Council of Fingal Chamber since 2010 and was appointed President of the Chamber in 2025. Pat's teaching interests extend across business, accountancy and humanities and he has extensive experience in programme design and review in higher education. His research interests include higher education, research methodology and community development. Pat's community contributions include Chair of the Board of Management of St Patrick's Junior National School, Corduff and coach at Hartstown Huntstown Football Club.

Oisin Geoghegan

A Master of Business Studies graduate of University College Dublin and post-grad of Trinity College Dublin, Oisín Geoghegan is Head of the Local Enterprise Office in Fingal, since his appointment in 2014. Prior to this he served 14 years as Chief Executive at Fingal County Enterprise Board. Oisín previously held managerial positions in Export Sales and Marketing for Irish and Scandinavian manufacturers of industrial equipment in the food processing sector operating in the UK and Ireland. He previously served as Chairperson of the Network of 31 Local Enterprise Offices and has many years' experience chairing various enterprise development strategy groups and national committees.

Una Caffrey

Una is the coordinator of Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (FCYPSC). Una's role is to support FCYPSC in its work to bring together a diverse group of agencies in Fingal to engage in joint planning and co-ordination of services for children and young people. Una is a firm believer in working together to achieve better outcomes for children and young people and supports the participation of children and young people to inform the work of FCYPSC. Una brings to FCYPSC a wealth of experience of working in the community and voluntary sector having worked for Focus Ireland, Barnardo's, Fingal County Childcare Committee to name a few. In her previous role Una coordinated the delivery of child protection training to early years professionals in Fingal. Una holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dublin Institute of Technology and a post grad in child protection from Trinity College Dublin.

Ellen O'Dea

Ellen O'Dea is Head of Service for Health and Wellbeing in the HSE Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County since November 2016. From 2002, she has worked in management roles within the HSE, previous roles include General Manager for Primary Care and Disability Services, Primary Care Manager & Occupational Therapy Manager. She has a particular interest in community participation in health and in supporting Healthy Communities. Ellen has a BSC (Hons) in Occupational Therapy, Diploma in Leadership and Quality in Healthcare and an MSc in Health Service Management.

Mary Attridge-Jones

Mary Attridge-Jones is actively involved in numerous environmental and community-focused initiatives. She currently works with the Portrane Village Renewal Group and contributes to organisations such as Tidy Towns, DP Sustainable Energy Community, Biodiversity, Eco Congregation, Clean Coasts, Coast Watch, Bird Watch Ireland, Global Action Plan, Wellbeing Economy Alliance, Doughnut Economics Action Laboratory, LEO Fingal, and Hedgerow Ireland. She facilitates group coaching in communities and outdoor meetings, promoting well-being and environmental awareness. Beyond her coaching role, Mary is dedicated to hands-on community work, including litter picking, composting, Adopt-A-Patch, attending community garden events, and supporting biodiversity action plans. She holds a Leadership Coach Practitioner qualification, is currently studying Environmental and Biodiversity Studies.

Seamus Quigley

Shay is the area manager for the Employment Services Division of the Department of Social Protection (DSP) in North Dublin. He has 20 years' experience in all aspects of DSP services and is a graduate of Dundalk IT, Institute of Public Administration and the National College of Ireland. He sits on various committees in North Dublin and has a strong interest in GAA and soccer.

Samina Ahmed

Samina Ahmed is a dedicated community advocate and a member of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), where she represents the community and voluntary interest from the Public Participation Network (PPN). As a representative of the Irish Women's Network, Samina brings her passion for empowering women and promoting equality to the forefront of her work. Through her involvement in the LCDC, she plays an active role in shaping community development initiatives and ensuring that the voices of diverse groups, particularly women, are heard in local decision-making processes. Samina's commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society is reflected in her tireless advocacy for the needs and rights of women at the community level.

William Wanjihia

William Wanjihia is an active member of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), serving as the Social Inclusion Interest representative for the Fingal Africa Association. A passionate advocate for equality, William works to ensure the voices of the African community in Fingal are heard and represented. He is dedicated to promoting social inclusion and addressing the challenges faced by marginalized groups. Through his role, William strives to influence policies and initiatives that foster equal opportunities, access to resources, and community support. His work focuses on creating a more equitable and inclusive environment for all residents of Fingal.

Anne Marie Brady

Anne Marie volunteers with Balbriggan Tidy Towns and Our Waters and Wild, both striving to enhance and protect our local environment. As Treasurer of the Balbriggan Community Council, she works alongside others to advocate for residents and support community-driven projects. She is an active member of her local residents' association; Chapel Gate/Pine Ridge as Treasurer, ensuring that local issues are addressed and that our neighbourhoods thrive. Anne Marie serves on the Aisha AED Initiative, a community campaign aimed at creating a network of 24 hour accessible AEDs (Defibrillators) and providing education and training on CPR and AED usage. Anne Marie served on the Balbriggan Skatepark Committee and the Playground Committee, both which were successful in achieving the goals of a skatepark and playgrounds for Balbriggan.

Adeline O'Brien

Adeline O'Brien has worked in the not for profit and social enterprise sector for twenty years. Roles have ranged from Development Director (Cork Opera House) to Director of the Fundraising Institute of Ireland and CEO of an Education & Training facility for at risk young people and their families in Dublin 10. Adeline was a founding Director of the Cherry Orchard Regeneration Company, and a founding member of the Dublin 10 Restorative Practice steering group. Adeline worked as consultant in the not-for-profit sector particularly in the areas of Governance, Strategy and Management, Work & Organisational Psychology / Behaviour. Adeline also provided support in terms of crisis management, operational quality audits and evaluations. Adeline was appointed CEO of Blanchardstown Area Partnership in January 2017, now Empower CLG.

Annie Byrne

Annie Byrne has lived in the Dublin 15 area for nearly 40 years as a person with a physical impairment. Since 2008, she has become an advocate for the disability community, campaigning for various causes. She has earned a qualification as a support worker, facilitator, and information research officer, and has worked with Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living (BCIL) and Greater Dublin Independent Living (GDIL). Annie is experienced in assistive technology, disability equality, social inclusion, group work, and self-advocacy. She designed and delivered a self-advocacy program at the Central Remedial Clinic for adults with cross impairments. Annie has conducted accessibility audits for BCIL, GDIL, Fingal County Council, and others. She has also written an article and given talks on independent living. Over the past 16 years, she has remained actively engaged in advancing human rights, aiming to make a positive societal impact. She believes everyone has a role in supporting the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is a member of the CRC Human Rights Committee and the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Eilish Harrington

Eilish Harrington is the CEO with Fingal LEADER Partnership since September 2018. In this role Eilish works with her team to deliver the LEADER programme across rural Dublin, Rural Social Scheme for Co. Dublin, Care & Repair Service in the North County, Ability and Tús Programmes in the Fingal area. She has a background in Community Development and brings experience and knowledge in this field to her role in FLP. Eilish graduated with a BA Honours Degree in Public and Social Policy from NUI Galway. After her studies she worked with Special Olympics Munster as a Development Officer and as Co Ordinator of Employ Ability Services West Cork.

Laurence Ward

Laurence is a dry stock farmer near Oldtown, North County Dublin. His passions are GAA football and farming. He is a member & chairperson of Fingal Local Community Development Committee. Laurence is also a member and chairperson of the Dublin Rural LEADER Local Action Group. Laurence has taken a new role as a member of the Farm Business Committee of the Irish Farmers Association.

Anthony Cooney

Anthony Cooney is CEO of Fingal Chamber of Commerce. Fingal Chamber is affiliated to Chambers Ireland and is representative of the business community covering the greater Fingal Region. Anthony has more than 25 years' experience at director level working with Private Equity Operators of businesses in the B2B sectors of major companies operating in both the UK and Ireland specialising in the acquisition and management of "Recurring Income" organisations.

Resigned Members of Fingal Local Community Development Committee 2024

Cllr. Cathal Boland

Cllr. Mary McCamley

Cllr. Joan Hopkins

Raghu Nath

Geraldine Rooney

Ian Lennon

Amaka Chuks

CATEGORY MEMBERSHIP OF FINGAL LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) 2024

NAME	CATEGORY	ORGANISATION
Eoghan Dockrell	**Local Authority Member** Rush-Lusk	Fingal County Council
Eimear Carbone-Mangan	**Local Authority Member** Castleknock	Fingal County Council
Cathal Haughey	**Local Authority Member** Howth-Malahide	Fingal County Council
John Quinlivan	**Local Authority Official** Chief Executive's Nominee	Fingal County Council
Oisín Geoghegan	**Local Authority Official** Local Enterprise Office	Fingal County Council
Pat O'Connor	**State Agency** Higher Education Institute	TU Dublin
Seamus Quigley	**State Agency** Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Department of Social Protection
Una Caffrey	**State Agency** TUSLA	CYPSC Child and Family Agency
Ellen O'Dea	**State Agency** HSE	HSE
Samina Ahmed	**Community and Voluntary Interest** Irish Women's Network	Fingal Public Participation Network
William Wanjihia	**Social Inclusion Interest** Fingal Africa Association	Fingal Public Participation Network
Mary Attridge-Jones	**Environmental Interest** Portrane Village Renewal Group & Tidy Towns	Fingal Public Participation Network
Anne Marie Brady	**Community Interest** Chapel Gate/Pineridge Residents Committee	Fingal Public Participation Network
Annie Byrne	**Social Inclusion Interest** Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living	Fingal Public Participation Network
Adeline O'Brien	**Local Development**	Empower
Eilish Harrington	**Local Development**	Fingal LEADER Partnership
Laurence Ward	**Farming and Agriculture**	The Irish Farmers Association
Anthony Cooney	**Business and Employers**	Chambers Ireland
VACANT	**Community Interest**	VACANT

PUBLIC (STATUTORY)	PRIVATE (NON-STATUTORY

Local Enhancement Programme 2024

The Department of Rural and Community Development announced the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) on the 6th of December 2023. The LEP, administered by the LCDC, provided capital supports to small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged areas in rural and urban areas.

There was particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. Funding was available to support small capital works/improvements, the purchase of equipment for community use i.e. tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment.

Fingal County Council was allocated €220,842.98 which included a separate provision of €36,807.17 to support Fingal's emerging Women's Groups. 160 groups/organisations submitted applications totaling €813,578.05. All applications were evaluated (viewed & discussed) by the LCDC Evaluation Committee.

130 groups were awarded funding at an event held ringside at Phoenix of Ballyboughal Boxing Club, attended by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Adrian Henchy, Minister of State Joe O'Brien and John Quinlivan, Director of Economic Development at Fingal County Council. A full list of successful applicants can be found here: https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2024-05/lep-recipient-list-for-2024.pdf

HEALTHY FINGAL

Healthy Ireland is a national government-led strategy aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of everyone living in Ireland. The Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF), funded under the Healthy Ireland national strategy, supports Local Authorities to deliver activities which will improve health and wellbeing locally. Pobal provides funding for HIF Round 4 to each Local Authority and under HIF Round 4, the Local Authority is the contract holder and is accountable for the implementation, oversight and management of the funds awarded, with the Healthy County Coordinator (HCC) and Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) leading out on the planning and implementation. Previous rounds of HIF were primarily activity-led. In contrast, an outcome-led approach has been introduced to Round 4 to:

- enable the implementation of more targeted and evidence-based activities
- provide a more structured approach to the collection and reporting of relevant data and information which can be used for greater oversight and improved programme evaluation
- provide a clearer understanding of how the work of the funded organisations contributes to HIF programme objectives.

The Healthy Fingal sub-committee is made up of 18 reps from Fingal County Council departments, HSE, Drugs Task Force, Fingal Leader Partnership, Empower, Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), and Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC). There were 4 meetings held in 2024 with an average attendance of 8 people, which provided an opportunity to network, collaborate and to contribute to a healthier Fingal.

Niall McGuirk was appointed as the new Healthy Fingal Coordinator in December 2022 and was tasked with the development of a workplan for 2023-2025 and a focus on reducing age-standardized heavy episodic drinking and promoting smoking/vaping cessation for Fingal. The Healthy Fingal budget for 2024 was €130,084.52, with a spend of €42,339.35, which seen deferred funding of €87,745.17 to 2025.

Throughout 2024, Healthy Fingal and the HSE delivered 8 focused We Can Quit programmes through Empower to participants, including the Tolka River Project and Coolmine Lodge Men's Residential Programme, in tandem with a physical activity programme. This interaction with both organisations highlighted the need for greater services and support for individuals availing of drug rehabilitation services and we're looking to develop a suite of programmes in 2025 to support their decision to quit smoking.

The Smoke Free Homes Programme in Dublin 15 aimed to create healthier living environments by encouraging residents to implement smoke-free policies in their homes and cars. The initiative combined community outreach, educational resources, and weekly emails to reinforce positive behaviors and raise awareness about the risks of smoke and vapor exposure. Ladyswell NS were involved in a Smoke Free Homes poster

competition which was promoted on Phoenix FM, a local radio station. A key focus was on households with children, emphasizing the long-term health benefits of a smoke-free space. While many of the 26 participants already practiced smoke-free living, the programme helped strengthen their commitment. Face-to-face engagement proved most effective in driving participation, highlighting the need for more personal interaction in future initiatives.

Healthy Fingal, HSE Health and Wellbeing, Balbriggan Tidy Towns and Balbriggan Basketball Club organised a beach clean-up on Saturday 27th July to focus on removing cigarette butts and vapes from Balbriggan beach. The clean-up demonstrated great collaboration within the community with young people from Balbriggan Basketball Club first learning about the dangers of smoking and vaping whilst understanding the environmental impact that cigarette butts and vapes have and were then involved in the cleanup after.

Healthy Fingal linked with the HSE Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services to set up a Woodlands for Health programme servicing young people in Balbriggan & Swords receiving mental health support. This programme uses walking in wooded, peaceful areas to assist 15 young people in their recovery and signpost individuals to Quit smoking and alcohol services where required.

In 2024, Healthy Fingal in conjunction with the Drugs Task Force delivered the Body in Motion Project, an 8-week alcohol education programme for men aged 35-50 with a physical activity element that included gym sessions for all participants. Through our evaluation participants have reported reduced binge drinking and increased physical

activity. Plans are still being developed around t he delivery of alcohol education to secondary schools and developing links with sports clubs as a means of providing information to the community on available services and support and to provide a point of contact in the community for the Drug Task Forces.

Healthy Fingal is supporting the ExWell programme, which provides supervised exercise rehabilitation in Mulhuddart for individuals with chronic illnesses, promoting physical and mental well-being. The program offers safe, community-based exercise sessions tailored to individual needs. It empowers participants to manage their health, improve fitness, and enhance overall quality of life.

Healthy Fingal continue to use the services of MediaSocial to assist in the communications of the Healthy Fingal message, develop engagement and improve brand awareness across multiple social media platforms. 745 posts were published across Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter) in 2024 and as a result we have seen a 31.1% increase in likes and followers from 2023 with overall engagement increased by 87.8%.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND
2023 & 2024

Administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development, The Community Recognition Fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities for the entire community in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in cities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants.

As part of the Community Recognition Fund 2023, Fingal County Council received €1,748,912 divided across 26 projects being delivered by 6 FCC Departments. By the end of 2024 a number of programmes had been granted extensions by the department with completed drawdowns of €896,098.81, remaining funds to be spent and drawdown applications submitted to the Department by March 31st, 2025.

Based on the continued impacts of the 2023 iteration of the fund on communities and the country, and the need to support these communities in welcoming new arrivals, a further €50 million was being provided across the country under the Community Recognition Fund 2024.

Fingal County Council was allocated €1,538,573, divided across three application windows. Under Call 1, eight projects totaling €632,018 were approved by the Department. The deadline for applications for Calls 2 and 3 was the 13th of August and the 13th of December respectively, with approved projects expected to be released in Q1 and Q2 of 2025. All projects are be completed and funds drawn down by Q4 2026.

Call 1 – Approved Projects

Name	Description	Location	Amount
Meath Accessible Transport Project CLG - Locallink Louth Meath Fingal	Community Bus to operate within rural Fingal.	Balbriggan/ Swords/ Rush/ Lusk LEA	€100,000.00
Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG	Demolition & rebuilding of old credit union building	Blanchardstown/ Castleknock LEA	€100,000.00
O'Dwyers GAA Club	O'Dwyers GAA Club Development Project - accessibility works, flooring & sheds	Balbriggan/ Swords/ Rush/ Lusk LEA	€100,000.00
Hartstown Community Centre/ Hartstown Sports and Leisure Community Centre CLG	Building Refurbishment & Upgrade Works to Hartstown Community Centre	Blanchardstown/ Castleknock LEA	€102,010.00
Foroige - Coastal North Dublin	Purchase of a Mini-bus for Foroige Coastal North Dublin	Balbriggan/ Swords/ Rush/ Lusk LEA	€80,000.00
Trinity Gaels GAA Club	Pitch Renovation/Enhancement for Trinity Gaels GAA Club, Portmarnock	Howth/ Malahde LEA	€50,007.00
Phoenix Football Club	Development of Storage Units/ Sheds for club equipment at Phoenix Football Club	Blanchardstown/ Castleknock	€50,000.00
Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club	Retrofitting floodlight around Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club's existing pitch to LED	Balbriggan/ Swords/ Rush/ Lusk LEA	€50,001.00

SECTION 2

Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan 2023-2028

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Fingal County Council

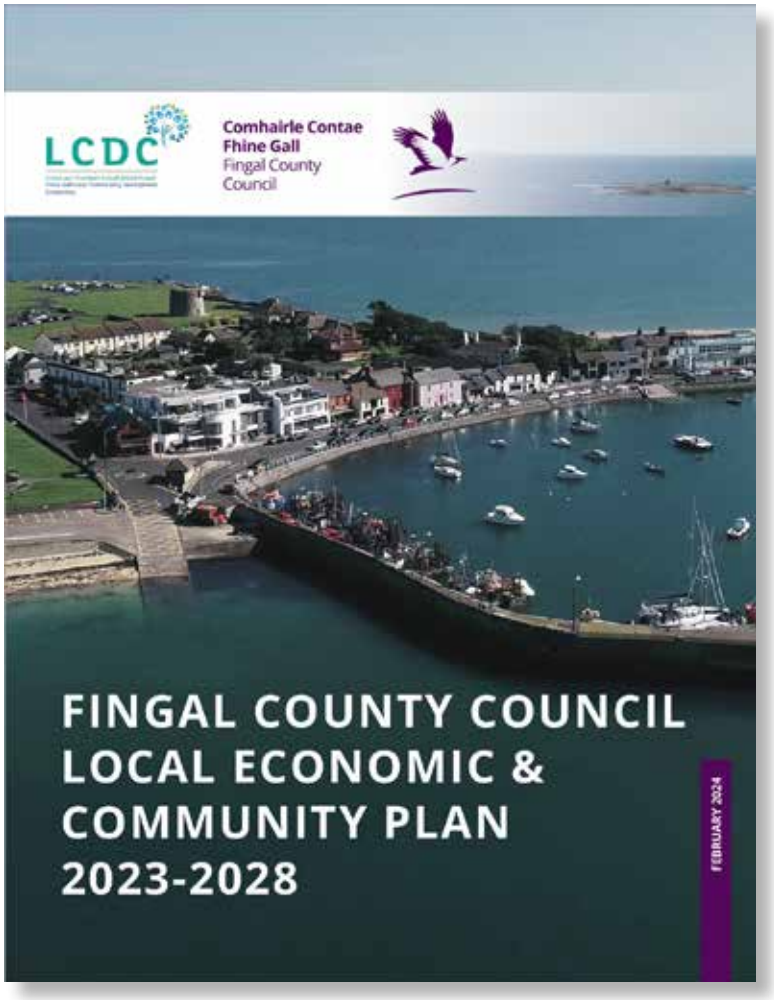
Fingal LECP
Local Economic and Community Plan

SECTION 2
Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023-2028

The Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2023–2028 was adopted by Fingal County Council in January 2024 and sets out the strategic vision to promote and support the economic, local and community development of the county over a six year timeframe.

Through collaboration with stakeholders, Fingal County Council seeks to progress delivery on the 6 Themes, 15 High-Level Goals and 31 Objectives of the LECP to achieve the vision:

"Fingal will be a vibrant, sustainable, progressive and climate resilient county, underpinned by inclusive, healthy, empowered communities and a dynamic economy."



LECP Implementation Plan

The updated Local Economic and Community Plans Guidelines 2021 requires the preparation of LECP Implementation Plans to cover a period of two years in order to provide flexibility within the LECP to respond to emerging needs and opportunities on an ongoing basis.

In 2024 stakeholders provided updates to every LCDC meetings in respect of implementation progress. Updates were manually compiled during 2024, however following a best practice presentation at the LCDC Networking Event in Athlone, the Council commenced development on a new LECP Digital Update Portal to streamline the reporting process for stakeholders. The new reporting portal is scheduled to go live in 2025.

THEME 1: Sustainability and Climate Action

The Council progressed work on sustainability and commitment to climate action through the Climate Action Office which adopted the Fingal Climate Action Plan in 2024 and supported projects under the Community Climate Action Fund 2024 and a number of schools initiatives. The Council continued to participate with the Circular Cities and Urbact networks in 2024, including collaboration with Fingal Chamber on a Business Sustainability Briefing and Circular Economy Hackathon. Fingal LEO progressed a number of initiatives and grants on sustainability while the LEADER Programme commenced funding calls within its sustainability theme and Empower linked in with disadvantaged groups on local sustainability projects.

THEME 2: Prosperous Economy

The Council adopted the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy to set out a roadmap for the future economic development of the county in 2024, to ensure Fingal's economy is strong, diverse and well-positioned for further growth. Fingal LEO continued delivery of supports to local entrepreneurs and small enterprises while the SICAP Programme continued delivery of employability programmes to disadvantaged people. The Council's three enterprise centres undertook a strategic review resulting restructuring for greater strategic and economic collaboration.

THEME 3: Skills for Life and Work

The Council adopted the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy to ensure that Fingal has people with the right skills for both life and work now and into the future. The Council worked closely with stakeholders to consider lessons learned from implementation of the first Skills Strategy and European best practice to update the Strategy and set out an implementation plan for the next five years. The Council and numerous stakeholders collaborated to deliver the Xplore Your Future Skills Expo for students in Fingal while a number of stakeholders were involved in promoting life-long learning, upskilling and reskilling opportunities, particularly focusing on literacy, numeracy and English language provision for disadvantaged individuals, responding to the business needs of employers and building capacity in the local community, especially with the members of the Public Participation Network (PPN).

THEME 4: Healthy, Inclusive, Connected Communities

Stakeholders continued to advance delivery of initiatives under Healthy Fingal to ensure that everyone in Fingal has the opportunity to lead a healthy life. Stakeholders had a particular focus in 2024 on supporting the cessation of smoking and reducing alcohol consumption and also collaborated on mental health initiatives, supporting social prescribing and identifying and addressing health inequalities, including specific initiatives/ events to promote inclusion and social cohesion. In 2024 Balbriggan Library received 'Library of Sanctuary' status and Healthy Fingal stakeholders delivered the place standard to Rush in 2024.

THEME 5: Rich Arts, Culture and Heritage

Stakeholders collaborated in 2024 to promote Fingal's rich cultural landscape, protect our heritage, support the creative sector and celebrate cultural diversity. In 2023 works were completed to Skerries Mills to improve accessibility, energy efficiency upgrade works at Malahide Castle, conservation works at the Silver Bridge and enabling works at Red Barn, Skerries Mills and Skerries Martello Tower. Stakeholders involved in the Fingal Library Service Development Plan and the Cultural & Creativity Strategy and the Fingal Arts Development Plan continued delivery of objectives to raise awareness, engage the community with various events and saw a €1 million investment in public art with 10 new artworks delivered along with funding to individuals, community groups & organisations engaged in arts & cultural activities.

THEME 6: Safe, Accessible, Vibrant Places

Placemaking is central to both community wellbeing and economic development and 2024 saw the publication of Town Centre First Plan for Lusk 'Lusk for Life'. Work commenced with stakeholders on a Town Centre First Plan for Rush with Town Centre Health Checks commencing in Donabate, Ballyboughal and Balrothery. The Fingal Tourism Strategy and the Fingal Food & Drink Policy were launched in 2024 and implementation with stakeholders has commenced.

SECTION 3

Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme 2024-2028

Ireland's European Structural and Investment Funds Programmes 2014-2020
Co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Union

European Union
Investing in your Future
European Social Fund

European Union
Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund

SICAP
Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme

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SECTION 3
Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme 2024-2028

The Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is a key intervention for harder to reach groups and individuals.

SICAP aims to address poverty, long-term unemployment and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public agencies. Delivery of SICAP is overseen and managed by Fingal LCDC. Empower CLG, is the Programme Implementer for SICAP 2024-2028.

The budget for 2024 was €1,520,811.00. The programme implementer achieved its two Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for 2024 (see table 1 below) and ensured that the programme and services were delivered within the financial parameters approved by the LCDC.

2024 – 2 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)				
Goal		Target	Actual	%
Goal 1	LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS	71	71	100%
Goal 2	INDIVIDUALS	895	895	100%

Table 1

The Horizontal Themes of SICAP are Human Rights and Equality, Quality Community Development Approaches, Collaborative Approaches, and Climate Justice. These themes are fundamental to Fingal LCDC and Empowers' values and are evident through the strategies, reviews, programme planning and daily delivery.

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GOAL 1: Local Community Groups

Local Community Groups are supported under Goal 1 of SICAP. Empower work closely with both issue-based community groups and target-group representative community groups and have built significant social capital through intense work over time. This includes developing social capital, directly supporting SICAP target groups to address barriers they have identified and respond to their needs.

In 2024 Empower supported 71 Community Organisations, comprised of 44 community groups, 17 collaborative networks and 10 social enterprises. The types of interventions these Community Organisations received include: Supports to expand services (38%); Support to improve organisational capacity (27%); Planning and Review (16%); and Supports to develop and improve governance capacity (19%).

Children and Families from SICAP target groups continue to be a primary focus of our work. The cost of living crisis disproportionately negatively effects children and families from vulnerable groups. Empower continue to collaborate with target-group representative organisations (Roma, IPA, Traveller, Disability and Refugee), HSE, TUSLA, Fingal CYPSC and others to identify and respond to identified needs.

10 social enterprises were supported as part of Empower's work. They include Aster Family Resource Centre, BASE Enterprise Centre, Draíocht, Football Cooperative, Ladybird Lane, Little Learners, Musicantia, One Step Closer and Phoenix FM. Empower assist them to become more sustainable, to access funding and to help them engage with more people/marginalised groups.

Affordable early-years services continues to be a major barrier for people from SICAP target groups to engage with services and avail of education, training and employment opportunities. Empower continued to advocate for the implementation of the recommendations of Double Disadvantage, including the provision of additional not-for-profit early years services in Fingal. Empower lead out and collaborate with other agencies and networks, including Fingal CYPSC, FCCC, Balbriggan Social Inclusion Group and others to highlight this need.

GOAL 2: Individuals

Individuals are supported primarily under Goal 2 of SICAP. Empower use a Social Role Valorisation approach to support individuals most in need on a one-to-one basis. This person-centred approach allows individuals to explore their options and choose the most appropriate course of action for them and their families.

Individuals have been supported by Empower to address food and fuel poverty. Empower established a foodbank in Balbriggan, based in the Social Inclusion Hub which provides food and hygiene parcels to 432 adults and 490 children each fortnight. This foodbank is a collaboration between the HSE, TUSLA, Fingal CYPSC and Aster Family Support.

Additionally, in Mulhuddart, Empower collaborate with Blanchardstown Traveller Development Group, Musicantia Roma Group, Islamic Centre of Ireland, St Vincent de Paul and local community groups to provide food and sanitary products to over 400 people from SICAP target groups each week.

The SICAP team leveraged a further €260,799 in 2024 to address Health Inequalities. Empower supported 785 individuals experiencing health inequalities through Social Prescribing, Healthy Food Made Easy, We Can Quit and WRAP.

In 2023, Empower collaborated with the HSE to provide an emergency Roma GP and public-health nurse service in Balbriggan specifically targeted at Roma who do not have a medical card. As a result of successful engagement and supporting Roma to attain medical cards, this service was no longer necessary and was discontinued in June 2024.

INDIVIDUAL CASELOAD BY TARGET GROUP 2024

	FINGAL LCDC LOT CASELOAD KP1 2	
TARGET GROUP	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
People living in Disadvantaged Communities	110	10%
People impacted by educational disadvantage	403	45%
People living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low-paid and/or precarious	595	66%
People who are long-term unemployed	283	32%
People with a criminal history	22	2%
Refugees	130	15%
International Protection Applicants	247	28%
People with Disabilities	86	10%
Heads of One-parent Families	87	10%
Travellers	53	6%
Roma	159	18%
Island residents	0	0%

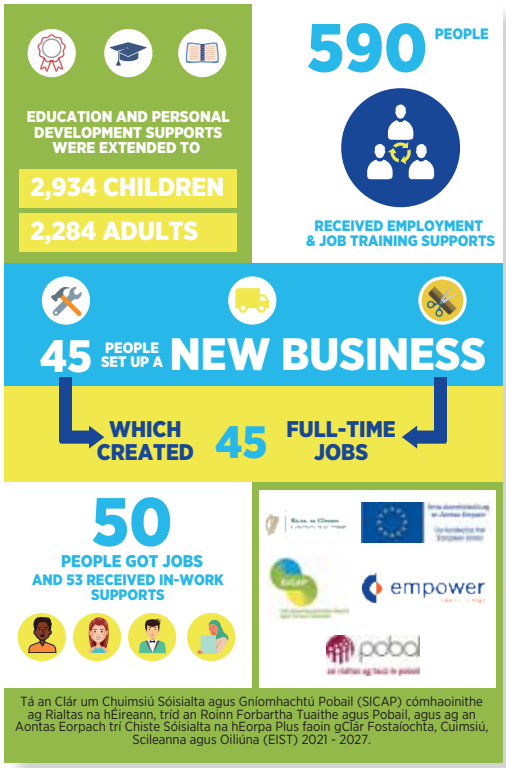
Table 2: List of all SICAP target groups: People living in Disadvantaged Communities, People impacted by educational disadvantage, People living in jobless households or households where the primary income source is low-paid and/or precarious, People who are long-term unemployed, People with a criminal history, Refugees, International Protection Applicants, People with Disabilities, Heads of One-parent Families, Travellers, Roma, Island residents.

SICAP Supports Provided to the Ukrainian Arrivals & International Protection Applicants

Funds of €515,544.06 were allocated by DRCD to support SICAP working with Ukrainian arrivals and International Protection Applicants. Initial funding of €375,372.06 was allocated to Empower, with two additional tranches (€100,000 and €40,172) provided to support an influx during the year.

2024 was a challenging year for International Protection Applicants and Ukrainian Refugees. In addition to ongoing issues in relation to accommodation, healthcare, education/employment and integration. Although many IPA's and Ukraine Refugees present with excellent qualifications from their country of origin, these qualifications are often not recognised in Ireland. Empower also supported people to gain employment through CV and Interview Skills workshops and by linking them with prospective employers through our own jobs fair and DSP jobs fairs during the year.

Empower have implemented a multi-pronged approach to address the various wellbeing challenges that life in accommodation centres present for individuals, children and families. In 2024 Empower provided access to sporting activities (football, GAA, tennis, etc.), and art programmes, as well as a range of therapeutic supports (play therapy, counselling, etc.). Empower provided social trips and our out-of-school camps holistically include parents and children of all ages. Empower also responded to requests for after school supports for primary school aged children, who are too young to access the youth work supports offered to 10-18 year olds.



Empower are key members of the Fingal Integration Forum which brings together statutory and non-statutory agencies to share information and collaborate to improve the experience for IPA's and Ukrainian Refugees in Fingal. Empower have fostered excellent partnerships through this network and work to both complement each other and collaborate when needed. Under Goal 1, Empower has supported 3 volunteer led community groups working to support new arrivals - Children 4 World Children; Ukraine Volunteers of Ireland; and Team Zimbabwe.

In total the SICAP team leveraged €287,000 which was utilised in 2024 for supports for New Communities.

SECTION 4

Dublin Rural LEADER 2024-2028

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas

Dublin Rural LEADER
Growth, Sustainability & Inclusion

SECTION 4

The Dublin Rural Leader Local Action Group

In 2024, the LEADER Programme experienced a dynamic year marked by significant developments and initiatives.

The year began with the signing of the LEADER Funding Agreement on 26th January 2024 by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, and Minister for Social Protection, following the outcome of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) selection process. This agreement allocated €4.7 million to the Dublin sub-regional area for the implementation of the 2023-2027 programme, aimed at fostering economic, social, and environmental growth.

Emphasising a community-led approach, the LEADER Programme empowers local rural communities to engage in innovative solutions that address their unique needs. Following the contract signing, the formation and training of the new Local Action Group and Independent Evaluation Committee commenced, paving the way for effective programme delivery.

The LEADER 2023-2027 Programme is split into three themes that reflect the overarching needs of rural Ireland.

THEME 1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOB CREATION (Budget - €1.4 million)

Sub-themes: The Green Economic, Agricultural Diversification, Rural Tourism & Recreation, Enterprise Development, Rural Food Production, Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprises.

THEME 2

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE & SOCIAL INCLUSION (Budget - €1.4 million)

Sub-themes: Rural Infrastructure, Accessible Services, Optimising Digital Connectivity, Rural Youth

THEME 1

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE (Budget - €0.7 million)

Sub-themes: Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment, Climate Change Capacity Building, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The Dublin Rural official launch of LEADER 2023-2027 took place on 12th March 2024 at the Lusk Cultural Community Centre, followed by three additional sessions in South Dublin, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, and online, setting the stage for an impactful programme ahead.

Following the official launch, a key priority for 2024 was to actively promote and market the new programme, ensuring that it reached a diverse range of community groups and raised awareness around the funding opportunities available throughout the entire catchment area. The focus was on training and capacity building, which were identified as essential needs during the community sessions in the Local Development Strategy (LDS) planning process in 2023. Building collaborations and establishing new connections with communities and stakeholders in the catchment area remained a top priority throughout the year. By the end of 2024, the LEADER team had received 35 Expressions of Interest from various groups, with 5 securing funding totalling €101,121.56.

Additionally, the remaining 30 groups received assistance from the LEADER team to help develop and complete their projects in 2025.

In parallel, the team successfully finalised all projects and claims from the previous 2014-2022 LEADER programme, achieving completion in May 2024, with all projects successfully delivered and claims processed.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Skerries Business Association CLG
Project Name:	Sensory Garden and Trail/ Floraville Park
Theme:	Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
Area:	Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€71,188.62

Project Description

Floraville Park is situated in the heart of the town of Skerries. The park has become one of the most popular outdoor meeting places in the town for people of all ages, used by individuals and groups. The park's overall concept represents the town of Skerries, with physical elements of the town reflected within it.

The design of the meandering cast concrete seat directly mirrors the physical form of the harbour road and pier, while the 'wavy' paving symbolises the sea. The central path, made of exposed aggregate beach pebbles, represents the north and south strands, and the black granite median represents the center line of the historic town poles - the fishing village at Hoar Rock to the north and the monastic settlement of Holmpatrick to the south.

In 2022, the Skerries Development Association, working towards the completion of the 2014 Masterplan, was approached by SAFT to consider incorporating a Sensory Garden within Floraville Park. The Skerries Development Association saw this as a perfect fit with the overall purpose and ethos of Floraville.

SAFT's vision was for a Sensory Garden to be built in Floraville, serving the local community and beyond. One of SAFT's priorities was to ensure the garden would be inclusive and accessible to all members of the community. The garden would allow visitors to enjoy a wide variety of sensory experiences, from a collection of plants and materials with different textures, shapes, colors, scents, and sounds.

The sensory garden proved to be very successful. The project increased the number of visitors to the Floraville garden and to Skerries, consequently boosting local tourism and the economy.

https://dublinruralleader.ie/dublin-rural-leader-funding-sensory-garden-and-trail-floraville-park/

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Promoter Name:	Saggart School House Community Centre CLG
Project Name:	Saggart School House Community Centre
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Area:	Saggart, South Dublin
LEADER Funding:	€500,000.00

Project Description
The Saggart School House Community Centre has successfully completed its new facility and opened its doors to the public. This new addition enhances the historic old school building and expands the amenity space to better serve the needs of Saggart's residents.

This transformative project was part-funded by Dublin Rural LEADER, whose support was instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

The new extension now houses a multi-function hall for large gatherings, complete with an associated storage area. A glazed entrance/reception area serves as the hub of the centre, incorporating a youth café, ancillary space, a small kitchen, and a storage area.

Careful planning ensured that the new extension was set back from the building line of the school and adjoining structures, preserving the integrity of the existing buildings. The multifunction hall, designed with a pitched roof to complement its village setting, incorporates contemporary materials and detailing that distinguish it architecturally while harmonising with the surrounding area. The ridge height was carefully limited to match that of the existing school building.

The glazed entrance/reception/youth café area now forms the welcoming face of the community centre, seamlessly connecting the old and new structures.

This innovative centre uniquely combines the charm of the historic schoolhouse with future-proofed facilities, providing space for the continued growth of the Saggart community. For centuries, this site has been a hub for education, growth, and connection. The completion of this centre ensures that tradition continues for future generations. It stands as a symbol of the link between the past, present, and future.

In a rapidly evolving area with an influx of new residents, the centre plays a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and potential. Its inclusive design serves all members of the community—from infants and youths to adults and the elderly—while being accessible to people of all abilities, cultures, and ages.

This historical and modern facility also has the potential to draw tourists, benefiting local businesses.

Promoter Name:	Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club
Project Name:	Skerries Harps Sustainable Water Development
Theme:	Rural Environment
Area:	Skerries, Fingal
LEADER Funding:	€89,734.52

Project Description

Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club has successfully completed the development of a sustainable water infrastructure to support its growing membership and address long-standing issues with pitch resources. The club, which serves over 2,000 members, continues to provide opportunities for boys, girls, men, and women to engage in GAA activities across multiple codes. Located in the heart of Skerries, the club also serves as a hub for local schools and community groups, managing over 100 teams across various age groups and codes.

With increasing membership and a reduction in existing pitch resources, maintaining the playability of the pitches was becoming a significant challenge. Flooding issues and the financial burden of irrigation further compounded the problem. To address these challenges, the club undertook a project to ensure their principal playing pitch remains in excellent condition year-round while reducing reliance on public water supplies.

The following key pieces of infrastructure have been installed to achieve sustainable water management:

- A private water well to provide a dedicated water source.
- A submersible pump system to supply water from the well.
- A 10m³ water storage tank to ensure adequate supply.
- A water treatment system to facilitate the use of grey water for non-potable purposes.
- An automatic recoil reel irrigator for efficient pitch irrigation.

This project has provided a private water source that supports pitch irrigation and maintenance, significantly reducing dependence on the public water supply. By utilising the well for grey water, the club has introduced a sustainable solution that improves resilience against climate change-related challenges, such as extended dry periods and flooding.

The completed project has enabled Skerries Harps GAA & Camogie Club to maintain high-quality pitches year-round, ensuring that the club can continue to meet the growing demands of its members and community. It has also reduced the financial burden associated with water services, making the club more self-sufficient and future-proofed against rising service costs.

Through this initiative, Skerries Harps has strengthened its role as a vital community hub while demonstrating leadership in sustainability and resource management.

Dublin Rural LEADER LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) Members 2024

SECTOR	AGENCY	NAME
Statutory	Local Authority Member, Fingal LCDC	Cllr Eoghan Dockrell
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	Local Authority Official, Fingal LCDC	Oisin Geoghegan
	Higher Education Authority, Fingal LCDC	Dr. Pat O'Connor
	Local Authority Member, South Dublin LCDC	Cllr Sarah Barnes
	Local Authority Official, South Dublin LCDC	Elaine Leech
	Local Authority Official, South Dublin LCDC	Fionnghuala Ryan
	Local Authority Member, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown LCDC	Cllr Jim Gildea
	Local Authority Official, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown LCDC	Therese Langan
	Local Authority Official, Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown LCDC	Dave Lawless
Non stat	Farming and Agriculture, Fingal LCDC	Laurence Ward
	Community & Voluntary Interest (Youth Rep), South Dublin LCDC	Andy Leeson
	Environmental Interest, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC	Annette McAllister
	Community & Voluntary Interest (Youth Rep), Fingal LCDC	Jean O'Gorman
	Local Business Community – Fingal Chamber of Commerce, Fingal	Siobhan O'Donnell
	Local Development, Fingal LCDC	Adeline O'Brien
	Local Development (Implementing Partner), Fingal Leader Partnership	Eilish Harrington
	Social Inclusion, Marginalised & Disadvantaged Communities, Fingal	Geraldine Rooney
	Environmental Interest, Fingal	Richie Bowden
	South Dublin County Partnership, South Dublin LCDC	Simon Monds

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Chief Executive's Management Report

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Chief Executive's Foreword

Last month, contracts were signed with Fingal County Council and Kealy Construction signalling the commencement of construction on phase two of a new cemetery at Kellystown. The first phase of the development started in 2019 when an access road and provision of site services from the new Kellystown Link Road and Diswellstown Road extension were installed. This phase of construction will provide approximately 650 grave plots, structures for the storage of ashes including columbarium walls and memorial plots, a small services building and site infrastructure and landscaping. To allow for the growth in population and to future proof the site, there is provision in the current design for further phases to be constructed on the 3.7 hectare site. When fully developed, Kellystown Cemetery will have a capacity for 3,000 burial plots, 500 niches for human ashes in columbarium walls, 500 memorial plots, gathering and reflection areas, and a small services building housing office and public toilets with car parking. The detailed design has been carefully developed by Denis Byrne Architects working with Brady Shipman Martin Landscape Architects, PUNCH engineers, JAK engineers and Austin Reddy & Partners. The €3.15m cost of the development will be funded by the Council's Operations Department with funding made available in the Capital Programme 2025 – 2027. I am very pleased that this key piece of community infrastructure will now be available to the people of Dublin 15 when it is completed early next year.

May is already shaping up to be a very busy time in Fingal with both Dublin Climate Action Week and Bike Week 2025 taking place. Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is being organised and delivered by the partnership of Fingal County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (DM CARO). The week starts off on Saturday, May 10th with the Fingal Climate Action Family Fun Day in the magnificent setting of Millennium Park, let's hope this good weather continues for that! For the rest of the week, people of all ages can enjoy fantastic programme including seeing a mobile aquarium, playing some recycled games, getting bikes or clothes repaired and even trying out a velodrome! The programme for the week also includes special film screenings, home energy savings kit demonstrations, zero waste cooking classes for kids and a beach walk and talk with Clean Coasts.

Bike Week runs alongside Climate Action Week from 10th – 18th May and also promises to be a jampacked week promoting cycling and sustainable travel. Join us for the Sofa to Saddle Cycle, a sunset cycle in Phoenix Park and a cycling scavenger hunt. The Balbriggan Family Fun Day starting at 11am on Saturday, May 17th at the playground behind Bremore Castle will have bike safety checks, street games, the Fireride Cycling Skills Course and lots more for all the family. At 1pm we'll have our Family Cycle around Harry Reynolds Road. The week is nicely rounded off with another Family Fun Day in historic Malahide Castle at 11am on Sunday May 18th. There is such an array of engaging and enjoyable activities on offer all across Fingal so I hope you enjoy the events. For more details please consult: https://www.fingal.ie/activetravel/bikeweek and Fingal Programme of Events for DCAW25

Fingal County Council's Annual Report for 2024 was recently published and is a very concise and useful reference guide to the services we provide as a council, the work of the Elected Members and the projects we are currently undertaking and planning for in the future. The report outlines the key achievements of Fingal County Council over the last year, contains a review of the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 and outlines the financial position of the council. Readers can also review the service delivery reports and examine the Key Performance Indictors for departments within the council. As Chief Executive, I am proud of the work we do for the people of Fingal in the provision of housing, public infrastructure and sporting amenities as well as our commitment to climate action and sustainable economic growth. Some key capital projects such as the Swords Cultural Centre and the redevelopment of Balbriggan are currently underway and when completed, will hugely benefit not just the people of both towns but also the visitors and tourists whose experience will be greatly enhanced by the facilities on offer. I wish to thank everyone involved with the preparation of the Annual Report and I hope you find it an interesting insight into the work of Fingal County Council.

https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/annual-report

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Promotions	61
Number of Current Job Offers	68

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	112
Number of Attendees	1168
Number of Training Days	1056

Throughout May, courses will be delivered in the areas of Playground Inspection, Signing Lighting Guarding, First Aid Refresher, Grade 6 & Grade 7 IPA Management Training and many more.

Wellbeing Update

The Wellbeing Team is actively developing and rolling out fresh initiatives focused on supporting the mental health of all employees. These programs are intended to cultivate a workplace culture that encourages wellbeing, reduces stress, strengthens resilience, and ensures staff have reliable access to mental health support.

Employees who have taken part have shared encouraging feedback, noting the positive impact and usefulness of the available resources.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU during the month of April 2025 dealt with incident investigations, site safety inspections VDU assessments and safety audits were carried out within the various directorates in Fingal County Council. The HSU continued to field staff requests on a variety of safety issues throughout the organisation. The end of April saw the HSU engaged in compiling Fingal County Council's submission for the 2025 NISO safety awards all-Ireland competition as part of external validation of the local authority's safety management system.

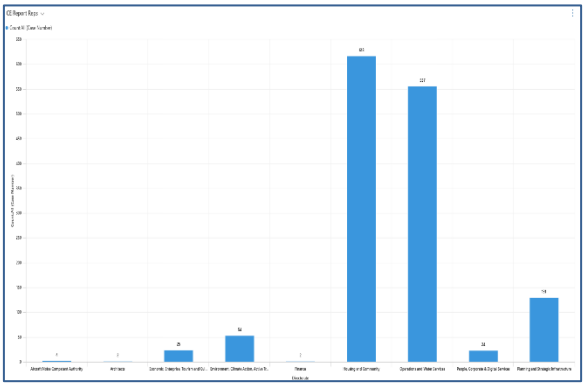
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – April 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU	Total No. of Emails dealt with by CCU	Presenting In Person
8643	**1741**	**2941**

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 representations for April was 696 broken down as follows:



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website has 130,637 visitors and 298,914 page views during April. Both figures were down compared to March and also to April 2024 as was the average time spent on the site which was 1 minute and 49 seconds.

The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels has risen to 95,788.

Facebook has 39,806 followers and during April its posts had a total of 2,022,929 views and a reach of 366,029 with 6,513 interactions which is an engagement rate of 2%.

The most popular post was about the Drumanagh Dig. It had 193,600 views and generated 32 comments, 475 likes and 36 shares.

Instagram now has 13,564 followers and registered 285,217 views during April. Reach was 32,544 and there were 3,051 interactions.

The most popular post was about the Fingal Pass for Bleeper Bikes which had a reach of 6,152 and generated 126 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,92. The engagement rate for April was 2% from 20,609 impressions.

The number of followers on X continued to reduce and is now at 23,460 which is a reduction of 120 since the start of the year.

The growth of WhatsApp continued and this channel now has 3,081 followers which is a 139% increase since January 1.

The numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,327), TikTok (1,036) and Bluesky (402).

Three videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,720. Material posted included a recording of the webinar on the Biodiversity Makeover for housing estates and two videos on the Energy Efficient Grant operated by LEO Fingal.

Videos can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos

Press Releases

There were 15 press releases issued during April. Topics included the development of New Street, Malahide; Bike Week; Dublin Climate Action Week; EV Ehubs; and the Dublin Airport Planning Application (F25A/0094E).

Media Queries

Media queries received by the Communications Unit during March included questions about Scramblers, Dublin Airport, Tyrellstown Park Eco-Toilets, Slurry Farm Inspections, Tennant-in-Situ Scheme, Local property Tax and Street Benches.

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Tourism Strategy

A tourism focused business to business event called 'Fingal Tourism Together' is being held at the Grand Hotel, Malahide on 14th May, bringing together key stakeholders and businesses in the tourism, leisure and food sectors in Fingal. The event will be an opportunity to outline progress and next steps in respect of the implementation of both the Tourism Strategy and Food & Drink Policy as well as offering a networking opportunity for businesses and will include a session with award winning travel write Nicola Brady.

Fingal Food Network

Following a decision to adopt the new name of the 'Fingal Food Circle' for branding purposes, a branding workshop to design a new logo was held on 11th April with a brand designer and members of the Committee. The final decision has yet to be made.

The formalisation of the network is expected to be concluded in early May; this will ensure the Network can collect fees from members and apply for funding.

A meeting was held with the Chair of the Network and the Events team on 16th April to discuss participation and increased visibility of the Network at the Flavours of Fingal show in July. This will include a more prominent position, a rustic themed backdrop and extensive branding.

EVENTS

Swords Concerts 2025

Strong early ticket sales for The Boomtown Rats and Nathan Carter indicate a positive public interest and successful promotion. This could also suggest greater momentum for overall event attendance at future events. Tickets and all details can be found on www.eventsinfingal.ie

Fingal 10k

Fingal 10K – SOLD OUT!

We're thrilled to announce last week that the Fingal 10K is officially sold out! Thanks to everyone who signed up – we can't wait to welcome them to Swords for an unforgettable day of running through stunning urban streets and rural landscapes.

This event continues to grow each year with our partnership with Active Cities and reflects the incredible community spirit and passion for fitness across Fingal and beyond.

Fingal Connect 2025

Connect 25

Connect 25 took place over the May Bank Holiday weekend in Millennium Park, Blanchardstown, and was a major celebration of multiculturalism and inclusion.

The two-day festival featured contributions from over 20 communities, showcasing an array of international cuisine, traditional dance, music, and cultural performances.

The event attracted thousands of attendees from across Fingal and beyond, creating a family-friendly, inclusive environment that celebrated the diversity of our communities.

Role of the Events Unit

Fingal County Council's Events Unit provided both financial support and logistical assistance, contributing to the delivery of a safe, well-managed, and successful event. This included:

- Pre-event planning and site inspections
- Coordination with Operations and local services
- Support in areas such as crowd management, accessibility, and promotion
- On-site presence throughout the weekend

Outcomes

- Strong community participation and feedback
- Positive coverage and engagement on social media
- Reinforced Fingal's commitment to cultural inclusion and community celebration

Next Steps

Post-event debrief with organisers to identify opportunities for growth and improvement in future iterations.

Flavours of Fingal

Planning is progressing well on Flavours of Fingal which is due to be held on the 5th & 6th of July in Newbridge House. The planning licence has been submitted and the newspaper ads published. The programming of the show is progressing well. Highlights will include the Fingal Food Show, Farmers, Traditional Skills of Ireland and the Sports & Active Travel Departments from Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House and Farm

The historic courtyard at Newbridge House serves as a key area for both staff and visitors, facilitating access to the farm and tours of the heritage complex. Due to the current condition of numerous paving slabs, urgent repair work is necessary to address the health and safety risk to those using the site.

The contract works to replacing the damaged slabs is due to commence in mid-May which will ensure the continued safe and efficient operation of the courtyard. The works will cause minimal disruptions to the public.

Malahide Castle

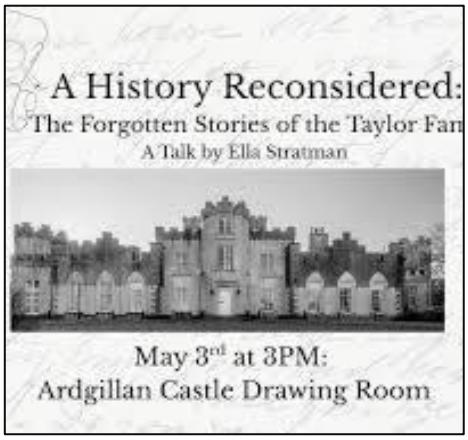
Nugent's Hall will now host a dinner service, with capacity for 80 guests. The service was officially launched on 24th April at a well attended function hosting tour operators. This exceptional venue will be available for bookings starting on 1st June 2025. Dining experiences like this are often requested by the sector and the partner organisations of Malahide Castle.

With its rich historical ambiance, Nugent's Hall provides the ideal setting for unforgettable evening events. Whether hosting a medieval banquet, a corporate dinner, or an intimate private celebration, this remarkable space promises a unique experience. Guests will be transported to a world of elegance, whilst enjoying exquisite cuisine and unparalleled service from the Council's Operator.

Swords Castle

The first of the summer food markets took place in Swords Castle on Easter Saturday, 19th April. Attended by the Mayor, the market attracted over 1100 visitors despite the heavy rain. Vendors expressed satisfaction with the organisation of the market and a survey taken on the day indicated that most visitors were happy with the selection of goods on offer. A talk on foraging for wild garlic was well attended and this was followed by children's activities in the Chapel. The next market is due to take place on 17th May.

Ardgillan Castle



A talk on the 'Forgotten History of the Taylor Family' took place on Saturday 3rd May given by research consultant Ella Stratman. The well attended talk gave a fascinating insight and forgotten details about the Taylor family, shedding new light on their legacy, lives and the world they inhabited.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts

Public Art

Marielle MacLeman – New public artwork at Semple Woods, Donabate

"Trove" A new public artwork for Semple Woods Donabate is currently underway as part of our planning compliance engagement with housing developer Glenveagh.

The work by Irish/Scottish Artist Marielle MacLeman is a new mosaic work created in collaboration with Glenveagh and inspired by the local stories and ecology of this new housing development. The artist has invited the new residents to engage in a workshop which will allow them to explore their new surroundings and gain insight into how the artist developed the work.

John Conway – Artist in Residence at Corduff Community Centre

Community workshops continue weekly with visual artist John Conway funded through ESB as part of their public art compliance. This week the group took a bus tour to visit John's augmented reality work in Clondalkin, The work titled The Colossus was a work developed with communities who lost loved ones through suicide in the area and allows conversation to continue with the Corduff group on how different conversations on place can find new forms of expression.

Creative Places Balbriggan

The Creative Places coordinator continued Community Engagement throughout the month of April with meetings held with Foróige, Fingal Poetry Festival, Lighthouse Artists, Balbriggan Cancer Support Group, Islander Architects and Balbriggan Dramatic Society. The Coordinator also attended the first meeting of the new Early Years Network for the Arts which will include Balbriggan based artists and projects.

2 – 4 Dublin Street, Balbriggan

The arts office is working cross-departmentally to identify the optimum operational model and use of the space at 2-4 Dublin Street. Procurement documents are nearing completion, and the process will be initiated shortly.

Carnegie Library

Following an open call for expressions of interest from Fingal community arts groups, 4 applicants were selected to utilize the first floor space at the Carnegie for their activities. Those selected were: The Lambay Singers, Donabate/Portrane Dramatic Society and Ceoltas Ceoltoiri Eireann. Rewrite Festival were also selected and they will avail of desk space on the ground floor for planning and production.

Arts Services

Loughshinny Boathouse Artist Studio Award

Louis Haugh, the artist in residence at Loughshinny boathouse facilitated a series of art and biodiversity workshops for Council staff, 6th class students from St. Brendan's National School, the Loughshinny Widows group and AerachAiteachGaelach (LGBTQ+ Irish speaking Arts Cooperative).

The workshops included a hands-on introduction to the cyanotype process, a photographic printing process dating back to the early 19th century used to document the natural world. Foraged plant and seaweed specimens collected from the shoreline were used to make cyanotype prints. Participants also engaged in a reflective discussion on nature and environmental change and responded to a nature survey, the results of which Louis will incorporate into a new artwork.

Draíocht

Our May/June programme is full with the variety and range of events that we are known for, on offer to the public. Performances such as Vladimir Jablokov, Neil Delamere, David O'Doherty, and Shane Daniel Byrne all selling out. Our film programme is growing in audience numbers with films from Ireland, Brazil, France and the USA included. We have increased our theatre offering over May/June including presenting 'Baby' by Dublin 15 writer, Aisling O'Mara. Our programme of showcasing end of year shows from Dublin 15 schools of music/dance/drama continues, giving those children and young people the opportunity to perform on the stage of their local arts centre.

We also have work presented by the Romanian and Indian communities, encouraging those communities to engage with us and the arts.

Our current exhibition, 'First Draft', by Blanchardstown native, Rich Gilligan ends on May 3rd. One outcome of this, is that Rich Gilligan will mentor an emerging Dublin 15 artist, Tobi Bello, for the remainder of 2025. Tobi works in photography and painting. Her mentorship with Rich will focus on her photography practice and will look at areas such as portfolio development and ethics in photographic portraiture. Our next Exhibition 'Navigating Space' is by Dublin 15 print artist, Maria Atanackovic. This opens on June 11th and runs until September 20th.

Our artist support programme is at capacity. Dafe Orgubo, an artist we worked with on NEST, is creating a new show for children, with Draíocht's support. His latest residency with us included a work in progress showing. Favour Odusala has been awarded our annual Centre Culturel Irlandais Residency. This facilitates an artist have a month-long Residency in Paris. It is a partnership between CCI and Draíocht, with both partners contributing financially to same.

The children/youth arts programme at Draíocht is continuing to both bring work outside the walls of Draíocht as well facilitating events in the building. Tours, workshops and family days are just some of the events taking place. Our landmark Toddler Takeover Event takes place on May 15th with a Sensory Day for local invited schools taking place on the 16th May. The demand for tickets for TTO is overwhelming. We increased the capacity again this year but sold all 460 tickets over three hours when booking opened.

Our membership of venue Networks continues, including that of the Fingal venue Network which provides for exchange of information and expertise.

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

Music

April Céilí Beag with 22 parents and toddlers taking part. Sensory music classes involving an introduction to a traditional instrument each week. Rob Heron & The Teapad Orchestra. Energetic show combining Rockabilly, Blues, Country, Swing & Soul. 51 attendees. Freddie White, Masterful guitar player and singer-songwriter- 91 attendees (sold out). Aoife Scott, Folk singer-songwriter from Dublin, returned to TSEAC for a wonderful evening of story and song. 65 attendees. Singing Session: Our regular singing sessions are free and welcome participants either in person or via zoom to share songs in a relaxed and supportive singing circle. This month's special guests were Niamh Parsons and Graham Dunne. Attendance = 23 in person and 21 online. Music Generation 4 day Easter Camp for teenagers- 12 participants. The Haar - A fresh boundary-pushing take on traditional songmaking. 38 attendees. Jim Page - American singer-songwriter, bringing acute wit and dry humour to the Naul. 47 attendees. Traditional Slow Session for March with Paudie O'Connor had 32 tickets booked for in person attendance and 19 online. Music classes resumed on April 28 for the summer term. Tin Whistle, Uilleann Pipes, Fiddle, Guitar, Flute and Banjo.

Comedy

Karl Spain, 'The One Show' – 61 attendees.

Cinema

Small Things Like These. Attendance = 53

The Forest Midwife - An Earth Day event featuring a post-show discussion with the director, Beta Bajgart, journalist and advocate Catherine Cleary, Graham Stanley of Roundwood Tree Services and Caroline Conroy, Green Party politician - Attendance = 37

Visual Arts

Easter workshops for children and adults:

Easter Mosaic Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Chick Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Sock Bunny Workshop (children). Sold out

Easter Wreath & Bird Nest Making Workshop (family). Attendance = 9

Art Classes with Noel Manning return on April 30

Graphic Studio Dublin Exhibition launched on April 13 with over 40 attendees and many sales. Exhibition will run until May 30, 2025. Talk & Print demonstration will take place on April 30.

Libraries

Library Development

The (re) development of Baldoyle, Skerries and Donabate (Ballisk House) Libraries continues with all 3 progressing in line with current plans and expected to be in a position to open to the public in the coming months.

Bealtaine Festival

The Bealtaine Festival is Ireland's national celebration of the arts and creativity for older adults. Festival events will run in Fingal Libraries throughout the month of May. This year's programme features a selection of readings celebrating Dublin's mid-twentieth century literary scene, haiku writing workshops, music performances, and a bodhrán course for beginners.

The festival encourages people to try something new; featured workshops include glass etching, wreath-making, painting, calligraphy, embroidery, and cyanotype - the creation of home-made analogue photography. There will be opportunities for young and old to share creative experiences in intergenerational arts and crafts workshops. The festival also includes talks on topics such as walking the Camino, researching local history, Balbriggan street names, and community gardens.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Creative Fingal presents Cruinniú na nÓg - a day of free creativity for young people on Saturday, 7 June. Fingal Libraries has tailored the programme to respond to the creative interests of young people living in Fingal as expressed in the Voice of The Child Survey. Events will take place in all library branches, while Blanchardstown, Balbriggan and Malahide Libraries will host 'Carnivals of Curiosity' to engage the community. Creative writing workshops, author and illustrator visits, coding classes, magic shows, circus performers, and much more will make this a day to remember. This year's Cruinniú Late Event is 'We Own the Castle' - a music festival in Swords Castle for teenagers featuring live performances from young talent hosted by Fingal Libraries and Garageland Galaxyz.

The Draíocht Arts Centre will host Shapes & Structures – Creative Response Space, a relaxed environment for parents and children to engage in creative play, which will continue through the summer months. 'OutWall', an immersive dance experience presented by Selma Daniel Dance, will explore architecture and movement. The Walls Project from Waterford Walls will encourage young people to design and paint murals. Also, as part of the festival, author and illustrator Chris Judge will visit schools across Fingal to create an artistic vision of what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Fingal Libraries and Fingal Climate Action have organised events in libraries to celebrate Dublin Climate Action Week (12th – 18th May). Ciarán Conneely of Dublin Community Growers will give a talk in Blanchardstown Library on how community gardens can mitigate the effects of climate change. Self Help Africa will deliver a workshop on ethical fashion to transition year students in Balbriggan Library. A Codema Home Energy advice pop-up clinic will take place in Baldoyle Library to assist members of the public use the home energy saving kits available from libraries. There will also be library screenings of the Irish documentary film 'Birdsong'.

Africa Day

Balbriggan Library will celebrate Africa Day with a family-friendly music event on Thursday 22nd May featuring musician Darren Rogers and John Nukepor. Dr. Olusegun Morakinyo will exhibit pictures of African collections from the national Museum of Ireland and the National Museum of Northern Ireland as well as presenting a lecture on the intersecting histories of Africa and Ireland. The exhibition will run in Balbriggan Library from 24th May to 13th June. The lecture will take place on Saturday 24th May. Also on Saturday 24th May, Blanchardstown Library will host an in-conversation event with three writers, Melatu Uche Okorie, Neo Florence Gilson, and Gonchigkhand Byambaa, moderated by Evelyn Nomayo.

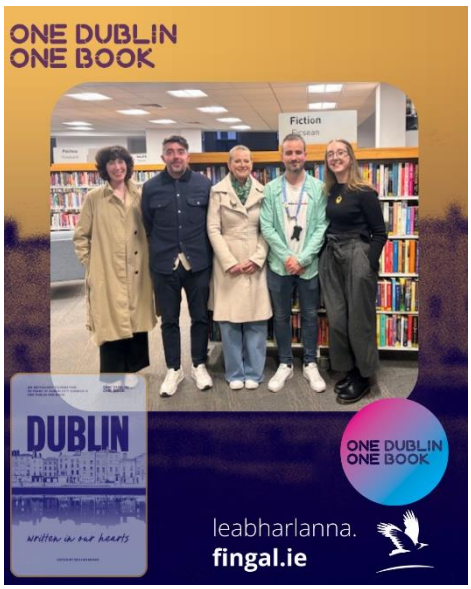
Spring Into Storytime

Story sessions by library staff for children took place in all Fingal libraries during the month of April as part of Spring into Storytime. Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme, which aims to promote literacy and reading for fun.

Age Friendly and Skills for Life

MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, offered budgeting and money management sessions in several library branches in April as part of the Skills for Life programme. Fingal Libraries participated in an information event for older people in Skerries Harps GAA club on 1st April. Marie Keegan gave a talk on Age Action's Care & Repair programme, which assists older people to remain in their homes, in Blanchardstown Library.

One Dublin One Book



This year, marks 20th anniversary of the One Dublin, One Book initiative. Dublin: Written in our Hearts, a new anthology of fiction, poetry, essays and memoir pieces collated in celebration of the city, is the book choice for 2025. Balbriggan Library hosted two of the anthology's contributors in an event on 15th April. Authors Kevin Curran and Niamh Campbell, both from North County Dublin, discussed the influences of suburban living on their writing.

Connections Expo

Fingal Libraries took part in the Fingal Integration Connections Expo, organised by the Fingal Integration Office, at the Airways IPAS Accommodation Centre on 10th April. Library staff provided information to residents on library services, with a focus on eServices. Many residents signed up to get a library card.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

FUTURE FINGAL:
FINGAL
Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

EETCD continues to support and drive the actions as outlined in Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, to develop Fingal's skills ecosystem, working in partnership with the SSIG and Industry Subgroups. Meetings are scheduled for Q2 with the Transport & Logistics, Green-Skills and Construction skills subgroups where we will explore and discuss opportunities to promote skills development in these sectors with key education and industry stakeholders.

As deliverable actions under Theme 2: Increasing Awareness (Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy) we are actively working on the planning and delivery of the 3rd Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo and developing the "Xplore the Sector" - Student Skills Competition.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Plans are underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools and is scheduled to take place in the Helix, DCU on the 14th of October 2025 building on the success of the last two TY Skills Expo Events.

Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)

The "Xplore Your Future" Student Skills Competition" derived from participation in the Interreg SKYLA Project and good practice learnings and is an initiative of the "Xplore Your Future" TY Students Skills Expo. Fingal secondary school students/teams are invited to research/explore and market potential career opportunities in specified industry sectors. The current competition is focusing on the Construction and Transport & Logistics sectors. Teams must identify at least five careers with their chosen sector, document their research methodology and create marketing content to promote these career paths to their peers.

The aim of the competition is to create awareness and understanding amongst secondary school children/teachers of the potential career paths and opportunities, fostering and building a future skills pipeline for key industry sectors within the Fingal economy.

Skyla Project

The Fingal SKYLA project team travelled to Vilinus, Lithuania for the fifth project event on the 8th- 9th April.

The objective of the event was to further explore proposed good practices and update on progress on policy instrument improvements with Fingal reporting the integration of good practices into the Fingal Skills Strategy and the adoption of the Strategy. There was discussion and planning on partner needs and exchanges with Fingal establishing connections with partners in Lithuania and Ukraine to examine potential collaborations and exchanges in the areas of STEM and mechanical apprenticeships.

The meeting included peer review workshops, study visits to TECHIN the Vilnius Centre for Technology & Engineering Training and to the Manufacturing Innovation Valley.

Bi-Lateral Exchange

Fingal in collaboration with DCU & DRSF are facilitating and hosting a bi-lateral exchange visit with SKYLA project partner Skåne, Sweden in June 2025. The exchange will focus on Fingal's good P practice "Spotlight on Skills" from DRSF/EI and the "STinT programme" from DCU.

Reporting on activity for Semester 4 of the SKYLA has been submitted and outlines the policy improvements made during the reporting period and cites Fingal's adoption of the Fingal Skills Strategy as Fingal's key deliverable under the project.

URBACT–EcoCore

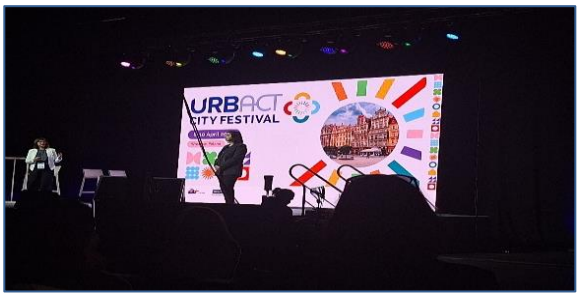
Following on from the success of Project EcoCore LAMA Award, Fingal County Council continues to lead and drive the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors.

Reporting on activities in 2024 have been submitted to the URBACT Secretariate.

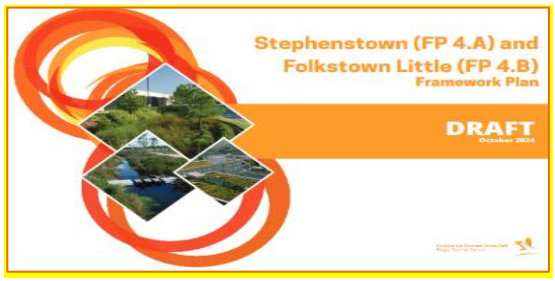
The EcoCore Project team are preparing for the next transnational city visit to Alba Iulia, Romania (19th – 22nd May) where the draft Integrated Action Plans (IAP's) of each city will undergo peer review by project partners and an URBACT Ad-hoc Expert. The draft Balbriggan Integrated Action Plan has been completed and submitted for peer review.

Project EcoCore representatives attended the URBACT City Festival in Wroclaw, Poland (8-10) where 116 Good Practices were showcased for the current Transfer Network Call. Fingal County Council used this opportunity to build the Council's profile through networking with European counterparts.

The Council is currently reviewing the potential to participate in Transfer Networks as partners in the current competitive call.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

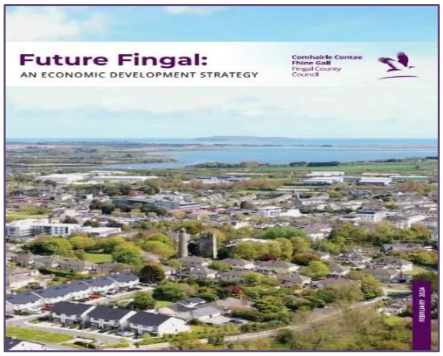


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

Following public consultation, the public submissions received on the Framework Plan are under review for the preparation of the Chief Executive's report for the consideration of the Elected Members.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development team is progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Future Fingal: Fingal Economic Development Strategy.



Sustainable Fingal

SUSTAINABLE FINGAL
An initiative of Fingal County Council

In collaboration with Fingal Chamber and as part of Climate Action Week (12-16th May), EETCD is hosting a series of five one-hour Business Sustainability Briefings throughout Fingal for the food and hospitality sector with Amy Irwin form Conscious Kitchens as the key guest speaker.

The events will focus on sustainable business practices for the food and hospitality sector in Fingal and will inform and support businesses to implement waste reduction and sustainable food practices helping them achieve both cost savings and efficiency through sustainable business practices.

This is a great opportunity for business in the food and hospitality sector to learn sustainable business practices and hear from other Fingal food businesses about their sustainability journeys. Registration for the events is now live on the Fingal Chamber website.

Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

A tender has issued for consultancy services to prepare the Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainable Strategy which will complement and support the Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy. The Strategy will have an external focus on providing support to existing businesses in Fingal to encourage the incorporation of sustainability measures into operating business models and collaboration as the County transitions to a more circular economy model across all business sectors and operating in partnership with local communities.

EETCD continues to liaise with representatives from DCU and DAA to explore a work programme for 2025 to progress potential collaborative sustainable projects. An application to a competitive funding call to Peaceplus to fund a project on district heating was unsuccessful stakeholders will examine other funding opportunities to advance the project and to explore funding opportunities for projects in the area of biodiversity and the circular economy.

Circular Cities

Following an application to join the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) Community of Practice on Supporting Local Circular Businesses, Fingal have been selected to participate in the working group.

The working group is comprised of 12 European cities, a diverse representation from Cities & Regions. Fingal County Council is the only Irish participant.

The first meeting of the group will take place on 21st May and marks the beginning of a collaborative journey where participants will exchange insights, explore challenges and co-develop strategies to collaborate with businesses, mobilise resources, and scale circular solutions at the local level.

As Fingal County Council is a signatory of Circular Cities Declaration, we continue to engage with the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative.

Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC)

The Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Partnership continues to meet regularly to shape and influence policy to enable a higher performing cross border economy and to advance the DBEC work programme.

LOCAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Fingal Local Community Development Committee

The Fingal LCDC continues to oversee and administer the key areas of LEADER and SICAP and the various Local Development and Community Development funding programmes under its remit. The LCDC also manages the Healthy Ireland Initiative and the implementation of the community element and review of economic elements of the Fingal Local Economic & Community Plan.

The LCDC meeting took place on 7th May 2025 and focused on LECP Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The LCDC also approved the LCDC Annual Report for 2024. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 9th July 2025.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2024 was €2,036,355.06 which included a separate funding provision for new arrivals.

The 2025 budget allocations are outlined below in respect of the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP):

- **SICAP Budget 2025 -** €1,568,717.00
- **New Arrivals Budget 2025 -** €375,372.00

The 2025 Annual Plan and the 2024 Annual Performance Review has taken place and has been approved by the LCDC.

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 29th April 2025 and approved 8 Projects for funding. The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 17th June 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 or contact rdinfo@fingalleaderpartnership.ie

Local Enhancement Programme 2025

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 launched on 3rd December 2024.

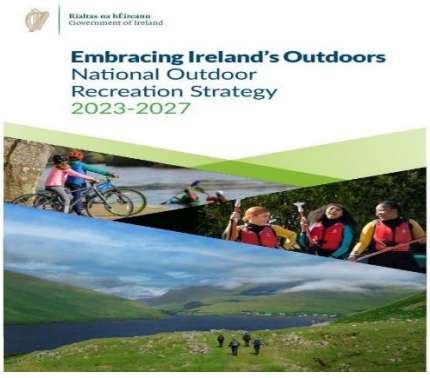
Community and Voluntary Groups in Fingal applied for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025. The Programme is designed to provide both capital and current funding support to a wide and diverse range of local groups. Funding is available to support small capital works/improvements, the 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 was allocated a total of €268,827 in funding for Groups across the county €230,423 in Capital Funding and €38,404 in Current Funding.

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 has now been submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development (DRCD) for final approval and notifications will be issued to all applicants when allocations are approved by DRCD.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

The County Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP), developed under the guidance of the County Outdoor Recreation Committee, was presented at the April Council Meeting and has been submitted to DRCD.



Applications under the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development were submitted in March.

2 applications were submitted under the Project Development Measure for feasibility studies for water based sports facilities on the Royal Canal and a greenway linking Balrothery to Ardgillan Castle, 4 applications were submitted under Measure 1 for swim shelters in Rush, Skerries & Donabate and for a play trail in Rush, 1 application for the Fingal Camino was submitted under Measure 2 and 1 application for works around Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under Measure 3.

Football Cooperative

The Football Cooperative, founded by Steven O'Connell in partnership with SETU, is a social enterprise that enhances men's physical, mental, and social well-being through inclusive recreational football across two sites in Malahide and Limerick City. It delivers a high social return on investment, offering structured sessions that promote health, connection, and community engagement for men aged 30 and over. Healthy Fingal is a key partner on the initiative, which supports the cooperative's expansion plans and impact both in Fingal and nationally. Through collaboration, they foster healthier lifestyles, reduce isolation, and promote active citizenship. The initiative has earned national recognition for its measurable social value and innovative approach to men's health.

Smoke Free Homes Challenge

The Smoke Free Homes Challenge has expanded to include both Ladyswell National School and Corduff Senior National School. Delivered by Healthy Fingal, the HSE, and Empower, the programme encourages families to make their homes and cars smoke-free. Quit Smoking Advisors will visit classrooms to educate students on the dangers of smoking and vaping, while parents receive support materials and information on signing up for the June challenge. A fun colouring/drawing competition also reinforces the smoke-free message for students.

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 €1.5 million claimed to date.

While the majority of projects have been completed the remaining projects were granted extensions by the DRCD and are in the process of closing. EETCD continues to submit drawdown claims as the projects reach completion.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 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 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 funding of c. €630,000 in August 2024:

- Castleknock Community Centre Association CLG for demolition and rebuilding of the old credit union building
- Accessible Transport Project CLG-Locallink Louth Meath Fingal for the purchase of a community bus
- O'Dwyers GAA Club for the provision of wheelchair access and development of facilities (
- Hartstown Community Centre for the installation of new windows
- Foroige - Coastal North Dublin for purchase of a mini-bus
- Trinity Gaels GAA Club for pitch enhancement including drainage and surfacing
- Phoenix Football Club for development of equipment storage facilities
- Skerries Harps GAA and Camogie Club for LED floodlighting installation

Application Window 2:

7 community projects in Fingal received funding of c €596,000 in February 2025:

- Donabate Portrane Community Centre - Safety and Accessibility Works
- St Margaret's GAA Club Astroturf Installation
- Baldoyle Forum - Fire Safety Upgrades
- Corduff Resource Centre Fire Safety Upgrades
- Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living Electric Wheelchair Accessible Van
- Phibblestown Community Centre Astroturf Resurfacing (€50,000)
- O'Dwyers GAA Club, Balbriggan - Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fencing

Application Window 3:

The third and final public call for applications under this funding stream was announced in November with a submission deadline in December 2024. Project proposals have been evaluated and submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), and we are now awaiting approval.

ENTERPRISE CENTRES

Following an agreement by the Boards of Directors of BASE, Beat and Drinan Enterprise Centres to consolidate the management of all three centres, the Council has now formed a new legal entity "Innovate Fingal" to drive innovation and focus on the strategic development of the 3 Enterprise Centres.

The Council approved the lease of BASE and Drinan Enterprise Centres to Innovate Fingal at the April Council Meeting. An official launch event for Innovate Fingal will be scheduled in Q3 2025.

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. Four multi-stakeholder groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity Pillar. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.

After a mid-point governance review in 2024 the Rejuvenation programme horizon was extended to 2030, to bring it in line with 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 on March 19th. The meeting formally adopted a set of new Pillar Action Workplans for the period 2025 – 2030 and will now move into implementation phase. Pillar Groups are scheduled to meet again in May/June to progress Action Workplans.

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 2 Works have been completed including Town Car Park and works to the River Walls and Riverbed & Mill Street upgrades. Phase 3 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building for commercial use, the new public toilets are constructed to roof level, with work to begin shortly on the construction of a new roof. The new harbour building and kiosks are being progressed with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Phase 4 will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, with substantial completion of the Toilet Block & Kiosk and Harbour Buildings.

The planting of trees on the south-side of the new redeveloped plaza area has been completed , this follows the planting of 20 additional trees around the Quay Street Car Park area and along the adjoining River Bracken.

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

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.
On receipt of stage gate 2 permission from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Unit, Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government, tender documentation will be released to market in Q2 2025.

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the DeBruns site and are progressing work on design options based on best possible uses and site constraints. Stakeholder engagement sessions with local community, civic and business groups, and neighbouring properties have been completed. Insights gained have been incorporated into the pre-design report which has been submitted to FCC for review.

The Programme Office is currently reviewing a Feasibility Study for a Swim Platform, prepared by Langan Consulting (Marine) Engineers, including options and costings.

An Internal Project Team has been established from the Town Regeneration Office, Our Balbriggan Programme Office 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 in Q2 2026. An application was submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Scheme in March to support costs associated with the scheme and its environs.

A Draft Open Spaces Scheme for Balbriggan, CHIEFTAINS DRIVE/MOYLARAGH ROAD is due to be published on Consult.ie in May. The proposed scheme includes a Half MUGA, and other outdoor equipment including seating. The scheme in conjunction with FCC Sports, Community & Operations Teams is in response to an identified need for amenities in North West Balbriggan.

The Our Balbriggan Office continues to generate regular and unique content across all social media channels, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn with over 13,000+ followers across its 5 social media channels.

Lár Bailte ar dTús
Town Centre First

Town Centre First – Lusk

Following the completion of the Lusk for Life Plan, two applications for Project Development Measure funding were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their consideration and both projects have now been approved for funding.

Both projects were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the feasibility of a farmers' market.

A consultant is in the process of producing a feasibility study for the farmers market project, and the Lusk Central Parks project is currently being procured.

A meeting of the Lusk town team was held on February 13th during which both projects were discussed, it was also agreed to amend the composition of the town team.

Subsequent discussions have taken place regarding Terms of Reference for the town team. These are currently being reviewed and a meeting of the Team will be scheduled soon. Once adopted a new town team in Lusk can be formed.

Town Centre First – Balrothery

Following on from the recent completion of a Capacity Building Output Report, a meeting has been scheduled for May when it is expected that further progress will be made towards the appointment of a town team and the adoption of corresponding terms of reference.

Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A visit of the Ballyboughal and Rush Capacity Building groups and members of the Fingal Town Regeneration Office to Boyle, Co. Roscommon took place in April, where they were warmly welcomed by members of Roscommon County Council and members of the Boyle Town Team. Many interesting local projects were showcased, which were relevant to the Ballyboughal community as they progress their action plan in the months and years ahead. An Output Report have both been completed for Ballyboughal and the next Town Centre First meeting is scheduled for May, where it is anticipated that a town team will be appointed and terms of reference approved.

Town Centre First – Donabate

At the previous Donabate meeting in March, an Action Plan for the town was confirmed. The next capacity building meeting for Donabate will take place in May to form a town team and agree terms of reference.

Town Centre First – Rush

Following a well-attended second Town Centre First meeting in Rush on the 24th of March, the Rush Capacity Building Group joined the Ballyboughal group on a visit to Boyle, Co. Roscommon, where many interesting ideas were shared regarding potential town team projects. The Boyle town team shared their valuable insights with Fingal on how best to work together to achieve their aims for the town. This will be of huge benefit to the Rush group as they continue their formulation of a Town Centre First plan. The next meeting for Rush is scheduled for May, where further progress will be made on identifying the strengths and needs of the town and working towards forming a town team.

Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two 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.

A new call for projects has been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2025. The Town Regeneration Office has sought Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders groups. Fingal has communicated the new scheme through their Social Media Channels throughout April 2025. Expressions of Interest for both the Main Scheme and Project Development Measures are welcomed from stakeholder groups before 17:00 on June 13th 2025. Additional information, including the Expression of Interest form, is available on FFC public website.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2024

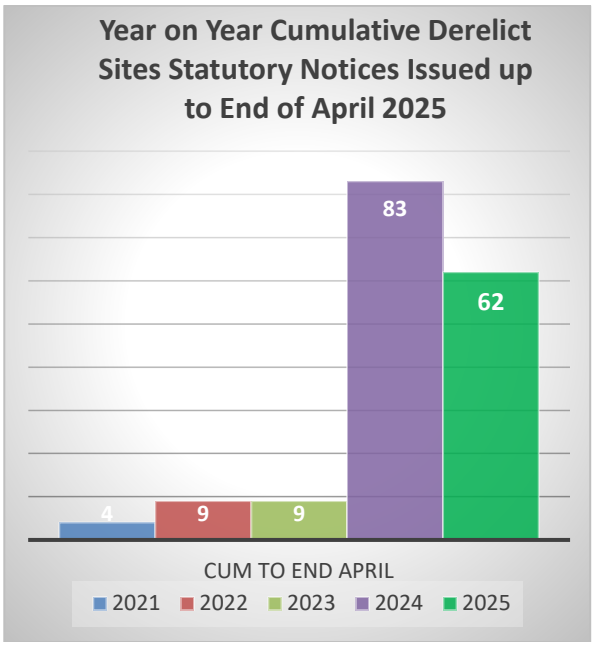
A second Streetscape Enhancement Scheme was launched in November and a number of expressions of interest were received by the closing date for applications of 29 November. Under the new scheme, up to 75% of the cost of improvements, up to a maximum grant amount of €1,500 per eligible property, is available, subject to terms and conditions. Nine applications have been approved for funding totalling €12,635.28 for a variety of works including painting, green enhancement, and signage enhancement. Letters of Offer have been issued to these successful applicants and improvement works will be carried out over the coming months.

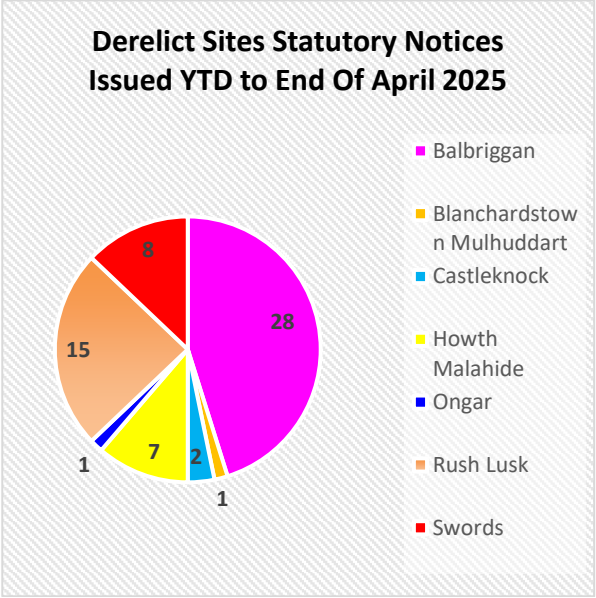
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

One project has been approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers". A meeting with the local Swimmers group took place on Friday 21st March in conjunction with the Operations department where an update was given regarding the status of the feasibility report. A progress report recently received from the appointed consultant, confirms that the study is due to be completed on schedule.

Derelict Sites

62 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties to the end of April 2025.





The Derelict Sites team continues to focus on engagement with the owners of these 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 April 2025 are as follows:

Navigating Escalating Tariffs in the US and Europe

In the light of new tariffs announced by President Trump, LEO Fingal organised an online event called "Navigating Escalating Tariffs in the US and Europe". 87 participants registered for the event which was held on April 10th. Crucial information wsa provided for Fingal exporters facing impending newly imposed US tariffs. Attendees gained insights into the background and specific impacts of these tariffs on key industries, with a detailed breakdown of affected product codes and rates. Practical strategies for mitigating potential financial losses were discussed, alongside an update on prospective EU retaliatory tariffs to aid preparedness. The event also offered valuable guidance on legal and regulatory considerations and strategies for navigating the evolving trade landscape to maintain competitiveness in the US market.

National Enterprise Awards 2025

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office
FINALIST
National Enterprise Awards 2025

The National Enterprise Awards competition in which one overall winner from each of the 31 Local Enterprise Office areas compete for the National awards. This year, **Cuty Gupta from Cozmotec CG Consulting Ltd** will represent Fingal at the National Enterprise Awards final in the Mansion House in May 2025 on 22nd May 2025. Fingal have had great success in the National Competition in recent years. Last year Conor Halpin, PRM Assist won the Dublin Region Award. We wish Cuty Gupta and all the team at Cozmotec the very best of luck.

Fingal Enterprising Women Network

Local Enterprise Office Fingal will host a valuable networking event for women entrepreneurs on Friday, May 23rd, 2025, at Roganstown House Hotel, Swords. Dr. Rosalind Beere, a renowned entrepreneur and advocate for women in leadership, will lead a fireside chat focused on topics such as resilient leadership, sustainable growth, financial confidence, and maintaining work-life balance. The event will provide participants with practical insights, strategies, and opportunities to connect with fellow women in business. A networking lunch will follow, offering a chance to continue conversations and build lasting professional relationships.

Fingal Business Supports Briefing

Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing in April, the next event is set for May 7th. Building on the momentum from the previous briefing, which saw 124 attendees and sparked strong interest in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops, the upcoming briefing will offer even more opportunities for local business owners. The LEO team will provide expert guidance on training, mentorship, and grants, with a Q&A session and one-on-one consultations to help participants take their next steps.

Student Enterprise Programme

Fingal's finalists are now preparing for the Student Enterprise Programme National Final on May 8th, where they will compete for the title of Ireland's next top young entrepreneurs.
The Student Enterprise Programme, run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices across the country, is Ireland's largest student entrepreneurship initiative, inspiring over 26,000 students annually to create, develop, and promote their own businesses.
In the Junior Category, the students representing Fingal at the National Final are Rachel Dore and Isla Tanner, and Loreto Secondary School, Balbriggan, with their project, Rachel's and Isla's Self Care, an enterprise focussing on self-care baskets

In the Intermediate Category, Maida-Fatima Riaz, Angelin Bijoye and Abi Solai from Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School, Dublin 15, will showcase their enterprise, Ecochew, which focuses on an innovative solution for chewing gum disposal, ensuring a cleaner environment.

In the Senior Category, Emily O'Donnell, Aaliyah Heeze and Sarah Forbes from Mount Sackville Secondary School, Castleknock, secured their place with Wild Cards, an innovative business centred on handmade, ecofriendly cards.

Food Sectoral Supports

LEO Fingal are delighted to host the next regional Food Starter course which begins on 19th May and is fully online to suit availability of our busy food producers. The programme is already booked out due to the high demand for this type of training.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 2 projects for funding at its April meeting, bringing to €330,545 the total approved year to date 2025, for 18 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. The next EVAC meeting will be held online on the 28th of May 2025.

Management Development

The Leadership for Business Acceleration programme is coming to a close for the current cohort and is due to finish on May 7th at the Skylon Hotel in Dublin City. This programme is run in conjunction with Dublin City LEO and 17 businesses from Dublin City and Fingal LEO have been in attendance over the 8-week programme. The programme facilitates established businesses within the Dublin & Fingal area to grow their businesses and expand. It 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. The next programme commences on Thursday 25th September at the Carlton Hotel and will be open for bookings shortly.

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. Nine companies in Fingal have so far qualified for this grant. This year there has seen strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Five companies have been approved so far this year and many more are currently going through the approval process.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

Trading Online Voucher (now expired) 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. A total of 45 applications have been approved in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed and only applications received before the closing date will be assessed for payment in 2025. An enhanced "Grow Digital" initiative has taken its place (featuring grant value €5k plus digital consultancy assignments).

Business Advice Clinics and Mentoring

LEO Fingal provides one to one business support services through Business Advice Clinics and a Mentoring programme, both online and in person. These services are provided free of charge to small businesses. The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 247 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 104 clients have signed up for mentoring, with consistently high demand for this service among Fingal businesses.

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. In 2024, LEO Fingal processed a record-breaking 45 applications and this year so far, a further seven MFI loan applications have been processed. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who assists with the application process to maximise their prospects of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 1562 participants year to date. There have been four Start Your Own Business courses with 48 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commences on 12th June for 10 weeks. Fingal entrepreneurs are showing no slowdown in demand for courses in 2025.

Internationalisation and Export Development

The new "Market Explorer Grant" has replaced the TAME Grant from 1 January 2025. The grant is available to small enterprises in the manufacturing and international trading sectors (with up to 50 employees). The amount of the grant is to a maximum of €10,000 or 50% of eligible costs. The object of the financial offer is to support the development of export-oriented businesses by incentivising support to research and explore activities in new markets. 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. LEO Fingal has approved one application for this grant in the amount of €9,520.

Export Development Programme

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 were among the 120 nationally, progressing through the programme. Following stage 2 'Workshops' 60 businesses will now progress to the 'In Market Visit' stage of the programme which includes 7 Fingal businesses. Those not progressing can still be considered at a future stage and in the meantime can avail of the support they need to develop their businesses from their Local Enterprise Office.

Grow Digital Voucher & Digital for Business

Grow Digital

A Digital Tool for every Business

Leo Fingal have approved 22 Digital for Business programmes year to date and have also approved 2 Grow Digital Vouchers.

The Digital Boost Webinar launched by LEO Fingal to educate prospective applicants about the Digital Supports available including Digital for Business and Grow Digital, has now been adopted throughout Dublin as a Regional event and will also be rolled out nationally to support the programmes. Another example of LEO Fingal collaborating with other LEO's to the betterment of our clients.

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Area Business Totals for February 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	466	44	47	10	0
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	316	127	17	7	1
Howth/Malahide	243	52	22	4	1
Total	**1,025**	**223**	**86**	**21**	**2**

Works Programme

Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Swords

Tree and bulb planting as part of the Pollinator Planting Project with Glasmore Estate Resident Group.

Volunteer tree planting took place on the Hilltown Open space of River Valley Road on Saturday 22nd of March in celebration of National tree week. More than 300 whips planted by Volunteers from Swords Woodland Association led by Cllr Joe Newman, Hilltown Environmental Group, Swords Tidy Towns and local residents. Two locations were planted at either end of the green using native tree whips supplied by the Tree Council of Ireland.

A new Barrier was installed in the Ward River Valley Park at Swords Manor, to replace the gate which was recently damaged. This is the first phase of upgrade works planned on entrances within this section of the park.

As part of the Learn to Cycle track installed in the Ward River Valley Park along Brackenstown Avenue, additional landscape improvements have commenced with the planting of 15 new trees and a section of native hedging.

New play panels installed in Swords Manor Playground as part of recent upgrade works which included boundary treatment repairs, surface works and new bench installs.

Donabate

Tree planting was undertaken on the open space of The Priory Estate in Donabate as part of Operations Annual Tree Planting Programme. Locations were selected following discussions with the Resident Group with the planting undertaken by Watery Lane Depot crew.

A morning of tree planting by Volunteers of Donabate Tidy towns took place in Newbridge Demesne on Saturday 22nd of March in celebration of National Tree week. More than 350 whips were planted in the north-west corner of the Demesne and is a continuation of the Woodland Management Plan objectives to increase tree cover at this area. This adds to the 800 plus whips planted at the same location last March by the same group.

Santry Demesne

New park signage installed:

Balbriggan

Spring Bulb Display at Tara Court Balbriggan.

Path improvement works Ardgillan Demesne.

Rendering of walls in Hastings Estate.

Lusk

Landscaping works as part of the Programme of Works at Station Road / Orlynn Park, Lusk.

Concreting works around tennis courts completed as part of the Programme of Works.

Rush
New Footpath at St Catherines Community Garden, Rush.

Skerries
Footpath resurfacing and repairs at Skerries Mills.

Newly installed path through open space at Townparks, Skerries.

Before:

After:

Area General Maintenance Programme

Footpath repair works at Balscadden Village by Balbriggan Roads Crew.

Repairs to pedestrian footpath outside Rathmore Park on ring road R127 Lusk. Works carried out by Balbriggan Roads Crew.

Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Malahide

Footpath Repairs Seabury Lane

Footpath Repairs Estuary Rd

Road Patching

Road Patching works at Seabury Malahide by the Roads Crew.

Burial Grounds and Beaches

New Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery to access the latest extension to the Cemetery.

Howth/Malahide Parks
Tree Planting

New Street trees planted Baldoyle Road

Open spaces

New signage erected at carving Manannán mac Lir – God of the Sea, Portmarnock

Manannán mac Lir in Irish Mythology was known as the God of the Sea, warrior and one of the Tuatha Dé Danann. He could ride across the waves and land in his chariot with his magical sea stallion Aonbharr and a deadly strength sapping sword named Fragarach. Sometimes he could help a stricken ship in a storm but others he would leave to their own fate. Sailors of old often said a prayer to Manannán to protect them from harm while at sea.

Dia na Mara

Thugtaí Dia na Mara ar Mhanannán mac Lir, i Miotaseolaíocht na hÉireann, laoch agus duine de Thuatha Dé Danann. Bhí sé in ann marcaíocht trasna na dtonnta agus trasna na talún ina charbad lena stail mhara dhraíochtúil Aonbharr agus claíomh a shúigh fuinneamh darbh ainm Fragarach. Uaireanta, bhíodh sé in ann cabhrú le long i mbaol a báite i stoirm ach d'fhágfadh sé cinn eile i muinín na cinniúna. Is minic a deireadh mairnéalaigh ón sean-am paidir do Mhanannán chun iad féin a chosaint ó dhíobháil agus iad ar an bhfarraige.

Vandalised Fence Gray's Lane, Howth

Repaired fence along stream Gray's Lane.

Malahide Demesne

Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The Planning Licence Application has been received for the 2025 Malahide Concert Series.

The Acts and dates listed in the application are as follows:

- 17th June - Charli xcx
- 25th June - Iron Maiden
- 26th June - Neil Young
- 28th June - Justin Timberlake
- 29th June - Alanis Morrissette
- 30th June -Duran Duran plus Nile Rodgers & Chic
- Friday, 4th July - Mumford & Sons

Talbot Botanic Gardens

Drimys winteri in full bloom Walled Garden

New Sculpture – West Lawn. The Morrigan was a renowned Celtic goddess associated with war, destiny and fertility. She first appeared in the Ulster Cycle, one of four collections of Irish mythology. Legends were peppered with stories of her shapeshifting powers, as both a single and triple goddess.

On Saturday 26th May, Fingal Co Council had the privilege of hosting Mr Jack Davies, Windsor Castle and Mr Tom Bush Sandringham Estate, both Gardeners to King Charles III on a visit to The Talbot Botanical Malahide. They spent several hours on a private tour and fact finding visit of the Gardens.

Howth Pathways

New removable bollards installed on pathways Howth to prevent unauthorised access.

40 steps Howth Pathways overgrown with weeds

40 steps Howth following trimming

Pathway after weeds cut back

Castleknock/ Mulhuddart Area
Melville road Charlestown

New Bench installed on the Melville Road Charlestown.

Footpath renewal works in Castlefield Court

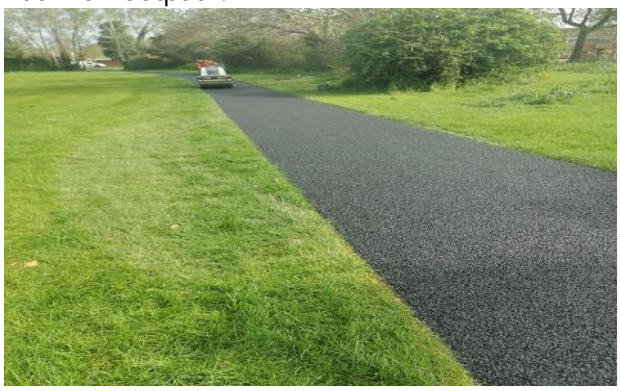
Footpath renewal Works in Castlefield Court Clonsilla

Porterstown Park

Ducting installation for public lighting in Porterstown Park

Footpath renewal works Broadway Park

Footpath renewal works carried out at Broadway park in Blanchardstown approx. 100M of footpath.



Ongar Road Planting 150 Holly Plants

Planting 150 ilex Holly plants at Ongar Road

New fencing

New fencing works at bottom of Porterstown Park for Protection of Protected Wildlife.

Planting Winter Spring Bedding in Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre

Planting winter/Spring bedding in Castleknock Village and Mulhuddart Community Centre.

Martin Savage Memorial Grout and cobble stone wash

Grout and wash cobble stone at Martin savage memorial on N3.

Beechpark Lawn Sensory Garden

Please see photos attached of new Sensory Garden Planted at Beechpark Lawn in Castleknock .

Works consisted planting of following
1) 620 Perennials,
2) 3 lilac trees ,
3) 1 Japanese Acer
4) 5 bamboo trees
5) 1 Fern Dicksonia Antartica Tree
6) 40 Meter of new footpath 1M wide.

These works were carried out by Operations staff Tony Murtagh + Andrius Venkus.

The garden bed was designed and Supervised by Paul Rattigan Foreman of Works Coolmine Operations. Residents are delighted with this new bed.

Footpath Widening Tolka Valley Park

Footpath widening at Tolka Valley Park.

Huntstown Drive Tree Works

Trees crown raised, shaped and thinned out.

Damastown Car Park Upgrade

Damastown car park upgrade, Stud wall and fencing installed, giving 24hr access.

Corduff Line Marking

Diswellstown Line Marking

Bus stop R121

Drop put in for wheelchair accessibility to bus stop R121

Car Parking Services
Review of Parking Control Bye-Laws

The Operations Department is in the process of reviewing the Fingal Parking Control Bye-Laws 2020.
A presentation on the proposed amendments and timeline for review was presented to the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee Meeting on the 4th March 2025. A briefing and Q&A with Fingal Councillors on the proposed changes took place on Wednesday 12th March, and a second briefing with Fingal Councillors has been scheduled to take place on 12th May 2025.
A meeting took place with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine on 25th March 2025 to discuss parking in Howth and to outline the proposals by the Council to introduce a pay parking scheme for Howth. A scheme is currently being designed for the Area, and a follow up meeting with DAFM has been arranged for 4th June 2025.

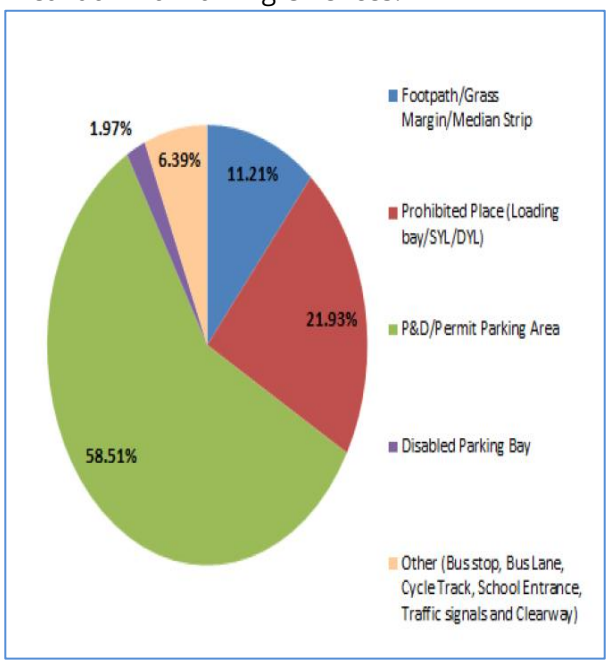
March 2025

There were a total of 1017 parking tickets issued during March 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

Location	Main Ticket Locations March 2025
North Street - Swords	98
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	71
Main Street - Swords	53
Strand Street - Skerries	45
Dublin Street - Balbriggan	39
Harbour Road - Skerries	36
Church Road - Malahide	32
Old Street - Malahide	30
South Strand Skerries	30
Drogheda Street - Balbriggan	27

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



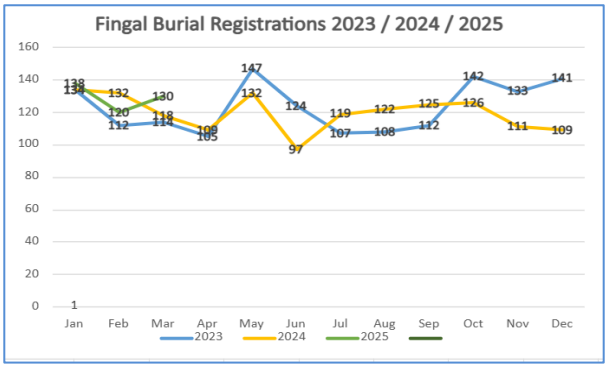
Meter Replacement Programme

Howth/Malahide Operations Department are progressing the Annual Meter Replacement Programme, which replaces old end of life parking meters with newer machines that can accept contactless/card payment. 9 old meters were replaced with new contactless parking meters as part of the 2025 Programme

Newly replaced meter on Drogheda Street, Balbriggan

Burial Ground Services

There were 130 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during March 2025.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction, who are based in Dunshaughlin, Co Meath, were appointed to construct the second phase. They commenced work on site in March and are expected to finish in December 2025.

The Council's Operations Department is fully funding the delivery of this project with €3.15m from the Council's agreed Capital Programme 2025-27 and will take over the operation of the new cemetery when it opens in early 2026.

Traffic Operations County-Wide

Balbriggan/Swords Area

Skerries- Upgraded school ahead road markings Milverton National School

Naul Village- Upgraded school ahead road marking Naul National School

Howth Malahide Area

New Road Markings in Portmarnock

Below: The junction at Malahide Road and College Avenue was upgraded by the Developer following Planning Permission granted to the Belcamp site. The upgraded junction traffic signals are now operational along with the newly installed road markings by Belcamp Park/ Hermitage Apartments on the Malahide Road.

Malahide Road junction with College Avenue

Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

92 Plant Hires were put in place from 01/04/2025 to 30/04/2025, engaging 20 suppliers.

Public Lighting

Works on the 2025 Public Lighting Programme of Works is progressing.

2025 POW Works jobs Completed to date:

- Village Road / Raheny Roundabout, Lusk
- Dromheath Drive, Mulhuddart
- Warrenstown Green roundabout, Corduff
- Kenure Woods Park entrance, Rush
- Gartan Drive, Swords (two lights were installed here)
- The Nurseries, Swords
- Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane walkway beside playing pitches at Phibblestown Community Centre, Ongar
- Millstead Estate entrance, Blanchardstown
- Parnell Green / Church Road Walkway, Mulhuddart

The Nurseries Estate, Swords

Warrenstown Green, Corduff

Latchford Close to Old Hansfield Lane

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown

Chapel Close Green / Bremore. 1

Chapel Close Green / Bremore. 2

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

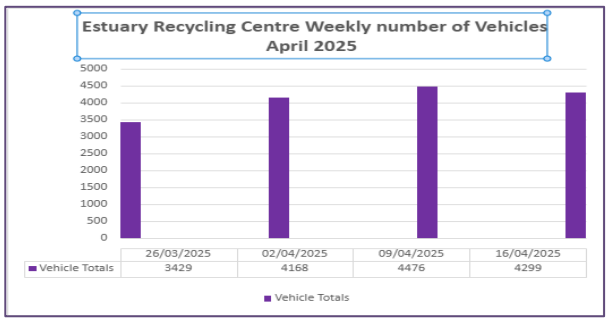
Other public lighting works completed:

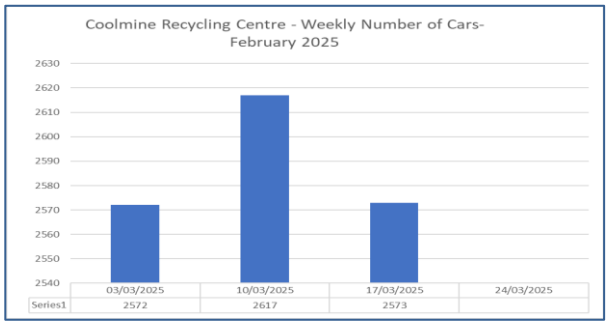
- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills

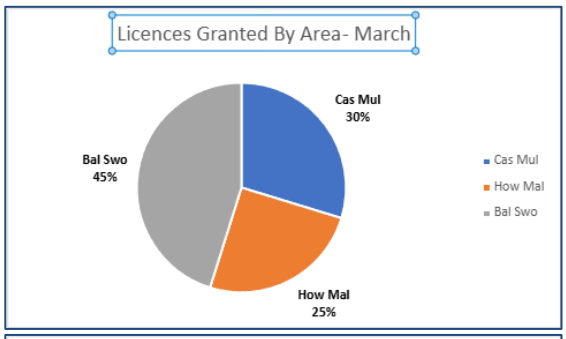
Skerries Mills

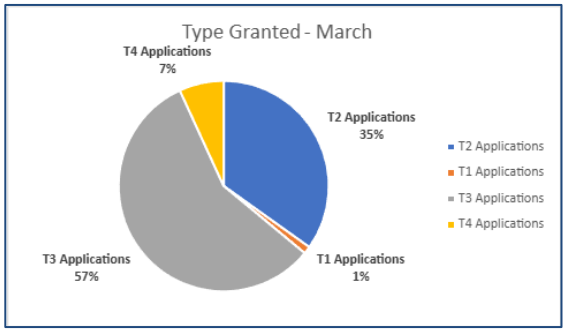
Recycling Centres Update

Provision was made in the 2025 Revenue Budget for Increases in charges which commenced on 1st January 2025.
The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.







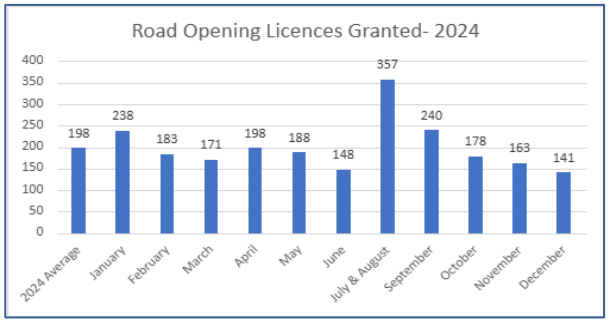


Licenses

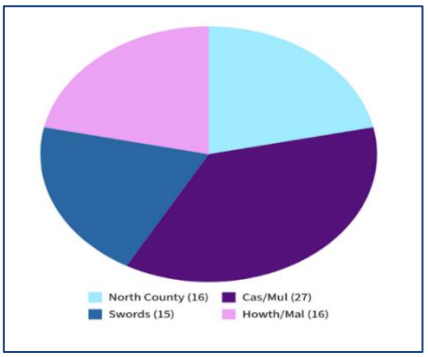
- Road Opening Licenses

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

175 Licences were granted in the month of March**, 64% 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 received a total of 38 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.

All 38 Applicants have paid & are licenced for the upcoming period.

We have also received a total of 5 new applications which we are currently processing.
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.
Once complete we envisage a total of 42 Casual Trading operating in the Fingal Administrative area the highest number to date.

Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

The Council will be issuing an Expression of Interest on a pilot scheme for Mobile Saunas at the Council beaches during the summer months. Seasonal licences will be issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 20 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 21 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.
We have also received an additional four applications which we are currently processing.
The removal of the remaining parklets by the Council's contractor has been completed.
Footpath buildouts will be progressed accordingly in each area taking into consideration drainage, adjoining trees, public lighting etc. for the businesses which expressed their interest in one and were deemed suitable following their recent parklet removal.

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. Below is a brief update in relation to the status of some of the projects.

Howth Stormwater Culvert

The detailed design for WPB has been approved. Further to an internal review of the availability of FCC Direct Labour, It is now anticipated that the works will commence on Tucketts Lane in the Autumn. Meanwhile, the detailed design for WPA, which involves the required works to the culvert on main street, is continuing,

Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

Works commenced on site in mid-March with the removal of the existing pipeline. Anchor block installation works are ongoing. These works are being executed by FCC Direct Labour under a design provided by consultants, Malachy Walsh and Partners.

Ballyboughal Main St Storm water Extension

All pipework and ancillary works are now complete; several additional road gullies were also installed including reinstatement of all effected Footways.

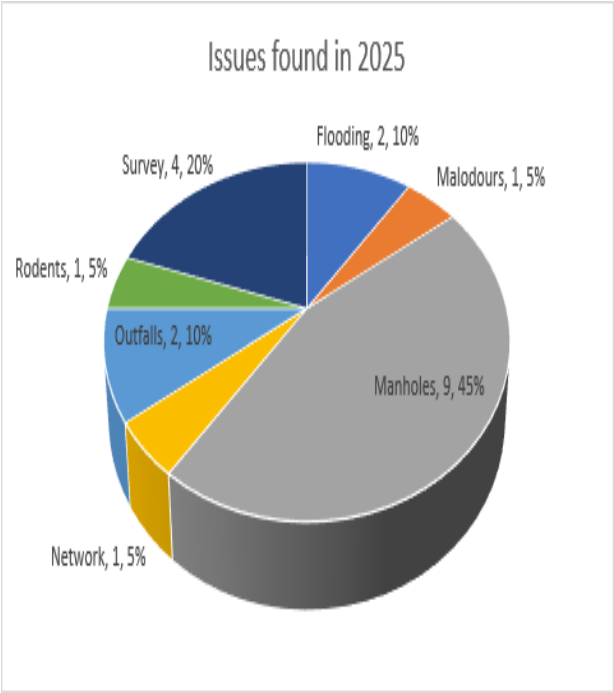
Lusk Network Remedial Works

Site investigation works took place and a final design was completed. The work included alterations to the existing network to remove localised restrictions. Footpath and road reinstatements are complete.

A reinstatement tender was posted on Supplygov to appoint a Contractor to carry out a permanent road reinstatement. The tender process is now complete, and a Contractor will be appointed in the coming days. Final reinstatement works will commence in late May.

Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 9 Stormwater Connection Applications have been processed in 2025.

Networks

Swords

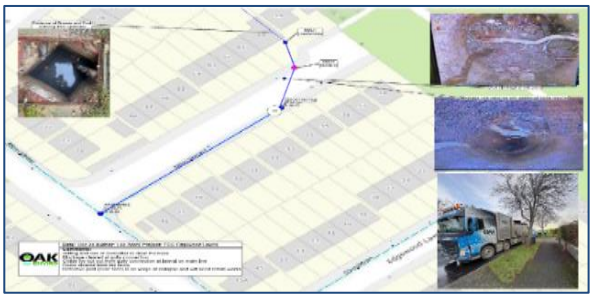
Investigations of blockages and overground road flooding in Rivervalley, Swords, Hilltown, Forrest Avenue, Rathingle Rd, Cherry Garth and Rivervalley Lawns estates are now complete. The condition of the network will now be assessed, and the feasibility of follow-on works will be discussed. Assisting Parks Department with network surveys in **Brackenstown Park** for an upcoming project.

Malahide/Portmarnock

Chalfont invasive repair work commenced during April. It is expected that this section of the works will be complete mid-May. A tender is also being drafted for specialized underground works.

Dublin 15

Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn, Grove Road, Mulhuddart and & Damastown are now complete. Remedial work will follow.



Assets

Ironworks

Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Skerries, Airside, Pavilions and Balheary in Swords during April.

Underground Stormwater storage Assets

Continued Identification and recording of underground storm water management assets county wide.

Cappagh/N2/N3 Link Road SUDS

A contractor has surveyed and is cleaning of two tanks. To help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type

PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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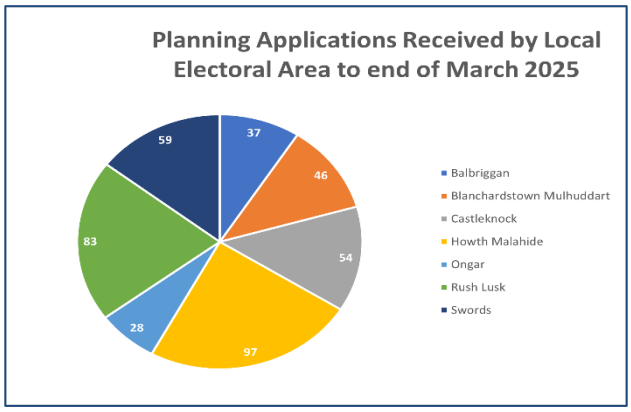
Planning Applications

There have been 404 planning applications received from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025. This is including 316E applications via the LGMA portal. 88 applications were invalid leaving a total of 316 valid applications. The volume of applications received by Local Electoral Area (LEA) are detailed in the table below.

There have been two Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications made to the Local Authority. From 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025, 1 decision has been made on Large Scale Residential Developments.
An Bord Pleanála have not issued any decisions on SHD applications in the period from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025.

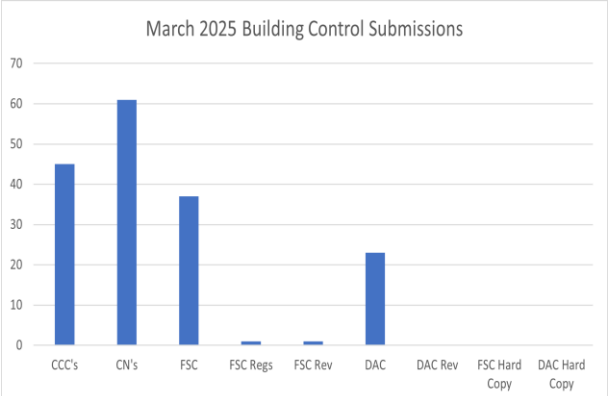


Planning Decisions

A total of 474 planning decisions have been issued from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025. There have been 284 decisions to grant permission and 73 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In March 2025, there were 168 building control submissions made via BCMS.
This was made up of 61 Commencement notices, 45 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 39 Fire Safety related Certificates and 23 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 214 decisions in March 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 78 decisions to grant and 138 extensions of time.



Strategic Policy Unit

Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans

The first round of plans emanating from the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 continue to be progressed. The draft Clonsilla Framework Plan was published in January and a well-attended public consultation event held on the 6th February in Blanchardstown library.

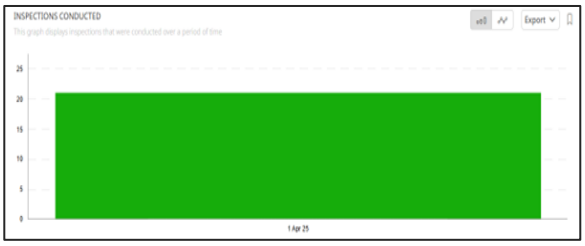
The public consultation stage has concluded, and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department will bring the completed CE report on submissions received to the May meeting of Fingal County Council.

Further preparatory background analysis is underway in relation to several other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced and residentially zoned land for housing. Local authorities are responsible for identifying lands which are subject to RZLT.
On the 31st January 2025, Fingal Co. Co. published the annual RZLT map for 2025 followed on the 1st February 2025 by the publication of the draft annual map for 2026, identifying land currently in scope for the tax, land proposed to be removed from the current scope and land proposed to be included.
Consultation in relation to the annual 2025 RZLT map and draft 2026 RZLT map concluded on the 1st of April 2025 and the Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department is currently reviewing submissions received.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 21 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 78 Buildings.
- There were no Section 11 request for further information issued, but we issued one Section 8 enforcement notice.

Taking in Charge

- Two housing estates were taken in charge in April 2025: Hansfield Phase 1, and Wilkinsons Brook.
- There are 6 estates up for taking in charge in May 2025. These are

    1. Bellingsmore Green Area, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15
    2. Mount Eustace, Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15,
    3. Delhurst Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
    4. Hayworth Estate, Phibblestown, Dublin 15,
    5. Cloch Choirneal, Balbriggan
    6. Lanestown View, Donabate.

- There are 39 developments with formal Taking in Charge requests, and an additional 328 developments recorded in our system, of which 62 are expected to remain private.
- Our appointed contractor has commenced Taking in Charge works in Cianlea, Swords.
- Taking in Charge works have been completed in Chloch Choirneal, Balrothery, and the contractor will soon begin works in Hoar Rock, The Sanctuary, and Rockabill.
- We have evaluated Stage 1 of the competition for a single-party framework to appoint consulting engineers to project-manage Taking in Charge works for estates where bonds have been sequestered. We will be advertising Stage 2 of the competition in May 2025 with the aim of having the consulting engineers appointed in July 2025.

Dangerous Structures

- 1 dangerous structure was reported in April 2025.
- A total of 106 dangerous structures remains active in our database.

Pictures

Checking weephole location on an house in Portmarnock

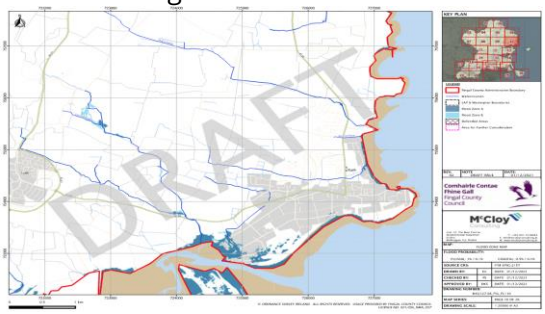
Checking Fire doors on an Apartment in Donabate.

Development Management

- 134 no. new planning files have been received.
- 16 no. Additional Information files have been received and 2 clarifications of Additional Information.
- 16 no. Compliance Submissions have been received; 18 no. have been processed.
- 7 no SHD/LRD applications have been received; 5 no. has been assessed.
- 1 no. Part 8/Part XI applications have been received; 1 no. has been processed.
- Pre-planning consultations – Staff from Planning (Water Services) have engaged in 2 no pre-planning discussions and with developers to discuss issues related to the provision of water services and to ensure the implementation of flood risk management and sustainable drainage systems on site.

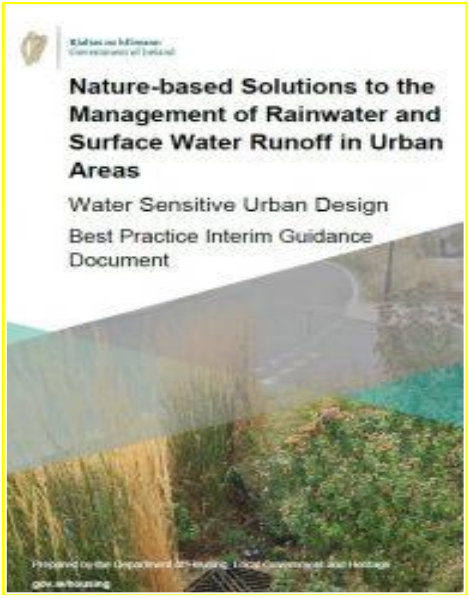
Flood Risk Assessments/ Drainage Strategies

- FCC WSFP staff completed liaising with the appointed consultants developing the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the County Development Plan. The SFRA flood mapping & report has been completed.
- The Water Services Planning Dept responded to motions received from the councillors under the motion headings of green infrastructure, flooding, Irish Water & re-zoning.

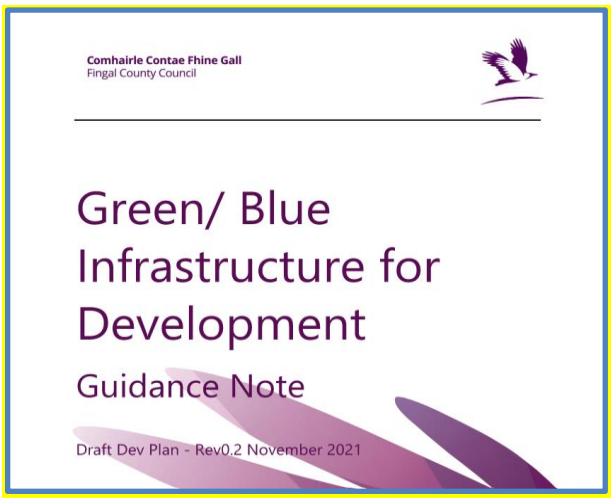


- A new document "Nature-based Solutions to the Management of Rainwater and Surface Water Runoff in Urban Areas - Water Sensitive Urban Design - Best Practice Interim Guidance Document" has been issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. It is intended as a high-level best practice interim guidance document for all those whose work impacts on the urban environment, for urban planners and all built environment professionals involved in the planning process such as engineers, architects and landscape architects.

The document shows how to move towards a more systematic and sustainable approach to urban planning and design that seeks to mimic the natural water balance of rural areas through "water sensitive urban design".



- Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) – The Fingal SuDS guidance document (Green/Blue Infrastructure for Development) has been reviewed to include changes in technical standards. This document along with the SFRA documents have been incorporated into the new development plan.



Incorporating Sustainable Drainage Systems in Residential Developments

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

Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP)

The procurement process is complete for the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for *Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle.* Scoping and tender documents were prepared, and the project was released for tender. Tenders were back at the end of June 2024. Recommendations for award have been made for McCloys Consultant Engineers. Completed SWMPs for Northwood, Kilbarrack and Baldoyle were submitted to FCC and approved in January 2025.

McCloys Consulting Engineers are currently preparing the SFRA for Dubber. The scope for the sustainable drainage strategy is currently also being prepared.

JBA Consultant Engineers have been requested to submit a quotation for a SWMP for Barnhill. A purchase order has been raised and a project kick off meeting will be scheduled for early May 2025.

Domestic SuDS Guide

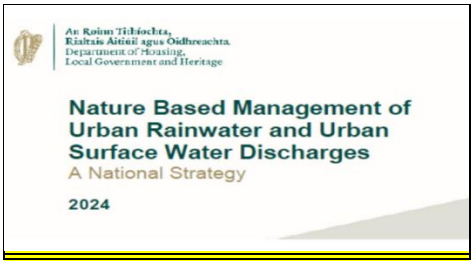
McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Domestic SuDS Guide for FCC. This was completed in Q3 2024, the guide is available on Fingal`s website along with a short presentation video.

Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document

McCloys Consulting Engineers have been appointed to produce a Green Blue Roofs Guidance Document for FCC. This was awarded in Q3 2024 and is scheduled for completion in Q2 2025.

National Guidance

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has issued "Nature Based Management of Urban Rainwater and Urban Surface Water Discharges A National Strategy" in May 2024.



Irish Water

Staff ceased completing Irish Water templates for planning files following the departure of two Executive Engineers.

Transportation Planning

PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

The contractor is continuing to carry out snagging at the interchange.

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 Q2 along the length of the scheme.

Installation of surfacing, subbase, ducting, watermains, kerbs and footpaths will also continue during Q2. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in Q2 2025 following surfacing works. There will be temporary traffic management on the R149 in Q2 at the junction with Barberstown Lane South while the new junction is being formed. The overall scheme is expected to be completed in Q3 2025. Updates for the scheme will be posted on www.fingal.ie/ongar-barnhill

PSI-039 – R132 Connectivity Project

Project summary

Detailed design stage is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.

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.
A following workshop meeting is expected to be held in May to update the teams involved in various projects in the Swords area and discuss the associated timelines, possible impacts and the actions needed to mitigate them.

Planning & Strategic Infrastructure is undertaking analysis of how these projects and associated timelines may impact Swords, with a view to looking at what mitigation measures may be required. These analyses are being carried out by DBFL Engineers, including microsimulations and an accurate map showing the possible impacts on key locations. These maps have been refined in April.

A meeting was held with FCC various departments to discuss the modelling works been undertaken based on the various swords projects timelines provided.

Coordination/Progress meetings with NTA and TII/Metrolink which are being held monthly will continue in 2025.

Monthly meetings with Uisce Éireann are being held monthly to discuss and align the details of a State Body Agreement for the foul water sewer across the Estuary Roundabout to be incorporated into the project.

Stage 2 for the construction stage

Two workshop meeting was held with the Design team to prepare the tender procurement documents for stage 2 of the construction phase of the project. These workshops were also to finalise the tender pack documents.

Peer Review

A tender was published in December 2024 for the Peer Review of the tender documents for the R132 Connectivity Project. The tender closing date was in Mid Jan 2025. The tender received was assessed and now the contract documents signing will be undertaken.
The assessment of the tender documents was initiated by RPS Consulting Engineers in April 2025, which are independently assessing the tender documents.

ESB Application for new power connections

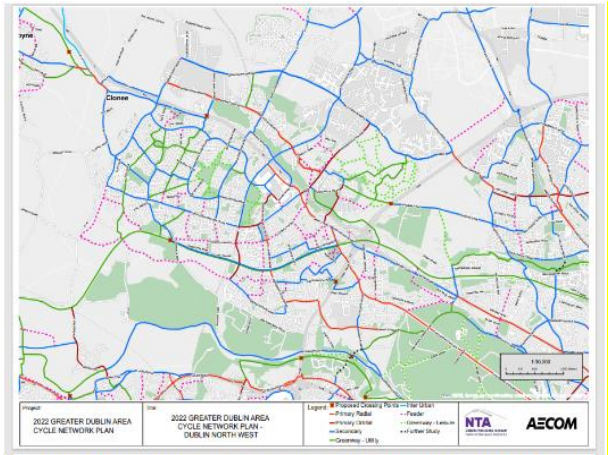
All applications for new power connections were requested in April from the ESB for new Traffic Signals, Toucan Crossings along the R132 road. No timelines have yet been provided by the ESB for their processing.

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 official opening ceremony was held on the 28th of March 2025 with the Mayor of Fingal and the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and the Minister for Transport attending. The contractor is continuing to snag.

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.

PSI 063 – Pedestrian & Cycling Scheme at Granard Bridge

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, parallel 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.

Meetings and Project Programme

Monthly meetings between Fingal County Council and RPS are being held to progress the project and discuss key points, such as route options and possible constraints to be overcome. In addition, an ecological survey was carried out in March 2025 in the Castleknock area to gather valuable data and a better understanding of the local ecosystem ensuring that any future developments or environmental strategies are informed by the best available ecological information.

Meetings with Irish Rail / Dart+ West team are being held monthly to discuss both projects and align them. A preliminary draft of the Feasibility Report with five route options was developed. In April. The final version of the Feasibility Report is expected to be available in early May. The brief for the Archaeological Services & Conservation Architect was developed this month and is to be issue for tender in May.

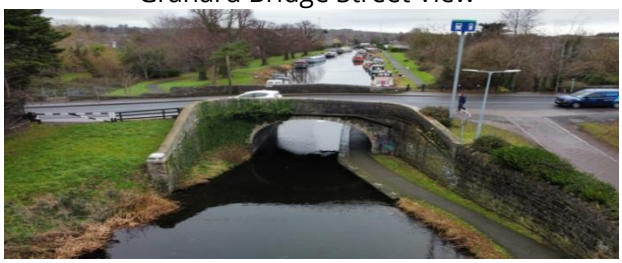
Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the design team with the Concept Development and Options Selection phase 2 now underway.

Next phase will be 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.
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.

Granard Bridge Site location

Granard Bridge Street View



Granard Bridge Aerial Photo

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.

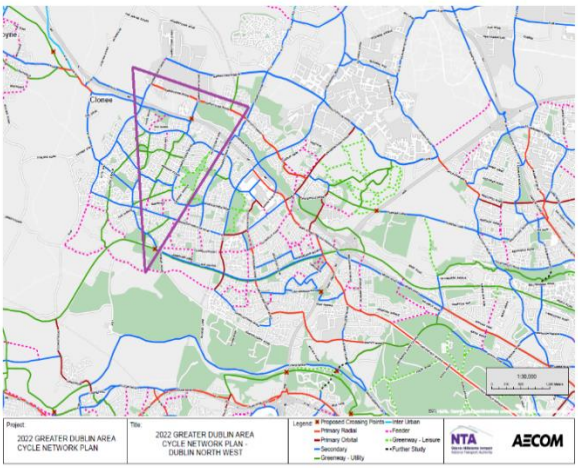


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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 line 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. Preparation of CPO ongoing. Landowner liaison ongoing. FCC have requested a letter of consent from Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail for FCC to make a Planning Application to ABP on their Lands. Meetings to agree the lands for which the letters of consent will be provided by both Waterways Ireland and Irish Rail have been scheduled. Irish Rail are to provide CIE landownership maps to facilitate the provision of the required letter of consent. Meetings with Waterways Ireland to agree the details for the treatment of the embankments in specific areas between the Kildare border and Collins Bridge have been progressed.

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 also forms one of the local health walks (Sli Na Slainte), the coastal walk between Malahide and Portmarnock. The route also connects to the park lands at Robswall and Paddy's Hill and forms a 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 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 and issued.

An internal meeting has been held in relation to the preparation of landownership maps. The maps are now being reviewed, and the landowners have been identified.

The CE order for the project is being processed and the date for the initial project meeting with the design team from RPS has been set.

S2M Pedestrian and Cycle Scheme –

The preliminary design drawings have been reviewed by the NTA and the stage 2 road safety audit has been completed. All recommendations will be considered and incorporated into the scheme where required.

Pavement design drawings and drawings to identify the locations of utilities within the scheme are being progressed and where required, the project will liaise with utilities to discuss any required diversion works. Drainage and Public Lighting preliminary design is progressing.

The latest revision of the Cycle Design Manual has led to some improvements being incorporated into the overall scheme design including revised layouts for crossings and bus stops to comply with the new standards.

Ground Investigation Works have been complete with final reinstatements completed in January 2025. Design for structures along the route is progressing using the findings from the Ground Investigations. This includes design of the Malahide Tennis Boardwalk, promenade extension at Baldoyle, Sluice River Bridge, Station Road culvert and Burrow Court retaining wall.

Wintering bird surveys have been completed which are required to feed into the planning application. An updated scoping report has been completed and will be circulated to prescribed bodies.

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. 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.

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. Draft documents are being prepared for the submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Above- Artist visual of possible layout for the Sutton to Malahide Pedestrian and Cycle Route at Portmarnock.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm

The new proposed Public Realm is a key feature of the overall Swords Cultural Project. The pedestrian priority public spaces framed between the Castle, the SCC Building and Fingal offices (County Hall) will serve as a civic amenity space providing a place for festivals, events, markets as well as an everyday meeting place for the local community.

Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. 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.

Above- Artist impression of possible intervention at Swords Main Street presented in Sustainable Swords Report 2022 which shows enhanced traffic calming, high quality street furniture and planting and enhanced pedestrian and cycle facilities.

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. The commencement meeting occurred in January 2025. The tender process to procure a tree survey, traffic and parking surveys and topographical and GPR surveys is underway. On completion of the tendering process for these contracts, surveys will progress in the coming months. The consultant is also progressing with ecological and environmental walk over assessments.

The project is at the option identification and selection phase. Data collection which feeds into the option selection is ongoing. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis and problem identification report.

A communications workshop was carried out in March where the scheme objectives were identified, the initial project risks mapped and the scheme consultation and engagement plan for statutory and non-statutory consultation was considered. The initial set up of the transport model to analyse any traffic management interventions proposed as part of Swords Main Street Transformation is ongoing.

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 concluded in January 2025, and this yielded more than 100 meaningful and helpful submissions on the proposed walking & cycling scheme from Kinsealy to Portmarnock train station. These submissions are now being categorised and analysed and they will be used to inform the process to progress from the Emerging Preferred Route stage to the Preferred Route stage. Thereafter the preliminary design will commence with the accompanying environmental screening and closely followed by the statutory process required to deliver this part of the project. The Malahide to Kinsealy part of the project will be brought forward as phase 2 of the project later.

Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock

Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

Fingal Coastal Way

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded and this is being used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable, as this minimises land take and severance.

Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle and these are currently being assessed by Irish Rail.

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 April 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

Model Images of Viewing Platform on Southern Causeway

Portrane Road, Donabate

The Portrane Road Enhancement Project involves works to widen the existing narrow footpath on the northern side of the road 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 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 commenced Judicial Review proceedings against An Bord Pleanala's decision to approve the CPO. The Council's legal team successfully sought to expedite the Judicial Review process, with the High Court confirming that a full hearing of the case would go ahead in June 2025.

The Council also reached out to the affected landowner to see if the issues raised could be resolved without the need for the Judicial Review and associated delays. The affected landowner recently confirmed that they would withdraw the Judicial Review proceedings after reaching an amicable settlement agreement with the Council. The project will now go ahead as soon as possible with tender documents for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works expected to issue to the market in May.

Donabate Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge

Work on the bridge is substantially complete. A small amount of drainage and public lighting work remains to be completed on the east side of the bridge. Work is due to commence shortly to construct new footpaths to facilitate access to either side of the bridge from Main Street Donabate and from Hearse Road. The bridge is currently undergoing an assessment from an independent third-party certification expert as part of the process by Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation to officially place the bridge into service above the Railway. Following completion of this process and following construction of the new footpaths to facilitate access, the bridge is expected to open to the public in June.

Image of the site of the bridge works BEFORE commencement of construction (October 2024)

Aerial image of the site of the bridge over Dublin-Belfast Railway AFTER substantial completion (April 2025)

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise several major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction.
- Active Travel Routes which encompass several 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, several 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 Mulhuddart interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. 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 Q3 2025.

PSI-068 Portmarnock Railway Bridge Pedestrian & Cycle Improvement Works

Improvement works to existing overpass railway bridge OBB21 (which is currently grassed and formerly used as a cattle pass) 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/Sky Lark Development.

The bridge is located over the Dublin to Belfast Railway line c500m south of Portmarnock Train Station. It is in the ownership of Irish Rail and is currently fenced off and not in use.

The proposed improvement works involve re-surfacing the existing bridge deck with an SMA surface and this will become a shared two-way footpath/cycleway. Detailed design is finalised and a set of documents required for the works are being prepared. The bridge works licence agreement with Irish Rail is being finalised.

The legal access agreement with the landowner to the west is also being finalised. Engagement with the landowner to the east has come to a halt for reasons beyond P&SI control, however, we will continue our attempts to engage.

Access for construction talks had been progressed with the landowner to the east. It is now required to bring construction access in from the western side. Negotiations in relation to this have commenced with the landowner to the west. Once all legal agreements are in place and sufficient notice has been issued to Irish Rail, works can proceed and will likely take up to 3 weeks to complete. The opening of the bridge will be heavily dependent on the landowner to the east.

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Heritage Officer

Fingal Fieldnames 2025

The Fingal Fieldnames project seeks to record the unique field names found in Fingal that offer insight into the history of the area
The project was first launched in 2018 and many names have been gathered since then-see https://meitheal.logainm.ie/fingal-fieldnames/

The second training workshop took place in the Village Inn, Ballyboughal on the 16 April. To find out more about this exciting project or to become a volunteer, visit https://www.fingal.ie/.../service/fingal-fieldnames-project.

Digging Drumanagh

Season 5 of the community excavation Digging Drumanagh will take place between 14-28 May 2025. The call for participants is now open. If you would to take part or read about the work to date please go to https://www.fingal.ie/digging-drumanagh:

Historic Street Elements Audit

An audit of four categories of historic street furniture-Kerbs & Cobbling; Historic Pumps; Postboxes; Milestones and Other is commencing. Surviving examples will be surveyed for their protection. Any photos of the street elements in the past or locations for survey should be sent to fingalheritage@archaeologyplan.com Local knowledge of where surviving examples are, is important especially in Balbriggan, Skerries, Malahide & Howth where the surveys will concentrate during this phase.

Community Monuments Fund 2025

A total of €70,000 has been awarded from the Community Monuments Fund 2025 for two projects in Fingal. Under Stream 1, consolidation works will take place at Abbotstown church (€40,000). Under Stream 2, a conservation management plan will be undertaken for Howth Castle (€30,000). The Community Monuments Fund has been instrumental in the preservation of our archaeological monuments for the future generations of Fingal. For more see https://www.fingal.ie/community-monuments-fund-0

HOUSING

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Affordable Home Purchase Scheme & Cost Rental:

Link to Affordable Housing landing page can be found here.

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 in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best change possible in being successful.

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
Wilkinson's Brook	Now Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	75 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Balmoston, Ballymastone, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	85 of 86 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	144 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	28 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal Opening Q2	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening Q3	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease

Update on Ballisk Park

The Application Portal for Ballisk Park, Donabate closed on March 19th. 475 applications have been received and assessments are underway. Provisional offers of properties are currently being issued, with 28 properties now sale agreed.

Docklands Business Forum Presentation

On April 29th 2025, the Affordable Housing team were delighted to have been invited by the Docklands Business Forum to present to Docklands employees on the current and future Fingal Affordable and Cost Rental schemes. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the strong Affordable Housing pipeline in Fingal to explain preparation and early engagement with approved mortgage lenders is key to securing Affordable Housing.

Conferences

Fingal County Council was represented at two conferences during April where Paul Carroll, Director of Housing & Community Development took part in a panel discussion at the CIF Irish Homebuilders Association housing summit in Croke Park alongside industry leaders, and presented on the affordable and social housing delivery underway in Fingal at the Housing Agency's annual Housing Practicioners Conference in Athlone alongisde other local authorities, state agencies and approved housing bodies.

Mortgage Broker Breakfast Seminar:

The Affordable Housing Team will be hosting a breakfast seminar for Mortgage Brokers in the Council Chamber, County Hall on Tuesday, May 13th at 10am.

The Affordable Team will present to the attendees on the eligibility criteria for the affordable housing scheme and explain the team's processes and procedures used in delivering Fingal's Affordable Housing Developments, with a question and answer session afterwards.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide clarity to the attending Brokers and to invite them to work with us in delivery of affordable homes across Fingal.

Cost Rental

The Housing, Architects and Finance Departments are working in collaboration to prepare the tender documents for Stage 2 of the Management company tender competition

It is anticipated that the cost rental scheme will be available for applications in Q3 2025.

For more details
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Social Housing Delivery Acquisition Programme 2022 - 2026

Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	527
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	196
Planning and Design	224
Part V	847
TOTAL	**1,794**

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Recently Completed

5 Homes delivered in St. Ita's, Portrane Avenue.

Fingal County Council recently completed the renovation of 5 more derelict and vacant homes on Portrane Avenue, St Ita's Campus.

The houses were owned by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and were previously used to house workers from the nearby St Ita's psychiatric hospital, some of which have been vacant for many years and subject to extensive fire damage.

They are in an architectural conservation area and as such the properties have been conserved in line with how they were built. The properties have been conserved very much in line and in the spirit of how they were built with great effort made to recreate the sash windows, preserve and reinstate old roof tiles and source matching tiles and slates.

The houses have also been brought up to modern standards while still considering their architectural heritage. Each house has been replumbed, rewired and upgraded with modern heating systems and insulation.

These delivery of these 5 properties mark the completion of renovations at St. Ita's, with 14 properties having been refurbished and delivered.

10 Homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin in partnership with Tuath Housing.

Schemes on Site

Seatown Road, Swords

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 the Swords Cultural Quarter.

Ballisk Park, Donabate

On behalf of Fingal County Council, Glenveagh have commenced the construction of 175 new homes 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. The development will deliver 40 social, 180 affordable and 80 cost rental new homes in this phase. The first **20** new social homes have been delivered.

Church Fields 3B, Dublin 15

Works are progressing on the mixed tenure scheme at Church Fields 3B, which will see the delivery of a further 217 homes in Church Fields, comprising of 121 houses and 96 apartments. As a mixed tenure arrangement, this phase will include 107 social and 110 affordable homes.

Balmoston Phase 1, Ballymastone, Donabate

Construction work is continuing on Phase 1 of Balmoston. This is a mixed tenure development, which will deliver 87 social and 86 affordable new homes. The first **19** new social homes have been delivered.

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 is progressing on the delivery of 57 new social homes at Holywell, Swords. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.

Mourne View, Skerries

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 14 new social homes at Mourne View, Skerries. Planning for this development of 2, 3 and 4 bedroomed new homes was granted under the S179A process.

Remount Court, Lusk

Construction has commenced on the delivery of 18 new social homes at Remount Court, Rathmore Road, Lusk. Planning for this development of 1, 2 and 3 bedroomed homes was granted under the S179A process.

Asset Management Section

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme

The 2025 Energy Retrofit Programme is currently progressing, with Fingal County Council allocated €3,196,000 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, targeting 94 housing units.

Energy Efficiency Retrofit 1st May 2025	
Completed	**Areas**
10	D15
Onsite	**Areas**
10	D15
Upcoming	**Areas**
18	Fortlawn, D15
Tender Prep	**Areas**
14	Whitestown, D15
Planned	Seatown, Brega

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme 1st May 2025	
Painting completions	**221**
Boiler Replacements	**To commence Q2**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**To commence Q2**

Voids

Casual Voids 1st May 2025	
In lettings process	46
In relet works	86
Void Unavailable	10
Total	142

New to stock as of 1st May 2025	
New to stock properties	170

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 89 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4303 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

Following the introduction of new debt management processes and procedures through 2024, **rent arrears have reduced by €500,000** in Q1 2025. New processes initiated include bi-annual statements and letters to all tenants and quarterly statements and letters to tenants in arrears.

The Rents team will continue to engage with tenants who are having trouble paying their rent. The Rents Team have issued 39 Tenancy warnings so far in 2025, with 8 further cases listed for Court hearing in May, to obtain Orders for Possession.

6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

1,200 households were issued with Rent Assessment Forms in April.

Private Rented Inspections

The inspections team are working towards inspecting 25% of the registered tenancies which is approximately 21,000 tenancies. The target of 5,169 for 2025 have been received from the Department of Housing. Currently, 2,279 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 597 of them being inspected in April. The team will continue to work this year 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

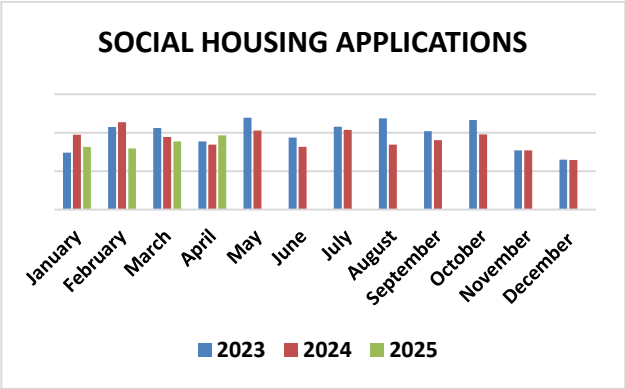
Housing Support

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.

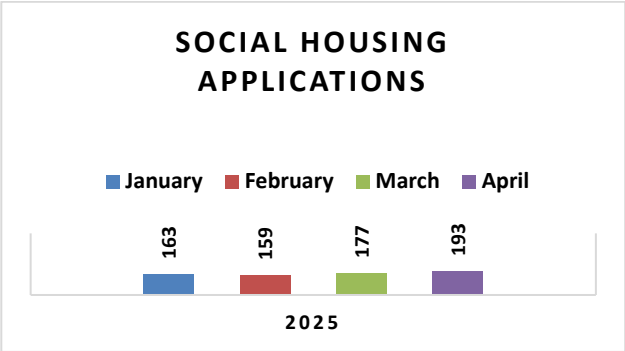
Year on year comparison by month.

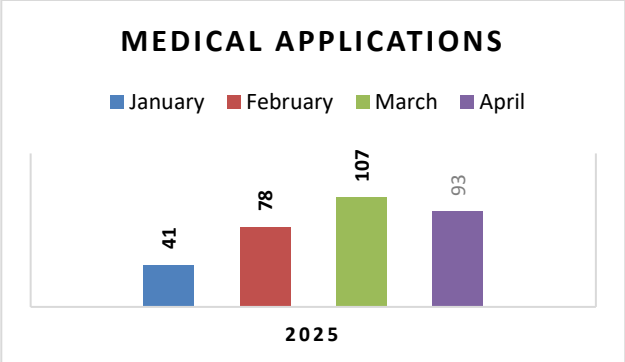
Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.

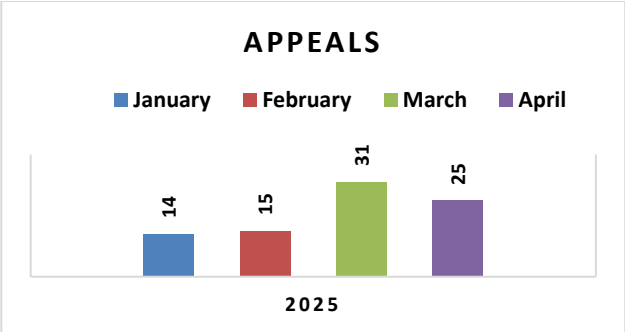


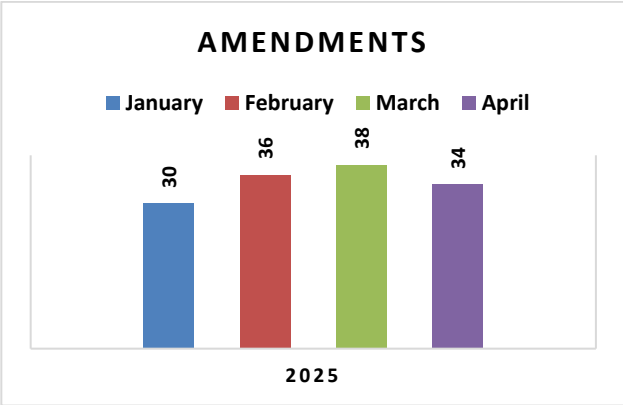
Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Applications received





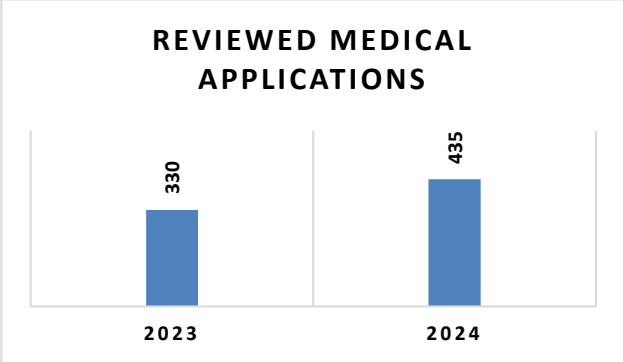




Housing Support Appeals

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

Medical applications reviewed



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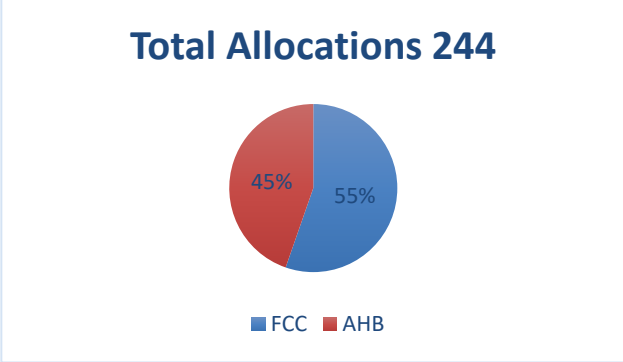
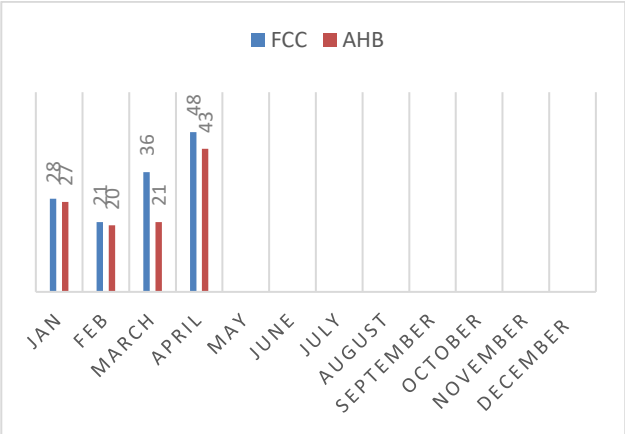
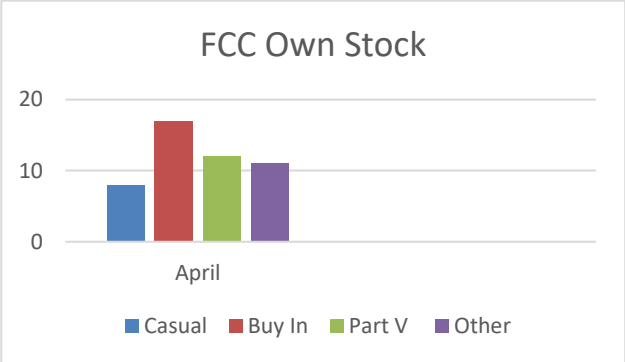


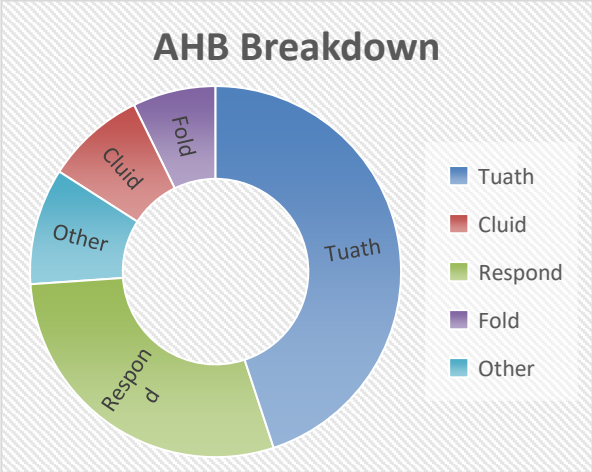
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





111 of the **244 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **133** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.



Tuath have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of March.

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 April

Internal image of advertised property at Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	No. of Views	Expressions of interest
2nd – 8th April	Sheephill Avenue, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15	4	House	549	24
2nd – 8th April	Russell's Terrace, Drynam Hall, Kinsealy, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1450	221
9th – 15th April	The Water Rill, Waterside, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1494	295
9th – 15th April	Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin	1	Apt	1485	324
9th – 15th April	Meadowbank's Road, Miller's Glen, Swords, Co Dublin	3	Apt	1278	184
23rd – 29th April	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co Dublin	2	Apt	1641	313
			Total	**7897**	**1361**

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 April 2025, 38 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	14	7	0	21
Homeless Prevention	14	3	0	17
Total	**28**	**10**	**0**	**38**

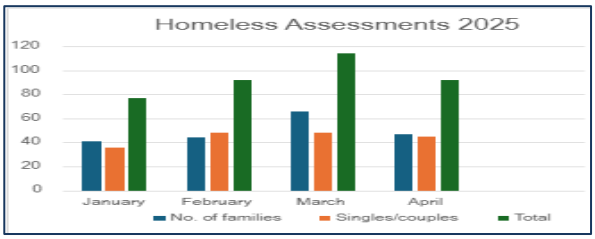
There was a total of 17 homeless prevention cases and 21 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

3 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 7 exited emergency accommodation.

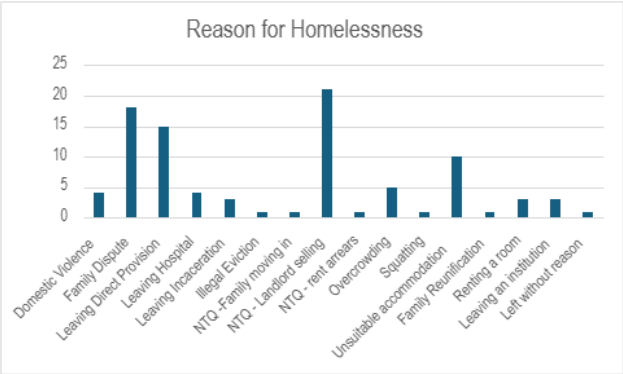
28 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 14 homeless preventions and 14 who exited emergency accommodation and 0 from Direct Provision.

Homeless Assessments

Fingal's Homeless Team continues to engage with those experiencing homelessness to offer advice and support. Homeless Assessments continue to be carried out. In March 2025, there were a total of 92 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 47 families and 45 singles/couples.



During April 2025, of the 92 Homeless Assessments carried out, 25% cases resulted from a Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served, 20% of cases result from family/relationship breakdown and 16% leaving direct provision. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from unsuitable accommodation (11%), domestic violence (4%) and leaving hospital (4%). The remaining 20% 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 491reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 20 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 5 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution. There are 9 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (2 couples and 5 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 21 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, two have been housed in January 2025 and two more have been nominated, awaiting tenancy sign up.

A second sub-group has been created between Fingal County Council and an Interim Disability Case Manager. The HSE have identified 6 new clients, all of whom have Medical Priority and are currently being reviewed for long term allocations

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, and advising the person on the level of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) they may be eligible to receive.

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

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 Council is committed to meetings its responsibilities to address the needs of the Traveller Community as set out in the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 -2029 to provide sustainable Traveller specific accommodation and supports.

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.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council implements the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites

Illegal Occupiers

A number of illegal occupiers parked caravans on Damastown Avenue in Dublin 15 in March & April. Statutory Notices have been issued and the illegal occupiers, the trailers and their occupants have been notified to vacate the area. Unfortunately, a significant amount of waste and debris was left. Fingal County Council will now incur additional expense in cleaning this area and further measures will be considered to strengthen parking prevention measures.

Dumping on site

Illegal dumping on halting sites continues to be an issue. Fingal County Council have engaged our contractor to remove the waste, and a letter will be issued to residents advising that waste collection is provided on site for the disposal of household waste and to refrain from engaging in such activities on site.

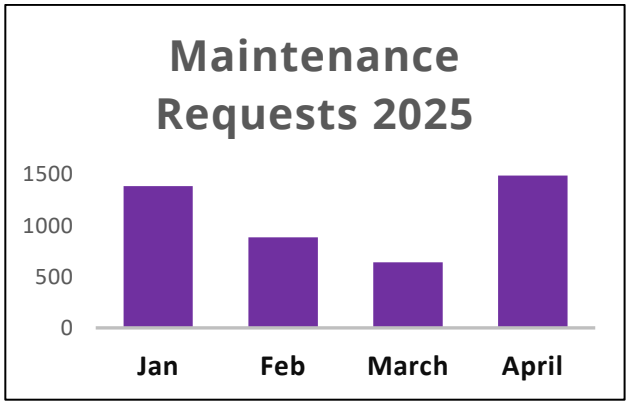
Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

Fire Safety remains one of the top priorities for the safety of all of our tenants on our Halting Sites and Group Housing Schemes. The Annual Service and Maintenance of Portable Fire Equipment on Fingal County Council Traveller Accommodation Sites has been completed and additional fire safety equipment was installed across several of our Halting Sites. In addition to this, we have completed a Fire Safety Audit in Caravans and a leaflet drop to all of our Halting sites.

Copy of leaflet provided to occupants

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management have conducted 26 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 10 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2024 Programme had a 84% completion rate across the County.

The 2025 Programme of work is now underway, with Contractors working across the County in areas such as Blackmills Grove, Strandmill Road, Strand Road, Cardy Rock Road/Ave/Walk/Sq, Lambeecher Estate and Russell's Terrace.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Inspectorate Unit

The Council is committed to investigating every report of ASB and will take the necessary preventative measures possible. All complaints of anti-social behaviour are received in confidence by the ASB Unit who work closely with An Garda Síochána in relation to these complaints.

A number of Tenant Induction Courses have been facilitated so far this year with further courses in the pipeline.

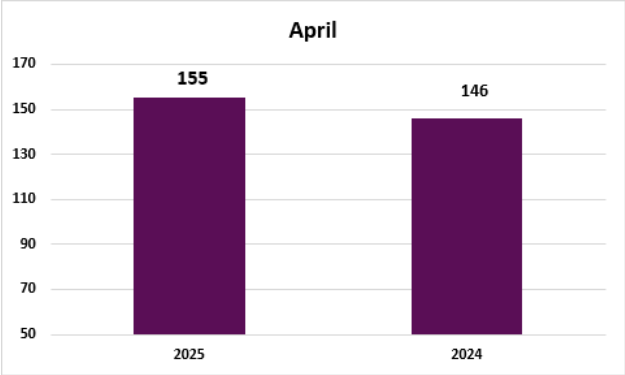
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints Apr 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	34	10	18	6
Rush / Lusk	18	13	4	1
Swords	36	20	5	11
Howth/Malahide	11	6	4	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	34	8	10	16
Ongar	20	2	1	17
Castleknock	2	0	2	0
Total	155	59	44	52

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January (5), February (6), March (3) April (6) surrenders.

2025/2024 comparison of asb complaints received in the month of April



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025	28
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	**7**
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	**1**
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate April 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	**564**
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	**575**
February 2025	**857**
March 2025	**1076**
April 2025	**909**

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 15th April 2025 with the next meeting on the 10th June 2025. Sub-groups of the forum meet as required.

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 (ARP) is presently **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home.

In accordance with the recent Government announcement this will be reduced to **€600** per month. The relevant legislation requires the Houses of the Oireachtas to approve the proposal on the rate before the Ministerial order to effect a change is signed. As the payment is payable monthly in arrears, the first payment at the reduced rate will be received by hosts on 8th July 2025.

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

Vacant Homes

The Vacant Homes Team continues to engage with persons relevant to circa 300 potentially vacant properties(private) to encourage them 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 Council survey. Information on Vacant Council Stock is set out in the Asset Management section of this Housing Department Report.

The Vacant Homes Team commenced the statutory CPO process with respect to 3 vacant dwellings in 2024, one of which has come back into occupation and possession was taken of the property below in Wellview estate, Mulhuddart on 1st April 2025 to conclude the CPO process. This long-term vacant property will now form part of the Council's Social Housing stock and be allocated to a social housing applicant upon completion of repairs

CPO property Wellview, Dublin 15

This represents the third private owned long – term vacant property in Wellview estate that has been dealt with by the Vacant Homes Team. In addition to the above property, 2 other properties in the estate are back in use through the work of the Vacant Homes Team. One was purchased by FCC under the Buy and Renew scheme and is now occupied by a Council tenant and the other came back into use via the provision of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant with new owners now in situ. 19 properties have come into occupation recently following either CPO proceedings, threat of CPO proceedings or general engagement with parties relevant to the properties. Refurbishment works are completing at a property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised in 2024, and the property will be allocated to a social housing applicant shortly.

Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

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. 202 applications have been received since launch of the scheme. 25 new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. 138 applications are approved which equates to €6.95million in approved funding with further applications to be approved shortly.

Promotion of the scheme is ongoing by the Vacant Homes Team. 6 information events were held to promote the scheme in 2024, and arrangements are advancing for information events in 2025. A very well attended event took place at the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on the 8th April 2025 with Council's Architectural Conservation Office also present to provide information on conservation grants that are available to restore properties. The Council's Vacant Homes Team will have an information stand at the Fingal Tented Village at the Flavours of Fingal show on the 5th July 2025 and 6th July 2025 to promote the scheme and deal with enquires from citizens.
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 received VPRG application

Works nearing completion – Before photos and work nearing completion photos

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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.

Launch of Fingal Residents Association Handbook: Helping you build better communities

Fingal County Council's Residents Association Handbook helps communities establish, manage, and strengthen associations, fostering collaboration and neighbourhood improvement. This updated fourth edition was formally launched in April by Mayor of Fingal Cllr Brian McDonagh. The handbook has a clear and user-friendly approach and encourages collaboration between residents and the council to create vibrant, well-managed communities.

It is available on the council's website and a hard copy will be posted to 169 residents associations on the county database.

Meakstown Community Garden Group

The Meakstown Community Garden group was delighted to welcome award-winning garden designer Jane McCorkell to their April meeting. As the designer of the garden and winner of the Bloom 2023 award, Jane brought a wealth of expertise, offering practical tips and valuable advice to support the group as they prepare for the garden's opening. The group is currently in the early stages of development, and this meeting was an opportunity for the community to volunteer as committee members and begin planning for the opening of the garden. Jane also led a walk through the garden, sharing her insights on plant maintenance and upkeep, while discussing the inspiration behind her design. The community department look forward to supporting the growth and development of this group.

Community Facilities Management Support

The Building Facilities Unit provides financial and management support to 35 community facilities across Fingal. The Unit also managed the Capital Works programme for the Community Development Office.

Holywell Community Centre – changing room conversion to multi-purpose space

Holywell Community Centre received €35,000 under the Community Recognition Fund in 2022. This funding was used to convert 2 changing rooms that were rarely used into an 80m2 multipurpose activity space with a sprung floor. The total cost of the project was €52,000. The balance was funded from Holywell Community Centre's reserve fund. This newly adapted space will provide a multipurpose space during the day for Snowflakes Autism Support Group and will also enable the community to benefit from an additional multipurpose space that can be used for a wide range of activities including after school activities, fitness training, dance / recreational and meeting space.

Castleland Community Centre – replacement of sports hall floor

Following the identification of several defects in the sports hall floor at Castleland Community Centre which resulted in half of the sports hall being out of use for several months, a full replacement of the floor took place in April. The newly replaced Juncker's flooring will ensure that community groups and the pupils of Ardgillan Community College can resume their full schedule of activities in a safe environment.

Tyrellstown Community Centre – changing room conversion to multi-purpose space

As part of the refurbishment works carried out by the Department of Education and Skills as part of the School Remediation Program, the changing rooms at Tyrellstown Community Centre were converted to a multipurpose space. This newly adapted space will cater for a wide range of activities including after school activities, fitness training, dance / recreational and meeting space.

IPB Pride of Place Competition 2025

Following on the success of Fingal County Council winning the overall award for best local authority community engagement on the island of Ireland at the 2024 Pride of Place final, held in Monaghan last November, the community office has selected the three entries for the 2025 competition. This year Fingal will be represented by the community of Rivervalley/Rathingle in Swords, with particular emphasis on the RiverValley community centre in the urban neighbourhood category.

In the health and wellbeing category, the award-winning Thrive Balbriggan mental health project will represent Fingal, following on the great success of this project at the recent LAMA Awards. In the Biodiversity and Climate Action category, the Coolmine lodge biodiversity project, which will combine the tremendous work done by community groups in this part of D15 in partnership with individuals on their journey of recovery, will fly the flag for Fingal. Judging in the 2025 competition for Fingal will take place in the last week of August and the final will be held in Limerick city on November 8th 2025.

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

On April 15th, Fingal Comhairle na nÓg took part in the 2025 National Showcase held at Dublin Castle. The event brought together over 400 young people from all 31 Comhairlí na nÓg across Ireland, alongside policymakers and civil servants from various government departments. This event gave the young people an opportunity to engage directly with decision-makers about issues affecting young people today. Fingal Comhairle na nÓg also got to display their work on improving youth-friendly facilities in Fingal. Local TD Roderic O'Gorman spoke with the group in depth about their research and expressed interest in receiving a copy of their findings.
The group had the chance to network with fellow Comhairlí members, attend panel discussions, and hear keynote speeches from Taoiseach Micheál Martin and Minister for Children, Disability, and Equality, Norma Foley.

Age Friendly Fingal

Age Friendly Fingal is committed to driving a collaborative, multi-sectoral approach to supporting interventions that will significantly help to improve the quality of life of the current population of older people in Fingal and future generations.

Information Event, Skerries

A challenge that constantly arises in consultations with older people is the over-reliance on social media and the internet for accessing information. To address this challenge, Age Friendly Fingal organised an information Event/Expo in Skerries Harps GAA club on Tuesday 1st April 2025 (10.30-12.30). Over 100 older people attended this event, receiving information and advice from services providers and local organisations. Many queries were also received from older people who could not attend on the day seeking information on the next Information Showcase.

This event was promoted on social media, and through posters and flyers distributed in the community and venues frequented by older people. However, unlike similar events in the past where between 2% and 5% of those in attendance heard about the event through social media, around 20% of those in Skerries found out via social media.

This may in part be due to Age Friendly Skerries social media presence. However, nearly 80% got the information from a flyer/poster or work of mouth.

Comments made by those in attendance included "I got some amazing advice;" "I didn't know I was entitled to so much;" "It was great to get so much good information in one place;" "That was the best use of taxpayers' money ever."

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 and Dublin 15 in IPAS Accommodation Centres and BOTP 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	79	55
Mid-East	475	1673
Dublin 15	0	829
Total	**554**	**2557**

*Due to an ongoing audit within IPAS, numbers for IPAS residents across the 3 geo-areas in Fingal have not been updated since February 16th, 2025. BOTP numbers continue to be updated, and the figures shown here correspond with the latest data, as of April 13th, 2025.

Connections Expo

On April 10th, Fingal Integration Office held the Connections Expo at one of the IPAS centres in the county. This was the second such event.

On this occasion the event was attended by the Mayor, Cllr. Brian McDonagh, Deputy CE, Ethna Felton, and a number of representatives from the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA).

The Connections Expo was specifically targeted to respond to the needs and interests of the residents at the IPAS accommodation centre with a particular focus on the health and wellbeing of residents as well as creating connections to foster stronger community ties.
The event brought together 49 exhibitors representing 22 agencies and was attended by 144 residents throughout the evening.

Public Participation Network – PPN

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the Q&A community of Fingal.

Fingal PPN held its first Plenary of 2025 on 3rd April. They received a very informative presentation by the ombudsman, Ger Deering and a presentation by Mary T. Daly Director of Services FCC who introduced concept of the new community safety partnerships to the ppn members present. The secretariat presented the new Strategic Plan 2025-2026, and it was formally adopted by the Plenary. A launch will follow in the coming weeks.

Funding

Community Activities funding is to support community and voluntary groups to develop initiatives that support, community group development, social inclusion initiatives, community events, climate action/environmental enhancement, integration, or intercultural Initiatives.

A funding scheme has also been provided for in the Community Development Programme to support Health & Safety enhancement works in non-council owned community facilities.

Community Activities Funding up to 30th April 2025.

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Protected Cycle Lanes:
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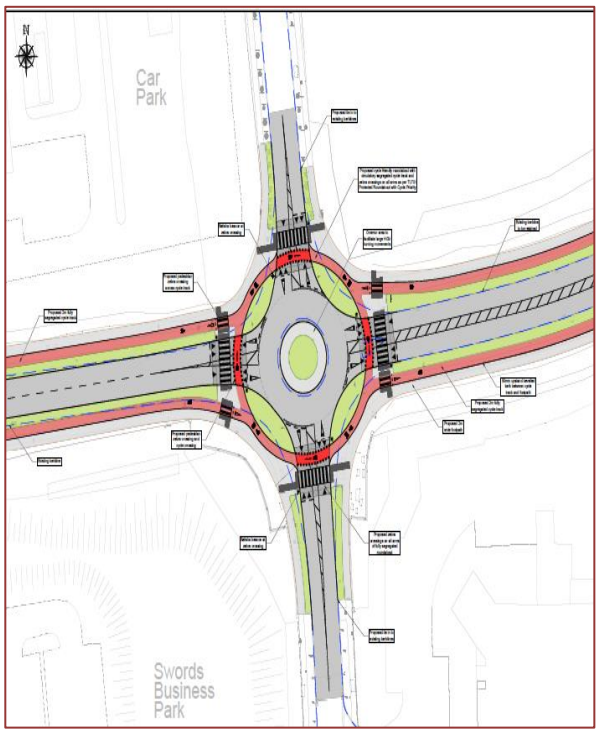
R132 Blakes Cross to Quickpenny Lane

Works on the R132 have been fully completed with the Contractor having completed the snagging items along the route.
The Project has been handed over to our Operation Section for regular maintenance.
The Final Road Safety Audit on the operational phase of the new project has been completed and all items addressed that were raised during the process. The full safety file and as constructed drawings are being finalised by the Contractor and Design Team for inclusion as part of the hand over.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Design Team is finalising the detailed design in advance of going to tender for the appointment of 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 with the preferred proposed walking and cycling infrastructure 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 being finalised with the preferred option established in the report.
The project Team are currently progressing works on the southern end of this project that may be delivered separately to the overall project. This is being progressed to tie in and provide connectivity to other projects that are at and advanced stage in this area on the northern end of Balbriggan.

Howth-Malahide Area:

Baldoyle-Howth Protected Cycle Lane Scheme Phase 2

The brief to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team has been prepared and is currently being reviewed. Once the brief is agreed, the tender documents will be published.

A non-statutory public consultation will take place shortly after the consultants are appointed to assess the opportunities and constraints to active travel, and any other local issues that the design consultants need to be aware of, taking account of accessibility, permeability, functionality, schools, medical facilities, public transport routes and the likes. This work will be carried out in line with the other quantitative information gathering elements of the initial study, such as topographic surveys, traffic counts, collision data, population demographics, and collation of utility information.

Once the above is complete and assessed and a preferred solution within the constraints of the area is emerging, a second non-statutory public consultation will be held, to get the feedback and input from the public.

Paddy's Hill to Broomfield

Topographical and traffic Surveys are complete. Two non-statutory consultations have been carried out. The consultant is currently in the

process of obtaining quotations for a tree survey, and a video survey. Road Safety Audits and Road User Audits are currently being carried out. The consultant is in the process of planning for stakeholder engagement, and continuing to develop the preferred option drawings, and compiling the draft options report, which will be sent to FCC for review, once complete.

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 latest drawings are being updated taking into account the various bus stops along the route which will be upgraded as part of the project. The latest draft preliminary design report is being updated taking this into account. Draft screening reports have been issued with feedback sent back to the ecologist. These are being updated accordingly. Further updates will be provided over the coming months, through this report and at ACM level.

Clonee to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

The preliminary design phase is ongoing. Initial discussions have taken place with local landowners with site meetings held. Further site investigations have taken place at pinch points along the R147 with drawings updated accordingly in agreement with the NTA. A stage 1 road safety audit is about to commence, and environmental & appropriate screening is underway.

Castleknock to Dunsink Lane

Detailed design continues with meetings taking place with relevant internal and external stakeholders. Accommodation works and tree removal works have been carried out and associated new tree planting has been ordered. The suite of drawings required for the tender package are complete and draft tender documentation is under review by the project team.

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. Traffic surveys have been completed for the 2 signalised junctions and a workshop is planned in the coming weeks with the NTA.

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

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed and has commenced with the detailed design phase of this scheme. A consultant has been appointed to carry out a survey of the existing Foul Water and Surface Water lines and planning for stakeholder engagement is underway. The initial detail design is also being progressed.

Balrothery Active Travel Plan

The Consultant is now finalising the draft Active Travel Plan for Balrothery, incorporating the Active Travel Unit's input and feedback.

The Consultant is also progressing Options Comparison and Assessment.

Skerries Active Travel Plan.

The Project Team together with the Consultant are working through the process and data collection and surveys.

A report outlining a Long List of Options was generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. FCC and the consultant have workshopped the contents of the draft report and the agreed modifications are underway before it is presented to internal departments and local councillors.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:

The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and the project consultation process has closed on April 17th. There is a lot of interest in this project and over 160 submissions from the public and community groups and others have been submitted. These submissions will be reviewed in the coming weeks and will be assessed and presented to the members in the consultation and Managers report at the June Full Council Meeting.

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:

Jons Civil Engineering has been appointed to complete the construction of the project. Public lighting poles have been installed on Balheary Road, north of the bridge. The contractor has progressed footpath works with concrete scheduled to be poured after the Easter Holiday period. Works will progress through May and it is programmed to be completed by mid to end of June.

Wild Cat Lane

Connectivity improvement works has been undertaken along Wild Cat Lane in Skerries earlier this year and the scheme is now in operation. Active Travel have received positive feedback from users and other stakeholder groups. This lane was previously a space that was overgrown and used as a regular dumping ground. The laneway has now been transformed into an attractive space for children to walk and cycle to the nearby school and offers green spaces and planting areas that will be maintained by the school as part of the Green Schools initiative.

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 was conducted with the residents and locals in the Donabate area to provide observations on Phase 1 of this project. The consultation period ran from Friday 20 December 2024 until 23.59hrs Friday 31 January 2025.

Consultation period has now closed with 76 submissions received. The submissions are currently being categorised to generate a "Public Consultation Report" to be published on the Fingal County Councils consultation portal.

The submissions received are being considered as part of the detailed design process.

A consultant has been engaged to conduct the required environmental screenings in advance of proceeding through the Section 38 process and the exempted development process under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013. Detailed design of the project is taking place in conjunction with the screening process.

https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7

Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

The Consultant is currently incorporating feedback from FCC in the finalising their assessment report of Existing Stairs for Possible Safety Improvements at Balscadden Bay Beach.

Learn 2 Cycle Tracks;

Plans are in place for the construction of another ***Learn 2 Cycle Track at Holywell Swords***. This will bring us to three in the county. The Active Travel Team has appointed a Contractor to carry out the works which is due to commence immediately after the Easter break. This will provide another facility for our Walking & Cycling Officers to provide courses and supports for those of all abilities who are willing to take up and learn to cycle.

Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county have been identified and are currently being reviewed for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure in advance of going to tender for the appointment of a contractor to progress to the Construction Stage in 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. Following representations, and subsequent assessment by the Active Travel Unit, the Belisha Beacons on the raised pedestrian crossing have been removed and replaced with Pedestrian Crossing signs (RUS066).

Round 1 – Tranche 2

The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract has completed all works at each of the four school sites. 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

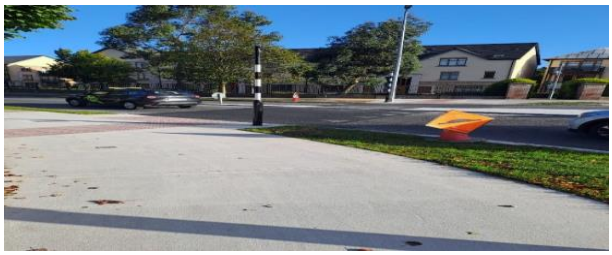
Works are complete at Ladyswell NS. Junction tightening has taken place at a number of locations in Dromheath estate along with new tactile paving. Footpaths have been widened across green open space. New public lighting has now been installed on the open space. The road surface outside the school has 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

All footpath repairs, new bus parking area, bollard installation, new zebra crossing, road resurfacing works are now complete.

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.



Pope John Paul II NS, Malahide

The project has progressed from design through to delivery, with construction works now complete and final preparations underway for formal handover and public engagement.

Completed

- Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide were completed in March 2025.

Inauguration

- A formal ministerial inauguration is being planned, subject to the Minister's availability in May 2025.

Safe Routes to School Round 2

An Taisce has officially launched Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School Programme. In line with this, Fingal County Council has appointed Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) as the Project Supervisor for the Design Process (PSDP), in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Safety, Health, and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2013.

The appointed schools are:

- 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

Preliminary design work for the Safe Routes to School initiative is currently underway. Once completed, a final cost estimate will be prepared and reviewed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure that the project adheres to both budgetary and safety requirements.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street

The project continues to progress steadily through the preliminary design phase, with key assessments and preparatory actions completed to support the delivery of enhanced road safety and accessibility. The following milestones have been achieved:

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA)

Road Safety Audit (RSA) – on-site audit successfully carried out by Traffico, with the final report due end of February 2025

Procurement & Installations:

Quotations for street furniture have been received, with installation scheduled for mid-May 2025.

A VivaCity Modal Filters sensor will be installed in May 2025 to monitor traffic flow and user interactions. It uses AI-powered video sensing to track pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles, delivering real-time, privacy-safe data. The system helps analyse movement patterns and improve road safety by supporting evidence-based transport planning—without storing personal information.

Digital Communication:

A dedicated webpage has been set up and published. All supporting documents related to the project have been uploaded to ensure transparency and public access.

Rush National School:

Works have been completed to facilitate the 'School Street' along Channel Road in Rush. The scheme is underway and monitoring of operation of the School Street is ongoing.

Sustainable Traffic Management Measures

Relocation of Taxi Rank Malahide

The taxi rank in Malahide has been relocated. The queue is now located outside 'Seomra Tae' on Main Street, Malahide, facing west.

New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

Construction has started on the Learn 2 Cycle Track in Holywell Park, our third such Learn 2 Cycle Track in Fingal. The track will host a large number of projects when it comes on stream in Q2.

Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From April-May, lessons are running in three locations:

- Kinsealy, Liam Rodgers Community Centre
  Starts Friday 25/04/2025 to 30/05/2025
- Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Centre April
  Starts Monday 28/04/2025 to 16/06/2025
- Rivervalley Swords May
  Starts Saturday 03/05/2025 to 07/06/2025

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.

Learn 2 Cycle for Children Aged 6-12 years

We are delighted to continue our Learn 2 Cyle lessons, to teach children aged 6 – 12 how to cycle.

Current courses:

- May 2025: Saturdays 2.30pm-4pm, Brackenstown Learn2Cycel track, Swords
- July 2025: Saturdays 2.30-4pm, Millennium Park Learn2Cycle track, Blanchardstown

There has been great demand from the community for this course, and we are working with our cycle trainer to provide more lessons during 2025, to meet demand.

Balance Bike Buddies – Brackenstown

The Balance Bike Buddies Course started on Saturday 26th April in Brackenstown, over 40 children aged under 5 took to the track to start their cycling journeys.

The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them. Our next course in Millennium Park will begin in Mid-June.

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.

Tolka Valley Path Opening Ceremony & Walk

An opening ceremony and guided walk will be held on Saturday 31 May, to celebrate the new path installed by the Operations team, along the Tolka from Mill Road toward Dunsink.

The Active Travel unit are collaborating with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns, to host a guided walk along the new path. A video will also be taken to promote this new walking amenity in Fingal.

Picker Pals Active Travel Communications Launch Burrow NS

We are holding a launch event for an exciting collaboration between Fingal's Active Travel unit and the environmental organisation Picker Pals.

Picker Pals work with schools across Ireland to promote environmental awareness, and the Active Travel unit has teamed up with them to create fun and engaging games and activities that encourage and support active travel.

Together, we have developed activities such as Active Travel Snakes & Ladders, Active Travel Ludo, interactive posters, colouring sheets, and event materials designed to connect with Fingal communities in a fun and positive way.

- We are holding a launch event this Friday, 2nd May at 11:00 a.m. at Burrow National School, Sutton.
- Students from the school will be invited to try out the new games and activities.
- These materials will support our engagement activities with schools.

Bleeper Lease E-Bike for Staff

The Bleeper staff lease bike trial is continuing, and staff feedback so far in 2025 has been excellent, with several staff members using the bikes to commute.
The Bleeper lease bike trial is available for staff based in Blanchardstown. Staff 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.
- 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

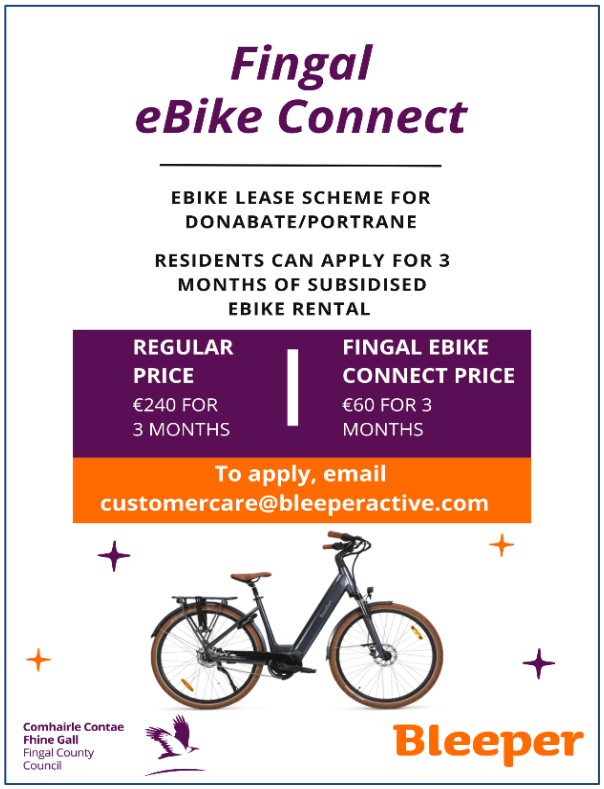
The Active Travel Unit, in collaboration with Cycling Ireland, is excited to bring the HER Move cycling course, as a pilot course in Fingal. The program aims to equip Transition Year (TY) girls with essential cycling skills, while also providing an opportunity to develop videography and photography skills. 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.

Fingal eBike Connect Scheme

In April the Active Travel Section launched the eBike Connect Scheme for the Donabate/Portrane area, this scheme gives residents the opportunity to apply for a subsidised eBike for a 3-month period. The purpose of the scheme is to show people the benefits of eBikes in relation to commuting and remove barriers that may exist towards buying or leasing your own eBike.

The scheme is the first of its kind in Ireland and we are hopeful that it will prove a sustainable way of bringing a bespoke form of Bike Share to areas where traditional schemes aren't viable.

Residents interested in applying for the scheme can contact customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



Sofa to Saddle March 2025

Our next Sofa to Saddle course will start on Tuesday 27th May in 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.

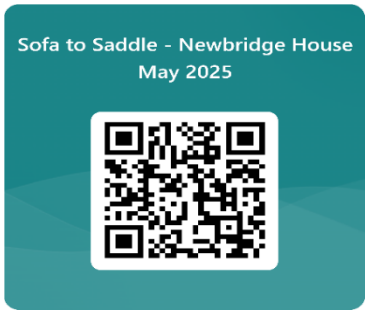
The course will help participants to relearn the basics of cycling independently, focusing on balance, bike control, gearing and braking.

The course is free to take part, however registering is vital as places are limited.

Course dates below:

- Tuesday 27th May in Newbridge House from 11am to 12:30pm.

Places can be booked through the QR Code below



Balance Bike Buddies 2025

Our first Balance Bike Buddies Courses of the year begin on Saturday 8th March in Millennium Park. Due to the phenomenal demand, we have added a second course to the programme.
Course 1 – 9:45am – 10:30am
Course 2 – 10:30am – 11:15am

The courses offer toddlers aged between 2 and 5 a safe and structured introduction to cycling and provides parents with the tools to keep the learning up away from the courses.
8 Courses are planned across Millennium Park and Brackenstown for 2025. For more information,
please email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Tandem Cycling Pilot Training

In April we held a tandem cycling pilots training course with Fingal Sports and Vision Sports Ireland. The course helped to train 10 new tandem bike pilots who will put their new training to use by being available to cycle people with a visual impairment on their respective club cycles.

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.

Simply contact customercare@bleeperactive.com for details on how to access the 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.

Trike Fundamentals Course

Accessible bikes are becoming more and more available to the public and our newest course aims at helping people using a three wheeled trike to improve their cycling skills on three wheels.

The Trike Fundamentals course will start on Saturday 24 May in Millennium Park and can be booked by scanning the QR Code below.

Cycling Without Age

The Cycling Without Age initiative has launched in Malahide Castle. The first volunteer pilots have been trained and bookings from the public are beginning to come in. 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

STEER-NWE Project

The Active Travel attended the kick off meeting for this project in Brussels, Belgium. The purpose of the project is to prepare Fingal for the transition towards EV Carsharing. The project involves cities from across Northwestern Europe and will provide a blueprint for the just transition to carbon neutral car sharing models

Interreg North-West Europe — Co-funded by the European Union — STEER-NWE

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 84 Trips in Q1, helping people get to everything from the shops, doctors appointments, social occasions and 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
December	1321	104,845km
January	1669	116,516km
February	1532	113,798km
March	No Data	No Data

EVPZ

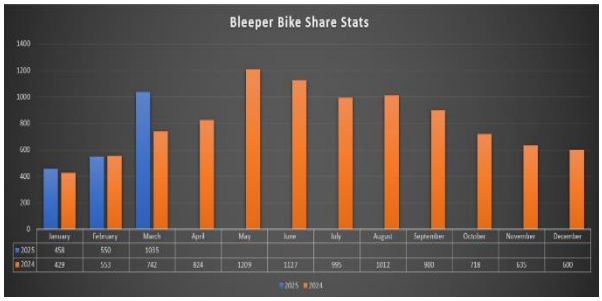
The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB and the three Car Share Operators recently launched two new shared EV mobility hubs in Swords and Malahide. The hubs each have two electric vehicles on site with a dedicated charger in each location. The Pilot Project aims to increase the number of shared vehicle journeys completed by EV, making the already environmentally friendly form of transport even more sustainable. For more information on the EVPZ eHubs project, you can check out https://esb.ie/what-we-do/esb-ehubs

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

The new Bleeper Bike Operating Zone came into effect from Dec 1st 2024 and the introduction of the Fingal pass has seen a positive impact on trips to date. Despite the smaller operating zone, the trip numbers have increased year on year in December and January, this despite very challenging weather conditions in both months.

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.

Fingal Pass Applications: 168 (28/02/25)
Approved Applications: 120

Refusal Reasons

- Non-Fingal Residents: 4
- No Bleeper Account yet: 44

Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

844 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in February
There were an additional 191 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
861 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in February
Sundays (26%) and Saturdays 17% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Ongar and Portmarnock were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 348kg of CO2

One concerning trend we have seen in April is an uptick in vandalism around Bleeper Bikes in the Dublin 15 area. Fingal County Council, Bleeper and An Garda Siochana are looking into this, but continued increases in vandalism will see the service temporarily suspended in Dublin 15 while we work to address it.

Bike Week 2025

Bike Week is fast approaching again, this year the week takes place between Saturday 10th May and Sunday 18th May.

As with previous years, we have a jam-packed schedule of events for the whole family to enjoy.

The full schedule can be found at www.fingal.ie/bikeweek and we hope to see as many people as possible for what promises to be a fantastic week.

BikeWeek

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE ACTION

Community Climate Action Fingal

Groups are continuing to deliver funded projects for example Naomh Mearnóg GAA have installed new Solar PV for energy generation and planted 200 native trees in an area for biodiversity.

Balbriggan SEC in partnership with the Meals on Wheels have installed LEDs in the building and at the Football club new external doors have been fitted which improves efficiency and retains heat within the building. Love Lusk group have purchased a food composter which will transform food into compost for The Forgotten Laneway for vegetable growing in partnership with groups from around Lusk. Donabate Portrane installed a new Bike Locker to encourage local use of bikes. Rush Eco Group had some tree planting done and have purchased parts needed for the drinking water fountain. The Community Climate Action Officer is meeting with new groups around Fingal and it is envisaged that Phase 2 grants will be announced by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications soon.

Climate Action Awareness

Malahide & Rush are saying Goodbye to Single-Use Cups – and Hello to a Cleaner, Greener Future!

Something exciting is brewing in Malahide and Rush—and it's not just the coffee!

This summer, Malahide and Rush are joining a growing movement to tackle packaging waste, starting with one of the biggest everyday offenders: **the single-use coffee cup**. Inspired by the hugely successful Killarney Cup Project (which kept over **1 million cups** out of the bin in just one year!), Fingal County Council are supporting our communities as we say "**no more**" to throwaway culture.

The Fingal Reusable Cup Project is an ambitious, community-powered initiative aiming to make Malahide and Rush completely single-use cup free by 2026. Backed by passionate volunteers, local groups like: **Malahide Lions Club, Malahide Chamber, St. Sylvester's Parish Council, Malahide Tidy Towns, Rush Tidy Towns, Rush Zero Waste, local clubs and schools**, and supported by a network of forward-thinking retailers, this project proves that real change starts at the local level.

We're launching **a six-month pilot in May 2025**, in partnership with reusable cup tech experts **VYTAL**. If you need them, participating cafés will offer reusable takeaway cups, and it's easy for customers to use. Just borrow a cup, enjoy your drink, then return it at any participating location (within 14 days).

📅 **Don't miss our Info Day – Saturday 10th May**

Meet our high-vis-wearing volunteers around town, enjoy **free coffees** at participating cafés, and learn how the system works.

📅 **Official Launch – Saturday 17th May**

Join us for the official celebration with local retailers, community members, and special guests **Minster Darragh O' Brien and Mayor of Fingal, Brian McDonagh**. Malahide and Rush have always been places with heart—and now, they are leading the way toward a cleaner, more sustainable future. **Let's raise a reusable cup to that!**

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

Dublin Climate Action Week 12th -19th May

12 - 18 May 2025

DUBLIN CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

FCC hosting event for four Dublin Local Authorities. FCC will partner with Active Travel to promote Climate Action during Bike Week. DCAW will be launched by Minister Darragh O'Brien in Malahide Castle on Monday 12th May. DCAW is an opportunity for the Dublin Local Authorities to showcase Dublin's climate action progress to its citizens and demonstrate the leadership role of the four local authorities in conjunction with other partners'.
Over 20 public and staff events have been organised across the Fingal area.

E2CUTIES

Interreg Co-funded by the European Union
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E2-CUTIES

The Climate Action Team attended the kick off meeting of this EU project in Besançon France. The purpose of this meeting was to gain an understanding of the E2-CUTIES overall project approach and role of FCC and to gain an understanding of Interreg practical and managerial aspects.

The project's goal is to improve energy efficiency in urban areas by empowering local energy communities to adopt integrated, energy-efficient solutions and fostering stronger collaboration between these communities and local authorities. Codema and Fingal County Council will serve as the local Dublin partners, with the Balbriggan Sustainable Energy Community also playing a key role. This initiative will contribute directly to Fingal's climate objectives by advancing efforts to reduce energy consumption within the Balbriggan Decarbonising Zone.

Our Balbriggan- Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar

The Climate Team continue to support the development of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar Series.

Local Authority Climate Action Teams Conference

On 2nd April staff from all 31 Local Authorities gathered in Wexford for a two-day event hosted by the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) to review the first full year of implementing Local Authority Climate Action Plans. The event brought together Climate Action Coordinators, officers, senior government staff, and community stakeholders.
Day one featured site visits to climate action projects across Wexford, including a large-scale solar farm, community-led energy initiatives, inclusive green projects, and coastal protection works. Participants also learned from local groups like MARA and CleanCoasts.

Day two was a conference with keynotes from Minister Darragh O'Brien and other senior figures. It included discussions on community engagement, coastal erosion, green clubs, funding opportunities, and local authority progress reports from several counties.

The event highlighted both the challenges and the innovative progress being made in climate action, with thanks extended to all participants, CARO Atlantic Seaboard South, Wexford County Council, and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications.

CARO

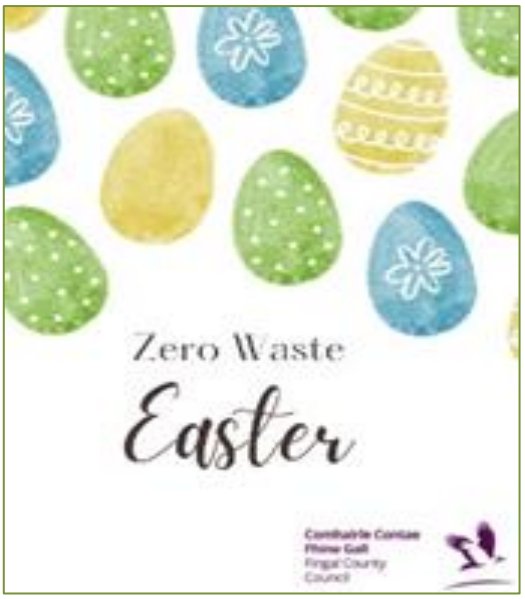
The Climate Team continue to liaise with Dublin Metropolitan CARO and four Dublin Local Authorities to implement and monitor the actions contained in the Climate Action Plans.

Environmental Awareness

In the past month, the Environmental Awareness Officer has been actively involved in a variety of initiatives aimed at reducing waste, promoting circular economy, engaging with local communities, and supporting environmental efforts.

Promotion of Zero Waste Easter

This campaign encouraged minimisation of waste during the Easter holiday by adopting sustainable practices. The initiative aimed to raise awareness around reducing plastic waste and promoting the use of reusable materials in the home.



Promotion of Recycled Paint Project

The Environmental Awareness Officer promoted the Recycled Paint Project to schools and community groups. This circular economy project in collaboration with the Rediscovery Centre keeps paint out of the waste stream by recycling it also the environmental impact of traditional paint products.

Spring Newsletter

The Spring Newsletter included updates on ongoing environmental initiatives, upcoming events, and important sustainability tips. It served as a great way to keep schools and community groups informed and engaged with environmental efforts in the community.

Adopt-A-Patch Scheme Resources

As part of the Adopt-A-Patch scheme, the Environmental Awareness Officer provided Community Hubs with necessary resources for residents who are taking part in this programme. These resources help participants maintain their adopted green spaces, contributing to cleaner, more sustainable local environments.

Dublin City FM radio

The Environmental Awareness Officer was interviewed by Carrie McMullan on Dublin City's Community Chats about the Replay Instruments Project and its connection to the Circular Economy. The conversation highlighted the importance of reusing and repurposing musical instruments and the positive environmental impact of such initiatives.

Donation of Instruments

As part of the Instruments Project, the officer facilitated the donation of musical instruments to two local schools: Santa Sabina in Sutton and Scoil Mhuire Senior in Blakestown. This initiative supports both environmental sustainability and educational enrichment for students.

Ongoing support for Tidy Towns, Residential Groups, Biodiversity Groups, Community Gardens, and Schools

Throughout the month, the Environmental Awareness Officer provided ongoing support to a variety of local groups, including Tidy Towns, residential groups, biodiversity groups, community garden groups, and schools. This support ranged from offering guidance and resources to collaborating on various environmental initiatives, ensuring that these groups have the tools they need to continue their important work.

Litter Management

The Litter Wardens continue to deal with large amounts of littering and dumping throughout the county.

- Investigate and report on all CRM queries raised by the litter management section
- Bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily to ensure that there is no dumping and any evidence found is dealt with under the Litter Pollution Act
- Link in with Operations to see if any issues have arisen for their crews regarding illegal dumping/littering in their areas, carry out inspections and follow up with fines/warning notices where evidence is found.
- Report any dumping and littering to Operations division for removal and follow up on witness statements submitted by Fingal citizens.
- Site inspections are carried out following reports of muck on the roads from building developments and farming activities. Site/Farm owners are advised of their responsibilities to ensure the roads are kept clean of muck and that the building sites have a road sweeper/wheel wash facility in operation.
- Continue to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling on beaches, pathways, parks and roads and target hot spots for dog fouling. Anti dog fouling signs are erected at various locations on foot of requests made and where complaints are received.
- Investigate and report on reports of abandoned cars, photographing and updating the litter app and the CRM system.
- Conduct walking patrols and engage with business owners regarding their responsibilities in keeping outside their premises clean and free of litter.

Litter Management Cases for April 2025

Cases April 2025	Amount
Muck on road	1
Abandoned cars	5
Inspection of bring banks	541
Inspection of dumping black spots	445
Unauthorised signage	7
Request for Dog fouling signs	2
Walking patrols	4
Councillor rep inspection	5
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	1
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	8

Litter Fines & Warning Notices – April 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0

Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 28th of April 2025, 149 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received. Burnt-out vehicles are also reported to the Environment Department.

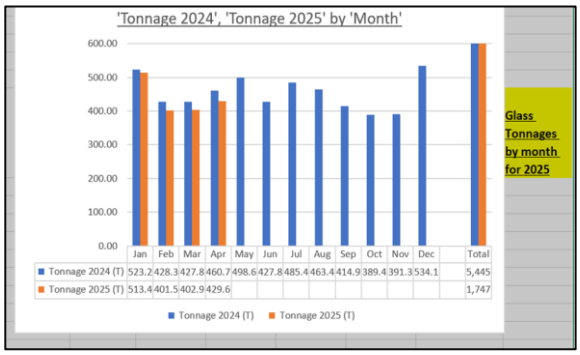
The Litter Wardens carry out an initial inspection of all reported abandoned and burnt-out vehicles. To report a suspected abandoned vehicle the following information is required and should be emailed to **environment@fingal.ie**

- Vehicle Registration
- Colour / Make / Model
- Exact Location
- Period of time that vehicle has not been moved
- Name and Contact Number of person reporting the vehicle

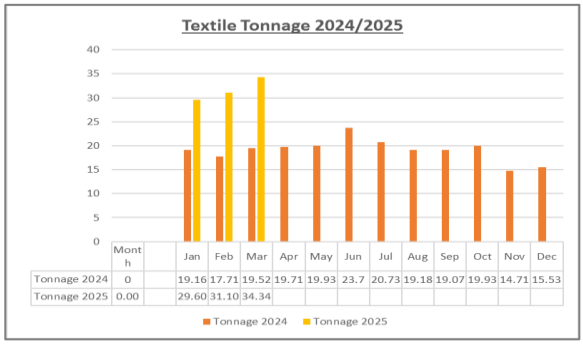
Information on Abandoned Vehicles can be found on the Fingal County Council website: **https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles**

	Abandoned Vehicles Lifted		Burnt out Vehicles Lifted	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	0	0	6	0
February	2	0	0	1
March	2	2	3	2
April	2	3	0	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	5	10	3

Bring Banks



Glass volumes collected in April 2024 were **431 (T).** This compares to the 2024 collection figure of **461 (T).**



Textiles volumes collected in March 2024 were **34 (T).** This compares to the 2024 collection figure of **18 (T).**

Dog Warden Service

The dog wardens continue to carry out enforcement in relation to breaches of the Control of Dogs Act 1986, Control of Dog Regulations 1998, Parks and Open Spaces byelaws and Beach and Foreshore byelaws. They also educate dog owners on the responsibilities of keeping a dog and remind owners to pick up after their pets when in public places. Dog owners should ensure that they hold a valid licence for their dog and if issued with a 10-day notice by the dog wardens, should present their licence to controlofdogs@fingal.ie within the 10 days provided on the notice. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued for failing to produce a dog licence when requested to do so by a dog warden and keeping a dog without a valid licence.

There were 85 x 10 Day Notices and 11 Fines issued by the dog wardens during April 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	82	38	5	€2135	€2244
March	234	87	40	15	€2525	€1121
April	277	85	35	11	€2073	€1770
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	264	429	34	€30,606.20	€5685

The Animal Welfare Section received 26 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of April 2025 to 28th of April 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of April 2025 to 28th of April 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	2
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	3
Env - Dog on Person Attack	3
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Pollution - Issue with Dog	13
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	3
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	1
Grand Total	**26**

Dog Licences and Fines

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during April 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	747	62	51	€28,880	€22,080
March	810	838	58	56	€24,320	€ 24,600
April	918	742	64	40	€27,320	€ 20,440
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	3170	742	201	€309,720	€91,540

We will continue to advertise the requirement for dog owners to hold a licence for their dogs on social media platforms.

XL Bully Legislation

From October 1st, 2024, new regulations prohibit the importing, breeding, selling, and re-homing of XL Bully type dogs and from February 1st, 2025, it is 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 is unique to each XL Bully type dog and owner and specifies the dog's licence details, microchip details, neutering details, age and description. It also specifies 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 166 COE applications, of which 124 have been fully processed, and exemption certificates have been issued to the owner. **For further information, 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 April 25 there were 19 dogs in the shelter. Up to 28th of April 2025,

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13 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 2 were surrendered by members of the public. Of these 34 dogs, non were reclaimed, 10 were rehomed to Rescue, 2 were rehomed to members of the public and 2 were PTS. As of 28th of April there were 20 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 April 2024	23	Dogs in Shelter at start of April 2025	19
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	10	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	13
Surrendered by owners	2	Surrendered by owners	2
Reclaimed	0	Reclaimed	0
Rehomed to Rescue	5	Rehomed to Rescue	10
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	2
PTS	0	PTS	2
Dogs in Shelter at the end of April 2024	**26**	**Dogs in shelter at end of April 25**	**20**

Alfie, a lurcher cross approx 10 months to a year old came in to the shelter as a stray and was never reclaimed.

Contact the shelter on 0873914008, WhatsApp or Facebook to make an appointment to see the dogs available for rehoming.

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.

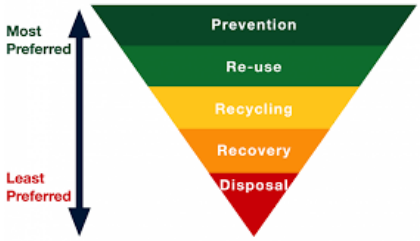
In April 2025 there were 2 horses seized from the public realm.

WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION

Regulation 27 By-Products inspections

National By-Product Criteria Reference Number BP-N002/2024 establishes detailed criteria determining when greenfield soil and stone from undeveloped land, which is destined for lawful use at another development with appropriate planning permission or exemption, is a by-product and not a waste.

Producers of By-Product register their By-Product on the EPA website (https://circulareconomy.epa.ie/) and Local Authorities are required to review the details provided to ensure the soil and stones being moved meet the criteria and are not pausing a risk to the environment.



The Waste Enforcement unit carries out desktop inspections to confirm the material is from greenfield site and the receiving site is planning complaint, and site inspections to check the material being moved and used on site is as notified and not a waste.

For soil and stones originating from brownfield sites, the process is different and single notifications are made, which are reviewed by the EPA for determination.

The Local Authority still has a role to carry out site inspections in these cases.

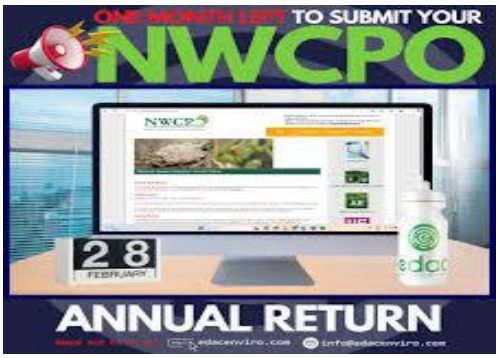
During the month of April, 8 notifications were made (5 greenfield and 3 brownfield), and desktop verifications were carried on all 5. One site inspection was carried out n Garristown GAA Club as a receiving site. Most other sites had been inspected on previous notifications and were not re-inspected on this occasion.

Annual Return Validations – Waste Data

The Waste Enforcement Unit carries out validation on Annual Returns (AR's) submitted by Waste Collection Permit Holders based in the Fingal are, and by facilities operating under Waste Facility Permits and Certification of Registration issued by Fingal County Council.

There are 109 Annual Returns to validate for Waste Collection Permit Holders and 20 for Waste Facilities.

The initial task, which was carried out in April, was to identify permit holders who did not submit their AR by the deadline of 28 February and contact them to seek their submission. 25 Waste Collection Permit holders were given up to 28th April after which they will be issued with Fixed Payment Notices for non-compliance with their permits.



The next steps will be carried out from May to September and will involve initially a desktop validation of all Annual Returns, checking that the waste data returned is in line with previous years, is matching returns from other permit holders, checking that the right List of Waste codes are used, and that the data is returned in the right tabs.

Where significant issues are identified at the desktop stage, or were identified in previous year's validation, site inspections will be scheduled to check the data returned against the permit holder's records. Where Non-Compliances are identified, enforcement action is initiated.

Planning Files

During the month of April, the Waste Enforcement & Regulations Section reviewed 15 applications referred by the Planning Department. Applications are reviewed looking specifically at waste provisions – management of Construction & Demolition Waste for large developments and looking at Operational Waste Management Plan for new large residential developments to ensure the proposed development caters for the provision of a 3-bin system for all residents, and to review the size and capacity of communal waste storage areas.

Figure 5.1 Typical waste receptacles of varying size (240L and 1100L)

A total of 19 Planning Compliance submissions were reviewed for compliance with waste related conditions of the planning permission – Resource Waste Management Plans, details of waste minimisation for a development and details of how C&D waste will be managed on site.

Waste Recovery Levy

The Circular Economy (Waste Recovery Levy) Regulations 2024 were introduced in September 2024, and supersede the 2023 Regulations, and provide for the gradual phasing out of the levy exemptions for the recovery of soil and stone waste.
https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2024/si/441/made/en/print

From 1st September 2025, a Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne will apply for C&D Waste recovered at large recovery sites (licensed to recover in excess of 200,000T of waste during the lifetime of the facility) excluding brownfield soil and stone. These sites are typically Licensed by the EPA.

From 1st March 2026, a Recovery Levy of €10 per tonne will apply for C&D Waste recovered at smaller scale recovery sites (authorised to recover under 200,000T of waste during the lifetime of the facility) excluding brownfield soil and stone. These sites typically have a Waste Facility Permit or Certificate of Registration from the Local Authority.

Under the Regulations, Local Authorities are responsible for receiving and checking the levy returns and for collecting the levy payments from private operators every quarter, and for paying the amounts of levy received into the Circular Economy Fund. Local Authorities are also required to audit the returns made by each facility for at least 2 Quarters every year.

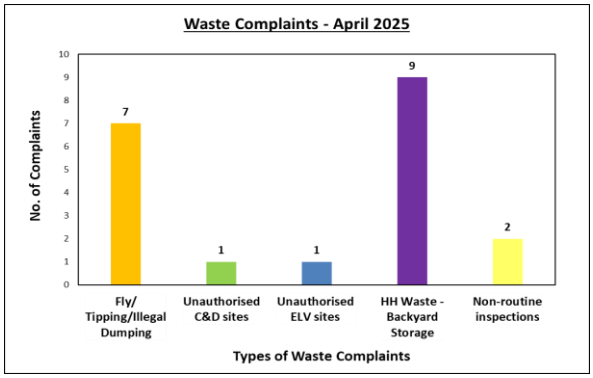
A Guidance Document has been provided by the Local Government Management Agency.

Four facilities have been identified in the Fingal area which will become liable to the recovery levy from 1st September 2025.

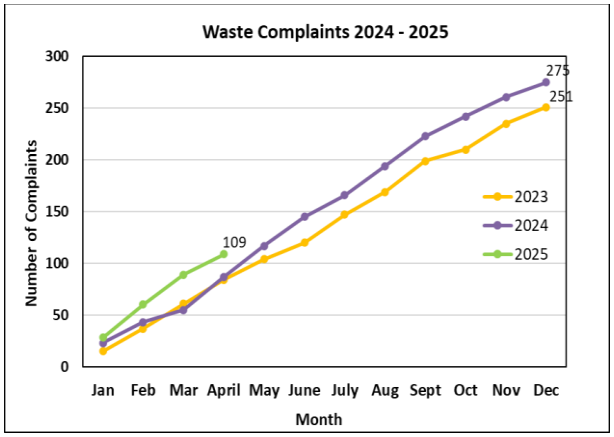
The Waste Enforcement & Regulations unit is currently reviewing these new requirements with a view to setting up the required systems in advance of the 1st September 2025 deadline.

Waste Complaints

During April, a total of 20 waste complaints were received and investigated and 8 were resolved. These included complaints regarding household backyard storage/burning of waste, an unauthorised ELV site, an unauthorised C&D site, fly tipping/dumping, and non-routine complaints. A breakdown of these complaints is shown in the following graph.



On average it takes 1.2 days to fully investigate and close out a waste related complaint with 275 complaints received last year requiring significant resources under the annual environmental inspection plan (RMCEI Plan)



Unauthorised waste collectors do not dispose of waste in an environmentally safe or responsible manner; often waste is fly-tipped by the roadside or in scenic areas, incurring significant clean-up costs.

If you suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in your area, or if you wish to verify that a particular waste collector has a valid permit, please contact the Environment Section at Email: environment@fingal.ie or Tel: 01 9806266.

You can also check if a particular waste collector has a valid waste collection permit on the NWCPO's website at - https://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx

Two legal files were prepared in April in response to waste complaints from previous months. The cases related to non-compliance with direction letters issued under the Waste Management Act 1996 as amended to remove and dispose of waste and to cease storing waste in an unauthorised manner. These cases will be dealt with in the District court.

Multi-Agency Checkpoint – April

At the end of April, three authorised officers participated in a multi-agency checkpoint alongside Dublin City Council's Waste Team, Revenue, the Department of Social Protection, and An Garda Síochána. The operation took place on the R139, within Dublin City Council's area, adjacent to Fingal County Council's jurisdiction.

Vehicles including lorries, trucks, and vans were stopped and inspected. For any vehicles transporting waste, drivers were questioned regarding the origin and destination of the waste and were asked to produce their waste permit details.

All vehicles inspected were found to be compliant with relevant regulations.

During the operation, a member of the team received positive feedback from a member of the public, who expressed appreciation for the presence of the checkpoint and noted a significant issue with illegal waste dumping in the area.

These checkpoints are proving effective in raising awareness among waste holders about their obligations to ensure compliance with waste management regulations. Further multi-agency checkpoints are planned for the FCC area in the future.

Water Quality

The Water Quality team has completed the following bathing water tasks in their preparations for the incoming 2025 Bathing Water Season.

- 2025 Designated Bathing Areas
- 2025 Bathing Water Profiles
- 2025 Bathing Water Calendar

2024 Bathing Water Classifications

On the 31st of March 2025, the EPA confirmed 2024 bathing water classifications which are the classifications that will be in place for the 2025 bathing water season. The 2024 classifications when compared to the 2023 classifications show a trend of improving bathing water quality with water quality improvements at 3 beaches namely Skerries, Rush North & Loughshinny and water quality deterioration at 1 beach namely Portrane.

The number of beaches with excellent water quality improved from 2 beaches in 2023 to 3 beaches in 2024 (Portmarnock, Rush North & Donabate).

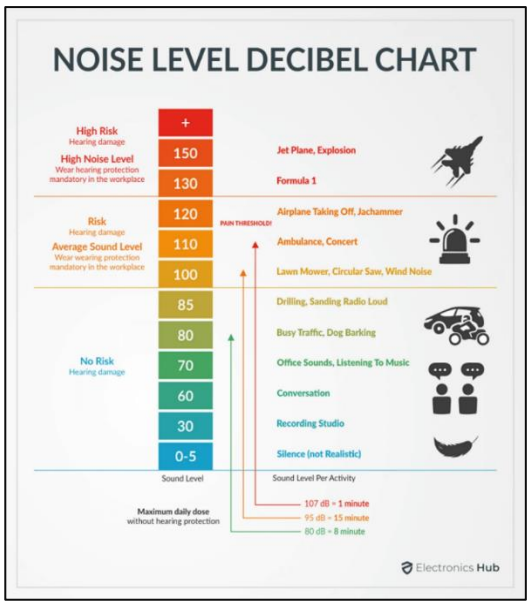
There are no longer any bathing areas in Fingal with poor water quality with the improvements in water quality at Loughshinny and Balbriggan. For the 2024 classification Balbriggan is now in a bathing water status termed "change" as the EPA approved Fingal's application for a "change" in bathing water classification due to the identification and removal of a significant surface water pollution source which brought about an immediate and consistent improvement in bathing water quality.

Balbriggan bathing water will be classified at the end of 2025 according to the quality of bathing water attained at Balbriggan for the 2025 bathing water season.

Air & Noise Section

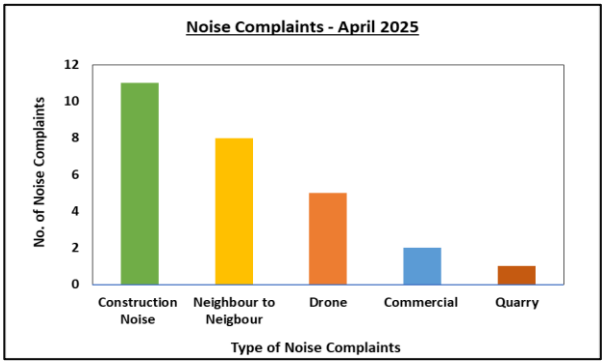
Air & Noise Complaints

Environmental noise is unwanted or harmful outdoor sound arising from all areas of human activity. Noise is caused by many everyday activities, the most common sources of environmental noise exposure in Ireland are from various forms of transport including traffic, railways and aircraft.

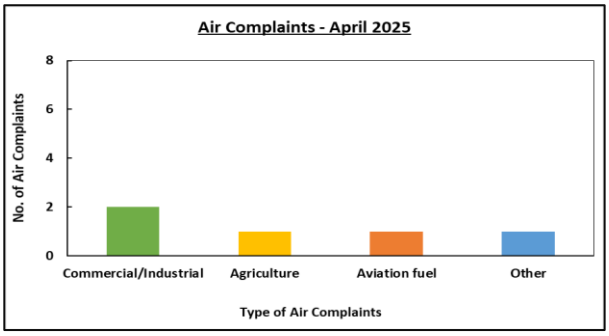


During the month of April, a total of 27 noise complaints were received and investigated with 25 of these complaints fully resolved. These included complaints regarding noise from construction sites, neighbour to neighbour noise, drone noise, quarry noise and noise from commercial premises.

A breakdown of noise complaint types is shown in the graph below.



During April 5 air complaints were received and these included complaints regarding odours from commercial/industrial premises, agricultural odours and aviation fuel. Three of these complaints were resolved with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining complaints. A breakdown of air complaint types is shown in the graph below.



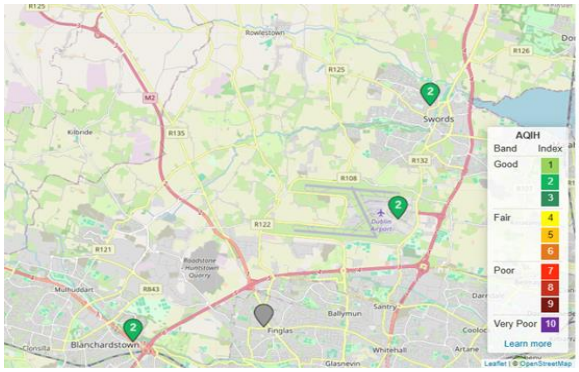
Planning Files

During the month of April, the Air and Noise Section reviewed 16 planning applications referred by the Planning Department. Applications are assessed against the latest Strategic Noise Maps for Fingal to ensure that any proposed developments, particularly residential developments, will not be adversely affected by road, rail, industrial or aircraft noise.

A total of 10 planning compliance submissions were reviewed during April for compliance with air and noise related planning conditions. These submissions typically outline the dust and noise mitigation measures that will be used to minimise the dust and noise impacts during the construction phase of a development.

Air Quality Monitoring

Air quality monitoring in Ireland is managed by the EPA under the Ambient Air Monitoring Programme. There are 3 air monitoring stations situated in Fingal. The key parameters monitored are Ozone, Particulate Matter PM2.5, Particulate Matter PM10 and Nitrogen Dioxide NO2. The monitoring stations are located in Blanchardstown (close to the M50/N3 Interchange), Swords (FCC Depot, Watery Lane) and Dublin Airport (Opposite Terminal 2) and are shown on the map below:



In addition to monitoring, the EPA also 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 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. The AQIH reading is continuously displayed on the EPA website and is updated hourly. The snapshot above is from 13:00pm on April 29th 2025 and the AQIH reading of 2 indicates that air quality in the Fingal area is good.

Real-time and historic air quality monitoring data at all 3 locations, as well as current AQIH information, is easily accessible via the following links:

1/https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/air-quality-monitoring

2/ https://airquality.ie/

SPORTS OFFICE

Her Moves/ Exercise Energise Video Competition

This year Fingal Sports Office invited participating schools in the Her Moves Exercise: Energise Programme to enter a video competition. The participating schools had an incentive of winning a prize. The schools were given a brief of what was required in the video. The video had to outline why girls drop out of sport and what would keep them engaged in sport. Each video submitted had interaction and participation from the girls. Following deliberation, it was agreed that Blakestown Community School submitted the most appropriate video with a lively soundtrack. This is the second year in a row that Blakestown have taken the prize.

Fingal Couch to 5K

The Sports Office initiated another Couch to 5k programme after the very successful post-Christmas initiative. This time the target group were inactive participants in Blanchardstown, Swords and Donabate who are looking to take part in their first 5k event.

Tutors are available once a week in Hartstown Park, Broadmeadows Park and Newbridge House to run and develop a structured plan that participants can practice several times during the week with the target of running in the 5k Race Series in the Phoenix Park in May.

Fingal on the Move

The first block of Fingal on the Move concluded in early April in Rush, Balbriggan, Swords, Mountview and Howth. The programme is designed to introduce adults back into fitness and physical activity through gentle/beginner exercise.

There are 7 programmes running across the county with 250 participants joining in each week. The second block of classes will commence at the end of April and run for 8 weeks.

Parent and Toddler Classes

Fingal's Parent and Toddler classes took a break in April and will recommence at the end of the month for a second block of 8 weeks. The classes are designed for both parent and toddlers to get active and meet other parents in their community. The classes can be found in community centres in Swords Holywell and Applewood, Balbriggan, Baldoyle, Meakstown and Lusk. There are 6 programmes being delivered throughout the county, with over 120 participants taking part each week.

Active for Life

Fingal Sports Office Active for Life classes cater for adults over 55. A second block of classes started in late April and will run for 8 weeks. The classes focus on movement, increasing mobility and muscle strength.

These classes are available in Balbriggan, Blakestown, Mulhuddart, Baldoyle, Lusk and Swords. There are 6 locations and over 150 participants joining each week.

All classes above can be signed up online on www.sports.fingal.ie or through Fingal Sports Office ClubZapp.

SportsCon Masters Research

Fingal Sports Office are delighted to collaborate with TU Dublin on a Masters Research Project investigating the effectiveness of the well-established Sports Conditioning programme. This project using funding from Sport Ireland's Evaluation Grant Scheme assesses the programmes focus on fundamental movement skills and its effects on increased participation in physical activity in both school and club environments. Two Dublin 15 schools will be involved in the initial part of the study as well as input from local sports clubs with results and recommendations expected by Q4 of this year.

Fingal Athletics League 2025

The second round of race meets took place in April in Porterstown Park and Newbridge House. 60 primary schools and 2,700 students participated across both venues. The finale of the programme will bring all schools to ALSAA Sports Complex on 14th May.

BMXing with BYMI Youth Service

Fingal under the Active Cities Dublin banner have collaborated with Lucan BMX in St. Catherines Park to run a 12-week BMX programme for youths who attend the BMYI youth service in D15. The group selected would be a hard-to-reach target group and their response to them participating in the BMX programme has had great impact for the youth service to engage with them more.

Active Cities Dublin featured Irish Runner magazine

Fingal County Council under our Active Cities Dublin banner featured in the Irish Runner Magazine with a two-page spread alongside the Shelters Running Community we supported in becoming an affiliated club with Athletics Ireland just over a year ago. The Club who run every Saturday at 8:30am on Portmarnock Beach have gone from strength to Strength by providing a social outlet for residents and visitors of Fingal to be physically active in a safe and nonjudgmental space. The Clubs motto says, “It’s not a race, it's a community”.

Autism in Sport Online workshop

Fingal Sports Office, in partnership with Active Disability Ireland, hosted an online *Autism in Sport* workshop on **Tuesday, April 15th, 2025**.

The fully accredited session provided sports coaches, volunteers, and parents with practical strategies to create inclusive environments for people with autism in sport. The workshop had 12 participants with positive feedback from all involved.

Inter Services Boccia Blitz's 2025

The first Fingal County Council Sports office Boccia Blitzes was hosted on Tuesday 25th March 2025 in ALSAA from 11am – 1pm. These blitzes are designed for all disability service providers in the Fingal County area, catering to individuals within those services who have a passion for Boccia.

Our primary focus is on fun and encouraging active participation.

Sports Office Integration Event Support

The sports office provided support, and information stands to the Fingal Integration Office for the Fingal Integration Connections Expo on Thursday 10th April at the Airways IPAS Accommodation Centre.

The Connections Expo was specifically targeted to respond to the needs and interests of the residents at the Airways Centre with a particular focus on the health and wellbeing of residents as well as creating connections to foster stronger community ties.

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Conservation Clinics @ Fingal

Conservation Clinics @ Fingal, a new initiative from the Architectural Conservation Section is to be held in June 2025.

The Architectural Conservation Section of Fingal County Council are delighted to offer homeowners of historic buildings a free consultation with a specialist conservation architect or surveyor. Supported by the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS), the clinic will offer homeowners a 45-minute, one-on-one discussion. This is a valuable opportunity for the owner to discuss all aspects of their conservation project with the experts.

FCC Architectural Conservation Officers, Helena Bergin and Bronagh Lanigan will also be on hand to offer information on conservation grant schemes.

The clinics are by appointment-only and the intended clients shall be homeowners looking for advice on conservation-led repairs only. Consultation on extensions or new-build projects will not be covered by this clinic.

The Conservation Section have invited several homeowners to avail of this initiative and are expecting a productive and successful event.

Conservation Clinics @ Fingal will take place on Wednesday 18th June 2025, in County Hall, Swords.

National Built Heritage Service (NBHS)

The role of the National Built Heritage Service, a section of the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage, is to work with owners, craftspeople, building professionals, NGOs, local authorities, the Heritage Council, and other public bodies to ensure that our built heritage is valued, protected, and carefully adapted where necessary, so that its character and special interest can be enjoyed by future generations.

The work of the National Built Heritage Service covers a wide range of activities, including:

- Identifying, recording, assessing and monitoring our built heritage through the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.
- Providing financial support to owners of our built heritage through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Structures Fund – both operated on behalf of NBHS by local authorities.
- Providing advice and guidance to owners and conservation professionals on how best to conserve, maintain, and revitalise our built heritage, and improve its resilience to climate change.
- Delivering initiatives to enhance appreciation and enjoyment of our built heritage.
- Supporting conservation professionals through training and guidance.
- Working with local authorities and state agencies to ensure that the conservation of our built heritage is integrated appropriately into planning, policy, and investment decisions.

NBHS
An tSeirbhís Oidhreachta Tógtha Náisiúnta
National Built Heritage Service

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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of April 2025 is running at 55%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€92.1m
Rates collected %	55%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of April is €16.1m.

Development Levy Income YTD Apr 2025	
Levies Receipted	€16.1 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	22.6%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of April was €29.9m which is c. **97.3%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€29.9m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.3%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of April

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	69	
Value €m	19.5m	
Procurements ongoing at end of April		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	26	(i)
Value €m	17.42m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	40	(ii)
Value €m	37.2	
No. of procurements at approved	11	(iii)
Value €m	44.4m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of April
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the April
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of April

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 APRIL 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	38,018,058	123,749,800	31%	36,041,261	126,862,200	28%	1,976,798
Road Transport & Safety	11,454,423	36,814,800	31%	2,586,654	9,063,700	29%	8,867,769
Water Services	3,744,858	13,233,400	28%	5,103,152	15,070,000	34%	-1,358,294
Development Management	8,017,572	25,261,800	32%	3,192,824	10,206,000	31%	4,824,748
Environmental Services	15,828,351	48,948,700	32%	4,425,972	8,761,100	51%	11,402,380
Recreation & Amenity	18,818,668	59,101,400	32%	1,175,321	4,375,600	27%	17,643,347
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	636,241	1,575,200	40%	91,257	422,700	22%	544,984
Miscellaneous Services	6,557,660	21,053,000	31%	8,698,155	29,588,900	29%	-2,140,496
Central Management Charge	19,016,740	59,137,800	32%	1,368,028	4,073,900	34%	17,648,712
Local Property Tax / GPG				4,233,433	12,700,300	33%	-4,233,433
Rates				55,917,167	167,751,500	33%	-55,917,167
	122,092,571	**388,875,900**	**31%**	**122,833,224**	**388,875,900**	**32%**	**-740,653**

Appendix 1 – continued
Capital Account – Income & Expenditure

CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/04/2025

		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/04/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	91,693,710	-29,276,827	52,730,008
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	12,668,809	-2,270,012	20,379,063
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	722,232	-526,017	-10,131,592
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	6,568,226	-18,465,985	-187,242,189
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	1,083,847	-350,280	-14,684,642
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	9,838,398	-2,817,152	-4,745,109
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	5,032,146	-4,900,041	-41,970,854
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**127,607,368**	**-58,606,314**	**-185,665,315**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/04/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025 €	Balance at 30/04/2025 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	687,390	75,756,812	75,024,164	732,648
LOANS	2,130,037	1,917,392	179,770	1,737,623
RENTS	10,032,929	9,489,756	3,282,442	6,207,314

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Value of debit at 31/12/2024 was €1,823,834.70 with a credit of €1,136,445.02

Appendix 2
Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of March

Description of Procurement	Supplier Name	Legal Address	Current Value of Contract (excl. VAT)	Contract Start Date (actual)	Contract End Date (actual)	Actual Duration (months)	Contract Award Date	Arrangement Type
Specialist seeding and three-year management plan to develop a native hay meadow at Bremore Castle, Balbriggan	Eco Seed Ltd	Inverbrena Hall, Stella Marris Street, Strangford, Co. Down, BT30 7NJ	£37,030.00	10/03/2025	10/03/2028	36	29/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Front Mounted Mowers	Dublin Grass Machinery	River Road, Ashtown, Dublin 15	€173,600.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Renewal of Microsoft 365 Licences (non-profit classification) for Libraries & Draíocht	Micromail Ltd	3 Nessan House, Riverview Business park, Bessboro Road, Blackrock, Cork T12 N2NC	€26,699.20	01/06/2025	31/05/2026	12	25/04/2025	Contract
Slip form kerbing, macadam footpath & ancillaries, Towerbay, Portrane	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€81,908.80	14/04/2025	14/06/2025	2	11/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Road inlay & Ancillary works, Quay Road, Portrane	MCM Surfacing Ltd	Castlelumney Dunleer, Co. Louth	€60,786.80	14/04/2025	14/05/2025	1	10/04/2025	Call Off Contract
CCTV installation to Lanesborough Park D11 to include all necessary civil works	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Industrial Estate, Dublin 22	€174,535.00	01/06/2025	31/05/2028	36	23/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Installation of My Open Library system to Blanchardstown and Malahide libraries & installation of replacement lift to Malahide library for Fingal County Council	Demac Construction Ltd	7A Monaghan Court, Monaghan Street, Newry, Co. Down BT35 6BH	€499,810.00	11/03/2025	19/09/2026	18	11/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Environmental Consultancy Services – Ecological Clerk of Works -Rathmore Recreational Hub Development	Scott Cawley Ltd	71-73 Rock Road, College House, Rock Road, Black Rock, Dublin	€49,700.00	01/05/2025	01/11/2026	18	24/03/2025	Contract
Multi Party Framework for Design and Construction of New Playgrounds and the Refurbishment/Upgrades of Existing Playgrounds within Fingal County Council's Administrative Area	Play & Leisure Services	31 Carrowdore Road, Greyabbey, Northern Ireland, BT22 2LU	€199,995.72	22/04/2025	22/10/2025	6	31/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Control of and daily monitory of oil spill at Balbriggan Harbour	Pollution and Waste Services	Unit 107 Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Dublin 13	€36,280.67	13/01/2025	01/04/2025	3	13/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance and Management of a network of textile banks and provision of a textile recycling service for the materials collected from the banks for re-use and recycling	Textile Recycling Limited (TRL)	Unit 3, Bluebell Industrial Estate, Dublin, D12 YP99	€60,000.00	24/01/2025	23/07/2025	6	10/02/2025	Contract
Provision of Audit Services - Internal Audit	Crowleys		€200,000.00	21/02/2025	20/02/2027	24	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing, North Co Fingal, Local Roads 2025 (six locations)	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€539,073.05	02/06/2025	30/09/2025	17 Weeks	07/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Road inlay/Overlay & ancillary works, R108, Co Dublin, Cooks Rd Junction to Knocksedan Demesne	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€389,469.51	01/07/2025	29/08/2025	9 Weeks	05/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Purchase of up to 8 x Stand on Mowers	Southern Machinery Ltd	Donore, Naas Co. Kildare	€100,000.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Purchase of Compact Tractor	Dublin Grass Machinery	Ashbrook, River Road, Dublin 15, D15 N504	€52,800.00	07/04/2025	06/04/2026	12	07/04/2025	Contract
Cutting, Breaking & Removal of Reinforced concrete foundation & construction of a river channel at Ward River, Brackenstown, Swords	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€35,211.00	10/03/2025	10/06/2025	3	26/02/2025	Contract
Management and Operation of Malahide Castle Sports Pavilion	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€1,151,487.66	26/03/2025	19/03/2029	48	13/03/2025	Contract
Logix Software Subscription 2025 - 2029	Nathean Technologies Ltd	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€75,601.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2029	48	10/01/2025	Contract

Supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units	Shankill Business Centre Ltd, T/A Spectrum Portable Buildings	Station House, Station Road, Shankill, Dublin, D18 N1N2	€67,080.00	28/02/2025	31/05/2025	3	28/02/2025	Contract
Sports Surface Consultancy Services Development	Alan Lewis Ltd	1A Crowmeole Lane, Shrewsbury , Shropshire, SY3 8AX	€36,748.80	14/04/2025	14/10/2026	18	19/03/2025	Contract
Bremore Castle Estate Balbriggan (phase 2) - Road Resurfacing inlay	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€70,540.00	19/05/2025	30/05/2025	2 weeks	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Restoration of 3 No. Glasshouses at Talbot Botanic Gardens, Malahide Demesne	Oldstone Conservation Ltd, Donard,	Donard, Co. Wicklow	€930,587.02	04/04/2025	03/03/2026	12	25/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Road Surfacing Inlay Quickpenny Road, Lusk	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,475.00	28/04/2025	09/05/2025	2 weeks	27/03/2025	Contract
Road surfacing inlay, St Maurs Est Rush	John McQuillan Contract Ltd	11 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn	€73,936.70	21/04/2025	02/05/2025	1	27/03/2025	Contract
Weekly Bin Collections & Ad hoc Skip Collections from Halting Sites in Fingal Area (2025)	Starrus Eco Holdings Ltd t/a Panda Waste Management Solutions Ltd	Ballymount Road Upper, Ballymount, Dublin 12	€85,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Portable Toilet Units for use at Traveller Accommodation Sites	Norspace Ltd	Unit 17, 1st Avenue, Cookstown Ind Estate, Tallaght, D24	€55,000.00	01/01/2025	13/12/2025	12	01/01/2025	Contract
Consultancy Services for Castleland Swimming Pool Design Team	ReCreation Group	60 Chorley, New Road, Bolton, BL1 4DA	€359,079.75	24/03/2025	24/10/2025	7	24/03/2025	Contract
Post and Rope Fencing Project Nose of Howth	Stirue Fencing	Priestown, Dunleer Co. Louth	€55,800.00	14/01/2025	28/02/2025	6	13/01/2025	Contract
Requirement for Road Inlay and Ancillary Works, Seatown Park, Housing Estate, Swords	D M Morris Ltd	8 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray.	€110,780.00	01/04/2025	01/06/2025	2	25/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Services for Software Renewal for the Autodesk Software Suite.	NTI Diatec	Unit 17, The Seapoint Building, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3	€181,774.19	01/03/2025	29/02/2028	36	10/03/2025	Contract
Hire of excavator and operator at the former Dunsink Landfill and Environs	Anthony Patton Plant Hire Ltd	Cloghran, Co. Dublin	€85,800.00	18/03/2025	17/03/2026	12	26/03/2025	Contract
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor equipment to Hartstown park	Outfit Outdoor Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co Mayo	€44,630.00	01/04/2025	01/10/2025	6	25/03/2025	Call-Off Contract
Requirement for Supply only of ready mix concrete	Keegan Quarries	Millenium Business Park, Cappagh Road, Finglas	€64,240.00	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	03/03/2025	Contract
Engineering Services for the upgrade of Skerries Town Park including GAA & soccer sports pitches, ancillary structures and path infr34486.20astructure	McCloy Consulting Ltd	Unit 12, Beat Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€34,486.20	27/03/2025	03/09/2026	18	25/03/2025	Contract
R132 Tree Removal works programme for Fingal County Council	King Tree Services Ltd	Coolbeg , Wicklow, Co Wicklow	€93,288.00	31/03/2025	01/05/2025	3	03/03/2025	Contract
Support in the development of an investment concept for an FCC EUCF Grant Funded Project	BABLE Smart Cities Gmbh	Seyfferstrasse, 34 Stuttgart 70197, Germany	€50,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	13/03/2025	Contract
Roof Maintenance, Repairs and Callouts at 17 Fingal Locations	Geoffrey T Kelly Roofing and Cladding	11 St Cronan's View, Swords, Co Dublin	€27,200.00	20/03/2025	19/03/2026	12	14/03/2025	Contract
Purchase of Tractor Towed Mowers	Baytown Machinery Ltd	Baytown, The Naul, Co Dublin	€37,656.00	27/01/2025	26/01/2026	12	27/01/2025	Contract
Property valuation and negotiation services	Streets Ahead Property Services	22 Mill Close, Stamullen, Co. Meath	€142,150.00	01/02/2025	31/08/2025	7	18/03/2025	Contract
Requirement for an Email Gateway (Sophos - Lot 1)	Softcat PLC	No 2 Harbour Square, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin	€82,232.40	14/04/2025	13/04/2030	60	11/03/2025	Contract
Road Inlay and Ancillary works, Longlands Swords	SIAC Bituminous Products Ltd	Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22	€58,973.00	24/03/2025	07/04/2025	2 wks	21/02/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Paving at Balgriffin Cemetery and all ancillary works	John Browne Construction Ltd	Carragh, Granard, Co Longford	€34,250.00	06/03/2025	28/03/2025	1	06/03/2025	Contract
Interim Caretaker Agreement to manage and operate for Malahide Recreational Facility	Campbell Catering t/a Aramark	Newenham House, Malahide Road, Northern Cross Dublin, D17 AY61	€100,388.00	01/01/2025	28/02/2025	2	01/01/2025	Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Swords and Malahide	Invictus Event Management Ltd	Enterprise House, New Market Street, Fermoy, Co. Cork	€145,587.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Event Management Services for St Patrick's Day Parade in Blanchardstown and Balbriggan	Davis Events Agency	17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin 6	€107,352.00	21/02/2025	21/04/2025	2	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Installation of New Traffic Signals for Fingal County Council	Traffic Solutions Ltd	Unit 5, Block K, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co Kildare	€667,508.58	10/03/2025	12/12/2025	10	03/03/2025	Call Off Contract

Provision of legal advice and services relating to the delivery of Part V and social turnkey housing units at Aster Park, Rush	Mason Hayes & Curran	South Bank House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4	€60,000.00	01/01/2025	30/06/2026	18	01/01/2025	Contract
Newtown Bridge - Balheary Road Active Travel Scheme	Jons Civil Engineering	Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath A92 K654	€995,868.89	30/01/2025	31/07/2026	18	30/01/2025	Contract
Removal of Vessel from Balbriggan Harbour - "Wynd Up"	Marine Specialists Ltd	Larkins Cross, Barntown, Co Wexford	€89,300.00	23/01/2025	31/03/2025	3	23/01/2025	Contract
Environmental Monitoring at Dunsink and Balleally Landfill sites 2025	McQuillan Environmental (John McQuillan Contracts Ltd)	6 Caulside Drive, Antrim, BT41 2DU	€223,985.50	17/02/2025	16/02/2026	12	17/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Landscape Architect Led Integrated Design Team Consultancy Services for Public Realm Improvements for a Pedestrianised New Street, Stage 2b	Dermot Foley Landscape Architects (DFLA)	Argus House, Blackpitts, Dublin 8	€325,072.50	04/03/2025	04/04/2026	13	21/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Hire of Volvo EW60E compact wheeled excavator	Larry Kiernan Plant Hire	Grougha, Ring Commons, Balbriggan, Co Dublin	€62,100.00	01/04/2025	30/03/2028	36	12/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Dye & Durham Ltd Lawlink Subscription 2025	Dye & Durham Ltd	31-36 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7	€68,484.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	11/02/2025	Contract
Requirement for Logix BI and NEC Housing drawdown services	Nathean Technologies	3 Lyncon Court, IDA Science & Technology Park, Snugborough Road, Blanchardstown, D15	€140,400.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/02/2025	Contract
Tree Removal Works at Comyn Manor and R132	Twin Tree Care Ltd	Sequoia House, 73 Torcaill, Portmarnock, Co Dublin	€36,350.00	17/02/2025	17/04/2025	2	07/02/2025	Contract
Road Lining for Swords/Balbriggan Area	MacLochlainn (Roadmarkings) Limited	Bishopswood Lane, The Ward, Co. Dublin	€51,205.10	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Legal Conveyancing Services for the acquisition of social turnkey properties for Fingal County Council	Beauchamps LLP	Riverside Two, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2	€256,650.00	04/02/2025	03/02/2027	24	04/02/2025	Call-Off Contract
Ongoing Commissioning, operation & maintenance of existing EV charging points to include enabling works for change over from existing supplier.	Hall Power t/a ePower	1 Technology House, Rockgrove Ind Est, Little Island, Cork	€34,100.00	30/01/2025	29/01/2026	12	30/01/2025	Contract
25 HP Zbook High Spec Laptops	Datapac Ireland	Robinhood House, Robinhood Road, Dublin 22	€38,225.00	22/01/2025	21/01/2026	12	29/01/2025	Contract
Support for Cygnus Housing Loan Application	Gemini Consultants Ltd	AW House, 6-8 Stuart Street, Luton, LU1 2SI, UK	€45,386.33	01/04/2025	31/12/2025	9	29/01/2025	Contract
Property Management Services for Council Owned Unsold Affordable Properties at Parnell Estate, Ladyswell, Dublin 15	Paula Barrett Properties Ltd	22 Northumberland Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4	€240,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	21/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Preparation of Dunsink Statutory Local Plan	RMLA Ltd	Unit 3B, Santry Industrial Estate, Santry Avenue, Dublin 9	€685,765.00	20/01/2025	19/01/2026	12	20/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Macadam Material	Roadstone Ltd	Fortunestown, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€97,280.00	14/01/2025	31/12/2025	11.5	14/01/2025	Call-Off Contract
Tradfest - Irelands Premier Winter Music & Culture Festival	TASCQ CLG (t/a The Temple Bar Company)	Second Floor, 1-5 Crampton Court, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	€120,000.00	01/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	10/01/2025	Contract
Security Services for Coolmine Recycling Centre	Secure Management Solutions	2055 Castle Drive, D24 X2XT	€34,784.50	02/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	08/01/2025	Contract
Purchase of three sports equipment storage units to be installed in local parks & controlled by an app	BoxUp SA	Avenue des Baumettes 9, 1020 Renens, Switzerland	€70,000.00	06/01/2025	31/12/2025	12	06/01/2025	Contract
Maintenance of GPS Vehicle Tracking System	Transpoco (E-Pire Ltd)	Innovation House, DCU Alpha Innovation Campus, Old Finglas Rd, Glasnevin, Dublin 11	€80,000.00	31/12/2024	30/12/2025	12	03/01/2025	Contract
Photography Services for Fingal County Council	Coalesce Ltd	78 Landscape Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14.	€62,080.00	15/01/2025	14/01/2027	24	15/01/2025	Contract

Appendix 3 – 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

Appendix 3 – Continued

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 Bremore 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

Appendix 3 – Continued

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 4
Summary of Environmental Complaints, Inspections and Enforcement Actions

		2023	2024	Q1 2025
Complaints investigated	Waste (incl litter)	1,036	2,287	267
	Water and Wastewater	101	75	21
	Air & Odour	37	54	23
	Noise	99	146	47
	TOTAL COMPLAINTS	**1,273**	**2,562**	**358**
Inspections	Routine Waste Inspections	1124	572	27
	Non-Routine Waste Inspections	416	463	134
	Litter Patrols & investigations	3232	6398	2124
	Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	720	930	358
	Non-Routine Water & Wastewater Inspections	133	136	25
	Routine Air & Noise Inspections	61	122	8
	Non-Routine Air & Noise Inspections	134	200	70
	Planning Inspections	416	630	241
	TOTAL INSPECTIONS	**6,236**	**9,451**	**2,987**

Appendix 5
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 Social 51 Affordable	On-Site	Q2 2023	Phased delivery
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	Glenveagh Living Ltd	Mixed Tenure	Balmoston Ph1., Donabate 53°29'21.2"N 6°07'58.1"W	87 Social 86 Cost Rental 86 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 Social 80 Cost Rental 180 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 Social 110 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 Social 112 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

Schemes on Site (Continued)

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 11x 2-Bed 3 x 3-Bed 1 x 4-Bed	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 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Q3 2027

Appendix 5 - 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 2026	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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q1 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	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.	TBC	TBC

Appendix 5- 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
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide	4	Pre-planning.	Q4 2025	Q1 2027
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 5- Continued

CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	84	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	18	Q2 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	22 10	Q2 2025 Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Whitehaven, Northwood, Santry D9	94	2026
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Niven Oaks, Santry D9	170	2026
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St, Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	95	2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Tyrrelstown Square, Hollywoodrath, Dublin 15	120	2026

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to change

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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12th MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 29a

MAYOR'S BUSINESS

TWINNING OF FINGAL WITH THE CITY OF SUMY, UKRAINE

Motion: Councillor B. McDonagh

"That the Chief Executive explores a suitable twinning of Fingal with the city of Sumy, Ukraine."

Report:

If the motion is passed, Corporate Services Department will prepare a report for consideration by the Council.

The city of Sumy is currently at the centre of the Ukraine Russian conflict and is an area of red alert with the guidance of the Department of Foreign Affairs. As a result, consideration will be given to the most appropriate agreement between Fingal County Council and the city of Sumy.

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

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CONFERENCE REPORT

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ELECTED MEMBER 2025 TRAINING PROGRAMME (May - July)

Delivered by the Association of Irish Local Government

May Training Module

"Emergency Response - Councils Supporting Communities in Weather Crises"

Thursday 22nd May

from 9:30am - 1:00pm

Regional Assembly Area:

Eastern, Dublin & Midland/ Northern & Western

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo

REGISTER NOW

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from 9:30am - 1:00pm

Regional Assembly Area:

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Location: Rose Hotel, Tralee

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"A New Approach to Planning - the Revised National Planning Framework & Planning Act"

Thursday 19th June

from 9:30am - 1:00pm

Regional Assembly Area:

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from 9:30am - 1:00pm

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ELECTED MEMBER
2025 WEBINAR TRAINING (MAY - JULY)

1

AILG- Housing Agency Webinar Training
"Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies"

Friday 23rd May 2025 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

2

AILG- OPR Webinar Training
'Dealing with Vacancy and Dereliction'

Friday 30th May 2025 (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

3

AILG- CARO Webinar Training
"Urban Water Nature Based Solutions"

Friday 13th June (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

4

AILG- Housing Agency Webinar Training
"Homelessness and Vacancy"

Friday 27th June (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

5

AILG- CARO Webinar Training
"Local Authority responsibility on Green Public Procurement"

Friday 11th July (Online)
from 10:00am - 11:30am

Register

Registration for all webinars must be made in advance

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

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Our Ref: 04/2025-24

9th April, 2025

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on 7th April, 2025, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"Noting that a home is a moral human right, this local authority calls on the Government to start the process to have the right to housing enshrined in the constitution. A copy of this motion to be sent to all local authorities within the state."

PP Sinéad Branley
Meetings Administrator

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Donegal County Council

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10th April 2025

Our Ref: March 2025- MMC

Re: Road Safety and the wearing of High Visibility Vests

Dear Meetings Administrator,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent *meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:*

"I am asking this Council to take a stand on road safety in relation to the non-wearing of high vis vests, arm bands etc or indeed proper lighting on bicycles given that these are causing issues for road users, late night walkers, cyclists etc. Furthermore, Electric scooters have become a major problem for motorists. Given the number of motorists and pedestrians having accidents and the increasing number of fatalities we need to work with An Garda Siochána, the Minister for Transport, Schools, Youth Clubs etc to highlight these issues."

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other Local Authorities for their consideration and support.

Yours sincerely,

P.P.

Patsy Lafferty
Meetings Administrator

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Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

Áras an Chontae
Cora Droma Rúisc
Contae Liatroma
N41 PF67

Áras an Chontae
Carrick on Shannon
County Leitrim
N41 PF67

16th April 2025

To All Local Authorities via email

Re: Ash Die back trees

A Chara

I wish to inform you at the April meeting of Carrick-on-Shannon Municipal District, the elected members passed the following resolution:

"Leitrim County Council calls on the Department of Transport to secure funding for the removal of those huge Ash trees along local and regional roads, that are decaying from Ash Die Back. We are all aware of how dangerous those trees are to road users."

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Please quote my Ref: LQ/CF/Mar 25/NOM 04 on all correspondence

22 April 2025

Dara Calleary, TD,
Minister for Rural and Community Development,
Department of Rural and Community Development,
South Leinster Street,
Dublin 2.
D02 EF85.

A Chara,

I have been requested by the members of Kerry County Council to refer the following resolution to you for consideration.

"*That Kerry County Council call for a defined calendar for grant applications with a view to providing volunteer led organisations with a degree of certainty for planning and preparing for applications. The ad hoc nature of opening dates and numbers of calls is making it confusing and off putting for many organisations doing excellent work*".

The Members were advised that Kerry County Council operates these schemes in line with national deadlines and endeavours to inform community groups once the information is available. The timing of the publication of the scheme is a matter for the relevant Government Department.

Please consider this resolution and let me have your response at your convenience.

Please ensure all replies and any queries on the above are forwarded to Ciara Fitzgerald. E-mail: ciara.fitzgerald@kerrycoco.ie or Tel. 066-7183861.

Mise, le meas,

Liam Quinlan
Meetings Administrator

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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DEPARTMENTAL/MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE

No Business

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 34

RETROFITTING COSTS

Motion: Councillor J. Smyth

"That the Chief Executive conducts a cost analysis, based on current industry averages, of what the cost would be to retrofit a variety of the current housing stock to a universal design or design plus standard."

Report:

Universal Design (UD) is defined as "*the design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability*". For housing, this can include wheelchair and mobility impaired accessibility, which in practice can include features such as wider doors, circulation corridors and turning areas; ramps instead of steps at doorways; and level access showers. UD extends to covering the use of electronic systems or any electronics-based elements so that they may be used by any person.

Given that fundamental structural changes would often be required to bring legacy stock to UD standard, the costs involved in doing so at any scale would be prohibitive. In practice, the costs for retrofit depends on many factors, including the size and age of the house, the type of walls, and what measures have already been completed. However, we can surmise that wholescale reconstruction and remodelling of walls, doorways and building structures would be needed for older homes.

The current Fingal Development Plan requires 30% Universal Design (SPQHO22) in all social schemes and 10% Age Friendly in private schemes. For our own stock, Fingal County Council carries out works for mobility access as required. The Council also supports the provision of accessibility and other measures for residents across the county both in terms of required measures for Council

stock, and through various schemes for privately owned homes. Some 73 minor adaptations and one extension to Council owned dwellings were completed in 2024. Under the Disabled Persons Adaptation Grant Scheme, 125 new applications were received in 2024. There were 683 applications received for the Private Housing Adaptation Scheme for Older People and People with a Disability in 2024. 437 of these were approved with grants of over €2.4m paid out. Improvement works undertaken in this regard include house extensions, level access showers, ramps, stairlifts and grabrails.

Fingal County Council operates in line with *Fingal County Council Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2021- 2026.* As part of the Disability Steering Group, a wide range of representatives from housing organisations and disability groups meet regularly. Fingal County Architect has been invited to present at the next steering group meeting to discuss, amongst other things, UD.

Based on the above, there would appear to be limited merit in focussing resources on wide scale retrofitting of legacy stock. The current approach of grant-funding retrofit works as needed, whilst bringing UD units into our new housing stock in line with the current provisions of the Fingal Development Plan, and working with sectoral stakeholders, is considered an appropriate approach to ultimately delivering a higher proportion of UD dwellings across the county.

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 36

BAN ON FOX HUNTING ON COUNCIL-OWNED LANDS

Motion: Councillor H. Redwood

"That the Chief Executive introduce a ban on fox hunting on council-owned lands in Fingal."

Report:

Fingal County Council currently manages in excess of 2,000 Hectares of parkland and open spaces in the County. All of these lands are subject to the "Regional Parks and Open Spaces Bye-Laws 2017".

These Bye-laws include the following provisions:
4.7 ANIMALS
(e) Every person in charge of a dog in the park shall prevent it from causing annoyance to any person using the park or worrying, chasing, injuring or disturbing any animals, birds or other creatures in the park.

4.9 VANDALISM
(d) No person shall take from the Park or destroy or injure or otherwise interfere with any bird, bird's nest or bird's eggs in the park or ill-treat, worry or disturb any animal in the park.

These Bye-laws effectively prohibit the hunting of wildlife in parks and open spaces in Fingal.

The Council also leases land or licences the use of Council land to groups or individuals for specific uses. None of the specified uses includes fox hunting. The Council has not received any applications for such a use from any groups organising hunts.

In the event that the motion is passed by the Elected Members, should such an application be received the application would be denied on foot of the motion.

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

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025

ITEM NO. 39

PHARMA SECTOR IN FINGAL

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive provide an update on any plans regarding the tariffs which might be imposed on the Pharma sector in Fingal and if there is a plan B."

Report:

The Strategy for the economic development of Fingal adopted by Members in 2024 sets out a series of sectors that will be developed in a way that ensures the local economy is diversified and not overly reliant on any one sector.

An essential element of devising the strategy was the learnings gleaned from the external shocks of Brexit and the COVID pandemic. The incorporation of these lessons informed the thinking behind ensuring that flexibility, innovation, skills development and diversification are at the core of our economic development thinking in Fingal. The Strategy has been constructed with a view to ensuring the Fingal economy can respond to these shocks.

While the pharmaceutical sector is strong in Fingal, the strategy includes this sector as part of the Life Sciences Sector that provides significant opportunities beyond one sector and specifically references medical and health technology sectors and research innovation as having significant potential within life sciences. A number of other priority sectors are also identified.

The strength of the pharmaceutical sector in Fingal is shown in that rate payers listed as pharmaceutical by Tailte Eireann yield over €8m per annum in commercial rates to Fingal County Council (FCC). (This doesn't include pharmaceutical business listed under other headings or other businesses that

supply goods or services to pharmaceutical companies inside Fingal or across the country)

Nationally, the Exchequer yielded €3.9bn in 2023 from business in pharma and chemical manufacture. At the time of writing, pharmaceuticals are excluded from the recent tariff regime announced by the United States.

The Fingal Strategy is aligned with the national economic development strategy of both the IDA and Enterprise Ireland and through the Council's Economic Development and Local Enterprise Offices the Council are in constant contact with both Agencies.

The response to the tariff regime will be both a national and international one, and Fingal's economic strategy will adjust as and where needed.

Source of Joint Report:
John Quinlivan, Director of Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development
Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance