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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Hall
Swords
Co Dublin

1st July 2025

To Each Member of the County Council

Dear Councillor

The Meeting of the **County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords** at **5.00 pm** on **Monday, 7th July, 2025** to consider the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

1 Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes

a Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025

b Confirmation and Re-affirmation of Minutes of Annual Meeting held on Friday 13th June 2025

QUESTIONS

2 Councillor P. Mulville - Playful Street Pilot Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of the current plans, if any, to continue and expand the Playful Street Pilot Scheme across the Fingal County Council administrative area; and if there are no plans to continue with this scheme, the reason for this?"

3 Councillor P. Quinlan - Service Users who present to Fingal County Council as being served with a Notice to Quit

"To ask the Chief Executive for the reasoning to not initiate wrap around supports for service users who present to Fingal County Council who have been served with a Notice to Quit, verified by Threshold, who are facing the very real possibility of entering homeless services until said notice to quit reaches it's due date?"

4 Councillor J. Hopkins - Draft Sports Audit

"To ask the Chief Executive if the much-anticipated Draft Sports Audit will be referred back to KPMG to correct the many inaccuracies without further cost to the Council?"

5 Councillor JK Onwumereh - Review and Update on Critical Workforce in Fingal

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current workforce in the Operations Department and to provide a tabular analysis for the following years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to determine if there is currently a staff shortfall and attendant pressure on available staff?"

6 Councillor M. Quinn - Empty Nesters Scheme

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to whether the Empty Nesters scheme is accepting applications at present and detail the current number of applications that have been accepted to this

scheme since 2023?"

7 Councillor J. Newman - Office of the Planning Regulator

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the status of the review of Fingal County Council by the Office of the Planning Regulator, and the date and time of the next review?"

8 Councillor D. Healy - Beach Management Practices

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the differences between the management practices on Balcarrick Beach in Donabate which qualifies for the Green Coasts Award and the management practices implemented on the other beaches in Fingal on which, apparently, the beach management used precludes qualification for the Green Coasts Award, and to include in that description the difference in costs between the various management approaches used?"

9 Councillor D. Healy - Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the discussions with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, in relation to training about beaches and dunes for climate adaptation?"

10 Councillor C. Haughey - Ramp heights installed by Fingal County Council

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what legislation or guidelines are taken into account when deciding heights of ramps installed by Fingal County Council, as according to legislation SI 32/98 Road Traffic Act (Bollards and Ramps), ramps should not exceed 10cm, whereas the Traffic Management Guidelines (2003) published by the Department of Transport state there are no maximum or minimum dimensions of ramps?"

11 Councillor B. Ryan - Active Travel Programme

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate which staff positions are funded, either fully or partially, by the Department of Transport or the National Transport Authority (NTA), as part of the Active Travel Programme?"

12 Councillor A. Tormey - Cost of Branding Consultants - Swords Cultural Quarter

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the expenditure on branding consultants over the past 3 years, specifically how much was spent on the Swords Cultural Quarter, and how much was spent on the recent contract for the proposal to name a building "Culture House?"

13 Councillor J. Humphreys - Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme (BSEP)

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the full cost to the Council of administering the Bus Shelter Enhancement scheme, this should include contractor costs, any involvement of depot crews or direct labour, the estimated staff time spent on coordination, site selection, and engagement with other bodies, and whether any delays or added costs arose from inter-agency processes or approvals, also confirm whether any previously planned depot works or public realm improvements were delayed or scaled back due to this programme?"

14 Report of Committees

a Quarterly Report of Strategic Policy Committee Meetings

b Report of Organisation, Procedure & Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025

c Report of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th June 2025

d Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025

15 Financial Matters

a Local Property Tax (LPT)

16 Proposed Disposal of Properties

a Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St Michael's House

b Proposed lease of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club

c Proposed Disposal of land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15 to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited

17 Declarations of Roads

a Park Road, Rush, Co Dublin

18 Draft Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028

19 Draft Homeless Action Plan

20 Chief Executive's Report

22 Conference Report

a AILG Induction Training Day New Councillors

b MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties 17th to 19th July 2025

c The ALAN Conference, Westport, Co Mayo from 28th to 30th October 2025

23 Correspondence

a Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Occupied Territories Bill

b Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Tenant-in-situ Scheme

c Letter dated May 2025 from Carlow County Council Re - Paediatric Coeliac Disease Screening

d Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme

e Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Limerick City & County Council Re - The Use of Smartphones

f Letter dated 12th June 2025 from Galway County Council Re - Review of Affordable Housing Policy

g Letter dated 13th June 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - Dismantling of the Triple Lock

h Letter dated 26th June 2025 from the Central Bank of Ireland Re - Item 51 - Cllr D. Mulligan - Israel Bond Scheme June Council Meeting

i Letter dated 27th June from Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Ireland - Re - Cllr D. Mulligan - Item 51 Israeli Bonds Scheme June Council Meeting 2025

MOTIONS STATUTORY

FUNCTIONS

32 Councillor J. Newman - Local Area Plan Updates

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on delays in relation to producing Local Area Plans in the Fingal area."

36 Councillor M. McCamley - Visits to Heritage and Cultural Sites

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to a type of Cultural Club for the public as per Dublin City Council, where visits to various heritage and cultural sites are arranged with guides on a regular basis."

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7th JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 01

CONFIRMATION AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th June, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 5.00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors:

Boland, Mark
Burtchaell, John
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
Redwood, Helen
Ryan, Brendan
Sheehan, Gerard
Shovlin, Siobhan
Smyth, John
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Troy, Ellen
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Cathal Boland and Councillor Tania Doyle.

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); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Betty Boardman (County Librarian); Sinead Murphy (Senior Engineer); Breen Doris (Senior Executive Engineer); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer).

F/253/25 (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/254/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Consideration of resolution pursuant to Section 140 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended: - Redevelopment of Ballisk House

The motion, in the names of Councillor J. Guerin; Councillor A. Tormey; Councillor D. Butler; Councillor G. Sheehan; Councillor T. Murphy; Councillor C. Haughey; Councillor A. Donnelly; Councillor S. Shovlin; Councillor D. Mulligan; Councillor T. Kitt; Councillor D.J Kelly; Councillor K. Dennison; Councillor J. Newman; Councillor T. O'Leary; Councillor M. Quinn; Councillor G. Maguire; Councillor E. O'Brien; Councillor J. Smith; Councillor L. Corkery; Councillor J.K Onwumereh; Councillor T. Leddy; Councillor B. Hanaphy; Councillor E. Carbone-Mangan was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin and seconded by Councillor D.J Kelly.

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

FOR: 23 TWENTY THREE
AGAINST: 13 THIRTEEN
ABSTAIN: 1 ONE

FOR: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Mary McCamley, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Eoghan Dockrell, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Brian Mc Donagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Patrick Quinlan, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, John Walsh

ABSTAIN: Councillor Darren Jack Kelly

The Mayor then declared the resolution, **PASSED**.

F/255/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025

Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 which had been circulated were considered.

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor B. McDonagh seconded by Councillor K. Dennison and **RESOLVED –**

"That the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 be **ADOPTED."**

F/256/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Councillor J. Walsh - Vacant and Derelict Housing

F/257/25 (Agenda Item No)

QUESTIONS

It was proposed by Councillor K. Dennison, seconded by Councillor J. Walsh and **RESOLVED**:

"That in accordance with Standing Order No. 51, Questions numbered 3 to 21 be **ADOPTED**."

F/258/25 (Agenda Item No 4)
Councillor P. Quinlan - Audit on Funding to Igo Emergency Management Services

F/259/25 (Agenda Item No 5)
Councillor P. Mulville - Housing Medical Priority HMD1 Forms - Average Processing Time

F/260/25 (Agenda Item No 6)
Councillor C. Boland - Breakdown of Voter Numbers - Local Elections

F/261/25 (Agenda Item No 7)
Councillor JK Onwumereh - Update on Recruitment of Lifeguards

F/262/25 (Agenda Item No 8)
Councillor J. Burtchaell - Enforcement on Divergent Flight Paths at Dublin Airport

F/263/25 (Agenda Item No 9)
Councillor J. Hopkins - School Wardens in Fingal - Legislation

F/264/25 (Agenda Item No 10)
Councillor H. Redwood - Fox Hunting on Council Land

F/265/25 (Agenda Item No 11)
Councillor C. Haughey - Community Safety Partnerships

F/266/25 (Agenda Item No 12)
Councillor L. Corkery - Community Centre Rates

F/267/25 (Agenda Item No 13)
Councillor M. Boland - Misuse and abandonment of skip bags in housing estates around Fingal

F/268/25 (Agenda Item No 14)
Councillor M. Quinn - Environmental Health Officers employed by this Local Authority

F/269/25 (Agenda Item No 15)
Councillor T. O'Leary - Update on the Tenant in-situ Scheme

F/270/25 (Agenda Item No 16)

Councillor A. Donnelly - Number of Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) Tenants on Fingal's Transfer List

F/271/25 (Agenda Item No 17)

Councillor C. Johnston - Review of Beach and Foreshore Bye-laws

F/272/25 (Agenda Item No 18)

Councillor B. Ryan - Judicial Review Cases

F/273/25 (Agenda Item No 19)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Developer-led Partnerships

F/274/25 (Agenda Item No 20)

Councillor J. Humphreys - Fingal Citizen Charter

F/275/25 (Agenda Item No 21)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Inclusive Playground Equipment

F/276/25 (Agenda Item No 22)

Report of Committees

a **Report of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025**

The report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was **CONSIDERED**. It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien, seconded by Councillor J. Hopkins, and **RESOLVED:**

"That the recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Howth/Malahide Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

b **Report of Corporate Policy Group (CPG) held on Wednesday 4th June 2025**

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 recommendations contained in the report from Corporate Policy Group Meeting held on Wednesday 4th June 2025 be **APPROVED.**"

c **Report of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B Area Committee Meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025**

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 recommendations contained in the report of Committee of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Services B meeting held on Thursday 5th June 2025, are hereby **ADOPTED.**"

F/277/25 (Agenda Item No 23)

Financial Matters

It was noted there was no business under this item.

F/278/25 (Agenda Item No 24)

Proposed Disposal of Properties

It was noted there was no business under this item.

F/279/25 (Agenda Item No 25)

Declarations of Roads

a **Annaly Estate, Ongar, 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."

b **Stralem Estate, Ongar, Dublin 15**

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

c **Ongar Park, Public Green Area, Dublin 15**

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

F/280/25 (Agenda Item No 26)

Planning & Development Act 2000 Part XI (As Amended), Planning & Development Regulations 2001 Part 8 (As Amended), Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries

The report by the Chief Executive which had been circulated was **CONSIDERED**. A presentation was given to the Members by Ms. Sinead Murphy, Senior Engineer and Mr. Breen Doris, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sport.

Following discussions, the Mayor informed the members a motion was received.

The motion in the name of Councillor B. Ryan was proposed by Councillor B. Ryan and seconded by Councillor M. Boland.

"That this proposed Part 8 development does not proceed because of the adverse impacts it will have on businesses, residents, water-based clubs and organisations, less able consumers of hospitality, emergency services, and the negative environmental impact of the removal of precious green space to be replaced by parking spaces and a turning space for heavy goods vehicles, and that less impactful changes be considered as part of the overall active travel plan for Skerries which is currently underway."

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

FOR: 2 TWO
AGAINST: 35 THIRTY FIVE
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Patrick Quinlan, Brendan Ryan.

AGAINST: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

The Mayor then declared the motion, **FAILED**.

The Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken on the resolution for pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 35 THIRTHY FIVE
AGAINST: 2 TWO
ABSTAIN: 0 ZERO

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Aoibhinn Tormey, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Patrick Quinlan, Brendan Ryan.

The Mayor declared the vote is **PASSED** and **RESOLVED** that:

"That Fingal County Council hereby resolves, pursuant to Part XI of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for Public Realm Improvements and Active Travel measures for Skerries Harbour Road and Red Island in Skerries, be proceeded with as set out in the foregoing report."

F/281/25 (Agenda Item No 27)

Swords Cultural Quarter Update

A presentation was given to the Members by Ms. Fionnuala May, County Architect and Mr. Ciaran O'Gaora, Zero-G.

The presentation was well received by the members and **NOTED**.

F/282/25 (Agenda Item No)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Mayor informed the members an Emergency Motion was received and ruled out of order.

The Mayor informed the members a request was received by Councillor D. Mulligan to vary the order of business and take Item 51 at this time.

The Mayor instructed that a roll call vote be taken to vary the order of business and on a division the voting resulted as follows:

FOR: 31 THIRTY ONE
AGAINST: 2 TWO
ABSTAIN: 0 Zero

FOR: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Eoghan Dockrell, Angela Donnelly, Jimmy Guerin, Breda Hanaphy, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Grainne Maguire, Brian Mc Donagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, JK Onwumereh,

Patrick Quinlan, Malachy Quinn, Helen Redwood, Brendan Ryan, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, John Smyth, Ellen Troy, John Walsh.

AGAINST: Councillors Kieran Dennison, Aoibhinn Tormey.

The Mayor declared the vote as **PASSED**.

F/283/25 (Agenda Item No 51)

Councillor D. Mulligan - Israel Bonds Scheme

It was **AGREED** to extend the meeting to conclude Item 51.

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

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

F/284/25 (Agenda Item No 28)

Chief Executive's Report

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

F/285/25 (Agenda Item No 29)

Mayor's Business - Councillor B. McDonagh

It was noted there was no business under this item.

F/286/25 (Agenda Item No 30)

Conference Report

a **AILG Induction Training Day New Councillors**

It was agreed to defer this item.

b **MacGill Summer School 2025 will take place in Glenties 17th to 19th July 2025**

It was agreed to defer this item.

c **The ALAN Conference, Westport, Co Mayo from 28th to 30th October 2025**

It was agreed to defer this item.

F/287/25 (Agenda Item No 31)

Correspondence

a **Letter dated 27th May 2025 from Dublin City Council Re - Membership of Transient Visitor Levy Working Group 260525 - Cllr Humphreys - Transient Visitor Tax**

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

b **Letter dated 28th May 2025 - from Dublin County Council Re - Active Travel Response regarding Motion Cllr McCamley January 2025 - on CPO request for Tolka Greenway**

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

c **Letter dated 29th May 2025 from Donegal County Council Re - State of Israel Bonds Issuance Programme**

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

d **Letter dated 6th June 2025 from Land Development Agency (LDA) - Commitment to Regeneration of Stapolin Lands**

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

F/288/25 (Agenda Item No 32)

Departmental/Ministerial Correspondence

a **Circular Letter from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 15th May 2025 - Circular Letter F.04/25 Nomination of candidates for President**

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

The Meeting concluded at 20.13.

MAYOR

DATE

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Minutes of the Annual County Council Meeting held on Friday, 13th June, 2025 in the Council Chamber - County Hall, Swords, at 4.00 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
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
Tormey, Aoibhinn
Walsh, John

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillor Tania Doyle, Councillor James Humphreys, Councillor Helen Redwood and Councillor Ellen Troy.

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); 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); Fionnuala May (County Architect); Ciara O hAodha (Senior Executive Officer).

F/289/25 (Agenda Item No)

Address of Outgoing Mayor

The Mayor thanked the Chief Executive and her staff for their co-operation and dedication to the public and the Elected Members throughout the past year. He also thanked Deputy Mayor Councillor JK Onwumereh for all his support throughout the year and further thanked his fellow Councillors. The Mayor thanked his wife Aoife and son Tadgh who attended a number of events during the year.

Several Members then complimented the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the manner in which they carried out the role of Mayor/ Deputy Mayor of Fingal throughout the past year.

F/290/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Election of Mayor

The Mayor then asked for nominations for the election of the Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor L. Corkery:

"That Councillor Tom O'Leary be elected Mayor."

It was then proposed by Councillor B. Hanaphy, seconded by Councillor D. Mulligan:

"That Councillor Angela Donnelly be elected Mayor."

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

Councillor O'Leary: 21 TWENTY-ONE

Councillor Donnelly: 14 FOURTEEN

Abstain: 1 ONE

Cllr. O'Leary: Councillors Cathal Boland, Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, David Healy, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

Cllr. Donnelly: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Brian McDonagh, Mary McCamley, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Tom O'Leary elected Mayor.

Councillor O'Leary took the chair and was presented with the chain of office by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Brian McDonagh.

F/291/25 (Agenda Item No)

Address by the Mayor of Fingal, Tom O'Leary

The Mayor congratulated the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their previous year's work. The Mayor also thanked his family, friends and colleagues for their support over the years.

F/292/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor, Councillor O'Leary, then asked for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Guerin, seconded by Councillor E. O'Brien:

"That Councillor Grainne Maguire be elected Deputy Mayor."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor B. McDonagh:

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be elected Deputy Mayor."

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

Councillor Maguire: 20 TWENTY

Councillor Hopkins: 15 FIFTEEN

Abstain: 1 ONE

Cllr. Maguire: Councillors Cathal Boland , Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.
Cllr. Hopkins: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor then **DECLARED** Councillor Grainne Maguire elected Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor presented Councillor Maguire with the chain of office.

Councillor Maguire thanked the Members and accepted the position of Deputy Mayor.

F/293/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Election of Area Committee Chairpersons

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

The Mayor, Councillor O'Leary, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Tormey, seconded by Councillor E. Dockrell:

"That Councillor Luke Corkery be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor P. Mulville, seconded by Councillor C. Johnston:

"That Councillor D. Mulligan be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee."

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

Councillor Corkery: 19 NINETEEN

Councillor Mulligan: 16 SIXTEEN

Abstain: 1 ONE

Cllr. Corkery: Councillors Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

Cllr. Mulligan: Councillors Cathal Boland , Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Luke Corkery to be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk /Swords Area Committee.

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

The Mayor, Councillor O'Leary, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kitt, seconded by Councillor JK. Onwumereh:

"That Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee."

It was then proposed by Councillor D. Mulligan, seconded by Councillor A. Donnelly:

"That Councillor John Burtchaell be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee."

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

Councillor Carbone-Mangan: 20 TWENTY

Councillor Burtchaell: 15 FIFTEEN

Abstain: 1 ONE

Cllr. Carbone-Mangan: Councillors Cathal Boland , Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

Cllr. Burtchaell: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary

McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Eimear Carbone-Mangan to be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Area Committee.

c Election of Cathaoirleach of Howth/Malahide Area Committee

The Mayor, Councillor O'Leary, then asked for nominations for the position of Area Cathaoirleach of Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

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

"That Councillor Cathal Haughey be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Howth/ Malahide Area Committee."

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

"That Councillor Joan Hopkins be elected as Area Cathaoirleach of Howth/ Malahide Area Committee."

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

Councillor Haughey: 20 TWENTY

Councillor Hopkins: 15 FIFTEEN

Abstain: 1 ONE

Cllr. Haughey: Councillors Cathal Boland , Darragh Butler, Eimear Carbone-Mangan, Luke Corkery, Kieran Dennison, Eoghan Dockrell, Jimmy Guerin, Cathal Haughey, Darren Jack Kelly, Tom Kitt, Ted Leddy, Grainne Maguire, Tony Murphy, Joe Newman, Eoghan O'Brien, Tom O'Leary, JK Onwumereh, Gerard Sheehan, Siobhan Shovlin, Aoibhinn Tormey.

Cllr. Hopkins: Councillors Mark Boland, John Burtchaell, Angela Donnelly, Breda Hanaphy, David Healy, Joan Hopkins, Corina Johnston, Mary McCamley, Brian McDonagh, Dean Mulligan, Paul Mulville, Malachy Quinn, Brendan Ryan, John Smyth, John Walsh.

Abstain: Councillor Patrick Quinlan.

The Mayor **DECLARED** Councillor Cathal Haughey as Area Cathaoirleach of the Howth/Malahide Area Committee.

The Meeting concluded at 17.05.

MAYOR DATE

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ITEM NO. 02

PLAYFUL STREET PILOT SCHEME

Question: Councillor P. Mulville

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of current plans, if any, to continue and expand the Playful Street Pilot Scheme across the Fingal County Council administrative area; and if there are no plan to continue with this scheme, the reason for this?"

Reply:

The Playful Street Pilot initiative was piloted by the Council with the engagement of an external service provider, A Playful City, to run a pilot several years ago. It is not currently an active work programme and there is no funding allocated to support it in the current budget. Despite the engagement of an external service provider, there was a significant resource input required from Council staff including Community and Operations Departments.

The Community Development team is focused on empowering and supporting local groups in the community to run events for their local areas such as those recently approved at the May Council Meeting.

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

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ITEM NO. 03

SERVICE USERS WHO PRESENT TO FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL AS BEING SERVED WITH A NOTICE TO QUIT

Question: Councillor P. Quinlan

"To ask the Chief Executive for the reasoning to not initiate wrap around supports for service users who present to Fingal County Council who have been served with a Notice to Quit, verified by Threshold, who are facing the very real possibility of entering homeless services until said notice to quit reaches it's due date?"

Reply:

Fingal County Council provides support and advice to all applicants when they present with a verified Notice of Termination and the relevant validation letter. A full homeless assessment is completed and where relevant they are approved for the elevated rate of homeless HAP to allow them source private rented accommodation. If further supports are deemed necessary, the Council's housing support team will engage on a case-by-case basis.

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

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ITEM NO. 04

DRAFT SPORTS AUDIT

Question: Councillor J. Hopkins

"To ask the Chief Executive if the much-anticipated Draft Sports Audit will be referred back to KPMG to correct the many inaccuracies without further cost to the Council?"

Reply:

The findings of the Sports Audit were presented to the Area Committees in May. During these meetings, a number of queries and questions were raised by members in relation to the audit. KPMG consultants are currently reviewing and addressing these items. The final audit results, incorporating responses to the issues raised, will be presented to the Area Committees at their next meetings in September.

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

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ITEM NO. 05

REVIEW AND UPDATE ON CRITICAL WORKFORCE IN FINGAL

Question: Councillor JK Onwumereh

"To ask the Chief Executive if consideration can be given to review the current workforce in the Operations Department and to provide a tabular analysis for the following years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to determine if there is currently a staff shortfall and attendant pressure on available staff?"

Reply:

The funding of staff resources is provided for in the yearly Revenue Budget. Provision will be required to be made for any additional staff in the forthcoming 2026 budget.

The current operations workforce is 467 (this excludes 40 temporary lifeguard posts). The workforce has increased each year since 2021 with an additional 49 new posts sanctioned since 2021.

To ensure that adequate resources are in place to manage the increase in areas being taken in charge and to continue the current high standard of services being delivered, the Operations Department have sought additional staff for all areas under the new Strategic Workforce Plan.

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

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ITEM NO. 06

EMPTY NESTERS SCHEME

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details as to whether the Empty Nesters Scheme is accepting applications at present and to detail the current number of applications that have been accepted to this scheme since 2023?"

Reply:

Over the past twelve months, Fingal County Council has received a small number of applications in relation to right-sizing. This scheme operates on the basis that the Council accepts the applicant's property as suitable for use as part of Council stock, whilst the applicant accepts that the proposed Council property that they are to be allocated meets their specific requirements. As such, it is challenging to come to agreement in terms of matching the property being offered, the applicant's specific requirements and the available Council stock, and all applications remain under review.

The Council is actively reviewing our Right-Sizing Policy, and it is intended that an updated policy, including changes to the application form and a new approach to communicating and explaining the scheme, will be brought to the September meeting of the Housing SPC for consideration.

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

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ITEM NO. 07

OFFICE OF THE PLANNING REGULATOR (OPR)

Question: Councillor J. Newman

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details on the status of the review of Fingal County Council by the Office of the Planning Regulator, and the date and time of the next review?"

Reply:

A review by the Office of Planning Regulator (OPR) of planning service provision within Fingal County Council has not taken place to date. The Council will fully engage with the OPR when contacted in relation to such a review.

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

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ITEM NO. 08

BEACH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to set out the differences between the management practices on Balcarrick Beach in Donabate which qualifies for the Green Coasts Award and the management practices implemented on the other beaches in Fingal on which, apparently, the beach management used precludes qualification for the Green Coasts Award, and to include in that description the difference in costs between the various management approaches used?"

Reply:

Green Coast Award Criteria

To be considered for the Green Coasts Award beaches must fit the below criteria as set out by An Taisce. Regular beach cleaning carried out by Operations is one of the criteria for the award.

The Green Coast Award aims to celebrate and honour beaches that boast excellent water quality and are adopted by a local Clean Coasts volunteer/community groups. To be eligible for this award, beaches must have:

• A Beach Management Plan in place that acknowledges the environmentally sensitive nature of the site, that engages with conservation organisations and other relevant stakeholders.

• Regular beach cleaning activities in place, that avoid the removal of natural debris such as driftwood and seaweed.

• A local Clean Coasts group(s) in place and engaged in meaningful actions. This key element relates to the main purpose of this award scheme, which is to foster partnerships with communities in an effort to protect and enhance local coastal environs, and to celebrate the efforts of those communities.

• Have excellent water quality that meets the EU Bathing Water Directive standards.

Operations Management of Beaches

The day-to-day management and maintenance carried out by operations on Fingal beaches is similar for all beaches with additional maintenance and traffic management required at some beaches during periods of hot weather.

Identified bathing water beaches are litter picked daily during the bathing season and more regularly during busy periods. Beaches are mechanically raked weekly during the bathing season to remove the deposited litter, debris, broken glass, jellyfish, jellyfish tentacles, seaweed, fishing detritus, dead animals, carrion, broken shells, driftwood and other materials from the beach surface. They are litter picked on a weekly basis at other times of the year by operational staff in each area.

The budgeted cost for the management of beaches across the County in 2025 is €580,000.

The raking of these beaches is required to ensure that the beach is safe to use by the public and also to prevent as soon as possible waste from entering the sea. The priority is that the litter is removed making the beach safe and clean for public use. This timely cleaning regime also prevents pollution of the water by preventing waste entering the sea.

Balcarrick Beach, Donabate

Mechanical raking is carried out at all beaches except Balcarrick, Donabate. There was a pilot project led by An Taisce/ Coast watch during the 2021 bathing season on Donabate beach where litter was picked daily, and beach wrack left in place during the bathing season. In addition, the beach was litter picked weekly outside the season. This practice in cleaning the beach has continued since the 2022 bathing season at Donabate Beach.

The aim of the pilot project was to remove litter by hand rather than by mechanical rake, and in doing so help to preserve the beaches natural material 'beach wrack' and therefore meet one of the criteria set out under the Green Coasts Award. The Pilot was also based on the partnership between Clean Coasts, extensive community volunteerism and the application of additional cleansing resources by the Council's Operations Department. Since the pilot finished Balcarrick Beach is not raked and continues to be manually litter picked each Saturday and Sunday morning by FCC staff and community groups.

With regards to the busy beaches – Burrow, Portmarnock, Skerries, Rush and Balbriggan, it is advised that due to the very busy nature of these beaches during the bathing season that they are not suitable for the cessation of mechanical raking.

Operational Costs

A review of costs for manual litter picking at Claremont and Burrow Beach was carried out and responded to at the Malahide/Howth Services A Meeting in October 2024. Burrow Beach is one of the busiest beaches in the county.

Both beaches are mechanically raked weekly. During the bathing season all litter and debris is removed manually from the mechanically raked material and transported off the beaches. The seaweed/other natural material is banked approx. 3ft from the dunes for dune reformation and protection.

In order to replace mechanical raking with manual raking/litter removal at both Claremont and Burrow beach two days per week would cost €39,669 per annum. (This is at basic flat weekday rates and does not include for hours at weekends on overtime rates. Weekend work would increase the above cost). The Council does not have the labour resources to support manual raking.

Manual raking would take staff away from their primary duties two days every week and would result in other essential works not being carried out.

The mechanical beach raking process ensures that the Operations Department staff can be allocated to their other vital tasks which enhance surrounding areas enjoyment for all users. Mechanical raking also reduces health and safety hazards on beaches which enhances beach enjoyment. Debris and litter, jellyfish & jellyfish tentacles, injuries from broken shells on the beach can pose safety hazards to both beachgoers, Operations staff and wildlife. Mechanical raking ensures that the removal of sharp objects, glass, jellyfish and other potential dangers reduces the risks associated with this coastal debris.

A clean and well-maintained beach enhances its overall appearance. Beach raking removes debris, often perceived to be unsightly, making the beach more attractive for visitors, tourists and families. The improved aesthetic appeal positively impacts tourism and community well-being, contributing to a positive perception of the coastal area. Many communities, beach users, visitors and tourists do not like their beaches covered in beach wrack. Mechanical raking over manual raking ensures that each part of the beach receives the same attention.

For beaches that are not mechanically raked, An Taisce specify that no beach wrack can be moved from its deposited location, and it is to decay and desiccate in situ. It is impossible to ensure all beach wrack is left in-situ and not moved by people who are intent on ASB or just harmless recreational activities. We have been advised that due to the very busy nature of these beaches during the bathing season that they are not suitable for the cessation of mechanical raking.

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

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ITEM NO. 09

BEACHES AND DUNES FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Question: Councillor D. Healy

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on the discussions with the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office, in relation to training about beaches and dunes for climate adaptation?"

Reply:

The Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) has been contacted regarding the training, and we await a reply.

The Climate Action Section ran a beach Walk & Talk on Portmarnock Beach as part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 in partnership with Clean Coasts. This walk taught the public about the importance of our dune systems and how we can protect them.

Following on from its success in previous years, the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) has launched the 2025 Protect our Dunes Campaign which Fingal County Council is supporting. The Protect Our Dunes campaign will continue to raise awareness on social media, to convey the importance of our sand dunes to coastal resilience and biodiversity, how they can be easily damaged from recreational activities, along with simple measures to preserve them.

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

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ITEM NO. 10

RAMP HEIGHTS INSTALLED BY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

"To ask the Chief Executive to provide details of what legislation or guidelines are taken into account when deciding heights of ramps installed by Fingal County Council, as according to legislation SI 32/98 Road Traffic Act (Bollards and Ramps), ramps should not exceed 10cm, whereas the Traffic Management Guidelines (2003) published by the Department of Transport state there are no maximum or minimum dimensions of ramps?"

Reply:

The legislation SI 32/98 Section 5(d) has been superseded by the Road Traffic Act (1994) Section 38 which has relaxed the measures for ramp heights.

The Traffic Management Guidelines (2003) do not contain any max/min heights for ramps as the vertical deflective measures are to be designed in keeping with the road environment. This is detailed below.

When designing ramps several factors need to be considered which are as follows.

- Speed Limit of Road
- Pedestrian Usage including vulnerable road users
- Existing Road Conditions
- Public Lighting
- Drainage
- Type and class of vehicles using the road

Design documents that give guidance to local authorities or other designers are.

- Traffic Management Guidelines (2003)
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2019)
- Traffic Signs Manual

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

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ITEM NO. 11

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME

Question: Councillor B. Ryan

"To ask the Chief Executive to indicate which staff positions are funded, either fully or partially, by the Department of Transport or the NTA, as part of the Active Travel Programme?"

Reply:

The following staff positions in the Active Travel Unit are currently fully funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

1 Senior Engineer
3 Senior Executive Engineers
1 Senior Executive Architect
4 Executive Engineers
1 Assistant Engineer
1 Administrative Officer
1 Senior Staff Officer
1 Staff Officer

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

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ITEM NO. 12

COST OF BRANDING CONSULTANTS – SWORDS CULTURAL QUARTER

Question: Councillor A. Tormey

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the expenditure on branding consultants over the past 3 years, specifically how much was spent on the Swords Cultural Quarter, and how much was spent on the recent contract for the proposal to name a building "Culture House?"

Reply:

Culture House / Áras Cultúir will comprise many facilities, including a public library, a theatre, an art gallery, a makerspace and a cafe. This is a new approach to cultural facilities in Fingal and is an innovative endeavour for such a centre in Ireland.

ZeroG, a company specialist in the design and development of narrative, brand and naming identity in the cultural sector, was engaged to create a brand identity and narrative that would bring the diverse uses into a single proposition and appropriately frame the building in the minds of the public and local stakeholders.

ZeroG has developed and refined a process that build branding and naming identities through creative, research-based engagement with a variety of local stakeholders, Elected Members, and Council staff.

The Culture House brand, merchandising and naming identity that has emerged from this process is comprehensive and interdependent, so it is not possible to separate individual cost elements.

The contract value over the last 3 years has been €38,212.

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

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ITEM NO. 13

BUS SHELTER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (BSEP)

Question: Councillor J. Humphreys

"To ask the Chief Executive to outline the full cost to the Council of administering the Bus Shelter Enhancement Programme, this should include contractor costs, any involvement of depot crews or direct labour, the estimated staff time spent on coordination, site selection, and engagement with other bodies, and whether any delays or added costs arose from inter-agency processes or approvals, also confirm whether any previously planned depot works or public realm improvements were delayed or scaled back due to this programme?"

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) Capital Grant Allocation issued on 13th January 2025 included an allocation of €500,000 for the NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme for 2025. €125,000 has been allocated between the 4 operational areas as follows:

- Howth/Malahide - €125,000
- Balbriggan - €125,000
- Swords - €125,000
- Castleknock/Mulhuddart - €125,000

New guidance was issued by the NTA on 14th April 2025 and the NTA have outlined that the delivery of BSEP locations will require several steps, including design development, safety audits, contractor procurement and on-site management. The programme of works is to be carried out in alignment with the Guidance Note

that was issued on 14 April 2025 which outlines the requirements for eligible improvement works.

The NTA have outlined that the BSEP is intended to both bring existing bus stops up to a minimum standard and to construct new stops. The NTA require planning permission for the location of new bus stops from the County Council. Operations has outlined that there is no resource provision in place for the delivery of new bus stops and no new bus stops are provided for in the 2025 Programme of Works.

A meeting was held with the NTA on 18th May 2025. The NTA outlined the Scope and Requirements for delivery of the programme - including the development of Engineering Designs, completion of Road Safety Audits, Procurement of Contractors and on-site monitoring through to completion.

Details of the work programme at 20 locations were forwarded to the NTA on 16th June and the plan is for the work to be completed in each area by end of the year in order to drawdown the grant. Approval to the Fingal work programme to existing bus stops was received from the NTA on 26th June.

The list was co-ordinated by each area based on review of councillor reps and the NTA bus stop inventory list. No depot works or public realm improvements have been delayed or scaled back due to the development of the works programme and no costs have been incurred to date. There is no provision in the grant scheme for recruitment of operational staff costs for the delivery of the programme. All construction costs will be recouped from the NTA.

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

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ITEM NO. 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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ITEM NO. 14a

QUARTERLY REPORT OF STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REPORT OF PUBLIC REALM TRANSPORTATION/ MOBILITY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Darragh Butler – Chairperson** Councillor Darren Jack Kelly Councillor Malachy Quinn Councillor Patrick Quinlan	
Non-Council Members	Michael Lenehan Siobhan O'Donnell	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
03/06/2025	Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) Works Programme	A presentation was given by James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, providing an update on the Special Speed Limits Review. Following discussion and questions on the presentation the Committee **NOTED** the presentation.

PLANNING STRATEGIC TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Eoghan O'Brien, Chairperson** Councillor John Smyth Councillor Eimear Carbone – Mangan **Apologies:** Councillor Cathal Boland	
Non-Council Members	Mr. Anthony Cooney Mr. Paul Arnold	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
10/06/2025	Major Capital Project Delivery	Mr. Kevin Halpenny Senior Parks and Landscape Officer and Mr. Gerard Curley, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
10/06/2025	Major Studies/LAPs	Ms. Patricia Cadogan, Acting Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
10/06/2025	Building Control - Part B Fire Safety	Mr. Martin Byrne, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

10/06/2025	Residential Zoned Land Tax	Ms. Patricia Cadogan, Acting Senior Planner, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure Department gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.
10/06/2025	Blue Green Roof Policy	Mr. David Devine, Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED.**
10/06/2025	Planning Enforcement Updates	Mr. Fearghal McSweeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure gave a presentation. Following a discussion the presentation was **NOTED**.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE &
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Kieran Dennison Chairperson** Councillor Tony Murphy Councillor Siobhan Shovlin Councillor Tom O'Leary Councillor Jimmy Guerin Councillor Ellen Troy
Non-Council members	Mr Anthony Cooney John Quinlivan, Director of Services; Declan Power, Senior Executive Officer; Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer;

	Paul Barnes, Events Manager; Toni Hogan, Senior Staff Officer; Breffni O'Rourke, Administrative Officer	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/policy issue**	**Update**
11/06/2025	Dublin Regional Place Branding	Presentation by Anthony McGuinness and Caroline Power from Dublin Place Brand which is made up of the 4 Dublin Local Authorities. Presentation outlined past events, upcoming events and figures from recent campaign **Presentation noted and accepted by Councillors.**
11/06/2025	SPC Programme Updates	John Quinlivan, Director of Services, presented a report updating members on the various deliverables set out in the programme as well as key milestones and developments across numerous sections. **Report noted and accepted by Councillors.**
11/06/2025	Events Programme & Programming Costs	Declan Power Senior Executive Officer gave a presentation on the Events Programme for 2025. Expected costs for major events and expected income streams were outlined. The strategic vision of Flavours of Fingal was discussed at length including a range of potential / indicative alternatives. John Quinlivan, Director of Services, undertook to take on board members comments, explore the options further and present clear proposals to the

		SPC in September's meeting for discussion. **Presentation noted and next steps agreed by Councillors.**
11/06/2025	Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy	Aoife Sheridan, Senior Executive Officer presented the Future Fingal: Sustainable Fingal Strategy which outlined steps taken so far and a timeline for implementation of this initiative. The project will commence in June 2025 with an initial assessment & GAP analysis taking place over the Summer. A draft strategy will be presented to the SPC in September's meeting with adoption by Council planned for November 2025. **Presentation noted by Councillors.**
11/06/2025	Motion - Councillor S. Shovlin - Inclusive Employment and Opportunity - AI100821	Report provided by Aoife Sheridan. Councillor Siobhan Shovlin confirmed she was happy to accept the report. **Report accepted and motion passed by Councillors.**

QUARTERLY REPORT MARINE & COASTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Angela Donnelly – Chairperson,** Councillor Paul Mulville, Councillor Corina Johnston, Councillor Cathal Boland, Councillor Dean Mulligan

	Apologies: Councillor Grainne Maguire	
Non-Council Members	Alison Regan, (external) Charles Sargent, (external) Máire O' Brien, (external) Catherine O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, John Daly, Senior Engineer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, David Leslie, Senior Communications Officer, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer, Jennifer Muscheidt, Environmental Awareness Officer, Anne Browning, Statkraft, Shane O Donohoe, Statkraft, Erin Snaith, Statkraft, Lisa Enright, Statkkraft, Sunni Bean, Dublin Inquirer	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
19/06/2025	Headed Item - Presentation on Shore to Sea Project	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **Noted**
19/06/2025	Headed Item – Presentation by Statkraft on Off-Shore Windfarms	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **Noted**
19/06/2025	Headed Item – Marine and Coastal Management SPC Works Programme 2025	Following discussion between Members, the Presentation was **Noted**

QUARTERLY REPORT HOUSING
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor B. Ryan Chairperson** Councillor M. Boland, Councillor J. Burtchaell, Councillor B. Hanaphy, Councillor C. Haughey, Councillor. T Leddy, Councillor G. Sheehan, Councillor. A. Tormey.
Non-Council Members	Mr. D. Branagan, Mr. J. Doran, Ms. J. Fulham.

Meeting Date 2025	Theme/Policy issue	Update
23/06/2025	Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Housing SPC held on Monday 24th March 2025.	Proposed by Cllr. M. Boland and seconded by Cllr. B. Hanaphy. **AGREED**
23/06/2025	Homeless Action Plan	An update on Homeless Action Plan was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
23/06/2025	Disability Strategy Update	An update on Disability Strategy was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**
23/06/2025	Housing Delivery Update	An update on Housing Delivery was presented. Following discussion, the presentation was **NOTED.**

COMMUNITY, SPORTS & CULTURE
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Eoghan Dockrell (Chairperson)** Councillor Angela Donnelly Councillor John Walsh Councillor Mary McCamley Councillor Tom Kitt	
Non-Council Members	Abi Wise PPN Representative	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
25/06/2025	26/03/2025 Minutes	Proposed by Cllr McCamley Seconded by Cllr Donnelly **AGREED**
25/06/2025	Social Inclusion - Active Inclusion	Discussion to define Policy Areas.
25/06/2025	Age Friendly Strategy	Draft Strategy Presented **Approved** by All.

25/06/2025	Oversight of Community elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)	Presentation Given **Noted** by all.
25/06/2025	Update from Libraries	Verbal Update Provided **Noted** by all.
25/06/2025	Motion - Cllr J. Walsh Non-profit and Public Early Childhood Education and Care - AI103049	The motion was **deferred** To be discussed as a Headed Item in December 2025.

QUARTERLY REPORT CLIMATE ACTION, BIODIVERSITY, ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (SPC)

Council Members	**Councillor Joe Newman – Chairperson** Councillor Helen Redwood, Councillor Brian McDonagh, Councillor JK Onwumereh, Councillor Siobhan Shovlin, Councillor David Healy	
Non-Council Members	Tara Byrne (ENV), Sarah Zimmerman (PPN) David Storey, Director of Services, John Daly, Senior Engineer, Patricia Cadogan, Senior Planner, Catherine O' Donovan, Senior Executive Officer, Grainne Carroll, Administrative Officer, Hans Visser, Biodiversity Officer, Maria Hand, Senior Staff Officer **Apologies:** Paul Flynn (IFA)	
Meeting Date 2025	**Theme/Policy issue**	**Update**
24/06/25	Draft Litter Management Plan Public Consultation Report	Presentation was given to Members and **Noted**.
24/06/25	LAWPRO Water Action Plan	Presentation was given to Members and **Noted.**
24/06/25	Community Climate Action Plan	Presentation was given to Members and Noted.
24/06/25	Building a Carbon Zero Ireland	Following discussion between Members, Motion was **Agreed**.

24/06/25	Data Centres	Following discussion between Members, Motion was **Agreed**.
24/06/25	Forest of Fingal Policy Update	Following discussion between Members, Motion was **Accepted**.
24/06/25	Digital Communications Plan for Towns	Following discussion between Members, Motion was **Accepted**.

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 14b

REPORT OF ORGANISATION, PROCEDURES & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (OP&F) HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025

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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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 14c

REPORT OF BALBRIGGAN/RUSH-LUSK/SWORDS SERVICES B AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For and 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**
SOS Save Our Sand GA-003442	€3000	Insurance - public liability Branding & advertising Fitness Instructor & Equipment DJ, Face painter & Audio Hire Sandcastle artist	N	N/A	€3000

Lusk Men's Shed GA-003536	€1400	Design and development costs	N	N/A	€1400
Ravenswell Residents Association GA-003537	€635	Hire of PA system Petting Zoo Castles Supervisor Insurance Hire of Generator	N	N/A	€705
Currachaí na Sceirí GA-003506	€2993	International Compass Yacht Varnish 2.5l Timber, bitumen, brackets, screws, nails Spike Ground Support Screw Anchor X 8 Insurance Bench Belt Sander Storage Box	N	N/A	€2993
Castleland Community Centre GA-003548	€1219	Sport Day Event Hire Refreshments	Y	2023 - €3000	€1169
Balrothery Tidy Towns GA-003540	€1175	Laminated Diabond Sign 2440x610mm Laminated Diabond Sign 1220x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign 610x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign 405x300mm Laminated Diabond Sign	Y	2024 - €912	€1175

		610x300 A1 Sign Master Pavement Sign			
89th Dublin Bremore Scout Group GA-003503	€3000	tents/shelters drill Training knives rope stove doors to be used as table tops for camps rent uel maps	N	N/A	€3000
Rush Multipurpose Youth Facility Ltd GA-003522	€3000	Landscaper gardening supplies - plants, tools, etc bee/bug hotel bee hotel pots for garden supplies for open day	N	N/A	€1420
Flemington Community Centre GA-003547	€3000	Magician & Ventriloquist Show Face painter Refreshments	N	N/A	€1169
Broadmeadow Community Garden GA-003539	€889	Speaker Fees (Muriel Farrell) Insurance (BHP)	Y	2023 - €500	€889
St. John Ambulance Swords Division GA-003543	€3000	Pull up banners 5 family Manikin set 3 Family Manikin AED trainer x 6 1x infant Manikin Pulse oximeter 5 Emergency First Aid Bag x 5	N	N/A	€3000
Mourne Estate Community Centre GA-003508	€2994	Santa hire for Christmas event Christmas event decorations TV unit youth	N	N/A	€2367

		space cooking equipment – air fryer, BBQ for community events and gas canvases slime kits and supplies paint markers and paint supplies coffee machine tie die kits and t shirts/ badge maker			
Balscadden District Community Council GA-003533	€2999	Outdoor Defibrillator, Cabinet & Signage 700 x 8-page A4 Newsletter Merlin Press A3 GBC Fusion Laminator Viking Direct 2 x Indoor Entrance Mats Viking Direct 2 Large Fold Flat TV Tables Woodies 1 Small Fold Flat TV Table Woodies	Y	2024 - €2969	€2999
Donabate and Portrane Community Centre GA-003546	€2994	Arts & Crafts Tutors Entertainers, Magician, Face painting, Photographer, printing posters, banners,tables , Exhibition	Y	2023 - €2728	€2916

		Stands, prizes			
Ballyboughal Hedgerow Society GA-003551	€600	Art Workshop, Bushcraft Forest School	Y	2024-€3000	€600
Skerries Sea Scouts GA-003517	€3000	Powerboat Training, Sail Training	N	N/A	€3000
Rivervalley Community Club GA-003504	€2644	Furniture Trolley Lawnmower, Signage, Staff Uniforms	Y	2024 - €2462.73	€2644
Skerries Tidy Towns GA-003509	€3021	Pollinator plants	Y	2024 - €3000	€3000
Balbriggan Senior Citizens Welfare Club GA-003514	€3000	Transport, Gardening, supplies / items	Y	2024 - €3000	€3000
Skerries Historical Society GA-003496	2374	Website: Fletcher Bentley IT Consultancy Epson CO-W01 WXGA projector Samsung Galaxy Book 4 laptop	Y	2024 - €1441	€2374
St Partick's Hall Donabate GA-003516	€2852	1 no. portable stage 2mx4m 1 no. portable stage 2mx4m 3 no. stage balance	N	N/A	€2852

It was **proposed by** Councillor T. O'Leary and **seconded by** Councillor D. Mulligan

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

APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS FUNDING

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

ACTIVITY FUNDING GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Name of Applicant Group	**Total Funding Amount Applied for in Respect of this Application**	**Summary of What Funding is Required For and 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**
Balrothery Football Club	€1,500	9 x packs of junior lite, futsal & training footballs	Yes	2024 -€3,000 2021 - €425	€1,500
Rivervalley Rangers	€4,000	1 x portable goalposts	Yes	2022 -€3,000 2021 - €425	€4,000
Balbriggan Golf Club	€1,500	6 x sets of juvenile golf clubs and 300 golf balls	Yes	2021- €2,000 2020 - €1,000	€1,500
Round Towers Lusk GAA Club	€4,000	1 set of Wheelaway Port Extruded Goal 1 set of 15 x 7 Aluminium Goal	Yes	2023 - €850 2022 -€2,988 2021 -€1,958	€4,000
Skerries Junior	€1,500	48 tubes of shuttlecocks	Yes	2021 - €425	€1,500

Badminton Club		Replacement Nets 4 x racquets racquet grips for €54.95		2020 -€1,000	
Kinsealy United Football Club	€4,000	8 x outdoor lights	Yes	2020 -€1,000	€4,000
St Pat's GAA club	€1,500	30 helmets 5 x 28-inch hurls 5 x 30-inch hurls	Yes	2020 -€1,000	€1,500

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 Sports Funding in the foregoing report.

Signed _____

Cllr T. O'Leary
Cathaoirleach

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 14d

REPORT OF CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY 2025

Finance Matters – Local Property Tax (LPT)

Mr. Oliver Hunt, Head of Finance, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the Local Property Tax for 2026 and the impact of the options available.

Following discussion, the CPG **AGREED** that a further meeting of the CPG should be held in advance of the Full Council on Monday, 7th July.

Presidential Election Protocol

Ms. Mary Egan, Director of Services, People, Corporate & Digital Services, gave a presentation to the CPG in relation to the process for the 2025 Presidential Election. A Special Meeting of the Council will be called to consider nominations, following the signing of the Presidential Election Order by the Minister.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** by CPG that the proposed procedure would apply for the 2025 Presidential election, and an overview of the process and procedure will be circulated to all members.

Role of CPG in Overseeing SPCs

Councillor Angela Donnelly addressed the CPG in relation to the involvement of the members of the CPG with the work of SPCs and seeking clarity about the role of the Corporate Policy Group.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED** that a more robust proposal on this matter be brought to the September meeting of the CPG.

Signed: Tom O'Leary
Mayor

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 15

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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MEETING OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

7TH JULY 2025

REPORT ON SETTING OF
LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR
FOR 2026

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REPORT ON SETTING OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2026

1. Introduction

The Local Property Tax (LPT) is an annual self-assessed tax charged on the value of residential properties effective from 1 July 2013 and is administered by the Revenue Commissioners.

The LPT process is governed by the provisions of the following which are included in the appendices to the report:

- Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 SI 358 of 2022
- Circular Fin 08/2014 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014.
- Circular Fin 06/2022 – Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.
- Circular Fin 09/2025 Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2026 – Fingal County Council.

With regards to the recent changes to LPT the following relevant links are included for your information:

Copy of the Bill as passed by Dáil Éireann
https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/bill/2025/32/eng/ver_a/b32a25d.pdf

Press release on LPT changes
Minister Donohoe announces changes to Local Property Tax to ensure fairness

Points to note

- LPT revaluation to take place on later in 2025, with the next valuation period commencing in 2026 for a duration of five years.
- Valuation bands will be widened by 20 per cent, ensuring an estimated 96% of homeowners remain in their existing band.
- In future years Local Authorities will now be able to vary LPT upwards by up to 25 per cent. The maximum they may choose to vary LPT downwards by will remain at 15 per cent

At the October 2024 Council meeting Members passed a motion to **reduce** the local property tax rate by 7.5% for 2025 in Fingal.

The report that follows provides a significant amount of financial information and data which must be considered by the Members when making a decision in relation to the variation of the local adjustment factor.

It is important in this context to note that the matter for decision at the July meeting is the Local Property Tax variation and not the 2026 Revenue Budget which will be considered at the Budget meeting later in the year. The figures reflect draft and preliminary estimates with the detailed budget preparations ongoing over the coming months.

2. Role of Elected Members in relation to setting of local adjustment factor.

A Local Authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of minus 15% to plus 15% of the basic rate.

As a revaluation of properties is to be undertaken later in the year the variation decision must be taken by August 31st so that it can be advised to Revenue who are responsible for the administration of LPT.

3. Provisional Local Property Allocation 2026

The draft allocation of LPT as advised by DHLGH is shown in the table below.

LPT Allocation	**2026**	**2025**	**Inc vs 2025**	
LPT retained locally (no variation)	49,735,680	45,836,328	3,899,352	
Baseline	9,424,881	5,824,881	3,600,000	
LPT after baseline	40,310,799	40,011,447	299,352	
Less self funding	24,892,738	29,698,273	(4,805,535)	
LPT for own use (pre variation)				
LPT for own use (22.5%:2025, 31%:2026)	15,418,061	10,313,174	5,104,887	*
Baseline	9,424,881	5,824,881	3,600,000	
Total	24,842,942	16,138,055	8,704,887	
Variation (assume 7.5%)	(3,730,176)	(3,437,725)	(292,451)	
LPT for own use (post variation)	**21,112,766**	**12,700,330**	**8,412,435**	*
LPT for "own use" @ -5% variation (2026)	22,356,158	12,700,330	**9,655,827**	*
Additional yielded vs **-7.5%** variation			**1,243,392**	
Each 1% change in variation yields:			**497,357**	
***€4.2m** of which must be used for urban regeneration programmes.				

2026 Baseline

Every Local Authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the baseline. The recent legislative changes to LPT has resulted in an increase of €3.6m in this baseline for 2026.

Post baseline LPT income

In 2025 22.5% of LPT income is available for discretionary spend with any reduction in variation funded from this. This has now been increased to **31%** for 2026. In the Circular it states "*Government noted that any local authority who benefits from the move to 31% retention will be expected to use this additional funding towards urban regeneration programmes in their areas.*"

DHLGH have calculated that the benefit of this change at €4.2m for Fingal and as such these funds are to be allocated to urban regeneration programmes. DHLGH have confirmed that projects in our current capital programme that require funding including Community Centre refurbishments, Library enhancement works, harbours development, swimming pool development would all fit under this urban regeneration header. The €4.2m will contribute funding to these projects in 2026 but will not provide all the necessary funding.

4. Matters to which a local authority must have regard

The Local Property Tax (local adjustment factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) prescribe certain matters to which the Local Authority must have regard in order to determine whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of local property tax. These include:

- Estimation of income and expenditure.
- The financial position of the Local Authority.
- Estimation of financial effect including:
    - Potential impact on a liable person
    - Potential impact on the LPT revenue
    - The potential impact on the service delivery plans of the Local Authority,
    - Any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.
- Public consultation.

5. Estimation of Income and Expenditure 2026

SI 358/2022 (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 lays out a prescribed format for outlining an estimation of income and expenditure for the purposes of this report.

As outlined to the Members at the June OP&F meeting as well as meetings facilitated with all parties and independents over the past few weeks there are significant financial pressure and uncertainties with regards to the formation of the 2026 budget. The executive will continue to engage with the CPG as we proceed through the finalisation of the 2026 budget.

The schedule 1 estimation of income and expenditure as outlined in the table below are **draft and preliminary** at this stage as the formation of the 2026 budget is undertaken over the coming months.

SCHEDULE 1

ESTIMATION OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

	Current local financial year Budget 2025	Next local financial year Draft 2026	
INCOME			
Commercial Rates	167,084,000	172,011,100	**1**
Local Property Tax	12,700,300	22,356,127	**2**
Grants & Subsidies	128,579,639	139,079,639	**3**
Other Income	85,557,840	86,807,840	**4**
Total Income	**393,921,778**	**420,254,706**	
EXPENDITURE			
Payroll expenses	116,223,840	121,123,840	**5**
Loan Interest and principal repaid	21,018,850	21,018,850	**6**
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)	80,108,047	90,108,047	**7**
Capital grants paid	6,385,000	6,985,000	**8**
Other expenditure	170,186,042	183,690,719	**9**
Total Expenditure	**393,921,778**	**422,926,456**	

Notes

1. Reflects rates income. 2026 forecast reflects a **2.5%** rate increase and additional bouyancy.
2. LPT income reflects allocation from DHLGH with **-5.0%** LPT variation assumed for 2026.
3. Grant allocations based on departmental estimates with an increase included for 2026 to fund schemes (P&A, LTL and RAS)
4. This reflects all other income including Rents, Irish Water, Planning Fees, Parking etc.
5. This reflects current projection for 2025 with increased pension and payroll costs for additional roles in 2026.
6. This reflects loan principle and interest payments.
7. This reflects RAS, Long Term Leasing, Payment & Availability, Affordable Leases, HAP, contribution to DRHE etc.
8. This reflects grants paid.
9. This reflects all other expenditure including Fire Service, Contract Payments, Materials, Energy, Repairs & Maintenance, etc.

6. Financial Position of Local AUTHORITY: -

The following table sets the financial position of the Council as of the 31st March 2025.

SCHEDULE 2

ASSETS	**€**	**Notes**
Current Assets (Including cash and investme	598,712,624	1
General Revenue reserve	15,980,734	2
Loans receivable	399,465,073	3
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities (including overdraft)	299,570,413	4
General Revenue reserve (if deficit)		
Loans Payable		
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	188,200,909	5
Non Mortgage Loans	108,107,559	6
INDICATORS		
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	0.76	7
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	2.00	8

Notes

1. Includes stock, trade debtors and prepayment, bank investments, cash at bank cash in transit.
2. Reflects cumulative revenue account surplus. DHPLG requirement to ensure that it does not deplete.
3. Loans receivable from mortgage loans issued, including voluntary loans and Irish Water loans recoupable.
4. Creditors and accruals and finance leases.
5. Voluntary Housing, Irish Water loans and Mortgage Loans payable to the Housing Finance Agency.
6. Includes Loans for Assets, Affordable Housing and Shared Ownership Rented Equity.
7. Total loans payable as outlined above amounts to €296.3m. Revenue income budget 2025 is €388.9m. Ratio of loans payable to revenue income is 0.76: 1.
8. The ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities is 2:1 and would be considered a desirable ratio from a financial management perspective.

Comment on financial position.

The ratio of current assets over current liabilities of 2.00 reflects a financially healthy position. The cash held by the Council includes development levies and a significant reserve to deal with possible outcomes under the rates revaluation appeals process.

Debt includes bridging finance of €42.1m in respect of legacy affordable housing units. Currently, these loans are being serviced mainly on an interest only basis. There has been ongoing engagement with DHLGH on this issue.

As outlined in previous audit reports Fingal has significant unfunded capital balances relating to land acquisition primarily for industrial development. It is anticipated that these balances will be funded through future land sales but the position will continued to be monitored.

7. Potential impact on a liable person

The table below shows the current bands compared to the proposed new bands reflecting the changes in the LPT regime. Revenue are predicting 96% of homeowners will remain in the same band.

The table shows the increase in LPT per week if the current -7.5% variation remains unchanged, if the LPT variation is reduced to -5%.

% of properties (based on current bands	*13.9%*	*15.9%*	*25.0%*	*17.9%*	*10.5%*	*5.8%*	*3.4%*	*7.7%*
Current LPT Valuation Bands	**0-200,000**	**200,001-262,500**	**262,501-350,000**	**350,001 – 437,500**	**437,501 – 525,000**	**525,001 – 612,500**	**612,501 – 700,000**	**700,001+**
Annual LPT payable € (no variation)	90.00	225.00	315.00	405.00	495.00	585.00	675.00	
Cost at -7.50%	83.25	208.13	291.38	374.63	457.88	541.13	624.38	
New LPT Valuation Bands	**1 – 240,000**	**240,001 – 315,000**	**315,001 – 420,000**	**420,001 – 525,000**	**525,001 – 630,000**	**630,001 – 735,000**	**735,001 – 840,000**	**840,000+**
Annual LPT payable € (no variation)	95.00	235.00	333.00	428.00	523.00	618.00	713.00	
Cost at -7.50%	87.88	217.38	308.03	395.90	483.78	571.65	659.53	
Cost at -5.00%	90.25	223.25	316.35	406.60	496.85	587.10	677.35	
Difference (per week) (var stays at -7.5	**0.09**	**0.18**	**0.32**	**0.41**	**0.50**	**0.59**	**0.68**	
Difference (per week) (-5.0% vs -7.5%)	**0.05**	**0.11**	**0.16**	**0.21**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.34**	

Each 1 % variation in LPT yields c. €497k per anumn

8. Public Consultation - Variation of the Basic Rate of the Local Property Tax (LPT)

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (SI 358/2022) requires a 30-day consultation period by the Local Authority with the public in its administrative area. The consultation period facilitates members of the public to make known their views in respect of the potential impacts of varying the Local Property Tax (LPT) rates on businesses, individuals and the Local Authority Services.

Fingal County Council commenced the public consultation process on Friday 23rd May by the placing of a notice in the national press, website and social media, inviting submissions from the public. The closing date for receipt of submissions was Monday 23rd June 2025.

Submissions

A total of 30 to date submissions were received by the closing date. A summary of the submissions are as follows:

LPT Public Consultation –23rd May to 23rd June

Brief summary of submission	Number of Submissions
Decrease 0% - 5%	6
Decrease 6% - 10%	2
Decrease 11% - 15%	21
Do not vary	
Increase 0% - 5%	
Increase 6% - 10%	1
Increase 11% - 15%	
Total	**30**

The public consultation reflected issues as outlined below

- General pressure on cost of living.
- People on pensions and low income having to pay LPT.
- Current deficit in services and infrastructure and the need for this to be improved.
- Some homeowners having to pay management fees in addition to LPT.

9. Conclusion

This report is submitted for consideration of the Members to vary the LPT in accordance with the relevant legislation and regulations.

FCC has held its LPT variation percentage at -7.5% for the past number of years which has allowed the Council to continue its investment in operational activities, libraries, community facilities, tourism and events. The County continues to grow at pace creating increased operational needs. In addition as more community and recreational facilities get to site or indeed open to the public the pressure on the Revenue budget increases and requires increased funding.

The LPT variation is a significant lever available to Members with regards to raising revenue. Each 1% adjustment in variation will yield €497k in additional discretionary revenue to fund investment in services across the County.

As outlined to all Members there are significant budgetary pressures in forming the 2026 budget. As such Members should be mindful of the opportunity available to them when considering the LPT variation in easing those pressure.

Given the growing operational demands and the number of new project activations, I urge that serious consideration be given to revising the current -7.5% threshold. A variation beyond this level is essential to maintain the delivery of our high-quality public services and to ensure that infrastructure projects across the County are better resourced.

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive
3rd July 2025

10. APPENDIX 1 - CIRCULAR FIN 09/2025

An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

02 July 2025

Circular Fin 09/2025

Chief Executive

cc. Director of Finance

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocations 2026 – Fingal County Council

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I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to inform you that the provisional Local Property Tax (LPT) allocations from the Local Government Fund for 2026 have been agreed and Fingal County Council's allocation is set out below and in **Appendix A** to this document. This approach differs from previous years given that a revaluation of LPT will take place later this year, which will lead to changes in both the overall LPT yield and to the yield in each local authority area.

LPT allocations have been calculated based on an estimated yield (pre variation) for the 2026 LPT liability year of €601.5m, based on data regarding 2025 LPT liabilities (including deferrals) as provided by the Revenue Commissioners, adjusted for newly liable properties in 2026 and including an estimated €42m arising from the 2026 revaluation process (as set out in **Appendix B** to this document).

LPT Baseline and Distribution Methodology

Under the current LPT allocation model, every local authority is entitled to receive a minimum amount of funding under the LPT allocation process, known as the Baseline. Following a review of LPT Baselines in 2023, local authority Baselines were increased overall to €428.4m for 2024 and 2025. Government has now agreed that LPT Baselines in 2026 be further increased from €428.4m to €470.4m; in line with the Government Agreement of 26th March last that any additional LPT generated as a result of the upcoming revaluation is to be retained by local authorities for discretionary spending.

As well as assisting local authorities to meet the costs of providing essential services, ensuring an increase in baseline funding to each local authority enables a level of flexibility and discretion for each authority to address priority resource demands arising.

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LPT allocations for 2026 are set in line with the methodology whereby 100% of the estimated LPT yield is retained locally within the local authority area where it is collected.

Fingal County Council's Baseline for 2026 is €9,424,881.

Equalisation,

As previously, all equalisation funding will be met by the Exchequer, to ensure that all authorities receive, at a minimum, an amount equivalent to their Baseline. The equalisation funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

Based on its surplus position when expected 2026 LPT receipts are compared to the 2026 Baseline, Fingal County Council will not be in receipt of equalisation funding in 2026.

Self-Funding

The LPT allocation model for 2026 will also change from previous years for those authorities with a surplus LPT yield above their baseline, whereby those authorities shall now be entitled to retain an increased portion of that surplus (pre-variation) for their own use.

Those local authorities with a surplus LPT yield above their baseline, will have that surplus allocated in two ways:

- Part of the surplus, up to the equivalent of 31% (was 22.5% previously) of total expected LPT income (or the full amount of the surplus if that is less than 31%), can be used as additional income by local authorities for the authority's own use as part of their normal budgetary process; and that Government noted that any local authority who benefits from the move to 31% retention will be expected to use this additional funding towards urban regeneration programmes in their areas.

- The remainder of the surplus, if any, will then be available to the local authority to fund services in the housing and/or roads areas thereby replacing Central Government funding for some of these services. Authorities are expected to continue providing such services regardless of the changed approach to funding. Accordingly, all LPT collected locally will be spent on the provision of services in the local authority's area.

- The self-funding requirement will be based on the total expected level of LPT in each local authority area before any application of a local variation decision and will not be adjusted if the basic rate of LPT is varied.

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Based on its surplus position when expected 2026 LPT receipts are compared to the 2026 Baseline, Fingal County Council will be required to self-fund services in the Housing and/or Roads areas.

The specific detail of the level of Central Government Voted grants funding to be provided to local authorities is a matter that will be considered, as normal, as part of the Estimates process.

Provisional LPT allocation to Fingal County Council in 2026

The LPT allocation for Fingal County Council for 2026 **(pending any decision to locally vary the basic rate)** is **€49,735,680.** As a local authority that will be in receipt of 2026 LPT income in excess of its **€9,424,881 Baseline**, Fingal County Council will be entitled to retain an amount of this surplus funding equivalent to 31% of the total expected LPT yield or **€15,418,061** for its own use. Fingal County Council will be required to use the remainder of the surplus to self-fund some specified services in the Housing and/or Roads areas to the value of **€24,892,738.** Details of the self-funding breakdown between Housing (Capital and Revenue) and/or Roads will issue in a separate circular.

Please refer to the table in **Appendix A**, which sets out the basis for the allocation.

Variation

Every local authority has the power to vary the basic rate of LPT by up to 15%. While recent changes to the LPT legislation will allow elected members to adjust the Local Adjustment Factor (LAF) upwards to a maximum of 25%; due to the timing of the legislation, commencement of this section will be delayed until the 2027 LPT liability year.

It should be noted that if a local authority decides to vary the LPT basic rate upwards in 2026; 100% of the resultant additional income will be available for the authorities' own use. Similarly, if an authority decides to vary the LPT basic rate downwards (by up to 15%) in 2026, the resultant loss in LPT income will be reflected in reduced LPT funding to the authority.

Local authorities are further reminded of their statutory obligations as set out in the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022) which take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. These regulations provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

Apart from the formal notification to the Minister of the passing of a resolution in accordance with the regulations, local authorities are requested, as a procedural matter,

to confirm with the Department, the local adjustment factor (or the basic rate, as the case may be) that should apply for the 2026 LPT liability year, on or before 31 August 2025.

Previous guidance circular Fin 08/2014 and Fin 06/2022 also refers.

LPT Statistics and Property Valuation Bands

2025 LPT Preliminary Statistics and Property Valuation Bands are available on the Revenue Commissioners website at the following web link:

https://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/information-about-revenue/statistics/property-taxes/yearly-stats/2025/index.aspx

LPT amounts set out in **Appendix B** to this document outline the following:

- Estimated Net LPT Liabilities for 2026 (before the application of any local adjustment factor variation).
- Estimated Newly Liable Properties in 2026 (before any local variation). Included in the Net LPT Liabilities column.
- Estimate of 2026 yield increase arising from revaluation. Included in the Net LPT Liabilities column.

The projected amounts for 2026 LPT do not reflect any local decision to lower/increase the basic rate by the local adjustment factor in 2026, i.e. data provided is pre-variation.

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Sinéad O'Gorman,
Principal,
Local Government Finance

Appendix A

Fingal County Council - 2026 LPT Allocation (pending any decision to vary the basic rate)

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LPT Retained Locally 100%	49,735,680
2026 Baseline	9,424,881
2026 Surplus (LPT Retained Locally – 2026 Baseline)	40,310,799
Amount of Surplus to be retained for authority's own use (31% of basic rate of LPT income)	15,418,061
Balance of Surplus to Self-Fund Housing and/or Roads Services	24,892,738
2026 Surplus	40,310,799
Amount of LPT Allocation to be retained for authority's own use in 2026 (pending any decision to vary the basic rate)	24,842,942
Total LPT Funding to be provided in 2026	49,735,680

Value of potential increase or decrease in 2026 LPT Allocation for every 1% of variation implemented	+/- 497,357

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Appendix B – Estimate of LPT yield in respect of the 2026 Liability Year, before the application of any Local Adjustment Factor

Local Authority	Estimated Net LPT Liabilities for 2026 (before the application of any local adjustment factor variation)*	Estimated Newly Liable Properties in 2026 (before any local variation). Included in the Net LPT Liabilities column *	Estimate of 2026 yield increase arising from revaluation. Included in the Net LPT Liabilities column.*
Carlow County Council	4,465,579	42,079	300,000
Cavan County Council	4,577,294	21,508	400,000
Clare County Council	10,758,169	69,183	700,000
Cork City Council	25,533,936	288,061	2,000,000
Cork County Council	38,054,530	479,829	2,700,000
Donegal County Council	10,210,636	57,371	800,000
Dublin City Council	109,447,019	1,090,579	7,800,000
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown CC	69,230,246	1,268,229	4,500,000
Fingal County Council	49,735,680	661,610	3,600,000
Galway City Council	10,339,596	64,696	1,000,000
Galway County Council	17,212,255	112,909	1,300,000
Kerry County Council	14,631,136	55,241	900,000
Kildare County Council	29,353,465	477,609	2,000,000
Kilkenny County Council	8,635,683	121,105	600,000
Laois County Council	6,004,844	116,565	400,000
Leitrim County Council	2,144,959	7,478	200,000
Limerick City County Council	16,911,976	163,210	1,100,000
Longford County Council	2,404,409	4,344	200,000
Louth County Council	11,525,105	216,168	600,000
Mayo County Council	10,133,668	41,023	700,000
Meath County Council	23,137,604	339,823	1,400,000
Monaghan County Council	3,693,174	20,588	300,000
Offaly County Council	5,342,410	60,142	300,000
Roscommon County Council	4,278,065	24,194	300,000
Sligo County Council	5,546,051	24,214	600,000
South Dublin County Council	40,331,285	1,007,307	2,500,000
Tipperary County Council	12,022,702	43,063	800,000
Waterford City & Co Council	11,032,522	120,590	700,000
Westmeath County Council	7,482,726	106,698	500,000
Wexford County Council	13,900,236	160,306	900,000
Wicklow County Council	23,457,871	505,982	1,900,000
Total	**601,534,831**	**7,771,705**	**42,000,000**

*Note: The estimated €601.5m (pre-variation) yield for the 2026 LPT Liability year is based on the Revenue Commissioners' latest yield estimates of €552m (post-variation) for the 2025 liability year, including any deferrals. The 2026 estimated yield includes deferrals (based on 2025 liability data) and, in addition, newly liable properties in 2026 of €7.7m (based on the assumption that buoyancy will remain at 2025 levels). The 2026 yield estimate also includes an estimated €42m uplift arising from revaluation in November 2025.

11. APPENDIX 2 - CIRCULAR FIN08/2014

Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government

Circular Fin 08/2014

1 July 2014

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014

I am directed by the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations (S.I. 296 of 2014), which come into effect from 1 July 2014. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended by section 5 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2013, a local authority may as a reserved function resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%. This power will be available to local authorities effective from 2015, as the relevant sections of the Act will come into operation on 1 July 2014.

Any decision by a local authority to vary the basic rate of LPT must be taken by 30 September each year in order that it can have effect from 1 November (the liability date) and therefore determine the LPT liability for taxpayers in that local authority area the following year.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts. The Regulations are set out in four Parts:

Part 1 - General Interpretations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard – These provisions provide that, in varying the rate, a local authority must take account of its financial position, and have regard to a number of factors:

- The local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect,
- The financial position of the local authority,
- The financial effect of the varied rate, and
- Feedback from any consultation held.

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This financial information is to be made available to the members of the local authority in preparation for the meeting at which the local adjustment factor will be considered (September at the latest).

Part 3 – Consultation – These provisions relate to the public consultation process that must be followed by a local authority before the setting of the local adjustment factor for the Local Property Tax.

Part 4 – Meeting to consider the local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the requirements for a meeting to consider setting a local adjustment factor.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor –These provisions set out the notification process for a local authority that passes a resolution to vary the basic rate of LPT.

Appendix to this circular

Appendix 1 - Indicative timelines for setting the local adjustment factor

Detailed Guidance – Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Regulations

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority must have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to. To provide sufficient information to members on which to base their decision, the Regulations give further effect to the Act's requirements and set out the following matters to which the members of a local authority must have regard:

- Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect
- Financial position of the local authority
- Financial effect of the varied rate
- Feedback from public consultation

Information in relation to each of these issues must be provided to the elected members at least 3 days before the day on which they will meet to consider setting a local adjustment factor for the period 1 November in the current year to 30 October in the following year.

2.1 Estimation of income and expenditure for the period for which the varied rate is to have effect

Section 20 (2A)(a) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the income it will receive and the expenditure it will incur in the period for which the varied rate will have effect."

In proposing to increase or decrease the income of the authority, the members must be cognisant of the current levels and types of income, and the level of expenditure that is currently being met, including those elements of expenditure which are strategic, non-discretionary and cannot be reduced in the short term.

2.1.1 Basis for the estimation of income and expenditure

The timing of the requirement to prepare an estimate of income and expenditure falls in advance of the budget meeting. Therefore the local authority should prepare an estimation based on the current year, adjusting for the impact of any information or policies known. Financial assumptions should be noted.

2.1.2 Form of the presentation of the estimation of income and expenditure

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	*Next local financial year*
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

The report, while similar in layout to the Report required by the Department by 30 September (Preliminary Estimate of Income and Expenditure), is different in a number of important ways:

LPT variation – estimation of income and expenditure	**Report to Department – preliminary estimation of income and expenditure**
Format prescribed in Regulations	Format set out in Fin 05/14
Revenue income and expenditure only	Revenue and capital income and expenditure
Current financial year and next financial year	Next financial year only
To inform the members of the local authority	For compilation into general government budget information
Detailed information on preparation provided in this Circular	Detailed information on preparation will be provided in Budget Circular

2.1.3 Basis of the preparation of the estimation of income and expenditure

As noted above, the basis of preparation is particular to this report, and is set out below.

Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn

The information presented for the current local financial year, should be the local authority budget, or the estimated outturn, if anticipated to be significantly different than the budget position. In the case of 2014, the current year information should be the combined budget for the merged local authority, with eliminations if required to take account of budgetary provisions between county councils and town councils in the 2014 adopted budgets.

INCOME

Commercial rates

Commercial rates should be presented gross, as is currently the requirement for the Annual Financial Statement and Statutory Budget.

Local Property Tax

The total amount anticipated to be received by the local authority in respect of LPT. To account for the portion retained locally in addition to any portion provided for equalisation (if appropriate and as notified by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government).

Grants and subsidies

To include all other grants and subsidies, including the pension related deductions retained.

Other income

The balance of revenue income of the local authority in the relevant year.

EXPENDITURE

Payroll expenses

To include the total of payroll costs (as is normally set out in Appendix 1 of the Annual Financial Statement).

Loan interest and principal repaid

The total expected to be paid by the local authority in loan servicing and repayments.

Social benefits (transfer payments to households)

The expenditure to be included should comprise homeless services, community employment scheme, RAS, mortgage allowance, and shared ownership/affordable housing subsidy.

Capital grants paid

This comprises grants paid through the revenue account to enterprises and individuals including where appropriate grants for voluntary housing, capital loan and subsidy scheme, community facilities voluntary housing, improvement works in lieu (grant aided portion),

affordable housing, sale of private sites scheme, new house grants, thatching grants, disabled persons and essential repairs grants.

Other expenditure
The balance of revenue expenditure of the local authority in the relevant year.

2.2 Financial position of the local authority

Section 20 (2A)(b) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the financial position of the local authority, including the amounts standing as its accumulated assets and liabilities not less than one month before the date on which it is proposed to pass the resolution".

The statement of financial position relates to the current year. In considering the capacity of the local authority to balance its budget, to collect the income due to it, and to meet the costs of servicing its borrowings, the members must consider the overall financial position. For example, the members may note in particular where a combination of factors exist, such as where: a significant general revenue deficit exists, particularly where it has been disimproving further from losses incurred in recent years; the loan book of the authority is very high in comparison to annual revenue income (e.g. in excess of 150%); and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities is concerning (e.g. a ratio of 2:1 would be considered positive). Members should consider if any reduction in LPT income combined with such matters as set out above or any other relevant factors may therefore result in unmanageable pressure on the cash flow of the local authority.

2.2.1 Basis for preparation

The legislation requires that this report should provide financial information to members as at a date at least one month before the meeting. As the financial position is to be provided at a point during the financial year, the Quarterly Report on Income and Expenditure, and the GGB returns may be used as the basis for this report. The most recently completed quarter end information should be used, provided it is at least one month before the meeting. For example, if the meeting is to be held in September, the financial position should be prepared as at the end June, using the Quarter 2 year to date information.

2.2.2 Form of presentation of financial position

The financial position of the local authority shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Regulations. The financial information presented is a sub-set of the Balance sheet, and the individual lines should not be added together.

	As at Year To Date .....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

2.3 Estimation of financial effect

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax."

Any variation in the Local Property Tax rate will have an impact including on the local authority, on those paying LPT, and on those receiving council services. The effect of a variation on all stakeholders must be considered.

2.3.1 Financial effect

The estimation of financial effect shall be set out in a report prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive. The report must, at a minimum, contain the sections set out below. The latest available statistics on Local Property Tax will be published on www.revenue.ie

(a) Potential impact on a liable person

(b) Potential impact on the LPT revenue in the forthcoming financial year

(c) Potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority

(d) Any other information the Chief Executive considers necessary

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2.4 Feedback from consultation

Sections 20(6)(b) and (c) of the Act provide that the Minister may make regulations on the nature and extent of consultations that a local authority must undertake with other persons before setting a local adjustment factor. See Part 3 below for further details in respect of the public consultation process that should be undertaken.

Consultation with the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

In accordance with the general guidance in the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and CPG Guidelines, the CPG will need to be involved from the preliminary phases of preparation of the budget, and should assist in the setting of overall parameters, identification of issues to be addressed and approaches to be taken.

The Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) (subsection 133(1)) made provision for early presentation of proposals to the local authority connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy, and this includes the annual budget. The Chief Executive is required to discuss, in outline form, or on the basis of very preliminary papers if available, the development of the budget with the CPG.

The consultation with the CPG should focus on the overall financial position of the local authority and, in a pre-budget context, should discuss a number of key items of budget policy and strategy including the financial consequences of any variation in basic rate of Local Property Tax (LPT) (See Local Government (Financial and Audit Procedures) Regulations 2014 and Circular Fin 05/14 for further details in respect of broader budgetary issues).

2.5 Decision making process

The local authority must consider all of the elements as set out above and reach a decision on that basis.

Appendix 1 of the guidance circular sets out a suggested indicative timeline for the necessary actions required to pass a resolution to set a local adjustment factor to vary the basic rate of local property tax. This is not a prescribed timeframe and local authorities are free to adapt it as necessary.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. The local authority should invite the views of the public in respect of the potential impacts of any variation in LPT rates on businesses, individuals and on local authority services. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions. Written is understood to include submissions provided by email, to a website, or delivered to the office. Submissions received should generally be published on the website of the local authority, subject to the normal data protection and freedom of information requirements.

The members of the local authority must consider the feedback received from the public consultation as part of the decision-making process and a report must be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive, to provide them with a summary of the written submissions received, for this purpose.

3.2. Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor

The local authority shall publish a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made and on their website. The form of the Notice is set out in Schedule 3 of the Regulations.

Part 4 – Setting of a local adjustment factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The Chief Executive must provide the documents set out in Regulations 4 to 7, to a meeting of the local authority.

The meeting

Not less than 3 days' notice must be given of the date of the meeting, and the documents referred to above must be provided to members 3 days before the date of the meeting.

At that meeting, the members may decide to set a local adjustment factor by resolution, not to vary the basic rate, or to consider the matter further at a later meeting. It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 30 September.

A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of a local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed.

The Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 30 September in the year in which the resolution is passed using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Public Notification

Regulation 9 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Statutory Notice of Variation of the Local Adjustment Factor for the inspection of the public;

(a) in at least one newspaper circulating in the area for which the local adjustment factor is to be made;

and

(b) Published on the website of the local authority.

The notice shall at a minimum specify the following-

(a) Name of the local authority,

(b) Address of the local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed a resolution that the basic rate of local property tax stands varied in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution (the next local financial year) and with effect from the relevant liability date (1 November), and

(d) The local adjustment factor.

The Statutory notice shall be signed by the Chief Executive

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Emma Reeves at 053 911 7417.

Yours sincerely,



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Fiona Quinn

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

To: Chief Executives and CC Heads of Finance

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Appendix 1

Suggested indicative timelines for Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)

Mid July	Notices of public consultation of LPT to be published, advising that the local authority will be considering whether to vary the basic rate of LPT in September 30 day period of consultation to commence during which written submissions will be accepted from the public
Mid August	Report of feedback on public consultation to be prepared
Late August	Chief Executive to meet with CPG to discuss the overall budget strategy including LPT and feedback from public consultation
5 - 18 September	The members must receive information for the council meeting setting out the matters to which they must have regard in making a decision on LPT
8 -21 September	Council meeting to make decision on variation of Local Property Tax.
30 September **(at latest)**	Revenue commissioners to be notified of any resolution passed Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government to be notified of any resolution passed
(At latest) 14 days after Resolution passed	Public notice of decision to be published

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S.I. No. 358 of 2022

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX (LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR) REGULATIONS 2022

I, Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 20(6) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (No. 52 of 2012) hereby make the following regulations:

PART 1
GENERAL INTERPRETATION

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022.

Commencement

2. These Regulations shall come into operation on 18 July 2022.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these Regulations -

"Act" means the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013 (No. 4 of 2013) and by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 31 of 2021));

"local authority" has the meaning given to it by section 2(1) (as amended by section 5 (1) and Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001;

"local financial year" has the meaning given to it by section 96 of the Local Government Act 2001;

"Minister" means the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage;

"Chief Executive" means a chief executive for the purposes of section 144 (as amended by section 54 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of the Local Government Act 2001.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 19*th July,* 2022.

PART 2

MATTERS TO WHICH A LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE REGARD

Estimation of income and expenditure

4. (1) An estimation of income and expenditure as specified in Section 20(2A)(a) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The estimation of income and expenditure referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 1.

Financial position of the local authority

5. (1) A summary of the financial position of the local authority, as specified in Section 20(2A)(b) of the Act, shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The summary of the financial position referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given in the format specified in Schedule 2.

Estimation of financial effect

6. (1) A report estimating the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor in the local authority area as specified in Section 20(2A)(c) of the Act shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain the following information in respect of the local authority area -

(a) the potential impact on a liable person,

(b) the potential impact on the local property tax revenue,

(c) the potential impact on the service delivery plans of the local authority, and

(d) any other information the Chief Executive considers relevant.

PART 3
CONSULTATION

Public consultation

7. (1) The local authority shall consult with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor and, for that purpose, shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor would apply, a statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment Factor providing a period of at least 30 days during which written submissions will be accepted.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 3 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purposes of the notice referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) A report summarising the written submissions received from the public consultation shall be prepared under the direction of the Chief Executive.

PART 4
MEETING TO CONSIDER THE LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Local authority meeting

8. (1) The documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 shall be considered by the local authority at a meeting of which not less than 3 days' notice has been given to every member of the local authority.

(2) Not less than 3 days before the day on which the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) is held, the Chief Executive shall send a copy of the documents referred to in regulations 4 to 7 to every member of the local authority.

(3) At the meeting referred to in paragraph (1) the local authority may -

(a) by resolution set a local adjustment factor that will apply for a period as specified in the resolution and with effect from the next local property tax liability date, or
(b) not vary the basic rate, or
(c) decide, subject to section 21(1) of the Act, to consider the matter further at a subsequent meeting of the local authority in accordance with paragraphs (1), (3) and (4).

(4) Except in accordance with this regulation, a local authority shall not set a local adjustment factor.

PART 5

NOTIFICATION OF LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

Persons who must be informed

9. (1) Notice of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act must be received by the Minister on or before the date on which the Revenue Commissioners are to be notified as specified in Section 21(1)(b) of the Act.

(2) The form set out in Schedule 4 is prescribed as the form to be used for the purpose referred to in paragraph (1).

Statutory notice of variation

10. (1) Within 14 days of the passing of a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act, the local authority shall publish on its website and in one or more newspapers circulating in the administrative area in which the local adjustment factor will apply, a Public Notice, signed by the Chief Executive.

(2) The Notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(a) Name of local authority,

(b) Address of local authority,

(c) Notice that the local authority has passed, a resolution, under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area, for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date,

(d) The local adjustment factor, and

(e) any other information the Chief Executive considers to be relevant.

Revocations

11. The following are revoked:

(a) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), and

(b) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and

(c) the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

SCHEDULE 1

ESTIMATION OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF (1).....

	Current local financial year budget OR estimated outturn	(2)..... local financial year
INCOME		
Commercial rates		
Local Property Tax		
Grants and subsidies		
Other income		
Total Income		
EXPENDITURE		
Payroll expenses		
Loan interest and principal repaid		
Social benefits (transfer payments to households)		
Capital grants paid		
Other expenditure		
Total Expenditure		

(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert year(s) in additional columns for each relevant local financial year, in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect

SCHEDULE 2

FINANCIAL POSITION OF (1) .....

	As at Year To Date (2).....
ASSETS	€
Current assets (including cash and investments)	
General revenue reserve (if surplus)	
Loans receivable	
LIABILITIES	€
Current liabilities (including overdraft)	
General revenue reserve (if deficit)	
Loans payable	
Voluntary housing/mortgage loans	
Non mortgage loans	
INDICATORS	%
Ratio of loans payable to revenue income	
Ratio of current assets to current liabilities	

(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the month as at which the year to date information is prepared

SCHEDULE 3

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by (1) .....to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

(1)..... will meet in (2)..... to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor.

(1)..... welcomes written submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

Submissions must be received by (3)..... and be sent to:

(4).....

or

(5).....

Signed_____

Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date (month/year) on which it is proposed to consider the resolution

(3) Insert the date being a minimum of 30 days from the publication of the notice

(4) Insert the postal address to which submissions may be sent

(5) Insert the email address and /or website address to which submissions may be sent

SCHEDULE 4

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 20(2) OF THE FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended)

(1).....

In pursuance of the provisions of section 20 of the FINANCE (LOCAL PROPERTY TAX) ACT 2012 (as amended), I the undersigned, hereby notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the passing, of a resolution at a meeting of the above mentioned local authority on (2)..... to the effect that the basic rate of local property tax should stand varied (3)..... by (4).....per cent for the year(s) (5)..... in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area.

Signed

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Chief Executive

Dated:

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(1) Insert name of local authority

(2) Insert the date on which the resolution was passed

(3) Insert upwards OR downwards.

(4) Insert the local adjustment factor (number)

(5) Insert year(s) to which the local adjustment factor applies (Notifications received by the Revenue Commissioners in the current year are implemented in the following year)

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GIVEN under my Official Seal,
12 July, 2022.

DARRAGH O'BRIEN,
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation*)

These Regulations provide the requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), including the factors that they must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process. These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

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13. APPENDIX 4 - CIRCULAR FIN 06/2022 & FAQ FOR LPT LOCAL VARIATION DECISIONS

An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

18 July 2022

Circular Fin 06/2022

Chief Executive

cc. Head of Finance

Guidance associated with Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to refer to the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 358 of 2022), which come into effect from 18 July 2022. Details in relation to these and related matters follow.

Summary

Under section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, a local authority may, as a reserved function, resolve to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax within its functional area by a maximum of +/- 15%.

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 provide the updated requirements for local authorities who may wish to vary their local property tax rates for a specified period, in accordance with section 20 of the Act.

These Regulations revoke and replace the previous regulations; the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 296/2014), the Local Property Tax

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(Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment)(No.2) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 439/2014), and the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor)(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 285/2021).

Regulations in 2021 changed the public consultation period from 30 days to 14 days and adjusted the issues that local authorities had to formally consider as part of the local adjustment factor. Under the 2022 Regulations the public consultation period will revert to 30 days and the report estimating the financial impact of the local adjustment factor should once again include information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person. The regulations also include the factors that local authorities must consider and the type of public consultation that they should undertake as part of the process.

The 2022 regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution", meaning elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a multi-annual local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

The Finance (Local Property Tax)(Amendment) Act 2021 amended the dates on which Revenue must be notified of the local adjustment factor to 31st August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15th October in any other year (previously this was 30th September). The later notification date in a year in which revaluation does not take place, will allow the meeting to consider the local adjustment factor to happen nearer to the local authority budget period specified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage every year (usually the month of November).

The new regulations will require that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is informed of the local adjustment factor decision by the same dates as those specified for notification to the Revenue Commissioners in the Act.

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The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022 take account of relevant provisions in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Acts.

The substantive changes to existing provisions in the regulations are as follows:

Part 2 – Matters to which a local authority shall have regard

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act provides that, in taking a decision as to whether or not to pass a resolution to vary the basic rate of the local property tax, there are certain matters that the local authority must have regard to.

Section 20 (2A)(c) of the Act provides that a local authority shall have regard to "the local authority's estimation of the financial effect of the varied rate on the economy of its functional area, including on those persons who will be liable to pay local property tax." The report to estimate the financial effect of implementing a local adjustment factor must now contain information in respect of the potential impact on a liable person, in accordance with Regulation 6 as amended.

The estimation of income and expenditure shall be given in a table that is prescribed in Schedule 1 to the Regulations. This form now includes additional columns provided for each relevant local financial year in the period for which the varied rate is to have effect, in the case where a multi-annual decision is being made. Financial assumptions should be noted.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the matters to which a local authority must have regard.

Part 3 – Consultation

3.1 Public Consultation Process

The requirements in respect of a public consultation process are set out in Part 3 of the Regulations. Notice of the public consultation must be published on the local authority's website and in one or more newspapers circulated in the local authority's administrative area and it must provide at least 30 days for the public to provide written submissions.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions regarding the public consultation period.

Part 4 – Meeting to Consider the Local Adjustment Factor

4.1 Local authority meeting

The 2022 Regulations do not refer to yearly decisions but instead to "a period as specified in the resolution". This means that under the 2022 Regulations elected members can now set a local adjustment factor for a period of their choosing. In deciding the period to which a local adjustment factor will apply, elected members are asked to have regard to lifetime of the Council, or in other words to the number of years remaining before the next local elections are due and a new Council will be in place.

It is only possible to make a resolution for a period of more than one local financial year in circumstances where a local adjustment factor is being set. It is not possible to make a decision to not vary the basic rate or to not set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one local financial year. Likewise, if no resolution at all is passed in respect of the basic rate or local adjustment factor, where by default the basic rate will apply, then that applies only for a period of one local financial year.

As with all resolutions, the resolution to set a local adjustment factor can be revoked in accordance with the provisions included in the Standing Orders of the local authority, as required by Part 6, schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended).

A decision to revoke a resolution which previously set a local adjustment factor for a period of more than one financial year, and to subsequently set a different local adjustment factor, or revert to the basic rate, is permissible, once it complies with the following:

- Existing provisions regarding the revocation of resolutions;
- The relevant requirements regarding the preparation of the financial reports outlined in regulations 4-6;
- The relevant requirements regarding the public consultation outlined in regulation 7;
- The relevant requirements regarding provision of reports for the meeting, and notice of the meeting outlined in regulation 8; and
- The statutory timelines regarding notification of local adjustment factor decisions to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister, provided for in the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, and in the 2022 Regulations.

The attached FAQ document outlines a number of scenarios regarding the possible decisions taken at the meeting, and associated decision timeframes and revocation options.

It should be noted that the statutory deadline for passing a resolution to set a local adjustment factor is 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year.

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A local authority may not set a local adjustment factor unless it has considered all of the relevant documents as set out in Regulations 4 to 7.

Part 5 – Notification of local adjustment factor

5.1 Persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set

Section 20(6)(d) of the Act provides that the Minister can specify the persons who must be informed when a local adjustment factor is set.

The Revenue Commissioners

Section 21(1)(b) of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012, as amended, sets out the requirement whereby the local authority must notify the Revenue Commissioners of the local adjustment factor in the form and manner specified by them on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year. (This date was previously 30 September).

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Section 20(4) of the Act requires the local authority to notify the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in writing that it has passed a resolution to set a local adjustment factor and of the local adjustment factor itself. The Regulations state that notification must be received by the Minister on or before 31 August in a year in which a revaluation takes place, and 15 October in any other year, using the prescribed format as set out in Schedule 4 of the Regulations.

Apart from the formal notification to the Minister of the passing of a resolution as referred in the paragraph above, local authorities will be requested, as a procedural matter, to confirm with the Department on an annual basis, the local adjustment factor (or the basic rate, as the case may be) that should apply for the following financial year. The Department will circulate the relevant forms each year for return on or before the relevant deadlines.

Public Notification

Regulation 10 provides that, within 14 days of a local authority passing a resolution to vary the rate of local property tax in their functional area, the local authority shall publish a Public Notice. The Public Notice shall give notice that the local authority has passed a resolution under Section 20(2) of the Act in respect of residential properties situated in the local authority's administrative area for the period specified in the resolution and with effect from the relevant liability date.

Other than outlined above, the 2022 regulations make no substantive changes to the existing provisions outlining the requirements in relation to the Public Notice.

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be made to Deirdre McCarthy or Joe Sinnott at lgfinance@housing.gov.ie .

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Sinéad O'Gorman

Principal Officer

Local Government Finance

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Frequently Asked Questions for LPT local variation decisions

Q.1 – What primary legislation gives local authorities the power to vary LPT rates in their local area?

Section 20 of the Finance (Local Property Act) 2012, as amended, outlines the power of elected members to vary the basic rates of LPT in their local area. Extract below:

> **Power of elected members of local authority to vary basic rates.** ***Section 20(2)***
>
> Where the passing of such a resolution is a reserved function (within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014) of a local authority, a local authority may pass a resolution that the basic rate should, for a period specified in the resolution and with effect from the date specified in *section 21(2)* (inserted by the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2013), stand varied (either upwards or downwards) by a specified percentage in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority's functional area.

Q.2 – Can local authorities make a local variation decision for more than one year?

Yes, the Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations 2022, allow for a local variation decision to apply for a period beyond one year.

The LA follows the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, resolution passed and relevant parties notified. For example, the LA may decide to apply an upward variation decision of 10% for three years without having to revisit the matter again until the three years have passed. Each year, as a procedural matter, the LA is requested to confirm the applicable local variation rate with the Revenue Commissioners and the Department.

Q.3 – What happens if the local authority decides to change the local adjustment factor in year two of a decision that originally spanned three years? For example, LA decides to discontinue with the 10% upward variation after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 15% upward variation?

In order to apply a different varied rate other than that set out in the original resolution; the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, new resolution passed in accordance with the standing orders of the local authority to supersede any previous decision and relevant parties notified of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports, and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the position.

Q.4 – What if a local authority, with a 10% upward variation decision for a three year period, wants to revert back to the basic rate after the first year has passed?

In order to revert back to the basic rate, the LA must repeat the process as outlined in Regulations and Guidance i.e. full consultation with public, report prepared for elected members, revoke the resolution in accordance with the standing orders of the local authorities and notify the relevant

parties of the outcome. It is important to note that the local authority must allow sufficient time for all of the consultation, reports and for the required notification to the Revenue Commissioners and Minister HLGH etc., prior to revisiting any previous decision. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm position.

Q.5 – Can a local authority pass a resolution to not vary the Basic Rate for 3 Years?

No; in order to pass a resolution for a specific period e.g. 3 years, it must be varied either upwards or downwards. If the authority decides not to apply any varied rate for 3 years, that is their entitlement, but in order to do so, the authority has to consider the matter and go through the full process as outlined previously, each year. If, at the end of that process, the LA decides not to vary the Local Adjustment Factor, that decision can only apply for the following financial year and must be considered afresh each subsequent year.

Q.6 -- What if a local authority decides to discontinue with a Basic Rate after one year and to apply a different varied rate for the following two years, say 5% upward variation?

As any decision not to vary the Basic Rate can only apply for one year, the matter has to be considered afresh the following year. Having completed the full consultation and financial report process in the following year, the LA may decide to pass a resolution to apply a 5% upward variation for a subsequent two year period.

Q.7-- What happens if a local authority does not pass any resolution in respect of variation of the local rate?

If, having considered the matter, the local authority does not pass any resolution to apply a local adjustment factor, then the basic rate applies by default. Revenue & Minister HLGH continue to be notified by LA on an annual basis to confirm the 'no variation 'position. The matter must then be considered afresh the following year.

Q.8-- What are the final dates for notifying the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of a local variation decision?

Any local variation decision in a specific year can only take effect from the following liability year onwards e.g. a decision taken in September 2022 will have an effect from the 2023 LPT liability year. The period, or the number of years that the variation decision is to apply for must be stated in the resolution.

The specific resolution notification dates to the Revenue Commissioners and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage are as follows; 15 October for any year other than a LPT revaluation year and 31 August in a LPT revaluation year.

As a matter of course, the local authority will continue to notify the Revenue Commissioners and the Department (DHLGH) each year of the applicable local adjustment factor, if any, in place for the following liability year.

14 APPENDIX 5 – NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2026

The notice as prescribed in S.7 (2) of the Local Property (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations was published as follows:

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

FÓGRA MAIDIR LE FACTÓIR ÁITIÚIL AN CHOIGEARTAITHE A BHUNÚ DON BHLIAIN 2026

Déanann an tAcht Airgeadais (Cáin Mhaoine Áitiúil), 2012 (arna leasú), foráil ar leith gur féidir leis na comhaltaí tofa de chuid údaráis áitiúil nún foirmiúil a rith chun bunráta an Cháin Mhaoine Áitiúil a athrú maidir lena limistéar riaracháin de réir céatadáin ar a dtugtar fachtóir áitiúil an choigeartaithe. Ag an gcruinniú a shocraigh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall chun an t-ábhar seo a bhreithniú, is féidir leis na comhaltaí fachtóir áitiúil an choigeartaithe a shocrú laistigh den raon +/- 15% den bhunráta, nó is féidir leo a chinneadh gan aon choigeartú a dhéanamh ar an mbunráta.

Tiocfaidh Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall le chéile le haghaidh fachtóir áitiúil an choigeartaithe a mheas le haghaidh na bliana 2026.

Cuireann Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall fáilte roimh aighneachtaí ón bpobal ar an ábhar seo a chlúdaíonn ar leith na héifeachtaí a d'fhéadfadh a bhaint le hathrú ar bunráta na Cánach Maoine Áitiúil ar ghnólachtaí, ar dhaoine aonair agus ar sheirbhísí an údaráis áitiúil.

Sí tréimhse na n-aighneachtaí nó **Dé hAoine an 23 Bealtaine 2025 go dtí 12 meán lae Dé Luain an 23 Meitheamh 2025.**

Ní mór gach aighneacht a fháil faoi 12 meán lae **Dé Luain an 23 Meitheamh 2025** agus is féidir a leithéid a dhéanamh trí shuirbhé ar líne a líonadh ag https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys.

AnnMarie Farrelly,
Príomhfheidhmeannach.
19 Bealtaine 2025.

Déanfar gach trácht, lena n-áirítear ainmneacha agus seoltaí iad siúd a rinne a gcuid tuairimí, a chur faoi bhráid na Comhairle maidir le próiseas seo an chomhairliúcháin mar chuid den tuarascáil a bhfuil áileamh reachtúil uirthi a chur os comhair cruinniú de chuid Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall. Dá réir sin, cuirfear san áireamh iad freisin i mionfhuairescí an chruinnithe sin agus beidh siad le feiceáil mar sin ar shuíomh Gréasáin na Comhairle.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2026

The Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), makes specific provision that elected members of a local authority may pass a formal resolution to vary the basic rate of the Local Property Tax for their administrative area by a percentage known as the local adjustment factor. At the meeting set by Fingal County Council to consider this matter, the members may set a local adjustment factor within the range of +/- 15% of the basic rate, or, may decide not to adjust the basic rate.

Fingal County Council will meet to consider the setting of a local adjustment factor for 2026.

Fingal County Council welcomes submissions from the public on this matter specifically covering the potential effects of varying the basic rate of the Local Property Tax on businesses, individuals and on local authority services.

The period for submissions is from **Friday 23rd May to 12 noon Monday 23rd June 2025.**

Submissions must be received by **12 noon Monday 23rd June 2025** and can be made by completing an on-line survey at https://consult.fingal.ie/en/surveys.

AnnMarie Farrelly,
Chief Executive.
19th May 2025.

All comments, including the names and addresses of those making comments, submitted to the Council in regard to this consultation process will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented to a meeting of Fingal County Council. Accordingly, they will also be included in the minutes of that meeting and consequently will appear on the Council's Website.

15. APPENDIX 6 - LOCAL PROPERTY TAX 2025 (PROVISIONAL ANNUAL RESULTS) & VACANT HOMES TAX 2025.

Property Tax Statistics

Local Property Tax 2025 (Provisional Annual Results)

& Vacant Homes Tax 2025

(April 2025)

Revenue

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Irish Tax and Customs

Local Property Tax (LPT)

The Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Act 2021 introduces a new structure for LPT from 2022 onwards. LPT for the years 2022 to 2025 will be based on property values on 1 November 2021. Residential properties are valued for LPT purposes, by their owners under self-assessment, into one of 20 valuation bands.

For properties where a return has previously been made, the same valuation continues for 2025 and the owner must put payment arrangements in place unless the payment arrangement rolls over. Newly liable properties must base their submission on the market value of their property as if it was eligible on 1 November 2021.[1]

Throughout this report, newly liable properties refer to properties that have been completed or became suitable for use as a dwelling between 2 November 2023 and 1 November 2024, and are submitting their first LPT return for LPT year 2025.

Returns and/or payments are filed and up to date in respect of 2,022,242 properties

97% Return Compliance

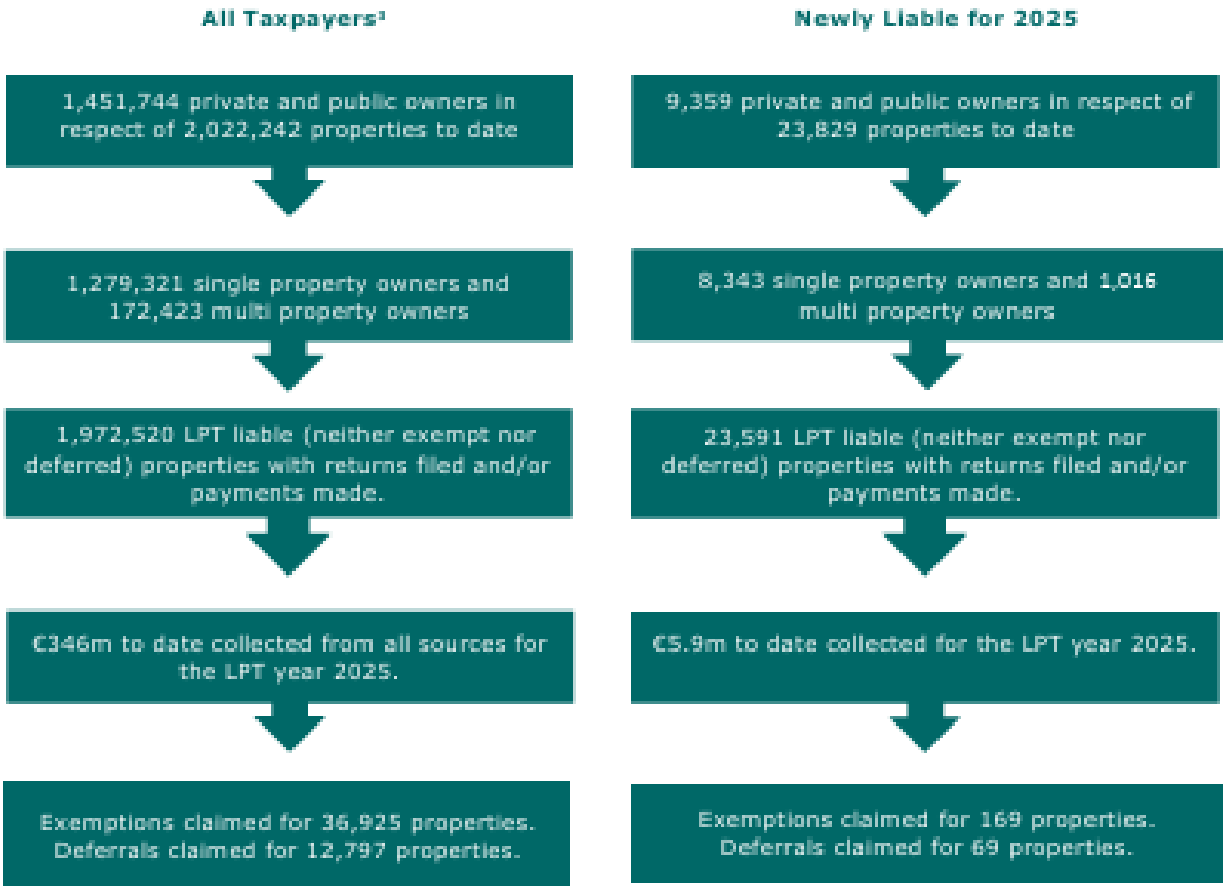
Filing arrangements have been finalised in respect of 208,592 Local Authority and Approved Housing Body properties and are included in the figure shown above.

89.76% Payment Compliance

Payment arrangements are in place for 7,055 properties where returns are not yet filed and are included in the figure shown above.

[1] Revenue has published discount factors which these taxpayers can use to estimate the value of their property on the valuation date of 1 November 2021.

LPT Table 1: Revenue's Engagement with Property Owners and Collections[2] for 2025



[2] The monetary figures in Table 1 refer to tax collected while the monetary figures in Table 2 refer to the tax liability. The collection figure at a point in time is dependent on the payment method chosen e.g., annual direct debit, Deduction at Source (DAS). €10.8 million from Deduction at Source (DAS) is included in the €346m All Taxpayer collection figure for LPT year 2025. However, it is not possible at present to separately identify the DAS for Newly Liable properties, so there is no DAS included in the €5.9m Newly Liable collection figure.

[1] 1,451,744 private and public owners refer to those who filed returns and/or those who made payments but filed no returns. This number is also inclusive of Local Authorities (LA) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHB). Revenue updated its methodology in Q4 2024, which resulted in an increase in the number of Exemptions claimed relative to older statistical reports.

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LPT Table 2: Local Authority Analysis of LPT Properties and Liabilities

Properties	All	Newly Liable for 2025	LA/AHB[4]
Carlow	1.2%	0.7%	1.4%
Cavan	1.5%	0.5%	1.3%
Clare	2.7%	1.3%	1.9%
Cork City	4.4%	4.4%	6.8%
Cork County	7.1%	6.8%	5.5%
Donegal	3.7%	0.9%	2.9%
Dublin City	12.2%	11.3%	17.7%
Dún L/Rathdown	4.8%	12.0%	3.4%
Fingal	5.7%	6.4%	4.9%
Galway City	1.7%	1.2%	1.7%
Galway County	3.7%	1.8%	1.9%
Kerry	3.5%	0.9%	2.8%
Kildare	4.4%	6.1%	4.3%
Kilkenny	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%
Laois	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%
Leitrim	0.8%	0.1%	0.6%
Limerick	4.0%	2.6%	3.6%
Longford	0.9%	0.1%	1.3%
Louth	2.6%	3.9%	3.4%
Mayo	3.0%	0.6%	1.6%
Meath	3.8%	5.4%	3.1%
Monaghan	1.2%	0.5%	1.1%
Offaly	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%
Roscommon	1.4%	0.5%	0.9%
Sligo	1.5%	0.5%	1.4%
South Dublin	5.3%	12.8%	6.8%
Tipperary	3.3%	1.0%	3.3%
Waterford	2.6%	2.1%	3.4%
Westmeath	1.8%	2.0%	1.4%
Wexford	3.3%	2.6%	3.2%
Wicklow	2.9%	5.0%	3.2%
All Local Authorities	**100%**	**100%**	**100.0%**
Number of Properties	**2,022,242**	**23,829**	**208,592**

Liability to-date for LPT year 2025	All (€m)
Carlow	4
Cavan	5
Clare	11
Cork	64
Donegal	11
Dublin	212
Galway	29
Kerry	15
Kildare	29
Kilkenny	9
Laois	6
Leitrim	2
Limerick	18
Longford	3
Louth	11
Mayo	10
Meath	21
Monaghan	4
Offaly	6
Roscommon	5
Sligo	6
Tipperary	13
Waterford	12
Westmeath	8
Wexford	15
Wicklow	22
All Counties	**551**

Liability to-date for LPT year 2025[5]	All (€m)	Newly Liable for 2025 (€m)
Carlow	4	0.04
Cavan	5	0.02
Clare	11	0.08
Cork City	26	0.32
Cork County	38	0.53
Donegal	11	0.07
Dublin City	85	0.93
Dún L/Rathdown	54	1.08
Fingal	42	0.61
Galway City	11	0.07
Galway County	18	0.13
Kerry	15	0.06
Kildare	29	0.53
Kilkenny	9	0.14
Laois	6	0.13
Leitrim	2	0.01
Limerick	18	0.19
Longford	3	0.00
Louth	11	0.22
Mayo	10	0.05
Meath	21	0.34
Monaghan	4	0.02
Offaly	6	0.07
Roscommon	5	0.03
Sligo	6	0.03
South Dublin	31	0.86
Tipperary	13	0.05
Waterford	12	0.14
Westmeath	8	0.12
Wexford	15	0.18
Wicklow	22	0.54
All Local Authorities	**551**	**7.58**

[4] This is All LA/AHB Properties i.e. includes Newly Liable LA/AHB for 2025.
[5] €551 million is the LPT liability, with €346 million (recorded in Table 1) collected to date.

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Figure 1: Heatmap of liability to-date for LPT year 2025 by county

Figure 1 below outlines the liability to date for LPT year 2025 broken down by county. There is €551 million in total liability to date. Figure 1 shows that Dublin and Cork have the highest liability accounting for €212 and €65 million respectively. The county with the lowest liability across the country is Leitrim with €2 million.

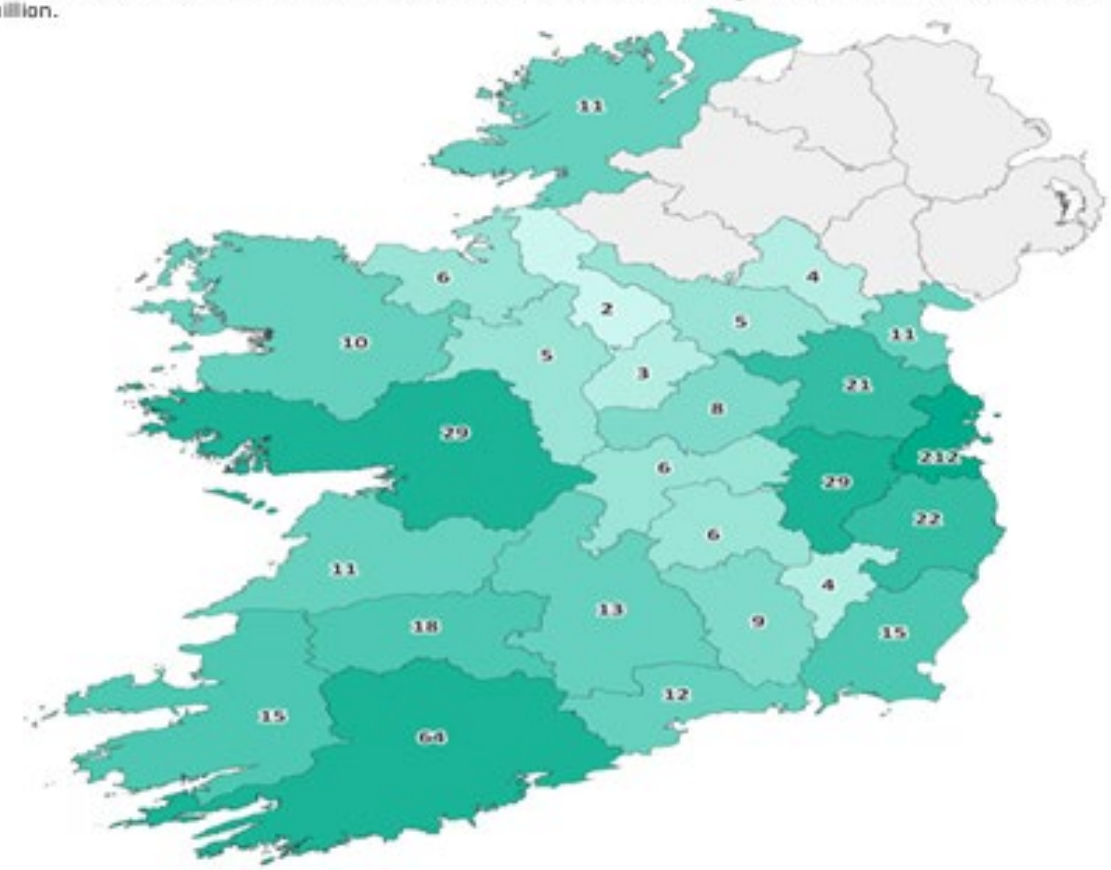
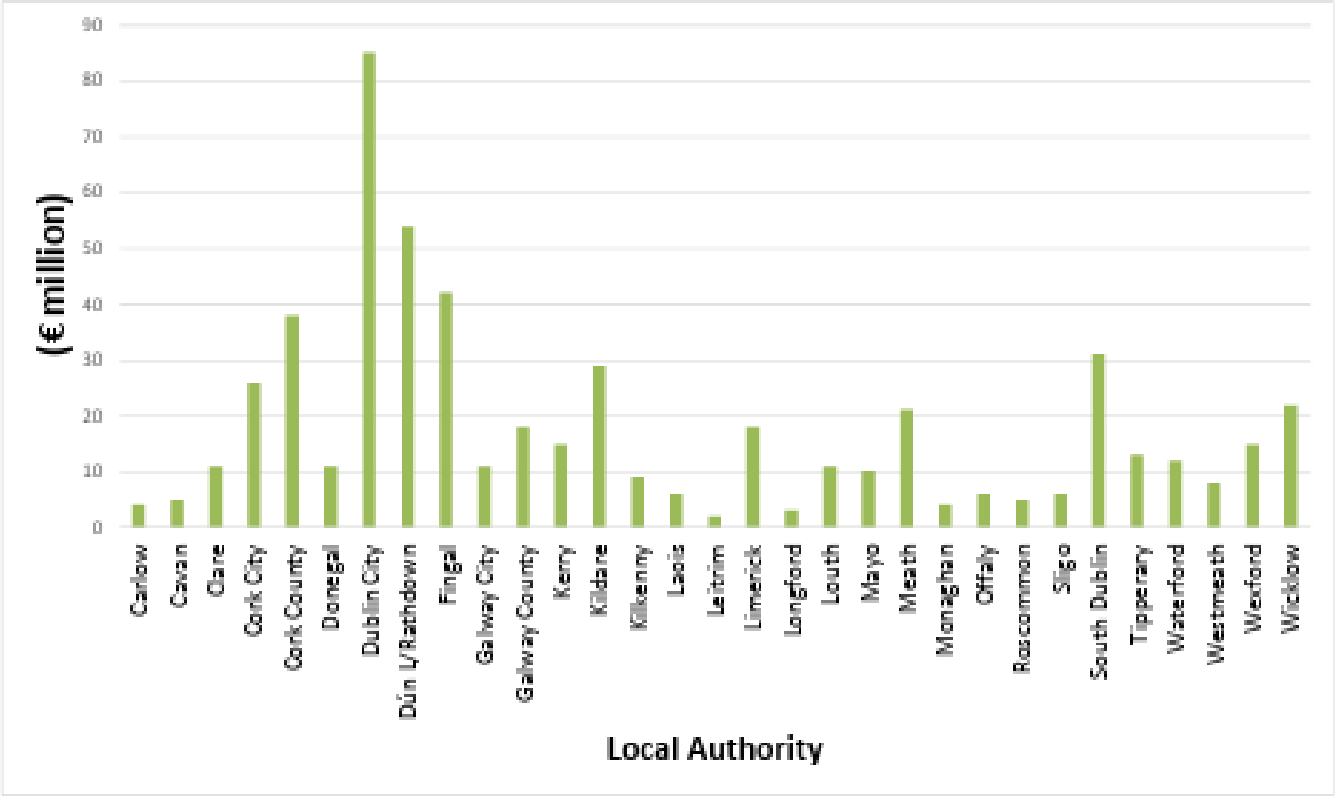


Figure 2: Bar chart of liability to-date for LPT year 2025 by Local Authority

Figure 2 outlines the distribution of the liability to date for LPT year 2025 broken down by Local Authority. Total liability for 2025 is €551m. The average liability for a Local Authority is €17.8 million. Dublin has the highest liability by a considerable margin amounting to €85 million. The Local Authority with the lowest liability across the country is Leitrim with €2 million.



LPT Table 3: Analysis of Properties and Returns

Payment Method	All	Newly Liable for 2025
Annual or Monthly Direct Debit	47.7%	64.3%
Credit or Debit Card	26.5%	29.1%
Deduction at Source	15.1%	5.9%
Service Provider	9.3%	0.6%
Cheque or Cash	1.4%	0.1%
All Payment Methods	**100%**	100.0%
Number of Properties	**2,022,242**	**23,829**

Exemptions Claimed to date	All	Newly Liable for 2025
Charitable recreational activities	0.7%	
Charity/Public Body owned for special needs	74.4%	*
Defective concrete blocks grant scheme	2.7%	
Fully subject to commercial rates	4.0%	*
Long term illness	7.0%	
Pyrite damaged	3.8%	
Registered nursing home	0.6%	
Residence of a severely incapacitated individual	6.7%	*
North-South implementation bodies	0.1%	
All Exemptions Claimed	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**36,925**	**169**

Property Ownership (Number of Properties in range)	All	Newly Liable for 2025
1	63.3%	35.0%
2	11.8%	2.0%
3-5	6.9%	1.6%
6-10	2.3%	1.2%
Over 10	15.8%	60.2%
All Ranges	**100%**	**100.0%**
Number of Properties	**2,022,242**	**23,829**

Deferrals	All	Cm	Newly Liable for 2025	Cm
Deceased liable person	5.2%	0.2	0.0%	0.00
Financial hardship	0.1%	0.0	0.0%	0.00
Gross income**	85.2%	2.7	71.4%	0.02
Insolvent liable person	2.7%	0.1	1.4%	0.00
Mortgage**	6.7%	0.2	27.1%	0.01
All Deferrals Claimed	**100%**	**3.2**	**100.0%**	**0.03**
Number of Properties	**12,832**		**69**	

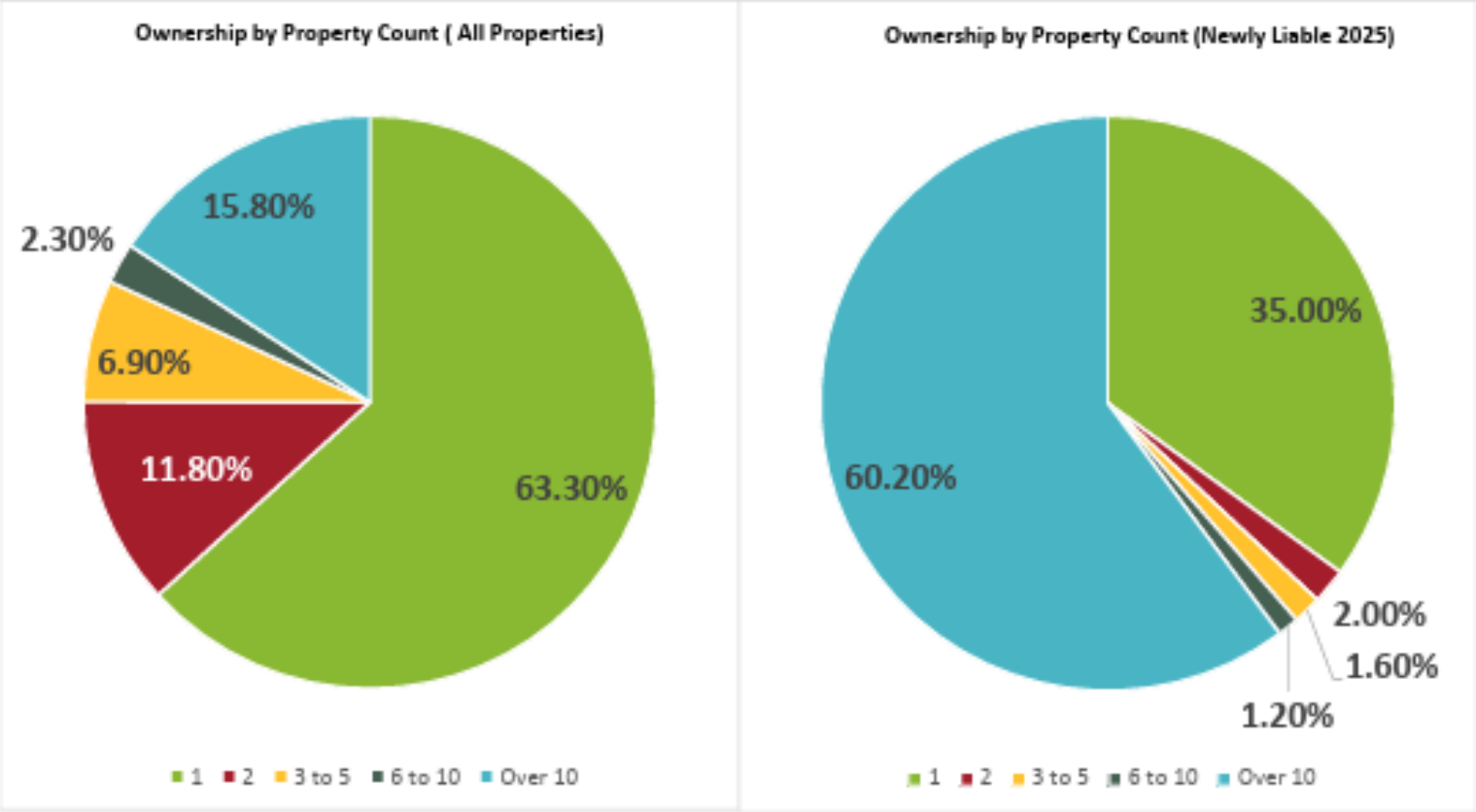
***Includes partial and full deferrals.*

Deferral and exemption categories are explained on the Revenue website.

**Exact number is not provided due to Revenue's obligation to protect taxpayer confidentiality and Revenue's statistical disclosure protocols.*

Figure 3: Property Ownership

Figure 3 outlines the distribution of property ownership broken down by number of properties owned. The left pie chart shows that 63.30% of properties are owned by a single property owner and 15.80% of properties have owners with over 10 properties. Just over 60% of newly liable properties are owned by owners with over 10 properties and only 35% are owned by a single property owner.



LPT Table 4: Expanded Distribution of Valuations to Date for 2025

The table below provides the distribution of valuation bands to date including properties owned by Local Authorities and Approved Housing Bodies. All properties owned by Local Authorities/Approved Housing Bodies are in Band 1.

The full distribution is provided where possible. Where a Local Authority has low property numbers in the upper bands the remaining bands are grouped under the last value shown. For example, .1% of properties in Carlow are in bands 9 to 20. This is to protect taxpayer confidentiality.

Local Authority of Property	Band 1 %	Band 2 %	Band 3 %	Band 4 %	Band 5 %	Band 6 %	Band 7 %	Band 8 %	Band 9 %	Band 10 %	Band 11 %	Band 12 %	Band 13 %	Band 14 %	Band 15 %	Band 16 %	Band 17 %	Band 18 %	Band 19 %	Band 20 %
Carlow	54.95	26.32	13.41	3.52	1.04	0.27	0.21	0.14	0.09											
Cavan	75.46	15.05	7.25	1.65	0.34	0.10	0.09													
Clare	51.44	26.59	14.73	4.56	1.60	0.54	0.19	0.11	0.10	0.13										
Cork City	33.20	20.61	24.21	11.84	4.94	1.83	1.29	0.68	0.53	0.34	0.35	0.10	0.09	0.06	0.12					
Cork County	36.87	22.99	24.19	9.03	3.75	1.21	0.78	0.43	0.26	0.13	0.10	0.25								
Donegal	80.19	11.85	5.62	1.58	0.40	0.14	0.09	0.31												
Dublin City	22.86	13.98	21.23	16.22	8.97	4.12	3.14	2.04	1.76	1.39	0.96	0.62	0.55	0.40	0.31	0.18	0.22	0.16	0.21	0.78
Dún L/Rathdown	7.51	2.21	10.30	13.90	15.21	13.11	10.08	7.57	6.78	3.67	3.45	1.38	1.25	0.88	0.67	0.35	0.50	0.32	0.39	1.46
Fingal	33.86	15.92	25.00	17.89	10.46	5.78	3.41	2.27	1.76	1.02	0.63	0.39	0.35	0.27	0.20	0.15	0.14	0.10	0.11	0.39
Galway City	28.23	23.75	26.59	10.28	4.94	2.54	1.39	0.71	0.49	0.32	0.23	0.12	0.13	0.08	0.21					
Galway County	42.67	28.75	18.08	5.95	2.44	0.93	0.53	0.26	0.12	0.11	0.06	0.12								
Kerry	49.43	26.77	16.22	4.55	1.80	0.44	0.33	0.17	0.10	0.06	0.13									
Kildare	23.78	17.54	28.49	16.99	7.37	2.46	1.42	0.77	0.44	0.26	0.16	0.07	0.07	0.19						
Kilkenny	43.19	28.96	17.60	5.65	2.13	0.88	0.58	0.36	0.21	0.13	0.22									
Laois	55.11	28.38	11.76	2.94	0.90	0.36	0.14	0.09	0.12											
Leitrim	83.20	11.61	4.22	0.65	0.22	0.06														
Limerick	49.58	25.54	15.73	5.25	2.13	0.73	0.44	0.20	0.14	0.09	0.06	0.17								
Longford	77.57	17.10	4.14	0.85	0.21	0.13														
Louth	47.77	24.08	18.06	6.34	2.25	0.64	0.39	0.18	0.11	0.15										
Mayo	65.04	21.57	9.54	2.38	0.77	0.31	0.16	0.05	0.06	0.10										
Meath	34.21	22.82	28.12	13.83	6.35	2.11	1.17	0.53	0.34	0.31	0.32	0.05	0.15							
Monaghan	70.91	16.96	9.37	2.05	0.42	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00									
Offaly	55.98	27.40	11.94	2.99	0.96	0.31	0.17	0.09	0.06	0.10										
Roscommon	72.13	19.13	6.29	1.38	0.44	0.21	0.10	0.11												
Sligo	68.52	13.75	10.81	4.47	1.34	0.54	0.22	0.14	0.09	0.13										
South Dublin	18.70	14.89	26.65	17.15	9.22	6.19	3.73	1.54	0.84	0.41	0.35	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.15					
Tipperary	57.62	24.89	12.15	3.44	1.12	0.35	0.16	0.08	0.06	0.14										
Waterford	53.24	23.29	14.81	5.13	2.45	0.77	0.51	0.31	0.23	0.09	0.07	0.10								
Westmeath	49.15	28.88	14.57	4.70	1.45	0.48	0.30	0.11	0.06	0.10										
Wexford	49.10	27.19	16.48	4.56	1.53	0.45	0.31	0.15	0.08	0.06	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Wicklow	32.44	13.96	22.63	16.52	10.03	5.44	3.25	1.71	1.27	0.80	0.59	0.38	0.31	0.17	0.13	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.16
All	**39.47**	**19.70**	**18.36**	**9.46**	**4.98**	**2.55**	**1.71**	**1.06**	**0.84**	**0.51**	**0.34**	**0.20**	**0.18**	**0.12**	**0.09**	**0.05**	**0.07**	**0.05**	**0.06**	**0.20**

LPT Table 5: Analysis of Newly Liable Properties in LPT year 2025

The tables below provide an analysis of properties that are newly liable in 2025 where a return has been filed or payment has been made. The full distribution is provided where possible. Where a Local Authority has low property numbers in the upper bands, the affected bands are grouped under the first or last value shown. For example, 58% of properties in Carlow are in bands 3 to 20 and 100% of properties in Leitrim are in bands 1 to 20. This is to protect taxpayer confidentiality.

Valuation Band	All	LA/AHB-owned	Non-LA/AHB
1: €0-€200,000	28.8%	100.0%	3.5%
2: €200,001-€262,500	4.5%	0.0%	6.1%
3: €262,501-€350,000	22.7%	0.0%	30.4%
4: €350,001-€437,500	22.3%	0.0%	30.1%
5: €437,501-€525,000	13.2%	0.0%	18.2%
6: €525,501-€612,500	3.3%	0.0%	4.5%
7: €612,501-€700,000	2.0%	0.0%	2.7%
8: €700,001-€787,500	1.5%	0.0%	2.0%
9: €787,501-€875,000	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%
10: €875,001-€962,500	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%
11: €962,501-€1,050,000	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%
12: €1,050,001-€1,137,500	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
13: €1,137,501-€1,225,000	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%
14: €1,225,001-€1,312,500	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
15: €1,312,501-€1,400,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
16: €1,400,001-€1,487,500	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
17: €1,487,501-€1,575,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
18: €1,575,001-€1,662,500	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
19: €1,662,501-€1,750,000	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
20: Over €1.75 million	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
All Bands	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**
Number of Properties	**23,841**	**6,415**	**17,426**

Local Authority of Property	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5+	All Bands
Carlow	27%	15%	58%	*	*	100%
Cavan	53%	47%	*	*	*	100%
Clare	52%	6%	23%	10%	9%	100%
Cork City	50%	9%	13%	8%	19%	100%
Cork County	28%	6%	32%	22%	11%	100%
Donegal	38%	21%	21%	10%	10%	100%
Dublin City	16%	3%	37%	18%	25%	100%
Dun L/Rathdown	19%	1%	6%	26%	49%	100%
Fingal	17%	1%	12%	30%	40%	100%
Galway City	55%	1%	16%	15%	12%	100%
Galway County	42%	6%	23%	12%	16%	100%
Kerry	47%	12%	18%	9%	15%	100%
Kildare	23%	3%	26%	30%	18%	100%
Kilkenny	32%	3%	26%	30%	9%	100%
Laois	35%	8%	41%	13%	2%	100%
Leitrim	100%	*	*	*	*	100%
Limerick	36%	3%	42%	17%	3%	100%
Longford	100%	*	*	*	*	100%
Louth	49%	4%	23%	18%	6%	100%
Mayo	20%	10%	37%	24%	9%	100%
Meath	41%	7%	19%	25%	9%	100%
Monaghan	57%	5%	38%	*	*	100%
Offaly	52%	5%	31%	12%	*	100%
Roscommon	56%	10%	34%	*	*	100%
Sligo	33%	4%	27%	36%	*	100%
South Dublin	28%	2%	11%	35%	24%	100%
Tipperary	58%	6%	28%	9%	*	100%
Waterford	30%	15%	39%	11%	5%	100%
Westmeath	43%	4%	35%	13%	4%	100%
Wexford	29%	13%	36%	14%	8%	100%
Wicklow	14%	3%	21%	28%	34%	100%
All Local Authorities	28.8%	4.5%	22.7%	22.3%	21.7%	**100%**

Vacant Homes Tax (VHT): 2nd Chargeable Period

Vacant Homes Tax (VHT) is an annual self-assessed tax introduced in the Finance Act 2022. VHT applies to properties which are residential properties for the purposes of Local Property Tax (LPT) and have been used as a dwelling for less than 30 days in a chargeable period. VHT will not apply if the property is derelict or uninhabitable, was sold in the chargeable period, is subject to a qualifying tenancy, or is exempt from LPT for 2025. In addition, several exemptions to VHT can be claimed as part of the VHT return.

The second chargeable period for VHT is 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024. A return must be filed within 7 days of the end of the relevant chargeable period. For the second chargeable period, VHT is set at a rate equal to five times the property's standard LPT rate, that is, the LPT rate for the relevant band before any Local Authority Adjustment factor.

A register of vacant homes has been established by Revenue and will be continually updated as necessary.

The following table is a high- level overview of the VHT returns received to-date for the second chargeable period. VHT returns are open to amendment by the filer and as such the underlying numbers may fluctuate. This information is provisional and will be revised.

VHT Table 1: Summary Statistics

Chargeable Period 2: 1 Nov 23 - 31 Oct 24	As at 14/04/25
Total properties declared as vacant	3,212
Of which: liable for Vacant Homes Tax	2,266
exempt from Vacant Homes Tax	946
Total liability to Vacant Homes Tax	€2.2m

Further Information

Information on the operation of LPT and VHT is available on www.revenue.ie. Revenue's online LPT valuation guidance map is available here and information on how to value a property is provided here.

Statistical updates on Property Taxes are available here.

The statistics in this release are based on analysis of returns filed, payments, and other related information as of April 2025. Please note that rounding may affect figures displayed.

Information in respect of vacant property information included in 2022 LPT returns is available here.

A technical paper describing Revenue's analysis of property valuations for LPT 2022-2025 is available here.

Queries of a statistical nature in relation to Property Taxes can be sent to statistics@revenue.ie. Media queries should be directed to revpress@revenue.ie in the first instance.

16. APPENDIX 7 – LPT FOR THE VALUATION PERIOD CURRENT BAND VS NEW BANDS.

	Current Band Structure and charges		New Band Structure and charges	
	Band	*Charge*	*Band*	*Charge*
1	1 -200,000	90*	1-240,000	95*
2	200,000 -262,500	225*	240,001-315,000	235*
3	262,501 - 350,000	315	315,001-420,000	333
4	350,000 -437,500	405	420,001-525,000	428
5	437,501- 525,000	495	525,001-630,000	523
6	525,001-612,500	585	630,001-735,000	618
7	612,501 - 700,000	675	735,001-840,000	713
8	700,001- 787,500	765	840,001-945,000	808
9	787,501 – 875,000	855	945,001-1,050,000	903
10	875,001 – 962,500	945	1,050,001-1,155,000	998
11	962,501 – 1,050,000	1,035	1,115,001-1,260,001	1,094
12	1,050,001 – 1,137,500	1,189	1,260,001-1,365,001	1,272
13	1,137,501 – 1,225,000	1,408	1,365,001-1,470,001	1,535
14	1,225,001 – 1,312,000	1,627	1,470,001-1,575,001	1,797
15	1,312,501 – 1,400,000	1,846	1,575,001-1,680,001	2,060
16	1,400,001 – 1,487,500	2,064	1,680,001-1,785,001	2,322
17	1,487,501 – 1,575,000	2,283	1,785,001-1,890,001	2,585
18	1,575,001 – 1,662,500	2,502	1,890,001-1,995,001	2,847
19	1,662,501 – 1,750,000	2,721	1,995,001-2,100,000	3,110
	Rate = 0.1029% (*fixed charge in first and second bands)		Rate = 0.0906% (*fixed charge in first and second bands)	

17. APPENDIX 8 – LOCAL RETENTION.

2025 v 2026 LPT for LA own use - following revaluation with €42m baseline increase before any local variation Local Authority		2025 LPT for LA own use before local variation	2026 LPT for LA own use before local variation (31%)	2026 increase in LPT for LA own use before local variation	Of which, from baseline Increase	Of which, move from 22.5% to 31% local retention	2026 % increase in LPT for LA own use before local variation
Carlow County Council	Authorities requiring equalisation	€ 8,914,470	€ 9,214,470	€ 300,000	€ 300,000		3.4%
Cavan County Council		€ 11,783,496	€ 12,183,496	€ 400,000	€ 400,000		3.4%
Clare County Council		€ 10,179,318	€ 10,879,318	€ 700,000	€ 700,000		6.9%
Donegal County Council		€ 26,619,850	€ 27,419,850	€ 800,000	€ 800,000		3.0%
Galway County Council		€ 20,309,071	€ 21,609,071	€ 1,300,000	€ 1,300,000		6.4%
Kerry County Council		€ 15,276,761	€ 16,176,761	€ 900,000	€ 900,000		5.9%
Kilkenny County Council		€ 12,173,913	€ 12,773,913	€ 600,000	€ 600,000		4.9%
Laois County Council		€ 11,620,533	€ 12,020,533	€ 400,000	€ 400,000		3.4%
Leitrim County Council		€ 10,456,315	€ 10,656,315	€ 200,000	€ 200,000		1.9%
Limerick City & County Council		€ 19,054,464	€ 20,154,464	€ 1,100,000	€ 1,100,000		5.8%
Longford County Council		€ 10,406,648	€ 10,606,648	€ 200,000	€ 200,000		1.9%
Louth County Council		€ 11,366,198	€ 11,966,198	€ 600,000	€ 600,000		5.3%
Mayo County Council		€ 21,312,344	€ 22,012,344	€ 700,000	€ 700,000		3.3%
Monaghan County Council		€ 12,738,572	€ 13,038,572	€ 300,000	€ 300,000		2.4%
Offaly County Council		€ 11,252,214	€ 11,552,214	€ 300,000	€ 300,000		2.7%
Roscommon County Council		€ 11,993,634	€ 12,293,634	€ 300,000	€ 300,000		2.5%
Sligo County Council		€ 11,702,627	€ 12,302,627	€ 600,000	€ 600,000		5.1%
Tipperary County Council		€ 27,451,602	€ 28,251,602	€ 800,000	€ 800,000		2.9%
Waterford City and County Council		€ 20,178,971	€ 20,878,971	€ 700,000	€ 700,000		3.5%
Westmeath County Council		€ 12,705,507	€ 13,205,507	€ 500,000	€ 500,000		3.9%
Wexford County Council		€ 15,126,453	€ 16,026,453	€ 900,000	€ 900,000		5.9%
21 Equalisation Authorities		€ 312,622,959	€ 325,222,959	€ 12,600,000	€ 12,600,000		4.0%
Cork City Council	Authorities in surplus	€ 16,436,813	€ 21,114,163	€ 4,677,350	€ 2,000,000	€ 2,170,385	28.5%
Cork County Council		€ 26,261,220	€ 32,950,652	€ 6,689,432	€ 2,700,000	€ 3,234,635	25.5%
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Co.Council		€ 23,948,966	€ 35,732,295	€ 11,783,329	€ 4,500,000	€ 5,884,571	49.2%
Dublin City Council		€ 43,298,203	€ 62,324,168	€ 19,025,965	€ 7,800,000	€ 9,302,997	43.9%
Fingal County Council		€ 16,138,055	€ 24,842,942	€ 8,704,887	€ 3,600,000	€ 4,227,533	53.9%
Galway City Council		€ 6,203,259	€ 8,304,998	€ 2,101,739	€ 1,000,000	€ 878,866	33.9%
Kildare County Council		€ 19,416,944	€ 24,355,364	€ 4,938,419	€ 2,000,000	€ 2,495,044	25.4%
Meath County Council		€ 17,187,691	€ 20,944,691	€ 3,757,000	€ 1,400,000	€ 1,966,696	21.9%
South Dublin County Council		€ 17,262,258	€ 23,928,757	€ 6,666,499	€ 2,500,000	€ 3,428,159	38.6%
Wicklow County Council		€ 15,943,669	€ 20,402,608	€ 4,458,940	€ 1,900,000	€ 1,993,919	28.0%
10 Surplus Authorities		€ 202,097,078	€ 274,900,639	€ 72,803,560	€ 29,400,000	€ 35,582,805	36.0%
Total All Local Authorities		€ 514,720,037	€ 600,123,598	€ 85,403,560	€ 42,000,000	€ 35,582,805	16.6%

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 16

PROPOSED DISPOSALS OF PROPERTIES

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL

FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1427

30th May 2025

To: Each Member of the Council

RE: Notice of Proposed disposal of land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St Michael's House.

Chief Executive's Order EETCD/0196/2023 dated 12th May 2023 confirmed, without modification, Fingal County Council's Compulsory Purchase (St. Michael's House and Fingal County Council Car Park, Seatown Road, Swords, Co. Dublin) Order 2023. The lands were acquired to secure the implementation of policies and objectives in, inter alia, the Swords Masterplan 2019, Swords Castle Conservation Plan, Castle Cultural Quarter Architectural Masterplan, Your Swords – An Emerging City – Strategic Vision 2035 and the Fingal County Development Plan, 2017 – 2023.

As part of the agreement reached with St. Michael's House in respect of the acquisition of lands at Seatown Road to facilitate the construction of the Swords Cultural Quarter Project the Council agreed to bring forward a disposal of Council owned land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St. Michael's House Properties (SMH), Ballymun Road, Dublin 9 for the approval of the Elected Members. St. Michael's House has an existing facility at 61 Dublin Road, Swords contained within Folio DN177463F which is adjacent to the Council owned lands contained within Folio DN57333F which are the subject of this disposal. The purpose of this disposal is

to facilitate the development of a purpose-built facility by St. Michael's House for the provision of a range of services and supports to those with disabilities and provide replacement facilities and services for those which were previously provided at the St. Michael's House, Seatown Road location.

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 758 square metres approximately as showed outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-008-21 Rev 1 contained within Folio DN57333F at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin to St. Michael's House Properties (SMH), Ballymun Road, Dublin 9 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the disposal is for the purpose of facilitating the development of a purpose-built facility by St. Michael's House Properties (SMH), Ballymun Road, Dublin 9 for the provision of a range of services and supports to those with disabilities.

2. That the land comprises an area of 758 square metres approximately, as shown outlined in red on Drawing No. LA-008-21 Rev 1.

3. That the Council shall dispose of this site subject to a 250-year lease, on the basis of a capital payment of €75,000.00 (seventy-five thousand Euro) exclusive of VAT.

4. That the capital payment due to the Council shall be abated to €7,500.00 (seven thousand and five hundred Euro) exclusive of VAT on the condition that the land is used for the development of a facility which provides services and supports to those with disabilities.

5. That a deposit of 10% of the agreed abated amount shall be payable on the execution of the contract for sale.

6. That the rent shall be €12.70 per acre, or part thereof, per annum, exclusive of all outgoings and paid annually in advance.

7. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year in line with the change in the Consumer Price Index.

8. That the purchaser shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

9. That the purchaser shall sign contracts no later than 8 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

10. That the purchaser shall develop the site in line with the approved planning permission for proposed extensions to existing St. Michael's House Autistic Spectrum community facility at 61 Dublin Road, Swords including the retention of as many trees as practicably possible within the disposal site.

11. That completion of the sale shall be 12 weeks from the date of approval by the Council ("the Closing Date").

12. That the development must be completed within 24 months of the Closing Date, otherwise the Council shall have the right to repossess the site or part thereof. That the timeline can be extended by agreement of the parties.

13. That the purchaser shall be responsible for all costs associated with the planning application process and subsequent development.

14. That the lessee shall not build or erect on the demised premises any building other than that for which planning has been granted and the consent of the Council received.

15. That the purchaser is responsible for, and shall incur the costs associated with, fully insuring the demised property and any buildings located thereon, in the joint names of the purchaser and the Council.

16. That the purchaser is not to sell, assign, sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation of the demised premises without receiving the prior consent in writing of Fingal County Council, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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

18. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional fees incurred in this transaction.

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

20. All other terms and conditions will be set out in the legal documentation.

The land to be disposed of was acquired from Nethercross Holdings Limited in 1985 for transportation 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 Thursday, 12th June 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, 7th July 2025.

Aoife Brendan

Senior Executive Officer
Economic, Enterprise,
Tourism & Cultural Development

COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1427

Report on the Abatement of Land Value

Disposal of Land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin

Purchaser: St. Michael's House

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

St. Michael's House is a company funded by the Health Service Executive (HSE), TUSLA and the Department of Education and Skills which provides a comprehensive range of services and supports to men, women, and children with disabilities and their families in 170 locations in the greater Dublin Area. St. Michael's House supports c. 2,300 people and this has an impact on thousands of family members. St. Michael's House is committed to delivering services and supports based on the needs, wishes and choices of people with an intellectual disability, based in their own communities and connected to natural support networks.

St. Michael's House has sought the acquisition of 758 square meters approximately of Council owned land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin, as shown outlined in red on Drawing Ref. LA-008-21 Rev 1, for the purpose of developing a purpose-built facility for the provision of a range of services and supports to those with disabilities. The site has a market value of €75,000.00 (seventy- five thousand Euro).

St. Michael's House has requested that the Council consider an abatement of 90% of the market value of the land as the organisation is not-for-profit and delivers community

services and supports so that the organisation has sufficient funding in place for the development of the facility.

Legislative Background

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

Rationale

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

St. Michael's House supports over 2,300 people through a range of services such as residential supports and independent living, clinical supports, day supports, schools, respite supports and vocational training services. These services are provided within the communities of the service users to ensure they are integrated with the pre-existing support structure already in place with the statutory and non-statutory organisations in the field. The provision of a purpose-built facility at Pinnock Hill, Swords will enable the

continued delivery of existing services and provide increased capacity for the delivery of future services as they are identified.

Recommendation

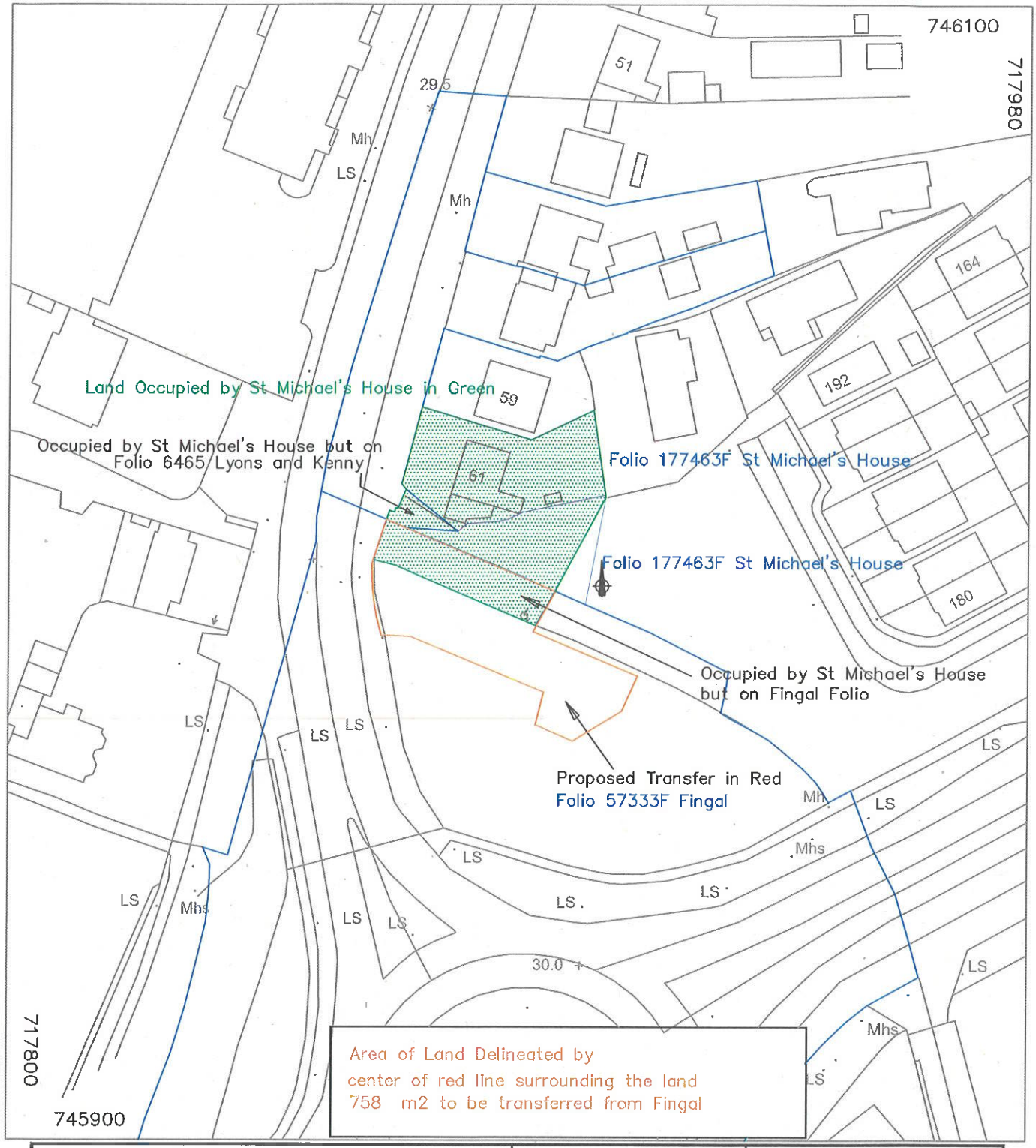
Fingal County Council considers that St. Michael's House will provide significant community benefit in the Swords area and environs due to the valuable work carried out by the organisation and the significant benefit these services and supports have to members of the community. The provision of a purpose-built facility will enhance the delivery of existing services and provide capacity for the delivery of future services to the community in Swords and its environs.

Having considered the request of St. Michael's House, the Council recommends an abatement of 90% of the value of the land at Pinnock Hill, Swords, Co. Dublin, bringing the consideration payable to the Council from €75,000.00 to €7,500.00. The proposed abatement in the value of the land will enable St. Michael's House to deliver a purpose-built facility that will strengthen the delivery of existing services and provide capacity for the delivery of future services for the local community.

In accordance with Article 206 Subsection 2 (b) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, a copy of this report will be appended to the Section 183 Report presented to the Elected Members for consideration at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 7th July 2025.

Roise Brendan

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



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Fingal County Council

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Project:
Land at Pinnock Hill Roundabout Swords

Land to be transferred to :
St Michael's House

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Dwg No: LA–008–21–Rev1	O.S.Ref:	
Date: 02 June 2022	Drawn By: FCC Architect Dept.	
Scale: 1/1000	Checked:	
Dev. File No:		Job No. SM/08/21
Gross Area :	xx m2	
Road Area :	xx m2	
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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1615

24th June 2025

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed lease of land and grant of wayleave at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club

It is proposed to grant a lease and wayleave over land at Ballymastone, Donabate, Co. Dublin to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club, as shown outlined in green and hatched blue respectively on Drawing No. 5940_5, dated 29/05/2025, in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the purpose of the lease and the wayleave is for sporting purposes and to facilitate access to and the use of playing pitches.

2. That the lease area is shown outlined in green on Drawing No. 5940_5 dated 29/05/2025 comprising an area of 8.97 acres approximately.

3. That the wayleave area is shown hatched blue on Drawing No. 5940_5 dated 29/05/2025 comprising an area of 0.19 acres approximately.

4. That the lease to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club shall be for a term of 35 years commencing on a date to be agreed.

5. That the rent reserved in the lease shall be the full commercial rent of €27,000.00 (twenty seven thousand euro) per annum as determined by the Council's Valuer.

6. That the lease rent shall be abated to €100.00 (one hundred euro) per annum, plus VAT if applicable, provided the land continues to be used solely for sporting, community and recreational purposes and for no other purpose. Should the land cease to be used for such purposes for any period of 12 months, the lease will be deemed to have terminated.

7. That the rent shall be reviewed at the end of every 5th year and shall be fixed by reference to the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

8. That the rent is to be paid annually in advance.

9. That the lessee shall be responsible for any VAT or stamp duty arising.

10. That the lessee must sign a Deed of Renunciation prior to the signing of the lease.

11. That the lessee shall be responsible for the repair and upkeep of the lands.

12. That the Council is to be indemnified and St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club shall have satisfactory insurance in place prior to signing the lease. Evidence of insurance shall be provided to Fingal County Council on an annual basis.

13. That the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings – rates (if applicable), insurance (to pay the annual premium directly to the insurance company and provide proof of such insurances to Fingal County Council), and any other outgoings, statutory or otherwise, for the duration of the term of the lease from the date of commencement.

14. That the lessee must seek consent of the Council before undertaking any works, alterations or development, including the erecting of any structure, making any excavation or submitting an application for planning permission. All works will be at the expense of the lessee.

15. That the lessee shall not sell, assign, grant any sub interests, (with the exception of licence agreements) sub-divide, alienate or part with the possession of the lands, without the prior written consent of the Council.

16. That the Council shall be responsible for all reasonable costs in respect of this transaction.

17. That the lease shall contain all the covenants and conditions normally contained in Fingal County Council leases of this nature and any other terms and conditions as required by the Council's Solicitors.

18. All other terms and conditions shall be set out in the legal agreement.

The above land was acquired from the Eastern Health Board for housing purposes in 1974.

A briefing on this matter will be given to members of the Balbriggan, Rush-Lusk, Swords, Local Electoral Area on 30th June 2025.

Aoife Brendan

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

PLANNING & STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT
PARKS & GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DIVISION
Senior Parks Superintendent Kevin J. Halpenny

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

THIS MAP IS PREPARED BY FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FROM A T.E. DIGITAL MAP BASE AND COMPLIES WITH TAILTE ÉIREANN LAND REGISTRATION MAPPING REGULATIONS

NOTE. PLOT REFERRED TO IS "OUTLINED" IN RED. NON TAILTE ÉIREANN DETAIL WHERE APPLICABLE, IS SHOWN COLOURED GREEN.

T.E. Sheet No.: 2858_D, 2859_C, 2926_B & 2927_A

Scale - 1:2,500@A3

SIGNED: .....
John Brophy, B.Sc.(Geomatics), FSCSI, FRICS
Executive Land Surveyor

INDEX No.: 5940_05 DATE: 29/05/2025

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Land subject to Lease shown outlined red
Area: 3.631 Ha. (8.971 Ac.)

Land subject to Burden shown crosshatched blue
Area: 770m² (0.190 Ac.)

PORTRAINE DEMESNE
Diméin Phort Reachrann

Portraine House

Pump

85.45m

8.9m

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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

File Ref: LD 1614

27th June 2025

TO: Each Member of the Council

RE: Proposed disposal of land at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15 to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited

Land which is currently under lease to St. Mochta's Football Club at Porterstown Road, Dublin 15, in the north-east corner of the Kellystown Local Area Plan (LAP) area, is zoned for residential development. To facilitate residential development on the lanad and in accordance with the vision and development strategy set out in the Kellystown LAP, which provides for the relocation of St. Mochta's Football Club from its current location on residential lands to lands zoned for open space it is now proposed to relocate St. Mochta's Football Club to land south of the Kellystown Link Road and dispose of the land, the subject of the lease to St. Mochta's Football Club, to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited for the purposes of residential development.

Following extensive engagement between the representatives of St. Mochta's Football Club, Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited and the Council, in exchange for the the Council owned lands currently under lease to St. Mochta's Football Club, Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited will provide a new facility and pitches, the specifications of which have been agreed between the parties, on open space lands in their ownership south of the Kellystown Link Road for St. Mochta's Football Club.

Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited has applied for planning permission for the new facilities for St. Mochta's Football Club under planning application reference FW25A/0033E and received a grant of planning permission on the 19th June 2025. The new facility and pitches shall transfer to the Council's ownership upon completion, following which the Council shall enter into a new lease agreement with St. Mochta's Football Club in relation to the relevant lands, subject to the statutory approval of the Elected Members.

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 c. 6.28 acres approximately as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-4061-25, currently under lease to St. Mochta's Football Club at Porterstown Road, Porterstown, Dublin 15 to Castlethorn Developments Luttrellstown Limited on the following terms and conditions:

1. That the Councils hold the freehold interest in the lands as shown on the attached Drawing No. LA-4061-25, comprising c. 6.28 acres approximately.

2. That the lands at No. 1 above are currently held by St. Mochta's Football Club by way of a sporting lease dated 10th of February 2014, for a term of 35 years.

3. That the applicant holds the unencumbered freehold title in the lands comprising c. 9.86 acres approximately, as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LA-4062-25 situated to the south of the Kellystown Distributor Road. The c. 9.86 acres approximately includes lands which shall be earmarked for St Mochta's Football Club relocation under the FCC Kellystown Local Area Plan 2021 (the "Relocation Lands"), the relevant lands shall be subject to a new lease from the Council to St. Mochta's Football Club (Item 10 below). Also included within the c. 9.86 acres approximately that the applicant is transferring to the Council, are lands in which applicant has unencumbered freehold title, comprising the access road (extending to c. 1.07 acres approximately) to the Relocation Lands and a small portion of land at the planned Fingal County Council graveyard at Kellystown at no consideration.

4. That the consideration/valuation agreed in respect of the lands at No.1 above, with the benefit of vacant possession, is the sum of €4,300,000 (four million three hundred thousand euro).

5. That the consideration/valuation agreed in respect of the lands at No. 3 above, with the benefit of vacant possession, is the sum of €620,000 (six hundred and twenty thousand euro).

6. That the land values and costs in respect of the relocation are agreed lands and a balancing consideration in the sum of €3,680,000 (three million six hundred and eighty thousand euro) is due.

7. That the applicant has agreed to the construction of new facilities on the lands at Item 3 above as replacement for the facilities on the lands at Item 1 above. These facilities are to be constructed in line with the grant of the relevant planning permission. The

costs associated with the construction of the facilities have been agreed at €5,213,287 (five million two hundred and thirteen thousand two hundred and eight seven Euro) plus VAT.

8. The balancing figure between Item 6 and Item 7 above will be dealt with by way of contract.

9. Upon agreement between the applicant's architect and the Council's Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department on Practical Completion of the New Facility including the adequate establishment of pitches provided on the relevant land, the Council shall transfer to the applicant the freehold title of the lands outlined at No.1 above and in exchange the applicant shall transfer to the Council the freehold title to the lands outlined at No.3 above together with the 'New Facility' located thereon. For the avoidance of doubt, Practical Completion shall include completion of the new playing pitches as part of the New Facility. Refer to Schedule 1 - Agreed Specification and Contribution.

10. That simultaneously to No. 9 above the St Mochta's Football Club will surrender its existing lease and enter into a new sporting lease with the Council for the use of the New Facility at No. 9 above on the relevant lands, the terms and conditions of the lease shall be agreed by the Council and St. Mochta's Football Club and are subject to the statutory approval process.

11. That the parties (including St Mochta's Football Club) shall sign contracts no later than 6 weeks from the date of statutory approval of the transaction.

12. That the exchange is subject to the receipt of a satisfactory final grant of permission for the agreed new facility on the relocation lands.

13. That the applicant has applied for full planning permission for the new facility on the relocation lands and redevelopment of the existing facility as at the date of a binding contract for sale.

14. That if the Planning Authority refuses permission for the first application or if the parties (acting reasonably) deem the grant of planning permission by the Planning Authority to be unacceptable and onerous, a second comprehensive planning application, must be lodged within 9 months of the date of the Planning Authority's decision.

15. That the applicant will be required to commence the development within 6 months from the final grant of planning permission. The entire Development on the site must be completed under one building contract in one phase amounting not more than 15 months in total, but excluding any enabling or exempt development works.

16. That during the construction period and pending the exchange the applicant will insure the buildings against fire and all other insurable risks with an approved insurance company and pay all necessary premiums.

17. That no party to the Heads of Terms shall be entitled to assign its rights or obligations under this Term Sheet without the prior written consent of the other, save in the in the case of financial institution which has entered into a mortgage/loan with the applicant.

18. That the above timelines may be subject to change subject to agreement by both parties.

19. That each party shall be responsible for their own VAT or stamp duty arising on the land transfer.

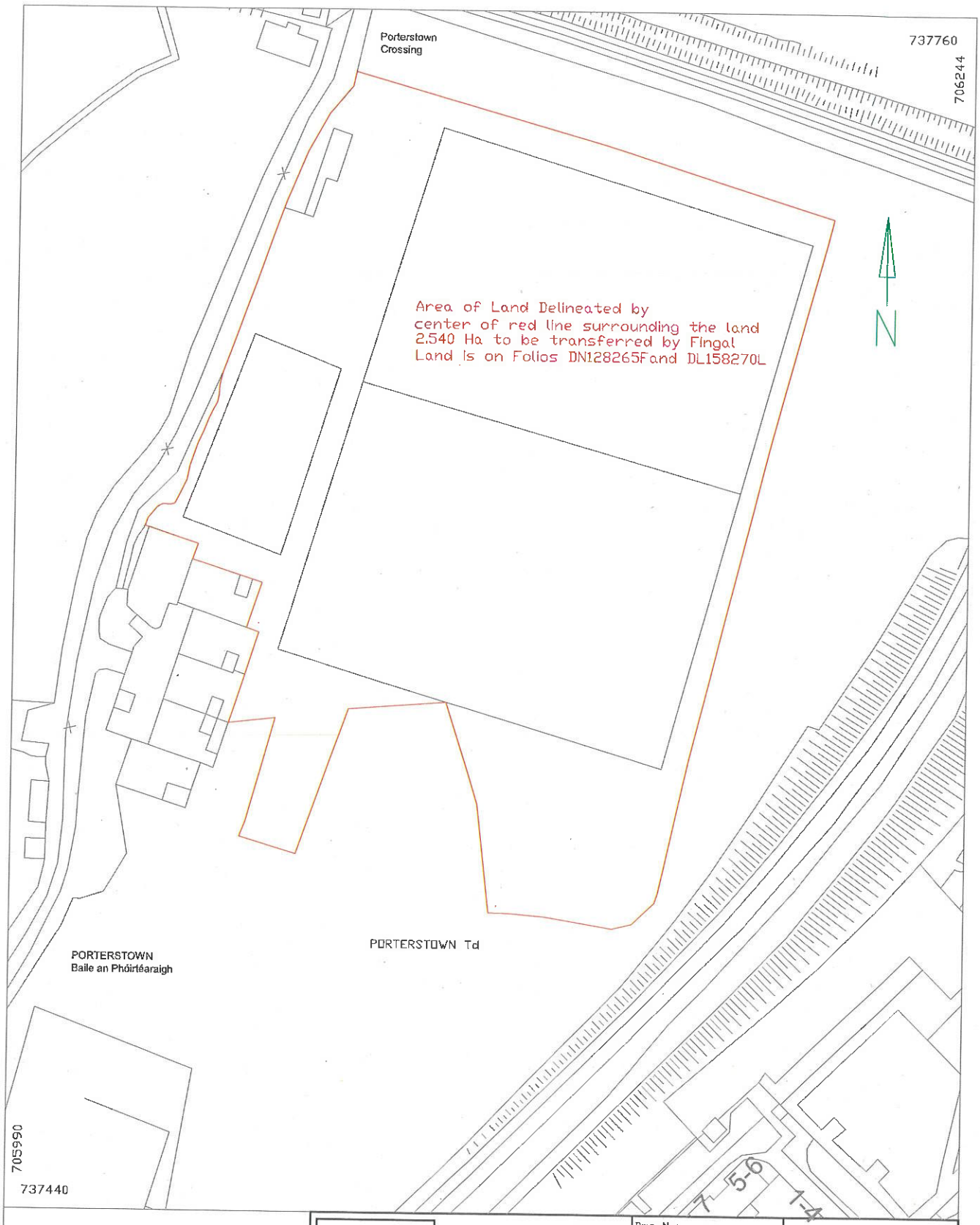
20. That both parties shall be responsible for their own professional fees.

The land to be disposed of was transferred to Fingal County Council from the County Council of the County of Dublin by virtue of the Local Government (Dublin) Act 1993 on 22nd April 1996.

A briefing on this matter will be given to members of the Blanchardstown, Castleknock/ Mulhuddart, Ongar Local Electoral Area on 30th June 2025.

Pat Brendan

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



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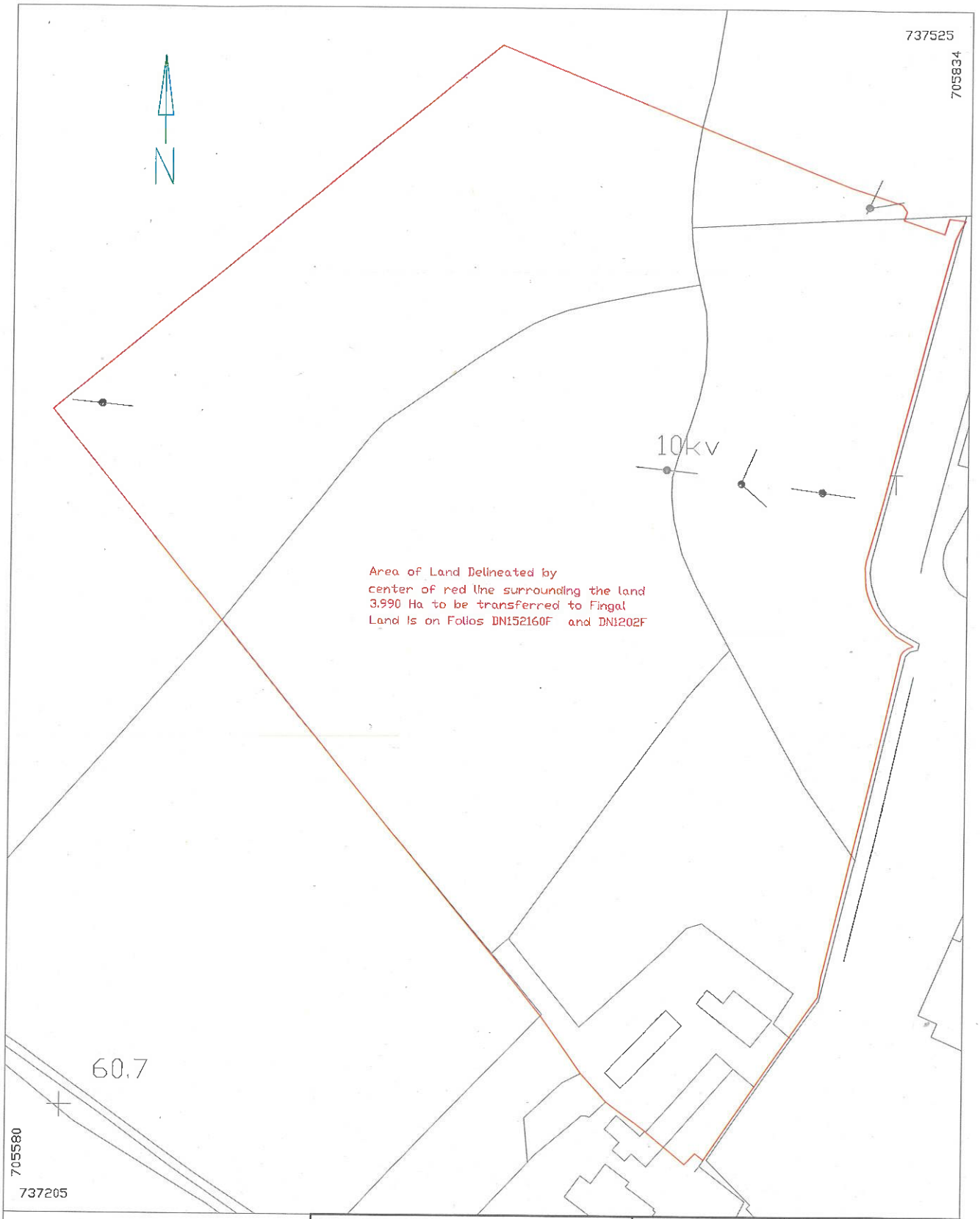
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 17

DECLARATION OF ROADS

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7th JULY 2025

ITEM NO. 17a

PARK ROAD, RUSH

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

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Taking Into Maintenance – Park Road

DED: Rush, TL: Rush Demesne

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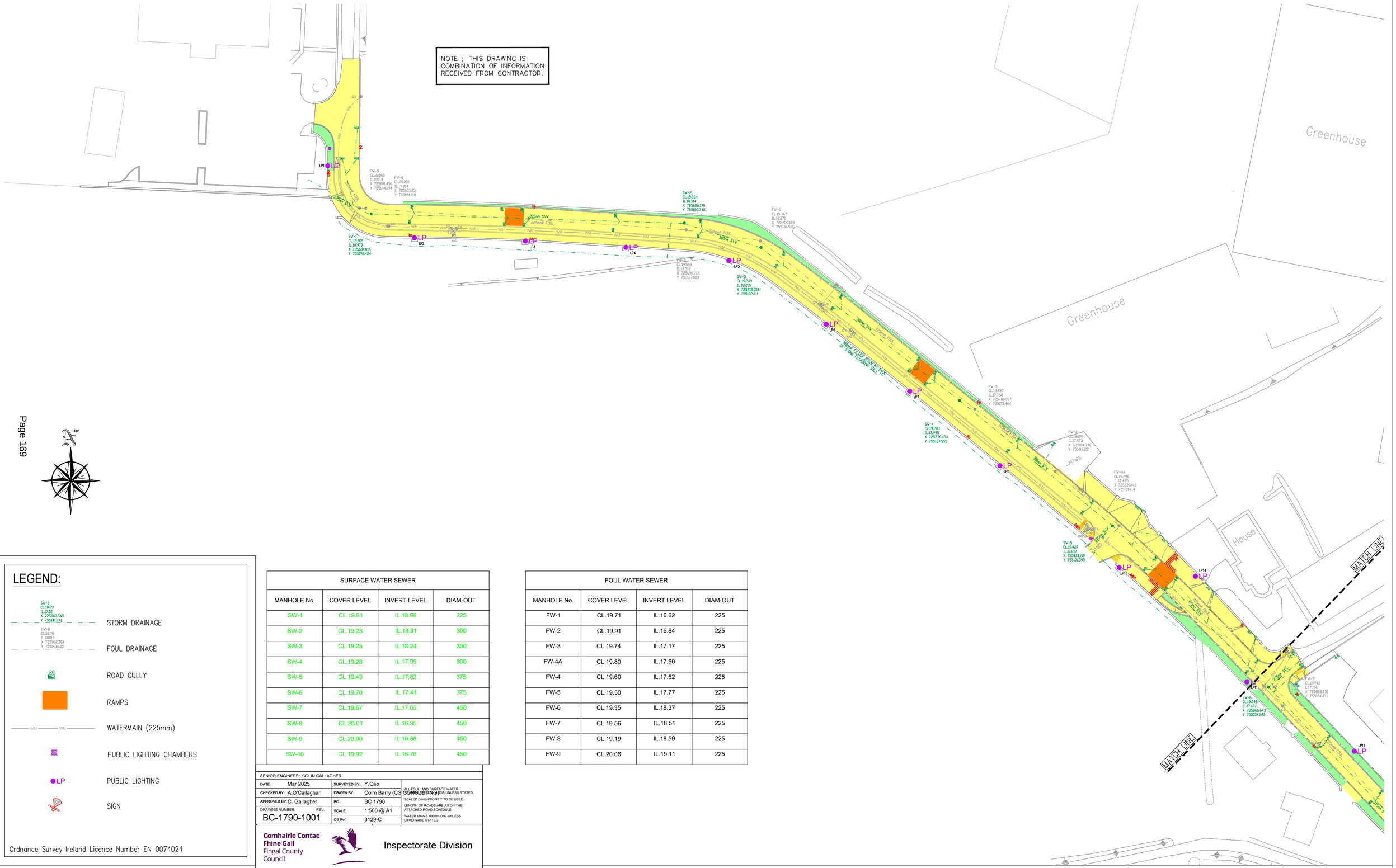
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Inspectorate Division

Park Road
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TAKING INTO MAINTENANCE

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House

Greenhouse

MATCH LINE

MATCH LINE

LP14

LP11

LP13

LP12

LP14

LP15

LP16

FW-3
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375mm STV

225mmØ FOUL

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INTRODUCTION

This Litter Management Plan is presented by Fingal County Council for the period 2025 to 2028. The Plan sets out our objectives for preventing and managing litter in Fingal. The Plan is action-based and focuses on a four-pillar approach with the over-arching objective of a consistently cleaner environment for the people of Fingal through:



Our goal as a Council is to protect and enhance the natural and built environment of Fingal through effective education, awareness, monitoring, and enforcement of this Litter Management Plan along with national legislation and policy. When we think about litter management, the focus often relates to litter-picking, bins and street sweeping but there is so much more to it than that.

As a Council, we emphasise the need to work with our citizens, communities, businesses, and visitors throughout Fingal to PREVENT litter in the first instance.

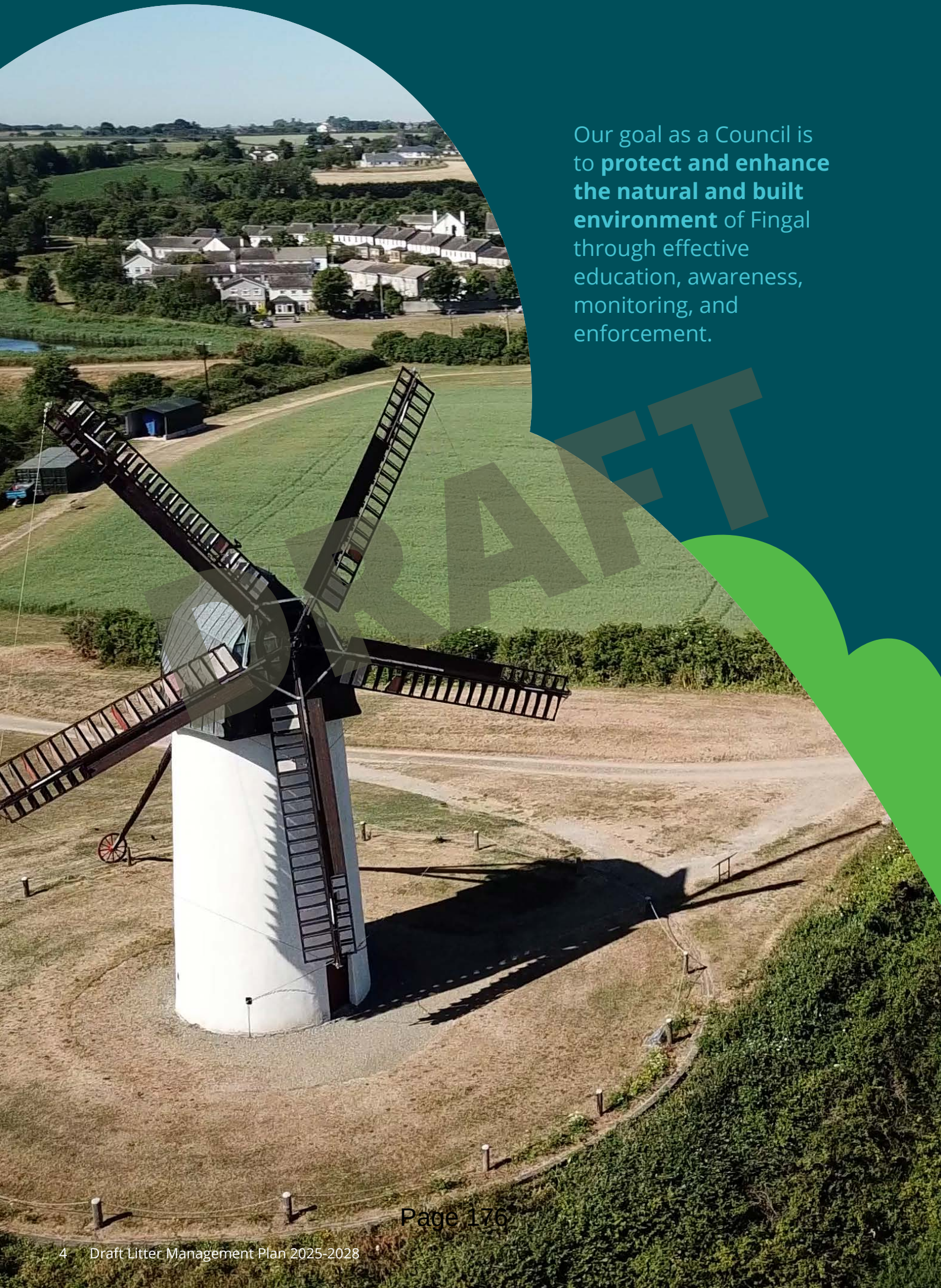
Our Environmental Awareness Officer works closely with schools, community and business groups on litter prevention and educational initiatives. Tidy Towns groups, Residents Associations and other voluntary initiatives offer invaluable support to the Council's street-cleaning teams.

When people break the law through littering offences or illegal dumping, the Council will prosecute. Our Litter Wardens patrol the county educating people on litter and issuing fines where appropriate.

Our street cleaning crews work tirelessly throughout Fingal's rural, urban, and suburban communities to deliver clean towns, villages, beaches, parks, and countryside for everyone to enjoy.

Fingal County Council would like to acknowledge the input of Tidy Towns, residents, community groups, business leaders and Elected Members as part of the stakeholder engagements in the preparation of this Plan.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Fingal County Council spends **over €10 million** a year on cleaning and enforcement across the county.

Why Protect our County?

The county of Fingal comprises a geographical area of 450 square kilometres stretching from Balbriggan in the north of the county to Blanchardstown in the south-west and over to Howth in the east. The coastline stretches over 88kms with thirteen major beaches, three large estuaries and salt marsh habitats.

It is a county rich in cultural heritage with the Council playing a key role in the development of some of the key visitor attractions including Ardgillan Demesne, Newbridge House, Malahide Castle and Gardens, Skerries Mills and St. Catherines Park.

The county has significant economic advantages notably its proximity to Dublin City and Port through the Port Tunnel and its location on the Dublin Belfast economic corridor. The major arterial routes of the M50, M1, M2 and M3 link the county with the rest of Dublin and with the north of the country. Dublin Airport, located in the heart of the county, in addition to being a key hub into and out of the country is also a significant economic driver in the county.

Every year we welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors to our County whether it is for key events such as Flavours of Fingal or the Malahide Concerts or simple visits to our many beaches, coastal walks, heritage parks etc.



What is Litter?

Litter is defined in the litter pollution act 1997-2009. In summary, this definition means that any object or substance regardless of size, which is disposed of improperly (i.e. not deposited in a litter bin or authorised waste facility) and is likely to become unsightly or unsanitary is considered to be litter e.g. single use packaging such as coffee cups, small plastic bottle or cigarette butts discarded on the street or thrown from a car window, dumping or fly-tipping of larger items of litter e.g. construction & demolition waster or household goods.





Over €35,000 in litter fines and penalties were issued to offenders in 2023 alone.

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Effects of Litter on the County

We are a County full of beauty and natural resources however litter remains a serious threat. Its presence devalues our living environment, generates a negative and misleading impression of our County and results in large unnecessary clean-up costs. Litter pollution does not just affect our towns and villages but also our roadsides, protected areas, amenities, beaches, parks etc.

Litter endangers our environment, our wildlife, and our economy. It pollutes our neighbourhoods, decreases property values, destroys our County's natural beauty, and can make areas look unwelcoming and unattractive.

Littering and illegal dumping contribute to air pollution, land pollution and ocean pollution. For example, approximately eight million tons of plastic waste finds its way into our oceans every year.

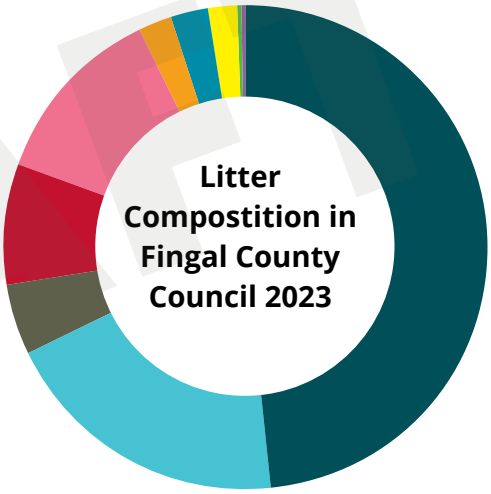


Litter Management Costs
€1,733,500

Operational Cleaning Costs
€8,946,300

Costs include the provision of:

- Litter Warden Service
- Environmental Awareness Services
- Litter Management Service Support Costs
- Operation of Street Cleaning Services
- Provision and Improvement of Litter Bins
- Street Cleaning Service Support Costs

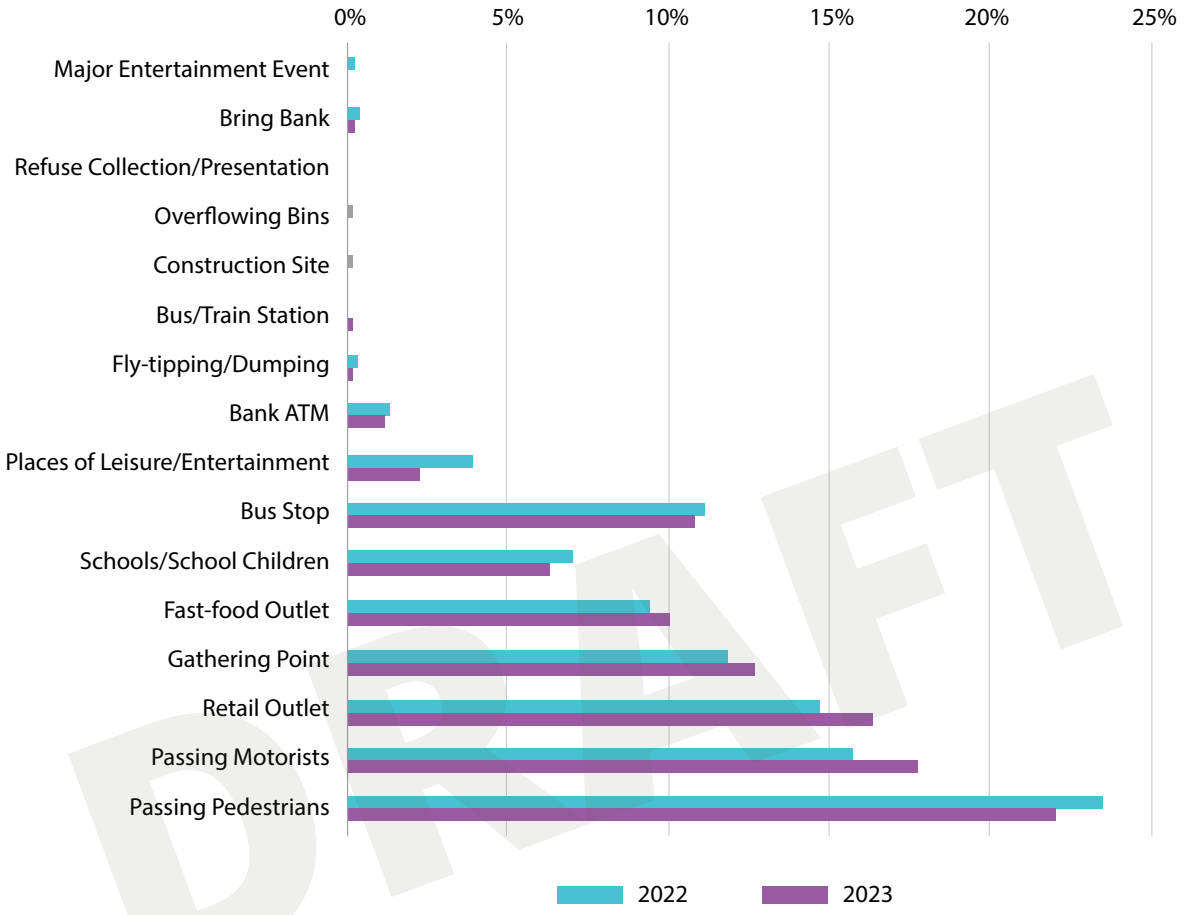


48.6%	Cigarette Related Litter
19.3%	Packaging Items
4.6%	Food Related Litter
8.1%	Sweet Related Litter
12.3%	Paper Items
2.3%	Miscellaneous
2.5%	Deleterious Litter
2.0%	Vaping Related Litter
0%	Plastic Items (non-packaging)
0.1%	Large Litter Items
0.2%	Rubber Litter

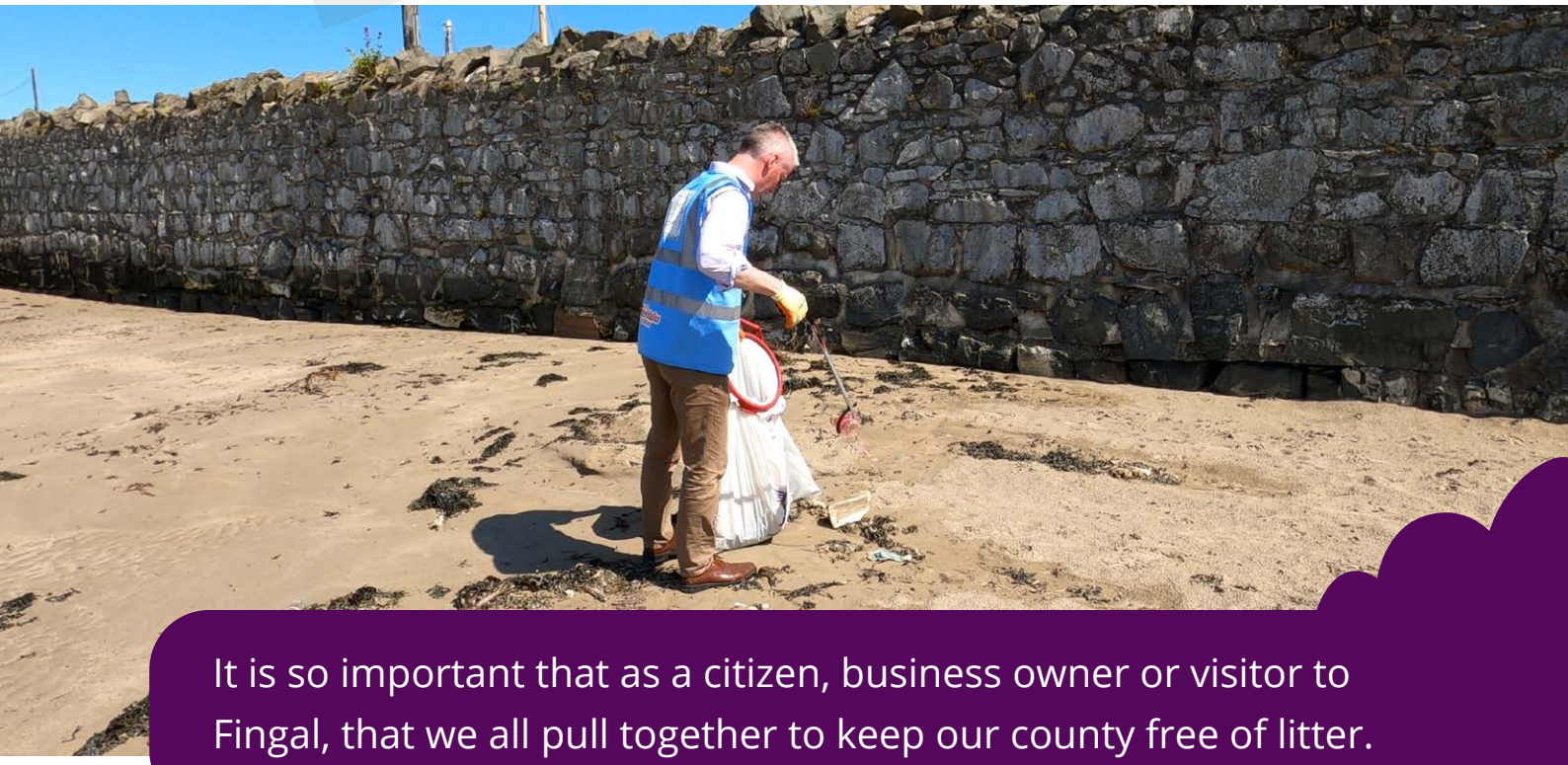
Fingal Data taken from the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Report for 2023.

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Comparison of Causative Factors of Litter Pollution in Fingal County Council 2022-2023



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It is so important that as a citizen, business owner or visitor to Fingal, that we all pull together to keep our county free of litter.

Waste Enforcement

The Waste Enforcement Section is tasked with the enforcement of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended, and of an extensive range of Regulations dealing with authorisations of waste collection and waste activities, Regulations under Producer Responsibility Initiatives such as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Tyres, Batteries, etc, Regulations on food waste, commercial waste, deposit return scheme.

There is some overlap with the Litter Act, some activities can be prosecuted under both the Litter Pollution Act and the Waste Management Act. The Waste Enforcement Section also enforces the Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2020.

The various activities regulated by the WES have an impact on litter generation and management, which is explored below under various sub-headings.

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Illegal Dumping/Fly-tipping and Unauthorised Waste Collectors

Incidences of large illegal dumping and reports of illegal waste collectors are investigated by waste enforcement officers to try and identify and bring prosecutions against the offenders. Where Litter Wardens find evidence of who rubbish bags belong to, they can refer the case to waste enforcement officers to investigate and find out if the bags were collected by unauthorised collectors and ensure that the householders avail of a bin collection service.

The Council ran campaigns in the cinemas in 2023 and 2024 to advise members of the public not to use unauthorised collectors and warn them that they were liable for prosecution if they were found to have given their waste to unauthorised collectors.

The Waste Enforcement Section holds checkpoint with An Garda Síochána and other Agencies, where checks are carried out on vehicles and companies carrying waste to ensure compliance with the relevant regulations.

DID YOU KNOW?

CCTV will be installed at Litter Blackspots and action will be taken against offenders.

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Legal Responsibilities re household waste collections (provision of bins)

Under the Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2020, householders have to be able to demonstrate how they manage their waste by either taking part in a door to door collection service, having an official bin-sharing agreement with a another waste holder, or by bringing their waste to an authorised waste facility (and keeping receipts as proof of waste disposal). The WES is currently undertaking a project on the enforcement of the Bye-laws, whereby pursuant to Section 34C of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, it has collated a register of households availing of a waste collection service, from which a reverse register can be extracted, identifying households who do not have a waste collection service. There have been difficulties with the data received from waste collectors and developing an accurate reverse register. A sample set of data revealed that when investigated householders were complying with the bye-laws.

Under the EU (Household Food Waste and Biowaste) Regulations 2015, the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 and the FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2020, households and commercial premises are required to segregate their waste. Waste collectors are required to offer a 3 bin service to households and commercial premises - black, green and brown bin, to facilitate and encourage the segregation of waste and help increase recycling rates. FCC actively enforce the food waste regulations and the Waste Bye-Laws which have been identified as a national waste priority.



Illegal dumping of tyres

The Waste Management (Tyres and Waste Tyres) Regulations 2017 place an obligation on tyre retailers to be members of an approved body (Circol ELT) and charge visible Environmental Management Costs (vEMC) for the recycling of tyres when selling tyres. The garages must also take back old tyres for recycling when selling new ones.

The Waste Enforcement Section is responsible for enforcing the Regulations and works in cooperation with Circol ELT and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority to investigate businesses suspected of not complying with the Regulations. Businesses that are members of the scheme get their waste tyres collected free of charge, eliminating the likelihood of tyres being dumped. The illegal dumping of tyres is therefore most likely the result of free riders – i.e. operators who are not members of the compliance scheme. Inspections by the WES aims at identifying these businesses and bring them into compliance.



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Deposit Return Scheme

The Waste Enforcement Section is responsible for enforcement of the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024, and works in collaboration with Re-Turn and the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority to investigate businesses suspected of not complying with the Regulations. Can and plastic bottle litter has reduced significantly across towns and cities since the introduction of the deposit return scheme in February, according to research from Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) however, overall levels of Litter have not reduced.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

The Waste Enforcement Section is responsible for enforcement of the European Union (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Regulations 2014. In 2024, inspections specifically targeted retailers of Vapes, to ensure that they are aware of their obligations and comply with the Regulations by being registered as retailers, advertising take back of the used vapes and having containers available for such take back.

Single Use Plastics Directive

What are single use plastics?

Plastic has many valuable properties; it is light, hygienic, insulates well, is low cost and durable. Plastic is used in construction, to store liquids, while plastic packaging can prevent food waste by preserving food. Many types of plastic are designed to be used for a long time. Single use plastics, however, are plastic products that are used once and then discarded. They represent a particular challenge both to the environment and to the aesthetics of our towns and villages. Plastic takes centuries to break down and, if not managed properly, can pollute marine, freshwater and terrestrial environments.

Typical single use plastics include plastic cutlery, straws, beverage containers and food containers. Monitoring across the EU has revealed that the ten most commonly used single use plastic items, along with fishing gear, make up 70% of all marine litter on European beaches.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Over **200million** coffee cups are disposed of annually in Ireland? The Fingal Reusable Cup Project will launch in 2025 and aims to address this issue of waste across Fingal

What is being done about single use plastic litter?

In recognition of this huge challenge, an EU Directive was published in 2019, with the aim of reducing the volume and impact of specific plastic products on the environment. The EU Directive 'on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment' is commonly referred to as the 'Single Use Plastics Directive'.

The Directive addresses the ten most common single use plastics referred to above, as well as fishing gear and plastic used in agriculture, and commits EU Member States to introduce a range of measures to deal with these plastic products.

To take legal effect in Ireland, the Directive was transposed into national legislation through SI No. 516 of 2021, as amended by SI No. 136 of 2022.

The Irish Regulations place a range of controls on various types of plastic products and on those who manufacture or import these products.

Since July 2021, the following single use plastic items can no longer be placed on the market in Ireland:

- Cotton bud sticks
- Cutlery
- Plates
- Stirrers
- Straws
- Balloon rods
- Expanded polystyrene single use food and beverage containers
- All oxo-degradable plastic products

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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

From January 2023, in addition to their existing EPR obligations associated with packaging, producers of plastic packaging will be required to cover the costs of litter clean-up for the following single use plastic items:

- food containers
- beverage containers and cups
- packets and wrappers
- light weight carrier bags

An EPR scheme was introduced for tobacco products containing plastic. Producers cannot place these products on the market in Ireland unless they are a member of the EPR compliance scheme - the Tobacco Product Plastic Filter Group (TPPFG). The same requirement will apply, from December 31st 2024, to producers of balloons and wet wipes.

Enforcement

Responsibility for enforcement of the single use plastics regulations - and other EPR regulations referred to above - has been assigned to the EPA and local authorities.

Fingal Reusable Cup Project

The Environment and Climate Action Section launched the pilot Fingal Reusable Cup Project in Malahide and Rush on Saturday 17th May 2025. Disposable Cups are a common cause of litter on our streets, beaches and in our parks and open spaces. Working together with local community groups and businesses, the aim of the project is to eliminate disposable cups across Fingal on a phased basis by encouraging the public to bring their own reusable cups for take-away beverages or to borrow a reusable Vytal cup. Participating businesses are requested to discontinue supply of disposable cups to the public.
For further information:
www.fingal.ie/fingal-reusable-cup-project



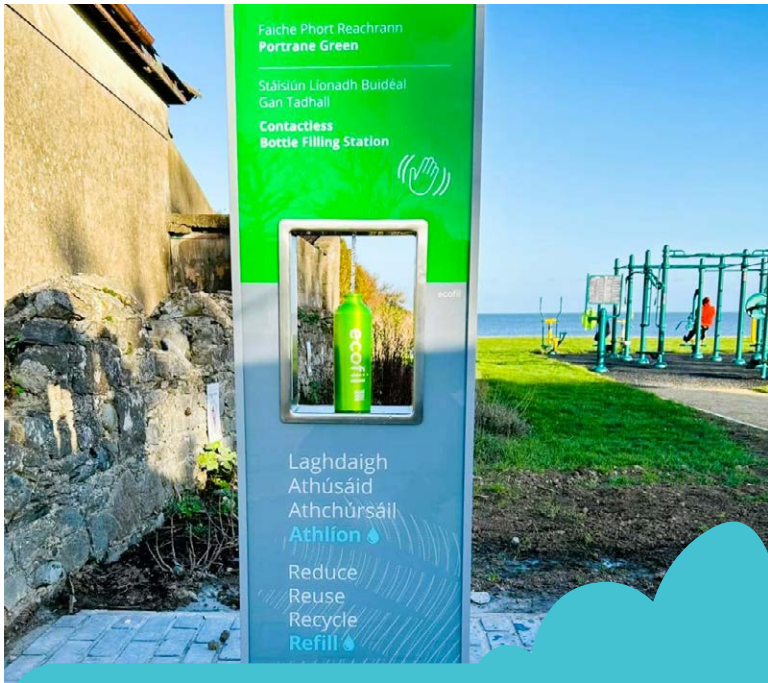
DID YOU KNOW?

Litter Wardens carry out over **6000 litter patrols** and investigate approx. **800 litter complaints** annually.

Water Refill Stations

There are now thirty-three public water refill stations installed across Fingal in our Parks and Open Spaces. Water refill stations help reduce plastic waste, as they eliminate the need for disposable bottles.

By choosing a refill station, you are contributing to the decrease of plastic pollution in our oceans and landfills and on our streets.



The locations of the Fingal water refill stations are contained in the Appendix.

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LEGISLATION

- **Litter Pollution Act 1997 (as amended):**
  Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Acts, 1997-2009, requires each local authority to review its Litter Management Plan every 3 years. This Plan, adopted on XX/XX/XXXX covers the period 2025 – 2028.
- Waste Management Act 1996
- National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030
- Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015-2021
- Single Use Plastics Directive
- Fingal County Council Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste Bye-Laws 2020
- Parks and Open Spaces Bye-laws 2017
- Beach and foreshore Bye-laws 2006
- Electoral (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2009

DID YOU KNOW?

It is an offence to leave bottles/bags of clothes/unwanted items on the ground at **Bring Banks** if they are full and you can be fined.



Fingal Dog Wardens are now authorised under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 to issue fines for dog fouling.

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EVALUATING THE MAIN LITTER CHALLENGES

The following methods were used to evaluate the current litter challenges in Fingal:

- Daily Litter Warden Patrol Reports
- Complaints recorded on our CRM (complaints and reports management) system.
- Complaints forwarded through the 'See it, Say it' app.
- Surveys carried out by our Litter Wardens, IBAL and National Litter Pollution Monitoring Surveys

DID YOU KNOW?

Election posters are only permitted from 30 days prior to the date of the poll and must be removed within 7 days of the polling day. If posters are in place outside of these dates, fines can be issued under the Litter Pollution Act.

Main litter contributors in Fingal

Fly tipping

It is our responsibility as a citizen in Fingal to ensure that waste and any unwanted items are disposed of responsibly and legally. Illegal dumping of large items including household appliances, is a major issue for Fingal County Council. It is very expensive to clear away fly tipping, and it can be dangerous to people and animals. When evidence is found by a Litter Warden, the person will be issued with a fixed penalty notice for €150 or in some cases the Council can take a direct prosecution to court if the dumping is more serious. The maximum fine that can be imposed by the court is €3000.



General Litter

The Litter wardens carry out daily patrols in Fingal. Each Litter Warden is assigned an area in Fingal with particular attention given to known black spots. We also encourage our citizens to report litter incidents. Witness statement forms are easy to download from Fingal County council website and citizens can report incidents by email to environment@fingal.ie or by using the see-it say-it app.

Fines can be issued for the following but not limited to;

1. Cigarette butts/items thrown from a vehicle.
2. Overflowing bins
3. Using Council public bins for dumping of household waste
4. Muck on road
5. Dumping of compost waste on open green space
6. Election signage
7. Unauthorised Signage
8. Dog fouling



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Littering at bottle banks/textile banks

All bring banks in the Fingal area are inspected daily. Illegal dumping has become an issue, with clothing items and boxes being left at the bring banks. If the bring banks are full, citizens should bring their items home. If evidence is found by a litter warden, the person can be issued a Fixed penalty notice of €150.



Abandoned Vehicles

Abandonment of vehicles is a prosecutable offence under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended. All complaints of abandoned/burnt out vehicles in a public place should be reported to Environment@fingal.ie giving the exact location and car details and it will be investigated. A vehicle must not have moved for a significant period of time (up to 6 weeks) to be deemed abandoned. In 2023, there were a total of 380 alleged abandoned cars reported to the Council and following investigations 10 were identified as being abandoned under the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended and were successfully removed. In 2023, there were 10 burnt out vehicles removed.



Further information on reporting an abandoned vehicle and details of what is considered to be an abandoned vehicle can be found at: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/abandoned-vehicles

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is an ongoing issue across Fingal and generates a significant number of complaints annually despite an increase in signage across the county and public awareness campaigns. Dog fouling can contribute to a major public health problem and can cause significant issues regarding bathing water across Fingal. Dog faeces contains billions of bacteria, some of which are harmful to humans.



Surface water management systems in urban environments and gullies in housing estates are designed to discharge rainwater to local streams/rivers which eventually end up exiting to the sea. At a beach, some bacteria from dog fouling not put in a bin can stay in the sand long after the tide has washed the faeces away. A single dog poo can contaminate an area of water the size of a tennis court. Beach water is tested regularly during the summer for the presence of faecal bacteria to ensure it is safe for swimming. It is classified from "excellent" to "poor" according to the number of bacteria found in these samples. When the number of bacteria is too high, the beach must be closed to swimming for the sake of public safety. If dog owners do not pick up after their dog, they are putting the safety of anyone who interacts with the water at risk, especially children, who can suffer serious illnesses from contact with dog faeces, like diarrhoea, and even blindness. This issue affects the entire community so picking up after your dog is necessary so everyone can continue to enjoy the beach.

Muck on road

Fingal County Council can issue a fine under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 -2009 for muck on the road. It is the responsibility of farmers and developers to ensure that public roads are kept clean and free of debris. The Litter wardens call to development sites to ensure that they have road sweepers on site to clean the roads.



Unauthorised Signage

Under Section 19 of the Litter pollution act 1997 -2009 it is illegal to put up posters or signs on poles or other structures in public places unless you have written permission in advance from the owner of the pole or structure. **Direct Prosecution/Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued to repeat offenders.**



Cigarette Butts & Disposable Vapes

Fingal County Council can issue a fine under the Litter Pollution act for discarding a cigarette butt from a vehicle. Citizens can report and complete a witness statement form quoting the vehicle registration if they witness this occurring.



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DID YOU KNOW?

It can take banana peels **2 years** to biodegrade. Food waste contributes significantly to climate change.

Erection of **advertising signage** without prior permission from the Council is illegal and you will be issued with a fine.

DID YOU KNOW?



RESPONSIBILITIES: WHAT CAN I DO?

As a resident, business owner or visitor in Fingal, you have responsibilities when it comes to litter prevention. There are penalties in place for parties who fail to meet their responsibilities when it comes to litter.

Residents/Visitors/Public:

- ✓ Keep private property, which is visible from a public place, free of litter.
- ✓ Pick up after yourself - do not drop cigarette butts/chewing gum/paper/food etc. on the ground and encourage others to do the same.
- ✓ Clean up after your dog when in a public place and dispose of the waste correctly.
- ✓ Make sure rubbish in your vehicle does not blow out and become litter and do not toss anything out of the window of your vehicle including apple cores and banana peels.
- ✓ Ensure that household waste following a 'spring clean' for example, are given to collectors with the necessary authorisations to collect such waste and do not use the 'man with a van'.
- ✓ If you witness a litter offence you can submit a witness statement form and a fine can be issued once evidence of the offence is available.
- ✗ Do not place household waste in a public litter bin.

DID YOU KNOW?

The quickest way to report a litter incident is by emailing **environment@fingal.ie** These emails are checked multiple times daily during working hours.



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Failure to keep the area outside your premises clean and litter free is an offence under Section 16 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 – 2003 and can incur large fines if court convictions are secured.

Businesses:

- ✓ Keep the footpaths, pavements and gutters up to 100m of the premises litter free – this includes operators of mobile outlets.
- ✓ Ensure that transporting material does not cause litter and that the material is sufficiently secured.
- ✗ Do not place commercial waste in a public bin.
- ✗ Do not erect posters or signage without authorisation or place advertising leaflets on the windscreens of vehicles.
- ✗ Do not dispose/dump of material in an area other than an appropriate waste receptacle or at an authorised waste facility.

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Local Authorities:

- Preparation and adoption of a Litter Management Plan.
- We will take all practical measures to allow for the prevention, control and correct disposal of litter.
- We will take steps to promote awareness of litter pollution and its effect on the environment.
- Encourage participation from the public and businesses of the county in preventing and overcoming litter pollution through workshops and awareness campaigns.
- Provide Access to appropriate facilities/receptables and waste bins for our citizens and arrange for regular emptying and cleaning.
- Litter Wardens will visit businesses in town centres on a scheduled basis to remind them of their responsibilities in keeping the areas outside their premises litter free.

Penalties

- Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence which can be subject to an 'on the spot' fine of €150 and a maximum fine of €3,000 through the Court System.
- Conviction on indictment for litter offences carries a maximum fine of €130,000.
- A person convicted of a litter offence may be required by the Court to pay the Council's costs and expenses in investigating the offence and in bringing the prosecution.
- Large scale dumping may be prosecuted under the Waste Management Act, with penalties on conviction or indictment of up to €15million and/or a 10-year prison term.



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Ongoing Management of the Council's Litter Bin Policy

- Bus stops, main thoroughfares to shopping centres, schools, parks, and beaches will be considered as priority areas for the siting of litter bins.
- A survey is carried out prior to a new bin being located in an area. Fingal will ensure that there are adequate bins in place throughout the County and that there are resources in place to ensure they are serviced frequently.
- We will review litter bin placement and frequency particularly in areas which have experienced a growth in population in recent years to ensure these areas are adequately provided for.
- In the case where a bin is being abused through the dumping of household waste in it, which is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act, The Council will only remove this bin as an absolute last resort. Where the operational team propose to remove a bin or re-site a bin, this will be notified to the local Councillors.
- There has been a successful deployment of solar compatible bins across the county. These bins incorporate sensors that communicate back to the street cleaners when they are full. This has resulted in improved efficiencies in the areas where the bins are located.
- Fingal County Council provides additional bins the approach routes surrounding music venues such as Malahide Castle on the day of a concert or event. The villages and surrounding areas are cleaned, and litter picks are conducted after concert ends to ensure no residual litter remains.
- Additional litter bins will be provided in high amenity areas which see an increase in footfall and visitor numbers throughout the summer months.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2028

The overall aim of the Litter Management Plan 2025-2028 is to make Fingal a litter free county and to be the place of choice to live, work, visit and do business.

Our Objectives:



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Objective 1:
Litter Prevention and Control

Objective

Fingal County Council will take all practical measures to allow for the prevention, control, and correct disposal of litter to include promotional/awareness campaigns, community engagement/ participation in new initiatives, provision of appropriate facilities/receptacles and waste bins for the public to dispose of their waste and enforcement of the law where necessary.

Actions

- Litter Bins
- Solar Powered Litter Bins
- Litter Wardens
- Bottle/Textile Banks
- Recycling Centres
- CCTV
- Educational/Awareness Programmes
- Signage

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Litter Bins

Ensure the provision of a sufficient number of litter bins across the County. All requests for new bins will be assessed under the criteria under the Councils Litter Bin policy.

Solar Powered Litter Bins

Prepare and monitor a roll-out programme for solar powered bins in areas where there is a high level of usage.



Litter Wardens

Ensure the provision of a sufficient number of litter wardens to patrol the County and to increase the operational hours to include 7day p/ week service in 2025.

We endeavour to ensure our Litter Wardens are visible to the public and regular walking patrols throughout our towns/villages, beaches/parks will be carried out.

We will provide ongoing training and guidance for Litter Wardens to provide them with the necessary skills to carry out their duties.

Regular reviews of Litter Warden patrol routes and duties will be carried out to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the service.

Litter Wardens to patrol businesses in town centres on a scheduled basis to remind them of their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act. If outside of premises unclean warning notices/ fines will be issued.

Bottle/Textile Banks

We will make recycling banks for glass, cans, and textiles available at suitable locations to meet the demands of the County.

Annual reviews of the bottle/textile's banks will be carried out to ensure they are fit for purpose and up to the required standard.

Requests for additional bottle/textiles banks will be considered and suitability/requirement determined taking into account location and proximity to dwellings/schools and the potential noise and nuisance issues.

We will collect usage data for recycling banks and make the tonnage publicly available.



Recycling Centres

Fingal County Council operates and manages two Recycling Centres – Estuary Recycling Centre in the North of the County and Coolmine Recycling Centre in the West of the County.

We will increase the opening hours of the Coolmine Recycling Centre in line with the hours of the Estuary Centre to better facilitate the Community to recycle.

The Recycling Centres will accept specific bulky waste and timber collections in the run up to Halloween to help reduce the volume of bonfire material in the community at that time of year. It is envisaged this will continue on an annual basis.

Bring banks are patrolled daily by the litter wardens. Bring Bank blackspots will be prioritised for CCTV.



CCTV

CCTV is being reintroduced across Fingal on a phased basis subject to the approval of the CCTV Oversight Board. Areas with the highest recorded levels of littering and illegal dumping will be prioritised initially.

We will also take action against any identifiable person who unlawfully deposits waste in our County.

Educational/Awareness Programmes

Raising awareness and educating the wider community on litter and waste will be a priority over the duration of this Litter Management Plan.

Signage

Fingal County Council will maintain all informative/ prevention signage countywide. Requests for new signage and replacement of old signage will be considered on a case by case basis by the Operations/Environment Departments.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can find a full list of items accepted at our two recycling centre facilities by visiting **www.fingal.ie/recycling-centres**

Objective 2: Community Engagement, Education and Awareness

Objective

Fingal County Council is committed to raising awareness and educating Fingal's young people, communities, and businesses on the detrimental impacts of litter on the environment. Promoting litter prevention is essential for effective waste management in Fingal. By minimizing littering, we can reallocate resources to other valuable initiatives and programs, fostering a cleaner, healthier environment for all residents, workers, and visitors.

Our campaigns, educational programs, and strategic initiatives aim to mobilize these groups. We acknowledge and support the critical efforts of Residents' Associations, Community Groups, Green Schools Committees, and Tidy Towns in their commitment to keeping Fingal litter-free, and we pledge to continue providing them with the necessary backing.

Actions

- Behavioural Change
- Educational Programmes
- Illegal Dumping
- Gum and Litter
- Dog Fouling
- Encouraging the correct disposal of Cigarette Butts and Vapes
- Adopt-a- Patch
- Community Clean Ups
- Businesses and Litter Prevention
- Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant
- Estuary Recycling Centre Swords: Education Room
- E-Newsletter
- Talks and Workshops
- Social media
- Keen To Be Green Partnership
- Schools and Youth

DID YOU KNOW?

Fingal funded **67 Environmental Workshops** to schools and Communities in 2024.

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Behavioural Change

Educate people about the negative impacts of littering and encourage them to adopt more responsible behaviour through educational programmes.

Educational Programmes

Ensure a variety of education programmes are delivered across society in Fingal under the following headings:

Environmental Protection

Littering harms wildlife, pollutes waterways and degrades natural landscapes. Education helps people to understand these environmental impacts, fostering a greater appreciation for and commitment to protecting the environment.

Public Health

Litter can attract pests and is a health hazard. Educating the public about these health risks can lead to better waste management practices, reducing health hazards in communities.

Community Aesthetics

Clean, litter-free areas improve the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, making them more pleasant places to live, work and visit. Education can instil pride in maintaining a clean community.

Economic Benefits

Litter cleanup is costly. Reducing litter through education can save public funds, which can then be redirected to other community projects and services.

Community Involvement

Education can empower community groups and residents to participate in litter prevention initiatives, fostering a sense of collective responsibility and cooperation.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping and fly-tipping is a major issue facing Fingal County Council in terms of litter prevention. We also recognise that Enforcement plays a key role in tackling Illegal dumping, but equally see education and communications working in conjunction with enforcement. We will continue to promote the awareness campaign for householders to highlight the problem of unauthorised waste collectors. Householders have legal responsibilities relating to waste and litter management; all households must have a waste collection provider in place to collect their household waste. The awareness campaign includes cinema and radio advertisements and notices in Fingal County Council publications. consider the use of billboards throughout the county to increase awareness of this campaign.

We will also put a strategy in place on the requirements to have a waste collection provider for landlords and residents of multi-occupancy residences throughout the County. The illegal dumping of tyres is an on-going problem throughout the County. We will promote the Repak ELT Tyres compliance scheme on our website and through social media.

Leaf Litter

Every year large quantities of leaf litter can have unexpected negative consequences such as clogging drains and gutters which can lead to flooding and damage. Road Sweepers are used to clear the footpaths and roads of leaf litter however Communities in Fingal are encouraged to apply for leaf mould cages under our 'Leaf Mould Cage' Initiative to collect, tidy up and compost leaf litter in our estates and communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the leaf mould cage initiative began in 2021, we now have over **500 leaf cages** in communities all across Fingal.

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Gum and Litter

Fingal County Council annually participates in the National Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT), a joint initiative between the gum industry and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. This initiative aims to encourage the public to dispose of their gum responsibly in a bin. The GLT campaign has been developed to incorporate a set of integrated initiatives including education and awareness raising measures to ensure the greater visibility of the €150 fine for littering and reminding people that incorrectly disposed of chewing gum is actually litter. The Council will continue to support this campaign and work with Tidy Towns groups to expand its reach.



Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is an ongoing issue for promoting a clean environment throughout Fingal. We recognise the value and importance of dogs to their owners, but it is imperative that dog fouling is seen as a socially unacceptable activity. We recognise needs of others in the community, particularly the elderly and children, to have public spaces which are safe and clean for rest, relaxation, recreation, and play. The Council wants to engage and work with dog interest groups and dog walkers across the County to prevent dog fouling.

The Council will continue to provide dog waste bags to Keen to Be Green Community Centres, dog friendly cafes and vets, in order to encourage responsible dog ownership. Online social media campaigns and poster campaigns in community centres will be utilized to create awareness of the dangers of dog fouling. Fingal Dog Wardens are now authorised to issue fines under the Litter Pollution Act.



Encouraging the correct disposal of Cigarette Butts and Vapes

There has been a marked increase in this kind of litter since the last Litter Management Plan. The Council will create a bespoke webpage dedicated to showing the impacts of cigarette butts as a form of litter and how vapes can be recycled safely.

There is a large gap in awareness regarding cigarette butts and vapes as a form of litter. To address this, the Council has created a promotional awareness campaign on the impact of butts and vapes on the environment and how they can dispose of these items correctly.



Other awareness campaigns will focus on responsible disposal of e-cigarettes and vapes through Fingal's two recycling centres and European Recycling Platform (ERP) battery collection networks.

Community Clean Ups

We will continue to support local clean-up campaigns. The Environmental Awareness Officer supports local communities, groups, and businesses with materials such as posters, litter pickers, bags and offers input on the environmental implications of certain types of litter. Through the Operations Department, we can also arrange to have bags of litter collected after the clean-up has taken place. The Council will meet with residents/community groups to identify areas where action is needed and provide practical assistance to improve their area.

Shore to Sea

The pilot 'Shore to Sea' Project launched in 2024 and aims to raise awareness on the importance of clean gullies for marine life. It focuses on the serious harm of cigarette butts being thrown away and the damage that does to water quality.

Schools and Community Groups are encouraged to contact environment.education@fingal.ie if they are interested in signing up to the project.



DID YOU KNOW? Fingal funded **39 Anti-litter, Anti-graffiti projects** in 2024.

Businesses and Litter Prevention

Supporting businesses in Fingal with litter prevention involves a multi-faceted approach to foster a cleaner environment and promote community well-being. Businesses can be encouraged to participate in local litter campaigns by providing them with resources such as litter pickers, promotional materials, and educational workshops on waste management. The Environmental Awareness officer with continue to collaborate with local businesses and support regular clean-up events in partnership with Fingal's Chambers. The Litter Warden will visit businesses to offer information and assistance in relation to their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act.



Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant

We will continue to part-fund the annual Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant. Lots of different projects are initiated by members of Community Groups all over Fingal. Activities can include litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate Action, and Communications.

We will ensure to promote funded projects by community groups and utilize www.fingal.ie to share community initiatives and share good practice and ideas.

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Estuary Recycling Centre Swords: Education Room

The Environmental Awareness Officer will continue to utilize the education room in the Estuary Recycling Centre, Swords and offer this space to community groups, schools to host workshops on litter prevention and give educational tours of the centre.

E-Newsletter

We will continue to promote the Environmental Awareness bi-monthly newsletter which is sent via email to over one hundred community groups, Tidy Towns committees, sport clubs and businesses to engage public interest in Fingal County Council environmental events and initiatives promoting litter and waste management. This will provide a chance to strengthen relationships with key community members, which supports collaboration on key litter issues such as discarded gum, cigarette butts and clean-ups.

A sign-up function will be added to www.fingal.ie

Media Campaigns

The Litter Management Section will initiate a Litter Management Campaign which will run over the course of this Plan and will include a variety of seasonal litter prevention messages to members of the public/businesses/visitors across all mechanisms including social media platforms, newsletters, radio adverts, bus stop adverts etc.

Keen To Be Green Partnership

We will continue to support the Keen to Be Green Programme and the Fingal Community Facilities Network. We will endeavour to create support and fund ten annual Green Festivals to promote and engage local residents in litter prevention.

Adopt-a- Patch

We will continue to promote the Adopt-a- Patch scheme, in which local groups and residents can adopt parts of beaches, bring banks and litter hotspots. Community groups and resident associations are encouraged to identify litter hotspots and with support from the Environmental Awareness Officer and Operations team, organize clean ups and planting to deter future littering.

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Schools and Youth

Fingal has a higher than national average population of young people under eighteen. Therefore, we recognize the importance of environmental literacy and education regarding Litter and Waste in supporting young people to foster lifelong environmental stewardship. It is crucial for several reasons:

Environmental Protection
Teaching young people about litter helps them understand how waste harms ecosystems, wildlife, and natural habitats.

Healthy Habits
Early education on proper waste disposal fosters lifelong habits of environmental stewardship, continuing into adulthood.

Community Pride
Understanding litter's impact on the local community can inspire pride, leading to cleaner, safer, and more attractive areas.

Peer Influence
Educated youth can influence peers and family, spreading awareness and encouraging broader commitment to reducing litter.

Connection to Nature
Teaching about litter fosters a deeper connection to nature, encouraging love and respect for the natural world.

Global Awareness
Litter education instils understanding of global waste issues like ocean pollution and climate change, promoting responsibility.

Actions

Green Schools Programme

Fingal County Council will continue in its co-ordination role for the Green-Schools programme. We aim to maintain the high participatory rate for primary level, second level and educational facilities in Fingal and to expand into schools which are not yet accredited. Our Environmental Awareness Officer will continue to liaise with schools and the wider local community to promote and spread our litter prevention message.

School Newsletter

Teachers and School management will be informed of litter prevention programmes, events, and materials via newsletter. The Environmental Awareness Officer will also support teachers with any queries they may have.

Talks and Workshops

The Environmental Awareness Officer will continue to facilitate and fund numerous school workshops across the county supporting local schools with litter prevention ideas and materials.



DID YOU KNOW?

Fingal supported 133 schools in the **Green Schools Programme** in 2024 with 29 new Green Flags awarded across all themes.

Fingal supported 39 schools in the **Composting for Schools Programme** in 2024.

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Objective 3: Operations

Objective

Littering is the most visible form of environmental pollution that is encountered by the people of Fingal – it impacts those who live, work, and visit our County. Our main objective is for Fingal to be litter free so that it can be enjoyed by everyone.

Actions

Maintenance of standard street bins & solar compactor bins throughout the county.

Prepare a detailed daily street-cleaning schedule to include litter picking and emptying of bins. This will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it is still suitable and effective to maintain a high standard of cleanliness throughout the County.
Increase cleaning and litter picking schedules at beaches/parks and other recreational areas during the summer season and the provision of additional bins as required.

Target cleaning activities at litter black spots and known dumping locations. Illegal dumping and fly-tipping is an ongoing issue throughout Fingal. Cleaning crews will continue to clean up areas where rubbish bags, bulky waste, furniture, construction and demolition wastes, tyres and hazardous waste material are dumped. The crews will liaise with the Litter Wardens with a view to identification and prosecution of offenders.

Maintain the current street cleansing fleet which is comprised of 6 small street sweepers, 5 larger street sweepers and 3 cycle lane sweepers. During the Autumn and Winter months, three additional units are hired which are capable of picking up leaf litter.

Fleet requirements will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are adequate for the level of operations required throughout the county.

Work with the local community to prevent litter and support community initiatives and community clean-ups. Litter bags to be given to community groups and collected following a clean-up.

Prepare, implement, and monitor a bin-replacement programmes throughout the County for damaged bins which are no longer fit for purpose.

Review and assess requests that come in for additional bins at locations across the County.
Manage waste in open green spaces and other amenity areas to ensure these areas can be enjoyed safely by our residents.

Log litter complaints on the CRM (Customer Relationship Management) System on a daily basis to track and action litter complaints/ notifications and to prioritise same. The public are encouraged to include as much detail as possible when reporting a littering incident.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently over **200** Solar compactor bins & **895** standard street bins across Fingal.

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Beaches, Rivers & Estuaries

- Beaches are litter picked daily and raked once per week during the bathing season which runs from June to September. Additional bins are provided during this period.
- Litter picks and clean-ups will be targeted at rivers and estuarine areas more regularly. The frequency of litter picks will be increased in the summer months, and will continue all year around, as resources allow.
- We will continue to actively support community clean-ups of rivers, beaches, and the marine environment.
- We will ensure that there are sufficient litter bins positioned at appropriate locations along river and coastal walkways and marine recreational areas.



Graffiti

Fingal County Council will continue to implement the current graffiti removal policy which is to remove tagging and other graffiti from public areas where requested through the CRM system.

We are currently exploring running a scheme to allow graffiti artists and youth organisations to use utilities boxes in urban areas as controlled spaces for street art.

Fingal County Council will endeavour to support projects which provide graffiti artists with dedicated spaces to create modern urban art in such a way that enhances the environment throughout the County.

The Environmental Awareness Officer currently supplies recycled paints free of charge to Tidy Towns and other groups. Paint can be made available to others groups who have access to an appropriate space.

In relation to graffiti on utility cabinets, Fingal County Council logs these complaints when reported and liaise directly with the utility provider to request that they clean up their property. Recent improved reporting systems have been made between Fingal County Council and these utility providers.

Fingal County Council are in the process of tendering for a contractor to remove graffiti on all FCC owned traffic cabinets.

Any graffiti on bins that are reported are logged on our CRM system and appropriate maintenance is carried out when the schedule allows.

Community Involvement

The Operations Department works with local resident groups such as Tidy Towns Groups throughout the county and assist in their efforts to keep their areas clean with the provision of equipment such as litter pickers, bags, hi-vis jackets, gloves etc.





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Objective 4: Enforcement

Objective

Enforcement is an integral part of litter management in Fingal and our Litter Wardens are authorised officers under the Litter Pollution Act 1997. Enforcement measures are necessary to target individuals and groups who openly and blatantly ignore the law.

Litter Wardens play a pivotal role in ensuring those that disregard the law in relation to littering and illegal dumping are brought to justice. They are at the front line of enforcement against litter and their skills, experience and diligence are vital in this regard. They also work with businesses, schools and at Council events throughout the County in an educational capacity, advising on legal obligations in relation to preventing litter.

Our Dog Wardens have now been authorised under the Litter Pollution Act to issue fines for dog fouling in Fingal.

Actions

Maintain a strong Litter Warden presence throughout Fingal – ensure that our Wardens are visible to the public.

Increase the provision of the Litter Warden service to a 7-day service and increase the number of Litter Wardens

Prosecute litter offenders and work with An Garda Siochana and other relevant agencies.

CCTV – undertake covert surveillance operations at litter blackspots throughout the County to identify offenders and assist with prosecutions.

Work with the business community in Fingal to make them aware of their responsibilities with regards to litter prevention and protecting the environment

Ensure that all fines are paid and where no payment is received, ensure that legal prosecutions are initiated in a timely manner.

Ensure action is taken against individuals/ businesses for the erection of unauthorised signage.



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SUMMARY

Fingal County Council will continue to engage with all stakeholders including residents, business owners and Visitors in Fingal over the course of this Litter Management Plan and work together to keep our beautiful county clean and free of litter and to provide education and raise awareness on the damage litter is causing our environment.

The Litter Management Section will initiate a Litter Management Campaign which will run over the course of this Plan and will include a variety of seasonal litter prevention messages to members of the public/businesses/visitors across all mechanisms including social media platforms, newsletters, radio adverts, bus stop adverts etc.

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Useful links:

Fingal County Council	**www.fingal.ie**
Litter.ie	**www.litter.ie**
An Taisce/Green Schools Programme	**www.antaisce.org**
Tidy Towns	**www.tidytowns.ie**
Environmental Protection Agency	**www.epa.ie**
Irish Business Against Litter	**www.ibal.ie**
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications	**www.gov.ie/decc**
National Waste Collection Permit Office	**www.nwcpo.ie**

Contacts:

The Environment Department are responsible for Litter Enforcement which includes the provision of litter wardens, litter pollution investigations, court prosecutions. **Environment@fingal.ie**

The Environmental Awareness Officer is responsible for Environmental Awareness and Waste Prevention programmes. **Environment.education@fingal.ie**

The Operations department look after street cleaning, management of bins and the recovery and recycling facilities.

Balbriggan/Lusk/Rush/Swords Operational Area	**Balswooparea@fingal.ie**
Howth/Malahide Operational Area	**Howmaloparea@fingal.ie**
Blanchardstown/Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Operational Area	**Casmuloparea@fingal.ie**



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Appendix 1: Implementation and Monitoring of the Litter Management Plan 2025-2028

Litter Prevention and Control

Implementation	Monitoring	Lead Departments	Timeframe
Ensuring that there are enough bins across the county	Continuously monitor the locations of high general littering reports and public demand	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Increase the number of solar powered Bins in high usage areas	Monitor the Roll out programme	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Ensure provision of sufficient number of litter Wardens and increase operational hours to include 7day p/week service	Ongoing training, regular reviews of daily patrol areas and we endeavour to increase in visibility of litter wardens to the public	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Recycling banks for glass, cans, and textiles available	Annual reviews of the Bottle/textiles banks to ensure they are fit for purpose and review requests for additional areas to be covered	Environment	Per Annum
Ongoing monitoring of our two recycling centres and increase in hours	Increasing the opening hours of our Coolmine Recycling centre to be in line with our Estuary centre	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Introducing the use of CCTV footage to monitor hot spots for littering	Identifying areas in the county that would benefit having CCTV to identify offenders and act as a deterrent	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Continue to support anti-litter and anti-graffiti grants	Support local communities in combating littering and graffiti by empowering communities with resources to contribute to the overall well-being of Fingal	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Raising awareness and education on Litter and waste	We plan to raise awareness and educate the wider community of the benefits of a cleaner Fingal. This will be a priority over the duration of the Litter management plan.	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Commencement of a pilot Fingal Reusable Cup Project	Monitor public engagement and continually promote this initiative	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Signage	Review requests for new or replacement signage throughout the county.	Environment & Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028

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Community Engagement, Education and Awareness

Implementation	Monitoring	Lead Departments	Timeframe
Encourage a Behavioural Change in society	Educate people about the negative impacts of littering and encourage them to adopt more responsible behaviour through educational programmes	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Introduce a variety of education programmes across the Fingal society	Start educational programmes that include the subjects of Environmental protection, public health, Community Aesthetics, Economic Benefits and Community Involvement	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Raise awareness for householders to be aware of unauthorised waste collectors	Increase the awareness campaign against unauthorised waste collectors by doing advertising on radio, in the cinema and on billboards	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Encourage the community to properly dispose of gum and litter	Continue use the GLT campaign and work with tidy towns	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Increase the awareness of dog fouling fines	Ensure more visibility of the fines that come with dog fouling and work with dog interest groups and dog walkers across the county	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Encouraging the correct disposal of Cigarette butts and vapes	The council will create a dedicated cinema ad campaign, we have also introduced where the normal recycling of batteries will now include disposable vapes	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Continue to promote Adopt-a-patch Scheme	Encourage local groups and resident to adopt parts of beaches, bring banks and litter hotspots with support from our environmental awareness officer and operations	Environmental Awareness/ Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Continue to support local clean-up campaigns	We will continue to supply local communities, groups, and businesses with the resources to enable them to launch clean-up activities	Environmental Awareness/ Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Supporting businesses in their efforts to become more environment aware	Encourage businesses to partake in educational workshops, participate in local litter campaigns	Environmental Awareness/ Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Utilize the education room in the Estuary recycling Centre	Offer this space to community groups and schools for workshops	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Promote the Environmental Awareness bi-monthly newsletter	We will continue to send out the newsletter to its existing subscribers and continue to campaign to get more	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Facilitate and fund talks and workshops	Facilitate and fund community workshops supporting residents with litter prevention	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Use social media to garner a greater Environmental Awareness	Endeavor to post content highlighting the efforts of everyone involved in local clean up events	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Foster a lifelong environmental stewardship in our youth	We will continue our various programmes, talks and workshops in school	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Initiate Litter Management media campaigns	Campaigns will include seasonal litter prevention message to members of the public/businesses/visitors across various social media platforms	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028

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Operations

Implementation	Monitoring	Lead Departments	Timeframe
Maintain our standard and solar bins	Ensure the regular emptying and maintenance of the Bins	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Increase cleaning and litter picking at beaches and parks	Provide a daily route to maintain a high standard of cleanliness	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Target Black Spots and known Dumping locations	Cleaning crews will continue to strive to keep the county clean	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Maintain our street cleansing fleet	Review fleet requirements and add additional units if needed	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Supply Communities with litter resources to combat litter buildup	Work with the local community to prevent litter and support community initiatives	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Maintenance of Beaches, Rivers & Estuaries	Continue to daily serval these areas to keep them free of Litter	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Graffiti Removal	Exploring the idea of running a scheme to allow graffiti artists to have controlled spaces for street art, like the Balheary skate park. Continue/monitor reporting line with utility providers for cleansing of utility cabinets. Commence new contract for cleansing of FCC infrastructure.	Environmental Awareness/ Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Continue to work with tidy Towns groups throughout the county	Assist their efforts to keep their area clean	Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028

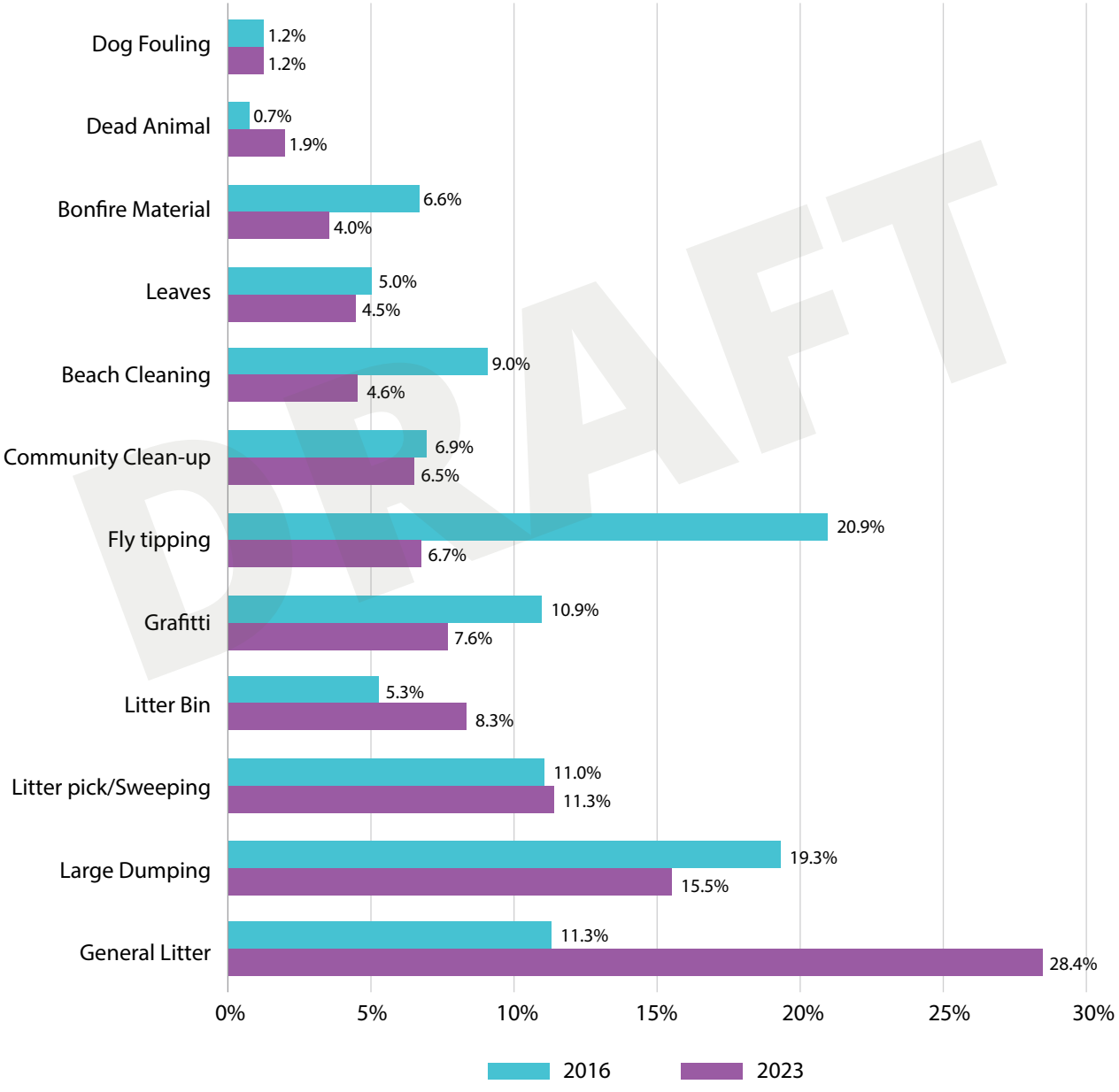
Enforcement

Implementation	Monitoring	Lead Departments	Timeframe
Maintain a strong Litter Warden Presence	Ensure our Wardens are visible to the public	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Increase the provision of the Litter wardens	Increase the service to a 7-day service	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Prosecute offenders	Issue litter fines and work with an Garda Siochana	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
CCTV	Undertake covert surveillance operations	Environment/ Operations	Ongoing 2025-2028
Work with the business community	Raise awareness among businesses of their responsibilities involving waste	Environmental Awareness	Ongoing 2025-2028
Ensure Fine payment	When fines are not paid, we will initiate legal proceedings in a timely manner	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Unauthorised Signage	Ensure action is taken against individuals/businesses	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028
Direct Prosecutions	Proceed to direct prosecution for any repeat offences	Environment	Ongoing 2025-2028

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Appendix 2: Review/Highlights of Litter Management Plan 2019 – 2021

The Below chart shows the comparison between the CRM figures for the common Types of Litter in 2016 (in the previous Litter Management Plan) to the latest figures we have in 2023.



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Litter Prevention and Awareness: Highlights from the 2019-2021 Plan



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PREVIOUS LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

139 Primary and Post Primary schools registered with the Green Schools Programme across Fingal County

Green-Schools
An Taisce

Picker PALS

93% Primary schools registered with the Picker Pals Litter Programme across Fingal County



150 Talks and workshops on litter prevention facilitate and funded by the Environmental Awareness Officer

6 Green Festivals

Organised in conjunction with the Community Department and Fingal Facilities Network

FINGAL's keen to be GREEN Facilities



100 Recipients to bi-monthly newsletter highlighting litter prevention programmes campaigns and events

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Litter Prevention and Awareness: Highlights from the 2019-2021 Plan

Schools and Youth Programmes 2019-2021

1. Green Schools
139 primary and post primary Green-Schools registered in Fingal County Council. Since 2019, 19 Schools have achieved their litter and waste flag in which Green School Committees tackle the prevention of litter in their schools and wider communities through peer to peer learning, presentations and organized clean ups. The Environmental Awareness Officer is tasked with assessing Green Schools for flag eligibility, and also provides support and guidance on litter management and prevention.

2. Picker Pals Programme
93% of primary schools across Fingal are participating in the Picker Pals programme which drives behavioural change through litter picking challenges, learning activities and curriculum based resources.

3. Composting for Schools
This programme supports school communities to manage their litter and waste. The programme uses the Sustainable Development Goals as a framework to support schools to manage and reduce their landscape and food waste and to save costs on waste management. Over twenty schools across Fingal have taken part in this programme and teachers are supported through site visits, workshops and a bespoke online educational resource.

4. Provision of talks and workshops
The Environmental Awareness Officer visited and funded numerous school workshops across the county supporting school management with litter prevention measures and providing resources and materials to students.

Community Groups 2019- 2021

Contributions were made by local community groups, residents associations, Tidy Towns groups and the wider public in their efforts to keep Fingal Clean. We extend our thanks to these groups for their continued hard work and local advocacy.

Fingal County Council held meetings and worked with all Tidy Town Committees annually. In addition, Operations Department staff members meet with members of Committees during the year to discuss ongoing and proposed projects. The Environmental Awareness Officer also frequently meets with groups to discuss campaigns, funding projects and materials needed for clean ups etc.

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1. Community Clean Ups

The Council continually supports local clean-up campaigns. The Environmental Awareness Officer supports local communities, groups and businesses with materials such as posters, litter pickers, bags and offers input on the environmental implications of certain types of litter. The Council can also arrange to have bags of litter collected after the clean-up has taken place. The Council will meet with residents/community groups to identify areas where action is needed and provide practical assistance to improve their area.

Several Community Centres across Fingal now serve as hubs for Community Clean Up kits:

- Mulhuddart Community Centre, Church Rd, Buzzardstown, Dublin Mountview Youth and Community Centre, Lohunda Downs, Coolmine, Dublin 15
- Ongar Community Centre 15 Ongar Distributor Road, Ongar Village, Dublin 15, D15
- Donabate Portrane Community & Leisure Centre, 3 Portrane Rd, Ballalease North, Donabate, Co. Dublin
- Baldoyle Community Hall, Main St, Baldoyle, Dublin 13,
- Flemington Community Centre, Hamlet Ln, Balbriggan
- Our Balbriggan Main Office, Georges Square, Balbriggan
- Applewood Community Centre, Castleview Lawn / Bunbury Gate Road, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Holywell Community Centre, Holywell Ave, Holywell, Swords, Co. Dublin
- Rivervalley Community Centre, River Valley Rd, River Valley, Swords, Co. Dublin

2. Newsletter

A bimonthly newsletter is sent via email to over 100 community groups, Tidy Towns committees, sport clubs and businesses to engage public interest in Fingal County Council environmental events and initiatives promoting litter and waste management. This has provided a chance to strengthen relationships with key community members, which supports collaboration on key litter issues such as discarded gum, cigarette butts and clean-ups.

3. Greener Community Competition

The Greener Community Competition aims to make the County a cleaner, greener place to live. In 2019 Greener Community Awards were awarded to numerous community groups, highlighting their achievements.

4. Keen to be Green

Fingal's 'Keen To Be Green' Project is a collaboration between Fingal County Council's Community Development Office and Environment Department and the Fingal Community Facilities Network. Launched in 2021, the Keen to be Green programme supports the Community Facilities network across the County to take action to become more sustainable. As part of the programme, six 'Green Festivals' have been hosted in community centres. These festivals featured interactive talks and materials to engage local communities in the prevention of litter.

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5. Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant

The Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant is run every year by Fingal County Council. Lots of different projects are initiated by members of Community Groups all over Fingal. Activities can include: litter clean ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, introducing areas for biodiversity in places prone to litter and dumping and awareness campaigns for litter and cigarette butt disposal. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Environment, Climate Action and Communications. Over fifty community groups- and schools across have received funding to tackle litter in their communities since 2019.

6. Adopt-a- Patch scheme

Through the Adopt-a- Patch scheme, over one hundred groups across Fingal adopted parts of beaches, bring banks and litter hotspots. Community groups and resident associations are encouraged to identify litter hotspots and with support from the Environmental Awareness Officer and Operations team, organize clean ups and planting to deter future littering.

7. Dog Fouling & Green Dog Walkers Initiative

Green Dog Walkers is a regional programme involving most of the Local Authorities in the Leinster area. It is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling. Green Dog Walkers is a community-based scheme which volunteers in the community can adopt in their own area and promote.

Dog Fouling bags were made available to local residents in collaboration with community centres. Over five thousand bags have been distributed.

8. Solar Compactor Bins

We have installed over 200 Solar Compactor Bins across Fingal over the period of the previous plan.

9. Water Refill Stations

We have installed 33 bottle refill stations across Fingal over the period of the previous plan.

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Appendix 3: Water Refill Station locations

Bottle refill point location	Installation Date	Usage (Litres)	Plastic bottles saved
Porterstown park	2021	1,571	3,140
Porterstown Park Athletics track	2023	1,836	3674
Millennium Park	2020	50,636	101,272
Hartstown Park	2020	30,385	60,770
St. Catherines Park	2020	22,185	44,370
St. Catherines Park	2020	23,171	46,342
Malahide Demesne	2019	77,153	154,306
Newbridge Demesne	2020	24,660	49,320
Santry Demesne	2020	51,438	102,876
Howth	2018	86,931	173,862
Ward River Valley 1	2023	64,944	129,888
Ward River Valley 2	2023	55,421	110,841
Beechpark	2024	N/A	N/A
Garristown Playground	2024	N/A	N/A
Howth Playground	2024	N/A	N/A
		490,331	**980,661**
Waterville Park	Installed late 2024		
Ongar Park	Installed late 2024		
Tyrellstown			
Kettles Park	Installed late 2024		
Racecourse Park Baldoyle	Installed late 2024		
Mill Pond Park Balbriggan	Installed late 2024		
Lusk Recreational Hub	Installed late 2024		
Holywell Park	Installed late 2024		
Velvet Strand	Installed late 2024		
Paddys Hill Park Portmarnock	Installed late 2024		
Portrane Green	Installed late 2024		
Skerries Skate Park	Installed late 2024		
Skerries Community Centre	Installed late 2024		
Kenure Woods Rush	Installed late 2024		
Glebe Park Balrothery	Installed late 2024		
Bremore Recreational Hub	Installed late 2024		
Swords Manor Sports Pitches	Installed late 2024		
Millers Glen Park	Installed late 2024		

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Appendix 4: Waste Disposal and Recovery Facilities in Fingal





Area	Location	Glass	Can	Textiles
Balbriggan	Church Car Park (Peter & Paul)	✓		✓
Balbriggan	Glebe North Football Club	✓	✓	
Balbriggan	Millfield Shopping Centre	✓		
Balbriggan	O'Dwyers GAA Club	✓	✓	
Balbriggan	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Baldoyle	Red Arches Road	✓	✓	✓
Balgriffin	Fingal Cemetery	✓		✓
Ballyboughal	Ballyboughal Pitch and Putt	✓	✓	
Barnageeragh	Barnageeragh Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Clonsilla	Beechpark			
Coolmine	St Peregrines GAA Club	✓	✓	✓
Blanchardstown	Shopping Centre	✓		
Blanchardstown	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Donabate	Beach Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Donabate	Portrane Community Centre	✓	✓	
Donabate	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Dunsink	Elmgreen Golf Club	✓		✓
Howth	Marina Car Park		✓	
Howth	Carrickbrack Road	✓		✓
Littlepace	Littlepace Shopping Centre	✓	✓	
Loughshinny	Loughshinny Community Centre	✓	✓	
Lusk	Skerries Road Ardgillan Junction	✓		✓
Lusk	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Malahide	Beach Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Malahide	Castle Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Malahide	Bridge Club	✓		
Naul	Church Laneway	✓	✓	
Oldtown	Oldtown Public House	✓	✓	
Portmarnock	Sports & Leisure Centre	✓	✓	✓
Portmarnock	Beach Car Park	✓	✓	✓

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Area	Location	 Glass	 Can	 Textiles
Portmarnock	Golf Links Road	✓	✓	✓
Porterstown	Mick Walsh Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Porterstown	Millenium Park	✓	✓	✓
Porterstown	Sports Ground Car Park	✓	✓	
Portrane	Portrane Square	✓	✓	✓
Roselawn	Tesco Car Park	✓	✓	
Rush	South beach Car Park	✓	✓	✓
Rush	St Catherines Estate	✓	✓	
Rush	Tesco Car Park	✓	✓	
Skerries	South Strand Opposite of Bob's Casino	✓	✓	
Skerries	Skerries Mills	✓	✓	
Skerries	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Sutton	St Fintan's Cemetery	✓	✓	✓
Sutton	Supervalu Car Park	✓	✓	
Swords	Swords Manor	✓	✓	✓
Swords	River valley Scouts Hall	✓	✓	✓
Swords	Watery Lane Depot	✓	✓	✓
Swords	Liam Rogers Community Centre	✓	✓	✓
Swords	St Colmcilles GAA Club	✓	✓	
Swords	Estuary Recycling Centre	✓	✓	✓

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Appendix 5: Findings Report on Stakeholder Engagement Workshops

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Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received to the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028

July 2025

Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel and Sports Department, Fingal County Council

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Introduction

1. Purpose of the Report

Fingal County Council has prepared a Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028. The Draft Plan sets out our objectives for preventing and managing litter in Fingal. The Plan is action-based and focuses on a four-pillar approach with the overarching objective of a consistently cleaner environment for the people of Fingal through:

- ◊ **Litter Prevention and Control**
- ◊ **Community Engagement, Education and Awareness**
- ◊ **Operations**
- ◊ **Enforcement**

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, notice of the preparation of the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028, was given on Wednesday 26th March 2025. Submissions or observations with regard to the Draft Plan were invited for a period of 6 weeks, from Thursday 27th March 2025 to Wednesday 7th May 2025, inclusive.

In accordance with the requirements of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, this Chief Executive's Report summarises and details the outcome of the Public Consultation process on the Draft Litter Management Plan, as follows:

- lists the persons, organisations or bodies who made submissions or observations on the Draft Litter Management Plan;
- summarises the issues raised by the persons, organisations or bodies in the submissions or observations;
- gives the response and recommendation of the Chief Executive to the issues raised; and
- outlines any proposed modifications to the Draft Plan, on-foot of the Public Consultation process.

This Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received will be submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration at the Council meeting to be held on Monday, 7th July 2025. A presentation on the Draft Litter Management Plan will be given at the Climate Action, Biodiversity, Environment Strategic Policy Committee on Tuesday, 24th June 2025 and to Elected Members of all 3 Area Committees in June 2025.

At the July 2025 Council Meeting of Fingal County Council, the Elected Members must decide by resolution, whether to:

- adopt or
- adopt, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority Litter Management Plan.

Following adoption of the final local authority Litter Management Plan 2025 - 2028 by the Elected Members, the Council will publish the final plan. The Litter Management Plan shall have effect for a period of three years from the date on which it is adopted by the Elected Members.

2 The Public Consultation Process

2.1 Outline of the Public Consultation Process

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, the Draft Litter Management Plan underwent statutory public consultation, from Thursday 27th March 2025 to Wednesday 7th May 2025, inclusive. Section 12 states that in making the local authority Litter Management Plan, a local authority shall:

1 (a) publish in one or more newspapers circulating in its functional area a notice of proposal

(b) Consult with such voluntary and representative bodies as the local authority deems appropriate concerning the steps which the local authority and the bodies that agree to participate in the consultations are to take in connection with the plan

(2) A notice of proposal under *subsection (1)(a)* shall indicate

a. whether the proposal is to make, amend or replace a litter management plan,
b. that a copy of a summary of the proposed plan, amendment or replacement plan, as the case may be, may be obtained from the local authority free of charge, and
c. that written submissions made to the local authority in relation to the proposed plan, amendment or replacement plan will be taken into consideration by the local authority before the plan is made, amended or implemented.

(3) A local authority, in its absolute discretion, may permit any person who has made submissions referred to in *subsection (2)(c)* to make oral presentation on the submissions to, or to discuss specific proposals with, the local authority.

(4) After considering the submissions referred to in *subsection (2)(c)* and any discussions referred to in *subsection (3)*, the local authority may, as the case requires, make and implement the litter management plan, make and implement such amendment to the plan or implement such replacement plan as the local authority deems appropriate in the circumstances.

(5) As soon as possible after the making, amendment to or replacement of a litter management plan under this section, the local authority concerned shall publish and distribute the plan, amended plan or replacement plan, or a suitable outline thereof, as widely as possible in its functional area to such extent as will, in its opinion, give adequate publicity to the plan.

(6) An outline referred to in subsection (5) shall indicate -

(a) the extent and purpose of the plan

(b) the methods by which the plan is proposed to be implemented, and

(c) the place where copies of the plan may be obtained

2.2 Elements of the Public Consultation Process

Before the Draft Litter Management Plan was published, stakeholder engagement workshops were carried out to develop the Draft Plan, as follows:

- 1 x Elected Members Stakeholder Engagement workshop was held in County Hall, Swords on 4th February 2025
- 1 x Public Stakeholder Engagement Workshop held in County Hall, Swords on 17th February 202
- 1 x Public Stakeholder Engagement Workshop held online on 19th February 2025

The Draft Litter Management Plan public consultation process involved the following key elements:

The draft plan, was physically on display at the following locations:

- County Hall, Swords
- Blanchardstown Civic Office

- Balbriggan Library
- Blanchardstown Library
- Donabate Portrane Library
- Garristown Library
- Howth Library
- Malahide Library
- Rush Library
- Skerries Library
- Swords Library

Written submissions could be made through one of the following two options:

- Electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal https://consult.fingal.ie/
- In writing to the Administrative Officer – Litter Management Section, Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin (Postcode K67X8Y2).

Media:

- A social media campaign over X, Instagram and Facebook was carried out over the six-week public consultation period. Total impressions of posts by Fingal County Council's Communications Unit amounted to over 9,700.
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Platform	Number of Posts	Impressions
Instagram	3	1761
X	3	2298
Facebook	3	5715

- A notice of the public consultation was advertised in the Northside People East and West on Wednesday 26th March 2025 with details on how to make submissions, including viewing availability of hard copies of the Draft Plan.
- A notice of the public consultation was published on the Fingal County Council website on the Thursday 27th of March 2025 with details on how to make submissions, including viewing availability of hard copies of the Draft Plan Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2027 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

Engagement with Stakeholders:

The following groups and stakeholders were engaged with and notified of the opening of the public consultation. Each group was encouraged to place a submission.

- Elected Members
- PPN
- Chomhairle na N'Óg
- Age Friendly
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
- Fingal Chamber/Malahide Chamber/Balbriggan Chamber
- The Fingal Sports Partnership

3 Details of the Submissions

3.1 Introduction

A total of 14 valid submissions and observations were received, the breakdown of which is as follows:

Submission Type	**Number**
Online Portal Submissions	12
Posted / Handed Submissions	2
Total Submissions	14

All valid submissions and observations were read, analysed and summarised. An overview of issues raised is provided in Section 3.3. The categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive's (CE) response and recommendations, is contained in Section 4.

Note: The headings relating to the categorisation and summary of issues raised, together with the Chief Executive's response and recommendations, follows that of the headings of the Draft Litter Management Plan.

3.2 List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made Submissions.

Appendix 1 lists the persons, organisations and bodies that made written submissions. Each submission has been assigned an independent reference. A link to each full submission is also available in Appendix I.

3.3 Summary of Issues Raised in Submissions

There were 14 valid submissions and observations received for the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan; these were read, analysed and summarised. A total of 70 broad issues / comments were identified from the 14 submissions and observations received. Full summaries of all of the issues raised in the submissions and observations are set out in Section 4, together with the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive. Issues have been summarised under the relevant heading in Section 4 of this report.

Table 3.3 sets out the number and percentage of broad issues that were raised according to the relevant section, subsection of the Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Heading	**No. of Issues Raised**	**% of Issues Raised**
Introduction	1	1%
Legislation	1	1%
Evaluation	17	25%
Responsibilities	5	7%
Litter Prevention and Control	21	31%
Education and Awareness	3	4%
Community Engagement	5	7%
Operations	5	7%
Enforcement	12	17%
Total	**70**	**100%**

Table 3.3: Submission Issue Breakdown

3.4 Chief Executive's Responses and Recommendations

The Chief Executive has prepared a response and recommendation under the relevant Section / Submission heading of the Draft Litter Management Plan. The listing and format of the categorisation, summary and responses to issues raised, follows the document structure of the Draft Litter Management Plan.

This Chief Executive report examines issues raised in the submissions and observations, in the context of their relevance to the purpose and scope of the Draft Litter Management Plan, seeks to incorporate new/additional provisions where they are relevant to the purpose of the Plan and its implementation.

In the interests of clarity, issues raised in submissions and observations that:

- do not sit within the scope of the Draft Litter Management Plan;
- go beyond its scope but lie within the scope of the local authority;
- go beyond the functions of the local authority; and/or
- are not directly related to the provisions of the Draft Plan;

will be subject to general commentary where appropriate and may not be considered further to help inform the provisions or actions of the final Litter Management Plan.

4. Categorisation, Summary and Responses to Issues Raised

Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028 – Public Consultation Submissions/Observations

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, notice of the preparation of the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028, was given on Wednesday 26th March 2025. Submissions or observations with regard to the Draft Plan were invited for a period of 6 weeks, from Thursday 27th March 2025 to Wednesday 7th May 2025, inclusive.

A total of 14 valid submissions and observations were received, the breakdown of which is as follows:

Submission Type	Number
Online Portal Submissions	12

Posted / Handed Submissions	2
Total Submissions	14

All 14 submissions and observations received for the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan were read, analysed and summarised. A total of 70 broad issues / comments were identified from the submissions and observations received. Full summaries of all of the issues raised in the submissions and observations, together with the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive are detailed below.

The Submissions and observations were broken down into 9 categories as follows:

1. Introduction
2. Legislation
3. Evaluation of main litter challenges
4. Responsibilities
5. Education and Awareness
6. Litter Prevention and Control
7. Community Engagement
8. Operations
9. Enforcement

4.1 Submissions on Introduction to Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Ref Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
Fin-C809-13	The draft recognises the impact of the deposit return scheme but suggests it hasn't made an impact on the overall quantity of litter. This is hard to understand; has other litter increased to fill the void?	The Deposit Return Scheme has resulted in a reduction in the amount of litter resulting from cans and plastic bottles. The IBAL survey also noted that whilst coffee cups are down, they are still present at 1 in 5 of the sites surveyed. Other items of litter remaining high include chewing gums and cigarette butts.	No Change to draft plan

4.2 Submissions on Legislation of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
Fin-C809-11	Clear outline of plan appreciated	Noted	No Change to draft LMP

4.3 Submissions on Evaluation of main litter challenges of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-3	On the question of discarded chewing gum perhaps FCC, together with other local authorities, can take the lead in encouraging central government to impose a special tax on the sale of gum which could be used for educational and cleanup purposes, IE "The Polluter Pays principal" which is at the core of EU environmental policy. Additionally, perhaps the local authority could take additional initiatives such as encouraging retailers not to sell gum in their areas (In Singapore the sale of gum is outlawed). We believe much could be done to improve the appearance of our villages, towns and cities by the removal of gum from our public areas. But it will take actions to bring this about. We suggest working with the National Gum Litter Task Force could achieve these aims	Fingal County Council work with the Gum Litter Task Force via the Environmental Awareness Officer role and annually hold Anti-Gum litter awareness/prevention promotional days. The imposition of a tax on chewing gum is outside the scope of the litter management plan and the powers of a local authority, this would be a matter for central government to regulate. It is also not within the remit of Fingal County Council to advise retailers what they can/cannot sell in their businesses.	No Change to draft LMP
FIN-C809-3	I could talk for hours about the scourge of graffiti as I find it very	In relation to utility cabinets owned by ESB	Change to Draft LMP:

	objectionable and oppressive, especially in a residential environment. We in CTT have made it one of our top priorities over the past seven years. We believe strongly in the "broken window theory" whereby if a broken window is not replaced speedily, it encourages further windows to be broken whereas if it is promptly replaced the likelihood of other broken windows greatly reduces. We have proven this theory definitively here in Castleknock as we have removed hundreds of pieces of graffiti over the past seven years and have found that only about 3 percent of locations have suffered from repeat graffiti. We find most graffiti is random, opportunistic and seldom targeted. Our efforts have been hugely successful. It's a constant struggle and requires significant effort, especially in an urban environment, but it pays handsome dividends. We consider Castleknock, in the main, to be graffiti-free and sticker-free, quite a remarkable achievement. Most of this work has been carried out mainly by our volunteers with some help from FCC but much more assistance is needed please. Apparently due to their limited resources we struggle to get FCC to keep even their own installations, such as litter bins and traffic light control cabinets etc., graffiti-free/sticker-free. In fact, we have frequently had to remove graffiti and stickers from	Networks, Eir, & Virgin Media, Fingal County Council logs these complaints when reported and liaise directly with the utility provider to request that they clean up their property. Following recent engagement with these 3 providers we have established better communication with regards to reporting these issues and the utility company taking responsibility to address them accordingly. In regards the FCC infrastructure such as traffic control cabinets there is a project in hand which is listing all of the FCC owned traffic cabinets countywide and a tendering for a contractor to remove any graffiti on these accordingly. Any graffiti on the bins that is reported is logged on our CRM system and appropriate maintenance carried out when the schedule allows.	Additions to LMP under Obj 3. - Operations - Graffiti to incl. liaising with Utility Providers/Ops Project on FCC infrastructure/Graffiti on bins

	FCC installations as they have not done so themselves on a timely basis. We find that it can often work against us when we remove graffiti from FCC traffic control cabinets as the Dublin Canvas Scheme of painting the cabinets is then not available to us. This is clearly counterproductive and the rules need to be changed please. We have a number of ideas about the Dublin Canvas Scheme and would welcome an opportunity to discuss them please. We believe, as the local authority with responsibility for the upkeep and appearance of the public realm, FCC should be leading by example by keeping on top of the graffiti scourge and set a top standard for utility companies and others with street-side infrastructure to follow. Sadly it appears this is not the case and it doesn't appear to be a matter of priority for FCC and we at CTT earnestly seek this to be addressed in the Draft Plan please. After all if FCC is not maintaining their own installations they can't expect others such as ESB Networks, Eir, An Post and Virgin Media etc to maintain theirs.		
FIN-C809-3	Stickers are a reasonably new nuisance and Vape Stickers a particularly common problem - the vape manufacturers must be pursued by the councils to change the packaging on their products. The stickers are a huge issue for FCC (and indeed CTT).	This is outside the scope of the litter management plan and the powers of a local authority; this would be a matter for central government to regulate. No change to	No Change to draft plan

	Vape stickers need to be designed out of the packaging similar to how the plastic bottle tops can no longer be separated from the plastic bottles or cartons. The design of the bottle tops was changed universally, and the problem of discarded bottle tops has now been solved. A similar initiative should be pursued with the vape stickers.	the litter management plan recommended	
FIN-C809-3	By way of background information CTT has been operating an extremely successful Election Poster-Free Zone (PFZ) initiative for the past few years and receives the support of the majority of candidates and parties for which we are very grateful. However, following every election and referendum CTT is left with the significant task of removing many hundreds of single use plastic election poster cable-ties from poles throughout our area outside of the PFZ which are left behind by candidates. It's impossible to identify which candidates are at fault as, unlike election posters, there is no requirement to brand every plastic cable-tie with any sort of reference number or colour code to aid the process. We believe this should be addressed at national level, but it needs to be driven at local level firstly by the local authority. We will be making a submission on this matter to The Electoral Commission in the next few weeks. Disappointingly we	The Litter Management Section does not have a remit regarding the display of Election Posters nor the removal of posters/cable ties. We will include an information piece in the Litter Management Plan on Election Posters/Litter Fines.	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges - Did you know information bubble on Election Posters

	consider the Draft FCC Litter Management Plan does not address the issue of election posters and cable-ties with any proposed solutions. Across Fingal (and in other areas of Dublin) so many unsightly cable-ties still remain on poles.		
FIN-C809-3	Upcycling centres such as Coolmine should be interesting places to go. In the UK each recycling centre has a small 'shop' area where suitable items rescued (from both the containers or from the people dropping off stuff) are given away freely or at a nominal cost. Items like vases, ornaments, books, small furniture items like desks /bookshelves /coffee tables etc. are on offer. People love to go 'to the tip' to see if they can find something interesting. This inspires more passing on of preloved items rather than those items being sent to landfill or being illegally dumped. Effectively the way the recycling centres are set up here encourages people to break items down into their constituent elements rather than nudging them to recycle in a more sustainable way by passing the item on for future use by someone else. As a Castleknock Tidy Towns initiative we set up in October 2022 a hugely successful Castleknock Community Cycle Facebook site which has almost 4,000 members and resulted in over 21,000 items so far being saved	The Council encourage local community groups such as Tidy Towns to set up Community Pages for pre-owned and unwanted Items - this is a great example of circularity. There are no current plans for this type of facility at either of our recycling centres. The Council do however, through the Environmental Awareness Section run a number of schemes to include recycling of instruments through the Replay Instruments Project, recycling of paint and repair and recycling of bikes which are then distributed for reuse in the Community.	Change to Draft LMP: Text included under Graffiti re: availability of recycled paint (from recycling centres)

	from landfill. It shows the potential for recycling and reusing.		
FIN-C809-3	We suffer here in Castleknock, along with all other areas of Fingal, with unauthorised postering by commercial companies advertising their services in the public realm. Often their posters are stuck up on traffic poles and are a distraction to motorists.	Anyone who wishes to display posters/signs/flags for an event etc. must apply to Fingal's Operations Dept. for a temporary advertising licence. The terms of the licence only allows for applicants to erect posters/signs etc. at appropriate locations for a max period of 3 weeks. With each application that is granted, the Litter Wardens are notified of the locations for monitoring purposes. If the poster etc. remains in place after the approved period, is it considered litter and the Environment Enforcement section will then proceed with fining the applicant accordingly.	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges - Unauthorised Signage - additional text added re: Direct Prosecutions
FIN-C809-3	We have frequently informed FCC Environment Department of the offenders and requested appropriate action be taken to remove their posters and ensure they don't reoffend and in the event of a recurrence they are dealt with appropriately under the law. Unfortunately, we don't receive an acknowledgement or response from environment and we continue to see repeated violations by the same offenders	It is acknowledged that unauthorised signage is an issue across Fingal. The Litter Wardens will issue fines for unauthorised signage where the signage is on public property and where the owner of the sign can be identified. The Litter Wardens do not remove signage. Over the period of the new Litter Management Plan, it is proposed to look at	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges - Unauthorised Signage - additional text added re Direct Prosecutions

	so it appears as if no action has been taken.	additional ways the Local Authority can address this issue. The Litter Management Section will respond to all complaints received.	
FIN-C809-3	We have frequently reported one commercial company with branches throughout Dublin who are prolific serial law breakers whose main advertising modus operandi is sticking up their posters with sticky tape on public and private property in high footfall locations all around the county and indeed the city. The company has been vandalising property in this way continuously for many years now and still continues to this day. This is unacceptable and extremely disheartening for us given our substantial voluntary efforts to keep our area looking it's best. We earnestly believe a much more active approach by FCC Environment Department (Litter Warden) is needed and would be beneficial. For example, some procedures and protocols could be improved so that when the public advise Environment Department about an issue they should always receive an acknowledgement and a case number for follow up. They should then be advised what action has been taken and the results of that action, this just doesn't happen unfortunately.	It is acknowledged that unauthorised signage is an issue across Fingal. The Litter Wardens will issue fines for unauthorised signage where the signage is on public property and where the owner of the sign can be identified. The Litter Wardens do not remove signage. Over the period of the new Litter Management Plan, it is proposed to look at additional ways the Local Authority can address these issues. The Litter Management Section will respond to all complaints received.	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges - Unauthorised Signage - additional text added re Direct Prosecutions

FIN-C809-3	In contrast when we deal with FCC Operations Department, we always promptly receive an acknowledgement, case number and follow up response. It is a pleasure to deal with them and we always feel they are working with us for the benefit of our community to make Castleknock a better place to live and enjoy. Sadly, this is generally not the case with Environment Department and we hope this can be rectified in the future please and hence why we have included this item here in our submission.	The Environment Department will respond to all complaints.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-3	We consider the amount of €35,000 in fines imposed seems astonishingly low given the enormous annual spend of €10 million, the size of the area covered in Fingal and the cost of providing litter wardens. Especially given just how many opportunities we can see for issuing fines even within Castleknock, where we are regularly reporting fly posting, illegal stickers and dumping etc . Perhaps there are not sufficient Litter Wardens to issue and pursue the fines? Also, we would encourage increasing the basic fines. The minimum fines are not a sufficient deterrent.	Recruitment of additional Litter Wardens to take place in 2025 which will increase enforcement countywide. The Litter Wardens issue fines where evidence of littering/illegal dumping is available. This may include evidence that the Litter Wardens find whilst on patrol or evidence submitted by a Third Party who must complete a witness statement and be willing to attend Court if necessary. Unfortunately, evidence is not always available. The monetary value of litter fines is set in legislation under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and is not within the remit of the Local Authority to amend.	Change to Draft LMP: Under Responsibilities 'What Can I do', text added re: Witness Statements/evidence

FIN-C809-3	In our view the Draft Plan does not link up the idea of Sustainability with Litter strongly enough. People are much more interested in the topic of sustainability now. That message is finally getting through. Recycling and composting bins need to be called out in the plan to greater effect. A banana peel is highlighted as taking 2 years to biodegrade. However, there appears to be no specific mention of the brown bins in the Draft Plan.	The LMP will be updated to include information on segregating waste to include compost bins/recycling bins. Environmental Awareness Campaigns will take place regularly throughout the year. Under the EU (Household Food Waste and Biowaste) Regulations 2015, the Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009 and the FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2020, households and commercial premises are required to segregate their waste. Waste collectors are required to offer a 3 bin service to households and commercial premises - black, green and brown bin, to facilitate and encourage the segregation of waste and help increase recycling rates. FCC actively enforce the food waste regulations and the Waste Bye-Laws which have been identified as a national waste priority.	Change to Draft LMP: Text included under Waste Enforcement Section re: segregation of bins and associated legislation.
FIN-C809-11	Howth is proudly claimed by Fingal as "The Jewel of Fingal" but it is rarely clean. This is because the gutters and footpaths in the village and seafront need to be MANUALLY AND REGULARLY SWEPT. They	The Operations Department assign cleansing operatives to Howth on a daily basis. This includes litter picking, road sweeping, footpath and cycle lane	No Change to draft plan

	are always littered with cigarette butts, cigarette packet, plastic bottles and chewing gum. No amount of road sweeping lorries fulfilling Fingal CRM assignments can magic their way behind and in between permanently parked cars!	sweeping, gully cleaning, emptying of public bins and maintenance of the public realm. The large road sweeper carries out 2 no. sweeps per week; the mini-sweeper cleans roads and cycle-lanes daily; hand-sweeping and litter picking is carried out daily and on request; and gullies are cleared seasonally and upon request.	
FIN-C809-10	As volunteers we are regularly working in the village, on the seafront and around The 4 Loop Paths and Cliff Walks. Only once I have seen a Litter Warden's van and the Litter Warden. This was about 18 months ago at 9am of a Sunday morning on The West Pier. He parked his van and went into Daybreak for a coffee. He then drove down the end of The West Pier where he drank the coffee in his van. Why was a Warden present at such a quiet time- when there is no one around to warn or indeed fine? He would have been more gainfully employed sweeping the gutters and footpaths to keep our much visited seafront and village clean of cigarette butts, takeaway trays etc.	The current Litter Warden service operates Monday to Friday with weekend overtime optional. Recruitment of additional Litter Wardens to take place in 2025 which will increase enforcement countywide. The new Litter Warden Service schedule will include mandatory weekend operational hours.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	One of our Howth Tidy Towns Volunteers who keeps Howth clean of graffiti has researched the actual fines given out by Fingal to the public and written into Fingal to request that FINES MUST BE GIVEN IN ORDER TO	Recruitment of additional Litter Wardens to take place in 2025 which will increase enforcement countywide. The Litter Wardens issue fines where evidence of	No change to draft plan

	CHANGE NEGATIVE PUBLIC BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS LITTERING & DUMPING	littering/illegal dumping is available. This may include evidence that the Litter Wardens find whilst on patrol or evidence submitted by a Third Party who must complete a witness statement and be willing to attend Court if necessary. Unfortunately, evidence is not always available.	
FIN-C809-12	Live reporting and blackspot maps: I'd like to see a public-facing map where people can report litter blackspots. Not just for enforcement — it's also about making the system more responsive to what's actually happening on the ground.	Locations of Litter Complaints received are recorded on a heatmap on the internal Litter App. This is not available to the public however it is used to inform the Litter Management Section of the areas with the highest levels of littering and illegal dumping and to be prioritised for CCTV if suitable. It is not intended to make this map available to the public as it is dependent on a consistent definition of litter and littering.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-12	Caught on Camera-style campaigns: I support using social media to show when dumping is being investigated — for example, "Do you recognise this car?" That kind of messaging, done legally and respectfully, reminds people they're being watched and that there are consequences.	Fingal County Council is rolling out a program of CCTV to deal with litter and waste enforcement throughout the county, that will be approved by the newly established CCTV and mobile Recording Devices Oversight Board and the Chief Executive, under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions	Change to Draft LMP: Additional text on CCTV added under Litter Prevention & Control - CCTV

		Act 2022. The location of the CCTV cameras will be based on evidence of ongoing illegal dumping and littering in an area and will be reviewed after 5 years. There will also be a more direct campaign highlighting areas of illegal dumping and the effect of these. The collection and use of any images / footage containing PII (Personal Identifiable Information) must be compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018 (Ireland) and GDPR requirements.	
FIN-C809-12	Plan fails to engage with or even properly recognise the problem of takeaway food and drink packaging. This is a massive issue in some of our towns, such as Howth, and the need to engage with the businesses to find a more sustainable solution has been raised many times at our Area Committee. It should have a clear actions to address this. Important aspects of this include the nature of the food/drink packaging waste being created (some types are very bulky and fill a bin in minutes), the difficulties for the Council in emptying bins particularly late on summer evenings and whether the businesses will take responsibility for emptying bins and other clearing up after their customers, and the sustainability	The Litter Management Service engages with businesses regarding their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the requirement in the Act for businesses to keep the area in the vicinity of their business free from litter. The Litter Management Section will introduce walking patrols in the town centres, with regular interaction between Litter Wardens and local businesses. Fingal County Council in collaboration with Tidy Towns, VOICE Ireland and VYTAL (social enterprise) have launched a pilot 'Reusable Cup Campaign' in Rush and Malahide	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges, Responsibilities 'What Can I Do' Change to Draft LMP: What can I do for Businesses - text added re: Increased LW visits to Businesses Information on Fingal reusable Cup Project

	of the production and consumption system.	with the aim of eliminating disposable (single use) cups in those areas. It is hoped to roll out this project countywide on a phased basis.	

4.4 Submissions on Responsibilities Section of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-7	FCC Operations Department is responsible for street cleansing including provision/maintenance of litter bins and removal of litter, unauthorised signage and graffiti etc. FCC Environment Department is however responsible for litter wardens and enforcement of litter laws. The draft report states only €35,000 in fines and penalties were issued to offenders for the entire Fingal area in 2023- a paltry sum given over €10.6 million was spent on litter management and cleaning costs. Currently, in my experience, this separation of roles is not working to best effect. I suggest it would be beneficial if Operations Department was made responsible for litter wardens and enforcement of litter laws instead of Environment Department. This would give Operations Department end to end responsibility for litter management by maintaining the cleanliness of the public realm	Noted	No Change to draft plan

	and enforcing the laws supporting this objective.		
FIN-C809-11	Writing a Litter Management Plan that is not delivered is a waste of taxpayers' money.	All actions in the Litter Management Plan will be delivered over the course of the Plan. Different actions have different timelines. The Litter Management Section proposes to deliver a Litter Management Campaign over the period of the Plan that will focus on key areas such as businesses, unauthorised signage, litter hotspots/CCTV etc.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	The gutters, streets and pathways are either clean or dirty. Older residents in Howth recall when 2 Council men were employed to sweep the village and seafront, and they were proud to keep Howth clean. This was 20 or so years ago.	The Operations Department assign cleansing operatives to Howth on a daily basis. This includes litter picking, road sweeping, footpath and cycle lane sweeping, gully cleaning, emptying of public bins and maintenance of the public realm. The large road sweeper carries out 2 no. sweeps per week; the mini-sweeper cleans roads and cycle-lanes daily; hand-sweeping and litter picking is carried out daily and on request; and gullies are cleared seasonally and upon request.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	The Litter Wardens must be visible to the public.	The Litter Wardens wear branded clothing and drive branded vehicles. It	No Change to draft plan

		is intended to increase walking patrols within our towns/villages/beaches to increase the visibility of the Litter Wardens. Following the recruitment of additional Litter Wardens, it is intended to increase patrol hours to cover evenings and weekends.	
FIN-C809-11	Fines must be handed out to prevent littering and dumping	The Litter Wardens issue fines where evidence of littering/illegal dumping is available. This may include evidence that the Litter Wardens find whilst on patrol or evidence submitted by a Third Party who must complete a witness statement and be willing to attend Court if necessary. Unfortunately, evidence is not always available.	Change to Draft LMP: Under Evaluating Main Litter Challenges Responsibilities 'What Can I do', text added re: Witness Statements/evidence

4.5 Submissions on Education and Awareness of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-11	Education happens by effective, visible role modelling and action	There are many Educational Programmes delivered annually to local schools/community groups by the Environmental Awareness Section. It is agreed that education by	No Change to draft plan

		action is a good model for change.	
FIN-C809-11	No amount of money spent on giving talks in schools, community groups will work if children and their parents do not:_ 1. See a Litter Warden on patrol 2. See their parents or neighbours get a fine for littering or dumping	From our experience, educating young children on environmental issues and encouraging schools to put their learnings into practice is an effective way to bring about change. Children are eager to learn and do the right thing and this is then brought into their home and family environments and put into practice there. Recruitment of additional Litter Wardens to take place in 2025 which will increase visibility and enforcement countywide. Fines can only issue based on evidence and/or witness statements received. Incidents of littering/illegal dumping are generally found after the fact and therefore hard to pursue.	Change to Draft LMP: re: evidence/witness statements to issue fines.
FIN-C809-12	Education and Signage: We need to keep backing school programmes and expand poster campaigns, perhaps a design a poster campaign for primary schools.	There are many Educational Programmes delivered annually to local schools/community groups by the Environmental Awareness Section. We are trialing a dog fouling poster campaign in Malahide in the Autumn and if deemed effective,	No change to draft plan

		this can be rolled out to additional schools.	

4.6 Submissions on Objective 5.1 Litter Prevention and Control

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-4	As a Tidy Towns Association, we are picking litter seven days a week in Lusk. We have to do this as Fingal County Council do not collect any litter in Lusk. As a community we are acutely aware of the litter black spots in Lusk and leave multiple blue bags of litter at specific locations each week.	Operations provide a six day week service in the area and pick up after the tidy town groups.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-4	We have requested litter bins from Fingal County Council at these specific locations, but they consistently refuse to install litter bins. They state that "the area does not meet the criteria" or "a bin is not required at this location", despite the fact that we have sent them multiple photos over prolonged periods of time demonstrating the need for litter bins.	Some areas are not suitable for bins due to the width of footpaths.	Change to Draft LMP: Text included under Litter Prevention & Control - requests for bins will be assessed on a case by case basis
FIN-C809-4	We have asked FCC what the criteria is for a litter bin multiple times; when we eventually got an answer, we were told "close proximity to a shop or school". Two of the locations where we requested a bin were opposite a shop, yet they still wouldn't install a litter bin.	Operations do not place bins near shops but will be located further down the road. Responsibility of the shop owner to provide bins outside his shop and maintain bins.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-4	It's ironic that FCC will consistently stop their trucks to	If areas can be identified, Operations will review.	No change to draft plan

	collect the blue bags of litter that we have collected in these "litter black spots", yet they can't collect the very same blue bag from an actual litter bin.		
FIN-C809-4	Tidy Town Associations across Fingal do so much work on behalf FCC, yet they treat us like second class citizens. They should be supporting the work we do in the community and the fact that we can't even get something as basic as a litter bin is incredibly demoralising.	Fingal County Council appreciate the efforts of Tidy Towns Groups across the County in assisting to keep their areas clean and tidy. The Councill assist TT Groups where possible and within available resources from our Environment/Operations /Community Departments.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-4	Another issue we have with FCC Operatives is that they don't collect the litter before they cut the grass in our parks and open green spaces in Lusk. Therefore, they are full of shredded litter, tin cans and broken glass. They need to train their staff to collect the litter first, rather than mowing over it, as it creates such a mess, which we often have to clean up.	Grass operators check the areas & pick litter in advance of cutting	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-5	I am part of the tidy towns for Lusk and pick up litter regularly, there are not enough bins to help with litter control in the town. Please can more be provided.	Operations will check if extra bins required and list these for consideration for future provision of bins.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-6	There are not enough litter bins in Lusk to help in preventing litter, especially in spots identified by the local cleaning groups or Lusk Tidy Town as a littering hot spots.	Operations will check if extra bins required and list these for consideration for future provision of bins.	No Change to draft plan

FIN-C809-7	I live in the Seatown Park area of Swords and make use of the many beautiful areas of nature nearby to enjoy walks with my dog. I've noticed a distinct lack of bins or considerable distance between them while on said walks. Along with my comments I have attached a map which shows current bin locations in grey boxes and suggested new (additional) bin locations in green Xs. My first suggestion relates to a walk I (and many others) often take along the Broadmeadow Estuary. While there are bins at the entrance to Lissenhall Drive and one after the roundabout joining Estuary Road, for those walking from the Fingallians footbridge direction across the Seatown Park back green, there is a fair gap in opportunities to responsibly dispose of waste. I'm suggesting the addition of a bin at the Seatown Road/Estuary Road junction and another at the entrance to Newcourt or at the base of the Fingallians footbridge (this latter option may be more challenging from a safety perspective for Operations staff).	The Seatown/Estuary Rd junction will be reviewed. If a bin is deemed warranted at this location, Operations will provide one. Entrance to Newcourt is directly opposite Fingallians GAA Club and this bin would unfortunately be targeted as a dumping ground for the disposal of domestic waste. Bins in other areas near playground have been moved due to this domestic waste litter issue.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-7	The second area I have noticed that would benefit from additional bins is the Balheary Park. The first bin I come across is at the Ward River bridge (near basketball court) and if I follow the path along the Ward and then Balheary River I won't come across another until I join the Balheary Road near to the National Museum premises. and	Entrance to Newcourt is directly opposite Fingallians GAA club which unfortunately may be targeted as a dumping ground for domestic waste. Bins have been moved in other areas it was found that domestic waste was being disposed of, in	No Change to draft plan

	I think this area would benefit from a bin at the second bridge over the Ward River (near the Montessori) and as mentioned one on the Seatown side of the Fingallians footbridge.	these bins. There are already 3 bins in Balheary Pk, which is more than adequate.	
FIN-C809-7	I see a lot of dog bags thrown in bushes and takeaway coffee cups strewn about after matches (which I think should be addressed by the clubs playing and not only the Council but may be a valuable outreach opportunity	Disposable (Single use) Cups are an issue. In Ireland over 22,000 disposable cups are sent to landfill/incineration every hour (200million annually)Fingal recently launched our pilot 'Fingal Reusable Cup Project' in Malahide and Rush and the aim of that is to eliminate disposable cups in these locations by encouraging the public to bring their own reusable cup or to borrow a reusable cup from a retailer making it a circular project. The aim is to roll this out across Fingal. Communications in each area will be made with all Community Groups/Schools/Clubs etc. The Environment Section previously placed dog poo bag dispensers across the county at locations frequented by dog walkers however we have had to withdraw this service as it was being abused. It can be very difficult to catch a dog fouling offense in	Change to Draft LMP: Paragraph added under Single Use Plastics Directives on Fingal Reusable Cup Project

		action as all fines must be evidence based. In order to try and improve on this, Fingal have now authorised our Dog Wardens to issue fines under the Litter Pollution Act whilst on patrol. Fines can also issue upon receipt of evidence and a witness statement received from members of the public.	
FIN-C809-8	Lusk needs more litter bins to help with litter prevention and control. It is shocking how much litter there is around the Lidl area and the only bin serving the whole of this area is next to children's playground.	This is a new area which was taken in charge last year. Operations crews will check if there are any issues or extra bins required and will list these for consideration for future provision of bins.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	A major Tourist Destination like Howth needs to be kept clean. Dublin City Council now employs Road Sweepers on the ground. Fingal County Council can take their lead from DCC and provide the same.	The Operations Department assign cleansing operatives to Howth on a daily basis. This includes litter picking, road sweeping, footpath and cycle lane sweeping, gully cleaning, emptying of public bins and maintenance of the public realm. The large road sweeper carries out 2 no. sweeps per week; the mini-sweeper cleans roads and cycle-lanes daily; hand-sweeping and litter picking is carried out daily and on request; and gullies are	No change to draft plan

		cleared seasonally and upon request.	
FIN-C809-12	Landlords and bin contracts: In some parts of Dublin City, the Council now checks with bin companies to see which properties don't have a waste collection account. That helps them identify where illegal dumping might be happening. I think the Executive l should explore doing something similar. Landlords need to take responsibility for making sure proper waste services are in place.	The Waste Enforcement Section are currently undertaking a project to establish a waste register of households within Fingal who have a waste collection service in place through info provided by authorised waste collectors. Using a master Eircode list, a reverse register will be developed identifying households who potentially don't have a waste collection service in place for follow on investigation. Households will be contacted to confirm how they are managing their waste with door to door inspection for households who don't engage in the process. Enforcement action will be taken where households are found to be in breach of the FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2020 i.e. the requirement to participate in an authorised household waste collection service.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-12	Using CCTV with community help: The plan talks about covert CCTV, which is welcome — but there should also be room to accept dashcam or doorbell footage from residents. That's already	Fingal County Council is rolling out a program of CCTV subject to the approval of the CCTV Oversight Board, to deal with litter and waste	Change to Draft LMP: Text re: CCTV added under Litter

	happening in parts of England, and there's public support here for it too. As long as it's within legal limits, it can help catch and deter serial dumpers.	enforcement throughout the county, that will be approved by the newly established CCTV and mobile Recording Devices Oversight Board and the Chief Executive, under the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022. The location of the CCTV cameras will be based on evidence of ongoing illegal dumping and littering in an area, and will be reviewed after 5 years. There will also be a more direct campaign highlighting areas of illegal dumping and the effect of these. The collection and use of any images / footage containing PII (Personal Identifiable Information) must be compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018 (Ireland) and GDPR requirements.	Prevention & Control - CCTV
FIN-C809-12	More bins, better bins: The expansion of solar compact bins is great. Let's keep that going — especially in parks, estates, and around busy bus stops where standard bins fill quickly. I'd also suggest temporary bins in parks during good weather as a surge response to expected litter spikes.	Operations will consider new and extra bins in locations on a case by case basis, depending on the budget provision available.	Change to Draft LMP: Text added under Operations and requests for bins to be considered on a case by case basis
FIN-c809-13	The issue of an ongoing proliferation of ordinary bins in addition to solar compactor bins needs to be examined. Surely	The cost of solar compactor bins in comparison to standard bins is significantly	No Change to draft plan

	where we have compactor bins we should be able to have only compactor bins?	higher. Generally, when a solar compactor bin is installed it would replace an existing standard bin as it would be able to cope with an increased load, however there is a need for standard bins in areas to ensure adequate provision to reduce litter.	
Fin-C809-13	The management plan should address litter on beaches, and the interaction of litter management on beaches with measures to protect and encourage sand dunes.	The Litter Management Plan specifically addresses the issues of litter on beaches in the sections coverings bins, maintenance, litter wardens patrol, environmental awareness and community engagement. Environmental awareness hold beach awareness events on a number of occasions throughout the year. These events focus on litter, dog fouling, bathing and water quality.	No Change to draft plan
Fin-C809-14	There is a shortage of public litter bins in Garristown. The Community Council/Tidy Towns team advises that bins are needed near the school and at the entrance to the village from the east, along Naul Road to the Mace Shop.	Garristown – can review and provide a bin at the school . For other areas, review of footpath widths has to be taken into account	No Change to draft plan
Fin-C809-14	Signs should be erected at numerous locations to remind dog owners that they have to clean up after their dog	Dog fouling signage is erected as required throughout the county. Requests for dog fouling	Change to Draft LMP: Paragraph included under

	defecating in the public arena and bin the bag.	signage can be made to the Environment Department who will then assess the location for suitability for installation of dog fouling signs.	Litter Prevention & Control re: Signage

4.7 Submissions of Objective 5.2 Community Engagement

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-11	In 2023 The Director of Operations asked Howth Tidy Towns to send in photos of areas that needed attention re Litter Management. In April 2024 in advance of The Tidy Towns Adjudicators judging Howth, we sent in 10+ photos of areas needing constant attention. A Litter Road Sweeper Van was subsequently seen going around regularly, but obviously these vehicles can NEVER ACCESS gutters (or paths obviously) as the increasing population and visitors to the most visited town in Fingal is always full of parked cars. This ineffective response is not the result of aware, intelligent decision making within Fingal County Council.	The Operations Department assign cleansing operatives to Howth on a daily basis. This includes litter picking, road sweeping, footpath and cycle lane sweeping, gully cleaning, emptying of public bins and maintenance of the public realm. The large road sweeper carries out 2 no. sweeps per week; the mini-sweeper cleans roads and cycle-lanes daily; hand-sweeping and litter picking is carried out daily and on request; and gullies are cleared seasonally and upon request.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	The Abbey Graveyard is also often dirty and was commented on by the Tidy Towns Adjudicators.	A Council Operative is assigned to the opening and closing of the Abbey Graveyard daily. If litter	No change to draft plan

		is observed it is removed.	
FIN-C809-11	We have asked frequently for The Courthouse Slope with its beautiful wooden sculptures to be regularly cleared of detritus- NEVER has any volunteer witnessed this action being delivered. Howth Tidy Towns this year paid themselves for this slope to be cleared in April before The Tidy Towns Adjudicating starts in June	This will be listed by the Operations Department for inspection and cleaning if required.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	Howth Pathways Volunteers have also never seen a Litter Warden present on Howth Peninsula.	The Litter Warden patrols public areas of Howth to include the Summit Car Park. The Operations Department manages the Howth Cliff paths/walkway.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	To summarise Community Engagement with Fingal Dept re Litter Management is inadequate and disappointing. And it is not the fault of the Fingal Employees on the ground. They are polite and helpful. The fault lies in the Plan itself decided within Fingal by decision makers. .... the task of lifting bags out of Bruscar bins will not solve the litter problem- so give Fingal Operations' Employees meaningful tasks like sweeping and effective litter picking in graveyards etc. The results will then surely speak for themselves, and Howth will be clean!	The Public Consultation on the Draft Litter Management Plan is an opportunity for members of the public to make submissions on areas of concern regarding Litter Management in Fingal. All feedback is reviewed and considered, and where feasible/practical will be included as actions/information in the new Litter Management Plan.	No Change to draft plan

4.8 Submissions of 5.3 Operations of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-11	Please Employ Road Sweepers	The Council are actively recruiting new resources.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	Please Ensure your Litter Wardens are visible to the public in Howth	The Litter Wardens wear branded clothing and drive branded vehicles. It is intended to increase walking patrols within our towns/villages/beaches to increase the visibility of the Litter Wardens. Following the recruitment of additional Litter Wardens, it is intended to increase patrol hours to cover evenings and weekends.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	Please Enforce Fines	Legal Action is taken on fines that remain unpaid.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-11	Please respond to observations of the volunteers who gladly work on the ground in Howth and elsewhere in Fingal-the Village and Seafront are only ever clean when we have enough extra volunteers to sweep and litter pick. We are a small number -less than 25 regulars between Howth Tidy Towns and Howth Pathways and we only get extra volunteers on a few occasions yearly-such as National An Teageasc Day, Transition Year, Autism Friendly Voluntary Clean Ups etc	All submissions noted and responded to.	No change to draft plan

FIN-C809-12	Creative solutions for graffiti: Giving young people designated spaces for art can cut down on tagging elsewhere and build ownership over their local area expand the Dublin Canvass scheme.	The Environmental Awareness Officer currently supplies recycled paints free of charge to Tidy Towns and other groups. Paint can be made available to other groups who have access to an appropriate space.	Change to Draft LMP: Text added under Operations - Graffiti

4.9 Submissions of 5.4 Enforcement of Draft Litter Management Plan

Submission Reference Number	Submission Summary	CE Response	CE Recommendation
FIN-C809-1	More bins please, especially in Ongar Woods, near the park benches, rubbish everywhere, we recently took 45 bags of rubbish out of the woods, there's plenty more	This area has recently been taken in charge by the Operations department. A site meeting with the Area Inspector has been arranged with the local Ongar Tidy towns groups to discuss this matter further regarding litter, additional bins etc. in the next couple of weeks.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-1	Can we also have CCTV as there's constant dumping, Fire damage, anti-social behaviour, drinking alcohol etc.	CCTV is being reintroduced across Fingal on a phased basis subject to the approval of the CCTV Oversight Board. Areas with the highest recorded levels of littering and illegal	No change to draft plan

		dumping will be prioritised initially.	
FIN-C809-1	More sign posts and or replace the old ones	Requests for new signage and replacement of old signage will be considered on a case by case basis by the Operations/Environment Departments.	Change to Draft LMP: Paragraph included under Litter Prevention & Control re: Signage
FIN-C809-2	I think we need more Litter wardens and inspectors, it's all well and good to just clear the rubbish, enforcement is a key issue	Recruitment of additional Litter Wardens to take place in 2025 which will increase enforcement countywide.	No Change to draft plan
FIN-C809-2	I'd also recommend CCTV and more signposts	CCTV is being reintroduced across Fingal on a phased basis subject to the approval of the CCTV Oversight Board. Areas with the highest recorded levels of littering and illegal dumping will be prioritised initially. Requests for new signage and replacement of old signage will be considered on a case by case basis by the Operations/Environment Departments.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-2	And of course more bins, even the Metal ones, doesn't cost too much	This area has recently been taken in charge by the Operations	Change to Draft LMP:

		department. A site meeting with the Area Inspector has been arranged with the local Ongar Tidy towns groups to discuss this matter further regarding litter, additional bins etc. in the next couple of weeks.	Additional text re: request for Bins included under Litter Prevention & Control
FIN-C809-10	Spent lots of time now in UK and observation is that FCC (Ireland in general) are streets ahead. This is two fold and it is actions of FCC but also because civic mindedness of Tidy Towns groups and volunteers.	Fingal County Council appreciate the efforts of Tidy Towns Groups across the County in assisting to keep their areas clean and tidy. The Councill assist TT Groups where possible and within available resources from our Environment/Operations/Community Departments.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-10	The fly tipping is usually sorted quickly after reporting and having reported a number of incidents the response was good.	Fly tipping is generally acted on quite quickly once reported to the Operations department for removal.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-10	However the bug bear is the continued posting by Car scrap merchants of "We will buy your car" etc etc on FCC road signs or the back of roadsigns . Nothing seems to be done as some are there a long time.	A number of fines have been issued by the Litter Wardens in this area for placement of unauthorised signage. In order to issue a fine, Fingal County Council must obtain Company Details for those that have erected the	No change to draft plan

		signage. In the case of 'cash for cars' signage, this is not possible to obtain.	
FIN-C809-10	As there is no end of FCC vans driving around then either drivers lack observation skills or just don't report it.	A number of fines have been issued by the Litter Wardens in this area for placement of unauthorised signage. In order to issue a fine, Fingal County Council must obtain Company Details for those that have erected the signage. In the case of 'cash for cars' signage, this is not possible to obtain.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-10	As these scrap merchants provide contact details then no reason not to take action for littering.	The name of the Company must be obtained in order to issue a fine.	No change to draft plan
FIN-C809-10	A different option is FCC providing contact details of these operators in its publications / website / advertisements so that residents would at least have contact points for scrappage	Fingal County Council do not promote the use of illegal scrap merchants to the public. Fingal County Council do provide details of authorised facilities on our website www.fingal.ie	No change to draft plan

4.10 Summary of Chief Executive's recommendations for Proposed Modifications

The following provides a list of minor modifications which have been proposed by the Chief Executive, on foot of the public consultation of the Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028. The proposed modifications are listed by the relevant Draft Litter

Management Plan section heading. The list contained in this section is for ease of reference and should be read in conjunction with the full Chief Executive's Report.

Draft Litter Management Plan Section	**Proposed Modifications**
Introduction	No Changes made
Legislation	No Changes made
Evaluation	Include information on segregation of waste to Litter Management Plan under waste enforcement - Page 10 Add information regarding permission to erect posters/fines on election posters Page 15 Add text re: direct prosecutions to section on Unauthorised Signage Page 17 Add information on witness statement forms under 'what can I do and what can businesses do' section of plan Pages 18 & 19 Replace paragraph re: CCTV with update on Fingal's rollout of CCTV Programme Page 24 Add text on use of recycled paint being available free of charge to Tidy Towns and other groups. Also provide information on requesting removal of graffiti on utility cabinets and FCC infrastructure and bins. Page 32
Responsibilities	Add text re: responsibilities of public and businesses to plan. Pages 18 & 19
Education and Awareness	Add text re: witness statement forms and evidence being required if someone witnesses a litter offence. Page 18

	Add text re: litter wardens calling to businesses on a scheduled basis to remind them of their responsibilities in keeping areas outside their premises clean. Page 19
Litter Prevention & Control	Add section under Enforcement on the Fingal Reusable Cup Project. Page 13 Text under Litter Bins to include wording - All requests for new bins will be assessed under the criteria under the Council's Litter Bin policy. Page 23 Add new action and heading 'signage' under Litter Prevention and Control to cover requests for new/replacement of signage. Pages 23 & 24 Replace paragraph re: CCTV with update on Fingal's rollout of CCTV Page 24
Community Engagement	No Changes made
Operations	Add text referencing supply of recycled paints free of charge to Tidy Towns and other groups. Page 32
Enforcement	Text to be included stating requests for new bins will be assessed under the criteria under the Council's Litter Bin policy. Page23 Add new action and heading 'signage' under Litter Prevention and Control to cover requests for new/replacement of signage. Pages 23 & 24

5 Conclusions

This Chief Executive's Report on the submissions received on the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025 – 2028 during Public Consultation, is hereby submitted to the Elected Members of the Local Authority, for their consideration.

The July 2025 Council Meeting of Fingal County Council must decide by resolution, whether to:

· adopt or

· adopt, subject to such modifications as they consider appropriate, the local authority Litter Management Plan.

Taking into account this Chief Executive's Report on the Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2028 Fingal County Council Draft Litter Managment Plan 2025-2028, and the Chief Executive's recommendations, it is proposed that the Litter Management Plan be adopted by the Elected Members, in accordance with the recommendations of this report.

As soon as possible after the making of the Litter Management Plan, Fingal County Council shall publish and distribute the plan, or a suitable outline thereof, as widely as possible in its functional area to such as extent as will, in its opinion, give adequate publicity to the plan. The Litter Management Plan shall have effect for a period of three years from the date on which it is adopted by the Elected Members.

Appendix 1: List of Persons, Organisations and Bodies who made submissions:

Submission Reference	Name
FIN-C809-1	Cliff O'Neill
FIN-C809-2	Cliff O'Neill
FIN-C809-3	Declan Mescall
FIN-C809-4	Karla Piner
FIN-C809-5	Holly Breay
FIN-C809-6	Jakub Przymusinski
FIN-C809-7	Maeve Ward
FIN-C809-8	Keith O'Sullivan
FIN_C809-9	Declan Mescall
FIN-C809-10	Oliver Dennis
FIN-C809-11	Siobhan Clifford
FIN-C809-12	Councillor James Humphreys
FIN-C809-13	Councillor David Healy
FIN-C809-14	Eileen Neylon

Appendix 2: Public Notice of Draft Plan Public Consultation

Comhairle Contae
Fhine Gall
Fingal County
Council

FÓGRA MAIDIR LE HULLMHÚCHÁN DHRÉACHTPHLEAN BAINISTITHE BRUSCAIR CHOMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL, 2025-2027

Tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil Dréachtphlean Bainistithe Bruscair, 2025-2027, ullmhaithe ag Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, de bhun Alt 10 den Acht um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997.

Sa Dréachtphlean Bainistithe Bruscair, leagtar amach cuspóirí Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall maidir le bruscar a chosc agus a bhainistiú i bhFine Gall. Tá an Plean bunaithe ar ghníomhartha agus dírítear leis ar chur chuige ceithre cholún leis an gcuspóir foriomlán de thimpeallacht a bheidh níos glaine go seasmhach do mhuintir Fhine Gall, trí –

- **Cosc agus Rialú Bruscair**
- **Rannpháirtíocht Pobail, Oideachas agus Feasacht**
- **Oibríochtaí**
- **Forfheidhmiú**

Comhairliúcháin Poiblí

Beidh Dréachtphlean Bainistithe Bruscair Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar taispeáint ó 9:00am, Déardaoin, an 27 Márta go 5:00pm, Dé Céadaoin, an 7 Bealtaine 2025, sna háiteanna seo a leanas:

- ar líne ar https://consult.fingal.ie/
- i Halla an Chontae, an Phríomhshráid, Sord, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath (Eircód K67X8Y2), Luan go Déardaoin (gan Laethanta Saoire Bainc san áireamh) idir na huaireanta 9am go 5pm agus Dé hAoine, 9am go 4:30pm. Aimsigh anseo muid: https://www.fingal.ie/contact-us
- in Oifigí Cathartha, Bóthar an Gharráin, Baile Bhlainséir, D15, (Eircód D15W638), Luan go Déardaoin (seachas Laethanta Saoire Bainc) idir na huaireanta 9am go 5pm agus Dé hAoine 9am go 4:30pm. Aimsigh anseo muid: https://www.fingal.ie/contact-us
- sna leabharlanna seo a leanas de chuid na Comhairle le linn gnáthuaireanta oscailte, le linn na tréimhse comhairliúcháin:
  - Leabharlann Bhaile Brigín
  - Leabharlann Bhaile Bhlainséir
  - Leabharlann Dhomhnach Bat/Phort Reachrann
  - Leabharlann Bhaile Gháire
  - Leabharlann Bhinn Éadair
  - Leabharlann Mhullach Íde
  - Leabharlann an Rois
  - Leabharlann na Sceirí
  - Leabharlann Shoird

  Aimsigh anseo muid: https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/fingal-library-network

Aighneachtaí/Barúlacha

Iarrtar aighneachtaí nó barúlacha scríofa maidir leis an Dréachtphlean Bainistithe Bruscair ó dhaoine den phobal agus ó pháirtithe leasmhara eile. Is féidir leat aighneacht nó barúil a chur ar aghaidh idir 9:00am Déardaoin, an 27 Márta 2025 go 5:00pm Dé Céadaoin, an 7 Bealtaine 2025, ar na bealaí seo a leanas amháin:

- Is féidir aighneacht scríofa a dhéanamh go leictreonach ar Thairseach Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí na Comhairle https://consult.fingal.ie/ **NÓ**
- I scríbhinn chuig an Oifigeach Riaracháin – an Rannóg Bainistithe Bruscair, an Roinn Comhshaoil, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Taistil Ghníomhaigh, Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall, Halla an Chontae, An Phríomhshráid, Sord, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath (Eircód K67X8Y2).

Is é 5:00pm, an 7 Bealtaine 2025 an dáta deiridh a nglacfar le haighneachtaí nó barúlacha

Ná déan d'aighneacht nó do bharúlacha ach ar **aon mhodh amháin** i.e., ar líne **nó** mar chóip chrua.

Ba cheart d'ainm agus do sheoladh a bheith san áireamh le d'aighneacht nó do bharúil, mar aon le sonraí aon eagraíochta, grúpa pobail nó cuideachta srl. a ndéanann tú ionadaíocht orthu, nuair is ábhartha. Moltar do Ghrúpaí Bailte Slachtmhara, Cumainn Áitritheoirí srl. go háirithe aighneachtaí nó barúlacha a dhéanamh maidir leis an méid thuasluaite.

Cuirfear aighneachtaí nó barúlacha scríofa maidir leis an Dréachtphlean a dhéantar laistigh den tréimhse luaite san áireamh sula ndéantar an Plean.

Tabhair faoi deara nach gcuirfear aighneachtaí nó barúlacha **DÉANACHA** san áireamh. Moltar go láidir duit d'aighneacht nó do bharúlacha a dhéanamh chomh luath agus is féidir.

Tá polasaí príobháideachta RGCS Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall ar an tairseach comhairliúcháin agus beidh cóip chrua den pholasaí ag gabháil le cóipeanna crua den dréachtphlean, nuair atá siad ar fáil.

David Storey, Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse na Roinne Comhshaoil,
Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide, Taistil Ghníomhaigh, Spóirt

NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025-2027

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council has, pursuant to Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, prepared a Draft Litter Management Plan 2025-2027.

The Draft Litter Management Plan sets out Fingal County Council's objectives for preventing and managing litter in Fingal. The Plan is action-based and focuses on a four-pillar approach with the over-arching objective of a consistently cleaner environment for the people of Fingal through -

- **Litter Prevention and Control**
- **Community Engagement, Education and Awareness**
- **Operations**
- **Enforcement**

Public Consultation

The Fingal County Council Draft Litter Management Plan, will be on display from 9:00am on Thursday 27th March to 5:00pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025, at the following locations:

- online at https://consult.fingal.ie/
- at County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin (Postcode K67X8Y2) Monday to Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm.
  Find Us here: Contact Us | Fingal County Council
- at Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, D15, (Postcode D15W638) Monday to Thursday (excluding Bank Holidays) between the hours of 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm.
  Find Us here: Contact Us | Fingal County Council
- at the following Council libraries during normal opening hours, during the consultation period:
  - Balbriggan Library
  - Blanchardstown Library
  - Donabate/Portrane Library
  - Garristown Library
  - Howth Library
  - Malahide Library
  - Rush Library
  - Skerries Library
  - Swords Library

  Find Us here: Fingal Library Network | Fingal County Council

Submissions/Observations

Written submissions or observations regarding the Draft Litter Management Plan, are invited from members of the public and other interested parties. You can make a submission or observation between 9:00am on Thursday 27th March 2025 to 5:00pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025, through the following options only:

- A written submission can be made electronically through the Council's Public Consultation Portal https://consult.fingal.ie/ **OR**
- In writing to the Administrative Officer – Litter Management Section, Environment, Climate Action and Active Travel Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main St, Swords, Co. Dublin (Postcode K67X8Y2).

The closing date for receipt of submissions or observations is 5:00pm 7th May 2025.

Please make your submission or observations by **one** medium only i.e., online or hard copy.

Submissions or observations should include your name and address and, where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc. which you represent. Tidy Towns Groups, Residents Associations etc. are particularly encouraged to make submissions or observations regarding the foregoing.

Written submissions or observations with respect to the Draft Plan that are made within the period stated, will be taken into consideration before the making of the Plan.

Please note **LATE** submissions or observations will **not** be considered. You are strongly advised to make your submission or observation as early as possible.

Fingal County Council's GDPR privacy policy is on the consultation portal and a hard copy of the policy will accompany hard copies of the draft Plan, where these are available.

David Storey,
Director of Service Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel, Sports Department.

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Gazette	23x7 265mm	

Dublin Region Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027



Feidhmeannacht um Dhaoine ar Easpa
Dídine Réigiún Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin Region Homeless Executive

Introductory message from Director of DRHE



Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027

The Dublin Region Homelessness Statutory Management Group has prepared an action plan for addressing homelessness 2025-2027

I want to sincerely thank everyone who gave us their honest feedback, put forward ideas, reviewed, researched and shared their lived experiences to shape this plan. We have included a review of the previous plan as an appendix to this plan.

During the last plan we achieved some good outcomes:

- 4,248 Family households were prevented or exited to a tenancy between 2022 and 2024.
- 3,965 singles were prevented or exited to a tenancy between 2022 and 2024.
- An overall improvement in the standard of emergency accommodation.
- More accessible, better integrated, social and health services for people experiencing homelessness.

But in that same period, the number of people experiencing homelessness increased significantly. In December 2024, there were 1,511 more single adults and 646 more families in emergency accommodation than in January 2022.
A lot of public money is spent on temporary accommodation. Expenditure on emergency accommodation has risen from €194 million in 2022 to €305 million in 2024.

This plan won't end homelessness in Dublin by 2027. But, if we see through the actions successfully, it will mean that our collective efforts, elected, voluntary and statutory, are focused on what makes the most impact on reducing homelessness in the Capital.

We learned from the feedback that we need to more actively seek out customer feedback on how services are working and collectively we need to ensure we are concerned with the outcomes for people experiencing homelessness, not just reporting on activity.
We are committed to implementing this plan in its entirety and we believe it will make a real impact for people at risk of homelessness.

Mary Hayes
Director

Legislation

Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027

In accordance with Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, each Housing Authority must prepare an Action Plan to address homelessness in the administrative areas concerned by the Housing Authorities, the Health Service Executive and other bodies providing services to address homelessness.

A Homelessness Action Plan shall specify the measures proposed to be undertaken to address homelessness in the administrative area or administrative areas concerned by the housing authorities as the case may be, the Health Service Executive, specified bodies, or approved housing bodies or other bodies providing service to address homelessness or the performance of whose functions may affect or relate to the provision of such services, including but not necessarily limited to measures to achieve the following objectives:

(a) The prevention of homelessness

(b) The reduction of homelessness in its extent or duration

(c) The provision of services, including accommodation, to address the needs of homeless households

(d) The provision of assistance under section 10(b)(I), as necessary to persons who were formerly homeless, and

(e) The promotion of effective co-ordination of activities proposed to be undertaken by the bodies referred to in this subsection for the purposes of addressing homelessness in the administrative area or areas concerned.

The legislation provides for two roles. the SMG to prepare and implement the plan and the DJHCF to advise, guide and inform.

Dublin Joint Consultative Forum (DJHCF)

Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Fingal County Council, Health Service Executive, Tusla, the Homeless Network, the Irish Prison and Probation Service, CDETB and Threshold.

Statutory Management Group (SMG)

DRHE, HSE, Tusla and one representative for the 3 Dublin County Local Authorities

Homeless Network

The Homeless Network is a coalition of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) dedicated to offering support, housing, and essential services to individuals facing homelessness. The Homeless network nominates representatives to be a member of the Dublin Joint Homeless Consultative Forum and its subgroups.

Partnership

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The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), under Dublin City Council, is the lead local authority to address homelessness in the Dublin region, including South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council, and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The DRHE is responsible for coordinating the implementation of this Homeless Action Plan, managing regional service delivery, distributing Section 10 funding for homelessness services and commissioning new services.

The DRHE funds 21 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) that deliver 104 services across the Dublin Region. In addition, the DRHE oversees and finances the provision of private emergency accommodation for those experiencing homelessness.

Along with members of the Dublin Joint Consultative Forum and the Statutory Management Group, the DRHE will remain dedicated to prioritising service users in every decision-making process.

Partnership in Implementation

Addressing homelessness in Dublin relies heavily on collaboration between stakeholders. This plan is shaped through consultations with Statutory bodies, NGO service providers and service users and incorporates their contributions into the actions.

The Statutory Management Group (SMG) is responsible for agreeing annual business plans with more detail on the exact actions and role of all partners in implementation.

Prevention remains at the heart of our approach and by enhancing early interventions, strengthening tenancy supports and expanding on affordable housing solutions, our aim is to reduce the experience of homelessness throughout the life span of this plan.

The collaborative efforts between government agencies, housing providers and support provided by Non-Government Organizations, will be crucial in delivering effective support and ensuring that those that are at risk of homelessness receive the assistance they need.

Our Work

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While there is unquestionably work to do, there have been many improvements made to standards of emergency accommodation under the Quality Standards Framework over the course of the Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024.

Please see highlights below:

Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA)

In 2022, the implementation of a Quality Standards Framework to Private Emergency Accommodation (PEA) commenced. The overall strategy is to align standards and service provision within PEA service to the NGO sector. This has been achieved thus far by the following:

In October 2022, the DRHE & HSE jointly launched the introduction of an in-reach care & case management system operated by the NGOs into the PEA's. There is also a team of DCC Housing Support Officers working across the PEA sector, dedicated to promoting suitable move on options for all residents. With this in place, residents in both NGO's & PEA services are receiving wrap around supports focusing on health, addiction, employment and housing needs.

A set of 11 Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for PEA's were introduced and are returned on a quarterly basis. The KPI's cover areas such as fire safety, complaints, adverse incidents, training, exclusions & child welfare. Returns are monitored by the standards team.

In 2022, a joint project with HSE Dublin North City & County Social Inclusion Team (HSE DNCC) and Dublin Regional Homeless Executive (DRHE) devised a training programme for all PEA staff. Training modules include:

⇒ First Aid with AED
⇒ Fire Warden
⇒ Naloxone & overdose awareness
⇒ Suicide Awareness and Prevention
⇒ CPI Verbal Intervention
⇒ Trauma Informed Care
⇒ Children First E-Learning Programme
⇒ Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults
⇒ Intercultural Awareness
⇒ Equality and Diversity

Success from this training programme can be evidenced by the number of overdose and medical interventions made, as well as child safety and suicide/ self-harm interventions cited through KPI returns over the 2022-2024.

Inspections / Site Visits

There are currently 4 avenues of inspection & site visits taking place across both the NGO & PEA sector which have developed over the period of the Homeless Action Plan:

Independent Inspectorate:

The DRHE ran a tender for an Independent Inspectorate for all S.10 funded Emergency Accommodation in 2022. Eamonn O'Boyle & Associates (EOBA) were successful and commenced inspections in October 2022. EOBA Inspections cover fire safety, environmental health & food safety standards alongside general review of building condition.

There has been a total of 350 independent inspections over 2022 – 2024.

Unannounced Visits by DRHE Standards & Facilities Teams:

The DRHE Standards & Facilities Teams conduct unannounced out of hours site visits each month across all s.10 funded accommodation. Fire safety logs, staffing ratios, child safety protocols and occupancy are reviewed during these site visits.

There has been a total of 568 unannounced visits by the DRHE standards & facilities team over 2022 - 2024.

NQSF NGO Inspections:

Inspections of NGO services under the National Quality Standards Framework recommenced in 2023 following a temporary postponement due to Covid. The aim of these inspections is to ensure services are well organised, coordinated, integrated and focused on moving people out of homelessness, as quickly as possible, into long-term, sustainable housing.

NGO	2022	2023	2024	Total
NQSF	0	26	66	92
EOBA	23	75	78	176
Unannounced	58	72	104	234
PEA	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	
EOBA	21	81	72	174
Unannounced	100	109	125	334

Dublin Fire Brigade:

Dublin Fire Brigade conduct their own unannounced / announced visits on all Emergency Accommodation. Quarterly meetings held with the DRHE to discuss any issues identified or works required.

Complaints

There is a designated complaints officer within the DRHE. All complaints received are investigated by the Standards & Facilities teams and responded to within the designated time frames.

Complaints	2022	2023	2024	Total
	122	150	*233	505

***The rise in complaints is not necessarily indicative of service standards but rather reflects greater awareness of the complaint process among service users due to increased advertising efforts.**

NQSF

Upon engagement with the sector, the DRHE developed an online cyclical training series which commenced in 2024. The training series is targeted at homeless services frontline staff. Topics covered include Housing, Long Term Supported Accommodation, Homeless HAP as a move on option, post settlement supports, Health and referral pathways, day & prevention services.

Working with Rough Sleepers

The DRHE outreach team collaborates closely with the Dublin Simon Outreach team in conducting early morning engagements and coordinating bookings for individuals bedded down through the Central Placement Services. This has resulted in improved service coordination, increased uptake on emergency accommodation along with a more efficient & targeted client engagement for referrals to housing and other supportive services.

The DRHE Housing First & Outreach Team coordinates and facilitates an interagency approach between Housing First & the Outreach Team in providing a targeted approach to people who have a history of entrenched rough sleeping. This approach has yielded positive outcomes, whereby some have successfully moved into a tenancy with Housing First supports, while others have secured suitable long-term support housing solutions.

Since the introduction of the Housing First model, which is designed to assist individuals with a history of homelessness and complex needs in securing tenancies, the previous plan resulted in a notable rise in new tenancies created during the period 2022 to 2023. The number of new tenancies in 2024 reflects a pause in intake during the tendering process.

A continued interagency approach and collaboration between all service providers and stakeholders must continue to ensure needs of people roughly sleeping are met.

Year	Number of Housing First Tenancies Created between 2022-2024
2022	103
2023	156
2024	111
Total	**370**

Our Work

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As part of the governance foundation in this action plan, the DRHE will continue to create strong oversight and implementation structures around governance and to oversee that accountability structures are in place for all agencies, both statutory and voluntary, engaged in delivering homeless services.

Finance and Governance

⇒ Continued communication between the NGO/ PEA sector and the Monitoring & Standards team regarding knowledge & training needs, updates, blocks & barriers and successes.

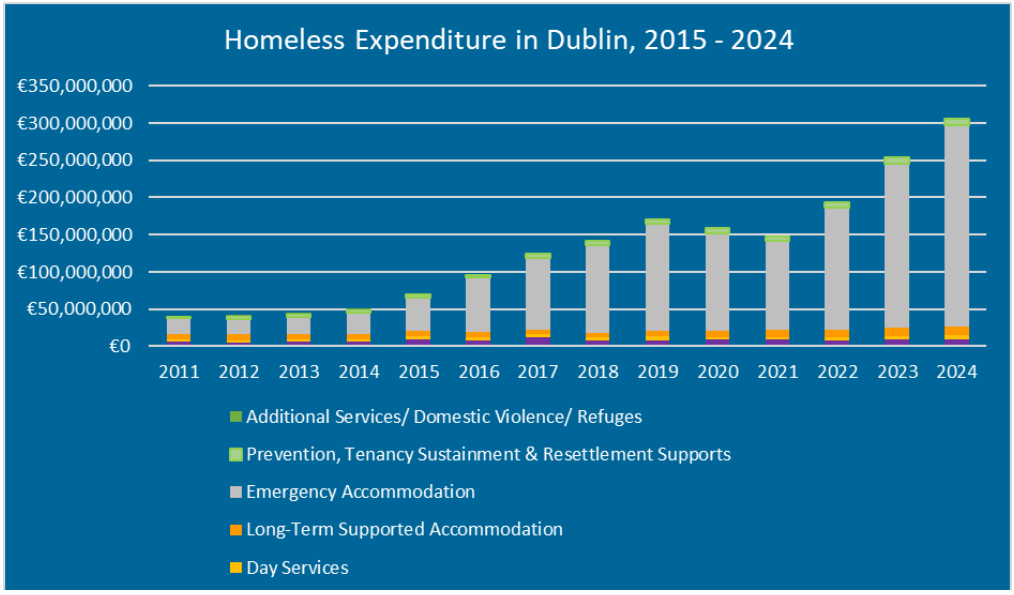
⇒ Review of SLAs to ensure a focus on service **impact** on homelessness. The DRHE will agree with all funded organisations a Service Level Agreement which specifies the services, conditions and funding of same.

⇒ The DRHE will prepare an Annual Section 10 Homeless Budget for submission to the DHLGH, in line with Dublin City Council's annual estimates of expenditure.

⇒ A key principle is ensuring a value for money approach for all the services being provided. All expenditure and recoupments to be made in line with Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circulars [1] and DHLGH's protocols.

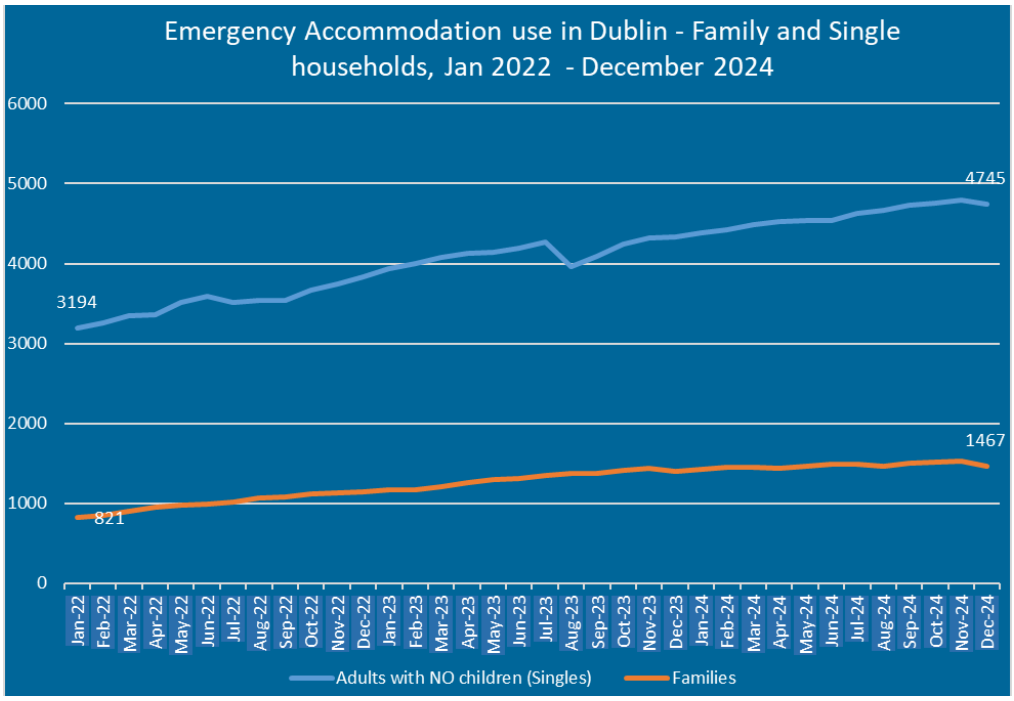
⇒ The DRHE will document the process for new service and change of service requests to align with the budgetary cycle.

Homeless Expenditure 2015-2024



Scale of Homelessness in the Dublin Region

The use of emergency accommodation in the region continues to rise, as demonstrated by consistent month-on-month increases. Between January 2022 and December 2024, the number of households in emergency accommodation grew by 2,197—comprising 1,551 additional single adults and 646 more families. These figures highlight a persistent and disproportionate vulnerability to homelessness among single-person households in the region.

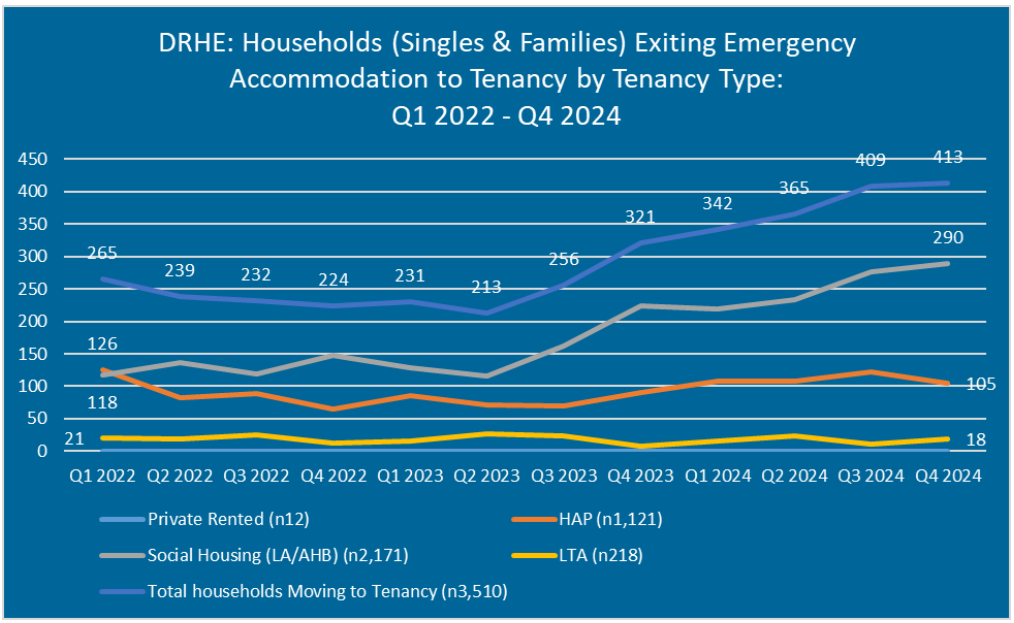


Research Projects 2025—2027

- Patterns of homeless service use 2017 – 2023
- New Families 2024 – include analysis on young families 18-24yrs and add trends reasons from 2016 –2024
- New Singles years 2021 –2024 include analysis on young Singles 18-24yrs and couples
- Aging and homelessness analysis of 65+ in EA 2023 – 2024
- Rough Sleeper data trend analysis years 2020 – 2024
- HAP Tenancy Exits/preventions Sustainability 2020 – 2023
- Singles transitioning to families in EA
- Understanding Repeat Homelessness

Exits by Tenancy Type

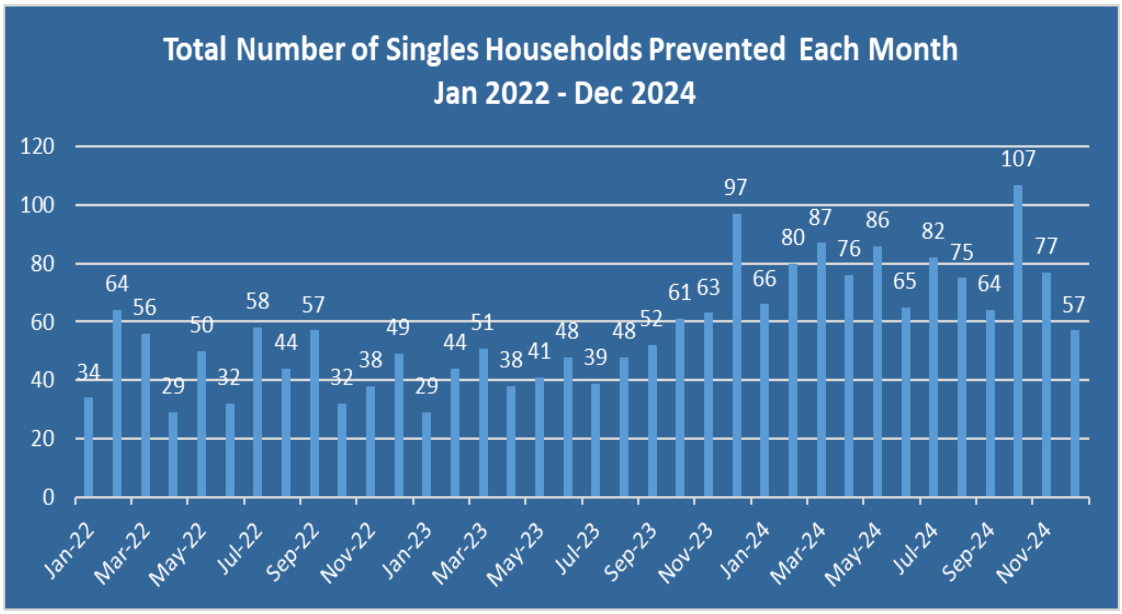
Between Q1 2022 and Q4 2024, a total of 3,510 households exited emergency accommodation into tenancies across the Dublin Region. Most exits were into Social Housing (LA/AHB), which accounted for 2,171 households, reflecting strong delivery of local authority and AHB tenancies during the period. Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) tenancies represented the second largest pathway, supporting 1,121 households to exit homelessness. This data underlines the critical importance of continued investment in social housing supply and targeted support through HAP. It also suggests a need to review and expand the role of LTA and explore other tenancy pathways to further strengthen housing-led responses to homelessness.



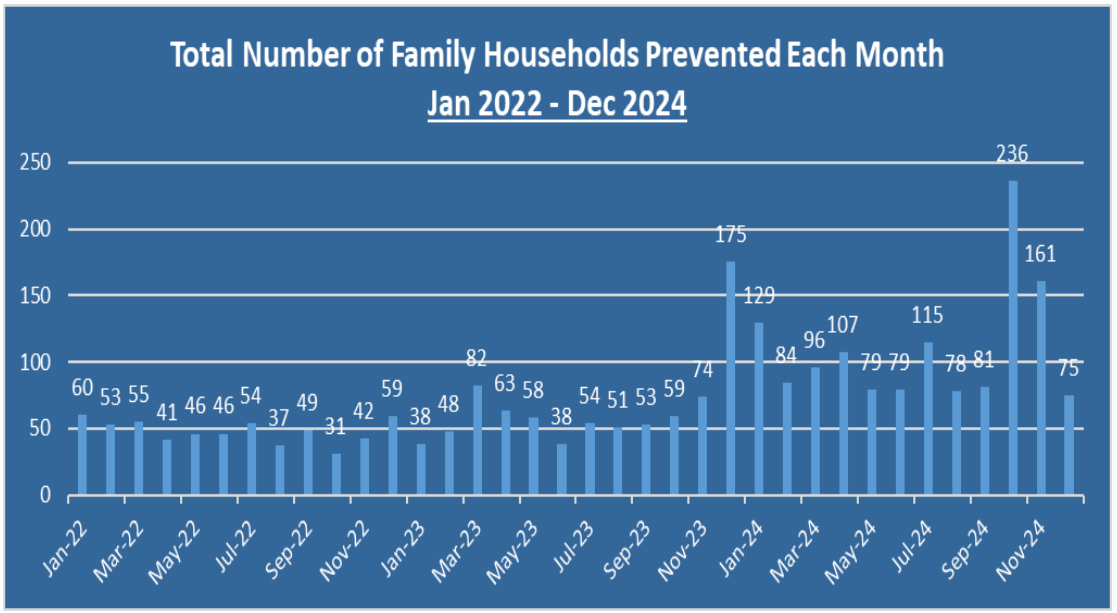
Preventions 2022-2024

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Single Preventions 2022-2024



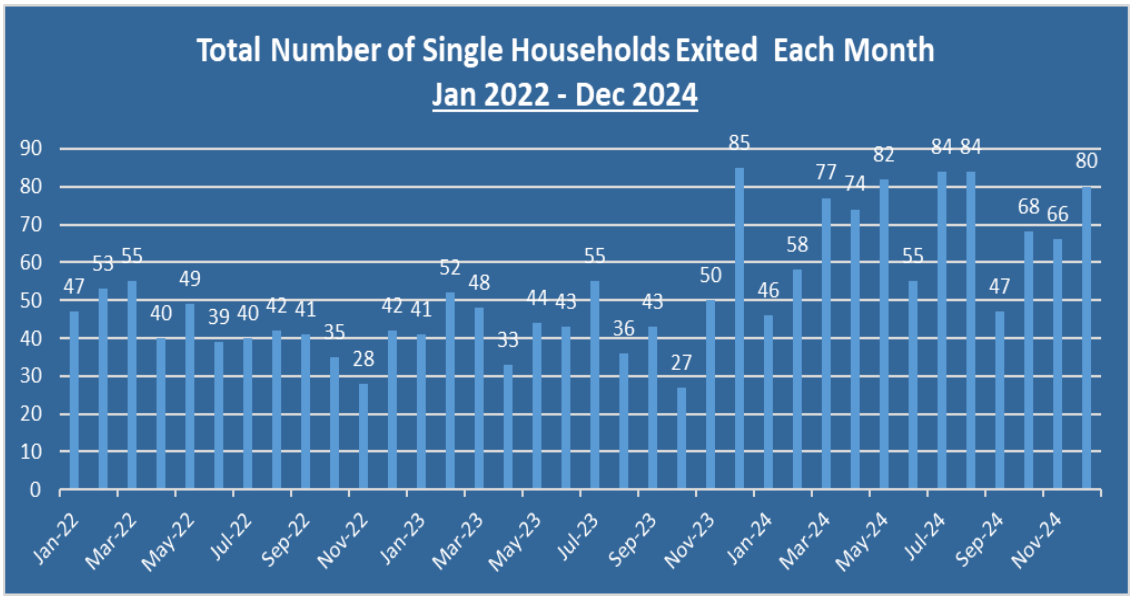
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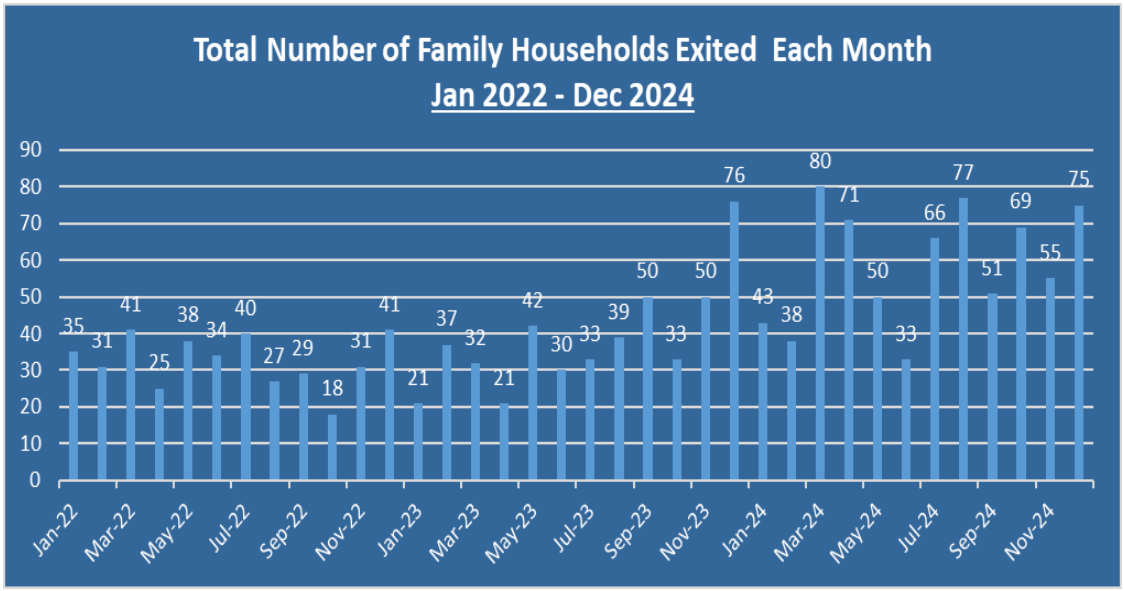
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Single Exits 2022-2024



Family Exits 2022-2024



Consultation process for this Plan

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Seven Rapid Insight (RI) sessions were conducted by CES between January and March 2024. The RI methodology allowed for focused, real-time online engagement using the chat function to capture fast-paced, inclusive contributions. Each session explored the three strategic pillars of the Homeless Action Plan: Prevention, Protection, and Progression. The following groups were included in the Rapid Insight Sessions:

- Local Councillors from Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council.
- NGO's
- Joint Consultative Forum
- SMG

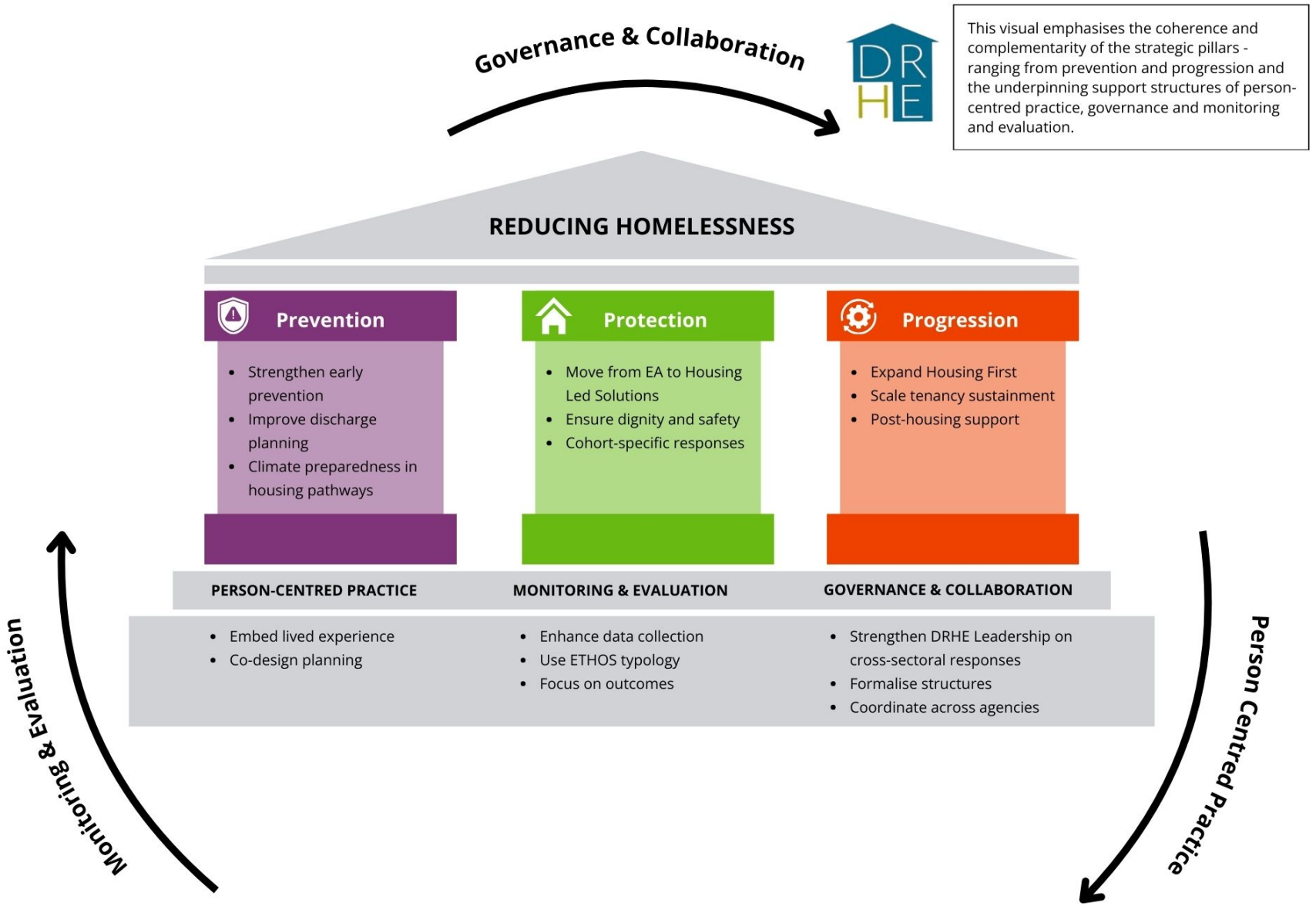
A focus group was held by the consultant for service users to obtain their feedback and recommendations for the new plan.

Feedback

The recommendations emerging from the review of data and insights gathered during these sessions outline a roadmap for meaningful systemic change. Grounded in the lived experience of stakeholders, expert knowledge, and international best practice, they directly address the challenges identified throughout the engagement process. At the same time, they build upon the operational strengths and collaborative spirit already visible across Dublin's homelessness sector. Below are several key recommendations for the new Action Plan.

The following are some of the recommendations for the new Action Plan.

1. **Strengthen Early Intervention and Housing-Led Prevention**
2. **Redesign Emergency Accommodation as Stabilising Support**
3. **Embed a Continuum of Support for Sustainable Progression**
4. **Position DRHE as Strategic Convenor and System Leader**
5. **Shift to a Person-Centred, Outcomes-Focused System**
6. **Build a Smart and Transparent Data and Evaluation System**


Governance & Collaboration
This visual emphasises the coherence and complementarity of the strategic pillars - ranging from prevention and progression and the underpinning support structures of person-centred practice, governance and monitoring and evaluation.
REDUCING HOMELESSNESS
Prevention
Strengthen early prevention
Improve discharge planning
Climate preparedness in housing pathways
Protection
Move from EA to Housing Led Solutions
Ensure dignity and safety
Cohort-specific responses
Progression
Expand Housing First
Scale tenancy sustainment
Post-housing support
PERSON-CENTRED PRACTICE
MONITORING & EVALUATION
GOVERNANCE & COLLABORATION
Embed lived experience
Co-design planning
Enhance data collection
Use ETHOS typology
Focus on outcomes
Strengthen DRHE Leadership on cross-sectoral responses
Formalise structures
Coordinate across agencies
Monitoring & Evaluation
Person Centred Practice

Implementation of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty

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The Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty requires that this Action Plan reflects a concern to eliminate discrimination, promote equality and protect human rights for the diversity of service-users. An equality and human rights impact assessment was undertaken at final draft stage to comply with the Duty.

The full range of the identified groups for the Duty is captured in our commitment to diversity in the Action Plan. The groups identified for the Duty are: those covered by the grounds of gender (including transgender persons and those transitioning), civil status, family status (including lone parents and carers), age, disability (broadly defined to include all impairment groups), sexual orientation, race, religion, membership of the Traveller community, and socio-economic status (specifically those at risk of or experiencing poverty and exclusion); those at the intersections of these grounds; and rights holders under relevant human rights instruments.

The equality and human rights issues identified as relevant for and to be addressed by this Action Plan are:

- **Dignity & Respect**
- **Diversity & Accessibility**
- **Inclusion & Social Justice**
- **Participation & Engagement**
- **Choice & Autonomy**

Over the coming pages we have listed the actions in the Homeless Action Plan for the coming 3 years. The feedback and the actions have been cross checked by the independent consultants to ensure we are reflecting objective feedback from key stakeholders.

Prevention Pillar

	Prevention Objective 1. Start working with high-risk communities early						
	This objective aims to prioritise prevention support for households vulnerable to homelessness.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**
1.1.1	Prevention	Prioritised housing support for elderly individuals	Prioritise social housing and social housing support alternatives for all single adult households aged 70 years and over presenting at risk of homelessness.	Lowering the age threshold to 65 for single adults and couples will be included for decision by Cllrs in DCC Scheme of Lettings review to allow elderly people facing homelessness to access housing.	**DCC**	Annual & quarterly returns	PASS Report on Number of OP prevention tenancies via Social Housing/Support).
1.1.2				Prioritise the allocation of housing for older persons, particularly those aged 70 and above, who present as homeless or at risk of homelessness.	**DCC, DLR, SDCC, FCC**	Annual & quarterly returns	PASS Report on Number of OP prevention tenancies. Social Housing/Support).
1.1.3	Prevention	That families stay together and can be reunited in event of a separation **without** entering homelessness.	Get cross-departmental clarity at National Homeless Action Committee to ensure immigration and family reunification policies are not leading to homelessness.	Family Reunification Policies designed to prevent homelessness.	**DRHE/NGO reps on NHAC**	Annual	Reduction in Family reunification as a Reason for Homelessness
1.1.4	Prevention	That a family working with any agency, will be offered support to protect against homelessness.	Offer families support to advocate with landlords or apply to Local Authorities, or help searching for a rental property.	Every family who comes to the attention of Tusla Family Support Services and funded services will be part of a plan such as Meitheal or a Family Support Plan and if homelessness is an issue for	**TUSLA CFSN & its Funded Services** **DRHE – Visiting Tenancy**	Bimonthly (SMG & DHJCF) Service Level Agreement	

				the family, then measures will be taken to try and address this.	Sustainment Services & its Funded Services		

	Objective 2. Focus on supporting people to remain in their homes by implementing preventative measures.						
	This objective aims to prevent homelessness by avoiding evictions, securing new tenancies, and providing timely, accessible help and support to ensure individuals and families to maintain stable housing.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**
1.2.1	Prevention	Focus on avoiding evictions from HAP/PR sector & focus on new tenancies in the PR sector to prevent from homelessness.	Prevent (Reduce) homelessness via the Second-Hand Social Housing Acquisitions Programme in acute situations for recipients of HAP/RAS.	Level of DHLGH Funding Available to Local Authorities	DCC/DLR/FCC/SDCC	Annual & quarterly returns	100% Utilisation of 2025 Allocation
1.2.2			Increase HHAP and RAS tenancies as alternative to EA as an approach to preventing homelessness	PR Supply & DHLGH Funding and Support	DCC/DLR/FCC/SDCC	Annual & quarterly returns	Number of Homeless Preventions via HHAP or RAS
1.2.3			Prevent (Reduce) homelessness by mediation to sustain the current accommodation (where appropriate) and/or approval for HHAP.	S10 Funding & Resources	DCC	Annual & quarterly returns	PASS report by service on the total number of Households in the Dublin Region who received a NOT or Presented at risk of Homelessness from Family or Relationship Breakdown a. supported to find another tenancy, or b. maintained in their existing tenancy.
1.2.4			Reduce presentations by mediation to sustain the current accommodation (where appropriate) and/or assist to find PR with HAP.		Focus Ireland in DCC; Dublin Simon in DLR/FCC/SDCC;	SLA- Annual Return of KPIs	PASS report by service on the total number of Households in the Dublin Region who received a NOT or Presented at risk of Homelessness from Family or Relationship Breakdown a. supported to find another

							tenancy, or b. maintained in the existing tenancy.
1.2.5	Prevention	Accessible help and support at the right time	Raise awareness of rights and supports for those facing homelessness	Easily accessible information, including in its content and format for those facing homelessness S10 Funding & Resources	DRHE	Q4 2025	Information is available
1.2.6			Provide accurate, timely and accessible advice and information and/or support with Dispute Resolution under RTB to households in the private rental sector, in receipt of a NOT.		NGOs funded under Day Services and Prevention	Monthly	Monthly Report on the total number of Households in the Dublin Region who received a NOT a. supported to find another tenancy, b. referred to homeless services, c. maintained in the existing tenancy. Non-PASS data to be verified by Sample Audit Monthly report on number of people requesting information.

	Objective 3. Strengthen early intervention pathways						
	These actions aim to focus on prevention and early integrated planning to ensure individuals receive the necessary support and resources to maintain stable housing and avoid homelessness.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**
1.3.1	Prevention	Targeted discharge planning from care, prison, hospital, IPAS	Reduce discharge planning gaps, particularly for individuals leaving hospitals, prisons, or International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) without a clear housing pathway.	Effective Working of the Hospital Discharge Protocols to Escalate Cases of Inappropriate Discharges into Homelessness. Discharge protocols for other identified areas as required and effective implementation of the protocols	HSE - Irish Prison Service/Probation Service	Quarterly return from agency responsible	Discharge protocols are in place and being followed reported to SMG. Increase in appropriate and timely discharge planning reported to SMG.
1.3.2			Work with the TUSLA Aftercare Steering Committees (ACSC) to prevent homeless.	CAS Care Leaver National Youth-specific prevention strategies Targeted discharge planning	TUSLA	Annual & quarterly returns	PASS Report on Number of Care Leavers Presenting to Homeless Services

				for young people leaving care Accurate figures for number of young people leaving care in the 4 LAs/connection with Dublin Reporting mechanism for TUSLA through SMG to liaise with ACSC.			Track Number of young people leaving care as per TUSLA reports
1.3.3	Prevention	Integrated Planning	Prevent households at Risk of Homelessness through provision of appropriate Care & Case management Supports, taking account of specific needs arising from diversity of service users.	Formal interagency delivery structures to coordinate prevention work. Partnership protocols to ensure clarity on roles, escalation routes, and feedback loops between agencies involved in prevention. Standardised shared outcomes framework	HSE DCC/DLR	Quarterly	PASS/KPI/ SLA MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORTS
1.3.4	Prevention	Strengthen capacity to respond to specific needs of the diversity of those at risk of and experiencing homelessness	Develop the knowledge base of the specific situation, experience and needs of the diversity of those at risk of and experiencing, and apply this, with initial attention to: LGBTQI+ people Traveller Community Young People	Research undertaken as required; engagement with representative associations; organisational systems in place with a capacity to capture diversity and establish specific needs; and actions identified and pursued to respond to specific needs	DRHE Lead with support from HSE on training	SLAs	PASS/SLA/KPI REPORTING
1.3.5	Prevention	Provide agile and responsive services that react quickly to the changing homeless landscape.	Respond to changing need within the homeless sector in Dublin with a minimal amount of delay. Hear the voice of those with lived experience. Learn from the practice and experience of frontline staff. Publish data to stakeholders and the public where appropriate	Effective monitoring, evaluation systems, protocols and mechanisms for data collection. Implement service user and frontline staff forums and feedback loops. Ability to gather, analyse and	DRHE	Quarterly report	Conduct an equality assessment and report on implementation of actions. Ensure published data is disaggregated to give richer reporting.

			Disaggregate data to allow analysis of accessibility of services for different groups of people.	react to both qualitative and quantitative data.			

Protection Pillar

	Objective 1. Ending and preventing rough sleeping.						
	This objective focuses directly on safeguarding individuals from the dangers of homelessness and aims to ensure that nobody has to sleep outdoors.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**
2.1.1	Protection	Reduce the need to sleep rough	Reduce Rough Sleeping through Effective Outreach	Maintain the current outreach services	Dublin Region Coordinator of Housing First and Outreach	Track the reduction in numbers of rough sleepers. A PASS service report on numbers of Rough Sleepers: a. moved to Housing First Intake b. linked to health and social care services c. Moved to Emergency Accommodation d. Moved to LTA	Daily and quarterly
2.1.2			Prevent Rough Sleeping though the Provision of appropriate and safe Emergency Accommodation	An adequate supply of Emergency/Temporary Accommodation for households in the 4 Dublin LAs.	Each Local authority is responsible for providing emergency/temporary accommodation.	A point intime check of number of households per Local authority and number of bedspaces provided by each Local authority.	
				System for accurately checking daily capacity	Each EA Service Provider		

	Objective 2. Providing Adequate and Equitable Emergency Accommodation						
	This objective addresses the necessity of having enough emergency housing options available across the Dublin region and that these options meet certain standards.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**
2.2.1	Protection	A balanced supply of Emergency Accommodation across the DRHE area.	Ensure a supply of new emergency accommodation suitable for the range of people who require emergency accommodation.	Infrastructure and Accommodation Development Plan Sites, Funding and Resources	**Each Local Authority**	Comparison of the number of beds available in each Local authority with their homeless population to ensure an upward trend. PASS and Property Team to Measure Quarterly for Progress	Track annually until 2027
2.2.2	Protection	Reduce the reliance on the Private sector for emergency accommodation	Increase the number of refurbished or acquired projects for emergency, temporary, or long-term supported accommodation run by both NGOs and local authorities.	Identification of potential projects across each LA for refurbishment or acquisition. Tender for Acquisitions.	**The NGOSs and 4 Dublin Local Authorities**	Identify the number of New NGO/ Local authority owned beds added to Emergency, Temporary and Long-term supported accommodation.	Track annually by LA and include in DRHE/SMG Annual report
2.2.3			Develop and implement a pilot modular site to provide emergency accommodation.	A suitable site to be identified and stakeholder buy in secured. Adequate resources to staff the accommodation.	**SDCC**	Number of New LA owned Beds added to the stock of Emergency accommodation x LA	
2.2.4	Protection	Ensure children's supports are taken into account when placing a family accepted as homeless.	Consider the educational and support links of children when placing in Emergency accommodation.	Available EA across the Dublin Region Available EA to meet the family size requirements.	Each Local Authority	No of Complaints based on Location of EA.	PASS

2.2.5	Protection	Children living in EA will be supported on a case-by-case basis and according to their needs.	Assess the sufficiency of supports to children in EA.	Research Tender Suitably qualified applicants Implementation Planning	**SMG**	Review of existing level of child support.	Measure Q4 2025 and report to DHJCF and update Councillors in monthly report as new services are developed.
2.2.6	Protection	Respond to the health needs of children in Emergency Accommodation	HSE Social Inclusion will develop a Team to work with homeless families in PEA.	Funding Approval	HSE	HSE Update to SMG and JCF	Bimonthly Progress Report once
2.2.7	Protection	Provision of internet access to children for the purposes of educational projects.	Ensure there is an adequate Acceptable Use Policy in place in each emergency accommodation to allow children in emergency accommodation accomplish educational tasks/ learning exercises	Ensure that each contract for the provision of EA includes Wi-Fi access.	**DRHE**	To be included in inspection reports and reported to the SMG.	Annually

	Objective 3. Maintaining Quality and Dignity in Emergency Accommodation						
	This objective emphasises the importance of the standards and conditions within emergency accommodation to ensure the wellbeing of residents.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**
2.3.1	Protection	All accommodation is high-quality, safe and those using it are being supported.	Ensure that Emergency Accommodation is run and maintained in accordance with the NQSF and respects the dignity and wellbeing of all.	An independent system for regular audits and inspections. That all providers are aware of their responsibilities under the NQSF standards.	**DRHE**	Compliance to standards audits conducted by independent inspectorate on an announced and unannounced basis.	Quarterly publication of the Independent Inspectorate reports on the DRHE website; Quarterly Report from Standards Team to be reviewed by the SMG.

				Robust complaints system.			
2.3.2	Protection	Identify activity programmes available for children accessing EA	Work with the activity and wellbeing officers in each LA to identify activity programmes available for children accessing EA	Promotional advertisement in EA	**SEO in each LA**	Report and Update to the JCF and SMG	Annually

	Objective 4. Facilitating Exits from Homelessness:						
	This objective highlights the proactive goal of helping individuals move beyond emergency accommodation and into more stable housing.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report**
2.4.1	Protection	Time in EA is reduced.	Every eligible household placed in EA to have an active housing application and be informed of their housing options.	Staff with relevant knowledge to support families.	**Each Funded Service Providing Keyworker and Or Case Management. NGO for own services, PACT, HSOs and HAT team for PEAs.**	Housing applications to be measured against agreed KPIs in service level agreements. PASS report on Housing Application Status.	DRHE Monthly Report; Monthly and Quarterly Report to DHLGH
2.4.2			Ensure that each household assessed as needing case management supports	Staff and resources to support effective case management Early identification of need especially where	**DRHE - Standards Team**	Funded services will provide case management status through PASS.	A quarterly review of all case management provided to SMG.

			are assigned a resource.	households require additional support needs.			

Progression Pillar

	Objective 1. Provide stable accommodation that prioritises families, chronic homelessness and rough sleepers.						
	This objective aims to reduce chronic homelessness and rough sleeping, transition families from homelessness to secure housing, and expand housing options for all households						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**
3.1.1	Progression	Reduce Chronic Homelessness and Rough Sleeping	Create tenancies each year to align with the National Housing First Strategy 2019 - 2026.	Support scaling up of the Housing First scheme	**DCC/DLR/ FCC/SDCC**	No of Allocations to All Single Adult Households in Housing First	National Monitoring Tool Housing First Office; Monthly Report DRHE; Monthly Report to DHLGH
3.1.2			Provide comprehensive support services, such as healthcare, mental health care, and social services, within Emergency Accommodation (EA) and Housing First programs to ensure individuals receive all the help they need in one place and in a manner that takes account of specific needs arising from diversity.	Joint working protocols with HSE and others at operational level, with shared accountability and reflecting share commitment to elimination discrimination, promote equality and adapt for diversity and protect human rights within support services. Ensure joint working protocols are compliant with the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.	**HSE**	Housing First Sustainment Rate & Reasons for Breakdown	National Monitoring Tool Housing First Office; Monthly Report DRHE; Monthly Report to DHLGH
			Make Housing First available to individuals and couples rough sleeping but also those in EA experiencing chronic homelessness.	Referrals to Housing First from EA support teams and capacity for new tenancies.	**DCC/DLR/ FCC/SDCC & HF Providers**	No of HF Allocations x EA and x R/S	National Monitoring Tool Housing First Office; Monthly Report DRHE;

							Monthly Report to DHLGH
3.1.3	Progression	Move families from homelessness to secure tenancy	Focus on Families 2 years+ in homelessness	Ensure individual housing exit plans for each Household	**DCC/DLR/ FCC/SDCC**	Measuring the % of families in EA over 2 years+ each month.	Monthly DRHE Report
3.1.4			Increase Housing Pathways for Family Households in Emergency Accommodation	Pilot to target rightsizing to free up family homes for allocation, with consideration in the first instance given to homeless households.	**DLR**	No of Allocations to Families Experiencing Homelessness	Monthly Return To DHLGH; SMG To Monitor
3.1.5			Increase Housing Pathways for Families 2 years+ in Emergency Accommodation	Increased lettings under Surrender Larger Priority (RightSizing Policy) to free up housing to be made available to Homeless Households.	**DCC**	No of Allocations to Families Experiencing Homelessness	Monthly Return To DHLGH; SMG To Monitor
3.1.6	Progression	Maximise the Housing Options available to All Households	Pilot a scheme to expand the Rental Accommodation Scheme.	Implementation plan for the pilot scheme	**DCC/DLR/ SDCC (with DHLGH)**	Increase in RAS tenancies available to Homeless Households.	DRHE Monthly Report; Monthly and Quarterly Report to DHLGH
3.1.7			Maximise the Exits to Homelessness through the HHAP scheme	Placefinder(s) to Liaise with Landlords; 2 months' rent in advance;	**DRHE**	The number of exits to HAP tenancies from EA.	DRHE Monthly Report; Monthly and Quarterly Report to DHLGH
3.1.8	Progression	Allocations Policies that Support Progression of Households from Emergency Accommodation	Ensure allocations are made to households assessed as homeless in accordance with the adopted Scheme of Lettings for each Local Authority.	Alignment of Allocations and Homeless Services within each LA	**DCC/DLR/ FCC/SDCC**	No of Households Moving to LA/AHB/LTA each month.	DRHE Monthly Report; Monthly and Quarterly Report to DHLGH

	Objective 2. Provide integrated and defined pathways into sustainable tenancies						
	This objective supports the establishment of clear pathways into sustainable tenancies, supports service users' autonomy, allocates suitable accommodation, and involves service users in co-designed planning, services, and reviews.						
	Pillar	**What Do We Want to Achieve?**	**What must we do?**	**What Needs to be in Place for it to Succeed?**	**Who Is Responsible for Making It Happen?**	**How Will We Measure and Report?**	**When Will We Measure and Report?**
3.2.1	Progression	Clearly defined pathways into sustainable tenancies	Provide systems and supports that facilitate progression, taking account of specific needs that arise from diversity of service-users.	Integrated case management across all service providers. Easily accessible information, including in its content and format for workers, volunteers and service users. Set clear standards for service provision in EA relating to progression. Reframe temporary accommodation as a place where individuals can be supported and stabilise before moving into sustainable tenancies.	**DRHE**	Measure Exit rates to Tenancy x Service.	KPI Reports
3.2.2	Progression	Support autonomy for service users to build Sustainable Tenancies	Increase the number of people who successfully maintain independent tenancies.	A comprehensive and individualised support service that address the range of needs of individuals and take account of the specific needs that arise for the diversity of individuals transitioning into tenancies. A structured programme providing immediate needs assessment, personalised support planning, and access to essential services within the first 3-6 months of a tenancy, taking account of specific needs arising from diversity	**NGO Tenancy Sustainment Services**	No of Exits to Tenancy with Support; KPIs for Tenancy Sustainment Services to measure outcomes for service user. No of cases closed successfully (i.e. with settlement indicators met) and Tenant Satisfaction with Service.	KPI Reports

			Equip individuals with essential life skills, including tenancy management, financial literacy, English language and literacy, and further education and employment readiness.	Training programmes that focus on Tenancy Skills Training, Education and Employment Support, Financial, language and literacy Workshops, Health and Wellbeing Programmes, Building Social Connections.	**City of Dublin ETB**	Number of individuals participating in training programs, percentage achieving educational or employment goals, improvement in financial literacy scores, engagement in community activities	Report to JCF
3.2.3 3.2.4			Provide ongoing support and early intervention to prevent tenancy breakdown. A robust peer support programme	Mechanisms to identify when tenants are struggling and require support. An accessible peer support network.	**NGO Tenancy Sustainment Services**	Report and record the outcomes for cases taking up Tenancy Sustainment/Sli supports. No of Cases successfully closed with settlement indicators. Identification of Breakdown issues and Blocks to Achieving Appropriate Support for Tenants. Provision and Uptake of Peer Support.	KPI Reports
3.2 3.2.6	Progression	Suitable accommodation allocated to service users, taking account of specific needs arising from diversity.	Compare need and available housing when allocating property. Housing and service user needs profile to be considered in allocations	Housing need of Households Experiencing Homelessness to be reflected in Housing Delivery Plans, ensuring attention is given in these to universal design and addressing specific needs arising from diversity.	**DCC/DLR/FCC/SDCC**	No of Exits to Tenancy with Support; KPIs for Tenancy Sustainment Services to measure outcomes for service user. No of cases closed successfully (i.e. with settlement indicators met) and Tenant Satisfaction with Service.	KPI Reports
3.2.7	Progression	Co-designed planning, services and review	Embed lived experience in every aspect of service delivery	Service user working groups and representation in the planning, delivery and review of services with steps taken to support a capacity to engage and to secure participation of the diversity among service-users.	**DRHE**	Engagement with service users. Number of working groups and representatives.	Annual

Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and Chapter 6 provisions as the basis for this Framework Homelessness Action Plan for the Dublin Region 2025-2027:

37.— (1) A housing authority shall, in respect of its administrative area, not later than 8 months after the coming into operation of this Chapter, adopt a plan (in this Act referred to as a "homelessness action plan") to address homelessness.

A homelessness action plan shall specify the measures proposed to be undertaken to address homelessness in the administrative area or administrative areas concerned by the housing authority or housing authorities, as the case may be, the Health Service Executive, specified bodies, or approved bodies or other bodies providing services to address homelessness or the performance of whose functions may affect or relate to the provision of such services, including but not necessarily limited to measures to achieve the following objectives—

(a) the prevention of homelessness,

(b) the reduction of homelessness in its extent or duration,

(c) the provision of services, including accommodation, to address the needs of homeless households,

(d) the provision of assistance under section 10 (b) (i), as necessary, to persons who were formerly homeless, and

(e) the promotion of effective co-ordination of activities proposed to be undertaken by the bodies referred to in this subsection for the purposes of addressing homelessness in the administrative area or areas concerned.

(3) A homelessness action plan shall be in writing and shall take account of—

(a) any available information regarding the extent of the need for services to address homelessness, including, in the case of housing supports, any summary of social housing assessments prepared under section 21 in respect of homeless households,

(b) the costs of the proposed measures referred to in subsection (2) and the financial resources that are available or are likely to be available for the period of the homelessness action plan to the housing authority or housing authorities concerned, the Health Service Executive or any specified body, as the case may be, for the purposes of undertaking those measures and the need to ensure the most beneficial, effective and efficient use of such resources,

(c) such policies and objectives for the time being of the Government or the Minister in so far as they may affect or relate to the provision of services to homeless persons, and

(d) such other matters as the Minister may specify in a direction given to the housing authority under subsection

Appendix 1 (Continued)

(4), including (except in the case of the first homelessness action plan) a review of progress made in the implementation of the homelessness action plan during the period of the previous plan.

(4) (a) The Minister may, from time to time, give directions in writing to a housing authority for the purpose of either or both of the following—

(i) providing guidance as to the form and content of a homelessness action plan, and

(ii) specifying the period for which such a plan is to remain in force, which period shall not in any case be less than 3 years.

(b) The housing authority shall comply with any directions given under paragraph (a).

Appendix 2

Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 Sections 38 and 39 (Homelessness Consultative Forum and Management Group

38.— (1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), as soon as practicable after the coming into operation of this Chapter and having regard to section 37 (1), a housing authority shall establish a body to be known as the homelessness consultative forum and shall appoint its members.

(2) The functions of a homelessness consultative forum are to provide information, views, advice or reports, as appropriate, to the management group in relation to—

(a) homelessness and the operation and implementation of the homelessness action plan in the administrative area concerned,

(b) the provisions of the draft homelessness action plan, and

(c) any proposed modification of the draft homelessness action plan pursuant to section 40 (6).

(3) Where either or both of the conditions specified in subsection (4) (a) are met or where the Minister so directs pursuant to subsection (4) (b), a housing authority shall enter into an arrangement with any other housing authority whose administrative area adjoins the administrative area of the housing authority concerned or with any other housing authority, as appropriate, to establish a joint homelessness consultative forum which shall perform the functions specified in subsection (2) in relation to the administrative areas of the housing authorities which are parties to the arrangement.

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(4) (a) The conditions referred to in subsection (3) are that the housing authority considers that—

(i) a joint homelessness consultative forum would further the objectives of a homelessness action plan because of the extent or nature of homelessness in its administrative area, or

(ii) a joint homelessness consultative forum and the sharing of administrative services relating thereto would ensure the most beneficial, effective and efficient use of resources.

(b) The Minister may, where he or she considers it appropriate, direct housing authorities to enter into an arrangement pursuant to subsection (3) and the housing authorities shall comply with any such direction.

(5) In the case of an arrangement pursuant to subsection (3) for the establishment of a joint homelessness consultative forum, the housing authorities concerned shall, by agreement in writing, appoint one housing authority (in this Chapter referred to as the " responsible housing authority ") for the purposes of the performance, on behalf of the housing authorities concerned, of their functions under this Chapter.

(6) A housing authority or, in the case of a joint homelessness consultative forum, the responsible housing authority, in accordance with such directions as the Minister may give under section 41 , shall appoint a chairperson of the homelessness consultative forum or joint homelessness consultative forum, as the case may be, from the membership thereof.

(7) The chairperson appointed under subsection (6) shall also be the chairperson of the management group.

(8) The membership of the homelessness consultative forum shall comprise the following persons:

(a) one or more than one employee of the housing authority or, in the case of a joint homelessness consultative forum, one or more than one employee of each of the housing authorities concerned nominated by the housing authority or housing authorities concerned, as the case may be;

(b) one or more than one employee of the Health Service Executive nominated by the Health Service Executive;

(c) subject to such directions as the Minister may give under section 41 (1) (a), persons nominated by specified bodies, and

(d) subject to subsection (9), persons nominated by—

(i) approved bodies, and

(ii) any other bodies,

providing services to homeless persons in the administrative area or, in the case of a joint homelessness consultative forum, administrative areas concerned or the performance of whose functions may affect or relate to the provision of such services, as the housing authority or responsible authority, as the case may be, consider appropriate in accordance with such directions as the Minister may give under section 41 .

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(9) The number of persons referred to in subsection (8) (d) shall not exceed one half of the membership of the homelessness consultative forum or joint homelessness consultative forum, as the case may be.

(10) A homelessness consultative forum or joint homelessness consultative forum, as the case may be, shall regulate, by standing orders or otherwise, the meetings and proceedings of the forum.

(11) The housing authority or, in the case of a joint homelessness consultative forum, the housing authorities concerned, may provide such services and support relating to the operation of the homelessness consultative forum or joint homelessness consultative forum, as the case may be, as is considered necessary by the housing authority or housing authorities, in accordance with such directions as the Minister may give under section 41 .

(12) The proceedings of a homelessness consultative forum or joint homelessness consultative forum, as the case may be, shall not be invalidated by any vacancies among the membership.

Appendix 3

Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014

42. (1) A public body shall, in the performance of its functions, have regard to the need to-

(a) eliminate discrimination,

(b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and

(c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

(2) For the purposes of giving effect to subsection (1), a public body shall, having regard to the functions and purpose of the body and to its size and the resources available to it—

(a) set out in a manner that is accessible to the public in its strategic plan (howsoever described) an assessment of the human rights and equality issues it believes to be relevant to the functions and purpose of the body and the policies, plans and actions in place or proposed to be put in place to address those issues, and

(b) report in a manner that is accessible to the public on developments and achievements in that regard in its annual report (howsoever described).

In assisting public bodies to perform their functions in a manner consistent with subsection (1), the Commission may give guidance to and encourage public bodies in developing policies of, and exercising, good practice and operational standards in relation to, human rights and equality.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3), the Commission may—

(a) issue guidelines, or

(b) prepare codes of practice in accordance with section 31 ,

in respect of the development by public bodies of performance measures, operational standards and written preventative strategies for the purpose of reducing discrimination and promoting human rights and equality in the public sector workplace and in the provision of services to the public.

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(5) Where the Commission considers that there is evidence of a failure by a public body to perform its functions in a manner consistent with subsection (1) and that it is appropriate in all the circumstances to do so, the Commission may invite the public body to—

(a) carry out a review in relation to the performance by that body of its functions having regard to subsection (1), or

(b) prepare and implement an action plan in relation to the performance by that body of its functions having regard to subsection (1), or both.

(6) A review or an action plan under subsection (5) may relate to—

(a) equality of opportunity or human rights generally, or

(b) a particular aspect of human rights or discrimination, in the public body concerned.

(7) The Commission may, and, if requested by the Minister, shall, review the operation of subsection (1).

(8) For the purposes of assisting it in carrying out a review under subsection (7), the Commission shall consult such persons or bodies as it considers appropriate.

(9) Where the Commission carries out a review under subsection (7) it—

(a) may, or

(b) where the Minister has requested the review, shall,

make a report of the review to the Minister and any such report shall include such recommendations as the Commission thinks appropriate.

(10) The Commission shall cause a copy of the report to be laid before each House of the Oireachtas.

(11) Nothing in this section shall of itself operate to confer a cause of action on any person against a public body in respect of the performance by it of its functions under subsection (1)

Appendix 4

CES Review of Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024

Appendices

Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027

We are grateful for all the individuals and organisations who kindly took part in the consultation for the production for this Action Plan.

NGO

Focus Ireland
Peter McVerry Trust
Dublin Simon
Merchants Quay Ireland
Threshold
Depaul
Respond
Sophia Housing
Cuan Mhuire
The Salvation Army
McGrath Housing
Hail
Sons of Divine Providence
Crosscare
Novas
Anew
Ana Liffey
Capuchin Day Centre
The Iveagh Trust

Membership

Dublin Joint Consultative Forum
Statutory Management Group
HSE
Tulsa

Councillors

Dublin City Council
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
South Dublin County Council
Fingal County Council

Consultation

CES

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

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Chief Executive's Foreword

On Friday, June 13th at the Annual General Meeting, Cllr Tom O'Leary was elected as our 20th Mayor in Fingal with Cllr Gráinne Maguire joining him as Deputy Mayor. Cllr O'Leary takes over the role from former Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh who was elected in June 2024. Over their term, Cllr McDonagh and Cllr JK Onwumereh, as Deputy Mayor, served with dedication and enthusiasm and worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Fingal. I know you will join me in expressing thanks to Cllrs McDonagh and Onwumereh for their work over the past year within communities across the county and their involvement in and support of many initiatives. As they begin their terms of office, both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor can draw on their vast expertise as highly experienced and knowledgeable public servants who have represented their constituents for many years with distinction. Also at the AGM, Councillors selected the Chairs for the three Fingal's Area Committees: Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords, Cllr Luke Corkery. Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart/Castleknock/Ongar Cllr Eimear Carbone-Mangan. Howth-Malahide: Cllr Cathal Haughey. On behalf of myself and the Management Team, I wish the councillors the very best of luck in their respective roles.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer so far. The recent spell of good weather has been very welcome for the thousands of concert goers who flocked to Malahide for this year's concert series which saw 7 international big-name acts perform in the stunning surrounds of Malahide Castle & Gardens. The concerts began with Charli XCX on June 17th followed by Iron Maiden, Neil Young, Justin Timberlake, Alanis Morrisette, Duran Duran with Nile Rodgers & Chic and finally with Mumford & Sons closing off the series on Friday, July 4th. Due to the meticulous preparation and effective collaboration with all external stakeholders, the concert series was another huge success.

Year on year, we are able to attract top performers to Malahide in what is the highlight in the concert season calendar.

Malahide Castle has proven to be an excellent concert venue due to its close proximity to Dublin Airport and highly efficient train and bus services making it easy for fans to travel to the events. As with every large-scale event organised in Fingal, the level of planning required is substantial and I wish to acknowledge the stellar work carried out by the Operations Department, Events Unit, Heritage and Conservation Team, Planning and Environment Departments in ensuring a fantastic time was had by all who attended.

From one fantastic event series to another – the always highly anticipated Flavours of Fingal in Newbridge House & Farm will take place on the weekend of the 5th and 6th of July and we are very much looking forward to providing a fantastic couple of days for the people of Fingal. Jam packed with live musical performances, locally produced artisan food and drink, shopping, farming events, children's entertainment and so much more, 'Flavours' is a festival that has grown in stature over it's thirteenth years to become one of Ireland's most popular, fun and free summer festivals. The expected 70,000 Visitors will be treated to fantastic cookery demonstrations in locations around the demesne by experts including celebrity chef Kevin Dundon, Macken Zawila from The Brooklyn and Kelly and Hazel Keogh. Flynn Park, Balbriggan, will give thrill seekers of all ages the opportunity to have a taste of their activities with trials at archery, laser tag, and Crazi-Bugz. The Fingal Village marquee is always a popular attraction where our departments showcase their work, projects and initiatives and offer members of the public interactive experiences, advice and information. Some of the activities you can look forward to include trying out the VR headsets using cutting-edge Oculus technology at the Digital Services stand, Fingal Arts Office and the master printmakers from Graphic Studios Dublin who will host a hands-on session that brings the magic of fine art printing to life and Environment, Climate Action, Active Travel & Sports will be collaborating to have a Technogym and picker pals activities for visitors.

The Fingal Village is a great space to visit to get information from the Housing team who will be offering information on the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Affordable Housing scheme as well as our Economic, Enterprise, Tourism & Cultural Development Department who will be on hand offering information on European Projects. Cognisant of our visitors who needed a bit of space away from the excitement of the festival, we partnered with Ireland's Autism Charity, AsIAm, to provide The Quiet Zone – this space is a calming and welcoming area for those with additional needs and, along with a sensory map, will ensure an inclusive, enjoyable and safe experience for all.

Finally, I am very pleased that construction of the €40m centre piece of the Swords Cultural Quarter is progressing well and is on schedule to open in 2027. Culture House Fingal will welcome visitors to the library, theatre, gallery, maker space, arts spaces and café in a stunning four storey high building designed by award-winning architects O'Donnell and Twomey and constructed by Duggan Brothers. The project represents a key capital investment with the majority of the funding coming from our own reserves in addition to a grant of €3m from the Department of Rural and Community Development. Just across the road, 36 new homes expertly constructed by Duggan Brothers, will sit alongside the new building and will create a new community on Seatown Road. Culture House will be at the heart of Swords and will provide visitors with a welcoming and inclusive space to immerse themselves in culture, the arts and learning. The official launch of Culture House Fingal will take place on Culture Night, Friday, September 19, and will include the latest updates on plans for the new building from the Arts Office and Library Service.

Best wishes,

AnnMarie Farrelly
Chief Executive

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Total Recruitment Campaigns	69
Interviews Held to date	776
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Promotions	76
Number of Current Job Offers	94

Learning & Development Update

Learning & Development	Year to date
Number of courses	182
Number of Attendees	1771
Number of Training Days	1564

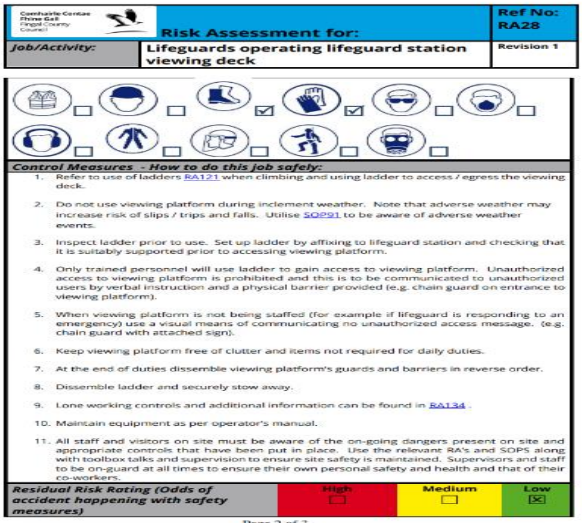
Throughout June, courses will be delivered in the areas of Pre-Retirement Planning, Teleporter, Safe Disposal of Needlesticks, Introduction to Excel and many more.

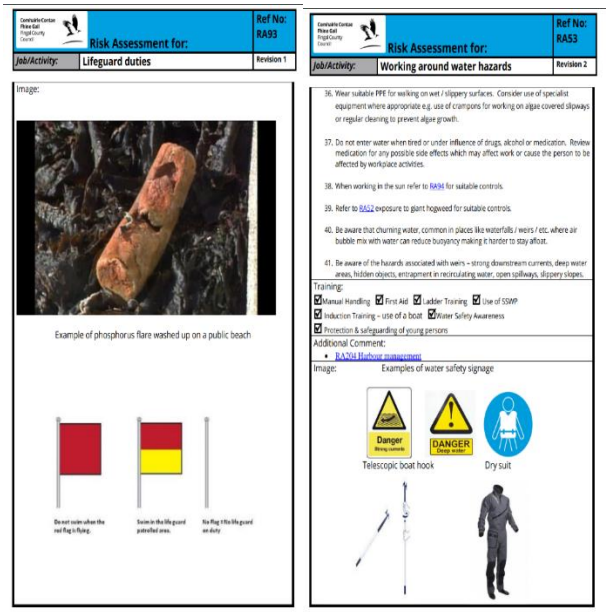
Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team remains committed to fostering a healthy, supportive environment for all staff. New wellbeing initiatives are regularly rolled out aimed at helping employees reduce stress, build resilience, and access the support they need. Staff feedback has been very encouraging with reports from staff feeling more supported and better equipped to manage everyday challenges. The Wellbeing Team actively continue to encourage staff members to explore the wellbeing resources available and take advantage of the services that best suit their needs.

HSU – Health & Safety Unit

The HSU conducted proactive safety measures during the month of June with the completion of 30 site safety inspections and audits. From January 2025 to date the HSU has completed 23 safety audits and 167 site safety inspections. During the month, the Unit assisted the Training Section with manual handling training and protection & safeguarding of young persons training for the 2025 intake of lifeguards. There was one interaction with the HSA pertaining to a HSA inspection carried out on staff working for Uisce Eireann in Swords WWTP. 30 risk assessments and standard operational procedures were reviewed / created to date including a review lifeguarding tasks and other works on or near water. The HSU continued with its role of VDU assessments and answering staff queries on health and safety issues. In addition, the HSU to date has completed 54 incident investigations into workplace incidents, accidents, and dangerous occurrences. Pictogram examples:





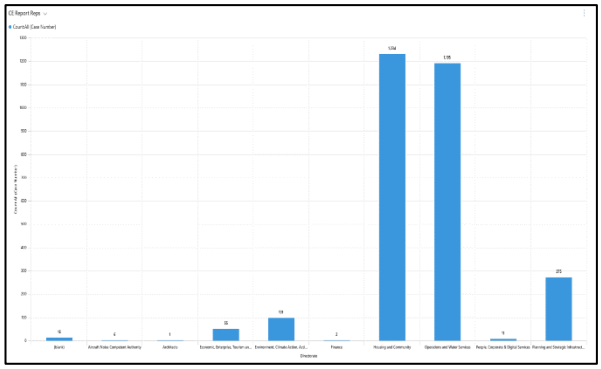
Customer Services

Customer Care Unit Statistics – June 2025

Total No. of Calls dealt with by CCU
7,954

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 June is 692 broken down as follows:



COMMUNICATIONS

Digital Statistics

The fingal.ie website had 170,052 visitors during June which was an increase of 19,726 on the previous month. The number of page views rose by 25,555 to 363,548 while the average time spent on the site rose by seven seconds to 2 minutes and 1 second. However, the figures for the first six months of the year are down on the same period in 2024. There have been 876,136 visitors and 1,911,247 page views since January and visitors have spent an average of 1 minute and 59 seconds on the site.

The most popular pages during June were Planning Applications, Affordable House and the Malahide Concerts. A news story on the Council's decision to approve the transformation of Red Island and harbour Road in Skerries had over 12,000 page views.

The number of followers across the nine corporate social media channels rose over the month by 1,504 to 98,598.

The Facebook account now has 40,892 followers and the number of views rose by over 400,000 during June to 2,452,474 with a reach of 428,122. There were 13,978 interactions which was an engagement rate of 3.3%.

The most popular post was on June 26 about the Iron Maiden Concert at Malalhide Castle with the accompanying video having over 114,000 views.
Instagram now has 14,521 followers and had 492,896 views during June from a reach f 49,972. There were 4,332 interactions which was an engagement rate of 9%. The most read post was about The Outing Festival in Balbriggan reach of 3,418 and 104 interactions.

The number of LinkedIn followers is now 11,752. There were 62,922 impressions and 990 reactions which was an engagement rate of 2%.
The number of followers on X rose by 13 to 23,398 and there was an engagement rate of 3.56% from 160,978 impressions.

The WhatsApp channel now has 3,315 followers while the numbers currently following the other corporate channels are Threads (1,437), TikTok (1,059) and Bluesky (433).

Six videos were added to the Council's You Tube Channel which saw the number of subscribers grow to 1,790. Videos published included Let Fingal Breathe which was an Environmental Awareness video relating to the effects of discarded cigarette butts. Videos can be viewed at

https://www.youtube.com/@FingalCountyCouncilVideo/videos.



Press Releases

There were 19 press releases issued during June covering topics such as Cultoure House, the New Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the issuing of an Enforcement Notice to daa, the Fingal Food Circle and the Climate Action Plan Progress Report.

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Media queries received by the Communications Unit during May included questions about Dublin Airport, Parking Bye-laws, Affordable Housing, Burrow Beach and Housing Voids.

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Dublin LA Tourism Network

The next meeting of the Dublin Local Authority Tourism Network is to be hosted by Fingal County Council on Thursday 3rd July at Newbridge House. The venue will allow the members the chance to see the build for Flavours of Fingal in full swing. The meeting will discuss items of interest across the Dublin region including the marketing of the Dublin region, data capture and the upcoming IrishFest event in Milwaukee.

Flynn Park Familiarisation Visit



As part of an early evening familiarisation visit organised by Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce, the tourism team visited Flynn Park adventure centre near Balrothery on 18th June, hosted by Shaun Flynn. The visit showcased the major attractions of the site including the recently installed barrel saunas beside the lake and got to hear firsthand about the plans for further expansion. Discussions were held on how the Council could support and promote the visitor attraction.



Fingal Food Circle

Preparations are advancing for Fingal Food Network's increased representation at Flavours of Fingal 2025. The network will deliver an exciting blend of live cooking, meet-the-maker experiences, and storytelling that brings the community's food heritage to life. Flavours will also see the launch of the network's updated brand identity 'Fingal Food Circle', celebrating the evolution of the network and its continued collaboration with Fingal County Council and the Fingal Farmers Group.

Highlights include the **Local Chefs Showcase:** Daily cooking demos in two locations – the main Food Demo Stage and the Artisan Tent in Fingal Farmers Field – showcasing local culinary talent in action. There will also be a **Display Area:** Pick up your *Fingal Food Network Producers' Bag*, meet the members behind the produce, and explore the newly launched brochure and Fingal food map to guide your next local food adventure. The final element will be a **Meet the Makers Stage:** Between chef demos, enjoy live interviews with producers and growers, sharing stories and insights that connect visitors to Fingal's food culture.

EVENTS

Swords Concerts 2025

Sold out for The Boomtown Rats and limited availability for 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



Flavours of Fingal County Show

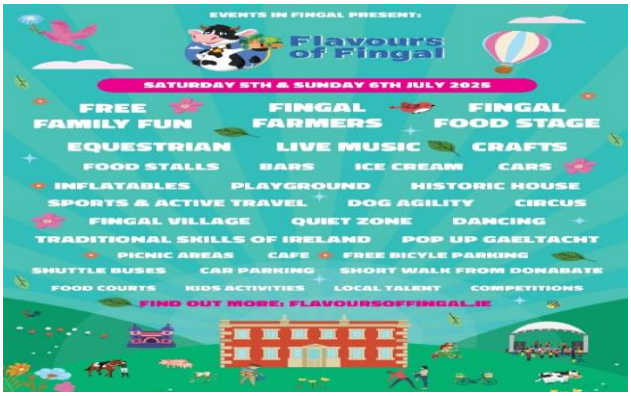
The Flavours of Fingal County Show is Fingal County Council's flagship annual event, attracting up to 70,000 visitors over two days. Held at the historic Newbridge House and Farm, this vibrant free family fun festival seamlessly blends agriculture, Equestrian food, culture, and community spirit.



Delivered by Fingal County Council in partnership with key stakeholders, the show features everything from local artisan produce and livestock displays to live entertainment, kids' activities, and interactive exhibitions. Best of all—it's free to enter, with no charge for activities, making it one of Ireland's most accessible large-scale events.

At the Flavours of Fingal County Show, Fingal County Council proudly showcases its wide range of services in the dedicated Fingal Village marquee. This interactive space is led by the Communication Unit allows members of the public to engage directly with staff from across the Council's departments, learn about ongoing initiatives, and discover the full scope of services that support communities across the county.

From environment, active travel, sports, arts to community development, tourism, libraries, emergency services, and more — the Fingal Village marquee is a central hub for information, engagement, and innovation.



Fingal Awards Over €100,000 in Festival and Events Funding for Summer Season

Fingal County Council has announced a total of **€106,550 in funding** to support a wide range of festivals and events taking place across the county during **July and August**. The funding will help enhance community engagement, cultural expression, and tourism throughout Fingal.

The following events have been awarded support:

- **Slí Dhála Summer School 2025**
- **Castleknock Music Festival 2025**
- **Fingal 10K Road Race**
- **Dublin Concert Band Free Summer Concert**
- **2025 EFBT Euro Twirl – European Championships, Ireland**
- **Garristown Summer Festival 2025**
- **Loughshinny Summer Festival**
- **Summer Family Fun Day & Taylor Hill Christmas Family Fun Day**
- **Rush Harbour Festival 2024**
- **Harvest Time Festival**
- **Spud Fest**
- **Howth Roots and Blues Festival 2025**
- **Donabate Portrane Summer Festival**

This funding highlights the Council's ongoing commitment to nurturing local culture, supporting the arts, promoting wellbeing, and celebrating the diversity of communities across Fingal.

HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Newbridge House

Get ready for the return of one of Ireland's most anticipated summer events. The Flavours of Fingal County Show 2025 is taking place in the stunning parklands of Newbridge House and Farm on the 5th & 6th July.



Visitors can enjoy not only the vibrant atmosphere of the show but also free guided tours of Newbridge House and access to the historic farmyard, included with admission. It is the perfect day out for families, food lovers, and anyone looking to experience the best of Fingal's heritage, food, and fun.

Malahide Castle

"Summer Sessions at the Castle" is coming to the breathtaking West Lawn of Malahide Castle & Gardens for the first time. This boutique music festival promises a magical evening set against the stunning backdrop of the castle.



Enjoy a high-energy lineup featuring Ireland's top tribute acts and party bands, along with delicious food, a wide range of refreshments, and an unbeatable festival atmosphere.

Don't miss the chance to experience this brand-new event in one of Dublin's most iconic outdoor venues.

Swords Castle

Markets



The monthly market in Swords Castle continues to grow with additional vendors, very good footfall and positive reviews. The third Summer food market took place in Swords Castle on Saturday, 21st June. Plans are in place to expand the spread of Summer food markets to other locations in July; it is anticipated that similar markets will soon take place in both the Malahide Casino and in the grounds of St. Patrick's Church in Donabate.

Ardgillan Castle



On 24th and 25th July, Ardgillan Castle hosts two evening open air theatre productions on the terrace performed by the University of South Carolina Lancaster Players. On the 24th July, they will be performing Beckett's iconic play 'Waiting for Godot' and on the 25th July, a new play called 'On the Spectrum', a touching and thought-provoking play that follows the journey of two young adults on the autism spectrum as they connect and communicate in a world not always built for them.

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts Development - Youth & Education

Micro Forest, Blakestown

Interviews with the project team took place at the Micro Forest Blakestown this month, with the students, artist Gareth Kennedy, teacher Mary Quinn, curator Rayne Booth and Fingal's Youth & Education Officer Julie Clarke contributing to the making of a film and publication documenting the five-year journey of the micro forest – a living and functioning art work that serves as an outdoor learning and recreational space on the school grounds of Blakestown Community College.



Musician-in-Residence Evaluation

Fingal Arts Office is carrying out an evaluation of its Musician-in-Residence Programme which includes a consultation process with a range of people involved in the programme – school coordinators, music educators, children and other stakeholders. Karan Thompson Consulting is engaged to lead this consultation with the aim of understanding how the programme has progressed, and how it might be developed into the future.

Music Generation Fingal, Balbriggan Jam Project

Music Generation Fingal's Balbriggan Jam group - 'Spectrum', lit up the stage at We Own the Castle during Cruinniú na nÓg, impressing audiences with their incredible talent, energy and positivity. The young band is now preparing with professional musicians Ollie Cole and Matt Winston for their second summer performance next month at 'Subsounds'.



Public Art

Fingal Arts Office are leading the commissioning of 3 new artworks planned for Fingal's first 5 star hotel which will be located at Dublin Airport. We are working in close partnership with the Arora Group at the site where a selection of artists have been shortlisted to create new work for the public spaces and the bedrooms at the hotel. The hotel and the works are to be ready for the hotel's opening date in October 2026.





Creative Places Balbriggan



Creative Places Balbriggan Local Support Team met in June to plan the official programme launch in the Lark Concert Hall in September among other key upcoming events, including an Arts Office funding clinic for local Balbriggan artists and community groups in July. At present the support team includes members of the Arts Office, Balbriggan Library staff, Our Balbriggan office and the FCC Community Officer for Balbriggan and is chaired by the project coordinator.

A Creative Places Balbriggan Statement of Strategy document has been drafted by the Arts Office, identifying the programme's purpose, vison, mission and values, including the three main pillars of the Creative Places Balbriggan Programme work from 2025 -2027. These pillars will be Youth, Climate Action and Creative Industries.

The coordinator also travelled to the UK in June as part of a EETCD team including Arts and Libraries to research and meet other socially engaged Arts programmes and arts centres. The trip included a visit to Heart of Glass social arts project in St. Helen's to visit some of its team and view their public art murals. Other projects visited included Storyhouse in Chester and Art Depot in Finchley, Lindon.

Arts Act Grant Scheme



Fingal Arts Office continues to support artistic activity across the county through the Arts Act Grant Scheme.

In 2025, funding has been awarded to a wide range of individuals, community groups, and organisations, helping to enrich the cultural life of Fingal through performance, participation and creative development.

To show support and witness the calibre and quality of work being delivered, members of the Arts Office team have attended a number of grants-supported projects, events and festivals across the county already this year. Just some of these include Rush Musical Society, Swords Community College Musical Society, Malahide Camera Club, Songs of ReJoycing in Howth, The Bleeding Pig Festival in Donabate and Portrane, Skerries Trad Music Weekend and Dublin en Plein Air festival at various locations.

This engagement reflects the Council's ongoing commitment to supporting vibrant, high-quality, and inclusive arts activities throughout Fingal.

Awards and residencies

Fingal local writers, **Teri Donaghy, Fiona McKay, Elaine Maguire O'Connor and Rebecca D'Arcy** have been chosen for the Irish Writers Centre's prestigious National Mentoring Programme 2025, following an exceptional response to this year's nationwide callout, which attracted 354 applicants.

Each selected writer will receive one-to-one mentoring from an established writer, offering invaluable creative and professional guidance over the coming months.

Fingal Arts Office funds the four mentorships to guarantee that the chosen awardees receive this potentially career-changing support free of charge.



Fingal Arts Office funded four bursaries for professional artists based in the Fingal area. Each awarded artist received a ticket to the Performing Arts Forum Limerick Gathering which includes all day sessions, lunch, dinner, coffee breaks and the artistic programme.

This year four Fingal artists were selected to participate, **Cliodhna Noonan, Sheila Ryder, Tighearnan Noonan and Jacinta Lowndes.**

Carnegie



***A*lannah Thornburgh first Carnegie Musician-in-Residence**

Harper Alannah Thornburg as the inaugural Musician-in-Residence at The Carnegie, Swords. This exciting new opportunity provides the selected musician with an award of €6,000, along with space and time to develop their artistic practice, create new work and engage with local audiences. Drawing on the Samhain concept of a time when the boundary between the physical and spiritual worlds is at its thinnest, Alannah will research local legends and compose new music in response. The residency will culminate in a live performance of the work in late October to mark Samhain.

Draíocht

Following a hugely successful celebration for Cruinniú na nÓg on 7th June, with outdoor dance, graffiti and family art workshops, Draíocht's Youth Arts Department continues full steam ahead for the Summer months with:

School Tours, July Provision workshop for schools, Summer Projects in Film & Music for teens, Workshops in our Creative Resources Space, plus the much anticipated bi-annual D15 Youth Theatre Production, written and produced by members.

Draíocht is now 6 months in to hosting Sarah Ward's, (a D15 artist and researcher) 4-year PHD at TU Dublin as part of the ARISE Scholarship programme, to examine the relationship between artists, galleries and the public. Sarah has created a summer programme of free workshops in our Creative Resources Space for July & August in the First Floor Gallery, from toddlers to teens, bookable through box office.



A new exhibition 'Navigating Space' by Dublin 15 print artist Maria Atanackovic, opened on 11th June and runs until 20th September. This is Maria's first solo exhibition and Draíocht is thrilled to support same.

Two Summer Visual Artist Residencies were awarded for June-August to Fingal artists Eileen O'Sullivan and Nicole Manning. Applications are now being reviewed for the much sought after joint Fingal Arts Office and Draíocht Studio Artist Award, for September to December 2025, awarding a 4-month paid artist studio residency.

Full details are available on www.draiocht.ie

Seamus Ennis Arts Centre

June saw the centre gearing up for the Garden Party summer season of performances, films and family events, alongside the opening of our summer exhibition by artists Trióna Sweeney and Elaine O'Dea.

Music

Tuesday June 2 saw the end of year concert for the music school take place in the theatre to families and friends. The April-June term had 55 students, including 3 based in America and others based around the country (the majority of classes are in person but some are conducted online). For the end of year concert, 25 students took part, performing solo or in groups, concluding with a few short performances by four of the teachers: Cliodhna NiRuairc (Fiddle), Robert Harvey (Tin Whistle & Flute), Mairead O'Donnell (Fiddle) and Des Reilly (Guitar).

Garden Party Season

Our opening weekend of the Garden Party was sold out. June 14 we were joined by Niall McCabe, combining his natural distinct voice, with deft intricate guitarwork and the support of his full band. This was followed by a rousing afternoon with Seth Mulder & The Midnight Run on June 15, who combine bluegrass, country and folk music, creating a sound that resonates with traditional and contemporary audiences alike.





The final weekend of the month welcomes Neil Delamere with his new epic show, Achillies Neil, as he takes on life's absurdities in his own inimitable way, followed the next day by the dynamic Megatrad, bringing their electrifying energy and skill combining traditional and the contemporary to the TSEAC outdoor stage.

Rounding out the weekend will be a Sunday for families.

This will begin with the puppet show, Jacqueline & The Beanstalk, a retelling of a classic with lots of twists and ending with a trip back to the 90's for the Baby Rave.





Visual Arts

Our current exhibition opened on June 4th and features paintings and drawings by Triona Sweeney and sculpture by Elaine O'Dea, two artists exploring the spaces between the natural and the human-made worlds. Sweeney's atmospheric landscape paintings are based on real places but reimagined to feel both familiar and uncertain. They show quiet, in-between spaces where traces of human presence meet nature. O'Dea's sculptures focus on the body and its environment, using both natural and industrial materials to explore ideas of boundaries, control, and identity. Her forms suggest human or organic shapes, challenging how we define inside and outside, subject and object. Together, their work reflects on how we experience space, place, and the structures - both physical and social - that shape our world. Exhibition runs until July 31.



Libraries
Cruinniú na nÓg





On Saturday, 7th June across Fingal, every library hosted creative events and workshops to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creativity for children and young people. Larger 'Carnivals of Curiosity' in Blanchardstown, Malahide, and Balbriggan Libraries drew big crowds, offering hands-on experiences in art, science, storytelling, and more. Dance performances and graffiti workshops took place in Draíocht arts centre, and the Shapes & Structures Family Day launched an exciting new creative space in the First Floor Gallery. Together, these events showed that when young people are given the space to create, they truly shine.

Swords Castle came alive with the sound of a dynamic teenage music festival, We Own the Castle, organised by Creative Ireland Fingal and Fingal Libraries for Cruinniú na nÓg. With 100 young performers on stage and an audience of nearly 2,000 cheering them on, the festival was a powerful showcase of emerging musical talent. Swords Chapel hosted 'Wavin' Words', a spoken word event that gave young poets a platform to share their voices. With themes ranging from identity and resilience to dreams and social change, these young writers captivated listeners.

Fingal Future Visions



For Cruinniú na nÓg 2025, children's illustrator Chris Judge worked with four primary schools across Swords and Malahide to create an artistic vision of what Fingal, and the world, will look like twenty years from now. This collaborative project resulted in the creation of a vibrant, large-scale mural collage reflecting hopes and possibilities for the future. The mural was unveiled at Swords Castle for Cruinniú na nÓg before going on display in the Atrium in County Hall on June 16th. Close to 100 of the young artists gathered in County Hall, with Deputy Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Gráinne Maguire in attendance, to reflect on the project with Chris and question him about his work. Fingal Future Visions will be on display in the County Hall Atrium until June 27th.

Library Summer Programme



Fingal Libraries launched its programme of events for the summer months. The programme includes free events, workshops, and activities for all ages. Events for children include author visits, creative writing, drawing, sewing, STEM workshops, coding, storytelling, arts and crafts, family yoga, a magic show, and sensory-friendly workshops. The 'Book Doctors' from Children's Books Ireland will visit Blanchardstown Library to give children and families advice on books they will love. Events for adults include exercise classes under the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme, arts and crafts workshops, talks on gardening and genealogy, a poetry workshop, a smartphone course, and eServices clinics to assist people to get the best out of Fingal Libraries free eServices.

Summer Stars

Libraries are taking part in Summer Stars, the national reading programme that runs annually throughout the summer. Every child who takes a book out from the library gets a reading card and a stamp for each book they read. This programme aims to keep children reading throughout the school summer holidays.

Heritage Week

National Heritage Week takes place between 16th – 24th August. Libraries will celebrate with free events for adults and children. Nature workshops in Baldoyle and Malahide Libraries will teach children about Ireland's biodiversity and ecosystems. Events for adults include talks from Bat Conservation Ireland and the Skerries Historical Society, and a workshop on seed saving. Fingal Local Studies and Archives will hold open days where the public can view items from the collection and find out what resources are available for local and family history. Fingal Local Studies and Archives have also organised an exhibition on 'The Sale of Balbriggan' in Bremore Castle. The exhibition will tell the story of the sale of the estate of George Alexander Hamilton 150 years ago, which included the entire town of Balbriggan.

Fingal Festival in a Van

Sounds Like Summer: Fingal Festival in a Van is currently touring Fingal, visiting 12 locations over six days. In a collaboration with Creative Fingal and Fingal Community Development Office, Festival in a Van is bringing pop-up performances of music, dance, and spoken word to all types of communities across Fingal, from housing estates to public parks to youth groups to refugee accommodation.

Helium Arts Summer Art Camp

Helium Arts Summer Art Camp for children with lifelong health conditions will take place in Blanchardstown Library on 22nd - 24th July. This camp is designed for children aged 8–12 living with a lifelong physical health condition(s). The camp is led by a professional artist and has a medic on site if needed.

Flavours of Fingal

Fingal Libraries will take part in the Flavours of Fingal Festival on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July. Libraries will have a stand at the Fingal Village where staff will provide information on library services, resources and events. The mobile library van will also be at the festival and provide entertainment for children including facepainting and a magic show.

Inclusive Creativity



Inclusive Creativity, a collaboration between Fingal Libraries and Creative Fingal, is continuing over the summer months.

Adults supported by Prosper Fingal are taking part in sustainable arts & crafts workshops in library branches with Aga Hutcheson. This collaborative programme will also offer workshops to older age groups in libraries and other community settings over the coming months.

Weathervane Poetry Anthology

The Creative Poetry Writing Group at Balbriggan Library gathered with friends, family, and the local community to launch their anthology, Weathervane, on 17th June. The group meets in Balbriggan Library every Tuesday to explore different poetry forms in a supportive environment for creativity.

Economic Development

Fingal Skills Strategy

FUTURE FINGAL: FINGAL Skills STRATEGY
IDEAS COLLABORATION ACTION

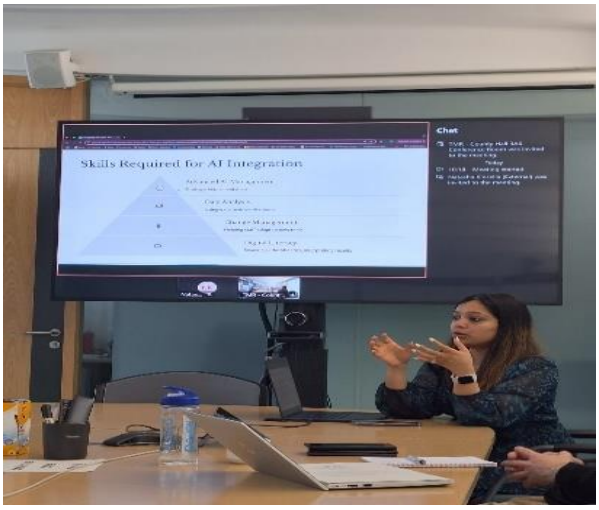
EETCD continues to support the implementation of the Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029, developing Fingal's skills ecosystem, working in partnership with the SSIG and Industry Subgroups.

As part of our promotion of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024-2029 the Pavilions centre are part of our Services sub-group are supporting the Strategy with advertising in a high traffic entrance to the shopping centre. The display will feature for 6 months and contains a QR code for the public to download and read the strategy.





At a meeting with the Transport & Logistics Sub-group on the 9th of June, Cuty Gupta, CEO and Founder of CozmoTec and winner of the 2025 Fingal Enterprise Awards presented to the group the impact of AI on the Transport & Logistics sector including the AI tools that are transforming the industry.



At the June Skills Strategy Implementation Group (SSIG) meeting Deirdre Lynch from 'Not so Different' delivered a presentation on maximising human potential through neurodiversity which offers a valuable source of diverse skills and perspectives to employers. The SSIG agreed to establish a sub-group to explore a pilot project in Fingal with Not So Different. The SSIG also discussed plans for a Skills Summit in Q4 2025.

Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo 2025

Under Theme 2 of the Strategy the Xplore Your Future Expo is a key deliverable, planning is underway for the 2025 Xplore Your Future Fingal TY Skills Expo which is open to all TY students in Fingal secondary schools. The Expo 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.

This year's edition is set to be the largest yet with over 2,500 students from 22 schools across Fingal registered to attend. The Economic Development team in conjunction with our event managers are currently working with exhibitors to provide as interactive an experience as possible for the students.



Xplore Your Future Competition - Student Skills Competition (Construction, Transport & Logistics)



The "Xplore Your Future" Student Skills Competition" derived from participation in the Intereg 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. (See Link)

Student Skills Competition 2025 | Fingal County Council

Interreg Skyla Project

The Council continues to participate in the Interreg SKYLA Project, with partners from seven European regions, seeking to enhance VET's role in innovation ecosystems, strengthen links between SMEs and VET providers, and boost regional capacity to anticipate and meet skills needs to align with the action of Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy 2024 – 2029.



Fingal presented the work of the Fingal Skills Strategy at a SKYLA webinar on *"Smart Specialisation Skills Ecosystems for the Twin Transition Regional Pathways to Inclusive Growth and Innovation"* held on the 17th of June.

Bi-Lateral Exchange

Fingal in collaboration with DCU & DRSF hosted SKYLA project partners Skåne for a bi-lateral exchange visit on the 12th and 13th of June. The Swedish delegation consisted of stakeholders form the Skane Regional Government, University of Malmo, (Arbetsmarknadskunskap) AMK, and IUC Syd (Industrial Development Centre).

The meeting commenced with a presentation from AMK representatives on the AMK programme which aims to address skills gaps in the region by directly speaking to students in schools and tailoring the presentations to skills deficient careers. This was followed by a presentation from Trinity College's 'Academy of the Near Future' who run STEM programmes for students throughout County Dublin.





Day Two saw the delegation visit DCU for presentations on the DCU STINT programme which offers Teachers and Student teachers the opportunity to complete STEM internships in STEM companies throughout Ireland. This programme has been very successful in providing teachers in Primary and Secondary schools with the skills and the confidence to introduce STEM into their classrooms to help inspire the next generation to pursue these careers.

The exchange finished with a visit to Esmark Finch who demonstrated how they engaged with the DRSF and Enterprises Ireland's Spotlight on Skills Programme to upskill and retrain staff to meet the development need of the employees and the emerging skills need of the company.

URBACT–EcoCore

The EcoCore Project
Green Transition in Small Cities along Transport Corridors

Fingal County Council continues to lead the URBACT EcoCore Project which comprises a network of 9 small cities/towns in Europe focussing on challenges and opportunities for green growth and sustainable economic development along strategic transport corridors. The Project Team will close out the project by the end of 2025.



A local stakeholder meeting (ULG) was held in the Bracken Court Hotel on the 19th of June. ULG members were presented with the draft Integrated Action Plan (IAP) which is a key deliverable of the EcoCore Project. The IAP is focused primarily on four strategic objectives with key actions for the sustainable economic development of Council owned lands in Stephenstown, Balbriggan. ULG members were invited to review the draft plan which they co-created with the EcoCore Project team.



The EcoCore Project team are currently planning for the final network communications output which will be a series of five podcasts covering the successes, challenges, and learnings of all project partners throughout the URBACT EcoCore journey. The podcasts will be recorded over two days in September with input from all project partners and several local stakeholders.



Stephenstown and Folkstown Little Framework Plans

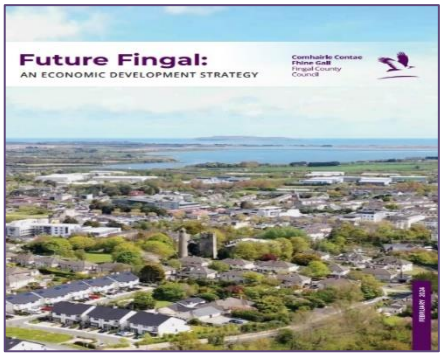


The Draft Stephenstown (FP 4.A) & Folkstown Little (FP 4.B) Framework Plan was on public display from 17th October to 15th November 2024.

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. An update on progress was delivered in a briefing to the Elected Members on the 26th May 2025.

Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy

The Economic Development team is working with stakeholders in progressing the implementation of actions, including the development of a Marketing Plan under the Future Fingal: Fingal Economic Development Strategy.



Sustainable Fingal

Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy

EETCD are due to commence work on Future Fingal: Fingal Sustainability Strategy and is in the process of appointed consultants to assist with the development of the Strategy following the tender process. It is envisaged that the Sustainability Strategy will be completed by Q4 2025 and will compliment and support the Department's suite of Strategies: Future Fingal: Economic Development Strategy and Future Fingal: Fingal Skills Strategy.

EETCD continues to liaise with representatives from DCU and daa to explore a work programme of sustainability 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

EETCD has joined the Circular Cities & Regions Initiative (CCRI) Community of Practice on Supporting Local Circular Businesses and participated in the first working group on the 21st of May.

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 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.

Following the EcoCore Hackathon held in October 2025, EETCD and Smart Balbriggan are progressing with a feasibility study on the winning concept to examine the potential for a Circular Economy Hub and Digital Platform.

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.

The Council has submitted an application for funding to InterTrade Ireland for the development of an innovation support programme, building on the work that Fingal lead on for DBEC in 2023 for a Feasibility Study on Innovation Support and funded by the Shared Island Fund.

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 met on 28th May 2025 and focused on LECP Theme 3: Skills for Life & Work and discussed approaches to advance delivery on objectives under this theme. The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 9th July 2025.

SICAP

The annual SICAP budget for 2025 is 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

Empower submitted an application to The Department of Rural and Community Development and Gaeltacht (DRCDG) and was allocated €50,000 in additional New Arrivals Funding for the SICAP programme in Fingal.

The mid-year SICAP review took place in June and will be considered by the LCDC at the July meeting.

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 17th June and approved 7 Projects for funding

- New Hope Residential Centre Digital Upgrade
- Loughshinny new equipment
- Aine Healy Ceramics Growth Initiative
- Donabate Portrane CC-IT Training Room
- East Coast Bikes
- Fort Lucan-Water Slide
- Skerries Harvest Festival

The next Dublin Rural LAG meeting is scheduled for the 26th August 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.

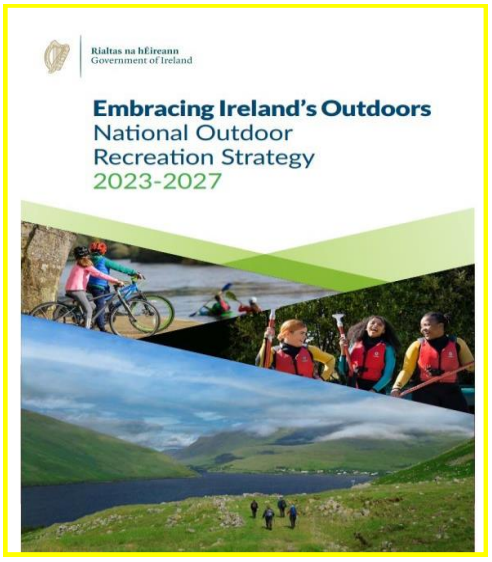


On 13th June 2025, over €280,000 in total funding was awarded to 92 community groups and organisations across Fingal, as announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary, and Minister of State Jerry Buttimer.

This year also saw an additional funding stream for current expenses. An allocation of €38,404 was provided to assist groups with day-to-day essentials like electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges, rental/lease costs and insurance bills.

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 2025.

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 project was submitted under **Measure 2.**

1 application for improvement works around the Balbriggan Boathouse and Bathhouse was submitted under **Measure 3**.

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Healthy Steps

Work is ongoing on the development of three walking initiatives in Balbriggan, Donabate, and Dublin 15 under the "Healthy Steps" project, with support from the HSE, Empower and Fingal's Sports Office. These community-based walks allow GPs and healthcare professionals to refer patients, promoting both physical activity and mental wellbeing. The Donabate walk has been running successfully for the past two years as part of the Woodlands for Health initiative, which supports mental health through nature-based activity. This walk will continue under the same name and like the walk in Millennium Park and Balbriggan is now open to referrals through Healthy Steps.

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. A fun colouring/drawing competition took place in both schools with information on signing up to the Smoke Free Homes Challenge sent out to all student homes.



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. 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:

On the 5th of June, Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD announced over €17 million to deliver 212 community projects across the country as part of the Community Recognition Fund 2024. Fingal has welcomed €309,753 in funding as part of Call 3, set to support a series of initiatives including facility enhancements, equipment purchases, refurbishment works, laneway improvements, and the conversion of an all-weather astro pitch.

- Irish Institute of Music & Song, Balbriggan – Enhancement of facilities and equipment purchase
- Corduff Sports Centre – Refurbishment works
- Huntstown Community Centre – Window upgrades
- Lusk's Forgotten Laneway – Upgrade and installation works
- Swords Celtic Football Club – All-weather astro pitch conversion



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 governance of the Balbriggan Leadership Group responsible for the implementation of the Balbriggan Socio-Economic plan 2025 – 2030. Four multi-stakeholder pillar groups meet periodically, to progress opportunities around Economic Development, Education, Skills & Employment, Community Development and Sustainability, Climate Action and Bio-diversity. The Public Realm Pillar is chaired by the County Architect and reports directly to the Chief Executive.



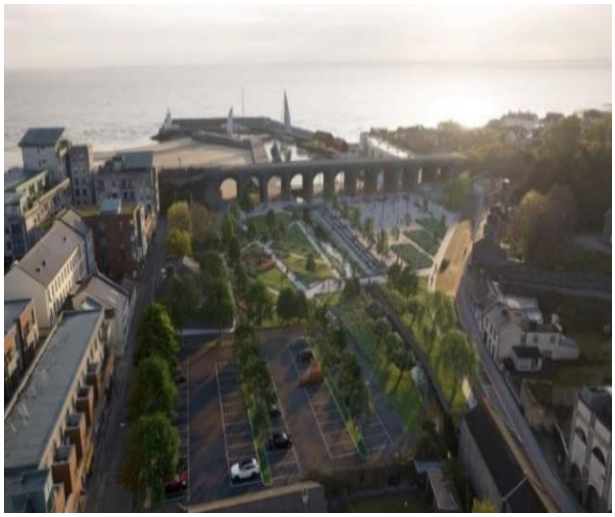
The Balbriggan Leadership Group is independently chaired by Dr. David Begg and met last on 25th June 2025. Membership comprises the five Balbriggan locally elected councillors and senior representatives from the Public Sector and Local and Community Development stakeholders.



The June meeting facilitated an in depth focus and discussion on the challenges and opportunities identified in the Education, Training & Skills pillar. Speakers included Leon Harding, DDTLETB, Enterprise Engagement Manager, on the launch of the Dublin FET College of the Future, employer engagement and apprenticeships in Balbriggan.

Members of the Leadership group received updates on the Urban Regeneration Development Programme funded schemes including 6a – 14 Bridge Street (De Bruns – Green Corridor).

The Council appointed contractor John Craddock Ltd on the redevelopment of the Quay Street, Harbour & Environs area in Q2 2024. Work is due to be substantially completed by Quarter 1 2026. Work continues to progress well across key elements of the Quay Street & Harbour site.



Phase 3 Works have been completed including works to the River Walls and Riverbed Mill Street footpath and junction upgrades. Phase 4 has commenced with the heritage restoration of the RNLI Boathouse building, new public toilets and harbour pavilion buildings and kiosks progressing, due to be completed by end Q3 2025. with substantive upgrades to Quay Street ongoing. Further works in this phase will incorporate construction of 2 pedestrian bridges, and ongoing construction of exposed aggregate finish at the Plaza due for completion by Q4 2025.





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 Q3 2025.



An Integrated Design Team, Mccullough Mulvin Architects, have 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 a pre-design report. Options contained in the report have undergone preliminary scrutiny, based on scheme objectives and financial and economic viability and a preferred option is emerging. More design work is required before bringing back to stakeholders in Q3 2025 with the intention of proceeding to a Part 8 planning public consultation process in Q4/Q1 '25/26.

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, Chieftan's Drive/Moylaragh Road was published on Consult.ie, with 14 submissions received by the closing date May 30th.

Submissions are currently being reviewed with a view to consulting with locally elected members in September and proceeding to next steps. 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 13,500+ 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.

These were identified in the Lusk Town Centre First Plan and include measures to develop appropriate facilities in Lusk's Central Parks and the possibility of a farmers' market. A feasibility study currently being completed regarding the potential of a farmers' market is on track for completion and a request for tender process is ongoing in relation to the Central Parks project.

A town hall meeting was held on Saturday 14 June as part of a Farmers Market feasibility study being conducted by contractors Brouder Marketing. The purpose of this meeting was to encourage participation and feedback from local stakeholders regarding the proposed set-up, location and product range of the market. The meeting was very well attended, and many great ideas were shared which are currently being considered.

An online meeting of the current town team was held on 17 June where discussions took place regarding the establishment of a new town team within Lusk to replace the outgoing team. It has been agreed that a facilitator will attend the next meeting to engage with stakeholder groups and any other local attendees to agree a process for the nomination of new town team members.



Town Centre First – Balrothery

Following on from the completion of a Town Centre First Health Check report, a meeting was held on the 15th of May with prospective members of the new town team for Balrothery to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and future government funding possibilities. Composition of the new town team has been confirmed, with its inaugural meeting expected to take place shortly.

A launch event is expected to take place later in the summer where the Balrothery Health Check Report will be launched in order to create further public awareness of this document and the establishment of the new town team.



Town Centre First – Ballyboughal

A Town Centre First Health Check report has been completed for Ballyboughal. A meeting was subsequently held on the 14th of May with potential members to discuss draft terms of reference, town team composition, and possibilities for future government funding. The new town team is now confirmed, and its inaugural meeting will take place in the near future.

This Health check document will be launched later in the summer to increase public awareness and to promote the new town team.



Town Centre First – Donabate

Similarly to Balrothery and Ballyboughal, a Town Centre First Health Check report has also been completed for Donabate and a meeting was held on the 20th of May regarding composition of the new town team and draft terms of reference, as well as future government funding possibilities. It is expected that the new town team will hold its inaugural meeting soon.

A launch event for this health check is also expected to take place later in the summer.



Town Centre First – Rush

Building on a successful series of capacity building meetings in Rush, the latest town centre first meeting was held on 4 June, where attendees identified actions which could potentially be implemented in the coming months to address issues raised at previous meetings.

Additional planned workshops will focus on encouraging increased participation from the business community in the town, as well as completing the capacity building process and the formation of a town team.





Town & Village Renewal Schemes

The Town Regeneration Office is currently facilitating two approved projects under the Town & Village Renewal 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 scheduled to be completed by October 2025.

A new call for projects in 2025 was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in March. The Town Regeneration Office sought Expressions of Interests from a wide variety of internal and external stakeholder groups with a closing date for receipt of expressions of interest of 13 June 2025. A number of expressions of interest have been received and are currently being evaluated by the Town Regeneration Office to ensure that they align with the requirements of the scheme. Applications which best meet those requirements will be selected by the Town Regeneration team to be submitted by Fingal to the D.R.C.D.



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 improvement.



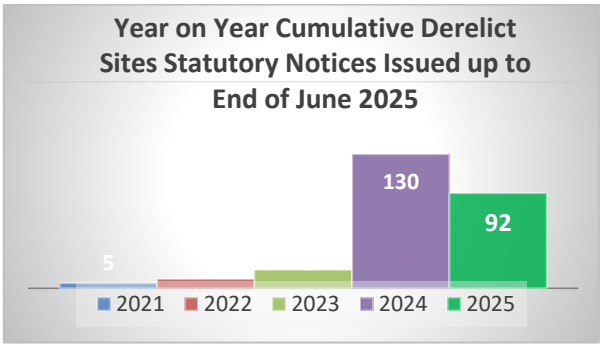
Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Project

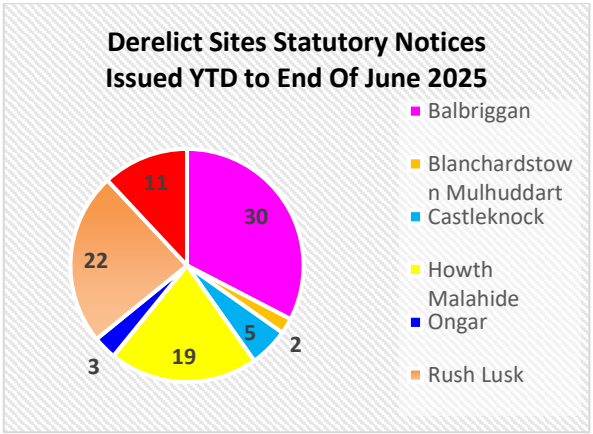
One project was approved under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for 2024, "Sea Swimming at Skerries Springers".

An options report has been received from the designated consultant and this report has been circulated to FCC internal departments for review before publication.

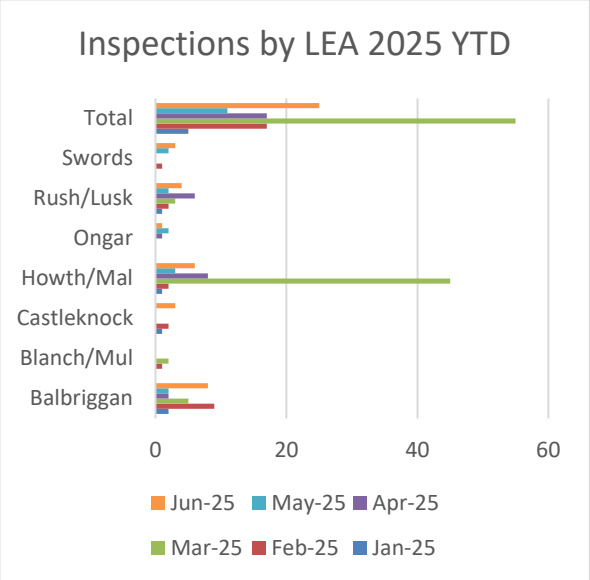
Derelict Sites

92 statutory notices have issued to owners of Derelict properties under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 since the start of 2025 resulting in a further 12 derelict sites being added to the Derelict Sites Register.





There has been a total of 128 inspections and reinspections carried out year to date in 2025 through referrals from members of the public and through the activity of the Derelict Sites team.



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.

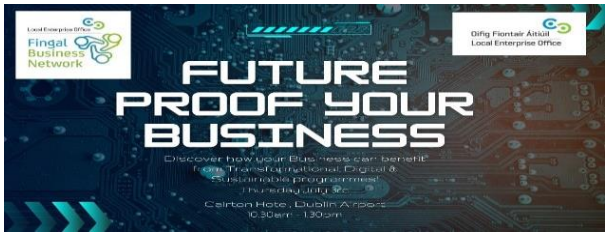
The Town Regeneration Office actively encourages the reporting of potential derelict sites. Referrals can be made by accessing the Report Form on Fingal County Council's public website and emailing the completed form to derelictsites@fingal.ie

Local Enterprise Office

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office

LEO Fingal provides a broad suite of support services to stimulate enterprise and enable small businesses to succeed.

Fingal Business Network



The next Fingal Business Network event takes place on 3rd July in Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport. Future-Proof Your Business: Discover how your business can benefit from Transformational, Digital & Sustainable programmes! This networking event includes guest panellists, Digital, Lean and Green consultants and of course members of the Fingal business community. Attendees will learn about business success using Transformational, Sustainable and Digital programmes. They will learn how to increase their efficiency, champion sustainability, and dominate the digital landscape. The event includes a networking lunch.

Attendees on the day will hear from our guest panellists:

- Sarah Murphy - Sarah Murphy, CEO, Jack Murphy Clothing
- Wim De Jongh, Founder and Managing Director, Hope Beer
- Grace McNalley, Managing Director, McNally Joinery

Fingal Business Supports Briefing



Local Enterprise Office
BUSINESS SUPPORTS BRIEFING

Following the success of the Fingal Business Supports Briefing on June 4th, which had 85 registrants, the next session is scheduled for July 9th, online.

The June event saw strong engagement from local business owners, with attendees benefiting from expert guidance on training, mentorship, and grants. Interest in Business Advice Clinics, Start Your Own Business Courses, and Grant Application Workshops continues to grow, and the upcoming briefing will provide even more opportunities to access valuable support. The LEO Fingal team will once again offer Q&A sessions and one-on-one consultations, helping participants take the next steps in their business journey.

Food Sectoral Supports

The latest Dublin regional Food Starter course began on 19th May led by LEO Fingal 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. LEO Fingal welcomed participants and highlighted availability of supports including funding and Energy Efficiency Grants as well as Digital Programmes.

Evaluations and Approvals Committee

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee (EVAC) approved 4 projects for funding at a recent meeting, bringing to €533,006 the total approved year to date 2025, for 26 applicants across Business Feasibility, Priming and Expansion Grants. There was an additional €33,250 IP Plus Grant approved. The next EVAC meeting will be held in person on the 27th of August 2025.

Management Development



The latest Leadership for Business Acceleration programme concluded on May 7th. Participants now have a couple of months to work on their business plan and submit for review by the course providers. The current cohort will graduate and receive a certificate at the opening of the next course which is on 25th September 2025. The 8-week 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 it is now open for bookings.

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.

This year has seen strong interest in this scheme with enquiries coming from restaurants, pubs and coffee shops. Eight companies have been approved year to date, with several businesses currently working on applications.

Two Success Story videos have been produced to highlight the benefits of this grant. Stories by Ola (Balbriggan) and PJ's Party & Childcare (Balbriggan).

Trading Online Voucher Scheme



Trading Online Voucher scheme (now expired) 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. Before the scheme closed, a total of 45 applications were approved in 2025, in the amount of €94,138.

The Trading Online Voucher scheme has now closed, and the LEO team will continue to process grant payments from applications approved before the closing date. Approved applicants have 6 months from the date on their Letter of Offer to draw down their voucher before it expires.

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 and are extremely popular.

The Fingal mentor panel consists of a variety of skilled and experienced mentors from a range of business backgrounds. In 2025 so far 342 clients availed of one-to-one appointments in Business Advice Clinics and 155 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 in 2025 year to date, 18 MFI loan applications have been processed. LEO Fingal supports MFI applicants with a Mentor who guides applicants through the application process to help maximise their prospect of approval.

Training and Events

LEO Fingal continues to provide vital training to owner managers with 2,061 participants year to date. There have been six Start Your Own Business courses with 77 participants and our first Digital Marketing course of 2025 commenced on 12th June and is ongoing for 10 weeks. The seventh Start Your Own Business course commences on 1st July 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 with several businesses currently working on submissions.

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



Leo Fingal have approved 36 Digital for Business programmes year to date at a cost of €78,300 and have also approved 2 Grow Digital Vouchers worth €7,160. 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.

Lean for Business



Lean into working smarter, not harder!

Lean For Business is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies,

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Area Business Totals for May 2025

Area	Public CRM's	Rep CRM's	Area Questions	Area Motions	Headed Items
Balbriggan/Swords	527	62	65	10	1
Castleknock/Mulhuddart	280	180	23	7	0
Howth/Malahide	293	61	22	4	1
Total	**1,100**	**303**	**110**	**21**	**2**

Works Programme
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords Area - Parks

Rush

One side of project at Rush Complete.





Commencement of works at South Beach Rush as part of Programme of Works.







Rush Tidy Towns was presented with a finalist award in the All-Island National Best Kept Towns competition.



Garristown

New sign installed as part of the Programme of Works for Garristown.



Swords

New Pollinator planting scheme installed as part of the POWs, in collaboration with the Swords Tidy towns and Carlton court resident group. Tree planting, a lavender hedge and blocks of perennial planting have been planted to enhancing the location.





Path improvement works completed in Berwick Grove as part of the POWs. The second phase of these landscape improvements works will include a planting scheme in collaboration with local residents.



Newbridge

Conservation Works progressing on the red brick boundary wall of Newbridge Demesnes Walled Garden as part of Capital works program.







New Dog off leash signage installed at the car park of Newbridge demesne along with Path improvement works and the installation of paving around the new and existing signage.



Balbriggan

New access pathway to calisthenics area in millpond Park Balbriggan.



Railings and boundary treatment at St Paul's crescent Balbriggan.





Santry

New Maxilith mapboards, poles and directional fingerposts installed in Santry demesne by Swords depot Operations staff. This is part of a phased revision of the signage within the parks.







Portrane

New Pollinator planting scheme installed as part of the Programme of Works, in collaboration with the Portrane PVRG group. 5 stone planters and 4 red brick planters are now fully planted up and already adding further colour to the Village.







Harbours



The Council are awaiting the Foreshore Licence from Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine which is required to undertake works at Skerries Pier.

Howth/ Malahide Area

Roads / Footpaths - Malahide



Footpath Repairs by roads crew at Seapark Malahide.





Resurfacing of Estuary Rd as part of 2025 POW.

Drainage Works



Replacement of Defective Stone Culvert on the Backroad Junction in Malahide Drainage ahead of the junction upgrade works being carried out as part of development works in the Area.

Cleansing, Beaches and Graveyards







RobsWall Park Malahide boiler and floor replacement after water damage works were carried out.







Clean up from foul sewer surcharge at Muldowney Toilets Coast Road Malahide.



Works to be carried out to replace loose tiles at Malahide village toilets.





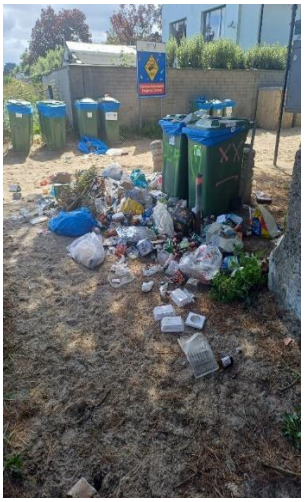


Velvet strand Portmarnock yoga event.



Burial grounds work Fingal Balgriffin post heavy rain.







East pier toilets Howth new opening and closing signage with information to assist door opening and closing.



Beach cleaning Monday 23/6/25 - Howth Burrow Beach Claremont beach

Malahide Parks & Open Spaces

Malahide Demesne concerts











Malahide Concerts Series 2025

The 2025 Malahide Concert Series has commenced and the following acts took to stage on:

- 17th June Charlie 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

Butterfly House.



A new backup generator has been installed in case of power cuts to maintain the heating/temperature for the butterflies and pupae.

Restoration works commencing at Glasshouses in Walled Garden



Fencing around Peach Glasshouse and potting shed.



Peach House – Works have begun on the glass houses. Glass panels removed prior to restoration works.



Glass panels removed from Old Dutch Glasshouse before restoration



Dutch house – initial works beginning on the glass houses.



Alpine house and Frames in Walled Garden

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Kettles Park, Kinsealy



Ground works installed for new changing facilities.



Ground works to accommodate new sports changing facilities.





Preparation for Drainage works at Football pitch in Kettles Park is well under way.



Football pitch Kettles pk. drainage works.



Open Spaces - Howth







Landscaping of sloped beds in Howth village opposite the harbour has started. Mainly weeding and cleaning up litter so far, planting to follow.

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

Millennium Park

Photos of 2 beds cleaned and replanted in Millennium Park, 1 ton of bark mulch added.





Shackelton's Gardens – climbing Rose.

Photo of the famous rose in Shackelton's Gardens called Fortunes double yellow climbing Rose.



N3 Navan Road – grass cutting, strimming, litter picking Saturday 14th June 2025.

Photos of grass cutting, strimming, litter picking along the N3 Navan Road carried out on Saturday 14th June 2025.



Windemere – grass cutting, strimming, litter picking Saturday 14th June 2025.

Photos of new Perennial Border in Windemere Clonsilla.
170 Perennial flowers and 2 Ton of bark mulch added to border.





Ash Die Back Tree Removals.

Photos of the Ash Die Back tree removals being carried out in the Dublin 15 Area.
Approx 280 trees have been removed to date.
Ashfield Lawn - 22 ash trees removed



Ongar Link Road Ash Tree removals
111 ash trees removed



Clonsilla road
52 Ash trees removed



Programme of Works 2025

Programme of Works 2025 Ashling Corduff Footpath Repair.







New play equipment installed in Hartstown Park.
Rockers, seesaw.







Road markings – before and after photos

Car Parking Services

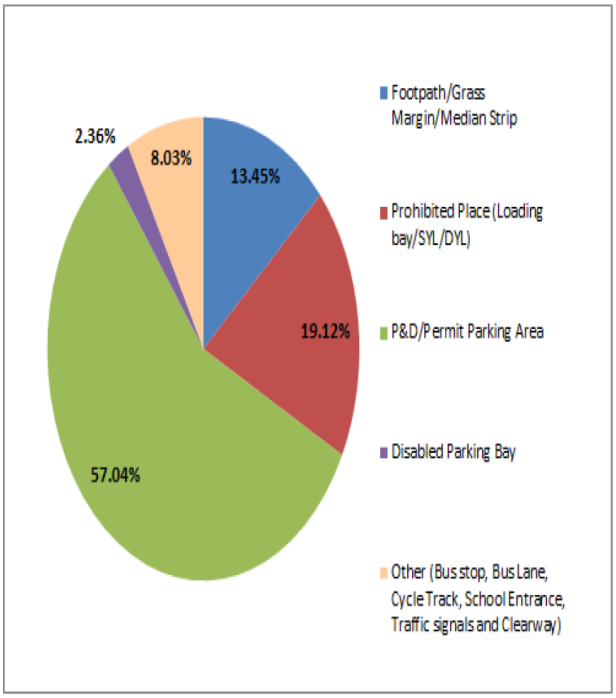
May 2025

There were a total of 1271 parking tickets issued during May 2025.

Main Ticketing Locations:

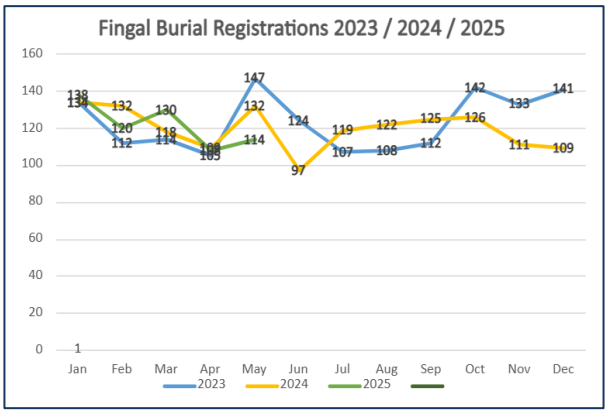
Location	Main Ticket Locations May 2025
North Street - Swords	154
Bridgefield Car Park - Malahide	84
Harbour Road - Skerries	65
Strand Street - Skerries	63
Main Street - Swords	59
South Strand Skerries	56
Old Street - Malahide	42
Church Street - Skerries	39
Church Road - Malahide	37
High Street - Balbriggan	34

Breakdown of Parking Offences:



Burial Ground Services

There were 114 Interments in Fingal Cemeteries during May 2025.



Kellystown Burial Ground

Kealy Construction 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

Balbriggan – Works partially completed for installation of a new signalized pedestrian crossing in the Stephenstown area near Bremore Educate Together Secondary School, Balbriggan.



Naul R122 and R108- Traffic management scheme works have commenced for the installation of a new Zebra Crossing and junction improvement works.



Killary Grove, Killalane – Junction Road markings upgrade.



Howth Malahide Area

Examples of completed Road Lining in the Baldoyle Industrial est.





Double yellow lines –Bayside



Above: ‘Sharks teeth’ refresh - Back Road Malahide.



Lining Works on Alden Road.



Above: New road surface markings for Waterside car park



Above: New Road Lining on Burrowfield road.



Above: ‘SLOW’ markings for Coill Dubh-Malahide

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Above: On going works for new Zebra on the Red Arches Road – Baldoyle

Castleknock/Mulhuddart Area

New Signals 2025 – Dublin 15

New ESB connections have been approved and paid for. Works for the D15 new pedestrians' signals will commence in July/August.



New Zebra crossing complete in Beechpark Lawn.

Signs



Twisted sign on Auburn Avenue corrected.



Sign and supplementary plate re-aligned on Auburn Avenue.

Speed Reader – Grove Road

The faulty speed reader on Grove Road has been repaired.





Speed reader repaired on Grove Road.

Programme of Works 2025

Programme of Works 2025 Brookhaven Corduff











Fleet Management & Plant Hire Unit

88 Plant Hires were put in place from 26/05/2025 to 23/06/2025, engaging 19 suppliers.

A New Concrete mixer/bottle was purchased for the Roads Department in Coolmine.





2 New Renault Master Fully Electric Vans purchased for Coolmine and Newbridge.



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
- Turvey Avenue, Donabate - between Beresford Estate and Waterleaf Estate
- Lanesborough Park, Charlestown

2025 POW Works in Progress/Ongoing:

- New Haggart Cottages, Balleally
- Porterstown Park Main Carpark, Porterstown
- Chapel Close Green / Bremore Green Pedestrian Walkway, Balbriggan
- Howth Village, Howth - East Pier Car Park between Abbey Street and Toilets
- Streamstown Lane, Malahide

Works on the public lighting column replacement programme have commenced.

Public Lighting Column Replacements Completed:

- Dromheath Green, Mulhuddart
- Wellview Estate, Mulhuddart

Public Lighting Column Replacements commenced:

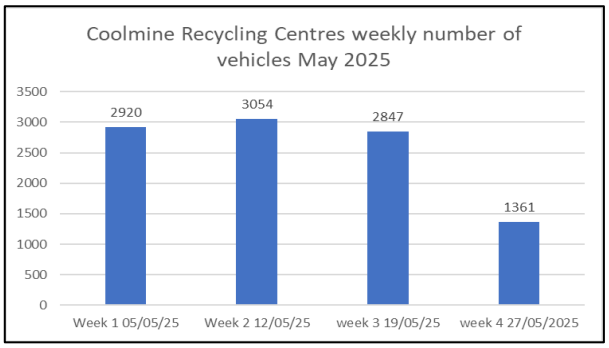
- Lohunda Estate, Coolmine
- Thormanby Lawns, Howth

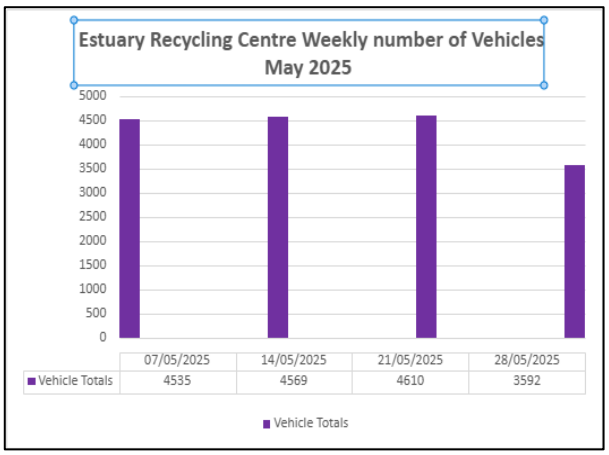
Other public lighting works completed:

- Installation of public lighting on pedestrian walkway from Riverside Court/Old Corduff Road to N3 underpass.
- New columns installed at Skerries Mills pedestrian walkway

Recycling Centres Update

The Council is currently in the process of recruitment of additional Recycling Centre Operators to commence the new opening hours at Coolmine.

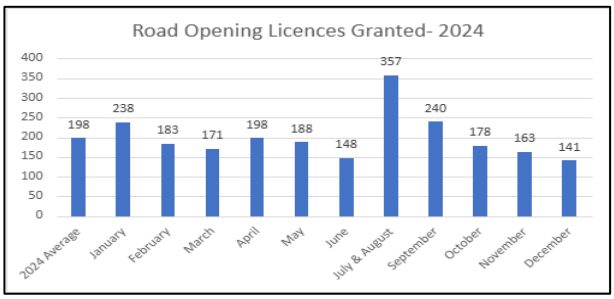


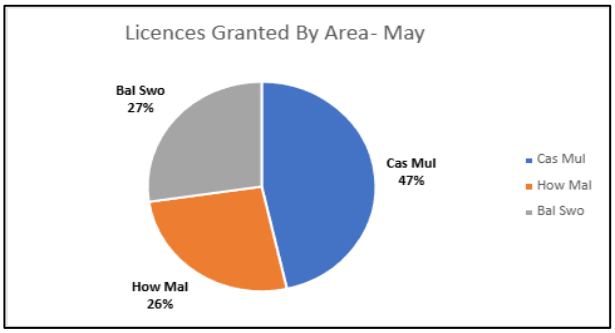


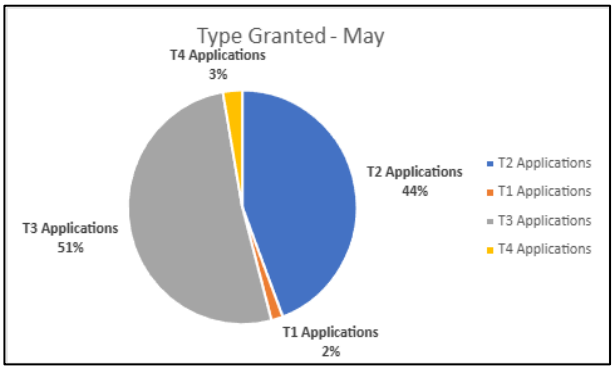
Licenses

- 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.
183 Licences were granted in the month of May**, 54% 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.







Bus Enhancement Scheme

Fingal have been allocated €500,000 for the NTA Bus Stop Enhancement Programme in 2025. This has been allocated between the 4 operational areas - €125,000 to Howth/Malahide, €125,000 to Dublin 15 €125,000 to Swords and €125,000 to Balbriggan.

Following a meeting with the NTA in May 2025 a list of proposed works at 20 locations were prepared for each area and this list has been forwarded to the NTA for approval.

The plan is for the work to be completed by November to drawdown the grant.

Grass Pitch Applications 2025/26

Fingal County Council is currently accepting grass pitch applications from the 9th to the 30th of June 2025
To date FCC has received a total of 20 applications with further applications expected over the next couple of weeks.
Applications & pitch maps can be found on the Fingal County Council website / Grass Pitch Applications.

Casual Trading License

Fingal County Council has a total of 41 valid Casual Trading Licences for the 2025/26 trading season covering trading of Hot Food, Tea & Coffee, Ice Cream and Flowers.
All 41 traders are fully licenced for the 2025 trading season. We are currently processing 4 additional applications. 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 45 Casual Traders operating in the Fingal Administrative area, the highest number to date.

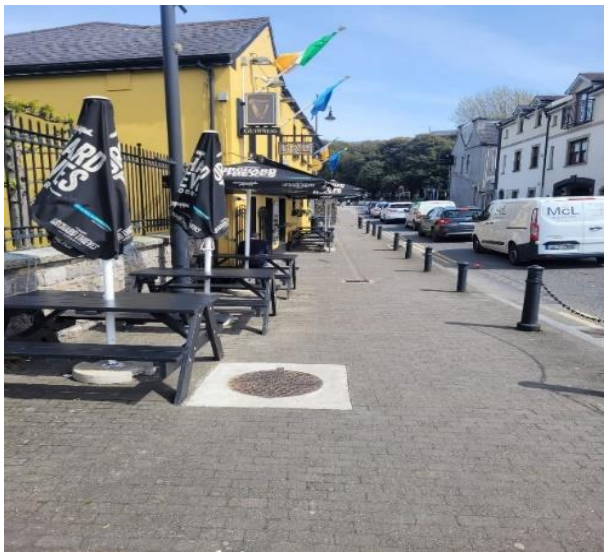


Pilot Scheme Beach Mobile Saunas

Fingal County Council now has a total of 5 Mobile Sauna trading units operating at five different locations throughout the county.
Seasonal licences have been issued under the Casual Trading Bye-Laws 2021.

Street Furniture Licences & remaining Parklets

A total of 24 Street Furniture Licences have been issued in 2025.
All 24 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 six applications which we are currently processing & provisional inspections are being carried out.



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

Work Package B – Tucketts Lane, it is now anticipated that the works will commence in the Autumn. A road closure application to facilitate these works will be published shortly. The detailed design for Work Package A, which is the surface water culvert works on main street, is progressing with further surveys now identified to be completed.

Burrow Beach SW Outfall Pipeline Repair

The remediation of the surface water outfall pipe was completed one full month ahead of programme. 30 Nr precast concrete Anchor blocks, overlying rock or newly installed gabion stone-filled mattresses on a geo-textile membrane, and 95m of new pipe installation works were installed by the end of May 2025. These works were executed by FCC Direct Labour with design and technical advice provided by Consulting Engineers, MWP.

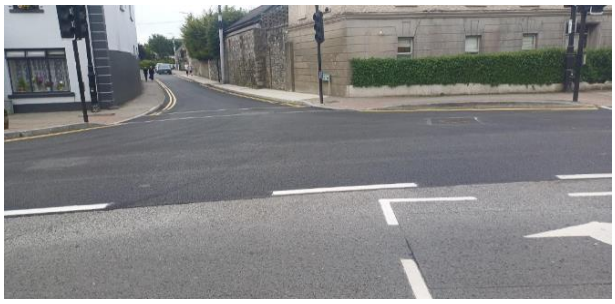




Lusk Network Remedial Works

The project consists of Stormwater infrastructure provision and improvement in the Lusk urban area.
All reinstatements are now complete with road overlay and thermoplastic works completed in June.

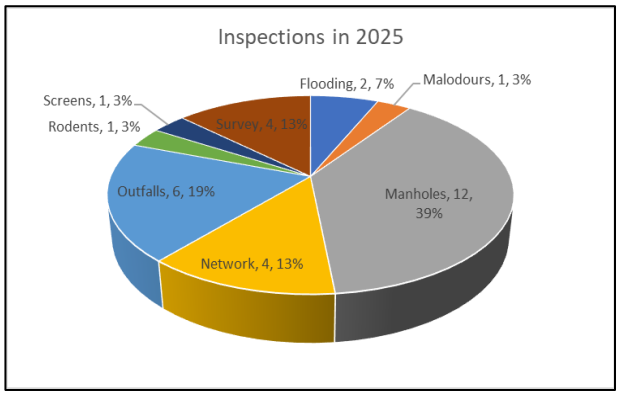






Storm Water Maintenance

The types and volumes of issues reported are shown in the chart.



Storm Water Connections:

To date 12 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. Condition Assessment reports are now being broken up into a number of work packages. Tenders will be drafted for external specialized works and a work programme for the Council's Direct Labour crews.

Malahide/Portmarnock

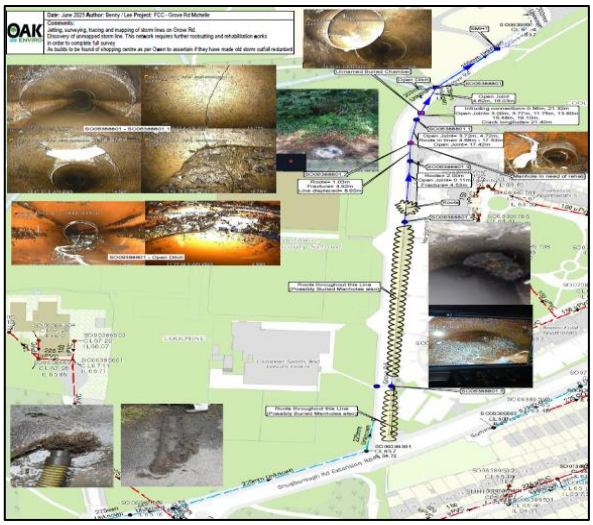
Chalfont invasive repair work was completed in late May. Following a tender process a contractor has been appointed to undertake UV CIPP Liner works in July/August.



Dublin 15

Investigation surveys carried out in Edgewood Lawn (Corduff), Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown are now complete. Remedial work, involving UV CIPP lining is ongoing in Corduff. Works in Grove Road, Mulhuddart and Damastown will require additional robotic removal of restrictions, liner installations and raising of buried access points

Grove Road

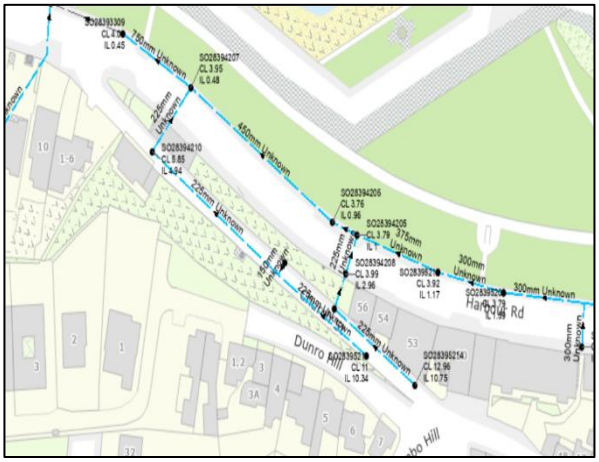


Damastown



Howth

Following investigation works a number of network improvements have been identified for the Church Street, Dumbo Hill and R105 areas of Howth. Project scoping and feasibility is currently underway with the development of works package expected in July.



Assets

Ironworks

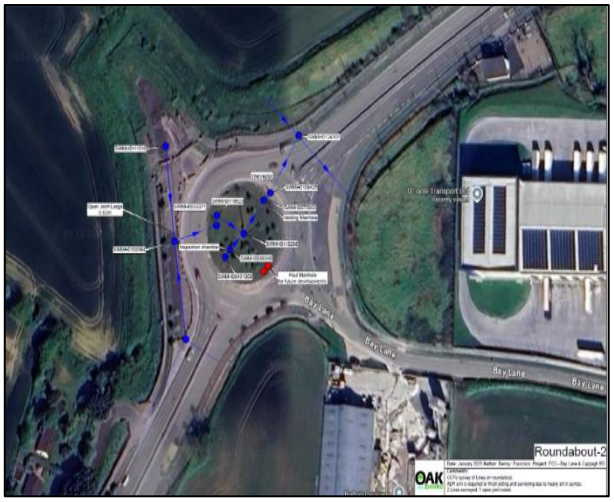
Stormwater manhole cover and frame replacement is ongoing countywide. Manhole and frame replacements were carried out in Airside Ind Estate and at the Pavilions in Swords.

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 cleaned two tanks in a pilot, to help determine future maintenance costs and challenges for SUDs devices of this type.



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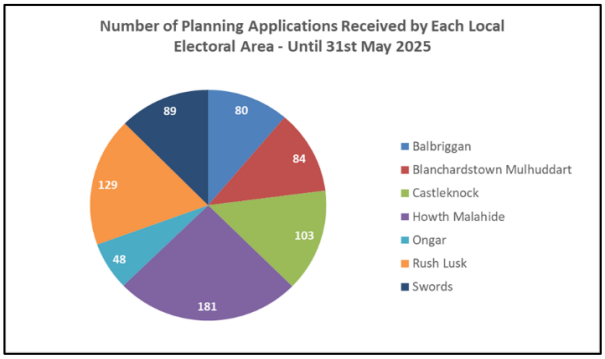
PLANNING AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE (PSI)

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Planning Applications

Between 1st January and 30th May 2025, a total of 714 planning applications were received, including 585 electronic applications via the LGMA's national portal. Of these, 145 applications were deemed invalid, resulting in 569 valid applications. The accompanying pie chart illustrates the distribution of applications across the various Local Electoral Areas.



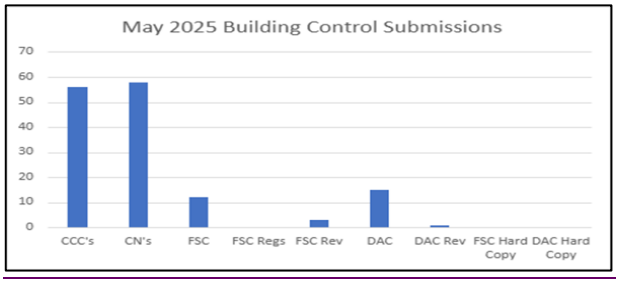
During the same period, 4 Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) applications were submitted to the Local Authority, with two decisions issued on LRD applications.
Additionally, An Coimisiún Pleanála has not issued any decisions on Strategic Housing Development (SHD) applications during this period.

Planning Decisions

Between 1st January and 30th May 2025, a total of 772 planning decisions were issued. This includes 85 decisions to grant permission and 112 refusals of permission.

Building Control Admin

In May 2025, there were 168 building control submissions made via BCMS. This was made up of 58 Commencement notices, 56 Compliance of Completion Certificates, 15 Fire Safety related Certificates and 16 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 211 decisions in May 2025 relating to Fire Safety and Disability Access Certificates. This was made up of 83 decisions to grant, 109 extensions of time and 19 invalid applications.



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 Clonsilla Framework Plan was adopted by the Elected Members at the sitting of Fingal Co. Co. on the 12th May 2025. The draft Old School House Masterplan will be published shortly for public consultation.

Further preparatory background analysis is being undertaken in relation to a number of other plans/studies, including advancement through the procurement process.

Residential Zoned Land Tax

Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZLT) is a tax aimed at activating serviced, zoned land for housing.

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 current scope; and land proposed to be included.

The local authority has concluded a review of all submissions received on foot of public consultation for the annual RZLT map for 2025 and the draft annual RZLT map for 2026.

Built Environment Division



Building Control

- 21 building control inspections were carried out in April 2025, covering 82 Buildings.
- There was 1 no. Section 11 request for further information issued during the month of June 2025.

Taking in Charge

- There were 3 housing estates taken in charge in June 2025. These were

    1. Annaly Estate in Ongar Dublin 15
    2. Stralem Estate in Ongar Dublin 15
    3. The large public green in Ongar 15

- The following 2 developments are up for taking in charge in July 2025.

    1. Hansfield phase 2 in Ongar
    2. Dublin 15 Dunsoughly in Finglas

There is also a section of Park Road in Rush that was widened and upgraded, and this section of road is also being taken in maintenance in July 2025. We are in the process of appointing consulting engineers for a single party framework for the taking in charge of legacy developments where we have taken the bond. This appointment will be completed in early July.

Dangerous Structures

- 1 dangerous structure was reported in June 2025.
- A total of 108 dangerous structures remains active in our database

Pictures



Checking a WC for compliance with Part M (Accessibility) of the Building Regulations in D15



Checking a window for compliance with Part K (Stairways, Ladders, Ramps and Guards) of the Building Regulations.

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.

Permeable Surfaces Discussion & Training

A Permeable Surfaces Discussion & Training Day for Fingal staff was held on Thursday 26th June 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.

Transportation Planning

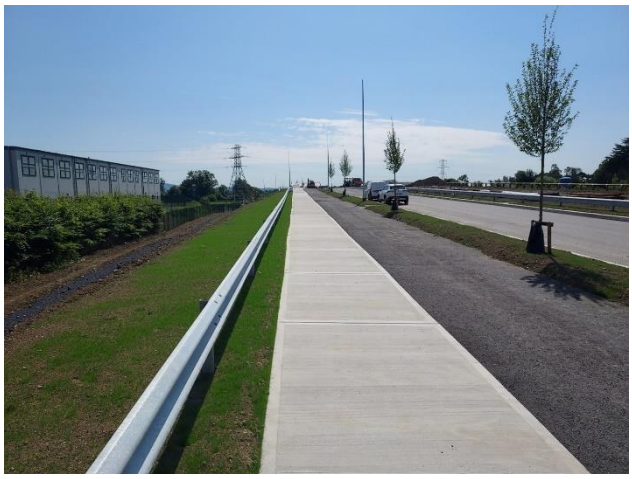
PSI 001 Snugborough Interchange upgrade

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 the summer months along the length of the scheme. It is intended that traffic will be diverted onto some of the new Barberstown Lane South in the coming weeks. 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

The Tender Pack is currently being finalized along with the contract procurement documents.

PSI-005 Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route

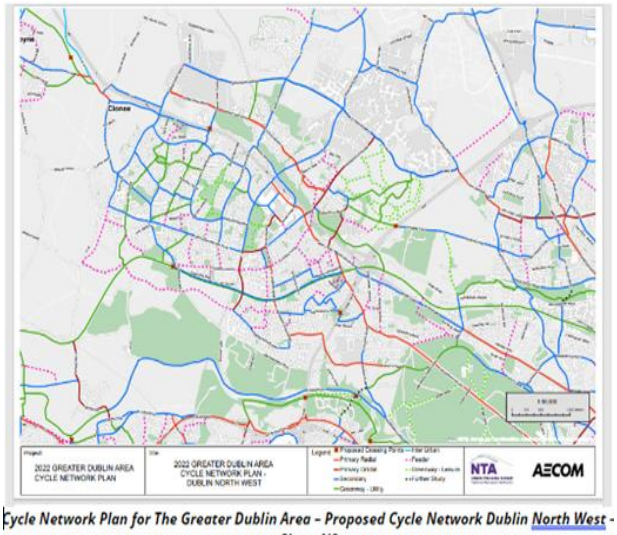
The Harry Reynolds Road Pedestrian and Cyclist Route for this key infrastructure project for Balbriggan consisting of 3km fully segregated Pedestrian and Cyclist Route connecting 6 schools in Balbriggan. This Project is now at substantial completion. The official opening ceremony was held on the 28th 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. The commemorative plaque is being prepared for installation on site.





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 Reports

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 inspection 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 meeting was held on site this month between the newly appointed consultant's conservation architects and the Project Design Team to discuss key aspects of the Granard Bridge Project, ensure that the design and planning proposals are well-integrated and provide an opportunity to collectively assess the site and align on key design and conservation considerations moving forward.

Project Programme

The project programme has begun by the Project 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.

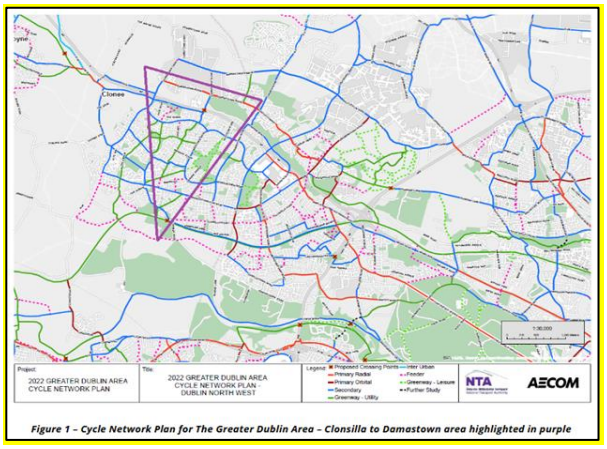


Figure 1 – Cycle Network Plan for The Greater Dublin Area – Clonsilla to Damastown area highlighted in purple

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.

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.

The CE order for the project has been approved and RPS have been awarded the Contract for consultancy services. The initial project meeting with the design team from RPS has taken place.





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. An equality Audit has been completed for the scheme reviewing the schemes accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with Equality Infrastructure Guidance from NTA, recommendations will be reviewed and implemented to the scheme.

Following completion of the preliminary design, documents will be prepared for a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, Natura Impact Statement and Compulsory Purchase Order documentation.

A revised scoping report has now been circulated to prescribed bodies. The scoping study is a key element of the EIAR process and signifies commencement of the development of an EIAR. All relevant comments from the various consultees during the consultation process (both in May 2023, and May 2025), along with comments from any pre-application meetings which may take place as part of the planning process, will be fully addressed as required within the EIAR.

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 Coimisiún 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.

Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm Enhancements



Above- visualisation of the Part 8 proposals for the SCQ public realm layout at North Street

The Planning & Strategic Infrastructure Department has procured a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy team for the detailed design and construction supervision of the public realm at Swords Cultural Quarter. Consultants are now progressing with the detailed design phase for the Swords Cultural Quarter Public Realm. Discussions are ongoing with the National Monument Services and an application for Ministerial Consent will be made for the public realm works as the design progresses. A number of trial excavations will commence soon on North Street, which will help inform the design and allow the design team to assess archaeological impacts.

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.

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 tree survey, traffic surveys and topographical and GPR surveys have all commenced and the team await the findings.

The consultant has completed various baseline studies. The project is at the option identification and selection phase. The consultant has provided a Land use survey, geotechnical report, disability audit, collision analysis, Ecology and Environment report and problem identification report. A tree survey is programmed in the coming month.

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. Traffic data captured in recent surveys will be fed into the model to allow for various scenarios for traffic flow to be modelled.

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 have been categorised, analysed and 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 at a later date.



Artist visual of the greenway from Kinsealy to Portmarnock



Artist visual of the proposed upgrades to Station Road

PSI-009 Fingal Coastal Way

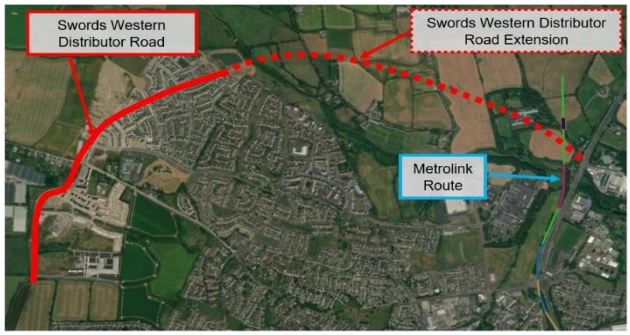
Liaison with utilities and coordination with existing infrastructure are on track and ongoing (Irish Rail, Gas Networks, Eirgrid, TFI and Dublin Bus). This includes the proposed bridges over Rogerstown Estuary and over the rail at Beaverstown Golf Club – application has been made for approval in principle and these are being assessed by Irish Rail now.

Preliminary design work is progressing along urban roads and a coastal erosion study concluded that was used to locate the greenway nearer to the cliff's edge where applicable to minimise land take and severance.

PSI-023 Swords Western Distributor Road Extension

The Swords Western Distributor Road (SWDR) is within the Oldtown and Mooretown development site, providing access to the Rathbeale Road from the lands to its north and south respectively. The SWDR has cycle tracks in both directions. The SWDR Extension is proposed to extend east to the R132 and the proposed Estuary Park and Ride facility (Metro North) as an extension of the existing carriageway and active travel facilities at Millers Avenue.

Egis (formerly Barry's Transportation) has been appointed to further develop this project to Phase 2 (Options Selection). The Options Report (closing out Phase 2) is expected by the end of 2026.



Proposed SWDR Extension to Metrolink Route

Broadmeadow Way Greenway

Progress on the detailed design phases of the other elements of this project is continuing. A stage 1 Tender assessment has been completed in advance of a 2-stage tender process to establish a framework for works contractors for the various landward works contracts. 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 delivered through this framework.

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.
- The tender for the construction of the greenway along the Northern Causeway is being finalised and this will be issued during 2025. It is expected that construction of the Northern Causeway will not be completed until 2027
- 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.
- Due to the seasonal constraints of working within the estuary, along with the technical challenges of building on the Northern Causeway, it is expected that the opening of the Broadmeadow Way will be in 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 in order to provide a suitably wide and safe footpath for pedestrians to use in the vicinity of two national schools (St. Patrick's Boys National School and Scoil Phádraic Cailíní). The project also involves works to provide safe pedestrian crossings and appropriate traffic calming facilities. Third-party lands are required to widen the path, and in this regard the Council is using a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) to acquire the necessary lands. Notices to Treat are due to issue to affected landowners in July. Tender documents, for the appointment of a contractor to construct the works, are also expected to issue to the market in July.

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 underway to construct new footpaths to facilitate access to either side of the bridge from Main Street Donabate and from Hearse Road. The bridge has undergone 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.

The bridge will open to the public following approval from Irish Rail and the Commission for Railway Regulation and following completion of work on the new footpaths to facilitate access.

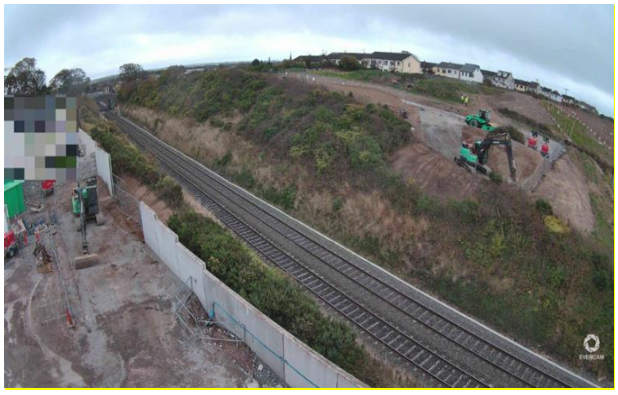
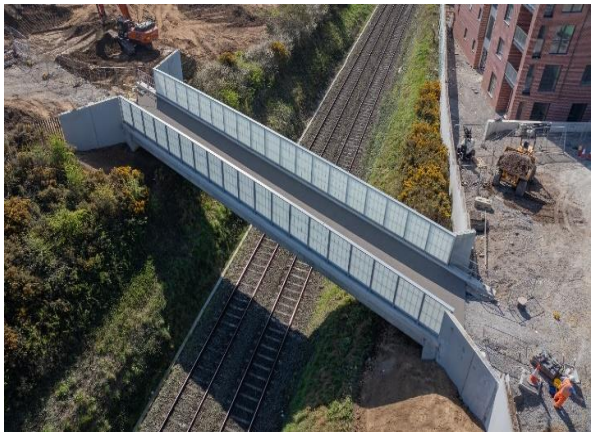


Image of the site of the bridge works BEFORE commencement of construction (October 2024)



Image of the site of the bridge works AFTER substantial completion (June 2025)



Aerial image of the bridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway



Aerial image of the bridge over the Dublin-Belfast Railway (viewed from the west side of the bridge)

Donabate Transport Projects

Work is progressing on the early phase development of Donabate Transport Projects, which comprise a number of major projects with the objective of improving transport and active travel infrastructure and road safety on the Donabate-Portrane peninsula.

The projects include:

- Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road project, to improve access to Donabate and Portrane from the M1-Lissenhall Interchange for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade, to provide a safer junction layout that caters for both motorised traffic and active travel modes of transport such as walking and cycling.
- A study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange, in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to assess all technical and operational traffic issues associated with this strategic motorway junction.
- Active Travel Routes which encompass a number of related local projects which aim to increase local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Data-gathering and concept development stages of the Donabate Transport Projects continue and include topographical and ecological surveys of relevant areas of Donabate. Fingal County Council, working in collaboration with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, has completed a traffic study of the M1-Lissenhall Interchange. Separately, a number of potential options have been identified for both Phase 2 of the Donabate Distributor Road and the Blakes Cross Junction Upgrade. These options are currently being assessed using multi criteria analysis to determine the emerging preferred route alignment and the emerging preferred junction layout. Once the emerging preferred options are determined, public consultation and preliminary design will follow on in 2025. Further stages of work, relating to environmental assessment, planning consent, etc. will follow on later in 2026 and in subsequent years, as appropriate.

PSI-019 N3 M50 to Clonee

Aecom/ Roughan O'Donovan are appointed to assess bus priority measures on the N3 between the M50 and Clonee. This scheme is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. They are also examining active travel links across the N3. The focus is between the Mulhuddard interchange and Clonee as the NTA bus connects project has already a scheme in development from Junction 3 into the city. 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 complete, and a set of documents required for the works has been 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, however, 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.



Heritage Officer

Digging Drumanagh 2025



Season 5 of the community excavation Digging Drumanagh took place in (mostly) fantastic weather between 14-28 May 2025. With over 105 participants, several school visits and over 450 finds it was a very successful season. Finds included sherds of Roman amphorae, bone combs, dice and three different types of gaming pieces. Of particular interest was an intact Roman pot-the only one ever found in Ireland-which was upside down at the base of a pit. It was removed by the National Museum of Ireland and will be excavated under laboratory conditions by our conservator in UCD.
https://www.rte.ie/news/2025/0524/1514758-roman-pot-discovered/



Post-Excavation week took place in Swords Castle between 9-13 of June when volunteers turned out to wash animal bone and register samples. Ecofacts and artefacts will now undergo specialist analysis. News coverage included RTE, Irish Independent and Newstalk
https://www.newstalk.com/.../how-community-and-volunteer...

Historic Street Elements Audit



An audit of four categories of historic street furniture-Kerbs & Cobbling; Historic Pumps; Postboxes, Milestones and Other was launched by former Mayor Cllr Brian McDonagh in May. 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

Traditional Skills



The Traditional Skills of Ireland will again be highlighted in the courtyard of Newbridge House at Flavours of Fingal. Learn about blacksmithing, stone carving, mud walls and willow fencing along with tapestry, spinning and patchwork. Taking place on 5th and 6th of July there will be pot making and brick making to try!

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 and have all required all documents ready to upload in PDF **before** submitting an application on the portal to have the best chance possible in being successful. The eligibility criteria can be viewed on www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

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
Balmoston Ph 1	All Sale Agreed	86 Homes sold
Wilkinson's Brook	All Sale Agreed	57 Homes sold
Aster Park, Rush	Assessment of applications ongoing	84 of 96 Homes sale agreed
Churchfields 3A	Assessment of applications ongoing	176 of 180 Homes sale agreed
Ballisk Park, Donabate	Assessment of applications ongoing	64 of 112 homes sale agreed
Baile na Mona, Mooretown, Swords	Portal open 25th June 2025	151 homes for sale
Church Fields 3B	Portal opening 30th July 2025	110 homes for sale
Church Fields - Cost Rental	Information coming soon	80 Apartments for long term lease
Clonrath Hill	Information coming soon	6 homes

Balmoston Update



All the 86 properties in the Balmoston Phase 1 Affordable Development are now sale agreed with only 2 units left to Exchange. Phase 2 of the development is scheduled to come on stream in Q4.

Site Visit to Church Fields, Dublin 15



On 29th May 2025, the Affordable Housing Team attended a site visit at the Church Fields, Dublin 15 Affordable Housing development to view the 3 different types of A rated 2 & 3 bedroom homes available to purchase under the affordable housing scheme as part of this fantastic development. For information regarding Fingal's upcoming Affordable Housing developments visit www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing.ie

Launch of Church Fields 2nd Affordable Development



Fingal County Council, in partnership with GEM Construction are launching the 2nd Affordable Housing development at Church Fields, Dublin 15 in July. The application portal for 110 new 2 & 3 bedroom homes will go live on Wednesday 30th of July at 12 mid-day. To view the scheme details, eligibility criteria, required documentation and guidance on how to make an application log on to www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Launch of Baile na Mona, Affordable Housing Development



On 8th of June, the Affordable Housing Team attended the Glenveagh homes launch of the Baile na Mona Affordable housing development at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Santry. With over 200 people in attendance the team were kept busy answering questions and assisting potential Affordable Home purchasers prepare their application for the upcoming application portal opening.

The application portal for Baile na Móna opened on Wednesday 25th June at 12.00 mid-day. Almost 500 applications were submitted on the first day. The Affordable Housing Team will begin assessing applications soon and will contact all applicants with updates when available. For more information:
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousingaffordablehomes.ie

Aster Park – Rush



A limited number of 3-bedroom Affordable homes have become available for sale by Fingal County Council and developers Ballymore Group at Aster Park, Rush. The application portal will go live at 10 a.m. on Friday 27th June 2025. Full scheme details are available to view on:
www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Affordable Housing Podcast



Fingal County Council is making purchasing a new home more accessible through its delivery of Affordable Housing Developments. Affordable Housing is designed to bridge the gap between what the purchaser can afford and the price of a new home.

In Episode 29 of the Inside Fingal Podcast Gerry McDermott finds out more from Tricia Matthews and Ashling Turley who are part of the Council's Affordable Housing team.

This excellent informative podcast is a great resource for people to learn about the Affordable Housing scheme and the Affordable Housing developments Fingal County Council has available. https://www.fingal.ie/podcast; www.fingal.ie/affordablehousing

Flavours of Fingal

The annual Flavours of Fingal event will take place at Newbridge House & Farm, Donabate on July 5th and 6th. The Affordable Housing Team will be present at the event to answer any queries to those who may be interested in applying for the Affordable Housing Scheme.

Social Housing Delivery

Part V, Social Turnkey & CALF Programme

Delivery of new homes has remained strong over the course of Quarter 2 under the various delivery mechanisms. The first Part V Affordable agreement has progressed, and the homes will launch later in the year with more to deliver via this mechanism throughout the County.

16 Part V homes delivered in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15



1 Part V home delivered in Ormond Court, Rush, Co. Dublin



10 Part V homes delivered in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin



45 Homes delivered in partnership with Respond housing in Meadowbanks, Swords, Co. Dublin

95 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in The Paddocks, Ballygossan Hill, Golf Links Road, Skerries, Co. Dublin



12 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in Folkstown Park, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin



32 Homes delivered in partnership with Tuath housing in Kilmartin Grove, Hollystown, Dublin 15



Construction Programme

Summary of delivery of social unit numbers in the pipeline	Units
Under Construction	518
Schemes with Planning Approval and Tender Stage	196
Planning and Design	179
Part V	1,049
TOTAL	1,942

Scheme Update since last month (Further detailed information available in Appendix 4)

Schemes progressing through pre-planning

Fortlawn, Blanchardstown

The Council will be bringing forward a Part 8 Planning Application for the development of 21 new social homes in Fortlawn. A briefing has been arranged for the local Councillors on the initiation of the Part 8 Planning in advance of the consultation portal opening for submissions.

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 **29** 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 27th June 2025	
Completed	**Areas**
19	D15, Balbriggan
Onsite	**Areas**
37	D15, Balbriggan, Swords
Upcoming	**Areas**
40	D15, Balbriggan
Tender Prep	**Areas**
19	D15, Balbriggan, Swords

Planned Maintenance Programme 2025

External painting, joinery repairs, boiler replacements, and smoke and heat detector upgrades.

Planned Maintenance Programme - 27th June 2025	
Painting completions	**329**
Boiler Replacements	**To commence Q3**
Heat / Smoke Detector Replacement	**To commence Q3**

Voids

Casual Voids 27th June 2025	
In the lettings process	**25**
In relet works	**74**
Void Unavailable	**10**
Total	**109**

New to stock as of 27th June 2025	
New to stock properties	165

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 144 new tenancies in 2025 to date with approximately 4358 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 in 2024 of new debt management processes and procedures, **rent arrears have reduced by €995k** since 01/01/2025. 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 **70** Tenancy Warnings so far in 2025. 6 Orders for Possession have been obtained following court hearings in 2025.

The Rents **collection rate has seen an increase of €1.2m** on same period in 2024 (June).

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 3,260 inspections have been conducted in 2025, with 500 of them being inspected in June. 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

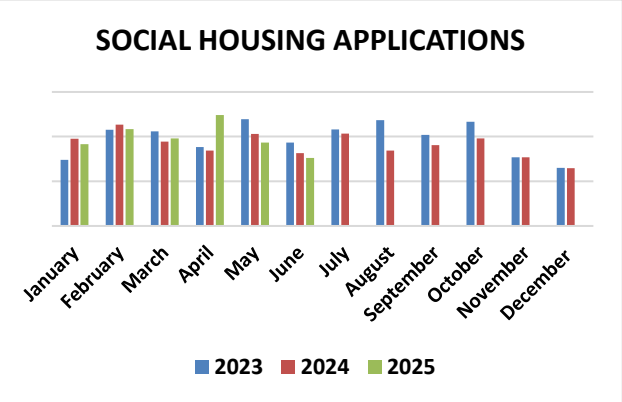
Annually a Social Housing Assessment Summary is completed in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009. The purpose of the Assessment is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support. The Summary of Social Housing Assessment (SSHA) was returned to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage on 2nd December 2024.

2025 Housing List Position are now available on the Choice Based Lettings Portal. This is a static list position and will be issued and updated via CBL yearly. Further information can be sought via, choicebasedlettings@fingal.ie

Housing Support receive a large volume of Housing Applications, Medical Applications, Amendment requests and appeals.

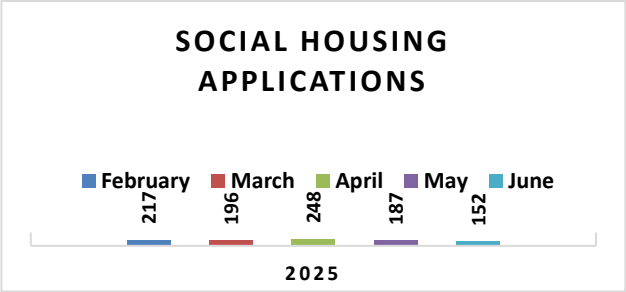
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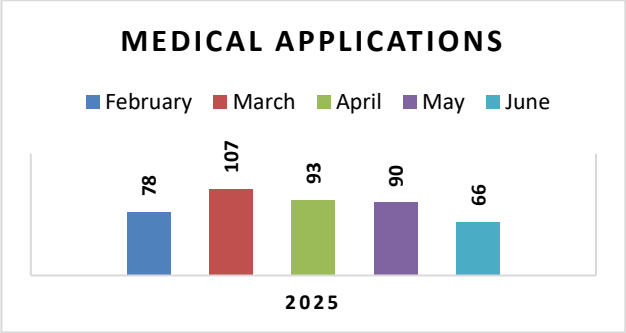
Circular 48/2022 and changes being implemented via the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, the Social Housing Eligibility Bands increased with effect from 1st January 2023. As a result, an increase of Social Housing Applications was received.

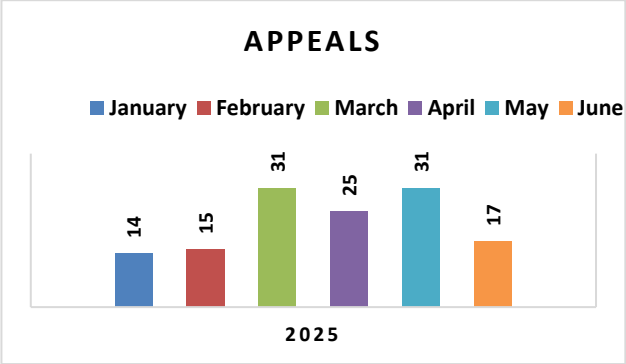


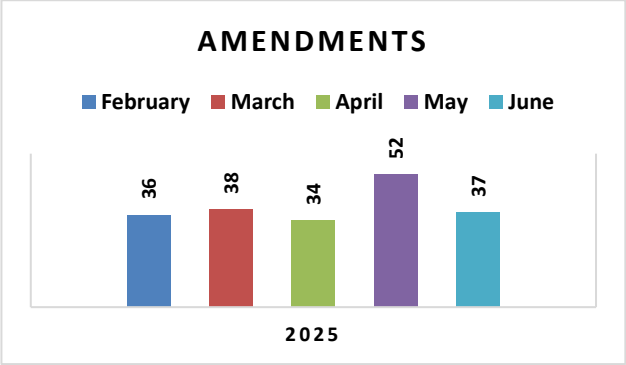
Figures for 2024 depict a consistent growth in applications being received in comparison to 2022 figures.

Applications received





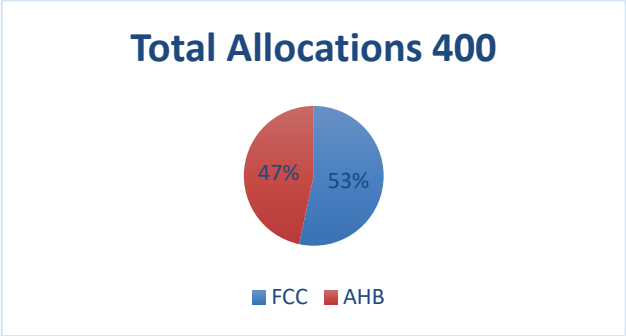




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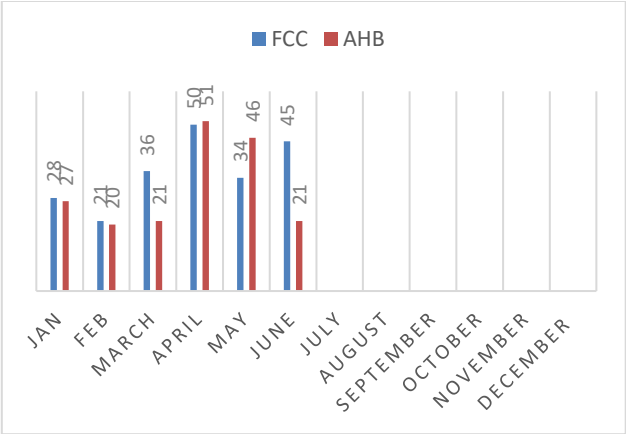
Applicants are reminded, that an appeal must be received within 28 days of a decision being communicated in writing to be eligible for review.

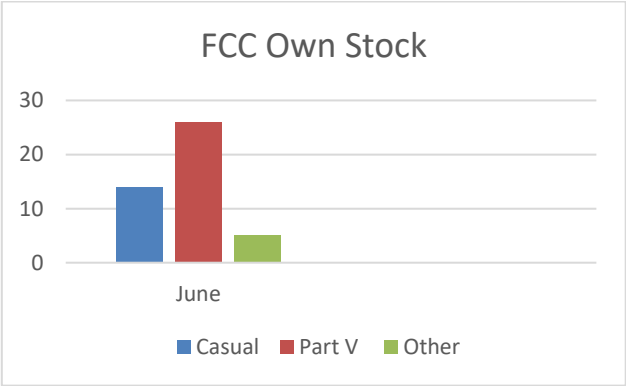
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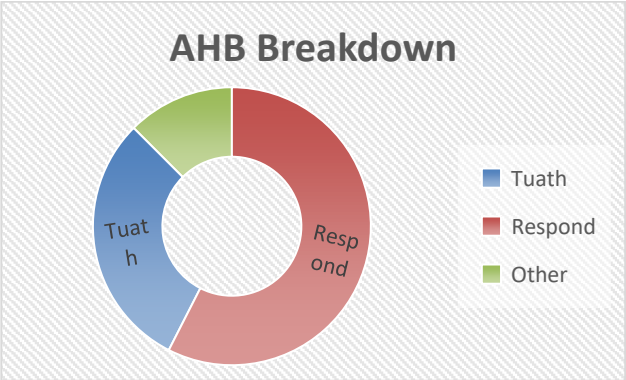
The above chart depicts the total number of properties allocated since the beginning of 2025.

The chart below shows the breakdown of allocations per month.





186 of the **400 allocations have been in collaboration with several Approved Housing bodies.** The other **214** properties were allocated using Fingal County Councils own stock.

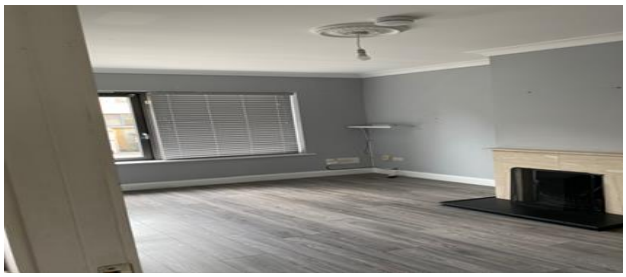


Respond have received the most nominations from Fingal County Council during the month of June.

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 June



Internal image of advertised property at Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15

Advertisement Period	Property	Bed	Type	Number of Views	Expressions of interest
11th – 17th June	Longfield Road, Baldoyle, Dublin 13	2	Apt	1681	327
11th – 17th June	Semple Woods, Donabate, Co Dublin	3	House	1838	354
18th – 25th June	Avondale Park, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15	3	House	1486	198
			Total	**5005**	**879**

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 June 2025, 36 households exited homeless circumstances into various forms of social housing support - including privately rented tenancies under the Homeless HAP Scheme.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of the figures:

Type of Exit	HHAP Tenancy	Allocation of Tenancy	EA to HUBS	Total
EA	4	10	0	14
Homeless Prevention	10	12	0	22
Total	14	22	0	36

There was a total of 22 homeless prevention cases and 14 who exited emergency accommodation comprising:

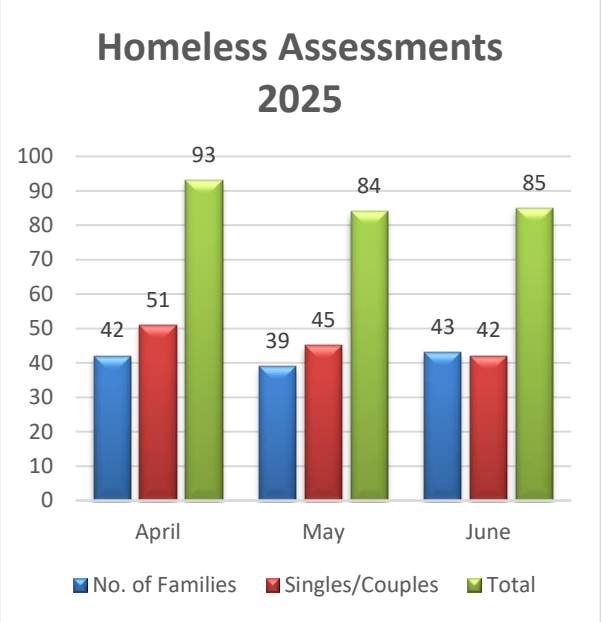
12 allocations of social housing support to homeless prevention cases, 10 exited emergency accommodation.

14 Homeless HAP tenancies, comprising 9 homeless preventions and 4 who exited emergency accommodation and 1 from Direct Provision.

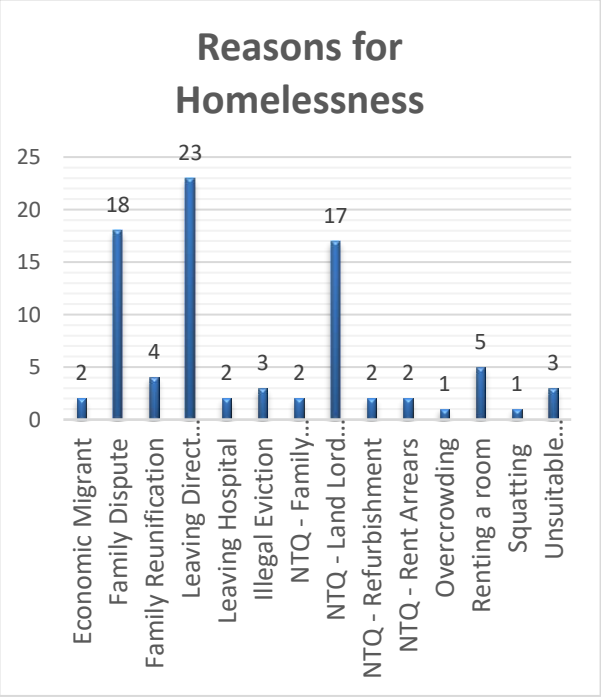
Homeless Assessments

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

In June 2025, there were a total of 85 full homeless assessments completed – comprising 42 families and 43 singles/couples.



During June 2025, of the 85 Homeless Assessments carried out, 27% of cases resulted from Notice to Termination (NOT) having been served and 27% leaving direct provision, 21% cases resulted from family/relationship breakdown. Most of the other presentations to the Homeless Section are from Renting a room (6%), Overcrowding (1%) and Unsuitable Accommodation (4%). The remaining 18% 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 68 reported rough sleeping cases 2025. 24 of the clients have taken up Emergency Accommodation and we continue to work with 10 others in an effort to provide a suitable solution.

There are 8 registered long term entrenched rough sleepers (1 couples, 1 Female and 5 males) from the FIngal Area. We will continue to work with him to provide him with suitable supports.

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 18 Fingal County Council clients have been identified, four have been housed in 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. One client has been housed in May 2025.

A third sub-group has been created with St. Michaels House, the first meetings have been held and a list of clients is being collated by their team.

Homeless Action Plan 2025- 2027

The Homeless Action Plan 2025-2027 is currently in draft form and will be for adoption at the Council Meeting in July. It was presented to the Housing SPC on 23/06/2025 by Mary Hayes, Director of the DRHE.

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 ental 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.

LTACC

The remaining dates for 2025 are now confirmed, with our next meeting due to take place in July 2025. Members of the LTACC will be receiving Traveller cultural awareness training in the coming months, to assist them in their committee duties.

Caravan Loan Scheme

The Council continues to implement the National Caravan Loan Scheme in accordance with Department of Local Government and Heritage Guidelines.

DHLGH has confirmed annual allocation for the Caravan Loan Scheme.

Recent delivery of caravans to Halting Sites





Dumping on sites

Illegal dumping on halting sites remains an ongoing issue.

Council contractors frequently clear dumped waste from these sites, incurring significant costs to the Council.

Letters will be sent to residents reminding them that household waste collection is available on-site and urging them to refrain from illegal dumping.



Waste dumped at Moyne Park Halting Site



Waste dumped at St Philomena's Park Halting Site

Fire Safety

Fire safety remains a top priority for the protection of all 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, with additional fire safety equipment installed at several halting sites. Furthermore, a fire safety audit of caravans has been carried out, accompanied by a leaflet distribution to all halting sites.

The Estate Management Section is working closely with Dublin Fire Brigade to organize Fire Safety Training Days for both North Dublin and the Dublin 15 area. LTACC Members have been informed of these planned sessions and have committed to promoting and supporting the training.

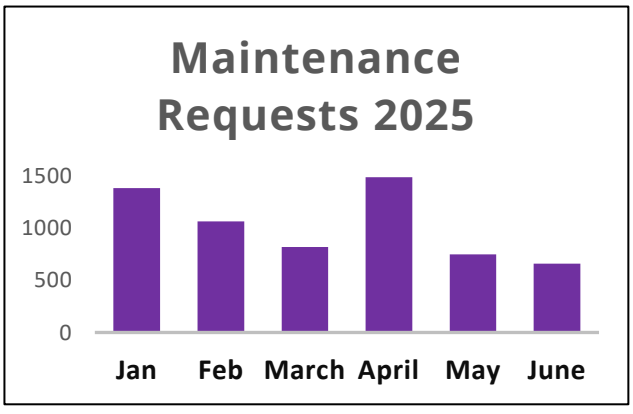
Wastewater Treatment System

Managing the Waste Water Treatment System at the Council's Moyne Park Halting Site remains a persistent challenge for Council contractors.

The rising number of call-outs is resulting in significant costs to the Council.

Despite repeated correspondence, residents continue to disregard warnings that misuse of the system may lead to service interruptions affecting all users.

Housing Maintenance



To date, Estate Management has received 6, 170 maintenance requests, conducted 30 interviews with Fingal tenants and issued 19 Tenancy Alerts for breaches of the Tenancy Agreement.

Additionally, Estate Management has completed 43 minor works on Council properties under the DPG scheme and is currently undertaking extensive works at one Council property.



Hoist system installed at Council property under DPG Scheme

Boiler Servicing Programme 2025

The 2025 Programme of Works is ongoing, with contractors currently active across various areas of the County, including Corduff, Dromheath, Whitestown, Wellview, Lusk, Garristown, Malahide, and Donabate.

Anti-Social Behaviour / Inspectorate Unit

The Council remains committed to thoroughly investigating all reports of anti-social behaviour and implementing appropriate preventative measures. All complaints are handled in strict confidence by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, which works in close collaboration with An Garda Síochána.

To date in 2025, several Tenant Induction Courses have been delivered, with additional sessions planned.

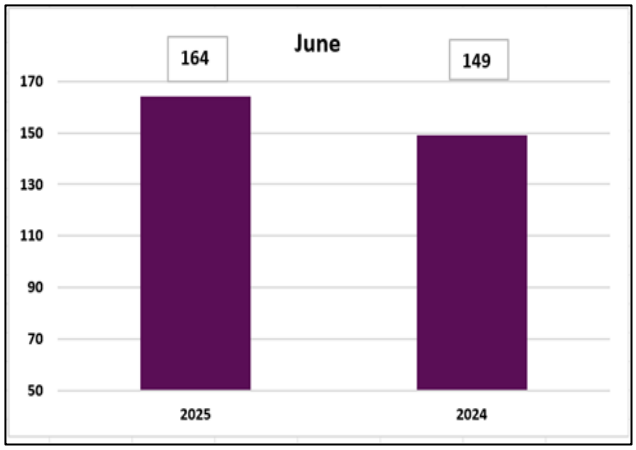
ASB Caseload Management

Complaints June 2025	Total	Active	Monitoring	Closed
Balbriggan	48	41	2	5
Rush / Lusk	28	21	5	2
Swords	31	13	10	8
Howth/Malahide	11	6	4	1
Blanchardstown / Mulhuddart	36	12	7	17
Ongar	9	3	2	4
Castleknock	1	0	0	1
Total	164	96	30	38

Surrenders on Estate Management Grounds 2025

January **(**5), February (6), March (3), April (6),May (5), June (2) surrenders**.**

2025/2024 comparison of ASB complaints received in the month of June



Anti-Social Behaviour Interventions

Interviews Held 2025 to date	45
Interviews Held 2024	108
Tenancy Alerts 2025	11
Tenancy Alerts 2024	36
Tenancy Warnings 2025	3
Tenancy Warnings 2024	9

Inspectorate June 2025

Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2025	860
Traveller Specific Site Inspections 2024	2072
Housing Inspectors Report January 2025	575
February 2025	857
March 2025	1076
April 2025	909
May 2025	947
June 2025	826

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 10th June 2025. The next meeting is on the 6th August 2025. Sub-groups of the forum meet as required.

The Forum was originally tasked with assisting 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) of **€800** per month for vacant properties and **€800** per month to host a Ukraine person in your home will be reduced to **€600** in accordance with the new Government policy. 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 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 completed at a fire damaged property in Hazelbury Park, Clonee where CPO was finalised and the the property will be allocated to a social housing applicant shortly.



Refurb works complete in CPO property Hazelbury Park, Clonee

In addition, 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. **211** applications have been received since launch of the scheme. **34** new applications received in 2025 with additional applications expected shortly based on engagement with potential applicants. **152** applications are approved which equates to **€7.8 million** 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 assist 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 approved VPRG application





Works complete Property - Before and after









COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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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; Community Development in Dublin 15

On the 17th of June, the residents of Hayworth, Ongar began a collaborative process with the Community Office to establish a Residents Association. This initiative marked a significant step in empowering the local community to take collective ownership of their neighbourhood's development and wellbeing. The Community Office played a pivotal role in facilitating this process—providing guidance, resources, and a structured approach to help residents come together, define their shared goals, and begin formalising their group.

Through the initial community call and agenda planning, residents were introduced to the benefits of forming an association, including improved communication with local authorities, access to funding opportunities, and the ability to organise community-led events and initiatives.

This work reflects the broader mission of the Community Office to support grassroots organisation and civic engagement. By helping communities like Hayworth Ongar form structured groups, the office fosters a sense of belonging, shared responsibility, and local leadership. These efforts not only strengthen community resilience but also ensure that residents have a voice in shaping the services, spaces, and policies that affect their daily lives. The support provided—from strategic planning to stakeholder engagement—demonstrates the Community Office's commitment to inclusive, participatory development and its role as a catalyst for sustainable community empowerment.



Fingal Festival in a Van

Fingal Festival in a Van (Sounds like Summer), a collaboration between the community office and Creative Fingal saw 12 local gigs take place across the county, in partnership with community groups and local organisations. Additional funding this year allowed the groups to organise family community days and cultural celebrations from Churchfields in Mulhuddart to Ballyboughal and from Baldoyle to Balbriggan.

The events complimented the capacity building work that the community office is delivering with community groups in new estates and provided opportunities for age friendly, integration and disability groups to engage with the local community in a fun and inclusive way.



Community Development in Mid & East Fingal

In collaboration with the Georgian Hamlet resident's association and Howth-Malahide Operations team, we were delighted to provide support with marking the estates Golden Anniversary. Celebrating 50 years of neighbourly relations, Georgian Hamlet Residents Association identified a location for a community buddy bench and organised an intergenerational family fun day to take place on the estates green. Despite the rain showers, there was a great turn out, entertainment was provided by Festival in Van and resident's past and present, took the opportunity to come together, reflect, share stories about the estates journey and enjoy the celebratory atmosphere of marking this momentous occasion.







Rivervalley & Rathingle – Pride of Place 2025

Rivervalley & Rathingle has been nominated in the Best Urban Neighbourhood category for the Pride of Place Awards 2025. Planning is underway to involve local community groups and ensure their voices and efforts are fully recognised. These awards highlight the vital role of the community centre, the strong sense of civic pride, and the dedication of volunteers who work daily to promote inclusion, reduce isolation, and make the area a vibrant place to live. The first planning meeting saw a strong turnout and led to the formation of a Pride of Place Steering Group, with representatives from a wide range of local organisations, including the Residents Association, Tidy Towns, Meals on Wheels, the local historical society and a community choir.





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.

Corduff Resource Centre

Upgrade works for Corduff Resource Centre will commence in early July. Upgrades will include fire safety, health and safety and universal access, electrical safety and mechanical, energy, new sports hall floor, painting and decoration, installation of bicycle parking on site, resurfacing of the car park and upgrade of existing permitter fencing. The centre will close for twelve months. During the upgrade works groups and staff have been relocated to other community centres across Dublin and the board of management will continue to meet to plan for the fit out and reopening of the centre.



Community Facilities Engagement Support

As I Am, Ireland's Autism charity, delivered training to all community centre managers and staff across Fingal at June's Fingal Community Facilities Networking event in Malahide Castle. Topics included the various aspects of autism, language used, supporting people and creating an inclusive workplace culture. The training was the first step in enhancing each community centre's drive to strengthen community engagement, and to foster a shared understanding of best practices. The session also provided a platform for staff to share experiences, challenges, and innovative ideas, encouraging peer learning and stronger inter-centre connections.

Practical tips such as revisiting centre websites to make them Jargon free, conducting sensory audits and sensory maps for each centre will also be part of the plan to create safe spaces.

Feedback from participants has been positive, highlighting the value of practical guidance and open discussion. This training initiative is a proactive step towards building capacity within Fingal's community infrastructure, ensuring that all centres are well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of their local populations.



Interagency

The Community Development Office actively seek to work in collaboration with agencies to maximise service delivery and resources to communities across Fingal.

Fingal Comhairle na nÓg

The group had an in person meeting this month. They are continuously working to progress their annual workplan. Two participants were nominated to take part in the Child Poverty and Well-being Programme Office Youth Advisory Group, and one young person was chosen to be part of the Youth Advisory Group. Four members will attend the Comhairle na nÓg Regional Event in Dublin next month.

Korale Project



KORALE, which is short for "Towards a Community of Practice and Knowledge on Preventing and Tackling Loneliness from Public Policies," is supported by Interreg Europe and co-funded by the European Union. The project aims to improve public policies by exchanging good practices and integrating multifaceted approaches to address and prevent loneliness. The third partner consortium took place in Lisbon in May where the community development department presented on Collaboration across Generations: From Intergenerational Projects to Intergenerational Practice and Fingal Welcome Rooms.

Fingal County Council is partnering with 5 countries including Spain Basque region, Austria, Belgium, Denmark and Portugal to:

- identify and share good practices that prevent or address loneliness at individual, family, and community levels, focusing on low-threshold approaches;
- learn about successful cases of intervention strategies that, deployed early in life, can lead to a reduction in the incidence of loneliness later in life, focusing on longer-term approaches;
- identify the key factors that enable these good practices to be transformed and achieve higher impact policies.

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 olde

Vintage Picnic 2025





Despite the poor weather early in the day, over 600 older people attended Vintage Picnic on Thursday 5th June in Swords Castle. Tai Chi and Chair Aerobics sessions which took place throughout the afternoon proved very popular. Entertainment was provided by 'Gerry and the Plonkers', a musical group of older Fingal residents, while 'Who' Eddie' proved to be a crowd favourite, sparking fond memories of past performances in local venues. The event's headline act, 'The Swing Cats', delivered an energetic set that had everyone up dancing. Prizes for the best dressed competition were presented to three participants from across the county.

Age Friendly Ambassador Day



Age Friendly Ireland's Ambassadors' Day took place on Wednesday 18th June at VISUAL Carlow. The event focused on the theme *Wellbeing in Later Life — Physical, Mental and Emotional Health* and brought together ambassadors and representatives from across the country. Fingal County Council was represented at this event by the Fingal's Age Friendly Ambassador, the Chair of the OPC, the Chief Executive and the Age Friendly Programme Manager. The day provided valuable insights and reinforced the importance of fostering an inclusive society that prioritises the dignity, independence, and wellbeing of older people.

Age Friendly Housing & Public Realm Training for Staff



Fingal Friendly Fingal, in collaboration with Age Friendly Ireland, hosted a cross-departmental training session on Tuesday 24th June on Age Friendly Housing and Public Realm. The training was designed to enhance awareness and understanding of age-friendly design principles and practices among key Fingal County Council staff in Planning, Architects, Housing, Community and Parks Department. It focused on fostering a collaborative and inclusive approach to the built environment, housing, and public realm planning with a view to creating a more age-friendly county.

Fingal Public Participation Network (FPPN)

Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) is an independent network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations, working to build a better county for the community of Fingal. The PPN is managed by voluntary Secretariat which reports to PPN members through the Plenary.



Fingal PPN hosted a Summer School from 26th-29th May in collaboration with DCU School of Civic Engagement and two other Dublin PPNs.

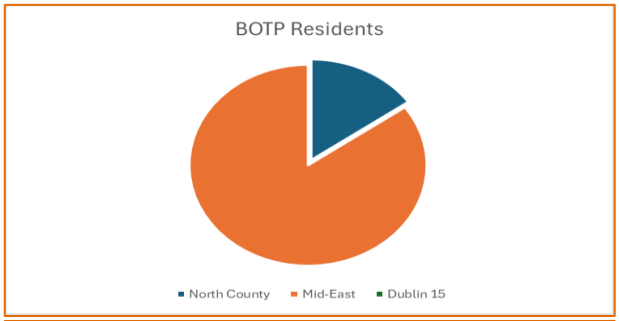
The PPN Secretariat is preparing for a meeting on 2nd July with the elected members of Fingal in County Hall. Fingal PPN will also be hosting three information sessions for local groups in each LEA to inform them of the network's work.

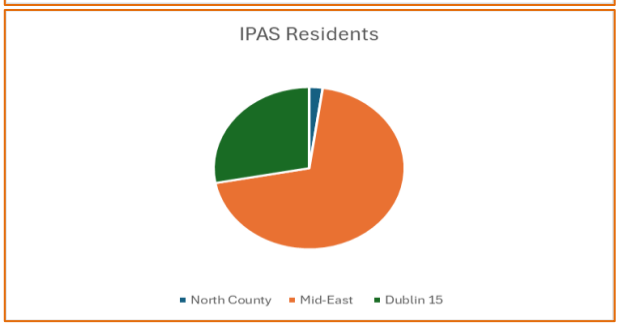
Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

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 continued to host integration 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 as of the May 25th, 2025, 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	66	54
Mid-East	368	1657
Dublin 15	0	663
Total	**434**	**2374**





Connections Expo

The LAIT team are engaged in preparations for a targeted Connections Expo, an initiative developed by the Integration Office to support Accommodation Centres hosting both IP and BOTP residents. This initiative will be held in the mid-east area in collaboration with community, voluntary and statutory stakeholders. This expo is a targeted response to identified needs of families in particular women residing there.

Refugee Week Ireland - 'Community as a Superpower'

16th – 21st of June marked Refugee Week in Ireland. The Fingal Integration Office held several integration initiatives including hosting our Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice exhibition in a large-scale IPAS Accommodation centre.



Fingal County Council staff were invited to reflect on the journeys of displaced people and celebrate the strength of inclusive communities by taking part in a photo opportunity both in County Hall and the Civic Offices. Staff were encouraged to participate if they had experienced displacement themselves, supported Refugees in their personal or professional lives, or simply wished to show their support.



Ukrainian Volunteers of Ireland

The Older and Wiser Showcase event was funded by the Integration Office and held on the 24th June. It was a wonderful opportunity for the group to highlight their work in craft making tradition, dress and songs. This event explored ways to build stronger, more connected communities and showcased Eurospeak the EU-funded project promoting inclusive education pathways including digital skills.

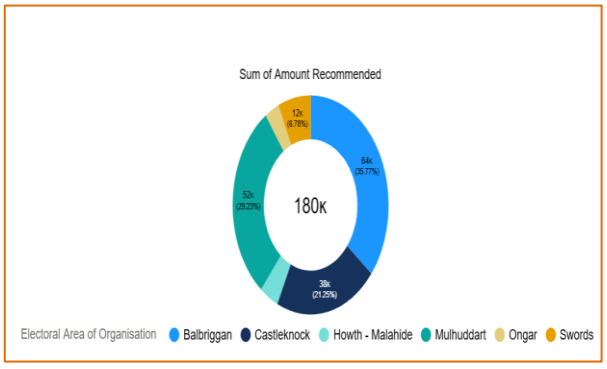


Funding

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

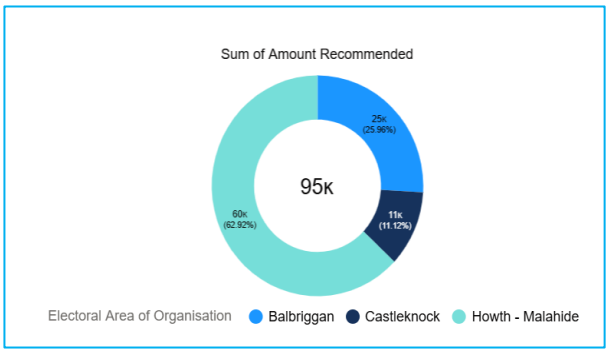


To date, Communities Activities Funding has been awarded to 76 projects in the amount of €179,522.05

Castleknock/Mulhuddart (39 projects)	€96,027.60
Balbriggan/Swords (33 projects)	€76,375.45
Howth/Malahide (4 projects)	€7,119.00

Community Facilities Remedial Works Scheme for non-Council owned facilities

Remedial Funding up to 24th June 2025



Remedial Funding for non-Council owned facilities has been awarded to 4 projects in the amount of €95,354.00 in 2025.

Balbriggan	€24,750 x 1 project
Castleknock	€10,604 x 2 projects
Howth/Malahide	€60,000 x 1 project

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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.

Seatown Road Swords:

The Project Team is working with the Design Team to finalise the tender documentation for the construction stage. Subject to approvals and funding it is intended to go to tender in Q3 2025.

Donabate Portrane R126 cycle paths:

The Design Team is 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 is working with the Design Team to progress works on the southern end of this project to link other projects that are at an 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 to bring this project from the Options Development Stage through to completion. The brief has been drafted. Once the brief and timeline are 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.

Feltrim Road Active Travel Project

A tree survey has been carried out and draft arborist's report has been received. An emerging preferred option has been identified for much of the route, with the options for the final link and junction still under discussion with the design team. After finalising the Emerging Preferred Option for the final link and junction, the phase 2 cost plan will be furnished to FCC. A presentation on the project's progress will also be made to the Howth-Malahide elected members.

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 have been 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 following a workshop. A stage 1 road safety audit is underway, and environmental & appropriate screening has commenced.

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 taken place. The works tender package is nearing completion, and a tender competition will commence in the coming weeks.



Hartstown/Huntstown/Mountview Road

Fingal County Council is progressing on finalising the design for roundabout and junction upgrades. Improvements to 2 signalised junctions at Hartstown Road/Hartstown Link Road and at Hartstown Road/Mountview Road with Blakestown Road/Shelerin Road are planned along with 2 roundabouts at the junction of Huntstown Way with Ashfield Way/Huntstown Park and at the junction of Huntstown Way with Castlewood. A non-statutory public consultation will commence on the 27th June 2025.



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

A CCTV survey of the existing Foul Water and Surface Water lines has been completed. Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders is ongoing as the design progresses. Detailed design activities across the design team are ongoing and are progressing on programme.



Balrothery Active Travel Plan
The Consultant has produced a draft Travel Plan for Balrothery. A presentation of the plan was made at ACM level, where it was decided that a separate meeting with elected members will be held regarding the plan. This meeting is currently being arranged.

The next steps following the meeting with elected members is to finalise the plan, consider the design team's recommendations regarding environmental screening and make the appropriate determinations.

Pending the outcome of these determinations, FCC will then publish the Active Travel Plan for Balrothery.

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 is generated by the consultant and the Active Travel Department. The optioneering phase is now underway with the detailed analysis of several proposed interventions to aid in the generation of the final report. It is intended to carry out Consultation with the local Councillors later in the summer before we move into a non-statutory consultation phase with all stakeholders.

Skerries Harbour Road & Red Island Loop:
The Part 8 Planning Process commenced in early March and concluded with the Part 8 presentation to the full council meeting on 9th June 2025. The proposal was approved at this meeting.

The project now moves to the detailed design phase. Consultation with the local stakeholders will be facilitated during this phase.

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 were appointed to complete the construction of the project. Road resurfacing works have been completed. Traffic calming ramps have been installed. Line marking works have been carried out. The contractor has also progressed pedestrian ramp works at the entrance to the linear park and at Swords Celtic Football Club. This project will aid the modal shift of the circa 750 junior members of Swords Celtic to a safe active travel route to the club grounds and the surrounding area, together with offering safe access and crossing point to the users of Balhery Linear Park.







https://maps.app.goo.gl/MpYTPWvURvnoBCoP7

Donabate Permeability - Phase 1 | Fingal County Council Online Consultation Portal

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 earlier this year. 76 submissions were received. The submissions have been 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 was 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. These processes have been completed.

The final costing drawings, preliminary BoQ have been prepared and are now ready to progress to tender for a construction contractor in the coming few weeks.

Seapark Hill Active Travel Project

A multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed to take the established 'Preferred Option' from the design phases to completion. The project kick-off meeting has been held.
The design team has begun with a gap analysis of information produced relating to this project to date and have recommended the procurement of a small supplementary topographical survey to complete the topographical information gathering. This procurement is underway.

Design of the established 'preferred option' has commenced.

Access to Balscadden Bay Beach, Howth.

Final amendments are being made to the Consultant's assessment report of the Existing Stairs at Balscadden Bay Beach for Possible Safety Improvements.

Once the preferred option has been agreed with FCC, we will obtain quotations for a consultant to carry out the relevant environmental screening reports.

Broomfield to Paddy's Hill

Brief and tender documents have been prepared to appoint a consultant from the NTA Multiparty Framework to carry out the 'Concept Development and Options Selection' stage.

The extent of the scheme and various other constraints are under consideration at present by Fingal County Council. Indicative study area for the Paddy's Hill to Broomfield scheme is outlined below.



Secure Bicycle Parking Infrastructure

A number of locations across the county have been identified for the provision of bicycle parking infrastructure. The project team are currently finalising the tender evaluation. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in the coming weeks to progress to the Construction Stage.

Road Safety:
Safe Routes to School

Round 1 – Tranche 1
A brief update is provided below for each school site and associated construction works completed to date since the appointment of the works contractor.

Rush and Lusk Educate Together
All works are complete for this project.

Castaheany ETNS / St.Benedict's NS
All works are complete for this project.

Bayside Junior & Senior School
All works are complete for this project.

Round 1 – Tranche 2
The works contractor for the Safe Routes to School Tranche 2 contract 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.

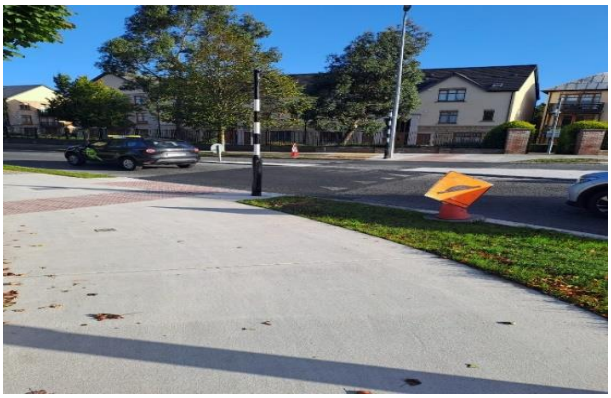
Scoil Ghráinne Community NS, Hansfield

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
Completed

- Construction works for the Safe Routes to School project at Pope John Paul II National School, Malahide were completed in March 2025.

- Minister Darragh O'Brien has confirmed his attendance at the formal inauguration scheduled for 26th May 2025.

Safe Routes to School Round 2
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 for Round 2 of the Safe Routes to School project has been completed by the designer and will be reviewed by Fingal County Council. A cost estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure compliance with budgetary and safety requirements.

Safe Routes to School Round 3
Round 3 of the Fingal Safe Routes to School programme includes the following schools,

1. Broadmeadow CNS
2. Donabate Portrane ETNS
3. Holywell ETNS
4. Malahide/Portmarnock ETNS
5. Scoil Mhuire Junior
6. Scoil Thomáis
7. St Nicholas of Myra NS Kinsealy

Round 3 is now in the early engagement phase of the works and An Taisce are working with the 7 selected school to develop their outline delivery plans for the schools.

The Drynam Heath Quiet Street
VivaCity Modal Filters sensor have been installed to monitor bicycles, pedestrians, and e-scooters—using AI-powered, privacy-safe video sensing.
The works are now ready to go to site with install set for late June.
A dedicated project webpage is available, providing public access to all documents to ensure transparency.

School Wardens:
Our school wardens continue to work across the county withy the service to take a summer break from June 27th. The Road Safety office developed some promotional material this month to highlight the role our wardens play in keeping the county's school children safe on their daily commute, this can be found here.

European Mobility Week:
The Road Safety Office are currently working to identify two areas adjacent to schools which can have school streets installed on a temporary basis for the week with the aim of increasing front of school safety and promoting walking and cycling to the schools.

Fingal Road Safety Working Together Group:
In line with Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 – 2030 Fingal County Council have established its Road Safety Working Together Group. The group is chaired by the Road Safety Officer and consists of 3 elected members, Cllr Angela Donnelly, Cllr Darren Jack Kelly, Cllr David Healy, as well as representatives from An Garda Siochana, Dublin Fire Brigade,

The Department of Transport, The National Transport Authority, Dublin Airport Authority, The Road Safety Authority and Fingal County Council staff. The aim of the group is to co-ordinate multi-agency road safety policy and implementation at a local level.

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.

New Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords

The installation of the "Learn 2 Cycle Track" has been completed and the contractor has finished on site. The facility is open to the public and initial feedback, both locally and through social media, has been very positive. Active Travel's walking and cycling officer will be organising events at the new facility in the coming weeks.





Learn2Cycle with a Disability

Learn2Cycle with a Disability lessons are progressing very well, with continued demand for the lessons.

From June-July, lessons are running in three locations:

- Swords, Applewood Community Centre starts Friday 13/06/2025
- Donabate, Donabate Portrane Community Centre Starts Monday 23/06/2025
- Ongar, Ongar Sports Centre, starts Saturday 05/07/2025
- 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:

- Starts 5 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 – Millennium Park

Our Balance Bike Buddies Courses in Millennium Park are up and running with nearly 50 children taking part on Saturday mornings. Our next course begins on Saturday 2nd August in Holywell Park. We'll have two courses, Course 1 at 9:15am and Course 2 at 10am. For booking information, email stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

The six-week courses are proving extremely popular and the Learn 2 Cycle tracks are providing safe and secure venues for them.

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 was 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 collaborated with Blanchardstown Tidy Towns, to host a guided walk along the new path.

A video celebrating this walking infrastructure is being developed to showcase the new route and encourage walking and cycling.

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

Staff polled bikes are available in County Hall, Swords 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 second round of bikes will go out in August 2025, residents from Donabate/Portrane interested in applying for round 2 of the scheme can contact customercare@bleeperactive.com and they will take you through the process



Sofa to Saddle June 2025

We have four Sofa to Saddle Courses currently taking place. In St Catherine's Park and Newbridge House we have an advanced skills course at 9:30am followed by a beginner's course at 11am.



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.

We are looking for interested participants for future courses.

For booking information, please contact Stephen.mcginn@fingal.ie

Cycle Training for Primary School Students, Balbriggan

Fourth class students from Gaelscoil Bhailebrigín and Bracken ETNS took part in cycle skills training on Monday 19 May, to celebrate the new cycling infrastructure in Balbriggan. These two schools are located beside the new infrastructure, enabling students to walk and cycle to school safely. The cycle training assisted students in developing their safe cycling skills.



Blanchardstown Bike Library

Following the success of the Ongar Bike Library Pilot project, we are extending the bike library to cover the entire Dublin 15 area. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from potential participants. All you have to do is fill out the application form and Bleeper Bike will be in touch. https://form.jotform.com/241503900081343



The bike library offers participants a free three month trial on an eBike, eCargo Bike or an eLongtail bike and aims to show them the benefits and versatility of eBikes as a primary mode of transport.

Holyfamily SNS Cycle to Naul

The Active Travel Unit supported The students of Holyfamily SNS on their annual cycle to the Naul. 74 Students took part, making it the biggest cycle the school have ever done. The event is organised by teacher, Tommy Duffy, who retires at the end of the current school term. Fingal would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Duffy for all the time and effort he has put into the promotion of safe cycling in the school and we wish you a long and happy retirement

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, please email us at cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie

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. If you would like to request a trip, please email to check availability at Cyclingwithoutage@fingal.ie



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



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.

Throughout June, the number of bookings continues to grow and we are delighted to see it go from strength to strength.

To book the service or to sign up as a volunteer simply call Flexibus on 046 9074830 or email flexibus@locallinklmf.ie



EVPZ

The Active Travel section in partnership with The ESB, Yuko and Go Car 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



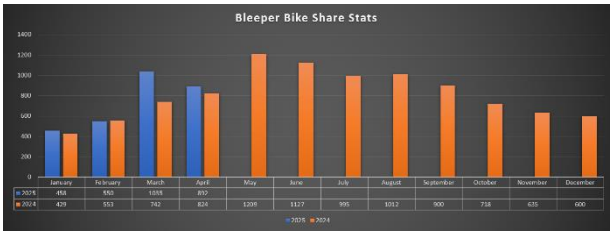
Month	Trips	KM Travelled
May	38	568km
June	92	2486km
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Total 2025		

Moby Bikes in Fingal

In June, we signed an agreement with Moby Bikes that will see eBikes return to Fingal. The scheme will initially focus on 10 parking locations around the Dublin 15 area. Moby Bikes can be hired through the Moby App and any issues with the service or reports of improperly parked bikes should be directed to support@mobymove.com



Bike Share Schemes



Bleeper Bike

The Bleeper Bike Scheme had one of its strongest months of the past four years in the East and Central areas of the county in May. There has been a steady increase in Bleeper usage in Swords over the past two months, which we're very pleased to see.

We removed the Bleeper Bike service from Dublin 15 in April due to vandalism, and this has greatly affected trip numbers in the West of the county in May, but we restarted our service in Castleknock Village in June and hope to expand the service further into Dublin 15 over July.



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: 311 (20/05/25)
Approved Applications: 215

Refusal Reasons
Non-Fingal Residents: 5
No Bleeper Account yet: 91

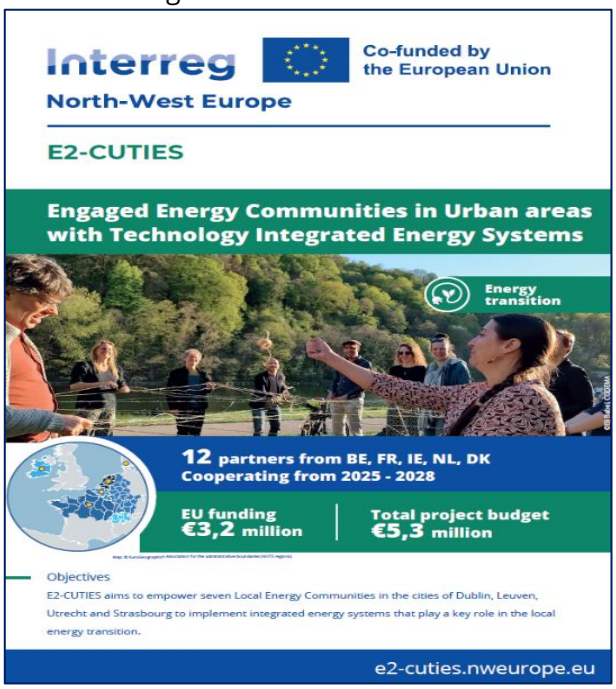
Bleeper Bike Monthly Report

993 Bleeper bike journeys started within Fingal operating zone in April
There were an additional 195 Journeys that took place outside of Fingal using the Fingal Pass
1,015 bike journeys ended within existing Fingal operating zone in April
Saturdays (25%) and Sundays 17% recorded the highest usage
Howth, Portmarnock and Castleknock (Phoenix Park Gates) were the most popular starting points.
Estimated emissions avoided: 267kg of CO2

CLIMATE ACTION

E2CUTIES

Work has continued on the E2-CUTIES project. The Climate Action Team has met with Balbriggan SEC, developed the Balbriggan community profile and a webpage has been set up to facilitate updates on the E2CUTIES project and can be viewed here: https://www.fingal.ie/e2-cuties
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

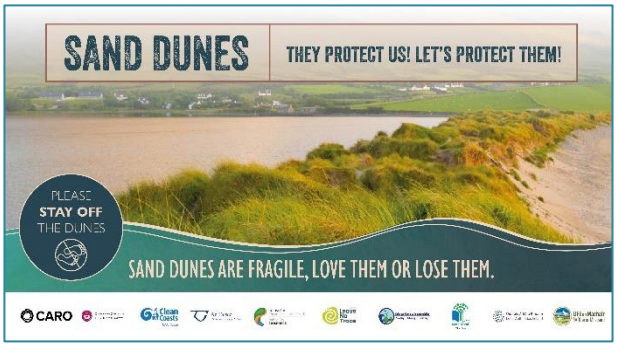
The Climate Team continue to support the implementation of the Sustainability, Climate Action and Biodiversity Pillar Action Plan.

Climate Action Training

The Climate Action Team has promoted and attended Local Authority Climate Action Webinar Series provided by LASNTG.

Protect our Dunes Campaign

Following on from its success in previous years the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) have launched the 2025 Protect our Dunes Campaign which Fingal County Council is supporting. The Protect Our Dunes campaign will continue to raise awareness on social media, to convey the importance of our sand dunes to coastal resilience and biodiversity, how they can be easily damaged from recreational activities, along with simple measures to preserve them.

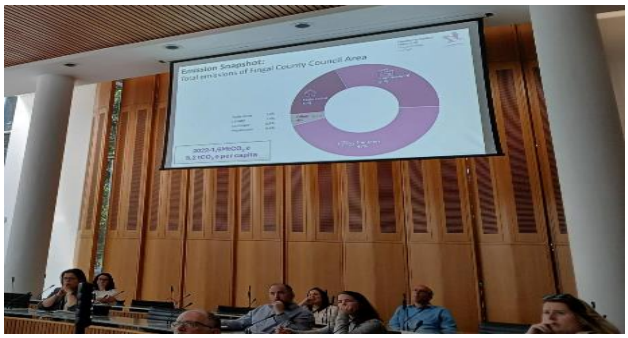


CARO

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.

Climate Action Plan Implementation Team

The CAPIT, a multi departmental senior committee met in June to review the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. During this meeting, Codema, Dublin's Energy Agency presented on their work on the E2CUTIES project and Decarbonisation Zone project.



Fingal Sustainable Energy Communities

The Climate Action Team met with the Fingal SEC mentors to explore ways of supporting the growth and development of SECs in Fingal.



Community Climate Action Fingal:

A total of € 793,296 has been paid out since Sept 2024 to the 25 applicants and partner groups for pre-funding of projects or projects that have been completed.

Status Update: (144 Projects)

June 2025	**73 Projects Completed**
	17 Projects In Progress
	54 Projects Not Started

Projects recently completed include Solar PV at St. Maurs GAA in Rush, Solar PV and new windows and external doors at the Ballyboughal GFC clubhouse, new windows and doors at Brackenstown Scout Den in Swords.

The CCAO is carrying out vouching visits routinely. The next round of funding will be announced by the Department in the coming months. The CCAO will continue to promote the fund to eligible groups in Fingal.



Climate Action Awareness:

Fingal Reusable Cup Project (FRCP):

The Fingal Reusable Cup Project launched on 17th May in both Malahide and Rush. To date, 19 businesses have signed up between both areas (out of a potential 40)

The Environment and Climate Action Team will continue to engage with participating businesses and with those who have not yet signed up to the pilot.

We are currently working on a detailed Comms Plan to promote the project in both areas.

Malahide Concerts:

The highly anticipated **Summer Concert Series at Malahide Castle & Gardens** kicked off on Tuesday 17th June and will run through Friday 4th July 2025, with seven major concerts taking place at the iconic venue.

In support of local environmental efforts, Fingal County Council, in partnership with concert promoters MCD Productions and Festival Republic, alongside HEINEKEN Ireland are introducing new sustainability initiatives during the 2025 concert season. Building on the momentum of the **Fingal Reusable Cup Project** launched in Malahide earlier this year which aims to eliminate disposable cups from the village this summer's concerts will go a step further: **no disposable cups will be sold** by Heineken.

Reusable Cup Scheme Introduced

As part of this climate-conscious initiative and in alignment with the principles of the Circular Economy, a Deposit and Return Reusable Cup Scheme will be trialled throughout the concert series.

Vendors serving HEINEKEN draught products will apply a small, refundable deposit to each drink served in a reusable cup. When attendees return their cups, their deposit will be fully reimbursed, encouraging a more responsible and sustainable festival experience.

This will be monitored over the duration of the concerts and stats will be provided afterwards on the number of cups saved from landfill/incineration

It is intended that all Vendors will participate for the 2026 Concerts.



ENVIRONMENT

Bathing Water Update:

The pre-season samples were taken on 26th and 27th May and all identified bathing waters achieved "excellent" status except for Malahide (non-identified bathing water) which met "good". A resample was taken on 28th May and this met "excellent" water quality and replaced the earlier result. Sampling will take place during the bathing season period (1st June – 15th September).

Scheduled sampling at the ten identified bathing waters is undertaken fortnightly except for Front Strand beach, Balbriggan which is in a "Changes" category and will be classified in 2025 by the Environmental Protection Agency at the end of the bathing season. Analysis for the two types of bacteria (E. coli and intestinal enterococci) is reported approximately 2.5 days following the collection of the sample and these individual results will be reported as either excellent, good, sufficient or poor. Resamples are taken and investigations carried out when required.

The scheduled sample taken on 3rd June at Front Strand beach, Balbriggan was collected while beach raking/cleaning was taking place and therefore a resample was arranged on 4th June. The result of "poor" required the erection of a Prohibition (Do not swim) Notice on the beach on 5th June however, that sample result on 6th June met "excellent" water quality and permitted the lifting of that notice on the following day.

On Saturday 14th June, 2025 a forecast of heavy rainfall resulted in the issuing of a "prior warning" notice at Velvet Strand beach, Portmarnock. The resample taken on 16th June met the standard of "excellent" water quality and permitted the lift of the notice.

A summary of results is shown below in the tables and all results are available on www.beaches.ie during the bathing season;

NAME OF BEACH	26th, 27th and 28th May^	3rd June	4th June* (Prohibition Notice lifted 6th June)	9th June	16th June	14th June Prior warning (rain) 16th June*
Balbriggan, Front Strand	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	
Skerries, South Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Loughshinny Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Rush, North Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Rush, South Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Donabate, Balcarrick Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Portrane, The Brook Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Portmarnock, Velvet Strand	Excellent			Excellent		Excellent
Sutton, Burrow Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Howth, Claremont Beach	Excellent			Excellent		
Malahide Beach (non-identifed bathing water)	Excellent^			Excellent		

^ sample replaced pre-season
* resample to lift warning notice

Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2025 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Scheduled	21	0	0	1	22
Unscheduled	2	0	0	0	2
Total	23	0	0	1	**24**
Non-Identified Waters Individual Classification					
2025 Season Samples	Excellent	Good	Sufficient	Poor	Total
Malahide	1	1	0	0	2
Resamples	1	0	0	0	1
Other Waters	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	0	0	**3**

Environmental Awareness:

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund Launch The annual Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Competition officially launched on 29th May and is open for applications until 11th July. Community groups, sports clubs, and men's and women's sheds can apply. Activities can include litter clean-ups, painting of estate walls, painting murals, biodiversity projects in litter-prone areas, and public awareness campaigns focused on littering and the correct disposal of vapes. The fund is part-sponsored by the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment.



National Food Waste Recycling Week

National Food Waste Recycling Week took place from the 1st – 8th June. The campaign, managed by My Waste, offered practical tips and advice to help people recycle more of their food waste. To support the campaign, the Environmental Awareness Officer organised several in-person events, including a Food Waste Reduction Workshop and a Home Composting Workshop, alongside a Kitchen Caddy Distribution Day. These efforts aimed to help Fingal residents reduce food waste, save money, and protect the environment. A parallel social media campaign helped spread the message even further.





Estuary Recycling Centre Workshop and Tour

The Environmental Awareness Officer delivered a workshop on waste management and the circular economy to a group from Prosper Fingal. The session focused on everyday actions individuals can take, followed by a guided tour of the Estuary Recycling Centre.



Clothes Swap Kit Launch

As of 9th June, local groups, schools, and organisations in Fingal can now borrow a free Clothes Swap Kit to host their own clothing swap events. This initiative promotes sustainable fashion, helps reduce textile waste, and offers a fun way to bring communities together while raising funds for good causes. This new programme is a collaboration between Fingal County Council and Change Clothes.



Media

The Environmental Awareness Officer was interviewed on **Q102's** *Dublin Today* with Elizabeth Hearst to discuss the launch of the Clothes Swap Kit and was also interviewed by Michael Sullivan on **Near FM's Northside Today show** to promote the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant.

Online Campaigns

Over the last month the Environmental Awareness Officer organised digital awareness campaigns focused on the proper disposal of vapes, e-cigarettes, and electrical cables, promoting responsible waste management practices.

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.
- The wardens continued the annual litter quantification surveys in June to quantity the litter present, inspecting and counting litter present, thus Identifying black spots, to enable Fingal County Council tackle litter more effectively.
- Attended tenant induction course outlining their responsibilities regarding litter.





Litter Fines & Warning Notices – June 2025

Month	Fines	Warning Notice
January	16	1
February	9	2
March	18	1
April	15	0
May	16	4
June	23	2

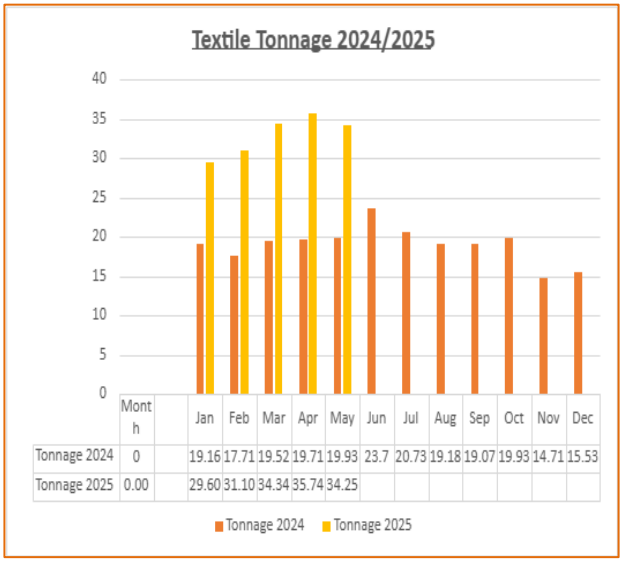
There were 2 cases before the district court in June, both were successful prosecutions, and costs awarded.

Litter Management Cases for June 2025

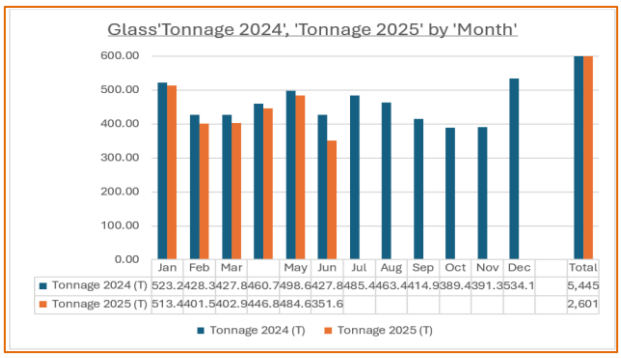
Cases June 2025	Amount
Muck on road	4
Abandoned cars	13
Inspection of bring banks	316
Inspection of dumping black spots	612
Unauthorised signage	2
Request for Dog fouling signs	2
Report of dumping by witness statement	1
Report under general litter	3
Report of dumping 1 – 20 bags	14
Beach patrols	10
Councillor reps' inspection	5



Bring Banks



Textile volumes collected in **May 2025** were **34.25 Tonnes**. This compares with a Textiles collection figure of 19.93 Tonnes in May 2024.



Glass volumes collected to date in **June 2025** total **352 Tonnes**. This compares with a collection figure of 428 Tonnes in June 2024.

Abandoned Vehicles

From 1st January – 20th June 2025, 190 reports of alleged Abandoned Vehicles have been received by the Environment Department. 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	2	0	0
June	1	0	0	1
July	0		0	
August	0		0	
September	0		0	
October	0		0	
November	0		0	
December	0		1	
	7	7	10	4

Animal Welfare

The Animal Welfare Section received 22 complaints in relation to dogs from 1st of June to 20th of June 2025.

Service	No of complaints per service from 1st of June 2025 to 20th June 2025
Env - Dog Fine Appeal	3
Env - Dog on Dog Attack	1
Env - Dog on Person Attack	0
Env – Dog warden assistance, garda request	1
Env - Restricted Breed Dog	8
Env - Surrendered Dog	0
Env- Stray Dog	9
Grand Total	**22**

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. Over the summer months the dog wardens will increase their patrols on the beaches and in the parks. There were 69 x 10 Day Notices and 12 Fines issued by the dog wardens from 1st to 22nd June 2025.

Licences and Fines

Month	10 Day Notices		Fines Issued		Fines Paid	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
January	217	10	20	3	€1,997.50	€550
February	297	82	38	5	€2,135	€2,244
March	234	87	40	15	€2,525	€1,121
April	277	85	35	11	€2,073	€1,770
May	408	99	38	15	€2,420	€4,443
June	247	69	58	12	€2,180	€1700
July	29		88		€3,550	
August	15		52		€4,600	
September	29		23		€2,919.70	
October	15		13		€2,321	
November	104		19		€2,185	
December	0		5		€1,700	
TOTAL	**1872**	**432**	**429**	**61**	**€30,606.20**	**€11,828.00**

The below table shows the number of annual and lifetime licences purchased during May 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	753	90	45	€36,460	€ 21,360
June	1045	571	87	38	€33,080	€16,740
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**	**4,494**	**742**	**246**	**€309,720**	**€128,440**

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 license 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 130 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 June 25 there were 15 dogs in the shelter. Up to 22nd of June 2025, 11 dogs were brought to the shelter by the dog wardens as stray or surrenders and 1 was surrendered by members of the public. Of these dogs, 1 was reclaimed, 3 were rehomed to Rescue and 3 were rehomed to members of the public. As of 23rd of June there were 19 dogs remaining in the shelter.

The shelter has a Facebook page Dublin County Dog Shelter. It also has an Instagram Account @dublincountydogshelter which they actively update with strays and dogs wishing to be rehomed.

Dogs in Shelter at the start of June 2024	**23**	**Dogs in Shelter at start of June 2025**	**15**
Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	14	Stray/Seized dogs brought to Shelter	11
Surrendered by owners	5	Surrendered by owners	1
Reclaimed	2	Reclaimed	1
Rehomed to Rescue	9	Rehomed to Rescue	3
Rehomed to Public	4	Rehomed to Public	3
PTS	8	PTS	1
Dogs in Shelter at the end of June 2024	**19**	**Dogs in shelter at 23 June 2025**	**19**

Dublin County Dog Shelter are currently holding a social media initiative highlighting their services and the number of bull breeds they have there at the moment. The campaign commenced on the 22/05/25 on Facebook and Instagram and highlights/promotes the shelter and the dogs that are currently available for rehoming. Since the commencement of the campaign the Shelter have successfully rehomed 33 bull breeds however during this period they have received a further 8 bull breeds in to the shelter.

Fingal County Council has shared this information on our own Facebook & Instagram pages.

Facebook: Dublin County Dog Shelter

Instagram: dublincountydogshelter



Patsy, approx 2 yrs old, came in as a stray and is waiting to be rehomed. If you would like to come and meet Patsy please give the shelter a call at 087 3914008.

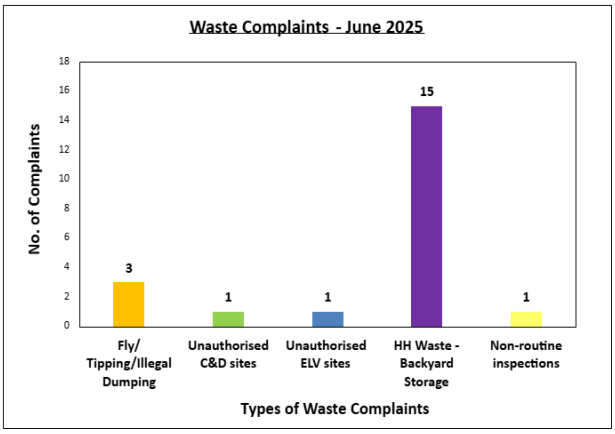
HORSES

Welfare inspections continue on Dunsink Landfill to monitor the numbers and welfare of the horses onsite. In June 2025 there were 6 horses seized from the public realm.

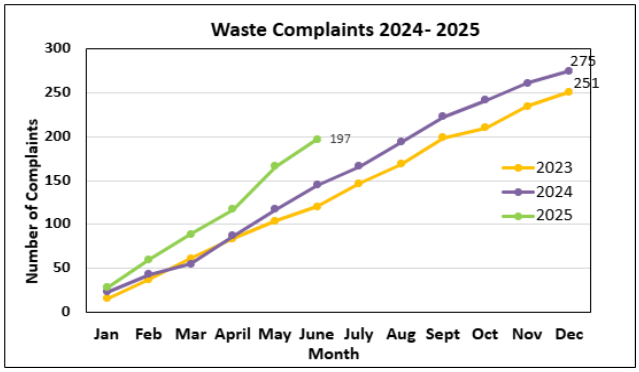


WASTE ENFORCEMENT & REGULATION

During the month of June, a total of 21 waste complaints were received, with 9 resolved and the remainder ongoing through enforcement action. The complaints covered a range of issues, including backyard storage and burning of household waste, an unauthorized End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) site, unauthorized construction & demolition sites, incidents of fly-tipping and illegal dumping.



Unauthorised waste collectors remain a significant issue, as they dispose of waste in a manner that is neither environmentally safe nor legally compliant. Such activities result in waste being dumped by roadsides or in scenic locations, leading to considerable clean-up costs for the local authority.



The Environment Section continues to encourage public vigilance in this area. Members of the public who suspect an illegal waste collector is operating in their locality, or who wish to verify that a waste collector holds a valid permit, are advised to contact the Environment Section at environment@fingal.ie or Customer Care by telephone at 01 8905000.





A legal file was prepared during June in relation to waste complaints received regarding storage of waste and non-compliance with the waste presentation bye-laws. Direction letters issued under the Waste Management Act 1996 weren't complied with and a legal file was prepared. The case will be dealt with in the district court.





Regulation 27 By-Product

There was only one notification / registration of soil and stone by-product for the month of June and a desktop inspection was conducted to confirm that the status of the site of origin was greenfield. Two site inspections were carried out at sites registered during the previous month.

By-products have an important role to play in the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy which seeks to reduce the environmental and health impacts of waste and improve resource efficiency. The fundamental goal is to achieve a circular economy that avoids unnecessary waste generation and allows for the use of materials as a resource, wherever possible. This in turn minimises the requirement for the extraction of additional natural resources.



Annual Return Validations

Validations of Annual Returns (AR) have started. There are 109 Waste Collection Permits and 20 Waste Facilities operating under Waste Facilities or Certificate of Registration in Fingal.

The process involves a desktop validation of all 129 Annual Returns, checking that the waste data returned is in line with previous years, crosschecking matching returns from other permit holders, checking that the correct List of Waste codes are used, and that the data is entered into the appropriate tab. The data is used by the EPA to confirm national statistics on waste generation, recycling, recovery and disposal and progress towards meeting EU targets.



Where significant discrepancies are identified or where concerns were raised during the previous year's validation, site inspections are arranged to verify the accuracy of the data against the records maintained by the permit holders. In cases where non-compliances are confirmed, enforcement action is initiated.

Fixed Payment Notices were issued to 4 permit holders who failed to submit their annual return by the agreed deadline. 24 collectors who were contacted regarding late submission of their return.

26 Waste Collection Permits ARs and 4 waste facilities ARs have been validated so far, with the remaining in progress. The validation work takes 4 months to complete (June – September).



Waste Facility authorisations

Pre-application meetings have been held with 3 facilities in the past month, and a further two are scheduled before the end of June.

The meetings are held with applicants of proposed waste facilities to address any issues or shortcomings in their applications before they are lodged which in turn helps to ensure applications are processed in a timely manner without the need for further information requests. The meetings helped to identify one facility which did not need a waste authorisation, with assistance provided to the other two applicants regarding submission of compliant applications.

Malahide Concerts

The Environment Department, through conditions set out in the Public Event Licence, engaged with the organisers of Malahide concerts to promote waste reduction measures such as use of re-usable cups for drinks sold at the Heineken bars at the venue. Regulatory compliance with Waste Regulations regarding the separate collection of food waste was also assessed in conjunction with ensuring vendors were compliant with the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024.

Inspections were carried out at vendors (food stands) during the first concert to ensure they were selling bottles and cans branded with the Re-Turn logo and therefore compliant with the DRS Regulations. One non-compliant stand was detected and directed to comply with the DRS Regulations for subsequent concerts. Follow up inspections will be carried out also.

Feedback was provided by the Waste Enforcement Section to the event organisers on the labelling / branding of bins in the main arena and how to make improvements for subsequent concerts.

Through the Public Events Licence the organisers were encouraged to engage with Re-Turn and local community groups/charity to provide for collections of bottles and cans at the concert. The organisers engaged with Re-turn and Malahide Tidy Towns, with volunteers from Malahide Tidy Towns sorting and collecting bottles and cans during the concert.



Waste Presentation Bye-Law Project

Work is progressing on the Waste Bye-Law Project with the Waste Register now complete comprising ~ 90,000 households. The waste register is a list of all households within Fingal that have a waste collection service in place.

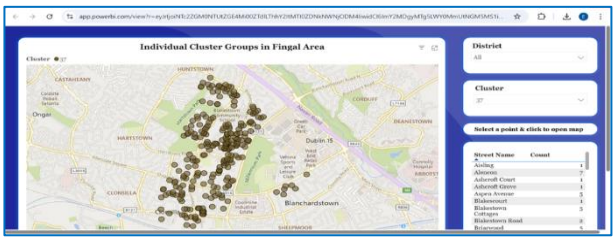
The information for the Waste Register was requested by the Waste Enforcement Unit in May whereby Section 18 Notices were sent to 8 different waste collectors operating within Fingal. The operators were asked to provide information on customers who had a bin services in place and to confirm if all three bins; green, black and brown, were provided. Other information such as customer address and the date of the last bin lift was also requested.



Eircodes have been appended to these addresses to facilitate the production of a Reverse Register using a master Eircode/Geocode list, to help identify households who don't have a waste collection service in place for follow on investigation.

EIRCODE

The Reverse Register is almost complete and the IT Department are assisting the Environment Department to develop a map to show all households currently on the Reverse Register. The GIS mapping will then be used to target specific areas where participation in a waste collection service is low for follow on investigation or enforcement action.



Once the map has been finalised the next step will be engagement with households on the Reverse Register to establish how they are managing their waste. If households don't have an active bin account in place they have 2 other options available to dispose of their waste i.e. bin sharing or bringing their waste to an authorised facility. In both instances proof is required in the form of a bin sharing agreement whereby 1 household has an active bin account in place and an Account No. or by providing receipts for disposal of waste if bringing waste to a civic amenity centre or waste facility.

Initial engagement with householders will be by letter communication (July 2025) with a follow up reminder letter issued 1 week later. Householders will be asked to confirm how they are managing their waste by completing a declaration that can be filled in online through the Fingal County Council website or by return letter. If sufficient proof is provided, then those households will be taken off the Reverse Register and placed on the Waste Register i.e. households who have a waste collection service in place.

For Households who don't engage or respond, door to door inspections (Aug/Sept 2025) will be carried out to verify on the ground how they are managing their waste. It is proposed to target 4,000 households initially whereby follow up door to door inspections may be required for ~ 50% or 2,000 of those households.



A Fixed Payment Notice (€75 fine) will be issued to households who cannot provide proof of how they are currently disposing of their waste and a direction given under Section 14 of the Waste Management Act to put an active bin account in place. Legal action through the District Court will be taken if households refuse to provide sufficient proof that their waste is being managed in accordance with the FCC Waste Presentation Bye-Laws 2020.



The key objectives of the Waste Presentation Bye-Laws Project are to:

1/ Increase participation in household waste collection services throughout Fingal.

2/ Decrease incidents of fly-tipping and illegal dumping and associated clean-up costs.

3/ Increase segregation of waste materials – having a 3 bin system in place.

4/ Reduce the number of waste related complaints allowing waste enforcement officers to focus on National Waste Priorities.



AIR & NOISE UNIT

Air & Noise Complaints

A total of 24 no. noise complaints were received and investigated during June, including complaints regarding noise from drone deliveries, construction sites and neighbour to neighbour noise. A total of 3 no. air complaints were received and investigated and these include complaints regarding agricultural odours and dust from quarrying activities. The majority of these complaints have been resolved, with investigations ongoing to resolve the remaining open complaints.

Planning Files

The Air and Noise Section reviewed 19 no. Planning applications referred by the Planning Department during June. 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. The Air and Noise Section also attends pre-planning meetings to advise applicants on noise related matters.



Planning compliance submissions continue to be received and assessed 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.



Planning compliance inspections were also completed during June in respect of the outdoor summer concerts held at Malahide Castle. These concerts are authorised under Event Licence PEL/001/25 and noise levels for the concerts are restricted as a condition of the licence. The promoter appointed an independent noise control consultant to monitor noise levels throughout each event and to liaise with the sound engineer and the Air and Noise Section of Fingal County Council on all matters relating to noise control prior to and during each event.



Strategic Noise Maps

The Environmental Noise Directive 2002/49/EC, which was transposed into Irish law through the European Communities (Environmental Noise) Regulations 2018 to 2021, requires the local authorities within the Dublin agglomeration (Dublin City Council, Fingal, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, South Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare County Councils) to produce Strategic Noise Maps and Noise Action Plans every five years.

The latest Strategic Noise Maps are available on the Fingal County Council website at:

https://www.fingal.ie/environment/noise-action-plan

The are also available on the EPA website at:

https://www.epa.ie/our-services/monitoring--assessment/noise/noise-mapping-and-action-plans/.

These maps provide predicted environmental noise levels expected from road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic and from sites of industrial activity. The Strategic Noise Maps are generated using noise modelling based on a set of digital datasets, with different colours representing different noise levels in decibels (dB(A)).



These maps are required to be updated every 5 years. The next round of mapping updates is now underway, as the new mapping cycle started earlier this year. As a designated Noise Mapping Body, Fingal County Council inputs into this process and liaises with the EPA and other Noise Mapping Bodies on all matters related to mapping updates.

SPORTS OFFICE

Sports Development Conference 2025

Sport Ireland's Annual Sports Development Conference took place on the 27th & 28th of May. Over 300 development officers from National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships from across Ireland came together at the National Indoor Arena for two days of learning, collaboration, and connection.

Fingal Sports Office was represented by the Office's Sports Development Officers and the Active Cities Co-Ordinator. The theme of the 2025 conference was Unlock the Potential. The SDO conference provided an opportunity to network and learn from colleagues. Various breakout sessions focused on different aspects of sports development, covering topics relating to future planning, applying behavioural science to sport and how to design an inclusive sports programme. A presentation was also given on the latest data and behavioural insights in sport, collated by Sport Ireland, with comparative data for each county.



Balbriggan SummerFest

The Balbriggan SummerFest took place over the June Bank Holiday Weekend at Bremore Castle. Fingal Sports Office gave their support to the festival by providing variety of family friendly sport activities on one of the festival days. The sports day began with well-attended family yoga on the beach and continued with an offering of garden games and large target Inflatables on the neighbouring pitch to Bremore Castle. Football skills were also on display with a mini U7 football blitz with teams from Balbriggan and Skerries participating. The sports activities provided were very popular but the main highlight of the day the popular colour run. Over 250 participants registered to take part, and it brought a colourful conclusion to the day.





Men's Health Week- Men's Shed Walk and Talk

Fingal Sports in partnership with the Active Travel and Community Departments were delighted to deliver the Irish Men's Shed Walk and Talk Event in Newbridge House during Men's Health Week. This was the second year of the event that celebrates and promotes men's physical and mental well-being and involved 14 local Fingal Sheds.

The 120 men started the event with a quick warm-up followed by a 1,3 and 5k walk which finished with a Showcase Workshop in the walled gardens. The Sheds displayed all their crafts from throughout the year and got opportunities to meet other sheds to share experiences and stories about their groups. The three Fingal Depts as well as external stakeholders such as the HSE and Fingal Leader Partnership provided information to the participants on their activities and programmes being delivered throughout the summer.





Move at Swords Castle – June 8th

Fingal Sports Office brought together 600 people on Sunday, June 8th for a fantastic celebration of movement, health, and wellbeing in the stunning grounds of Swords Castle. The event was buzzing with energy, smiles, and activity, featuring: Boxercise, Family Fitness Sessions, Yoga, Pound Fitness, Nutrition & Menopause Talks Body Composition Analysis a Sensory Play Area for all kids. The day highlighted many of the FCC Sport Office community initiatives and was a collaboration with Community and Libraries Dept for sharing event infrastracture during the weekend.





Run with Ray – June 20th

RTE Radio 1 took to Newbridge House and Gardens on Friday 20th June supported by Fingal Sports Office to host 'Run with Ray' 5km, the event brought 300 participants to the Parkrun loop of the park supported by Donabate Parkrun volunteer team.





Active Cities Men's Hike – Glendalough

Fingal Sports Office Active Cities Dublin programme took 62 men to Glendalough to tackle the 10km Spinc Trail. This programme is in collaboration with Healthy Ireland and Get Ireland Walking introducing men who have no interacted with physical activity in some time and gives a safe environment to reengage.



Swimming lessons for St Patrick's SNS Students

In collaboration with Swim Ireland, Fingal Sports Office subsidised swimming lessons for students from St. Patrick's Senior National School, Corduff. The programme saw 160 students participate in 6-weeks of swimming lessons. The pre-programme survey showed that the children, all from 3rd to 6th class, have an average swimming confidence of 2.47/5 according to their parents/guardians with the majority (59%) rating themselves a 1 or 2 at a level of not confident or somewhat confident.

The aim of the programme is to make swimming more accessible and to improve swimming confidence within primary school children across Fingal. The legacy of the programme is to provide the children and their families with the opportunity to access a free open swim session in the National Aquatic Centre during the summer months.





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Rates

Overall Commercial Rates collection to the end of June 2025 is running at 70%.

Rates Collection	
Rates collected €m	€116.9m
Rates collected %	70%

Development Levy Income

Development levy income collected to the end of May is €17.0m.

Development Levy Income YTD May 2025	
Levies Receipted	€17.0 m
Levies Collected as a % of 2024	168%

Payroll

Overall payroll spend to the end of June was €45.08m which is c. **97.7%** of budget YTD.

Payroll	
Salaries & Wages €m	€45.08m
Percentage of Budget YTD.	97.7%

Procurement

Outlined below is a summary of the overall procurement activity at end of May

No. of contracts awarded (details below) for year to date	104	
Value €m	28.4m	
Procurements ongoing at end of May		
No. of procurements awaiting tender responses	12	(i)
Value €m	14.7m	
No. of procurements under evaluation	59	(ii)
Value €m	53.5	
No. of procurements at approved	9	(iii)
Value €m	43.5m	

Notes:
(i) Procurements awaiting tender responses – tender responses awaited at end of May
(ii) Procurements under evaluation – tender responses submitted and being evaluated at end of the May
(iii) Procurements at approved – Tender responses have been evaluated and approved. Pre- contract award processes ongoing at end of May

Appendix 1
Revenue Account – Income & Expenditure

REVENUE ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION AT 30 JUNE 2025

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME			NET
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	% Budget Spent to date	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	% Budget Raised	€
Housing & Building	57,621,043	123,749,800	47%	55,185,348	126,862,200	44%	2,435,695
Road Transport & Safety	17,807,193	36,814,800	48%	5,317,378	9,063,700	59%	12,489,815
Water Services	5,459,701	13,233,400	41%	7,661,195	15,070,000	51%	-2,201,494
Development Management	11,960,773	25,261,800	47%	4,487,148	10,206,000	44%	7,473,626
Environmental Services	24,921,688	48,948,700	51%	6,298,370	8,761,100	72%	18,623,318
Recreation & Amenity	30,367,167	59,101,400	51%	1,772,882	4,375,600	41%	28,594,284
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	998,704	1,575,200	63%	287,039	422,700	68%	711,665
Miscellaneous Services	9,779,556	21,053,000	46%	13,843,538	29,588,900	47%	-4,063,982
Central Management Charge	29,423,388	59,137,800	50%	1,986,781	4,073,900	49%	27,436,606
Local Property Tax / GPG				6,350,150	12,700,300	50%	-6,350,150
Rates				83,875,750	167,751,500	50%	-83,875,750
	188,339,213	**388,875,900**	**48%**	**187,065,579**	**388,875,900**	**48%**	**1,273,634**

CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/06/2025					
		Balance at 0/01/2025 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/06/2025 €
A	Housing & Building	-9,686,875	160,500,940	-92,580,573	58,233,492
B	Road Transport & Safety	9,980,266	17,684,268	-6,599,430	21,065,104
C	Water Services	-10,327,807	1,093,981	-666,481	-9,900,307
D	Development Management	-175,344,430	11,163,463	-19,663,087	-183,844,054
E	Environmental Services	-15,418,209	1,902,789	-525,210	-14,040,630
F	Recreation & Amenity	-11,766,355	21,071,554	-5,892,405	3,412,794
H	Miscellaneous Services	-42,102,959	7,015,312	-7,359,209	-42,446,856
	Total	**-254,666,369**	**220,432,307**	**-133,286,395**	**-167,520,457**

Appendix 1 – continued
Summary of Corporate Debtors

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE DEBTORS TO 30/06/2025				
	Balance at 01/01/2025 €	Balance at 30/06/2025 €	Current debt €	> 1 Year €
RATES	687,390	50,973,090	50,289,067	684,023
LOANS	2,130,037	1,857,503	186,248	1,671,255
RENTS	10,032,929	9,132,035	3,108,424	6,023,611

Figures for rents and loans are unadjusted by credits/prepayments

Appendix 2

(Page 124 to 132) **Number of Contracts Awarded to the end of May (No change to this as system was down)**

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
Supply and install of new calisthenic/outdoor exercise equipment to Millenium Park, D15	Outfit Outdoor Fitness Equipment Ltd	James Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo	€58,790.00	01/07/2025	31/12/2025	6	27/05/2025	Call Off Contract
sCFT LEAN Business Programme	Jigsaw VAE Ltd t/a Jigsaw Better Business	2 Ballymore Road, Loughnavalley, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	€355,500.00	08/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	08/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Deliver, Set Up & Monitor of Radio Frequency for 30 Working Days Licence Period of Radio Station & Production Days	Broadcast Technical Services	Unit 20 Bluebell Business Park, Old Naas Raod, Dublin 12	€25,800.00	22/03/2025	22/04/2025	1	21/02/2025	Contract
Road inlay and ancillary works, Estuary Rd., Malahide	D.M. Morris Limited	13 Parklands Office Park, Southern Cross Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow	€83,586.00	26/05/2025	12/06/2025	3 Weeks	16/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Postal Collection Services	Print Post Ltd	Unit 4 Broomhill Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24	€180,000.00	01/04/2025	31/03/2026	12	28/04/2025	Contract
Concrete footpath construction in a serious of batches from 3 - 6 square meters at Red Arches Baldoyle Co Dublin.	Joe Duke & Company Ltd	Unit G9 Riverview Business Park, Nangor Road	€42,548.00	21/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	13/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Engineering Services for Feasibility Study for Dredging of Loughshinny Harbour for Fingal County Council	Ayesa (Formerly t/a Byrne Looby & Partners Ltd	H5 Oak Road, Centrepoint Business Park, Dublin12, D12 VW27	€249,605.00	03/06/2025	02/06/2029	48	19/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Pecks Lane Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 13	€59,715.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2025	6	21/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Dromheath Drive and Avenue Dublin 1	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 14	€79,230.00	01/07/2025	01/10/2025	3	22/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Resurfacing of Hadleigh Court and Park Castleknock Dublin 15	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin 15	€46,520.00	01/06/2025	01/09/2025	3	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract

Road Markings for How/Mal area	Nuzum Road Services ltd	Mespil House, Sussex Road, Dublin 4	€52,491.85	28/05/2025	26/05/2026	12	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Consultancy Services for Portmarnock Railway Overbridge OBB21	Barry Transportation	Classon House, Dundrum Business Park, Dundrum Road, Dublin 14	€44,293.60	28/04/2025	28/09/2025	5	28/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Planting and Maintenance of Council-Owned Summer/Winter Floral Display Baskets/Planters for various locations within Fingal Administrative Area and the supply of a limited number of Units	Redlough Landscapes Ltd	Belgree, Hollystown, Dublin 15	€187,100.10	01/05/2025	31/12/2025	8	16/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Supply & Installation of Shelving & Miscellaneous Items for Skerries Library	Bushell Interiors Ltd	12 Heaney Ave. Parkwest, Dublin 12	€66,863.00	20/05/2025	25/07/2025	10 Weeks	20/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Migration of Data, CCR & Historical Data from Cygnus to Agresso Housing Loans Module and Implementation of a Debt Management System	Ascendas Business Solutions Ltd	Market House, 15 Market Square, Dillonsland, Navan, Co. meath C15 N525	€80,600.00	27/05/2025	27/05/2026	12	08/05/2025	Contract
Emergency Paving Repair Works at Newbridge House Courtyard	Francis Haughey Construction Ireland Ltd	21/23 St. Patrick Street, Keady, Co. Armagh	€46,484.00	19/05/2025	20/06/2025	5 Weeks	29/04/2025	Contract
Provision of NGN Phone Circuits for 2024 & 2025	Eir (Eir Evo)	Hibernia House,	€48,378.83	01/01/2024	31/12/2025	24	22/05/2025	Contract
Seamount Road Footpath Connectivity Project	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	Block 2, West Pier Business Campus, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin	€259,185.39	07/05/2025	07/05/2027	24	13/03/2025	Call Off Contract
Waste Management Services - provision of bins at beaches (Interim)	Bord Na Mona Offices	Bord Na Mona Offices, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare W12 XR59	€284,248.99	01/05/2025	31/10/2025	6	16/05/2025	Contract
Development & Implementation of FCS (Financial Contribution System)	EY Client Solutions Unlimited	Harcourt Centre, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2	€84,314.42	03/04/2025	30/04/2028	36	03/04/2025	Contract
Construction of a community garden at Meakstown - the adaptation and reuse of Bloom Garden 'A breathing space for Fingal'	Martin King Landscaping Ltd	Richardstown, Dromin, Dunleer, Co. Louth	€82,469.00	12/05/2025	10/07/2026	14	27/03/2025	Contract

Design and Construction of 2 no. Playgrounds at Corduff Park, Blanchardstown and Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15	Hawthorn Heights Ltd	75 Craigbrack Road, Eglington, Co. Derry, BT47 3BE	€824,670.00	01/06/2025	01/12/2026	18	14/05/2025	Contract
Resurfacing of a section of Carrickbrack Road Sutton Rd and ancillary works	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€119,415.00	26/05/2025	06/06/2025	2 Weeks	12/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Provision of Accounting, Audit and Financial Advisory Services for ANCA	Crowe Ireland Risk Limited	40 Mespil Road, Dublin 4, DO4 C2N4	€140,000.00	29/05/2025	29/05/2026	12	14/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Construction of Learn 2 Cycle Track, Holywell Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	KT Civil Ltd	Rathowen, Co. Westmeath	€82,199.76	12/05/2025	12/08/2025	3	08/05/2025	Contract
Purchase 2 Electric Vans	Setanta Vehicle Importers	Setanta House, M50 Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15	€101,580.00	10/05/2025	09/05/2026	12	10/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Desilting of Millpond at Ward River Park, Swords, Co. Dublin	Rivus Ltd	Ballynagaragh, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork	€93,604.50	15/05/2025	15/08/2025	3	30/04/2025	Contract
Inlay and ancillary works of a section of Station Rd Lusk, Co Dublin	Breedon Surfacing Solutions Ireland Ltd.,	Rosemount Business Park, Ballycoolin Road, Dublin	€33,945.00	26/05/2025	13/06/2025	3 Weeks	06/05/2025	Call Off Contract
Swift Survey Fingal Towns	Birdwatch Ireland	Unit 20 Block B, Bullford Business Campus, Kilcoole, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	€42,360.00	25/05/2025	01/04/2026	11	17/05/2025	Contract
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of the CCTV & Recording System in Bell's Lane.	SKS Communications LTD	Unit 2 Robinhood Ind. Estate, Longmile Road, Dublin 22	€68,944.00	18/03/2025	18/07/2026	16	06/03/2025	Contract
Supply of Bitumen Emulsion 2025	Irish Tar, Colas Teoranta & Breedon	Irish Tar - Alexandra Road Dublin 11, Colas Teranta - Bluebell Industrial Estate Dublin 2, Bredon - Rosemount Business Park Ballycoolin	€171,827.00	01/06/2025	31/12/2025	7	29/04/2025	Call Off Contract
Swords Main Street Transformation - Traffic Survey Phase 1	Tracsis Traffic Data Ltd	Unit 43 Canal Walk, Parkwest, Dublin1 2	€48,830.00	28/04/2025	28/06/2025	2	02/05/2025	Contract
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 - Kathmore 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 DFK	16-17 College Green, Dublin 2	€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
An initial contract to supply fit out and deliver six (6) Steel Anti Vandal Units to be used as Lifeguard Stations on beaches in the administrative area of Fingal County Council.	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	€60,300.00	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 infrastructure	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	€95,130.00	23/01/2025	23/04/2025	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

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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

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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

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 Social 36 x 2 Bed	On-Site	Q1 2024	Q3 2026
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/Castleknock / Ongar	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Church Fields 3B 53°24'44.7"N 6°23'39.0"W - Google Maps	107 Social 110 Affordable	On-Site	Q4 2024	Phased delivery
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	Phased delivery
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.	Q2 2025	Q 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	Q3 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	Q1 2026
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	Q2 2026
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Mixed Tenure	Mooretown Phase 1, Swords. https://maps.app.goo.gl/R8eAG1aoLXh1nL2J9	123 Social 151 Affordable	On-Site	On-Site	Phased delivery

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
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Woodside, Swords. 53.453901, -6.210574 Google Maps	34	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 2027
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	Social	Park Road, Kenure, Rush. 53.532278, -6.102176 Google Maps	32	Planning granted.	Q1 2026	Q4 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
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 2027
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

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Schemes at the Pre-Planning Stage

Area Committee	Provider	Funding Stream	Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On-Site Date	Handover (Est)
Blanchardstown	FCC	Social	Fortlawn, Blanchardstown https://maps.app.goo.gl/xuML7oPaySiPZmf46	21	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC
Howth/Malahide	FCC	Social	Fingerpost, Malahide https://maps.app.goo.gl/zfhguqQj7vYYRJB99	4	Pre-planning.	TBC	TBC
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart/ Castleknock/ Ongar	FCC	Social	Mayeston, Dublin 11 53°24'28.4"N 6°17'02.1"W - Google Maps	74	Pre-Planning	TBC	TBC
Balbriggan/Rush-Lusk/Swords	FCC	TBC	O' Dwyers, Balbriggan. https://maps.app.goo.gl/inSEC4Qq3QSBHQHp8	80	Pre-Planning.	TBC	TBC

*The above-estimated timelines are indicative and subject to a successful planning and procurement process.

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CALF Delivery in partnership with Fingal County Council

Area Committee	AHB	Funding Stream	Scheme Name	No. of Units	Projected Substantial Completion*
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Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk/ Swords	Tuath	CALF	Semple Woods	3	Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush-Lusk Swords	Respond	CALF	Meadow Banks, Oldtown, Swords	45 39	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	The Paddocks, Golf Links Road, Skerries	95 2	Q2 2025 - Delivered Q3 2025
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Tuath	CALF	Folkstown Park, Balbriggan	12	Q2 2025 – Delivered
Balbriggan/ Rush- Lusk Swords	Oaklee	CALF	Harmans Rest, Donabate	44	Q3 2026
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	Cluid	CALF	Hollyfield, Hollystown, Dublin 15	22	Q3 2025
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Tuath	CALF	Kilmartin Grove, Dublin 15	32	Q2 2025 - Delivered
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Respond	CALF	Pipers Square, Charlestown, St. Margarets Road, Finglas, D11	211	Q4 2025
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
Blanchardstown/ Mulhuddart, Castleknock/Ongar	Oaklee	CALF	The Lodge, Clonsilla Lodge, Dublin 15	57	2026

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COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7th JULY 2025

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"AILG Elected Member Induction Day Training"

29th May 2025 **Southern/ Eastern & Midland/ Northern & Western Region** **Athlone Springs Hotel**

"AILG Elected Member Induction Training Day (In-Person) May 2025"

09.30am – 10.00am	***Registration and Tea/Coffee***
10.00am – 10.05am	***Opening, Introduction and Welcome***
Session 1	**Speakers:** • Dr Seán Ó'Riordáin, Director, Public Policy Advisors Network • Tommy Moylan and Liam Kenny, Directors, AILG The induction training will cover the following key areas: • Introduction to local government, Role and Functions of Local Authorities, Operational Structures, Local Authority Committees, and local authority finance and funding • Role of the Elected Members, Leadership Role of the Elected Council and Reserved Functions • Role of the Chief Executive, Executive Functions, Local Authority Committees, and Council Meeting Procedures and Standing Orders • Elected Members Governance & Oversight Role, Internal/External Audit Committees & National Oversight and Audit Committee • Local Authority Plans including Corporate Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan, Development Plan & Climate Action Plan
11.00 – 11.20am	***Tea/Coffee break***
12.30pm – 1.00pm	***Questions and Answers***
1.00pm	***Close & Lunch***

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Dear David Healy,

Registration for ALAN2025 in Westport, County Mayo, Ireland is open! You can register here: https://register.oxfordabstracts.com/event/73746?preview=false

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We are also preparing some exciting field trips so check our programme page for upcoming information.
If you are a student or resident in a developing country according to the WESP report page 146, table C, you can register for the student fee. Please provide a certificate for your status (e.g. student card, passport) at the registration desk.

Early bird registration will end July 10, so make sure to get your registration early!
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For questions regarding the venue in Westport, please contact info@darksky.ie. For questions about presentations, citizen science/student/under-developed country registration, please write to contact@articifiallightatnight.org.
We hope to meet you in Westport!
Annette Krop-Benesch (co-chair)
On behalf of the ALAN SC



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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 7TH JULY 2025

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Our Ref; May 2025 CCC

To whom it may concern,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Carlow County Council held on the 12th May 2025.

"The international court of justice stated on the 19th of July 2024 that the creation of illegal settlements in Palestinian territories and exploitation of resources is unlawful and illegal under international law.

The international criminal court following an investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity, issued arrest warrants for two Israeli officials, Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant.

The genocide convention imposes a legal obligation on States to take responsible action to contribute towards preventing genocide".

Because of the gravity of the ongoing situation this council will write to Government TDs in Carlow/ Kilkenny, and an Taoiseach and ask them to consider urgently the Occupied Territories Bill without watering it down and without further delays."

At the request of the Council, I am circulating this motion to all Local Authorities for the attention of elected members.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Byrne

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Our Ref; May 2025 CCC

To whom it may concern,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Carlow County Council held on the 12th May 2025.

"This council calls on the Minister for Housing to reinstate the Tenant-in-situ scheme in full and to restore the cuts to the funding. A copy of this motion should be sent to every Local Authority".

At the request of the Council, I am circulating this motion to all Local Authorities for the attention of elected members.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Ref; May 2025 CCC

To whom it may concern,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Carlow County Council held on the 12th May 2025.

"That Carlow County Council writes to HIQA, requesting the authority to initiate paediatric coeliac disease screening in Ireland as soon as possible" .

At the request of the Council, I am circulating this motion to all Local Authorities for the attention of elected members.

Yours sincerely,

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6th June, 2025.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the May Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

> **"That Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD, to amend the Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme 2016/S.I. No. 619/2023, to allow tenants to purchase their Council house after a period of five years and not a ten-year period as is currently required.**

Is mise le meas,

C. Farrell

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

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6th June, 2025.

To: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at the May Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

> **"That, Limerick City and County Council call on the Government to enact legislation to prohibit the use of smartphones (mobile phones with access to internet and social media) among youths under 16 years of age."**

Is mise le meas,

C. Farrell

Ciara Farrell,
Meetings Administrator.

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

JB/tc

12th June 2025

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minister@housing.gov.ie

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Review of Affordable Housing Policy

A chara,

At the May meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

'I propose that we write to the Minister for Housing to call for an immediate review of the Affordable Housing policy, to facilitate wider development catchment. I also propose that motion is forwarded to all local authorities.'

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,

Jean Brann

Ms. Jean Brann
County Secretary

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13th June, 2025

To: Each Local Authority

Re: Dismantling of the Triple Lock

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:

"Do Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, mar mheabhrúchán gur ghlac Comhairle na hEorpa le Dearbhú Seville i mí an Mheithimh 2002, rud a dheimhnigh nach raibh aon bhagairt ar neodracht na hÉireann mar thoradh ar Chonradh Nice, tugtar le fios gur dheimhnigh an Taoiseach a bhí ann ag an am, an tUasal Ahern, do Theach Laighean : "Athdhearbhaíonn an Dearbhú Náisiúnta ceangal na hÉireann le beartas neodrachta agus dearbhaíonn sé: nach bhfuil Éire páirteach in aon ghealltanas comhchosanta: go ndéanfaimid ár gcinneadh ceannasach féin maidir le ar cheart d'fhórsa cosanta na 26 Contae páirt a ghlacadh i dtascanna daonnúla nó bainistíochta géarchéime arna gcur ar bun ag an AE bunaithe ar an Ghlas Triarach ceadaithe ag na Náisiún Aontaithe, cinneadh an Rialtais agus glactha leis ag Teach Laighean ".

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall sásta gur bhain an Dearbhú Náisiúnta Sollúnta le hIonstraimí daingniúcháin de chuid na hÉireann a bhain le Conradh Nice agus gur cláraíodh é ina dhiaidh sin ag na Náisiúin Aontaithe, agus gur athdhearbhaigh rialtas Cowan na gealltanais ina dhiaidh sin tar éis diúltú do Chonradh Liospóin ar dtús in 2008.

Mar sin féin, is mian le Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall a ndíomá a chur in iúl maidir le rún agus polasaí an Rialtais deireadh a chur leis an Ghlas Triarach, ina ndearna an Taoiseach, an tUasal Martin, cur síos air roimhe seo mar "croílár neodrachta na 26 contae".

I bhfianaise an rúin an riachtanas maidir le sainordú ó na Náisiúin Aontaithe a bhaint, aithníonn an Chomhairle seo freagracht na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir le síocháin agus slándáil idirnáisiúnta a choinneáil agus tosaíocht Chairt na Náisiún Aontaithe mar dhoiciméad bunúsach de chuid an dlí idirnáisiúnta. Léiríonn an Glas Triarach gealltanas dlíthiúil agus polaitiúil ó stát na hÉireann i leith phrionsabail na Náisiún Aontaithe. Ag am ina bhfuil méadú ar éagobhsaíocht dhomhanda, iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar rialtas an tSaorstáit an Glas Triarach a chosaint mar chuid lárnach de neodracht na hÉireann agus brú a chur ar iarrachtaí chun síocháin agus taidhleoireacht a chur chun cinn.

Mar sin de tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall go láidir i gcoinne polasaí den chineál seo agus geallann siad go ndéanfar teagmháil le gach Comhairle Contae láithreach ag iarraidh orthu seasamh linn agus leis na forais rialtais cuí chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoina bhfreasúra."

Má cheadaítear an rún go ndéanfar é a scaipeadh ar chomhairlí eile taobh istigh den stát –

"Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, recalling that in June 2002 the European Council adopted the Seville Declaration, which confirmed that the Nice Treaty posed no threat to Ireland's neutrality, notes that the then Taoiseach Mr Ahern confirmed to Teach Laighean that: " The National Declaration reaffirms Ireland's attachment to a policy of neutrality and confirms that: Ireland is not party to any mutual defence commitment: that we will take our own sovereign decision on whether 26 Counties defence force should participate in humanitarian or crisis management tasks mounted by the EU based on the Triple Lock of UN endorsement, Government decision and Teach Laighean approval".

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall is satisfied that the Solemn National Declaration was associated with Ireland's Instruments of ratification of the Nice Treaty and subsequently registered at the UN, while the undertakings were subsequently reiterated by the Cowan government following initial rejection of the Lisbon Treaty in 2008.

However, Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall now wishes to express its dismay at the stated intention and policy of the Government to *dismantle the Triple Lock, which the Taoiseach Mr Martin previously described as "the core of 26 counties neutrality".*

In light of the intention to remove the requirement for a UN mandate, this Council recognises the responsibility of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security and the primacy of the UN Charter as a foundational document of international law. The Triple Lock represents a legal and political commitment by the Irish state to the principles of the UN. At a time of heightened global instability, this Council calls on the Free State government to safeguard the Triple Lock as a core component of Irish neutrality and to redouble efforts to promote peace and diplomacy.

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall therefore states its forceful opposition to such a policy and pledges to immediately contact all County Councils requesting them to join us in this course of action and to inform the appropriate government organs of their opposition."

It was further agreed to circulate same to all other local authorities for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

P.P.

Patsy Lafferty
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26 June 2025

Re: Fingal County Council Agreed Motion – Israel Bonds Scheme

Thank you for your letter of 11 June containing the motion that was passed at the meeting of Fingal County Council on 9 June 2025.

Let me first note that I, like many people across the country, share the same sentiments of horror and revulsion at the death and destruction we have seen in the Middle East and want to see an immediate end to hostilities by all parties. But our decisions need to be based on what the law requires and not upon our individual views.

Under the law, and as set out in the Governor Makhlouf's letter of 4 December 2024 to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, the Central Bank is required to approve a prospectus where it meets the standards of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility under the legislation. The Governor's opening statement at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach on 11 June (enclosed) also provides additional information.

The law is clear that the Central Bank's approval should not be considered an endorsement of the issuer or of the securities.

It is also important to be clear that the Central Bank does not regulate, issue, sell, trade, list, authorise or supervise Israeli sovereign bonds and they are not listed on a stock exchange we regulate.

It has been stated that the Central Bank could refuse to approve the Israeli bond prospectus on the basis of certain international law rulings and opinions, namely on the basis of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) provisional rulings in the ongoing South Africa - Israel case or on the basis of the ICJ opinion on the Occupied Palestinian Territory. This is incorrect. The Central Bank cannot decide to impose sanctions for breaches or alleged breaches of international law. The EU could impose sanctions such as those imposed against Russia after its invasion of Ukraine. The Central Bank would, of course, implement any sanctions adopted by the EU that are applicable to our functions (as we have with Russia).

I hope this information will assist Fingal County Council in understanding the Central Bank of Ireland's obligations regarding the Prospectus Regulations.

Yours sincerely,



Gerry Cross
Director of Capital Markets & Funds

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4 December 2024

Dear Paul,

Re: Israeli Bonds

At the meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach on 9 October, I agreed to look closely at the questions relating to the Israeli Bond Programme.

I attach our analysis of the issues. In my view, the law is clear and the Central Bank has to approve a prospectus for the offer of securities to the public where it meets the required standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency. The law is also clear that our approval should not be considered an endorsement of the issuer or of the securities.

Yours sincerely,

Gabriel Makhlouf

Annex

Israeli Bond Programme – Key Summary Points

- Under the Prospectus Regulation[1], a prospectus must be drawn up, approved and published when securities are to be offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EU.

- As competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation, the Central Bank is responsible for assessing whether a prospectus has been drawn up in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Prospectus Regulation.

- The Central Bank is required to approve a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation, where the prospectus documentation meets standards of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility. The Central Bank does not endorse the issuer or the securities by way of the prospectus approval.

- The Central Bank can only refuse the approval of a prospectus where the Central Bank has a legal basis to do so. Other than insufficient prospectus disclosures, an example of a legal basis for refusal would be: (i) the existence of EU financial sanctions prohibiting the provision of services or assistance in connection with the issuance of securities by the Israeli government, or (ii) national restrictive measures to the same effect.

- Third country issuers have to choose one of the EU competent authorities in the EU as their Home Member State subject to certain criteria set out in the EU Prospectus Regulation. The choice of Home Member State within the EU is up to the issuer and the Central Bank can only object if we do not believe we have legal jurisdiction for the approval based on the Prospectus Regulation. Prior to 2021, the UK was the EU Home Member State under the Prospectus Regulation for the State of Israel. Ireland was

[1] Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

chosen as new Home Member State following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.

- The prospectus documentation for the Israeli bond programme contains all the necessary information as required under the Prospectus Regulation. Internal review and scrutiny processes in line with the Central Bank's risk based approach to prospectus scrutiny have been followed.

- The Central Bank can suspend the offer of the securities for a maximum of 10 consecutive working days where it has reasonable grounds to believe that there has been an infringement of the Prospectus Regulation. The Central Bank has not identified any such infringement at this time.

- Any advertisement material needs to be consistent with the information in the prospectus. If the Central Bank were to determine that there is any inconsistency between the advertisement material and the prospectus documentation, the Central Bank can also suspend the advertisement for a maximum of 10 consecutive working days. The Central Bank has not identified any such inconsistency at this time.

- On 19 July 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) found in the ICJ Advisory Opinion that the State of Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful. The ICJ Advisory Opinion is addressed to Member States of the United Nations, other States and international organisations. The ICJ Advisory Opinion would not of itself be a ground upon which the Central Bank could refuse to approve the Israeli bond programme.

- International Criminal Court processes into the situation in the State of Palestine do not constitute grounds for the Central Bank to refuse the approval of the Israeli bond programme.

- The Central Bank has not identified any basis upon which to use its supervisory powers, under Article 32(1) of the Prospectus Regulation, with regard to the Israeli bond programme at this time.

- No breaches of the European Union (Prospectus) Regulations 2019 or the Central Bank (Investment Market Conduct) Rules 2019 have been identified with regard to the Israeli Bond programme at this time.

- Key questions raised at the recent hearing of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, relating to the Israeli bond Programme and the Central Bank's responses are set out in the Appendix.

1. Prospectus Regulation and the Central Bank's Role

The Central Bank is designated as the competent authority in Ireland for the approval of securities prospectuses under the Prospectus Regulation.

Under the Prospectus Regulation, a prospectus must be drawn up, approved and published when securities are to be offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EU. The Prospectus Regulation covers a variety of different securities, such as shares, bonds, structured products but also government bonds for third countries. Government bonds issued by EU Members States are exempt from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation.

The Prospectus Regulation makes clear that the regulation constitutes an essential step towards the completion of the Capital Markets Union and harmonises the approach to the approval of prospectuses. Recital 4 of the Prospectus Regulation recites that divergent approaches would result in fragmentation of the internal market since issuers, offerors and persons asking for admission to trading on a regulated market would be subject to different rules in different Member States and prospectuses approved in one Member State could be prevented from being used in other Member States. It further recites that to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market and to improve the conditions of its functioning and to guarantee a high level of consumer investor protection it is appropriate to lay down a regulatory framework for prospectuses at Union level. Accordingly a decision under the Prospectus Regulation must be made in accordance with EU law.

As competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation, the Central Bank is responsible for assessing whether a prospectus in respect of which Ireland is the 'home Member State' has been drawn up in compliance with the requirements of the Prospectus Regulation.

This assessment is based solely upon the completeness, comprehensibility and consistency of the information in the prospectus, which are assessed against the prescribed requirements in the Prospectus Regulation (as further supplemented by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980).

Where the disclosure in a prospectus complies with the requirements of the Prospectus Regulation, it must be approved unless there is a valid legal basis for not doing so. For example, under the EU's financial sanctions against Russia (Council Regulation (EU) 2022/262 amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014), it is prohibited to directly or indirectly purchase, sell, provide investment services for or assistance in the issuance of, or otherwise deal with transferable securities issued after 9 March 2022 by Russia, its government, or the Central Bank of Russia.

The Central Bank does not endorse the issuer or the securities by way of the prospectus approval. To clarify the scope of the approval by national competent authorities, the Prospectus Regulation prescribes that each prospectus should include a statement that the competent authority only approves the prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation and that such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the issuer and the securities that is the subject of the prospectus.

2. Ireland as the 'Home Member State' for Israeli Government Bonds

Third countries' issuers have to choose one of the EU competent authorities in the EU as their Home Member State subject to certain criteria set out in the EU Prospectus Regulation[2]. The choice of Home Member State within the EU is up to the issuer and the Central Bank can only object if we do not believe we have legal jurisdiction for the approval based on the Prospectus Regulation.

[2] The choice of 'Home Member State' is connected to where the securities are intended to be offered to the public for the first time or where the first application for admission to trading on a regulated market is made.

Prior to 2021, the UK was the EU Home Member State under the Prospectus Regulation for the State of Israel. Ireland was chosen as new Home Member State following the UK's departure from the EU. The Central Bank approved the first prospectus for the bond issuance programme in 2021. The securities are offered in Ireland (and Austria, France, Germany and the Netherlands through EU passport). They are not listed on a regulated market in the EU but remain listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Central Bank was not directly in contact with Israel in advance of Israel choosing Ireland as its new home member state under the Prospectus Regulation. The Central Bank has approved a number of prospectuses for government bonds since the introduction of the Prospectus Regulation and its predecessor the Prospectus Directive in 2007.

3. Approvals of Israeli Bond Programme

The first Israeli bond programme was approved on 4 January 2021. Pursuant to Article 12 (1) of the Prospectus Regulation "*a prospectus whether a single document or consisting of separate documents, shall be valid for 12 months after its approval for offers to the public or admissions to trading on a regulated market, provided that it is completed by any supplement required pursuant to Article 23.*".

Recital 46 of the Prospectus Regulation clarifies that the time limit set for the validity of a prospectus is in order to avoid investment decisions based on outdated information.

Article 23 requires that "*every significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy relating to the information included in a prospectus which may affect the assessment of the securities and which arises or is noted between the time when the prospectus is approved and the closing of the offer period or the time when trading on a regulated market begins, whichever occurs later, shall be mentioned in a supplement to the prospectus without undue delay.*".

The Central Bank approved updates to this programme on 1 September 2021, 1 September 2022, 1 September 2023 and 2 September 2024. The Central Bank approved prospectus supplements to the programme on 26 February 2024 and 7 June 2024.

It is the Issuer's responsibility to assess whether an event constitutes a significant new factor as the Issuer is taking responsibility for the accuracy of the information in the prospectus. However, if the Central Bank were to become aware of an event or new factor that may be significant and the issuer has not submitted a supplement to the Central Bank, we may query with the issuer whether they should consider supplementing their prospectus ahead of any new offers.

4. Scope of Prospectus Review and Powers of the Central Bank

The Central Bank is not responsible for verifying the information the issuer includes in the prospectus. Responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of this information lies with the issuer i.e. the company that issues the bonds or shares.

The Central Bank can only act upon the information provided and we approve the prospectus based upon the issuer including all the disclosures required by the Prospectus Regulation. The issuer is liable for any misleading information contained in, or omitted from, the prospectus.

Recital 7 of the Prospectus Regulation states that the aim of the Prospectus Regulation is to ensure investor protection and market efficiency through the provision of the information necessary to enable investors to make an informed investment decision.

Article 6 of the Prospectus Regulation sets out that a prospectus shall contain the necessary information that is material to an investor for making an informed assessment of:

(a) the assets and liabilities, profits and losses, financial position, and prospects of the issuer and of any guarantor;
(b) the rights attaching to the securities; and
(c) the reasons for the issuance and its impact on the issuer.

Recital 54 of the Prospectus Regulation recites that the primary purpose of including risk factors in a prospectus is "*to ensure that investors make an informed assessment of such risks and thus take investment decisions in full knowledge of the facts. Risk factors should therefore be limited to those risks which are material and specific to the issuer and its securities and which are corroborated by the context of the Prospectus .... to help investors identify the most*

material risks, the issuer should adequately describe and present each risk factor in the Prospectus."

Article 16 of the Prospectus Regulation addresses the risk factors that must be mentioned in a prospectus, and provides that the "*Risk factors featured in a prospectus shall be limited to risks which are specific to the issuer and/or the securities and which are material for taking an informed investment decision, as corroborated by the content of the registration document and the securities note*".

Article 20(4) of the Prospectus Regulation clarifies that a competent authority needs to review a prospectus application against the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency necessary for its approval. Where the initial prospectus applications does not meet these standards, the competent authority will inform the issuer and set out the further information that is required.

Article 32(1)(a) of the Prospectus Regulation sets out that in order to fulfil their duties under the Prospectus Regulation, competent authorities shall have the power to require issuers, offerors or persons asking for admission to trading on a regulated market to include in the prospectus supplementary information, where necessary for investor protection.

Recital 8 of the Prospectus Regulation clarifies that a Member State or a competent authority through its rulebook can impose other particular requirements in the context of the admission to trading of securities on a regulated market, however that such requirements should not impact the content of a prospectus. The additional requirements: (i) need to be imposed by rulebook and not on a case-by-case basis and (ii) may only be applied for the admission to trading. The second sentence of Recital 8 clarifies that such additional requirements cannot restrict the drawing up, content and the dissemination of a prospectus. The bonds issued under the Israeli bond programme are only offered to the public and not admitted to trading, so Recital 8 of the Prospectus Regulation is not applicable to these bonds.

5. Prospectus Scrutiny Process

In accordance with Article 20(11) of the Prospectus Regulation, the EU Commission has issued Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980 specifying the criteria for the scrutiny of prospectuses, in particular the completeness, comprehensibility and consistency of the

information contained therein, and the procedures for the approval of the prospectus (the Commission Delegated Regulation).

In addition, the Commission Delegated Regulation sets out in its annexes the specific disclosure items that need to be included in each type of prospectus.

Articles 36, 37 and 38 of the Commission Delegated Regulation set out the specific criteria for the scrutiny of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility. For completeness, this is mainly whether all the necessary disclosure items as set out in the Annex to the Commission Delegated Regulation are contained in the prospectus. With regards to consistency, Article 38 of the Commission Delegated Regulation is looking at consistency within the different sections of the prospectus.

Article 38(d) provides that for the purposes of scrutinising the consistency of the information in a prospectus the competent authority shall, inter alia, assess whether any figures on the use of proceeds correspond to the amount of proceeds being raised and whether the disclosed use of proceeds is in line with the disclosed strategy of the issuer. The Central Bank is satisfied with the disclosures in the Israeli bond programme with regard to the use of proceeds and their consistent description through the prospectus documentation.

Article 40 of the Commission Delegated Regulation states where necessary for investor protection, the competent authority may apply additional criteria for the purposes of scrutinising the completeness, comprehensibility and consistency of the information in the draft prospectus. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Central Bank has limited discretion to require additional information outside of the disclosure requirements set out in the Annexes to the Commission Delegated Regulation.

In our assessment there is clear and prominent discussion of the war in Gaza in the prospectus and its impact on Israel's financial position, providing the necessary information to investors on the issuer's financial position and use of funds.

In that regard, we note, amongst other disclosures, the section of the Israel prospectus titled "*Risks related to the State of Israel and the geopolitical and economic environment*"[3]. In

[3] https://israelbondsintl.com/pdf/2024InformationMemorandum.pdf.

addition, the Form 18-K incorporated into the Israel prospectus by reference, contains a detailed account of the financial and economic position of the State of Israel, including total debt, government spending, imports, exports, defence spending and information on the holdings of bonds. This report also makes extensive reference to the war in Gaza.[4]

6. Advertisements

Article 22(3) of the Prospectus Regulation requires that the information contained in an advertisement shall not be inaccurate or misleading and shall be consistent with the information contained in the prospectus, where already published, or with the information required to be in the prospectus, where the prospectus is yet to be published.

Under its risk based approach to prospectus supervision, the Central Bank does not systematically review advertisements as part of its initial prospectus review or supervision. Instead, the Central Bank will take action where the Central Bank becomes aware of allegations of inconsistencies. Most advertisement material will not be available at the time of approval of the prospectus, in particular in the case of issuance programmes, but will only be disseminated on issuance of securities under the prospectus.

Where the Central Bank deems that Article 22(3) of the Prospectus Regulation has been infringed, Article 32 (1)(e) of the Prospectus Regulation gives the Central Bank the power to: "*prohibit or suspend advertisements or require issuers, offerors or persons asking for admission to trading on a regulated market, or relevant financial intermediaries to cease or suspend advertisements for a maximum of 10 consecutive working days on any single occasion where there are reasonable grounds for believing that this Regulation has been infringed.*".

Following the recent hearing of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, on 9 October 2024, the Central Bank reviewed the website (israelibonds.com) mentioned during that hearing. None of the bonds sold through this particular website are issued under the bond programme approved by the Central Bank, instead they are offered under bond programmes approved by the SEC in the United States. Please see the relevant prospectuses listed on https://www.israelbonds.com/Offerings-Rates/Prospectuses.aspx. As such, the Central Bank does not have any jurisdiction to query the advertisement material provided on this website. This would be a matter for the US SEC.

[4] https://israelbondsintl.com/pdf/18K-2024.pdf

The Central Bank has reviewed the website (https://israelbondsintl.com) used for the promotion of the bonds issued under the Central Bank approved programme. We do not consider the advertisement material on this website to be inconsistent with the disclosure in the prospectus. We note that this website contains references such as "*Israel is at war*" and "*Stand with Israel now*". This website also sets out that "*Israel uses the loaned money to help strengthen almost every part of its modern, innovative and diverse economy.*" In our assessment, these statements are not inconsistent with the disclosure in the Israeli prospectus, which sets out information with regard to the war in Gaza and provides information on government spending.

If we were to deem that advertisement material was inconsistent with the information in the prospectus, as set out above, we could direct the issuer to suspend the advertisement for a maximum of 10 consecutive working days to remedy the inconsistency.

7. Article 32(1) of the Prospectus Regulation

Article 32(1) of the Prospectus Regulation provides the Central Bank with certain powers, as set out in that Article. In the main these powers arise where there is a breach of the Prospectus Regulation. A breach of the Prospectus Regulation has not been identified with regard to the State of Israel bond programme to justify the use of these powers at this time.

Where the Article 32(1) powers relate to securities admitting to trading and the power to suspend trading, those powers do not apply to the securities issued under the Israel bond programme as they are not admitted to trading.

Where the Article 32(1) powers relate to requiring additional disclosure, the assessment which has been made, at this time, is that sufficient disclosure is already provided for within the Israel bond prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, including the Form 18-K for year ended 31 December 2023.

8. The European Union (Prospectus) Regulations 2019 and the Central Bank (Investment Market Conduct) Rules 2019

The European Union (Prospectus) Regulations 2019 (the 2019 Regulations) are Irish regulations made by the Minister for Finance, which implement certain aspects of the

Prospectus Regulation and provide the Central Bank with certain powers as a competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation. The powers under the 2019 Regulations arise, in general, where there is: (i) a breach of the Prospectus Regulation, or (ii) detriment arising for investors. The 2019 Regulations permit the Central Bank to: (a) issue certain directions, (b) prohibit or modify advertisements, (c) appoint an authorised officer to gather information, (d) initiate an assessment (an equivalent process to an Administrative Sanction Procedure), and (e) following an assessment impose sanctions. No such breach of the 2019 Regulations or investor detriment has been identified with regard to the Israel bond programme at this time.

In exercise of powers conferred upon the Central Bank under the Companies Act 2014, the Central Bank made the Central Bank (Investment Market Conduct) Rules 2019 (the 2019 Rules), setting out certain transparency, market abuse and prospectus requirements. The prospectus requirements under the 2019 Rules relate to: (i) cooperation with the Central Bank, (ii) the display of certain statements, (iii) the submission of information to the Central Bank, and (iv) requirements relating to filings and notifications. No breaches of the 2019 Rules have been identified with regard to the Israel bond programme at this time.

9. The Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice, dated 19 July 2024, with regard to the legal consequences arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (the ICJ Advisory Opinion)

In an advisory opinion, dated 19 July 2024, the ICJ found, amongst other things, that the State of Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful. The ICJ Advisory Opinion is addressed to Member States of the United Nations, other States and international organisations.

The ICJ Advisory Opinion states that: "*all States are under an obligation not to recognize as legal the situation arising from the unlawful presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. They are also under an obligation not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel's illegal presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It is for all States, while respecting the Charter of the United Nations and international law, to ensure that any impediment resulting from the illegal presence of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory to the exercise of the Palestinian people of its right to self-determination is brought to an end. In addition, all the States parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention have the*

obligation, while respecting the Charter of the United Nations and international law, to ensure compliance by Israel with international humanitarian law as embodied in that Convention.".

The ICJ Advisory Opinion would not of itself be a ground upon which the Central Bank could refuse to approve the Israeli Bond programme.

10. The Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018

The Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 (the 2018 Bill) proposes to make it an offence for a person to import or sell goods or services originating in an occupied territory or to extract resources from an occupied territory in certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

The 2018 Bill provides for the following offences:

- It shall be an offence for a person to assist another person to import or attempt to import settlement goods (Section 6(2));
- It shall be an offence for a person to assist another person to sell or attempt to sell settlement goods (Section 7(2));
- It shall be an offence for a person to assist another person to provide or attempt to provide a settlement service (Section 8(2)); and
- It shall be an offence for a person to assist another person to engage in the extraction of resources from a relevant occupied territory or its associated territorial waters (Section 9(2)).

"Settlement goods" are defined to mean goods produced in whole or in part within a relevant occupied territory by an illegal settler. A "settlement service" means a service provided in whole or in part within a relevant occupied territory by an illegal settler. An "illegal settler" means a member of the civilian population of an occupying power who was or is present within the relevant occupied territory and whose presence is being, or has been, facilitated directly or indirectly, by the occupying power.

A "relevant occupied territory" for the purposes of the 2018 Bill means a territory which is occupied within the meaning of the Fourth Geneva Convention, and which has been: (a) confirmed as such in a decision or advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, (b) confirmed as such in a decision of the International Criminal Court, (c) confirmed as such in a

decision of an international tribunal, or (d) designated as such for the purposes of this Act in a regulation made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Central Bank notes that the last Government was considering progressing the 2018 Bill in the context of the ICJ Advisory Opinion, prior to the dissolution of Dáil Éireann. The Central Bank understands from statements of the last Government on the matter that this is being considered but challenges remain and that the 2018 Bill needs to be re-drafted and amended substantively.

The Central Bank is monitoring the progress of the 2018 Bill, in particular as regards whether any national restrictions are placed on the issuance of securities.

11. Status of the International Criminal Court's investigation into the situation in the State of Palestine

On 1 January 2015, the Government of the State of Palestine lodged a declaration under the Rome Statute accepting the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) over alleged crimes committed "in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, since June 13, 2014" (the Situation).

In the period 2015 to 2019, a preliminary examination was conducted by the Office of the Prosecutor (the Office) of the ICC which determined that the criteria for opening an investigation had been met. On 3 March 2021, following a decision by the ICC's Pre-Trial Chamber that the ICC could exercise its criminal jurisdiction in the Situation and that the territorial scope of this jurisdiction extends to Gaza and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), the Office initiated an investigation in respect of the Situation in Palestine.

On 17 November 2023, the Office received a further referral of the Situation in Palestine from South Africa, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Comoros and Djibouti. This referral noted there was evidence of continuing commission of the crimes detailed in Palestine's May 2018 referral, along with additional crimes in the weeks leading up to the referral (including genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes) and requested the Office to investigate the Situation for the purposes of determining whether one or more specific persons should be charged with the commission of such crimes. A further referral was received on 18 January 2024 from the Republic of Chile and the United Mexican States. On 20 May 2024, the Office filed applications for warrants of arrest before the Pre-Trial Chamber concerning:

- Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri (Deif), and Ismail Haniyeh for war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed on the territory of Israel and the State of Palestine (in the Gaza strip) from at least 7 October 2023. Following confirmation of their deaths, the Pre-Trial Chamber granted the withdrawal of the applications for warrants of arrest in respect of Mr Ismail Haniyeh and Mr Yahya Sinwar;

- Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed on the territory of the State of Palestine (in the Gaza strip) from at least 8 October 2023.

We understand that on 21 November 2024 the Pre-Trial Chamber of the ICC issued warrants of arrest in respect of: (i) Mr Mohammed Diab Ibrahim Al-Masri, and (ii) Mr Benjamin Netanyahu and Mr Yoav Gallant.

International Criminal Court processes into the situation in the State of Palestine do not constitute grounds for the Central Bank to refuse the approval of the Israeli Bond programme.

12. Genocide Convention

The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide is an international treaty under which the contracting parties confirm that genocide is a crime under international law and undertake to prevent and to punish it. Ireland is a contracting party to the Convention, having acceded to it in 1976. The Convention was originally given effect in Irish law by the Genocide Act 1976, which was repealed and replaced by the International Criminal Court Act 2006. In accordance with the 2006 Act, it is an offence to commit genocide or a crime ancillary to genocide (e.g. aiding, abetting, assisting, inciting, etc.).

Genocide is defined under the Convention as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group:

- Killing members of the group;
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

- Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

With respect to the above, the Convention requires that each of genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, incitement to commit genocide, attempt to commit genocide, and complicity in genocide are punishable.

It falls outside the competencies of the Central Bank to make a determination of genocide under the Convention. The referral to the ICC, as referred to above, includes an allegation of genocide.

Appendix

Key Questions Raised during the hearing of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach on 9 October 2024

1. *Did anyone in CBI reach out to Israel after Britain left EU and therefore when the UK couldn't be the home country for these bonds?*

   The Central Bank did not reach out to Israel with regard to Ireland becoming the home member state for its bonds post Brexit. The Central Bank has approved a number of government bond prospectuses for third countries. Bond prospectuses for EU member states are exempt from the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation.

2. *Are your hands tied to authorise these bonds?*

   The Central Bank does not authorise the bonds issued under the Israeli bond programme but only approves the bond prospectus as meeting the disclosure requirements of the Prospectus Regulation. The Prospectus Regulation is a disclosure regime. Neither the issuer nor the financial products become regulated or endorsed as a result of the approval. The Central Bank is required to approve the prospectus if the disclosure meets the standards of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility.

3. *Is this obligation from the 2017 EU regulation?*

   The Prospectus Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, sets out the role of the Central Bank with regard to prospectus approval.

4. *Paragraph 8 of this regulation allows you to impose other requirements – do you agree that the Central Bank has these additional powers?*

   Recital 8 of the Prospectus Regulation sets out that *the disclosure requirements of this Regulation do not prevent a Member State or a competent authority or an exchange, through its rulebook, from imposing other particular requirements in the context of the admission to trading of securities on a regulated market, notably regarding corporate governance. Such requirements should not directly or indirectly restrict the drawing up, the content and the dissemination of a prospectus approved by a competent authority.*

Recital 8 clarifies that a Member State or a competent authority through its rulebook can impose other particular requirements for the admission to trading of securities on a regulated market, however that such requirements should not impact the content of a prospectus.

Any such additional requirements, as referred to in Recital 8: (i) need to be imposed by rulebook and not on a case by case basis, and (ii) may only be applied to the admission to trading on a regulated market, not the offer. The second sentence of Recital 8 clarifies that such requirements cannot restrict the drawing up, content and the dissemination of a prospectus.

The bonds issued under the Israeli bond programme are not admitted to trading on a regulated market in Ireland but only offered to investors. As such, Recital 8 is not applicable to the Israeli bond programme.

5. *When did the Central Bank last approve an Israeli prospectus?*

   The Central Bank last approved an Israeli bond prospectus on 2 September 2024.

6. *Did the CBI look at article 32 and will you require the prospectus to say that these bonds are being used as "war bonds"?*

   The Central Bank has reviewed Article 32 of the Prospectus Regulation.

   The Central Bank is of the view that the Israeli bond prospectus provides required disclosures as regards Israel's war in Gaza. According to the prospectus documentation and website advertising the bonds, the funds are used for the general financing purposes of the Issuer (the State of Israel).The Israeli bond prospectus contains detailed information on the financial and economic position of the State of Israel, including total debt, government spending, imports, exports and information on the holdings of bonds. Neither the prospectus nor any advertisement material that we have reviewed used the term 'war bonds'. Instead, we believe use of that term derives from a press article.

7. *Did the Central Bank consider Israel's numerous breaches of international and humanitarian law when you approved the last Israeli prospectus?*

8. *In light of the International Court of Justice ruling in January in relation to Israeli actions in Gaza, was the information in the recent bond prospectus applications properly examined? Was further information sought? If not, why wasn't it sought at the time?*

With regard to questions 7 and 8, the Central Bank did consider the geopolitical developments relevant to the prospectus. As noted above, the Prospectus Regulation is a disclosure regime. The Central Bank ensured that the geopolitical situation and its potential impact on investors was disclosed in the prospectus. The Central Bank will adhere to any financial sanctions or restrictive measures that are imposed under law. The Central Bank could not refuse to approve the Israeli Bond programme on the basis of the ICJ Advisory Opinion.

9. *Have you requested a review of the information given?*

There is a requirement to publish a prospectus supplement in case of a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in a prospectus which may affect the assessment of the securities. It is up to the issuer to decide whether an event or development constitutes a significant new factor. However, the Central Bank may challenge this assessment and require the publication of a supplement within the remit of the Prospectus Regulation.

10. *Under article 32, you have the power to suspend advertisements. Have you considered using this power?*

Following the hearing of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach, on 9 October 2024, the Central Bank has reviewed the website advertising the Israeli government bonds. The Central Bank does not consider the advertisement material to be inconsistent with the disclosure in the prospectus.

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Opening Statement by Gabriel Makhlouf, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach, 11 June 2025

Chair and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I am joined by Mary Elizabeth McMunn, Deputy Governor for Financial Regulation, and Gerry Cross, Director for Capital Markets and Funds.

You have invited me to discuss the issue of the Central Bank's role in the approval of prospectuses prepared by the State of Israel. Let me start by repeating what I said to this Committee last year, that I remain absolutely appalled by the horrific loss of life and destruction we are seeing in Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territories. Like all members of the Houses of the Oireachtas, I want to see an immediate end to hostilities by all parties.

Before I turn to the approval of prospectuses, let me make a general but important point about the role that central banks play in modern economies and societies. As a body established under statute, we are vested with certain powers and functions which we are required to perform. And we are required to perform and exercise these in the manner in which the legislated tasks are assigned to us, following the law and in line with how it frames our responsibilities. To state the obvious, this matters for we are established by law, we are empowered by law, and we must always act within and in line with the law.

One of the powers that has been assigned to us is to perform the functions of a competent authority under the European Prospectus Regulation[1]. This means that we must approve a prospectus once certain conditions are met.

Overview and role of the Central Bank

The Prospectus Regulation was implemented as one of a number of essential steps towards the completion of Europe's Capital Markets Union. By harmonising the approach to the approval of prospectuses, the Regulation seeks to prevent divergent approaches and rules

[1] Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

among Member States, ensure the proper functioning of the internal market, and provide for a high level of consumer and investor protection.

Under the Prospectus Regulation, a prospectus must be drawn up, approved and published when securities are to be offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market in the EU.

As competent authority, the Central Bank is responsible for assessing whether a prospectus has been drawn up in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Prospectus Regulation. The specific disclosure requirements and the requirements for the prospectus approval process are specified in an EU Commission Delegated Regulation[2], which supplements the Prospectus Regulation.

We are required to approve a prospectus where it meets the standards of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility under the legislation. Our legal obligations are clear and we do not need guidance to follow them.

The law is also clear that, by approving a prospectus, the Central Bank does not endorse the issuer and does not endorse the securities. Rather, it means the Central Bank is satisfied that the issuer has disclosed the required information, in the required manner, to potential purchasers of the securities, so that investors can make their own informed investment decision.

For the avoidance of doubt the Central Bank does not issue, sell, trade or list these bonds. And in the case of Israeli sovereign bonds, we do not authorise or supervise them and they are not listed on a stock exchange we regulate.

It is also important to be clear that under the Prospectus Regulation, it is up to the third-country sovereign to choose one EU Member State to apply to for approval of its prospectus. The competent authority of the chosen Member State is then obliged to discharge the relevant duties within the Prospectus Regulation. In effect the Central Bank is carrying out a role mandated by EU law.

[2] Regulation (EU) 980/2019.

Sanctions

While central banks have many powers and functions, their roles are still limited to their mandate.

Under the EU's legal framework, the European Commission is responsible for trade policy and trade relations with third countries.

The Central Bank has no mandate to impose sanctions on any State or person for breaches or alleged breaches of international law.

The EU implements sanctions adopted by the UN and adopts its own sanctions in certain circumstances. As Committee members know, unlike the EU sanctions against Russia after its invasion of Ukraine, the EU has not, at this time, adopted sanctions against the State of Israel.

The Central Bank would of course implement any sanctions adopted by the EU that are applicable to the Central Bank's functions, as we have with Russia.

Impact of international law rulings and opinions

It has been stated that the Central Bank could refuse to approve the Israeli bond prospectus on the basis of certain international law rulings and opinions, namely on the basis of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) provisional rulings in the ongoing South Africa – Israel case or on the basis of the ICJ opinion on the Occupied Palestinian Territory. This is incorrect. The Central Bank cannot decide to impose sanctions for breaches or alleged breaches of international law.

The South Africa case against Israel referred to the ICJ in December 2023 alleges breaches of the Genocide Convention[3], with regard to Israel's actions in Gaza. In that case the ICJ has found that the rights claimed by South Africa were plausible. On that basis, the ICJ issued certain provisional measures to Israel between January and May 2024. This case, which Ireland has now filed a declaration of intervention, is ongoing and remains to be determined.

[3] The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the Genocide Convention).

Separately, in an advisory opinion, from July 2024, the ICJ found that Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful.

It is for international bodies such as the UN or the EU to determine how to respond to breaches or alleged breaches of international law, including to determine whether sanctions are necessary. The Central Bank cannot impose sanctions on Israel – for example by refusing to approve the Israeli bond prospectus – in circumstances where the EU has not imposed any such sanctions itself.

Further Prospectus Reviews

The currently approved prospectus will expire on 1 September 2025. Should the State of Israel seek a further approval of its bond prospectus, we will ensure that the review process is carried out in line with the requirements of the Prospectus Regulation.

Conclusion

To conclude, we must carry out the statutory tasks and functions which have been assigned to us. We have to work within the law and the prospectus issued by the State of Israel meets the standards of completeness, consistency and comprehensibility required by the law. We will continue to carefully and comprehensively discharge our obligations under the EU Prospectus Regulation.

Finally, let me reiterate my own sense of sadness and horror at the continued, unconscionable, killing and injury of people, the blocking of humanitarian aid, and the shocking implications for all involved in this conflict. I speak for everyone at the Central Bank when I say that we want to see an immediate end to hostilities by all parties.

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Re: Israeli Bond Programme

Dear Ms O'hAodha,

Thank you for your letter of 11 June containing the motion that was put and carried at the meeting of Fingal County Council on 9 June 2025.

I, like many people across the country, share the same sentiments of horror and revulsion at the death and destruction we have seen in the Middle East and want to see an immediate end to hostilities by all parties. But our decisions need to be based on our assessment of the legal framework applicable to the issuance of securities and not upon the views of individual members of the Central Bank.

Under the law, and as set out in the Governor's letter of 4 December 2024 to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and Taoiseach ("the Committee"), the Central Bank has to approve an offer of securities to the public where it meets the required standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency. This was also outlined in our opening statement to the Committee on 11 June 2025 https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/34/joint_committee_on_finance_public_expenditure_public_service_reform_and_digitalisation_and_taoiseach/submissions/2025/2025-06-19_opening-statement-gabriel-makhlouf-governor-of-the-central-bank_en.pdf.

The law is also clear that the Central Bank's approval should not be considered an endorsement of the issuer or of the securities.

It is important to be clear, in the case of Israeli sovereign bonds, the Central Bank does not regulate, issue, sell, trade, list, authorise or supervise them and they are not listed on a stock exchange we regulate.

The Central Bank is established under statute to carry out the functions and tasks conferred upon it, including those of a competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation. The determination of Irish policy, taking into account matters of international law (such as ICJ opinions and rulings), is a competence of the State and not the Central Bank.

Yours sincerely,



Mary-Elizabeth McMunn

Deputy Governor, Financial Regulation

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ITEM NO. 32

LOCAL AREA PLAN UPDATES

Motion: Councillor J. Newman

"That the Chief Executive provide a report on delays in relation to producing Local Area Plans in the Fingal area."

Report:

The Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029 proposes the preparation of a number of statutory and non-statutory plans as set out under Table 2.16 *'Schedule of Local Area Plans to be commenced over the Plan Period'*; Table 2.18 '*Schedule of Masterplans to be commenced over the Plan Period;* and Table 2.19 '*List of Proposed Framework Plans'.*

Following the adoption of the Development Plan, a priority list of Local Area Plans, Masterplans and Framework Plans was brought before the Elected Members for agreement in July 2023. At this meeting, the Elected Members agreed to prioritise the preparation of the following eight plans over the course of the following 24 months:

- Dunsink Local Statutory Plan;
- Swords Local Area Plan (LAP 8.B);
- Flemington Local Area Plan (LAP 4.B);
- Stephenstown Framework Plan (FP 4.A);
- Folkstown Little Framework Plan (FP 4.B);
- Old Schoolhouse Clonsilla Masterplan (MP 13.A);
- Clonsilla Framework Plan (FP 13.C); and
- Kilbarrack Industrial Estate Masterplan (MP 10.A)

These plans were identified and selected following consideration, including multi-factorial analysis based on approved criteria. The planning team continues to progress the approved list with plans adopted or at advanced stages of the process.

The preparation of both statutory and non-statutory plans is complex and multi-faceted. In its plan-making function, the planning authority seeks to ensure the delivery of high-quality plans with public participation and stakeholder engagement being integral requirements. This ensures that the plans and supporting documents produced are robust, demonstrate consistency with national planning policy/Ministerial guidelines and ensure full alignment with policies and objectives of the Fingal Development Plan 2023-2029.

It is intended that the prioritisation of the next set of plans will again be agreed by the Elected Members following consideration and multi-factorial analysis.

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

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ITEM NO. 36

VISITS TO HERITAGE AND CULTURAL SITES

Motion: Councillor M. McCamley

"That the Chief Executive gives consideration to a type of Cultural Club for the public as per Dublin City Council, where visits to various heritage and cultural sites are arranged with guides on a regular basis."

Report:

The Arts Office are working with Age & Opportunity to explore the establishment of 'Cultural Companions Fingal'. This initiative is a simple but effective way of reaching out to older people and encouraging them to participate in the arts with the very important added benefit of connecting with their peers. Cultural Companions creates local networks of people interested in arts and culture that accompany each other to events-like-minded people that meet up regularly to go out together as part of a small group.

The Heritage Properties in Fingal have existing arrangements which vary reflecting the separateness of the different operators on each site. Malahide Castle and Newbridge House have a membership scheme, with some concessions for entry. However, tours are booked on an individual basis subject to availability. Ardgillan Castle and Skerries Mills have free seniors' days on the first Wednesday of the month, with guided tours generally available for groups over 10 and subject to availability.

How these access arrangements can complement the "Cultural Companions" programme and will be explored with the Heritage site operators.

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